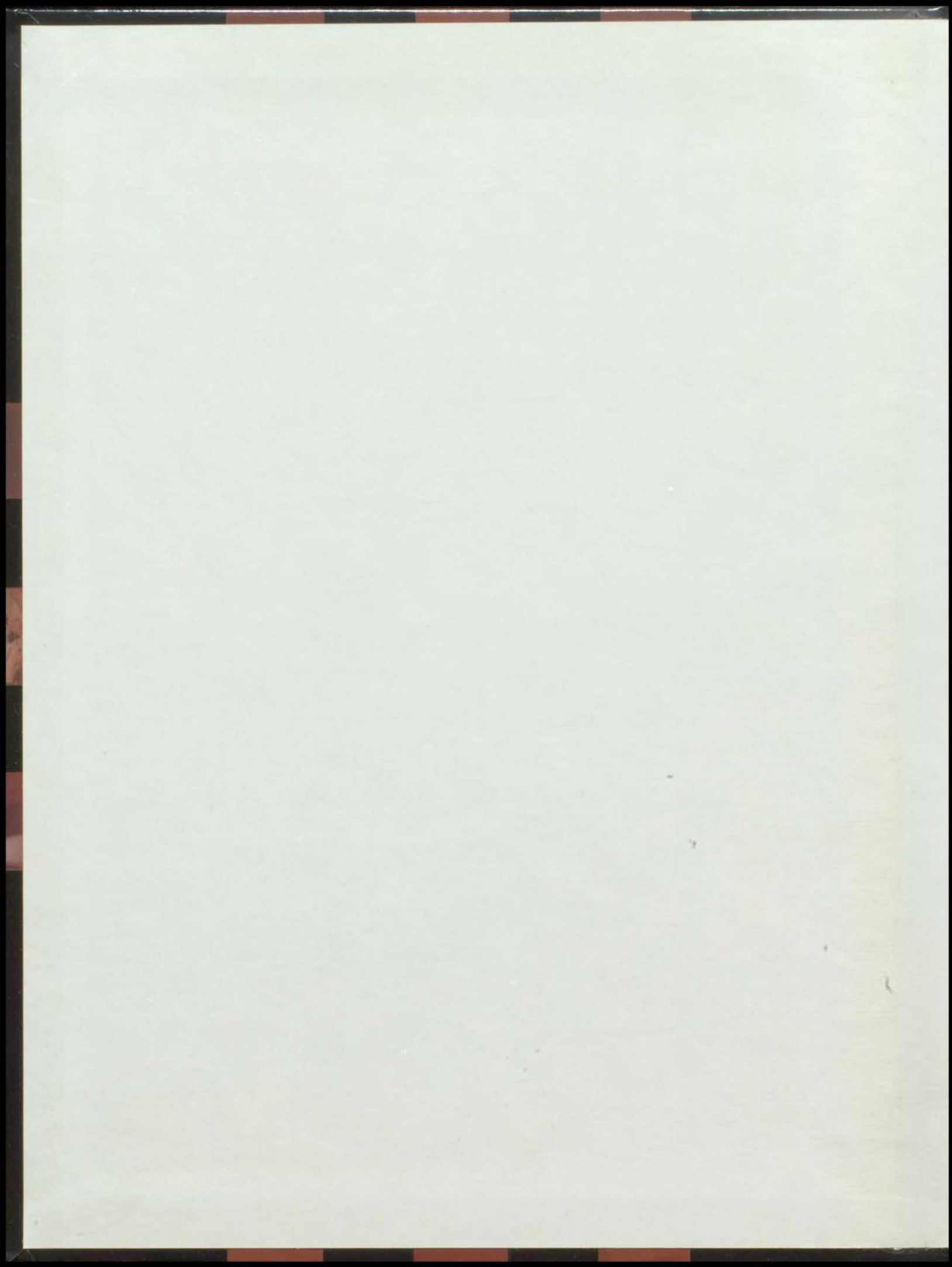


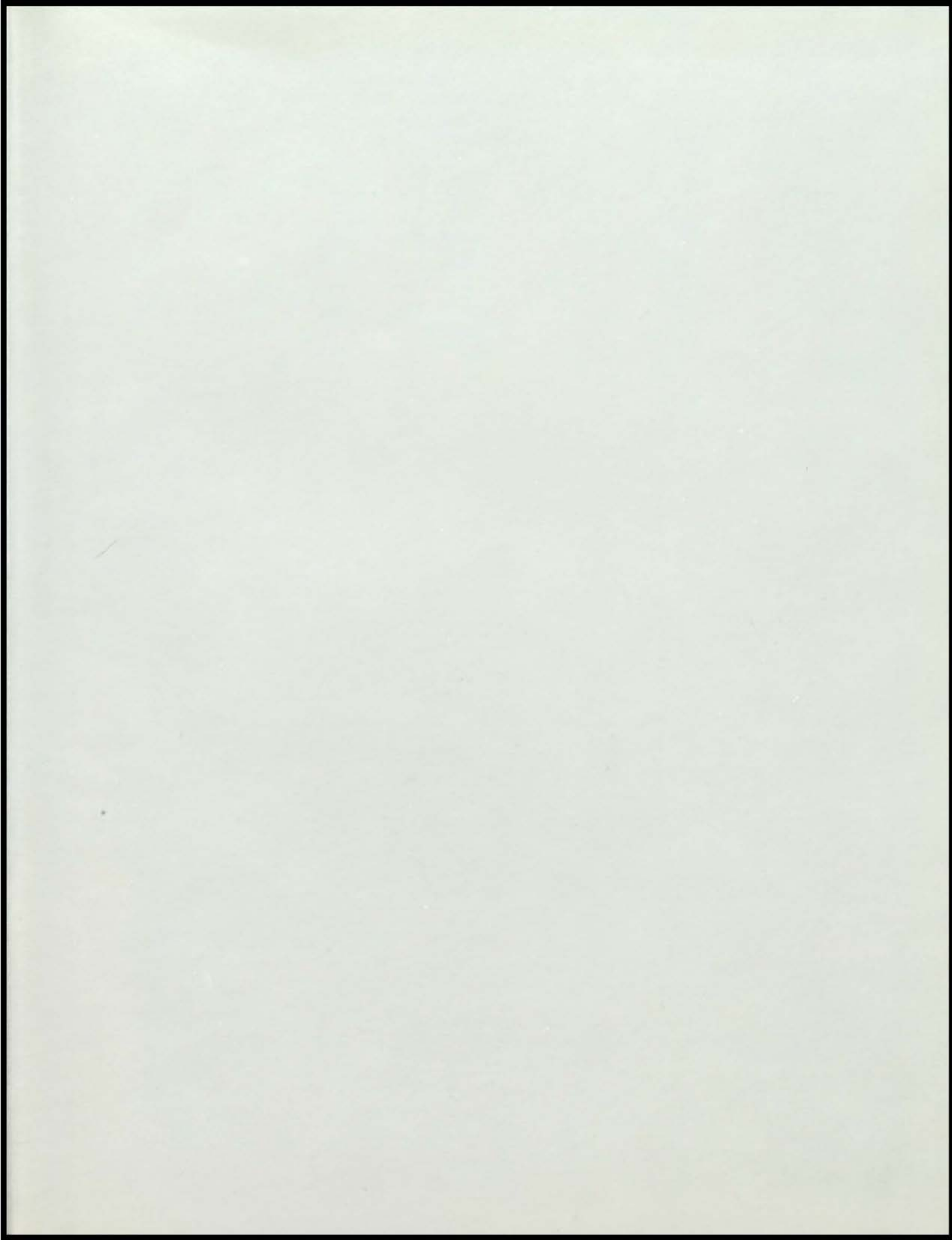


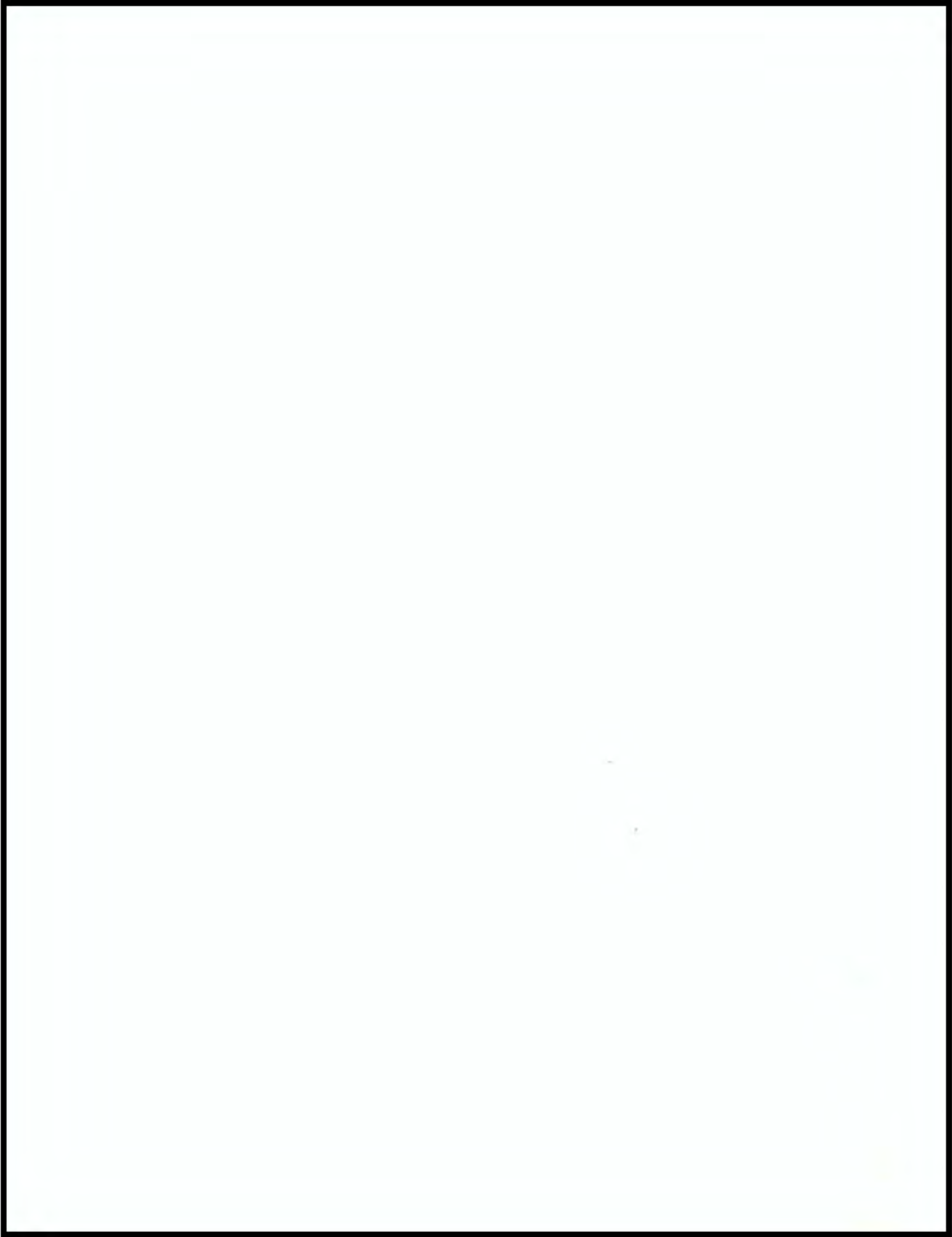
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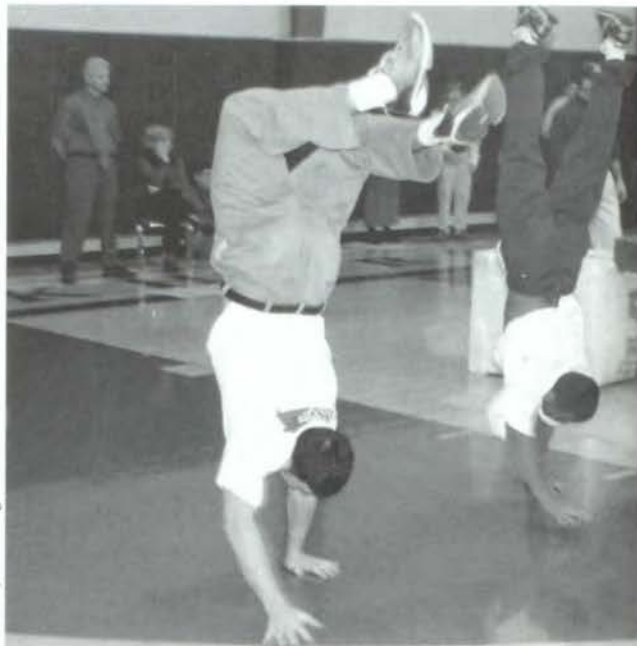


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Clockwise from top left: Senior Bobby Bridges performs as Quantrill in *The Kentucky Cycle*. Mr. Mike Kern conducts the concert band during the Christmas Mannheim Steamroller Concert. Robby Arthur and Boon Smith walk for money at the Mission Week pep rally. Quinn Anderson and Donald Brain compete in the "weak man" arm wrestling competition as Mr. Mike Sullivan officiates. Representing various varsity athletics, Matt Kopp, Brennan Metzler, Kyle Vrabac, and Brian Quarnstrom strike a pose at the winter Bridging the Gap concert.

Open to

"Our ideal is the well-rounded person who is intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God." Within this, we can get to the heart of the Rockhurst community: the Graduate at Graduation. After the completion of our four years here, it is hoped for us that these five virtues are virtues that have been instilled in us.

When we look around the halls every year, we can see these traits growing in all of us, at our own pace. Perhaps the most important of the five, acting as a gateway for

the others, is Open to Growth. Being open to growth means that a student possesses many different qualities. He is responsible for his own independent growth, he pursues integrity, commitment, and excellence in all things, and he is conscious of his feelings and is able to communicate them. He is not afraid to search out new experiences in the course of his growth, though he may fail just as he may succeed. He is not satisfied with the status quo, but instead remains receptive to new ideas as he pursues a better world.



Growth

"Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of values." -Albert Einstein

Intellectually

The next virtue of the Grad-at-Grad is Intellectual Competence. A student who is Intellectually Competent is developing many important life skills. He is developing his logical skills, precision in his communicative as well as artistic talents, curiosity for new things, and his ability to use knowledge in practical applications. He recognizes the importance of honesty and integrity, and his rights and responsibilities in the overall world community. He does not let all of these lessons go by the wayside, but uses them in his everyday life in service to others. He

learns to solve problems using creative strategies and making decisions. He has developed his own unique talents and shares them with the school community and the greater community. He has mastered the basic disciplines required for graduation and college entrance, and has obtained a general knowledge of central ideas in a variety of intellectual disciplines.

The most important part in all of this development, though, is the idea that with all this learning comes the responsibility of the Grad-at-Grad to use these talents for the benefit of others.



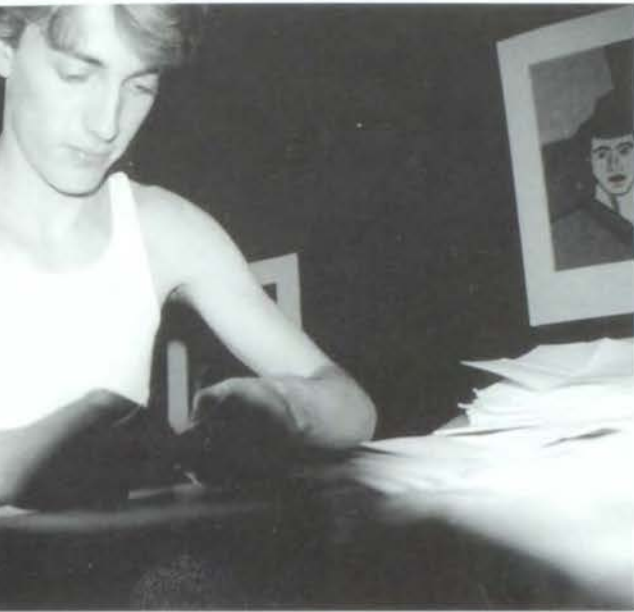
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Competent

"A sound mind in a sound body."



Photo by Albert Herrera



Clockwise from top: Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier leads his Computer Applications class through a lesson on Microsoft Word. Chemistry teacher Mr. Paul Winkeler helps junior Pat O'Neill through a stoichiometry problem. Mr. Larry Ruby discusses the Civil War with his junior American History students. Sophomores David Nguyen and Alex Ernst pour over their French homework in the Library during Activity Period. Mr. Steve Ryan examines plant cells with his Biology Class. Junior Jamie Poskin considers the motivation for one of his characters of his hit student production *Cabaret*.



Photo by Noah Ballard



Clockwise from top: Fr. Gary Menard, S.J. blesses the Eucharist at a Sophomore Mass. Seniors Joe Price and Paul McGannon stand vigilant after the Holy Thursday Prayer Service. Matt O'Laughlin is commissioned by Mr. Richard Sullivan for his senior service project. Mr. David Laughlin gives junior Brian Flanagan the Eucharist at a Junior Liturgy. Mr. Thomas Norman discusses the Gospel of John with Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., senior in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart. Senior Daniel Asikainen leads seniors Tom Schario, Mike McIntyre, Pat Klug, Matt Schwenke, Greg Bass, and Mitch Paone in song at the Senior Commissioning Mass.

The Religious component of the Grad-at-Grad complements Intellectual Competence as part of the teachings students receive at Rockhurst. While the main teachings of Rockhurst stem from the Catholic faith, the hope for the religious student is not primarily to become a Catholic, but to develop a relationship with God which should equal their human and spiritual development. He should have encountered Jesus through reading the Gospels and have a basic understanding of the Church's teachings about Him and the Church's role in Christ's redeeming mission. He should have at least

the beginnings of a Christian conscience and moral value system and be able to evaluate moral choices with increasing clarity. He has had exposure to other world religions and is taking responsibility for developing his faith. Like the other attributes of the Grad-at-Grad, being religious suggests that the student has become more independent and has begun to take a more active approach in deciding what is right for himself. And as with other things that students learn at RHS, it is hoped that they can use the benefits of this knowledge in service to others.



R Religious

"Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord." -Ephesians. 5:17

Loving is at the heart of every Grad-at-Grad. It comes in many different forms - love of who he is, love of others, and love of God. He is beginning to move away from feelings of only self-interest and moving toward being able to risk deeper levels of commitment in relationships. He is learning to trust the steadfastness of his family, friends, and adults not only at Rockhurst but in other communities. He has hopefully taken advantage of opportunities to experience God's love, and has come to accept himself as lovable and that God and others love him. He has also come to



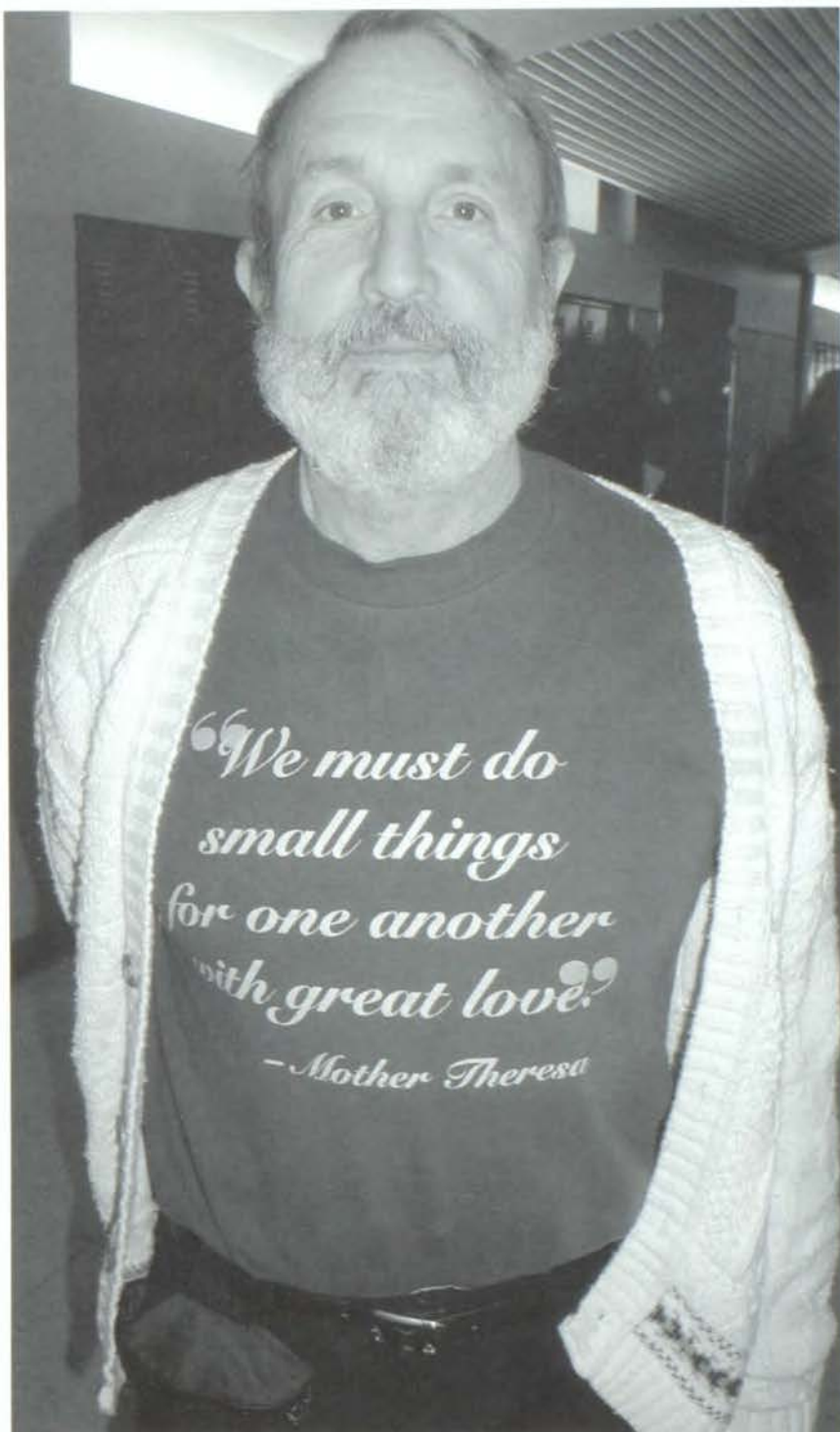
understand and deal with personal prejudices and stereotypes and can communicate more easily with others regardless of race, religion, nationality, or socioeconomic background. Empathy comes more easily to him and in service to others his life becomes more enriched as he discovers the satisfaction of giving. The compassionate response to forms of suffering and need are developing in him. He has become more caring and sensitive in all areas of his being than before he entered the halls of Rockhurst, leaving with a greater sense and understanding of compassion.



Photo by Matthew Harris

Loving

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." -1 Corinthians 13:13



Clockwise from top left: Dean of Students Mr. David Alvey helps Tommy Laughlin with a toy. Mr. Tom Norman displays a lesson in loving from Mother Theresa. Juniors Jim Conwell, Danny Martucci, and Tim Fitzpatrick enjoy lunch in the commons during senior exams. Mr. Rick Staihr's Honors Spanish III class show their support for their teacher by wearing matching black eye patches following his surgery. Mrs. Cathy Geisel reads to her new son, Mikhail Byftrov Geisel, who she adopted in the spring. Mr. Rich Sullivan shares a happy moment with junior Jim Ryan after the State Cross Country Meet.



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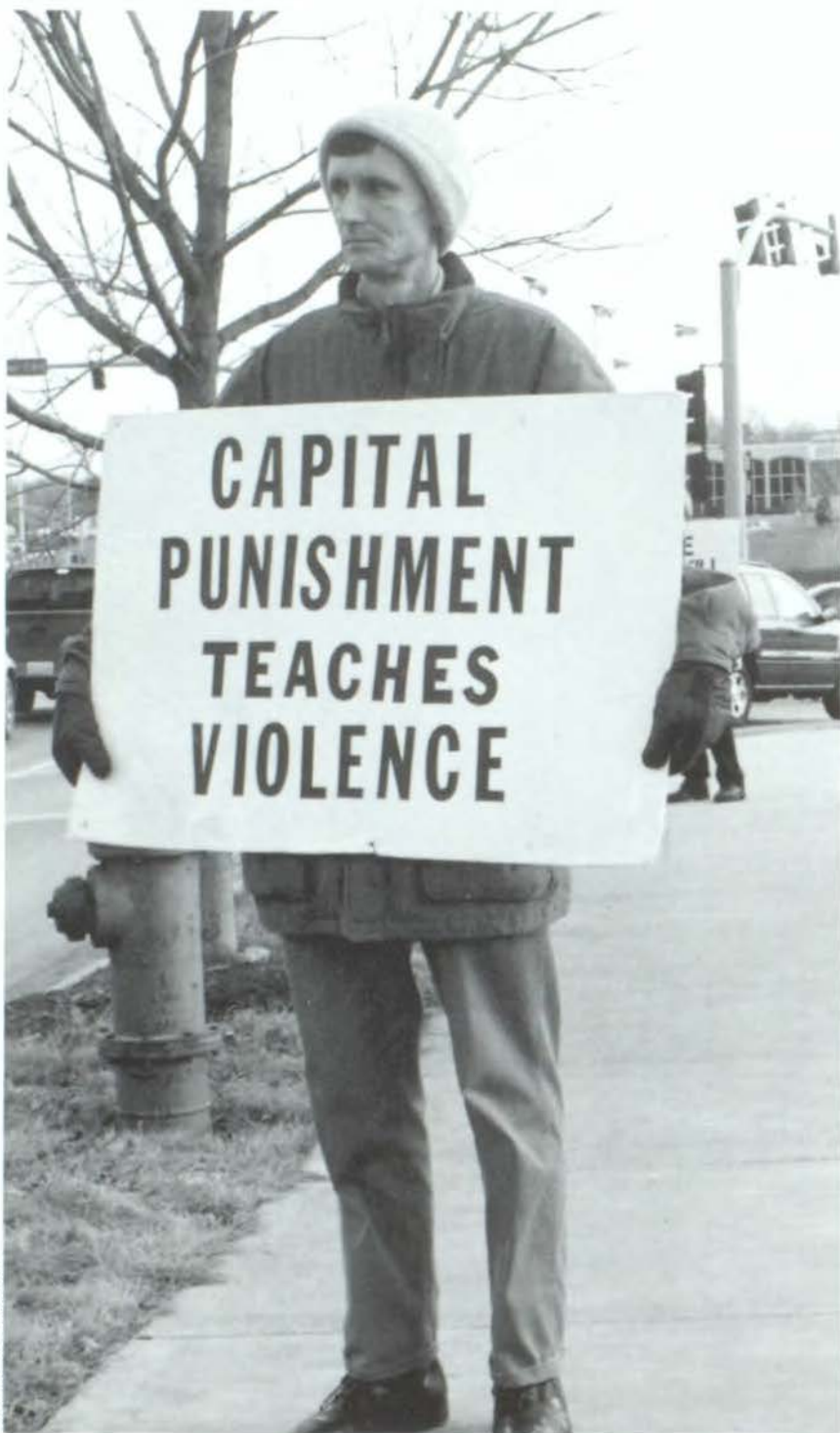
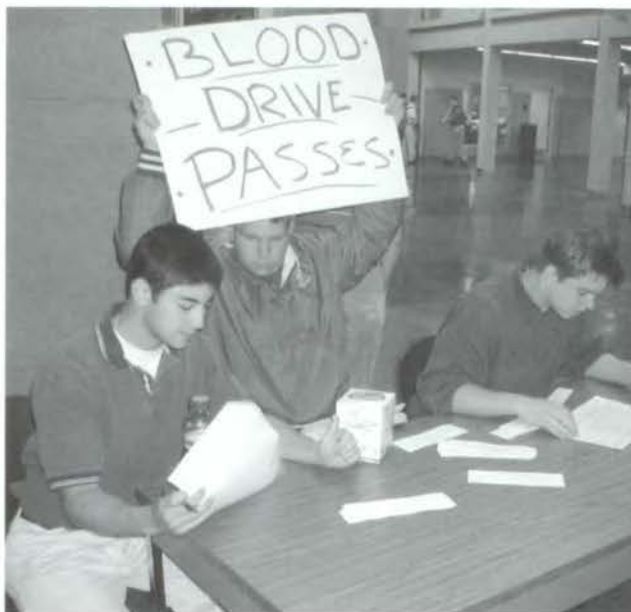


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Clockwise from top left: Mr. Brad Grabs braves the cold weather for a death penalty vigil on the Country Club Plaza. Senior Andy Tiehen assists a student with algebra during his senior service project. Juniors David Ono, Pat Kies, and Pat Coughlin work in the commons before school to get sign-ups for the SGA blood drive. Sudanese refugees discuss their lives and the hardships of escaping the Sudan with Ms. Peggy Mulvihill's Morality classes. Juniors Rich Whitney and Andy Janish work restoring a house during Christmas in October as Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., looks on. The Barry Commons filled up with food during SGA's Harvest Food Drive.

Committed to doing

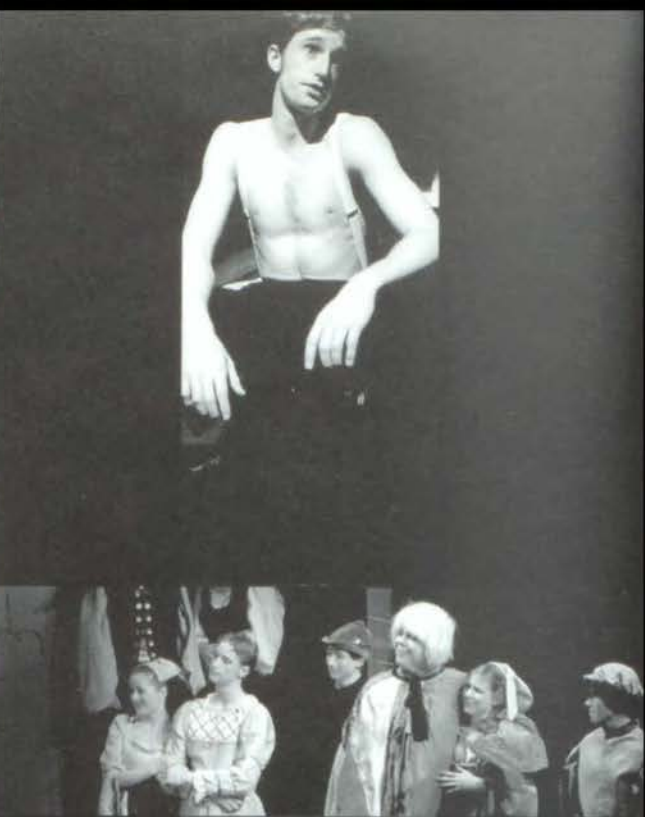
Being Committed to Justice is an integral part of the Grad-at-Grad, driving Rockhurst graduates and students to doing what is right, even when it is very difficult. This aspect really asks the student to be focused outward, to become more selfless and caring for the needs of others who are less fortunate or are being oppressed, whether by poverty, hunger, sickness, or some human force. He is more aware of his own selfish attitudes and consciously seeks to change to be more understanding and compassionate toward

others. His awareness of the effects of various global social problems is increasing, as well as his understanding of their complexities and of his Christian obligation to work to ameliorate these problems as best as he can. He is familiar with the Church's teachings on social justice and has begun to confront the moral conflicts imbedded in the values Western culture often promotes. By committing himself to justice, the Grad-at-Grad truly becomes a man for others, dedicating himself to making a better world.



Justice

"Whoever fights, whoever falls, justice conquers evermore."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Student Life

Where Rockhurst fits into

The Big Picture

St. Ignatius would have been astounded to see that he inspired 46 schools in the New World. Or would he?

Rockhurst High School students and faculty are proud of their Jesuit heritage. The standards established by the founders of Jesuit education have made RHS what it is today. Nationally, its 45 Jesuit high school counterparts have incorporated the same tradition.

"Rockhurst is becoming more and more like our nation's Jesuit schools," said Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., RHS President. "We are improving in the areas of the arts and music, while at the same time becoming pacesetters in spiritual formation for faculty and students."

All 46 Jesuit secondary schools have the same grad-at-grad model—that each graduate be loving, religious, intellectually competent, open to growth, and committed to doing justice.

On average in the United States, a Jesuit high school's enrollment numbers 906. RHS stands above the average at 1004, ranking sixteenth in the country. Loyola Academy of Wilmette, IL leads with 2010 students, while the recently founded Loyola High School in Detroit has only 134 students and 23 seniors.

In addition, RHS has grown at a rate much higher than the national average. A two-year increase of 72 students was second only to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

While Rockhurst's \$6300 tuition may seem steep to some, it is right at the national average, and 21 Jesuit

schools exceed that mark. Georgetown Preparatory of North Bethesda, MD, and Red Cloud High School of Pine Ridge, SD, are the two extremes at \$16,000 and \$100 respectively. RHS has the highest tuition cost of the four Missouri Province high schools.

It is clear that RHS takes athletics seriously as do all of the Jesuit schools nationally. With 11 sports, three State Championships, and two top-three state finishes in 1999-2000, RHS is worthy of respect. Eleven sports, though, pales in comparison to the 25 of San Francisco's Saint Ignatius College Preparatory.

A number of Jesuit institutions possess sporting teams not found at Rockhurst. Water polo, field hockey, and indoor track are just a few of these "foreign" sports. Crew is an integrated part of the East and West Coast sporting programs. DeSmet High School competes in a large St. Louis roller hockey field. Boston College High School even fields a state champion sailing team. Overall, 32 state championships were earned by the elite Jesuit sporting programs last year.

The trademarks of Jesuit education are its Society of Jesus priests and scholastics found in the faculty and administration, but the numbers are dwindling nationally at an alarming rate.

RHS has four Jesuits who symbolize and propagate the precepts of St. Ignatius. Some schools have only a single Jesuit on staff, like Xavier High School in New York City, while others such as St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, NJ, staff 15.

"Jesuits keep us in touch with our Ignation heritage and mission," stated Fr. Pesci. "Even with the decreasing number, I am confident that Ignation education will

be carried on through our faculty and administration."

One feature that RHS lacks is Jesuit Brothers, common in the Society of Jesus as well as in five Jesuit high schools.

In 1789, Jesuit high school education in America began with Georgetown Preparatory. The second, St. Louis University High School, was not founded until 1818, and Rockhurst High School became the 28th in 1914. Most recently established was Cristo Rey Jesuit High School of Chicago in 1996.

Until the 1970's, all of the Jesuit institutions in the United States were limited to males. In 1971, Scranton Preparatory School in Scranton, PA, became the first to shift to a co-educational setting. Since then, 12 other schools have chosen co-education, including four in the 1990's.

Some Jesuit high schools manifest certain unique features. Georgetown Preparatory offers boarding for students. Xavier High School maintains a junior ROTC program. Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., has established a homeless center in the basement of its church. Cristo Rey Jesuit High School is the first bilingual Jesuit high school. Red Cloud School was established by the "black robes" (the Lakota tribe's name for the Jesuits) at the request of Chief Red Cloud, and is made up entirely of Native Americans.

While these 46 schools may differ, all find one common alliance in St. Ignatius of Loyola. There is no exception to the common goal of academic excellence and service to others.

Story by Nick Herold



Jesuit Secondary Schools in the United States

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| 1. 1789 Georgetown Preparatory School | N. Bethesda, MD |
| 2. 1818 St. Louis University High School | St. Louis, MO |
| 3. 1821 Gonzaga College High School | Washington, D.C. |
| 4. 1831 St. Xavier High School | Cincinnati, OH |
| 5. 1841 Fordham Preparatory School | Bronx, NY |
| 6. 1847 Jesuit High School | New Orleans, LA |
| 7. 1847 Xavier High School | New York, NY |
| 8. 1851 Bellarmine College Preparatory | San Jose, CA |
| 9. 1851 St. Joseph's Preparatory School | Philadelphia, PA |
| 10. 1852 Loyola High School-Blakefield | Townson, MD |
| 11. 1855 St. Ignatius College Preparatory | San Francisco, CA |
| 12. 1857 Marquette University High School | Milwaukee, WI |
| 13. 1863 Boston College High School | Dorchester, MA |
| 14. 1865 Loyola High School of Los Angeles | Los Angeles, CA |
| 15. 1870 Canisius High School | Buffalo, NY |
| 16. 1870 St. Ignatius College Prep | Chicago, IL |
| 17. 1872 St. Peter's Preparatory School | Jersey City, NJ |
| 18. 1877 Regis Jesuit High School | Aurora, CO |
| 19. 1877 U of D Jesuit High School | Detroit, MI |
| 20. 1878 Creighton Preparatory School | Omaha, NE |
| 21. 1886 St. Ignatius High School | Cleveland, OH |
| 22. 1887 Gonzaga Preparatory High School | Spokane, WA |
| 23. 1891 Seattle Preparatory School | Seattle, WA |
| 24. 1899 Jesuit High School of Tampa | Tampa, FL |
| 25. 1900 Loyola School | New York, NY |
| 26. 1909 Loyola Academy | Wilmette, IL |
| 27. 1910 Rockhurst High School | Kansas City, MO |
| 28. 1914 Regis High School | New York, NY |
| 29. 1917 Cheverus High School | Portland, ME |
| 30. 1928 Bellarmine Preparatory School | Tacoma, WA |
| 31. 1928 Brophy College Preparatory | Phoenix, AZ |
| 32. 1937 Red Cloud Indian School | Pine Ridge, SD |
| 33. 1942 Fairfield College Preparatory School | Fairfield, CT |
| 34. 1942 Jesuit College Preparatory School | Dallas, TX |
| 35. 1944 Scranton Preparatory School | Scranton, PA |
| 36. 1952 Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola | Rio Piedras, PR |
| 37. 1954 McQuaid Jesuit High School | Rochester, NY |
| 38. 1956 Jesuit High School | Portland, OR |
| 39. 1961 Strake Jesuit College Preparatory | Houston, TX |
| 40. 1962 Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School | Indianapolis, IN |
| 41. 1963 Jesuit High School | Sacramento, CA |
| 42. 1965 St. John's Jesuit High School | Toledo, OH |
| 43. 1965 Walsh Jesuit High School | Cuyahoga Falls, OH |
| 44. 1967 De Smet Jesuit High School | St. Louis, MO |
| 45. 1993 Loyola High School-Detroit | Detroit, MI |
| 46. 1996 Cristo Rey Jesuit High School | Chicago, IL |

How RHS Stacks Up...

Number of State Championships for all Jesuit High Schools in 1999-2000: 32

Rockhurst High School State Championships in 1999-2000: 3

Highest Tuition (Georgetown Preparatory): \$16,000

Rockhurst Annual Tuition: \$6,300

Most Number of Jesuit Priests (St. Peter's Preparatory): 15

Rockhurst's Members of the Society of Jesus: 4

Exotic Sports at Jesuit Schools: Sailing, Water Polo, Field Hockey, and Indoor Track

Most Exotic Sports at RHS: Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, and Diving

Number of Co-educational Jesuit Schools: 12

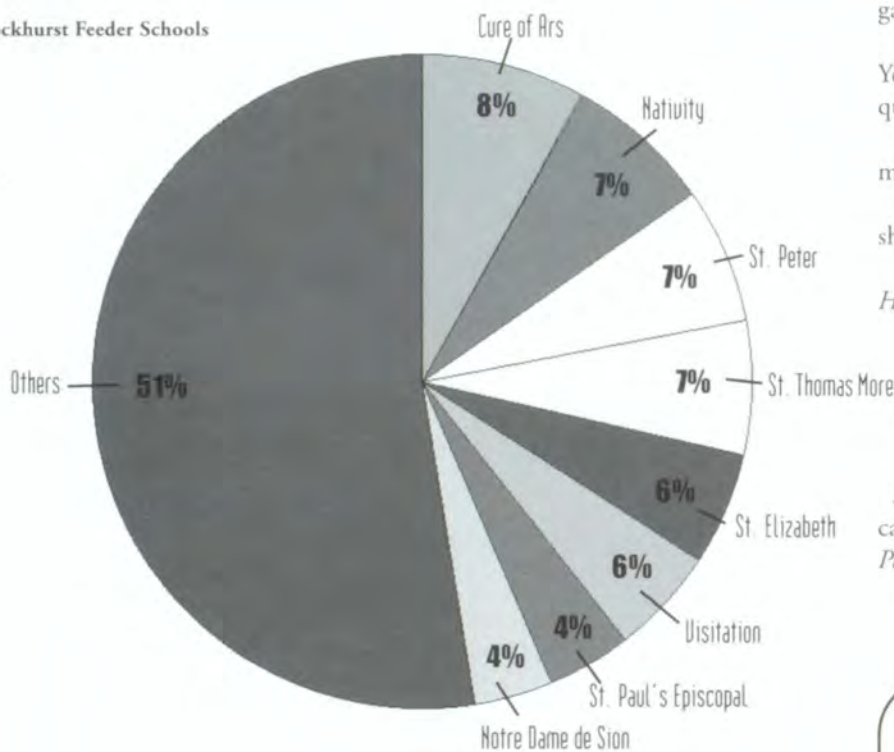
Oldest Jesuit High School in North America: Georgetown Preparatory (Founded 1789)

RHS: Founded in 1910, relocated 1962

Diverse student body hails from

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Rockhurst Feeder Schools



KANSAS CITY, MO/KS — Down by the *Riverside*, I saw my old buddy *Lawrence*, his wife *Merriam*, and their kids, *Stanley* and *Bucyrus*. I hadn't seen Lawrence since we were in the army together. We spent a lot of time on *Liberty* while we were fighting for *Independence*. I asked Lawrence how he was doing.

"Chaaanute! I'm *Stilwell*, if that's what you mean." Oh yeah, I forgot to tell you, Larry was from the *Countryside*.

"Larry, did you see I've still got that *Belt-on* you gave me twenty years ago?"

"Heck, that's nothin'. This belt is thirty years old. You know they aren't *Free-man!*" Lawrence then quickly changed the subject.

"Did you hear that Stanley was in that blockbuster movie *Mission: Hills II* last year?"

"Oh yeah, isn't that the one they called *M:HII* for short?"

"It sure was. Hey, do you know how far it is to *Harrisonville*? I hear that it is a pretty *Fair-way*."

"I don't really know but I bet *Lea-wood*."

Surprisingly, *Bucyrus* piped up, "Hey dad, I went there last week. I didn't particularly watch the miles though since there was a really *Grand-view*."

Later that night, I had some questions. Does *Lee* mind everyone living on his *Summit*? And how can you be both a *Prairie* and a *Village*? Isn't that *Peculiar!*

Top 5 ZIP Codes

64113	12.5%
66209	10.3%
64114	9.4%
64131	4.5%
64145	4.0%

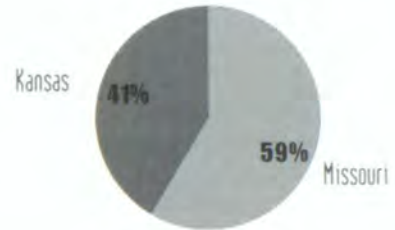
Without a doubt, Rockhurst is the most geographically diverse school in the Kansas City area. Since its students aren't drawn from one school district, like most, they come from very nearby to the far-flung edges of the metropolitan area. Almost half of the students reside in Kansas City, MO (47%), but the other half is pretty well spread over the rest of the region. One of the most unique qualities of the student body is that it is drawn from both sides of the state line. 59% of the student body is from Missouri, while the remaining 41% live on the Kansas side.

what a great school Rockhurst was.

"I went to the Open House and I really liked it a lot," he said. "Out by my house, there really weren't any schools that I liked, or wanted to go to all that much, so it seemed like the best choice."

Sophomore John Hackman makes his home in Lawrence, KS, about a 45 minute drive. Finally, seven students live in Parkville, MO, approximately forty minutes from RHS. Story by Matthew Harris.

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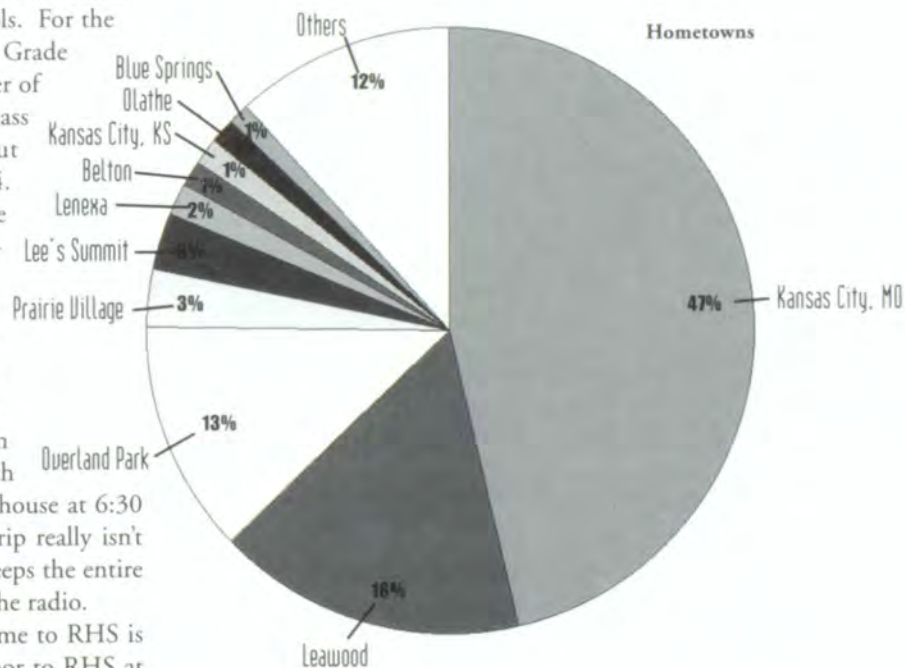
of metro area

Zip Code 64113 in Missouri, bordered by Gregory, 55th Street, State Line, and Oak, is the most heavily populated zip code in the school with about 12% of the student body living within its boundaries. Coming in a close second is 66209 in Kansas, with just over 10 percent of students. It lies between State Line, 119th Street, Metcalf, and 135th Street. Finally, 64114, just south of 64113 in Missouri (and containing Rockhurst) is bordered by 119th Street, Gregory, and State Line, and is inhabited by about nine percent of the students.

Over the last few years, RHS has drawn consistently from several grade/middle schools. For the Classes of 2002 and 2003, Cure of Ars Grade School in Leawood had the top number of incoming students--25 in the Junior Class and 23 in the Sophomore Class, but dropped to fifth for the Class of 2004. The freshmen from Nativity Grade School, also in Leawood, took top honors with 23 students.

Many RHS students travel great distances every day to get to school. The student who lives farthest from school is freshman Joseph Lindgren who lives in Leavenworth, KS. It takes him roughly an hour to get to school each morning. Joe and his dad leave their house at 6:30 a.m. every day, but he said that the trip really isn't that bad because in the morning he sleeps the entire way and on the drive home listens to the radio.

The story of how he decided to come to RHS is interesting. Joe's father works next door to Joe at the Burns and McDonnell building and told Joe about



Incoming!

With the continuing rise in popularity of Rockhurst High School, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid assumed the burden of the increased enrollment before, during, and after the 2000-2001 school year. Headed by Mr. Jack Reichmeier, and assisted by Ms. Amanda Pierce, the office experienced its busiest year ever.

The office is responsible for enrolling all incoming freshmen. This includes marketing RHS through grade school visits, the Open House, and the Shadow Program. Open House, held in October, had a record 438 families attending.

"The things that make Open House are the new facilities and the tour guides," Mr. Reichmeier said. "The guides are very impressive, showing what an RHS man is."

The Shadow Program, coordinated by Ms. Pierce also grew to a near-record year. The 315 shadows, seventh and eighth graders thinking of coming to RHS, toured one day of classes with a guide.

"We have many freshman who gladly volunteer to guide incoming students like *they* were the year before," Ms. Pierce said.

Once a perspective applicant pool is built, Admissions must make decisions on who will attend RHS the following year. This process includes receiving applications, administering the placement test, and conducting freshman interviews. The eventual graduating class of 2005 had 431 students take the placement test, and over 395 actually apply for the 270 available openings.

The Admissions Office, with the help of the National Honor Society, administered the placement test in January. The perspective freshman interviews were held at the beginning of March when 282 families were interviewed in less than two weeks.

Once the freshman class is decided upon, summer school, financial aid, class selection, and orientation are next on the calendar. The summer school program has recently become a function of the Admissions Office, as the staff either recommends or requires summer schooling for some incoming freshman. It works closely with Mr. Scott Duschen, Summer School Director, to determine the final composition of the class.

The 2000-2001 school year also brought Work Grant into the domain of the Admissions office. With 32% of all receiving aid, Admissions manages \$680,000 budgeted to students who need tuition assistance.

"Financial Aid gives families who might not be able to afford the entire tuition an opportunity to bridge the difference between what they can pay and what is required," said Mr. Reichmeier.

Most of this money is distributed through the Work Grant Program. This enables students to work off their tuition around school in the athletic, maintenance, theater, special events, and other departments.

"Our jobs are memorable when families are so happy and appreciative of a chance to attend RHS," said Ms. Pierce.

"We choose what each class of students will look like," commented Mr. Reichmeier. "It's important to choose the right guys." Story by Matt Neenan

Admissions Department handles it all from recruiting to selection to enrollment



Mr. Jack Reichmeier and Ms. Amanda Pierce go over plans for a grade school visit with senior Ryan Fagan. Mr. Jeff Crowe discusses the Social Studies Department with prospective students at the Open House. Eighth grade shadow visitors wear their new RHS hats as they complete a survey after a day at the Rock.





Open House

Prospects and parents shop for place to best achieve life's goal

On the last Saturday in October for the past 10 years Rockhurst High School's Admission Department has hosted its annual Open House, providing an opportunity for families of prospective students throughout the metropolitan area to visit RHS.

"Over 430 families visited RHS, most leaving with a positive experience that hopefully will bring them to apply at RHS," said Mr. Jack Reichmeier,

Director of Admission and Financial Aid.

The Open House was made successful by a collective effort from over 150 student volunteers, about 30 parents, and all of the members of the faculty. For the first time, student volunteers included freshmen.

"The freshman did an excellent job giving tours," Mr. Reichmeier said. "Though they may not have had the experience of the upperclassmen, their enthusiasm was evident and made a great addition to the Open House."

Tour guides, dressed in coats



Senior John Harbison performs a Chemistry experiment for visitors and their parents.

and ties, led prospective students and their families through the halls and rooms of RHS. The tour began with a 10 minute talk from either Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., RHS President, or Mr. David Laughlin, Principal, who addressed the families, talking about the goals that RHS has for each and every one of its students.



Junior Jamie Lee leads a tour to a prospective Hawklet and his family.

The tour continued through the halls, where every department had a display of the courses offered. Not only was the educational aspect of RHS displayed, but the extracurricular activities were also showcased. Play practice took place in the Rose Theater, music students played instruments throughout the building, athletics had a table as did the Student Government, and the Mothers and Fathers Clubs showcased their involvement.

"We displayed school spirit to prospective students," junior tour guide Joe Huffman, said. "Seeing all the interest in Rockhurst was amazing." Story & Photos by Drew Switzer



Members of the RHS Concert Band impress visitors with their talents.

Eighth graders rest on the commons stairs after completing the Placement Exam in January. At Freshman Orientation, new Hawklets, wearing their spirit shirts, struggle under the weight of their books.



Moving on out!

Placement Office provides invaluable assistance in rigorous college selection, admissions process

College Placement is one of the more interesting and challenging positions at Rockhurst. Counseling over 250 seniors as to their best choices for college is a task of Herculean proportions. Add to this the fact that there are only three people in the college placement office and the possible stress is not difficult to imagine.

Mr. Rob Herald serves as Director of College Counseling, Mrs. Missy Hubert is the Assistant College Counselor, and Mrs. Cindy Scherer coordinates everything as secretary. The duties of counseling each senior are split evenly between Mr. Herald and Mrs. Hubert, who both perform administrative tasks and help plan financial aid. Mr. Herald and Mrs. Hubert hold Masters Degrees in Counseling and possess several years of experience within the college admissions system. Mrs. Scherer is also a trained professional with experience in law offices.

"Being new here, it is a completely different atmosphere from where I came from," said Mrs. Scherer. "It's very enjoyable working with the students, watching them decide their future plans."

The college placement atmosphere is quite demanding and the both counselors put applicants through a rigorous process.

"College admissions is now very competitive, said Mrs. Hubert.

"You are having more students applying for the same spots, students who are better prepared."

"Demographics are pretty clear that it is more difficult to get into college than it was even two or three years ago," added Mr. Herald.

In the past, where a student would typically apply to two or three colleges, applications are being filled out for four to five colleges. "[College] is becoming very expensive," said Mrs. Hubert. "So, not only do you have the competition of whether they can get in, but now you have to make it affordable."

The process for college placement begins with the experience and knowledge of the student himself. A self-evaluation is the vital first step, so a student can identify his possibilities and begin to realize what is the best fitting college and what he desires from the college for his life, according to Mr. Herald. This entails questions such as "What do I want to do?"

Researching colleges, narrowing them down, and visiting the colleges are the steps at which some students hesitate.

"Not all the kids are as motivated," according to Mrs. Hubert. "It takes time and they need to have been doing the process."

Some other challenges faced in this stage are unrealistic expectations.

"I don't want to crush those dreams," said Mrs. Hubert. "I'm not going to tell them, 'You can't apply to this school.' Go ahead, apply!" The final steps of the process entail visiting the campuses that the student has selected and writing applications for them. This leads to an anxious period of waiting and final decisions.

College placement has become a more interesting area because of advances in technology. Almost every university has its own website now and many schools have moved to a virtual reality tour of campuses. Application processes have moved on-line for many colleges and even the federal government allows electronic filing for financial aid.

"The financial aid stuff will eventually be paperless," said Mrs. Hubert. Students can communicate with college students through chat rooms and e-mail to find out the truth about a university. One of the achievements of the RHS office is the College Placement page that is featured on its website.

Story by Diego Bustamante



Colleges and Universities accepting members of the Rockhurst High School Class of 2001

American University	Saint Louis University
Arizona State University	Santa Clara University
Avila College	Savannah College of A & D
Baker University	Seattle University
Baylor University	Southern Methodist University
Benedictine College	Southern University A & M
Boston College	Southwest Missouri State University
Boston University	Southwestern Assemblies of God
Case Western Reserve University	Spring Hill College
Central Missouri State University	Stanford University
College of the Ozarks	Syracuse University
College of William & Mary	Texas Christian University
Colorado State University	Truman State University
Creighton University	Tulane University
Denison University-Ohio	University South Alabama-Mobile
DePaul University	University Wisconsin-Whitewater
DeVry Tech-MO	United States Air Force Academy
Drake University	United States Air Force ROTC
Drexel University	United States Military Academy
Evangel University	United States Naval Academy
Fairfield University	University of Arizona
Florida Southern College	University of Cincinnati
Florida State University	University of Colorado-Boulder
Fort Lewis College	University of Dayton
Friends University	University of Denver
George Washington University	University of Houston
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Illinois-Urbana
Gonzaga University	University of Iowa
Hamline University	University of Kansas
Howard University	University of Maryland
Hutchinson Community College	University of Minnesota
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Missouri-Columbia
Indiana University	University of Missouri-Kansas
Iowa State University	University of Missouri-Rolla
James Madison University	University of Montana
Johnson County Community College	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Kansas State University	University of Nebraska-Omaha
LeMoyne College	University of Notre Dame
Longview Community College	University of Oklahoma
Loyola College-Maryland	University of Pennsylvania
Loyola University-Chicago	University of Pittsburgh
Loyola University-New Orleans	University of South Carolina
Macalester College	University of Southern California
Marquette University	University of Tulsa
Miami University-OH	University of Washington
Missouri Southern State College	University of West Virginia
North Central College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Northern Arizona University	Vanderbilt University
Northwest Missouri State University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Northwestern University	Virginia State University
Oklahoma City University	Washburn University
Oklahoma State University	Washington & Lee University
Pennsylvania State University	Washington University
Pittsburg State University	Webb Institute
Purdue University	Webster University
Regis University	Western State College-Colorado
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Westminster College
Rockhurst University	Wheaton College
Rose-Hulman Technological Institute	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Saint John's University-MN	Yale University



Members of RHS Class of 2001 planning to attend...

Kansas State University--12

University of Kansas--25

University of Missouri--7

Rockhurst University--14

Creighton University--3

St. Louis University--25

Marquette University--1

Jesuit Colleges/Universities--51

Missouri or Kansas Schools--124

Undecided--24

Top: A senior talks with a representative from New York University about attending the school. The College Placement Office sponsored a college night for students at Rockhurst and other Kansas City Area Catholic High Schools. Mrs. Missy Hubert and Mrs. Cindy Scherer were both expecting babies throughout most of the school year. Mr. Rob Herald takes a phone call from a college representative at the University of Missouri trying to set up a visit to Rockhurst. Mr. Herald's head was shaved only a few minutes before, at the Mission Week Student/Teacher Basketball Game/Pep Rally.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Since the death last year of Rockhurst Principal Thomas Murphy, a new leader has joined the Rockhurst community, one who hopes to uphold the values of a Jesuit education while helping RHS continue to prosper.

Mr. David Laughlin says that he is honored to have the chance to serve as RHS Principal. After pondering his decision to come to RHS from his home in Omaha, NE, Mr. Laughlin says contentedly, "Rockhurst is a terrific Catholic and Jesuit high school, and I hope to continue building upon the foundation that Mr. Murphy worked so hard to build."

Mr. Laughlin first heard about the job opening last March when Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., RHS President, contacted him and requested that he interview for the position. Mr. Laughlin was flattered by Fr. Pesci's invitation. He had heard RHS described on several occasions as a very fine educational institution that truly lived out Jesuit teachings and philosophy.

"It was very difficult to make the decision to leave my previous school, yet my decision became much easier as I noticed the similarities in the two Catholic schools," Mr. Laughlin said. When he decided to leave his Assistant Principal position at Creighton Prep in Omaha, NE, and to come to RHS, Mr. Laughlin was immediately drawn to the very unique atmosphere and dynamic sense of camaraderie that fills the RHS' halls, a distinctly different environment

from his own high school.

"Fortunately, Creighton Prep prepared me for the drastic change from my high school experience," Mr. Laughlin replied. Mr. Laughlin attended Mt. Michael High School, a small and very structured Benedictine boarding school outside of Omaha. Recalling his own high school days, Mr. Laughlin laughed about being forced to wear a Mickey Mouse beanie to school during his freshman year.

Luckily, his high school experience improved and Mr. Laughlin became quite the Renaissance man. He played both tennis and basketball, and attempted football but decided that the sport was too painful. Additionally, Mr. Laughlin was a member of the National Honors Society and was awarded District Outstanding Thespian his senior year. After graduating from Mt. Michaels, Mr. Laughlin attended Creighton University, where he received degrees in both German and Theology and later earned his Masters in Educational Administration.

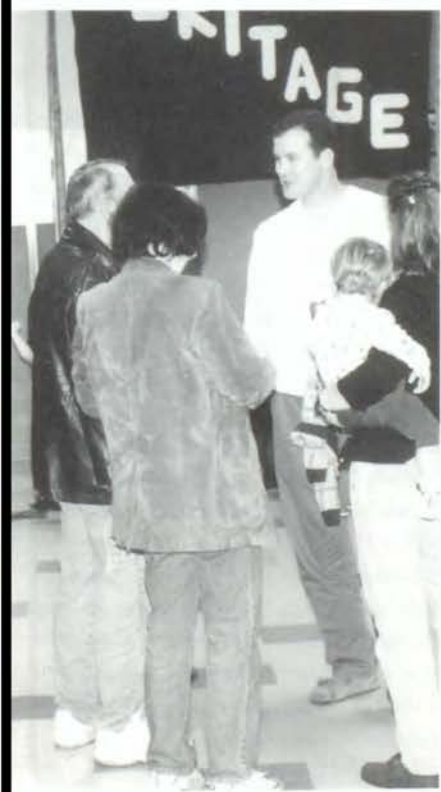
These days, with his RHS career ahead of him, Mr. Laughlin is looking forward to enjoying theater productions, working with RHS' "terrific faculty and students," spending time with his wife, Kelly, and his four young children, and catching as many college basketball games on television as time permits.

But most of all, Mr. Laughlin exclaims, "I am honored to be here as one of many who continue to make RHS a great place!" Story by R.E. Wolfe II

Mr. David Laughlin maintains his longstanding Jesuit ties by coming from Creighton Prep to assume role as Principal of RHS



Mr. Laughlin discusses the upcoming year at Freshman Orientation.



Mr. David Laughlin, Mr. Sean Angiel, Mr. Joe Delehunt, Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, and Coach Tony Severino stand in silence at the Homecoming Mass. Mr. Laughlin speaks jovially with his wife, Kelly, and Mr. Thomas Norman and his wife, Robin. Top: Coaching Tony Severino, Mr. David Laughlin, Mr. Mike Heringer, and Mr. Larry Ruby relax before addressing incoming parents at Freshman Orientation for the Class of 2006.

LEGENDS OF THE FALL

It was a momentous and historic year for Coach Tony Severino and Rockhurst. While winning RHS's fifth State Football Championship ever, Coach Severino overtook legendary Coach Al Davis for first place in RHS football victories, and won the High School Football Coach of the Year Award given by *USA Today*.

The RHS storied football program can be attributed to basically two men, Coach Davis and Coach Severino, who together have coached in 55% of all games played and have recorded 57% of all wins at RHS. Coach Severino passed Coach Davis on September 1, with his 155th win, a victory over Oak Park.

"It's a real honor to break someone's record for whom I have so much love and respect," Coach Severino said. "He coached in a time of 8-11 game seasons while I coach in a time of 10-14 games."

"Once in a conversation with Coach Davis I told him, 'No matter what I do, you'll be Number One and I'll be 1A.' He then immediately had a jacket made for me with a 'Rockhurst Football: Number 1A Coach' sewn into it."

These two men come from interesting and different backgrounds. Coach Davis, born in Abilene, KS, was an All-State athlete junior and senior year in basketball, pole vault, and football. His promising athletic career was only put on hold when he entered the army in World War II where he fought in Europe for 22 months, earning two battle stars while fighting for General George Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. He resumed his athletic career when he was picked for the football team representing American forces in Europe.

"The USFET All-Stars got to be the color guard for Gen-

eral Patton's funeral," remembered Coach Davis. "I was only one of three on the team who was not playing college Division-1 or professional football. With all of the talent and knowledge on that team, I learned a lot about football I would use coaching," he said.

After finally getting back to Abilene, marrying his high school sweetheart, Arlene, and playing on the Kansas State Football Team, Coach Davis began his storied coaching career at age 25, in Peabody, KS.

"In such a small town, we needed every boy possible to play football, so I visited each one individually and got 46 out of 49 boys to play."

In 1952, Coach Davis heard of the job opening at Rockhurst and interviewed for it in Kansas City.

Driving back across Kansas following his meeting, Coach Davis made his now famous quote about his love affair with Rockhurst, when he exclaimed to his wife, "Arlene, I'm home." From 1952-1975 Coach Davis was Hawklet Head Football Coach, compiling a record of 154-66-13. Following his retirement from football coaching, Coach Davis served as Athletic Director from 1976-1990.

As an assistant for Coach Davis for many years, Coach Jerry Culver took over as head coach for seven years, retiring in 1982. Since then, Coach Severino has led the Hawklets. With 24 and 18 years of service respectively, Coaches Davis and Severino have coached for 48 percent of all the years of RHS football.

Coach Severino was born in Cleveland, OH, where he went



Coach Al Davis

to an all-boys preparatory high school like Rockhurst. His football background included being a high school star and a starter at Kansas State University. His first coaching jobs were as assistants at an inner city school in Cleveland, and at Shawnee Mission West. In 1977, he became the Head Coach for Shawnee Mission Northwest, where he won a Kansas State Football Title in 1979.

"From the time I first came to Kansas City, I knew Rockhurst would be a natural fit," Coach Severino said of his early years spent coaching. "I would drive down State Line and know that I wanted to send my boys there. I told all of my friends that once the Rockhurst job opened, I would seek it."

"Coach Severino would always call me at Rockhurst (while at SMNW) and try to schedule us," Coach Davis said about his early relationship with Coach Severino. "He always has and still wants to play the best." Appropriately, Coach Severino was hired two days after the position at RHS opened in 1983.

In early January of 2001 Coach Severino learned that he was the recipient of the 2000 National High School Football Coach of the Year Award given by *USA Today*. To receive the award, the coach's team must have had an undefeated season and finish in the top 25 in the USA poll. Other intangibles include longevity and notoriety across the country. This award is considered by many to be the highest honor a high school



Coach Tony Severino

coach can receive.

"It's very rare, so I didn't even think about it. I was in shock!" he exclaimed.

Besides being known for their connection with RHS football, Coach Severino and Coach Davis share many similarities. Both were heavily involved in other sports. Coach Davis, most notably, started the track and soccer programs at RHS while Coach Severino started the baseball team at SM West. Coach Davis coached golf at Rockhurst for 13 years and Coach Severino's first head coaching job was as a baseball coach at SM West. Both men also played football for Kansas State.

Both men also are considered family men. Coach Davis has seven children while Coach Severino and his wife Marilyn have three sons who all played for him at RHS.

"Football gave me a way to provide for my family by doing something I love," Coach Davis said. "My family means more than anything to me."

Like their coaching styles, Coaches Davis and Severino have similar views on what RHS is all about.



Coach Severino displays his USA Today "Coach of the Year" award to the school at a pep rally, thanking everyone for their support, and the players for their tireless efforts. Coach Davis congratulates Coach Severino for winning the prestigious award.

"RHS is a place of reverence with the Jesuit emphasis on Catholic faith. We demand excellence, honesty and integrity," Coach Davis said. "The closeness and camaraderie makes RHS and Jesuit schools the biggest fraternity in the world."

"The atmosphere during the day shows what RHS is about," Coach Severino said. "I've seen every type of school from inner city to public to private, and the discipline is what makes RHS different. The people and the way the school runs makes me want to come to school everyday. It's one big family. I don't see myself leaving anytime soon." Story by Matt Neenan

Coach Al Davis' long time football record for wins falls to Coach Tony Severino

With Honors . . .



Rockhurst Senior Class Award of Excellence
and Achievement

Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award

Sean M. O'Donnell



Carl G. Kloster Special "R" Award

Michael L. Nigro



Christopher M. Winger

Arts Department

National School Orchestra Award
National School Choral Award
Louis Armstrong Jazz Improv. Award
John Phillip Sousa Band Award
Woody Herman Jazz Improv. Award
Visual Arts Award

Ceramic Arts Award

Theater Award

Technical Theater Award

Elliot Nickell '01
Frank Pendleton '02
Stephan Jean-Francois '01
Andrew Proulx '01
Luke Dlabal '01
Mitchell Paone '01
Scott Drummond '01
Philip Conway '01
Jordan Jump '01
Matthew Schwenke '01
Ian Merrigan '01
Thomas Schario '01
Christopher Winger '01
Daniel Vianello '01

Speech and Communications Department

Speech Communications Award

Brian Cotroneo '04
Joseph Knackstedt '04
Edward E. Keenan '03
Roy Lightner '03
Christopher Lee '02
Jamie Lee '02
Joel Blevins '01
Ian Merrigan '01
Samuel Davidson '01
J. Michael Stacy '03
Matthew Ferguson '02
Ryan Swarts '01

Drape Journalism Award
Journalism Award

Computer Education Department

Computer Applications I Award

Computer Applications II Award

PASCAL C++ Award

Visual Basic Award

Patrick Hagerty '04
Michael Dow '04
Kevin Barth '02
Elliot Nickell '01
Adam Blinzler '02
Kyle Vrabac '01
Jacob Boesen '01

Automated Accounting Award

Thomas Schario '01

English Department

English Award

Charles Stoops '04
Matthew Judge '03
Paul Camacho '02
Ian Merrigan '01

Foreign Language Department

Greek Award

Latin Award
French Award
Spanish Award

Sean Mueller '01
Sean Gratton '01
Sean Mueller '01
Sean O'Donnell '01
Sean Gratton '01
Jacob Boesen '01

Mathematics Department

Mathematics Award

AP Calculus II Award

Gary Batz Mathematics Award

Sean Plott '04
Jeffrey Nagy '03
Adam Henderson '01
Andrew Proulx '01
Matthew Laird '02

Physical Education Department

Physical Education Award

Steven Redmond '04
Brice McKinley '03
Christopher Cummings '02
Justin Quick '01

Science Department

Physical Science Award
Biology Award
Chemistry Award
Physics Award

Joseph Le '04
Jeffrey Nagy '03
Eric Pashman '01
Adam Henderson '01

Social Studies Department

Humanities Award

Matthew Baker '04
Charles Stoops '04

World History Award
 American History Award
 American Government Award
 Economics Award
 Contemporary World Problems Award
 Modern European World History Award

James Utley '03
 John Olschefski '03
 Jamie Lee '02
 Patrick McGah '02
 Eric Pashman '01
 Patrick Jakopchek '01
 Justin McFarland '01
 Christopher Hapka '01
 Kevin Cotter '01
 Sean McLaughlin '01

Theology Department
 Theology Award

Alexander Fontana '04
 Charles Bennett '03
 Matthew Ferguson '02
 Charles Bush '01
 Daniel Asikainen '01

Liturgy & Worship Award

Total Ignatian Experience
 St. Louis Parish

Charles Bush, Philip Conway,
 Matthew Kopp, Paul McGannon,
 Sean McLaughlin, Ian McGarran,
 Brendan Murphy, Sean
 O'Donnell, Eric Pashman, Joe
 Price, Dan Vianello, Chris Winger,
 Ryan Worth
 Daniel Asikainen, Jeffrey Newby,
 Zachary Ramirez, Thomas
 Schario, Nicholas Schuler,
 Matthew Schwenke, Kyle Vrabac

Colorado

Longevity Awards

Five Years

Mr. Dana Brack
 Mr. Peter Campbell
 Mrs. Melody Degnan
 Mr. Joseph Fleming
 Mr. Brad Grabs
 Mrs. Mary Kay Hiatt
 Mr. Rudy Rodriguez
 Mr. Bert Roney
 Mrs. Jean Krump-Barnhart
 Mr. Ben Sabido
 Mr. Joseph Delehunt
 Mr. Harry Ward
 Mr. Eric Berg
 Mr. Thomas Norman
 Mr. Richard Wikiera
 Mr. Sean Agniel
 Mr. Michael Wickenhauser

Ten Years

Fifteen Years

Twenty Years

Jesuit Alumni Service Corp.

Awards of Distinction

Perfect Attendance

Brian Meagher '01
 Gerald Miller '01
 Brendan Murphy '01
 Eric Pashman '01
 Andrew Proulx '01
 Jonathan Adriano, Charles
 Bush, Joseph Feierabend,
 Adam Henderson, Patrick
 Jakopchek, Jordan Jump, Kyle
 Martin, Patrick McMurray,
 Sean Mueller, Sean
 O'Donnell, Zachary Ramirez,
 Matthew Schwenke,
 Christopher Thorman, Brian
 Wilson

Advanced Placement Scholar

Missouri State Scholars

National Merit Commended Students

Blaine Barnard, Charles Bush,
 Adam Henderson, Patrick
 Jakopchek, Jordan Jump, Jeffrey
 Mincher, Kesler Pollard, John
 Smedile, Andrew Womack

National Merit Semi-Finalists & Finalists

Edward Keatley '01
 Eric Pashman '01
 Andrew Proulx '01
 Brian Schroeder '01
 Commended Students
 Stephan Jean-Francois '01
 Thomas Persley '01
 Program Scholar
 Scott Drummond '01

National Achievement Scholarship Program

National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program
 Honorable Mention Finalist

Awards in Recognition of Extraordinary Character

"R" Award

Class of 2004

Joseph Lindgren, Robert Murphy,
 Joseph Myers
 Scott Ferguson, Joseph LaScala,
 Michael McShane, John-Paul
 Nigro, Matthew Sweeney

Class of 2002

Durant Abernathy, James Burkart,
 Diego Bustamante, Patrick
 Coughlin, John-Mike D'Agostino,
 Paul Damon, Timothy Fitzpatrick,
 Matthew Ferguson, Alexander
 Gamble, Matthew Harris, Michael
 Illig, James Johnson, Gregory
 Laughlin, Christopher Lee, Jamie
 Lee, Daniel Martucci, Erik
 Netterfield, Stephen Reintjes,
 Scott Unger, Nick Weaver

Class of 2001

Daniel Asikainen, Blaine
 Barnard, Edward Bessenbacher,
 Christopher Clarkson, Philip
 Conway, Samuel Davidson, Peter
 Giangreco, Justin Goode, Sean
 Hackett, Daniel Heryer, Matthew
 Kopp, Jeffrey Kratofil, John
 Linhoff, Brendan Matthews, Paul
 McGannon, Michael McIntyre,
 Patrick McMurray, Ian
 Merrigan, Wade Muller, Michael
 Nigro, Sean O'Donnell, Joseph
 Price, Peter Schloegel, Zachary
 Schopper, William Stack, Ryan
 Swarts, Daniel Vianello,
 Christopher Winger, Edward
 Worth, Ryan Worth



Senior Sean Gratton receives his "R" award from Mr. David Laughlin, Rockhurst Principal.



Freshmen "R" Award Recipients (minus Joe Lindgren)

Sophomore "R" Award Recipients



Junior "R" Award Recipients



Senior "R" Award Recipients

Bridging The Gap

In the second year of its existence, the Bridging the Gap Concert Series has once again a success, as three events raised roughly \$30,000 and registered an attendance of over 2,000. That, and the gifts of generous underwriters, helped bridge the annual \$1,500 deficit between the tuition an average Rockhurst student pays and what it actually costs to educate him.

The series began in September with a new addition to the schedule, The Bridging the Gap Jazz Concert. The show featured St. Elizabeth School eighth grade piano prodigy Eldar Djangirov.

Since moving to Kansas City from his native Russia, Eldar has appeared on the 2000 Grammy Awards and *CBS This Morning*. The night of the concert, Craig Akin, David Basse, and the RHS Jazz Ensemble accompanied him.

The second and most attended concert of the three was the winter "Maye in December." Renowned singer Marilyn Maye joined the RHS Men's Choir in presenting a Christmas choral concert. Miss Maye's career has spanned almost five decades, appearing in performances at Starlight Theater, singing with numerous orchestras, and appearing on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson a record 76 times.

The highlight of her career may have been in having the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC, choose her recording of "Too Late Now," to be placed in its collection of the 112 best American compositions.

For the concert, Miss Maye wrote lyrics describing RHS sports, their coaches, and athletes. As she sang them, mem-

bers of the teams joined in full uniforms and equipment on stage.

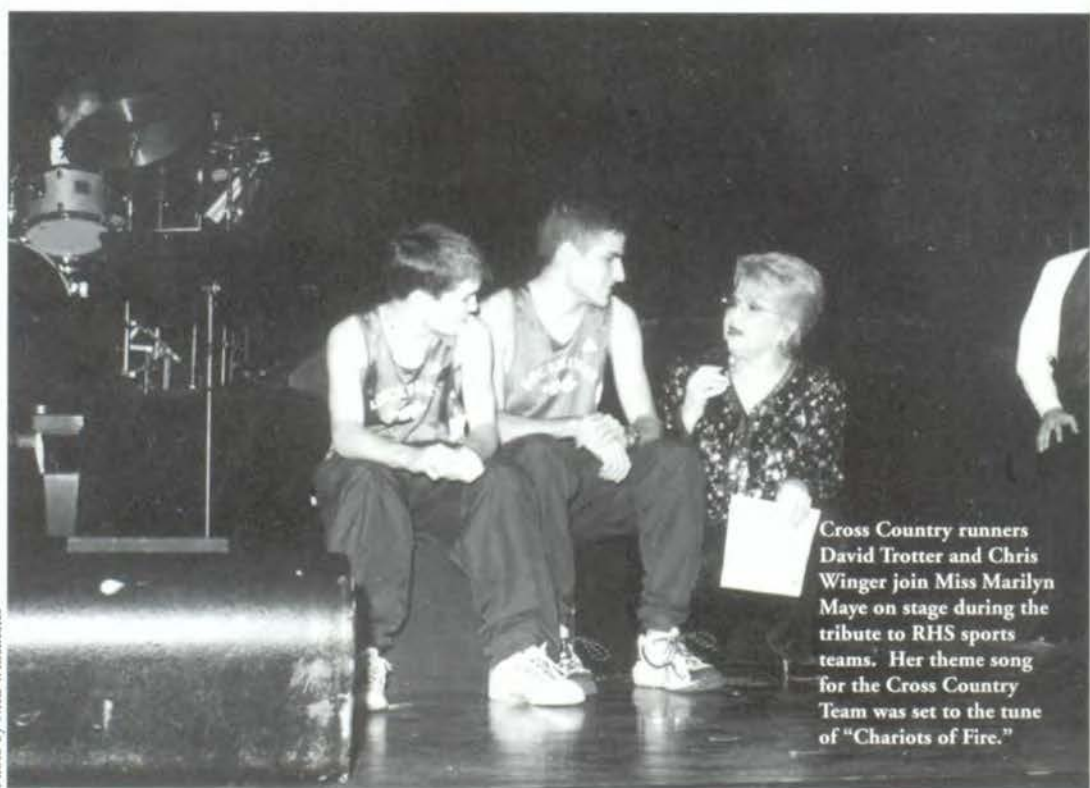
"Every part of the concerts where the students were a part of the show turned out to be the fan favorite," said Mrs. Judie Scanlon, RHS Special Activities Coordinator, who organized all three concerts.

The finale of the year was the "For the Love of the Irish..." concert in early March. Headlining the show was RHS Theology teacher Mr. John Morris and his singing partner, Ireland native Mr. Eddie Delahunt. Other performers included the RHS Orchestra, the O' Riada Irish Step Dancers, Irish storyteller Greg Duncan, '03, bagpiper Ms. Dorothy May, and leprechaun Brogeen Malarky.

Story by Matthew Harris



Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., joins juniors Eric Lowe and Kiel Tompkins in singing "We Three Kings" at the *Maye in December* concert.



Cross Country runners David Trotter and Chris Winger join Miss Marilyn Maye on stage during the tribute to RHS sports teams. Her theme song for the Cross Country Team was set to the tune of "Chariots of Fire."



Three-concert series entertains while raising needed funds for student tuition



Miss Marilyn Maye leads the Men's Choir through a medley of Christmas favorites. Piano prodigy Eldar Djangirov performs a complicated jazz piano solo at the fall concert. RHS Theology teacher Mr. John Morris entertains the crowd of over 500 with a selection of his favorite Irish songs.



Mr. John Henke, Mrs. Janet Stephenson, and Mr. Tom Emory applaud the music of the RHS Orchestra at the Irish Concert. Members of the O'Riada Irish Step Dancers perform one of several traditional jigs.

Photo by Ewan Mason



Photo by Jeff Mincher



Photo by Nick Winchester



The Eldar Djangirov Trio: Craig Akin, Eldar Djangirov, & David Basse performed at the first of three Bridging the Gap Concert Series in September.



Junior Joe Johnson plays the upright bass during the RHS Jazz Ensemble's portion of the fall concert. Senior Brian Dreis sang and danced to "Buckle Down Old Rockhurst," a song written by Miss Maye as a tribute to the success of the State Champion Football Team

Inset: A group of girls have a blast at the Homecoming Dance as they perform the Electric Slide. The Homecoming Queen Candidates stand outside RHS during their day at school. The girls visited Rockhurst several times throughout the week.



Homecoming Queen Candidates and their escorts are Sean Hughes, Kristen Goertz, Doug Croy, Annie Lewis, Peter Giangreco, Kayla King, Monica Ismert, Tim Euston, Brian Quarnstrom, and eventual Queen Alexis Parsons.



Photo by Matt Neeenan

John-Paul Nigro hangs lights in preparation for over a thousand guests at the dance later that evening. Sophomores cheer on their classmates during the faculty/student dodge ball game at the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Photo by Casey Booth

Fr. Mark Daves, S.J., offers the gifts at the Homecoming Mass.



Photo by Nick Solzburg

Paradise Island

Tropical theme sets tone for Homecoming Week

With the theme of "Paradise Island" and the long-time traditions, Homecoming Week was one to remember.

"The theme provided for many challenges, but after lots of hard work I thought the week overall was enjoyed by all," said Student Government Association President Blaine Barnard.

For the annual dance, the gym and the Barry Commons were transformed into a tropical setting with decorations of island mystique, including a color-changing fountain, steel drum band, and even a bridge to enter the paradise. The colorful announcements of island natives "The Haitian Sensation" and Doctor Taracido and "island treats" handed out to all students captured the spirit of the theme.

"We wanted to focus on putting the 'coming home' aspect back into Homecoming," said Mr. Michael Heringer, Vice-Principal for Student Affairs.

The week began with an assembly featuring Rockhurst graduates to do just that. Speakers Pat McInerney, Class of '82, Kenyon Rasheed, Class of '88, and John O'Herron, Class of '95 addressed the entire student body. Each talked of his love for Rockhurst and the way his high school experiences are helping him today.

"The assembly provided a great chance for students to see what tradition RHS really has," said Barnard.

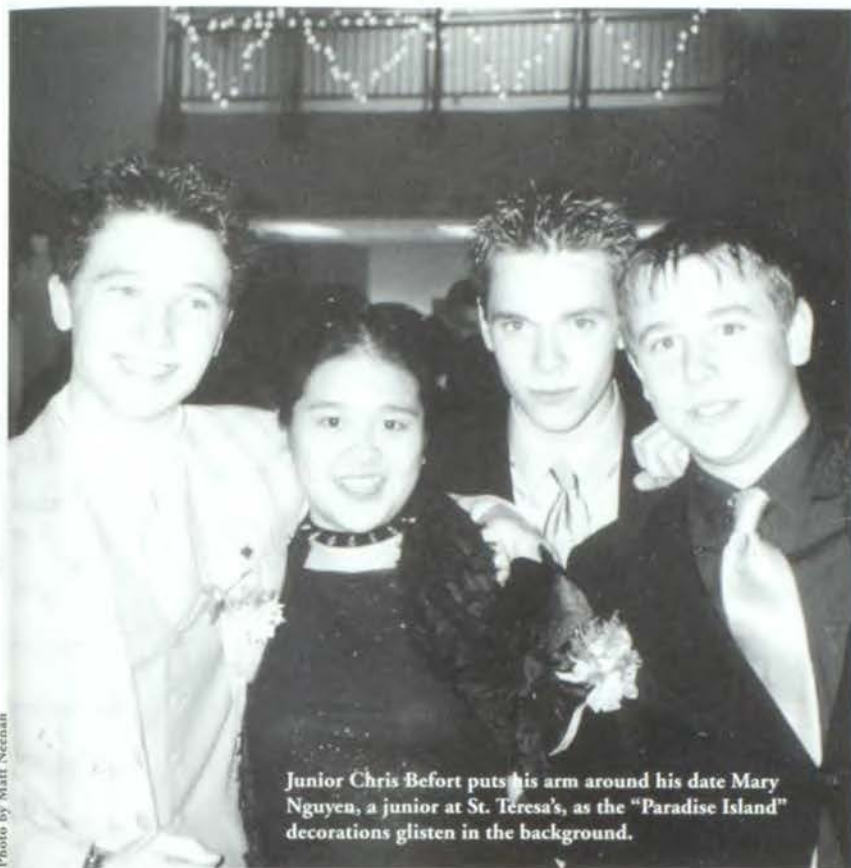
The Homecoming pep rally boosted the football team to an exciting 24-8 win over the reigning Kansas State Champion Garden City team boosting the Hawklets record to 6-0.

At the Homecoming 2000 "Paradise Island" dance, Alexis Parsons of Notre Dame de Sion, escorted by Brian Quarnstrom, was crowned queen of the event. Other Queen candidates were Kristin Goertz of St. Teresa's Academy, escorted by Sean Hughes; Monica Ismert of Notre Dame de Sion, escorted by Tim Euston; Kayla King also of Notre Dame de Sion, escorted by Peter Giangreco; and Annie Lewis of St. Teresa's Academy, escorted by Doug Croy.

Queen candidates and escorts had lunch in the McGee Hall following the traditional Homecoming Mass.

"Homecoming was well planned by the right people," said Mr. Heringer. "Nothing could have gone better. We had the right people in the right places."

"Overall, Homecoming 2000 was a definite success," said Barnard. Story by Matt Neenan



Junior Chris Befort puts his arm around his date Mary Nguyen, a junior at St. Teresa's, as the "Paradise Island" decorations glisten in the background.



Sophomore David Tichen finishes off his last popsicle during the pep rally. He had to eat an entire box in only 45 minutes. Senior Scott Edmonds takes a slow dance with his date at his last Homecoming. Mr. Jim DeGraw is introduced at the pep rally as a competitor in the dodge ball game.



Photo by Justin Amberson



Photo by Tim Reardon

The Hawklets get their adrenaline up before the Homecoming Game against Garden City. Insets, from left: Dr. Dennis Nigro, Class of '65, discusses the services he donates to help people live normal lives through plastic surgery. Mr. Kenyon Rasheed, Class of '88, describes the way his Rockhurst education continues to help him in his life. Rockhurst students and their dates pack the gym at the Homecoming Dance. The dance was attended by nearly 1300 people.



Freshman Collin Schaible and Maggie Triano of St. Teresa's Academy succumb to the excitement of Rockhurst's "Paradise Island."



Freshmen Martin Schneider, Collin Schaible, Pat Befort, Nick Befort, R.J. Abella, Adam Kovac, Jonathan Vigliaturo, Mike O'Brien, Jeff Owsley, Michael Wiggins, and C.J. Cornwell prepare for their first Homecoming as Hawklets. Mr. Kevin Miller, Mrs. Cathy Geisel, Mrs. Laurie Prater, Mr. Bill Munninghoff, Mrs. Jennifer Olson, Mr. Bill Murphy, Ms. Peggy Mulvihill, Mr. Paul Winkler, and Mr. Chris Lawson participated in the festivities of homecoming with their Hawaiian shirts and leis.





Alums return to challenge and inspire Hawklets



Senior Pat Kowalski and his date shimmy and shake on the dance floor. Top: Mr. Pete Campbell winds up for a killer pelt in the faculty/student dodgeball game as Mr. Mike Dierks begs to be rescued back into play. Center: Doug Croy and his Homecoming date and Queen Candidate Annie Lewis enjoy a lunch with the other royal couples.

The crowd goes wild on the dance floor as the night flies by. Homecoming candidates, escorted by their fathers, take their place on the football field at halftime during the homecoming game against Garden City.

During the Heritage Festival held in November, mothers give their time to serve food in the Italian booth. Philipino dancers show their proud heritage in a display of their culture.



Photo by Noah Ballard



Photo by Matt Cavlovich

Mothers serve a smorgasbord of sausages and sour kraut in the German section of the Heritage Festival. Mothers in the French booth pose in the cafeteria.



Photo by Matt Cavlovich

Festival celebrates Heritage

A day celebrating different cultural backgrounds with festivities, fun, and diversity is the best way to describe Rockhurst's 11th Annual Heritage Festival held in early November.

Visitors were treated to 10 different tables of food, each representing a different culture, including Italian, Croatian, African-American, German, Irish, Hispanic, Asian/Islands, French, Greek, and the Middle East. A new addition this year where The Barry Student Commons was filled with arts and crafts from all over the world.

"I really enjoyed the food, and I thought it was really interesting seeing all the different customs of the different cultures," said Logan McCoy.

Entertainment included Clana Cireme-an Irish dance group, the Rockhurst Jazz Band, Sinag-Tala Dance Group-a group of Philipino dancers, and St. Monica's Inspirational Choir. Visitors to the festival were able to explore many new and exciting elements of cultures they may have known little about before.

"We tried to get a good representation of the minority cultures in our school with the Philipino and Irish Dancers, along with the African-American choir of St. Monica's," said Mrs. Chely Scarbrough, one of the Committee Chairpersons for the event.

The Special Events Coordinator was Mrs. Judie Scanlon. The other 2000 Heritage Committee Chairpersons were Mrs. Linda Marshall, Ms. Jackie Solsburg, and Mrs. Renee Gustafson. Contributing to the preparation, setup, and clean up were the Mother's Club, the Father's Club, students, and the maintenance crew.

"It is one of my favorite events of the year," said Mrs. Scanlon. "It brings together people from many different ethnicities. It is exciting to see everyone proud of their heritage and interested in the heritage of others."

Story by Matt Cavlovich



Photo by Noah Ballard



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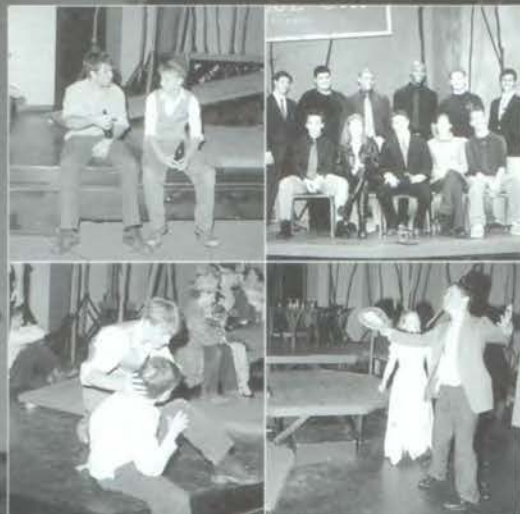
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Top: The director of the St. Monica's Inspirational Choir thanks the crowd. Above: Volunteer mothers prepare for the African American serving of ethnic treats. Above Right: Italian mothers wait to help guests who approach their table of pasta. Attendees enjoy wide range of ethnic foods that cover all walks of life.

"Old" Jed Rowen (Matt Schwenke) makes an attack on the Talbert family. Andrew Talbert Winston (Matt Laird) shouts at coal miners Tom Schario, Tim Bridgham, and Joe Grimaldi to dig faster after a cave-in. Insets, from top right: Members of the production staff. JT Wells (Pat Coughlin) comes clean to young Mary Ann Rowen (Liz Woolery) about the coal company. Coal strikers wait together through the night. Tommy Jackson (Tom Schario) and Abe Steinman (Jamie Poskin) discuss work at the coal mine.



The Cast of *The Kentucky Cycle*. "Young" Jed Rowen (Jamie Poskin) mourns the death of Randall Talbert (Derek Cook) while Julia Ann Talbert (Emily Fuchs) names the men who killed her family.



Sam (Matt Laird) and Michael Rowen (Ian Merrigan) plead for their lives from angry Cherokees Travis Levitt, Bobby Bridges, and Scott Drummond. Far right: Patrick Rowen (Pat Coughlin) and Rebecca Talbert (Ruth Russell) dream about their future lives together.



Six-hour epic drama covering 200 years unfolds over two evenings in the Rose Theater

The Rose Theater at Rockhurst High School was transformed into a corner of Appalachia for the performances of *The Kentucky Cycle*, where the saga of three eastern Kentucky families unfolded over the course of two nights.

The drama is unique in that it is composed of nine short plays running almost six hours. It was divided into two parts, the first consisting of the first five plays and performed on a Wednesday and a Friday, and the second consisting of the last four plays and performed on a Thursday and a Saturday including a Sunday dinner theater performance.

For director Mr. Rodger Cilley, this was perhaps the highlight of the entire show when it was run in its entirety from two o'clock until eleven with a break in the middle for dinner.

"It was one of the most satisfying, thrilling experiences I've ever had as a director, and it was an amazing experience for all," Mr. Cilley said.

The length of the show posed difficulties for the actors because they had to do twice as much work in the same amount of time as a regular show.

For junior Patrick Coughlin the difficulty laid in the extra lines and the physical drain rehearsal put on him.

"It definitely made it more difficult because there were more lines to memorize, and rehearsals were much more physically draining," he said.

"The hardest parts were the long hours of rehearsal and the late nights," said sophomore Jacob Kruger.

But, as senior Ian Merrigan pointed out, "Everyone was more than willing to buckle down and work for it. There was always at least two practices going on at a time, and everyone was working to make the show great."

Even Mr. Cilley had to make extra efforts.

"I had to learn how to direct differently, making corrections on the fly and really directing from the seat of my pants," he said.

The drama follows the interactions of the Rowen, Talbert, and Biggs families and their dealings with each other on a particular piece of land, from 1775 through 1975.

It starts with a greedy killer named Michael

Rowen (Merrigan) who purchases land from a group of Cherokee Indians and then kills them by trading pox-infested blankets to them. Rowen kidnaps a Cherokee wife, Morning Star (Lauren Schwartze, Notre Dame de Sion) and begins his family with a son, Patrick (Coughlin).

The story follows the rise and fall of the Rowens, the introduction of the Biggs through the slavery of Sallie Mosbey (Bryonha Parham, Sion) to Michael Rowen, and the vengeance of the Talberts through Jeremiah (sophomore Johnny Francoviglia) for the murder of his father by Patrick Rowen, and the eventual fall and return of the Talberts.

"It is a cycle of violence and death over the generations of three families," Mr. Cilley said.

The cycle terminates at the end of the story with the great-great grandson of Michael Rowen, Joshua (Merrigan), who ultimately learns the lessons the show aims to teach the audience and attempts to end the cycle together with Franklin Biggs (junior Devin Carr) and James Talbert Winston (senior Matthew Schwenke).

Mr. Cilley said that the play tried to show people that human lives, no matter how long or short, make a difference somewhere. That difference can be positive or negative, it is completely up to people individually to decide, and people need to live up to this responsibility to each other and the earth by working together peacefully.

Mr. Cilley chose the play for what people would take away from it. This story excited him and moved him, because he felt it was extraordinarily well written, and seemed challenging and full of opportunities for the actors. As he does with every show, Mr. Cilley questioned its integrity and whether it fit with the mission of the school and decided it did. And after his experience last spring with *Children of Eden*, Mr. Cilley had the courage to be assured he could do this show. In the end, it really paid off for him.

"I will remember this piece personally as one of the greatest artistic achievements we've ever done at Rockhurst," he said.

Story by Alex Gamble



Assistant Director Ian Merrigan works through the script for *Good Person of Setzuan*. Far right: Mr. Shui Ta (Annmarie Vilkens) confronts family members Sidney Lowrey, Jacob Kruger, Matt Schwenke, and Elizabeth Braud about their squatting.



Annmarie Vilkens, Heather Moffit, Matt Schwenke, Matt Laird, Sidney Lowrey, Courtney O'Neill, and Chris Walkenhorst perform the opening kata. Shen Ti (Annmarie Vilkens) argues with the carpenter (Duo Yang) while family members Elizabeth Braud, Chris Walkenhorst, and Matt Schwenke look on with interest.



Greg Laughlin and Amy Hamilton practice for their *Good Person* audition.



Players examine results of choices, and existence of good and evil in all



Winter saw the performance of *Cabaret* in the Black Box, but on the main stage Mr. Bill Murphy was directing Bertolt Brecht's *The Good Person of Setzuan*. The show, which ran four days, was cast with relatively inexperienced actors, but for senior lead Travis Levitt that was one of the highlights.

"Getting a bunch of new people involved and watching the show develop and helping develop it first hand, in a lead role, was really exciting for me," said Levitt.

But the inexperience of the cast did not cause many serious problems for the show or for Mr. Murphy.

"I just did a lot of teaching and didn't get as far in terms of polishing the presentation, but we made up for that by making sure we communicated clearly the intent of the scene and the show," he said.

The inexperienced cast did well presenting the weighty themes in *Good Person*. For Mr. Murphy the object of the play was to get across to the audience the idea that all share in the human experience of making choices and that those choices not only affect us, but also the people around us. Levitt, who played a lead character named Wong, saw the themes in terms of questions with which audience should walk away.

"I think the major themes of the show were 'who is good?' and 'what is goodness?'" he said.

The story opens with Wong, a water seller in Setzuan, and his interaction with some gods who are searching to see if the world still has good people in it. They find their good person in Shen Ti (Annmarie Vilkens, Sion), and the story takes off

from there. As the story twists and turns, Shen Ti struggles with her want to do good and her need to keep her head above water, while all the while the gods (sophomores Jacob Kruger and Jimmy Utley, senior Matt Schwenke, junior Matt Laird, Elizabeth Braud, Sion, and Hillary Hoover, Shawnee Mission East) press her to continue being a good person.

In the end, Shen Ti discovers that it is very difficult to be a good person to everyone at all times, and that she must make hard choices every day about how she will live her life.

To help work with the inexperienced cast and communicate the difficult themes, Mr. Murphy had student assistant directors in seniors Ryan McIntosh and Ian Merrigan. Merrigan approached Mr. Murphy and asked to help direct, and his assistance turned out to be a hidden blessing, according to Mr. Murphy.

"Ian showed a real zeal and knack for coaching the actors," he said. "And he was able to spend a lot of individual time with the young actors that they needed but that I did not have time to give."

And for his part, not only was McIntosh instrumental in the development of the play and the martial arts choreography involved, he was actually an inspiration for the choice of the play.

"I was already thinking about doing some Brecht, and I was really into the eclectic minimalist style," said Mr. Murphy. "I just thought Ryan's art would work very well in the backdrop of such a minimalist set."

Story by Alex Gamble

The Good Person of



SETZUAN

Fred Graham (Tom Schario) discusses the greatness of their upcoming performances with Paul (Roy Lightner), Hattie (Bryonha Parham) pals up with Nick Solsburg during "Another Op'nin', Another Show."



Paul (Roy Lightner) leads the featured dancers in "Too Darn Hot." The ensemble glows with joy as they conclude the grand finale, "Kiss Me Kate."



KISS ME KATE CONSIDERED 'MOST COMPLETE' RHS PRODUCTION IN HISTORY



The hilarious while vaguely threatening Men (Joe Hager and Ian Merrigan) perform "Brush up Your Shakespeare." Insets, clockwise from top right: Petruchio (Tom Schario) sweeps Katherine (Mallory Hawks) off of her feet in *Taming of the Shrew*. Hattie (Bryonha Parham) and the ensemble perform "Another Op'nin', Another Show." Bill (Johnny Francoviglia) and the Women perform "Bianca." Bianca (Laurie Gardner) performs "Tom, Dick, or Harry" with Lucentio (Francoviglia), Hortensio (Vince Wagner), and Gremio (Roy Lightner).

The Rockhurst Theater Department chose *Kiss Me Kate* for its annual spring musical because of its familiarity. Being a well-known Broadway play, it was the direct opposite of the lesser-known *Children of Eden* performed last spring, a change Mr. Rodger Cilley, director, intended.

"We wanted a play that would attract a large audience," stated Mr. Cilley. "With the great singing and dancing, it was sure to be a success."

Kiss Me Kate is the story of two former lovers, played by senior Thomas Schario and Mallory Hawks, a senior at Notre Dame de Sion, who are reunited as the lead actors in the play *The Taming of the Shrew*. There they encounter such characters as Bill Calhoun and Lois Lane (sophomore Johnny Francoviglia and Sion senior Laurie Gardner), an unstable couple, as well as two comical gangsters (senior Ian Merrigan and sophomore Joe Hager).

For seniors such as Schario and Merrigan, *Kiss Me Kate* was their final RHS performance.

"I felt it was a great way to cap off my four years in the theater department," said Schario. "I had a blast."

Auditions were held in January for the 58-member cast, some of whom had never participated in a Rockhurst play. They were joined by 19 orchestra and approximately 20 tech crew members who all dedicated three hours for practice every day after school, to be expected for such an intricate performance.

Mr. Bill Murphy supervised the construction of the set as well as the technical aspect of the theater. Mr. Mike Kern conducted the orchestra, Mr. Scott Farthing helped with vocals, and Mrs. Ann McCroskey served as choreographer.

Mr. Cilley had high praises for the efforts of the performers.

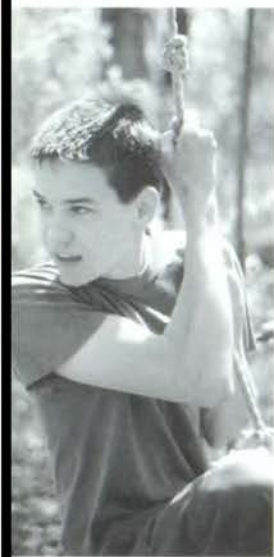
"The level of difficulty was much more than I anticipated. Because of the dance and technical requirements, it was an extraordinary piece of theater," he said. "I believe it was the most complete play we have ever offered."

Story by Nick Herold



Petruchio (Schario) finally tames his shrew (Hawks). Fred Graham (Schario) lectures Lois Lane (Laurie Gardner) on her tardiness while Lilli Vanessi (Hawks) looks on viciously. Far left: Bianca (Gardner) rejoices in being fast at the end of "Tom, Dick, or Harry" with Vince Wagner, Roy Lightner, and Johnny Francoviglia.

Sophomore retreatants at Adventure Woods trek on the beaten path to their next team-building obstacle. Inset: Juniors brave the cold after lunch at Conception Abbey for a group photo. Matt Nocita swings through the tire obstacle at Adventure Woods.



Juniors Adam Blinzler, Steve Clark, Scott Unger, Pete Jokish, Mike Huber, Kiel Tompkins, and George Robinson receive the tour of Conception Abbey from a monk.



Blindfolded sophomores Duo Yang and Brennan Metzler lead their optically impaired group through an Adventure Woods obstacle



Retreat!

An integral part of the Rockhurst experience are the annual retreats, designed to provide the individual classes with meaningful opportunities for growth.

"The goal of the Rockhurst retreat program," according to Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., Pastoral Director "is three-fold, to learn about yourself, classmates, and God."

The freshman experience, organized by Mr. Corey Quinn, includes spending a day at RHS with senior leaders where, in collaboration with the faculty, they hopefully gain not only a better grip on where they are with God, but a new view of the school and what it stands for.

"Understanding the inner workings of RHS is key to success and learning from seniors is one of the best ways to gain that knowledge," senior Andrew Mallow said.

Sophomores have a more physical retreat at Adventure Woods where they work together as a group to get to know and trust each other.

About 10 sophomores were placed under the control of a group leader, who took them around the woods and helped them complete each activity confidently as a team.

"I enjoyed working with friends as well as some sophomores who I did not know that well," John-Paul Nigro said.

Juniors go on arguably one of the most acclaimed retreats, as they journey to either Conception Abbey or Savior Pastoral Center. There they spend time on self examination while also getting to know the members of their class in the small groups.

"After coming home from the retreat I realized that I had strengthened relationships with old friends, while learning new things about people I had known for years," Brad Martin said. Along with small group meetings, and self examination, juniors experienced reconciliation and mass on the final night.

Seniors have an optional retreat, the auspicious Kairos, which completes the Rockhurst retreat experience. Kairos is the perfect way to end the RHS retreats, because it further strengthens the bonds between students, and creates an un-touchable relationship among those who go on the retreat.

"Junior retreat is like going to the concert, whereas Kairos is being in the band," Mr. Tom Norman said.

Story by David Paul

Each year provides unique and progressively more intense opportunity for self examination



Salvatore Marsalla takes an uncertain look at his group while deciding to take his "trust fall." Top of page: Alex Singleton strains as he pulls Elliott Jaros up the sheer face of the 12 foot wall.



Sophomores unite after a long day of overcoming obstacles as a team and coming closer to their classmates.

Chris Hapka leads the procession to the stage during the Senior Commissioning Mass. Ryan Watson gives his kids a hug during snack time at his project.



Adam Balantine steals the best seat on the carpet during reading time. Thomas Persley shares a good book with his diminutive charges.



Service gives seniors practical experience of Jesuit philosophy

In the 29th year of the Senior Service Program, seniors at RHS had an opportunity to put the Rockhurst ideal of "Men for Others" into action. Started by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., in 1972, the program has served over 100 agencies and compiled more than 490,000 service hours.

Headed by Mr. Frank Griffin and Mr. William Munninghoff, the program allows seniors to spend three weeks following Christmas break working in the community.

"It's a way for the students not only *say* they are men for others but *be* men for others," said Mr. Munninghoff.

The 209 seniors worked at over 70 agencies and totaled almost 1900 hours of service. Seniors were given a large list of agencies to choose from, but, with approval, could go out and set up the program at their own agency.

The seniors valued the program in different ways, but each took something special from it.

"My time at W.C. Bryant really opened up my eyes to how lucky I am. Seeing the things kids deal with made me understand that I can't take what I have for granted," said Corbin Keech who tutored third graders.

In the program, the seniors aided many different people. Their time spent working outside the RHS community allowed them to work for those who would most benefit.

"Our seniors made a difference at their service agency, whether they were helping the elderly, the severely handicapped, or kids with learning disabilities," said Mr. Griffin.

Mitch Kelly served the St. James Parish by working at food pantries and thriftstores throughout the area.

"Senior Service projects was a rewarding experience. You only get out of it what you put in," said Kelly.

The experiences of the Senior Service Projects have given promise to the future of RHS students giving back to the community.

"They learn something about themselves--patience, compassion, humility, and the value to appreciate what they have," said Mr. Griffin. Story by Peter Giangreco



Jarrett Devereaux assists his students during their creative writing time. Top: Dan Vianello helps a student to better understand the correct evaluation of mathematical or algebraic sentences.



Sean McLaughlin flashes through the math fundamentals with his eager students. Middle of page: Matt Kopp enjoys a good game of Math Blasters with his sharply dressed friend.

Mr. J.W. DeCamp watches with great interest as Mr. Artie Vielhauer deprives Mr. Thomas Norman of his infamous beard during the Mission Week Pep Rally. Far right: Juniors excitedly roll the impressive die during the giant Trivial Pursuit game at the pep rally. The familiar Battle of the Bands banner hangs proudly in the Barry Commons throughout the week.



Mr. Thomas Norman, freshly shaven, discusses the details of chaperones for the Battle of the Bands with juniors Michael Lancey and Matthew Harris. Brian Quarnstrom and Sean McClusky compete in the final round of "strong man" arm wrestling at the Mission Week Pep Rally as Mr. Matt Nolen announces the action to the excited crowd of students.



Mission: Possible

More than \$30,000 raised for
needy with variety of events



Through the hard work of the Student Government Association and the generosity of the Rockhurst students and faculty, Mission Week 2001 was considered by all to be a great success. Over \$30,000 was raised for the Red Cloud Indian Mission in Pine Ridge, SD, and the Jesuit Mission in Honduras.

"Every year more and more students get involved," said Mr. Mike Heringer, SGA moderator. "The students worked hard to make Mission Week a success."

There were many different events throughout the week to raise money including the Mission Madness board game, Casino Night, Battle of the Bands, the sale of dress down buttons and raffle tickets, and the hunger lunch which consisted of only rice, beans, and water. In addition, Father Kevin Schneider, S.J., came and spoke about the people of the Red Cloud Indian Mission to help give students a greater understanding of the people who are in need of help.

"We are trying to put a greater emphasis on the education component of Mission Week," remarked Mr. Heringer. "We want to create a greater awareness of those in need."

The Freshman class raised the most money with \$43.95 per person, followed by the Seniors with \$23.59 per person. The Sophomores came next with \$21.94 per person, and the Junior class added \$20.63 each.

Mission Week, however, is not just about how much money is raised.

"We never set a monetary goal or judge the success of Mission Week by just how much money is raised," commented Mr. Heringer. "There are four objectives to a successful Mission Week: it should be an act of faith, it should raise awareness, it should be fun, and it should raise funds for those less-fortunate than we are."

Story by Brandon Hill

Baring all for the crowd, junior Pat Kies stuffs as much Amigos into his mouth as humanly possible in an effort to defeat his hungry opponents in the burrito eating contest at the Mission Week Pep Rally. Excited students crowd around Dr. Fred Campisano's craps table to place their bets during Casino Night.



Junior Tim Reidy ponders his next bet at the roulette table at Casino Night. Juniors cheer on their team during the doughnut eating contest at the Trivial Pursuit game. Fr. Kevin Schneider, S.J., from the Red Cloud, from the Mission Week Mass. He came to RHS to tell students about the Lacota people and his school in South Dakota.



Insets, clockwise from top right: Senior Chris Anton, Freshman Tricy Simmons, and junior Pat Kies begin wolfing down burritos in the first eating contest heat. Sophomore Dan Boyd chomps into his penultimate doughnut in the second eating competition. Anton and Simmons race through their last burritos to victory. Junior Tony Griddine stuffs his last doughnut into his mouth as he chews his way into first place.



Mrs. Jennifer Olson and Mr. Daniel Gerth count money for the freshman as one such freshman, Kyle Mays, makes a donation for his team. Mr. Mike Sullivan smiles modestly as juniors Joe Huffman and Eric Vossman rejoice with John O'Connor for his huge winning streak at the blackjack table. Mr. Pete Campbell takes an easy layup during warm-ups for the faculty-student basketball game, which he and the other teachers would go on to win.



BATTLE ROYAL



Tim Franzke, Jon Carr, Elliot Dunn, and Lindsey Miller of the Sloppy Popsicles.

Popular contest showcases talent and generosity as focal point of Mission Week

The 14th Annual Carlito's Battle of the Bands capped off Mission Week, grossing more than \$5000 for the missions.

"All battles are unique, yet spectacular," said Mr. Tom Norman, long time event sponsor.

The bands were diverse, playing styles as varied as funk/jazz fusion, progressive groove rock, Christian rock, easy listening, "stank rock", ska/punk, and punk rock.

Starting off the action, though, was Johnny Mac and the Acid Flashbacks, featuring teacher Mr. John McEniry, who played a variety of styles of music. This has become a tradition at each Battle.

One of bands, The Controlled, showcased their aggressive brand of punk rock, while, in comparison, the rest of the bands were somewhat laid back, according to many in attendance. They played a style of punk rock not seen at a Battle for quite some time.

"It was exciting because that was the biggest audience we'd ever played for," said sophomore Ben Summers, frontman for The Controlled. "Most of the kids weren't familiar with our music."

Rounding it out were the Evan Dease Band, Fuse, Commissioned to Truth, led by senior Mike McIntyre, the Biff Squad, the Sloppy Popsicles, and Soma.

The Sloppy Popsicles, fronted by Junior Richie Restivo, were another band unique to the Battle, playing their interesting mix of punk rock and ska.

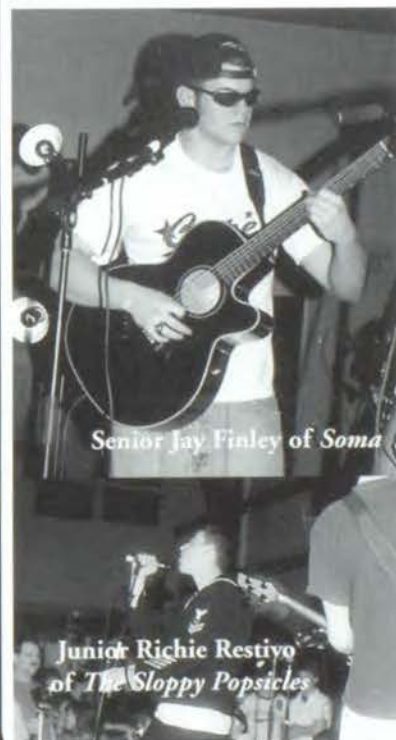
A new addition to the event was an Amnesty International display promoting the club along with social justice issues such as sweatshop labor and the death penalty.

"Playing in the Battle was a lot of fun and it was great to see so many people having a blast," said Doug Croy of the Biff Squad. "All the work that Mr. Norman and Jamie Burkart did made it just that much better."

Of the bands, the Evan Dease Band took first place, the Sloppy Popsicles won second, and Fuse took third.

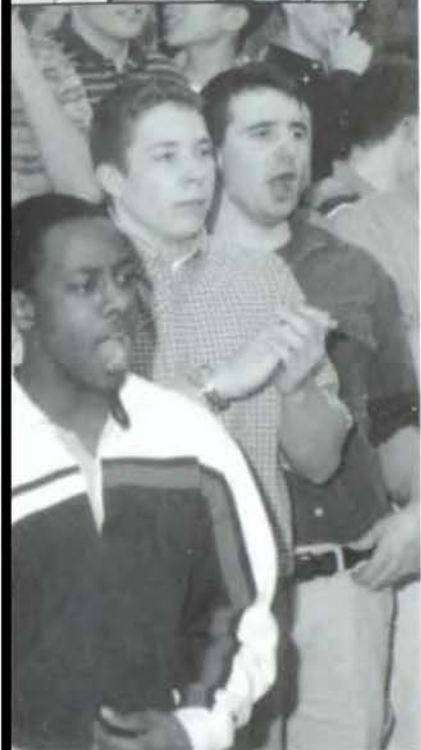
"I thought it was a great time," said senior Mitch Paone, who won best keyboard in the Evan Dease Band. "I was in a lot of pain with a broken back and wrist, but other than that it was pure enjoyment."

The other awards given out included best vocals to Andrew Zender of Soma; best drummer, Alex Smith, also of Soma; best guitar, John Mitchell of Fuse; best bassist, Joe Johnson of Evan Dease, and best horn section, the Sloppy Popsicles. Story by Matt Cavlovich



Senior Jay Finley of Soma

Junior Richie Restivo of The Sloppy Popsicles



FINAL VOWS



Ms. Annie Otto married Mr. Matt Riggs on June 16. Fr. Frank Reale, S.J., Provincial for the Missouri Province, gives communion to Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., during the ceremony where he professed his final vows as a Jesuit priest. Far right: Ms. Amanda Pierce and Mr. Corey Quinn were married on August 11.



Final vows are taken when an individual wants to show a commitment to God, the Church, and to the people he loves. Five members of the Rockhurst family took their final vows during the 2000-2001 school year. Father Mark Daues, S.J., Mr. Corey Quinn, Ms. Amanda Pierce, Mr. Matt Nolen, and Ms. Anne Otto took the final steps of a life-long commitment.

Fr. Daues professed his sacred vows in November, committing his life permanently to the Society of Jesus and to his faith in Catholicism. As with every other member of the Jesuits, Fr. Daues vowed to live a life of poverty, chastity and obedience, never seeking to be honored or held above others.

"It's the complete and total commitment to myself, to the Society of Jesus, and to the priesthood," Fr. Daues said. "It also shows the commitment the Jesuit community has given to me as well."

The process to become a Jesuit is a long and arduous ordeal according to Fr. Daues who first realized he wanted to live this way when he was a junior at the University of Missouri at Rolla. In his fourth year at RHS, Fr. Daues is still doing what he loves, teaching math.

Mr. Corey Quinn and Ms. Amanda Pierce pledged their love for each other on August 11, in front of their family and friends at St. Peter's Church in Kansas City.

"The covenant is of the utmost importance, to declare our love to each other in front of God and our church," Mr. Quinn said.

Both are in their third year at Rockhurst, Ms. Pierce as the Assistant Admissions Director, while Mr. Quinn teaches Freshman Theology.

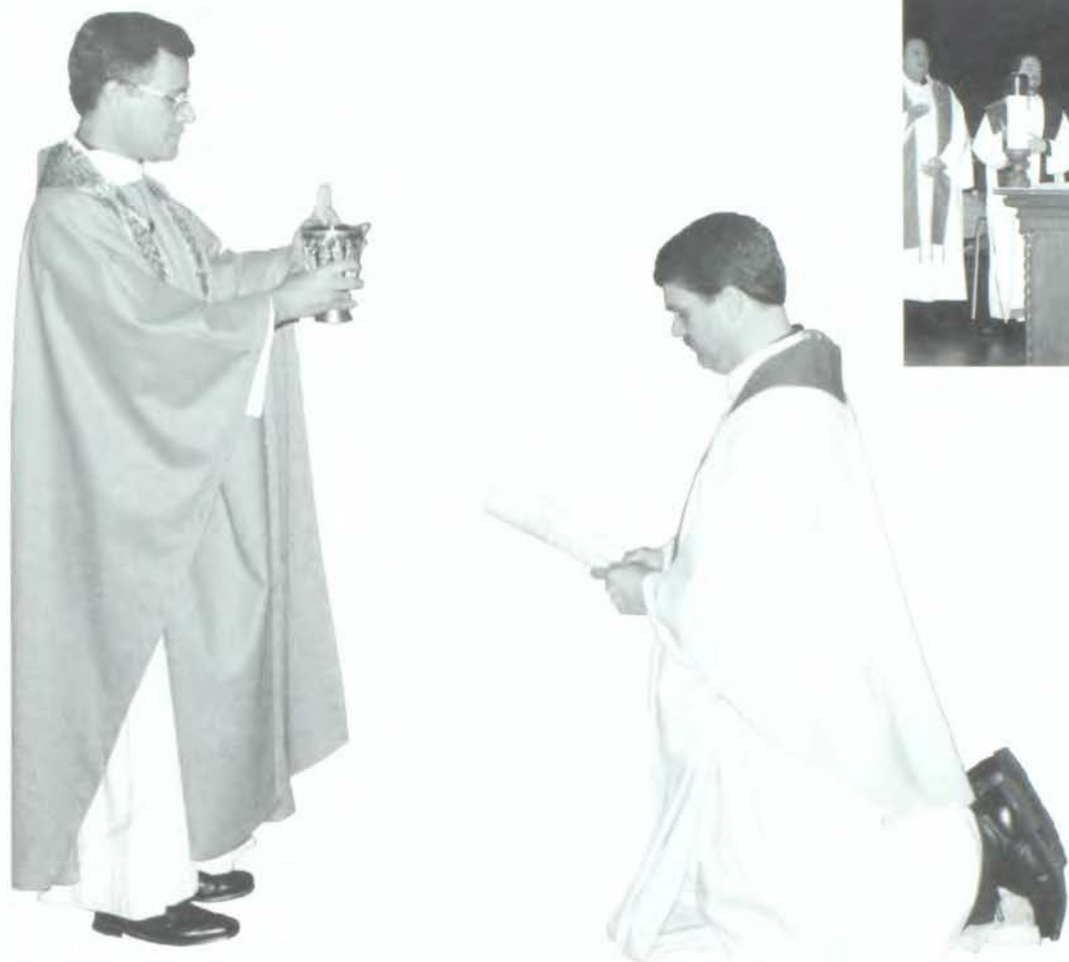
The couple met at RHS during the summer of 1998 and became engaged in August of 2000.

"Everything fell into place," Ms. Pierce said. "I've always felt comfortable with him and we've been able to share a connection."

Mr. Nolen professed his vows of marriage with Ms. Jodie Kisner June 2 at Redemptorist Church in Kansas City.

"It shows the commitment of love with the person you





Fr. Frank Reale, S.J., Provincial of the Missouri Jesuit Province, and former RHS teacher, celebrates the Mass at Fr. Mark Daues' Final Vows Ceremony.

want to spend the rest of your life with," Mr. Nolen said.

The new Mrs. Nolen works at the American Academy of Family Physicians, while Mr. Nolen is in his second year as a physical education teacher. Ms. Kisner is the sister of Ryan Kisner, a 2000 graduate of RHS.

Ms. Annie Otto and Mr. Matt Riggs shared their final vows on June 16 and received the sacrament of marriage at St. Francis Xavier Church.

"My family was and still is supportive of what I do," the new Mrs. Riggs said. "I want to have the same kind of environment and be able to share my life with someone I love."

Mrs. Riggs has been a Spanish and English teacher at RHS for four years while Mr. Riggs is an environmentalist for a corporation called MARC. He's also a musician and plays in several area bands. The two met at Rock 'n Bowl in 1998 and became engaged in May of 2000.

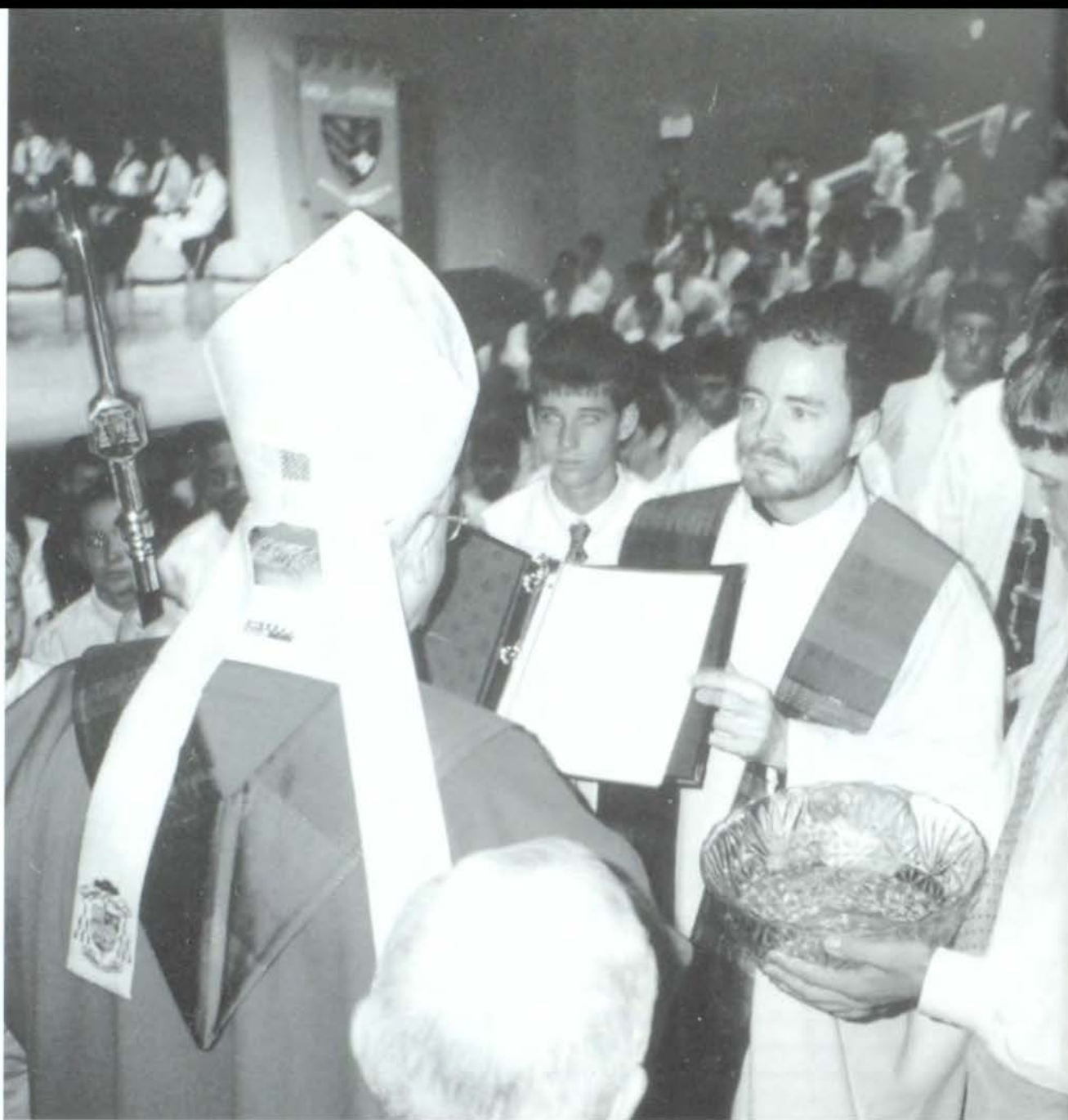
Mr. Riggs visited RHS in 2000 while combining his love for the earth and his love for music, portraying "Green Elvis" and helping kick off Recycling Week.

Story by Joseph Sanders



Fr. Daues' family looks on, teary-eyed, as he takes his final vows as a Jesuit.

Archbishop James Kelleher, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City, KS, blesses the holy water to be sprinkled on the RHS congregation at the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Mark Daves, S.J., applies a cross of ash from burned palms.



Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., Fr. Kevin Schnieder, S.J., and Fr. Mark Daves, S.J., concelebrated the Mission Week Mass. Archbishop James Kelleher distributes communion at the Mass of the Holy Spirit.



Worship



“
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—Fr. Gary Menard,
S.J., Director of
Pastoral Ministry

From the Mass of the Holy Spirit during the first full week of school, to the Baccalaureate Mass at Graduation, liturgies were an integral part of the Rockhurst experience.

Celebrated by Archbishop James Patrick Kelleher, of Kansas City, KS, the Mass of the Holy Spirit is traditionally held at the beginning of the school year by all Jesuit schools in the world.

“It was a special Mass to bless the school year and start it in the right state of mind,” commented Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., RHS Director of Pastoral Ministry.

As there was a Mass to mark the beginning of the school year, there was a liturgy to celebrate the final vows of Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., as he renewed his commitment to the Society of Jesus and became a fully incorporated Jesuit. Fr. Frank Reale, S.J., Provincial for the Jesuits of the Missouri Province and former Rockhurst teacher, presided at the Mass where Fr. Daues pronounced the four solemn vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and special obedience to the Pope for missions, a vow taken only by Jesuits.

In April, the Liturgy and Worship class organized the Holy Thursday prayer service under the direction of Mr. Tom Norman and Mr. Mike Kern. The Liturgy and Worship class found experiences that students at RHS would face that could be compared to the events during the Stations of the Cross, helping students to relate to Jesus' death and resurrection.

“We try to make Masses more relevant to the students,” said Mr. Norman.

The Liturgy and Worship class also organized the Baccalaureate Mass at graduation, which had three concelebrants Fr. Thomas A. Pesci, S.J., RHS President, Fr. Daues, and Fr. Menard. This Mass, held in the Municipal Auditorium, had over 1,500 people in attendance with the men's chorus and the orchestra providing music.

The Rockhurst community prays together frequently, not just at special events. Throughout the year Fr. Menard organized class Masses almost every Friday.

“We can't really plan Masses; we can only prepare for them,” stated Fr. Menard. “It is up to God whether the students will have a valuable spiritual experience.” Story by Jamie Burkart



Mr. Rich Sullivan, Mr. John Morris, Dr. Fred Campisano, and Mr. Jim Bascom hold the Holy Water at the Senior Missioning Mass.

Top: Brian Quarnstrom, in a blatant uniform violation, receives the Body of Christ from Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J. Nick Taylor leads the congregation in the Responsorial Psalm. Mr. Richard Sullivan holds the Holy Water while senior Tim Bridgham dips and blesses himself.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

The annual *Spectacular 2001 Auction*, with its New Orleans theme, proved some naysayers wrong as it netted nearly \$500,000 for Rockhurst's Annual Fund.

"We wanted it to be a fun event, and a 'Let The Good Times Roll' theme provided a happy, fun, and generous atmosphere," said Co-Chair Mrs. Susan Hoefler.

There had been concern that the auction would not do as well as in past years because of poor stock market performance during the weeks preceding the event. Still, the RHS community pulled together yet again for the cause.

"This year we had more instances of 25 people spending \$1,000 each instead of the one person contributing \$25,000 which has been more common in past years," said Mrs. Debbie Schloegel, the other Co-chair of the event.

The evening's most emotional moment was the naming of "Tyler's Way" in memory of Tyler Hansen, Class of 2002, who passed away freshman year.

"It was amazing," gasped Mrs. Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator. "It was a great thing to see."

"'Tyler's Way' was a standout because of the emotional impact it had on everyone," said Mrs. Schloegel. "What was also astounding was the numbers of people who contributed to the auction."

At least 300 volunteers worked for 11 months to decorate, organize, and collect donations from nearly 600 businesses and individuals.

"It was amazing to see working moms and dads come in their free time to

help," said Mrs. Scanlon. "The volunteers *do* have fun, though."

To keep things from getting too overwhelming, those in charge of the auction felt free to enjoy themselves from time to time.

"Sometimes when it would get really tedious we would put on music and dance on the tables and chairs in the auction office!" Mrs. Schloegel recalled. "During the months of planning there were so many practical jokes played that if somebody was talking to you, you had no idea whether or not they were telling the truth!"

"The chairpeople were an extraordinarily fun group of people to work with," said the Rev. Thomas Pesci, S.J., RHS President. "They were very generous with their hard work."

"The student volunteers were a huge help," said Mrs. Hoefler. "Mike McShane, Michael Nigro and *all* the performers really brought out the New Orleans theme with all of the great performances."

"The Auction is the major fundraiser that bridges the gap between the actual cost of a student's education and the tuition," explained Fr. Pesci.

The Annual Fund supplies the money needed to pay salaries, compensate for the operational budget, and it contributes to the \$700,000 awarded to students for financial aid.

"This year's *Spectacular* auction was fun and colorful!" exclaimed Mrs. Scanlon. "We could not operate the school without the ."

Story by Drew Huerter



Photo by Barb Wiggins

Members of the RHS "Dixie-Land Band" parade into the Barry Student Commons to signal the start of the *Spectacular Auction*.



Annual auction thrives despite weak economy, raising nearly \$500,000



Auction Co-Chair Mrs. Debbie Schloegel and Mrs. Susan Hoefler revel in the army of student volunteers. Mrs. Patty Laughlin shows Mr. Dana Brack the totals from the oral auction. Sophomores Brad Long, Mike McShane, and Andy Crutchfield pause from selling raffle tickets.

Auction co-chairs—Michael and Susan Hoefler, and Jake and Debbie Schloegel pose with Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., RHS President, in the Barry Student Commons before the auction. Inset (Clockwise from top left): Black tie was optional for the auction patrons. Senior Mike Nigro pauses with his uncle, auctioneer George Nigro. Francisco Rascon helped out as a student-waiter during dinner. Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., waves from a 1979 MGB convertible, auctioned that evening.





Mark and Judy Switzer, Terry and Janice Welsh, Jim and Megan Kopp, Steve Sharkey, and Sheila Eikermann, all RHS parents, enjoy the volunteer's dinner in the McGee Hall. Anchorman Larry Moore and Fr. Pesci start the auction from the perch in the Barry Commons.

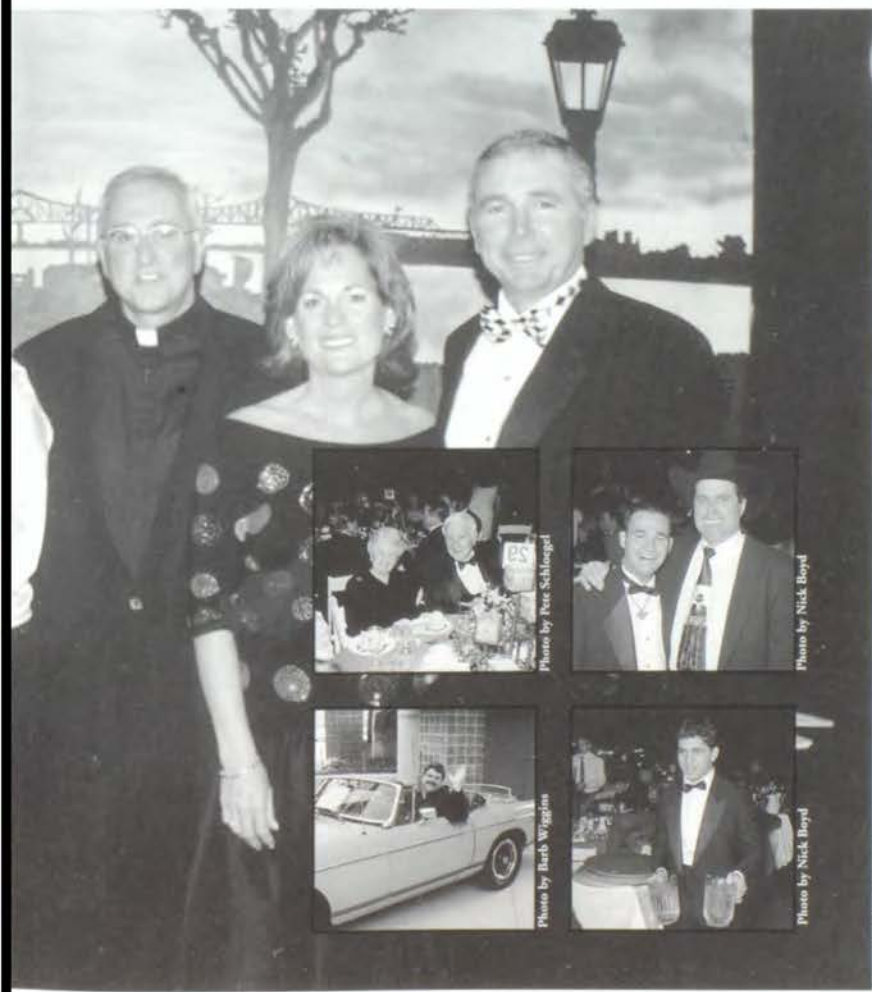


Photo by Barb Wiggins



Senior Ian Merrigan proudly marches into the Barry Commons with his loyal jester sidekick and the Dixie-Land marching band at his heels. Mrs. Debbie Schloegel and Mrs. Susan Hoefler pose with jester Brendon Toohey.

Photo by Barb Wiggins

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Alumni Hall of Fame

First in a yearly series featuring distinguished Rockhurst High School Alumni families. Look for the story of the Reintjes family in the 2002 Quarry.



Matt Krull, Class of '94, Michael Reardon, Class of '96, Brian Reardon, Class of '96, Andy Krull, Class of '96, and Tim Reardon, Class of 2001, carried on the legacy left by their grandfather Ed Reardon.



Mr. Kerry Reardon, Class of 1967, has been instrumental in carrying out the dream of the "Defining Moment Campaign." He remains involved as he shows carpet samples for future renovations to faculty members Mr. Doug Bruce, Mr. David Alvey, and Mr. Michael Dierks.



The Reardon Dynasty surrounds Ed Reardon, RHS Class of 1933, and includes his sons Jay, Class of 1976, Kerry, Class of 1967, and Jerry, Class of 1969. Their sons include Michael(Kerry), Class of 1996, Tim(Jerry), Class of 2001, and Brian(Jay), Class of 1996.

In 1968, Mr. Ed Reardon, his wife Shirley, and his son Jay and daughter Janet travelled to Iowa City, IA, to watch sons Kerry and Jerry play for the University of Iowa.



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Ed Reardon, front row, far left, was elected Captain of the 1931 Rockhurst High School Football Team. Three of his sons, Kerry, Jerry, and Jay, later starred for the Hawklets.

“The Reardons epitomize, over three generations, the best example of involvement and commitment that anyone would seek from an alumnus.”

Fr. Tom Pesci, S.J.,
RHS President

A faithful family that has consistently responded to Rockhurst's most basic of urgent needs," is the way former RHS teacher and president, Fr. Thomas W. Cummings S.J., referred to the Edward Reardon family in 1987.

Since his graduation in 1933, Mr. Edward Reardon has been a stalwart benefactor for the RHS community, with a devotion of time, talent, and resources. His legacy includes three sons, who, in their own right, have contributed enormously to their alma mater.

In 1932, the RHS Varsity Basketball Team, with Mr. Reardon playing guard, put its first ever State Championship banner on the wall, a feat not duplicated until 50 years later. Here is a man who was voted as captain of the football and basketball team in 1933 even though he was unable to play due to a kidney ailment.

While his sons, Kerry (Class of 1967), Jerry (Class of 1969),

Muehlbauch Award voted on by letterman and given to the player who exemplified loyalty and perseverance. He took it to the next level when he played wide receiver and defensive back at the University of Iowa. Kerry received All-American Honors his last two years at Iowa before he was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in 1971 where he played until 1976, starting three years in a row as a safety. After his football career ended, Kerry decided to devote his time to his insurance agency which provided him more opportunities to work with the RHS community.

While Kerry's only son, Mike (Class of 1996), was attending RHS, Kerry held the position of Father's Club President like his father before him. He received the "Ignatius Award of Excellence" in 1998 and the "Thomas Murphy Award" in 2000 for his substantial work as project manager of Phase One of the Capital Campaign.

In 1969, Jerry, the second of Mr. Reardon's sons, graduated from RHS, where he played a key role for the football team and also went to the University of Iowa on a football scholarship. Following his college career, he was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings where he played for two seasons until he broke his leg and decided to follow other aspirations.

Since then, Jerry has been instrumental in the financial aspects of Phase One Capital Campaign and is a representative for the Class of 1969 Alumni participation. Jerry has sent two of his sons, Brian (Class of 1996) and Tim (Class of 2001) to RHS. His youngest son, Jeremiah, begins his RHS career in the Fall of 2001.

Jay Reardon left his mark athletically, excelling at Track and Field, breaking his brother Kerry's long jump record in 1976 by two feet with a leap of 25'1". He also broke two other records that same day at the State Championship at Center High School setting a new high jump record of 7'3/4" and a new triple jump record of 50' 10 3/4" while winning the State Championships in 1975 and 1976. Three of Jay's records still stand unbroken today.

Because Jay was leaping past the confines of the long jump pit, it had to be increased by three feet so he would be able to land and be measured properly. He was named All-American and ranked nationally his junior and senior year, and was the first high school athlete in the nation to jump seven feet in the high jump. After his high school track career was finished, Jay competed in a National All-Star Track Meet in Chicago where he placed first in high jump, second in long jump, and fourth in triple jump.

"He basically was the best jumper I've ever coached," said former Track and Field Coach Mr. Steve Ryan. He actually had his own training program and was his own coach.

Jay also played basketball where he received Honorable Mention All-Metro his senior year while still managing to achieve First Honors.

Jay received a track scholarship to Kansas University where he went on to win the KU Relays in the long jump his freshman year and win the Big Eight long jump his senior year. He was also named Captain of the Track and Field team his junior and senior year.

The Reardon family has gone far beyond the ideals of the "tradition of excellence" at RHS. Mr. Edward Reardon begins his 73rd year associated with RHS in good health. He celebrated his 56th wedding anniversary with his wife Shirley on May 29. Kerry continues to be Project Manager of Phase II of the Capital Campaign, and Jerry stays involved in his own class, as well as his youngest son's future career at RHS.

"The Reardons epitomize, over three generations, the best example of involvement and commitment that anyone would seek from an alumnus," said Fr. Pesci.

Story by Peter Giangreco

Family

Ties

Beginning with Ed, who graduated in 1933, the Reardons have a virtual dynasty of love and devotion to the Rock

and Jay (Class of 1976) attended RHS, Mr. Reardon stayed involved as Father's Club President.

He was the Co-chairman for the Capital Fund Drive along with Mr. Robert Reintjes which resulted in the addition of the Rose Theater, and he was a member of the Board of Directors of the McGee Foundation for whom McGee Hall was named.

In 1987, Fr. Cummings asked Mr. Reardon "to become the first-ever alumnus to serve with Virginia Greenlease as an 'Honorary Director' for life" and was the recipient of the "Ignatius Award of Excellence" for distinguished "Respect-Hope-Service."

His relationship with RHS continued with the arrival in 1992 of Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J. Fr. Pesci, while contemplating whether to come from the east coast Maryland Province, met informally with Mr. Reardon. This was Fr. Pesci's first encounter with a member of the RHS family and one he would never forget.

Fr. Pesci was sitting in a restaurant when Mr. Reardon came up and introduced himself and said something that stuck with Fr. Pesci.

"If you come to Kansas City, we will love you," said Mr. Reardon to Fr. Pesci.

"He just knew I would be president," recalled Fr. Pesci.

The three sons of Mr. Reardon have also made and important impact on the RHS community.

The eldest of the three, Kerry, continued the tradition of excellence with his contributions. During his senior year in 1967, he set the school long jump record of 23'1". He also played football for the Hawklets receiving the James J.

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The Mom Prom is a very special event because it makes memories that mothers and their sons will share for years to come," exclaimed Mrs. Debbie Lightner, Co-Chair of the annual Mother and Son Dance held in March at the Ritz Charles.

The evening began with mothers and sons dressed in their evening's best, socializing in the lobby of the Overland Park venue. At the end of the "social hour," mothers and sons sat down to a three-course meal. Mothers who decided to have dessert had no need to feel guilty because it was worked off on the energy-filled dance floor, which seemed to be packed with smiling mothers and their wild sons all evening long.

"This was definitely the best party I have played music at all year," commented Phil Jay, disc jockey for the event.

"With a record number of 1,380 people, the Mom Prom was more successful than in previous years," said Mrs. Barb McLaughlin, who also helped chair the event, whose success could be attributed to the changes from previous years.

"Instead of having the Mom Prom at Bartle Hall downtown as we have had in the past, Mrs. Lightner and I decided to 'glam up' the dance a little and have it at the Ritz Charles in the heart of Johnson County," said Mrs. McLaughlin.

With doormen, coat checkers, two photographers, and 70 servers, Mom Prom has evolved into a hugely popular event.

Another change from previous years was the emphasis on the Senior Rose Ceremony.

"The Rose Ceremony is a very sentimental event because it signifies the end of our four years at RHS and reminds us that soon we will be moving on," said senior Eddie Bessenbacher.

"Since it would be the senior's last Mom Prom, we wanted to make the Rose Ceremony more significant," commented Mrs. McLaughlin. "So, we decided to clear all of the tables from the dance floor early so that mothers and sons could enter hand-in-hand, and the sons could give their mothers the traditional rose and a hug."

One memorable moment of the evening was the poem read during the Rose Ceremony by Senior Class President Patrick Jakopchek.

"After Patrick read the poem about the connection between a mother and her son, I do not think there was a mother in the whole place without tears in her eyes," Mrs. Lightner said.

"I think the moms really appreciated all the hard work that went into this year's Mother and Son Dance," said senior Zach Ramirez. Story By R.E. Wolfe II

Junior Jim Ryan and his mother take a spin on the dance floor, as the DJ gives the signal for underclassmen to get going and start dancing.



Freshmen dressed to the hilt, stand together at the entrance to the ballroom, ready to take their moms out for their first Mom Prom.



A group of first-time Mom Prommers pose for a photo before heading off to the dinner/dance. Mrs. Schaible and her son Collin, Ian and Mrs. Marx, Mrs. Porter and her son Ian, Pat Befort and Mrs. Befort, Mrs. Cornwell and C.J. Cornwell, Grant Spiking and Mrs. Spiking, Mrs. Owsley and Jeff Owsley, Michael and Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Goede and Mark Goede, and Mrs. Vigliaturo and her son, Jonathan all decided to gather for a memento of their night out.



Mrs. Hanna and Tim



Mrs. M. Berry and John



Mrs. O'Leary and Jeff



Mrs. Schable and Collin



Mrs. Marx



Mrs. Wiggins and Michael



Mrs. Porter and Liam



Mrs. St. Pierre and Kevin Moore



Mrs. Spiking and Grant



Mrs. Cornwell and C.J.



Mrs. Vignaturo and Jonathan



Mrs. Goede and Clark



Freshman Pat Befort proves that the spirit of chivalry is alive at Mom Prom by seating his mother, Mary Ann.



Sophomore Tyler True enjoyed his mother Jane's company.



Junior Kevin Poppe, freshman Dave Poppe, junior Matt Neenan, freshman Ben Neenan, and juniors Drew Huerter and John Dollerschell happily attend Mom Prom with the extravagant Mrs. Carol Poppe, Mrs. Marie Neenan, Mrs. Kathy Huerter and Mrs. Janelle Dollerschell.



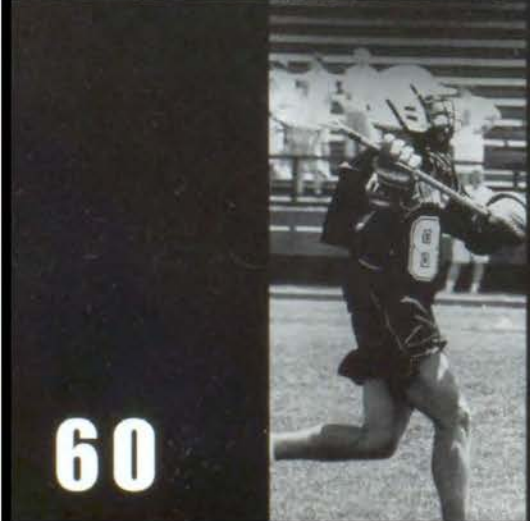
"This is an event I look forward to each year! Our sons owe us an evening out."

- Mrs. Vickie Dunsworth



"Mothers deserve our dearest respect."

- Clinton Dunsworth



Sports

Unbeatable

Varsity
squad
wins 1st
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The 2000 Varsity Football Team will go down in history as one of the best ever at Rockhurst. Their "never say die" attitude helped them overcome extreme heat, bitter cold, and a tough schedule to become the first team with 14 wins in RHS history and the fourth to win a championship under Head Coach Tony Severino.

"It was a magical year!" said Coach Severino. "Going 14-0 was low on our list of goals because its just so hard to accomplish, but we did it."

RHS set the tempo early in the season with victories over Oak Park and longtime rival Blue Springs. From there the squad beat White Bear Lake, MN, 36-30, and traveled to Las Vegas where they blew out Henderson Basic High School, 44-0.

The biggest highlight of the season, however, was the Rock's overtime victory over Liberty in the State Sectional. Senior Quarterback Geoff Brown ran in the winning touchdown to slingshot the Hawklets past the Blue Jays. The momentum and Brown's continued fine play carried

the Hawklets through the playoffs to the State Championship victory over Pattonville.

"Geoff Brown was huge in the playoffs," said Coach Severino. "He came up with a number of big plays for our team."

Outstanding contributors included Scott Edmonds, Jason Dunsworth, Ryan Anderson, and Kevin Kane on defense, while freshman running back Tony Temple ignited the offense with electrifying runs.

"It was somebody different every week making the big play to help us win," remarked Coach Severino.

In 1998 the team fell a game short of the championship, in 1999 they fell a win short, but in 2000 they took it all the way to the house. Nobody can describe the team's overall attitude about the season better than senior lineman Brian Quarnstrom.

"We remembered what it felt like to lose the championship last year," said Quarnstrom. "No one on the team wanted that feeling again this year. That was the driving force that made us the great team we became."

Story by Brandon Hill

Rockhurst and Pattonville captains meet at the 50-yard line for the coin toss before the State Championship game at the St. Louis TWA Dome.

Photo by Jon Lecuyer

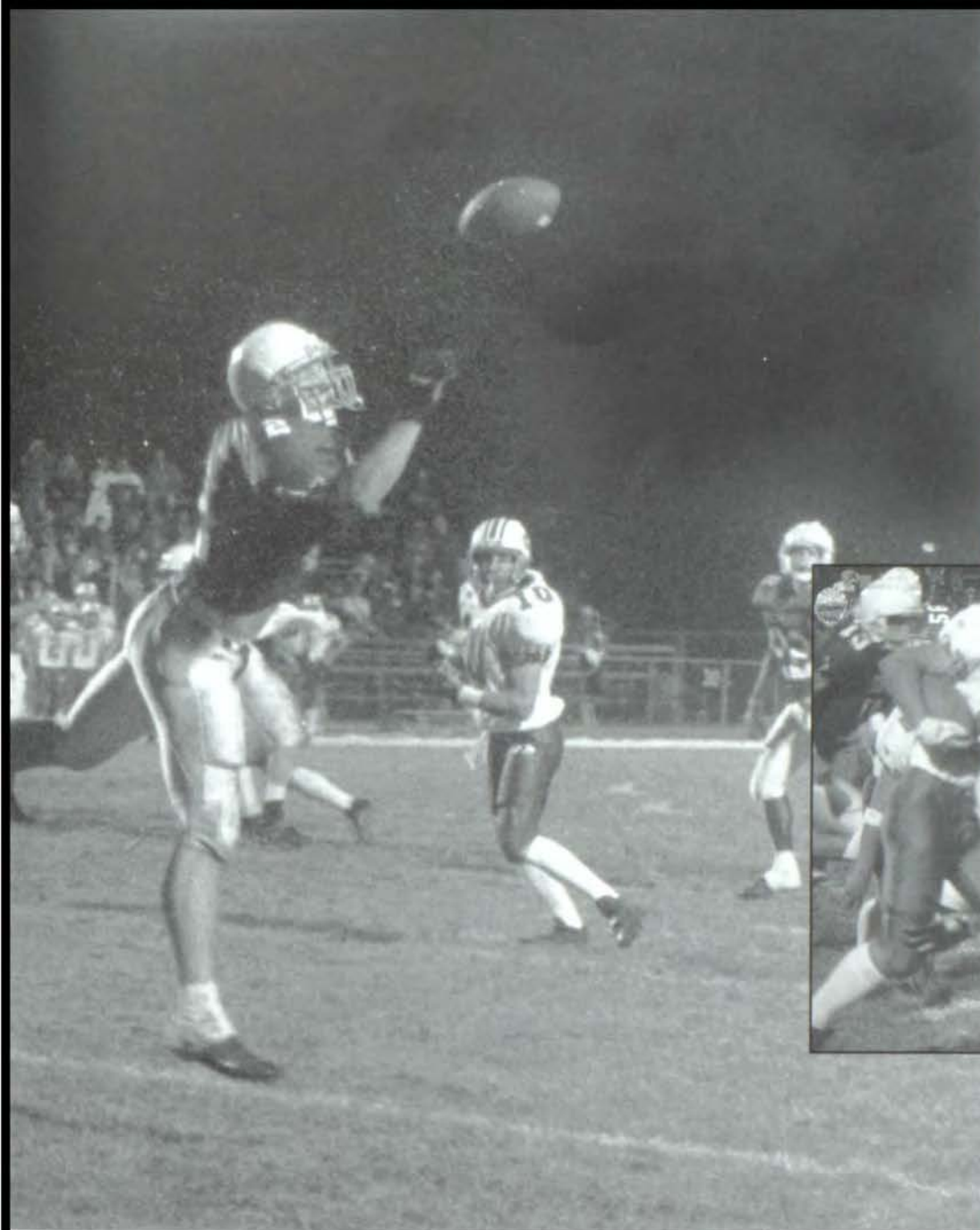


Photo by Dustin Charapata



Photo by Noah Ballard





Senior Scott Edmonds leaps for a pass after burning a Jefferson City defender. Junior Cornerback Noah Strozier wraps up a Jefferson City running back as senior David Manning pursues the play. It was hard fought plays like these that propelled Rockhurst to state.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Senior Quarterback Geoff Brown throws for a touchdown, helping beat Garden City 24-8 in the Homecoming Game. The Rockhurst offense huddles up to conspire against KC Southeast for the team's final district win.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Varsity Football 14-0

	RHS	OPP.
Oak Park	27	6
Blue Springs	21	14
White Bear Lake, Mn.	36	30
Henderson Basic, Nv.	44	0
St. Louis Sumner	49	0
Garden City, Ks.	24	8
Jefferson City	24	14

Districts

Park Hill South	35	0
North Kansas City	42	6
Southeast	35	14

Playoffs

Liberty	20	17
Blue Springs	20	16
Springfield Kickapoo	26	14
*Pattonville	23	7

*Denotes State Championship Game

Good *to the* Last Snap

A strong defense and running game carry the Hawklets through a 14-win season



Photo by Jon Lecuyer

Senior Alex Staab runs away from a Blue Springs defender as linemen Nick Boyd (65) and Kevin Kane (60) clear a path. Senior Scott Edmonds tackles the Springfield Kickapoo quarterback as Brian Dreis pursues the play.



Photo by Chris Cucar

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Senior Jason Dunsworth sends a booming punt to a Park Hill South returner.

Rockhurst students cheer during a playoff game. Freshman running back Tony Temple sheds a Garden City defender.



Photo by Noah Ballard



Photo by Noah Ballard



Senior Quarterback Geoff Brown scores a touchdown against Pattonville during the State Championship game.

Photo by Ryan Fagan



Varsity Football Team

FRONT ROW: Steve O'Connor, Scott Edmonds, Mike Day, David Manning, Johnny Sweeney, Noah Strozler, Chris Cummings, Chris Clarkson, Mike Szarek, Matt Nocita, Geoff Brown; ROW 2: Abdial Yahaya, Rich Whitney, Jeff Snodgrass, Adam Purnmill, Lucas O'Neill, Colin Charbonneau, Chris Bachkora, Kesler Pollard, Tony Temple, Tim Reidy, Alex Stabs, Dan Laughlin; ROW 3: Brandon Hill, Nick Johnson, Sean McClusky, Pete Jokisch, Dan McDonough, Mike Burke, Kevin Sears, Jeff Angold, Robby Arthur, Marlon Butler, Jason Dunsworth; ROW 4: Ryan Anderson, Joel Gustafson, Gregg Bass, Mike Stasi, Brian Wilson, James Griffin, Ryan King, Patrick Reed, Steve Sharkey, Mike Wiber, Andrew Zender, Jeff McCaffrey; ROW 5: Ryan Metzler, Peter Giangreco, Ryan Worth, Durant Abernethy, Jim Efrink, T.J. O'Connor, Kyle Duffin, Drew Switzer, G.B. Klingler, Mike Euston, John O'Connor; ROW 6: Matt Kopp, Brian Fallon, Kevin Kane, Joe Tomlinson, Adam Valentine, Chris Hapka, Brian Quarnstrom, Nick Boyd, Grant Keyser, D.J. Murphy, Dan Olson, Jon Adriano; ROW 7: Brian Koenen, Jeff Mincher, Pat Rosenthal, Thom Pensley, Eric Vossman, Steve Clark, Joe Hager, Matt Judy, Dan Boyd, Charlie Bruscato, Brian Dreis; ROW 8: Andy Tiehen, Terry Anderson, Kyle Teahan, Dustin Orscheln, Trevin Reed, Stephen Eikermann, Matt Weglarz, Phillip Murphy, Corban Keech, Eric Pashman, Tim Burke, Mark Munnunghoff; ROW 9: Kevin Reardon, Dan White, Charlie Bennett, Marcus Perry, Conor Smith, Anthony Quirarte, Andrew Paterini, Dan Howard, Andrew Elmer, John Strobl, Billy Stack, Eric Scanlan; ROW 10: Mr. John Elcock, Coach Frank Lyngar, Coach John Morris, Coach Tony Severino, Coach Eric Berg, Coach Matt Nolen, Coach Fred Campisano.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL Perfection

JV squad goes 6-0 as players prepare for Varsity rigors

The JV Football Team went 6-0 and beat Jefferson City, its biggest rival, at Jeff City in the rain. Coaches Eric Berg and John Morris agreed that the victory showed how well the team played together and overcame adversity.

The only disappointment was that the team couldn't play a full schedule. "Due to playing teams from Minnesota and Las Vegas, it just wasn't possible for us to play a full season," Coach Berg said. "It didn't help that North Kansas City also canceled our game."

Juniors Chris Cummings and Johnny Sweeney and sophomore Nick Johnson led the offense, according to the coaches.

"Nick, Chris, and Johnny were great players," Coach Morris said. "The three of them played with a great deal of consistency and heart."

Other players who contributed to the team's success were juniors Pat Rosenthal, Eric Vossman and John O'Connor, and sophomore Kevin Sears.

"They were noticeable with the amount of time they played and by how well they performed," Coach Berg said.

"We never stopped working," said Johnson. "Every time we faced a problem everybody stepped up and played hard."

"They looked good on the field and if they continue to do what they have been doing they will be good varsity players," said Coach Morris.

Story by Joseph Sanders



Photo by Casey Booth

Jeff Snodgrass (14) kicks an extra point against Liberty as quarterback Johnny Sweeney (5) holds. Sweeney breaks free for a first down against two defenders. Sweeney and Chris Cummings split time at quarterback.

Nick Johnson (25) breaks away for a touchdown against Liberty. The JV team is rushing.



Photo by Nick Solaburg



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Colin Charbonneau (17) screams down the sideline, narrowly avoiding the pack of defenders in close pursuit.



Photo by Casey Booth



Photo by Casey Booth

Chris Cummings (7) scrambles against Liberty as Matt Weglarz (87) attempts to block. Rockhurst beat Liberty 36-0. The Rockhurst defensive line squares off against the Liberty offense. The Rockhurst defense gave up only 34 points all season.

Junior Varsity Football 6-0

	RHS	OPP
Oak Park	36	8
Blue Springs	41	13
Liberty	36	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	49	0
Jefferson City	21	7
Park Hill South	26	6

Invincible



Jordan Bastable (80) leaps into the open arms of teammate Tom Daly (51) celebrating the success of a hard fought play.

For the second consecutive year, the Sophomore Football team went undefeated with an 8-0 record, extending its winning streak to 16-0, the longest undefeated string in Sophomores history.

Besides the perfect record, the camaraderie and work ethic of the team were exceptional, according to Head Coach Bernie Kreikemeier. Highlights included wins over two of Rockhurst's biggest rivals, Blue Springs and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Led by Marcus Perry, Trey Sabates, and Anthony Quirarte, the team's only disappointment was that North Kansas City canceled, which would have been the last game of the season.

The team's closest game, came against

St. Thomas Aquinas, with Rockhurst winning, 28-20.

"We had some new lineman who played B Team freshman year who really stepped up and blocked like heck," said Perry. "We were down seven against Aquinas and we fought back and won."

The class of 2003 proved to be talent laden with 20 Sophomores eventually moved up on the Varsity team.

"The team camaraderie, work ethic, and the assistant coaches, Coach Jeff Crowe and Coach Stephen Charbonneau, did a great job working with the players," Coach Kreikemeier said. "I was disappointed that the team didn't really get to celebrate their season's success together, but that's all right."

Story by Geoffrey Martin.

Soph football goes undefeated for the 2nd straight year



Offensive linemen Tom Daly (51) and Will Putman (57) put their bodies on the line to clear the lumbering Meige players out of the way for running back Marcus Perry (21).



The Sophomore Team huddles up before the game around Coach Bernie Kreikemeier asking for guidance and safekeeping.

Sophomore Football 8-0

	RHS	OPP.
Oak Park	20	0
Bishop Miege (JV)	28	0
White Bear Lake, Mn.	35	7
Liberty	21	0
Raytown South	41	6
St. Pius X (JV)	35	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	28	20
Blue Springs	23	7



FRONT ROW: Adam Blake, Mark Munninghoff, Josh Erwin, Sam Lomasney, Phil Smith, Jaron Moore, A.J. Robine, Charlie Bennett, B.J. King, Ryan VanDyke, Cory VanDyke; ROW 2: David Graham, Marcus Perry, Andrew Clement, Jake Grate, Sal Marsalla, Alex Kopulos, Justin McAualey, Peter Stueve, Tyrone Perkins, David Sweeney, Mark Ross; ROW 3: Tray Aifers, Mike Staab, Anthony Quirarte, Andrew Benatini, David Tichen, Matt Sweney, Matt Anderson, Brendan Arthur, Adam Webb, Nick Callegari, Dan Cooper; ROW 4: Tom Graves, Brian Kelly, Brady Poskin, Logan Heatwole, Mike Gabhart, Tom Daly, Kyle Hill, Phil Connealy, Dan Howard, Brad Long, Will Putman; ROW 5: David Bangert, Logan Keech, Trey Sabates, Mike Amini, Matt Nagle, Noah Beach, Jordan Bastable, Andrew Elmer, Beau McDill, John Olshefski, Derek Hardin; ROW 6: Conner Smith, Scott McCaffrey, Andrew Elmer, John Strobl, Brian Betterman; ROW 7: Coach Jeff Crowe, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Coach Stephen Charbonneau.

FRESHMAN A FOOTBALL

Persistence

Frosh A team improves as they learn to play all four quarters

The Freshman A team, coached by Mr. Frank Griffin and Mr. Mike Sullivan, finished the season with a solid 4-3-1 record against top quality opponents.

"They played hard every game, never giving up," stated Coach Griffin. "They were successful when they competed for four quarters."

The A team struggled through the beginning of the season, losing to Shawnee Mission South (in overtime) and Oak Park, followed by a hard fought, 6-6, overtime tie to Blue Springs South.

The fourth game of the season was huge. The Hawklets faced Liberty, a traditional powerhouse in the Kansas City area, and blew them away, 21-0.

This game led to a string of four straight victories beating teams such as St. Pius X, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Blue Springs.

The final game, although it ended up in a loss, was the climax of the season. The team competed for four quarters in a hard hitting physical football game against Jefferson City, losing, 13-12.

Throughout the year many players stepped up to lead the team, including quarterback Sean Cummings, tailback Jeff Koons, linemen Brian Trowman and Bryan Murphy, linebacker Steve Welsh, and defensive end Michael Feierabend.

"We started off not playing as a team for the first three games," said Welsh. "But after the Liberty game we came together and had two consecutive shutouts."

Story by Drew Switzer



Photo by Alex Simon



Photo by Brian Quarstrom



Photo by Brian Quarstrom

David Franklin (25) kicks off during a game against the Park Hill South Panthers. While deep in the trenches, the Rockhurst defensive line ready themselves for battle.

Photo by Brian Quarstrom



Photo by Brian Quarstrom



Quarterback Sean Cummings (11) scrambles out of the backfield, evading two would-be tacklers to gain the needed yards. Number 53 brings down a Jeff City Jay, preventing a first down.

Coach Frank Griffin sends a play call onto the field with wide receiver John Parsons.

Freshman A Football

4-3-1

	RHS	OPP.
Shawnee Mission South	0	6
Oak Park	6	21
Blue Springs South	6	6
Liberty	21	0
St. Pius X	49	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	13	6
Blue Springs	22	6
Jefferson City	12	13

Development



Running back Trey Thomas (21) continues to plod ahead despite having defender at his feet.

The Freshman B and C Football Teams had a large number of players once again. With an 85-man roster, Coaches Jim DeGraw, Jay Coleman and Pete Campbell had their work cut out for them, taking players from all over the Kansas City area and helping them learn to play as a team.

"This was a tough year because of the level of competition our kids played at week in and week out," Coach DeGraw said. "The B Team played many A teams, and the C Team played B teams."

The teams won big games against St. Thomas Aquinas, Central, and Bishop Miege, with the biggest game of the year against Aquinas where the B team played to its potential and came out on top.

"We played great against Aquinas," said B Team tailback Trey Thomas. "We came out and took care of business."

Throughout the season many players stepped to the front. For the B Team, Joe Tidwell, David Ward, Dayne Philips, and Thomas led the way, while Joe Calhoun, Brian Ward, Tom Carmody, and Brian Hanrahan had great seasons for the C Team.

The teams built camaraderie and friendships every day according to the coaches, and even though neither team came away with a winning season they appeared to wear the blue and white with pride.

"We had a great time playing and working hard everyday," Hanrahan said.

Story by Drew Switzer

Frosh B-C squad learn to play together as season progresses



Photo by Jon Twibell



Photo by Jon Twibell



Photo by Alex Simon

Far left: Coach Jim DeGraw and Jay Coleman give players a pregame pep talk. Quarterback David Ward calls the snap count, putting the offensive line into full power. Players gather to share in celebration after an especially close game.

Freshman B Football

3-5

	RHS	OPP.
Oak Park	32	12
Ruskin	8	22
Oak Park	0	41
Lawrence South	8	34
St. Thomas Aquinas	32	14
Bishop Miege	6	8
Central	6	0
Park Hill South	12	22

Freshman C Football

3-4

	RHS	OPP.
Shawnee Mission South	8	0
Santa Fe Trail	18	24
Blue Springs South	0	7
Liberty	8	28
Blue Springs	6	19
Bishop Miege	32	6
Park Hill South	12	6



Freshman Football Team

FRONT ROW: Roy Abella, Michael Adkins, Jonathan Adrian, Dylan Aldrich, Quinn Anderson, Jason Ashner, Daniel Ashner, James Bascom, Nick Befort, Joseph Benetz, Noah Beshneer; ROW 2: Dennis Bichsel, David Blake, Nick Bromberg, Joseph Calhoun, Chris Camarena, Edward Capoccia, Thomas Carmody, Thomas Clarke, C.J. Corwell, Brian Cotroneo, Mark Crutchfield, Sean Cummings; ROW 3: Michael D'Agostino, Justin DeNegri, Joseph Dobbie, Brandon Doherty, John Donovan, Patrick Doohan, Joseph Dunn, Michael Feierabend, Sean Fitzpatrick, Greg Ford, David Franklin; ROW 4: Devin Fuchs, John Garlich, Joseph Geisel, Chris George, Mark Goede, William Goodwin, Matt Gotschall, Brian Gamlich, Eric Griffin, Patrick Hagerty, Brian Hanrahan, Lewis Heacher; ROW 5: Michael Hinck, Ben Hodes, Stephen Hoefler, Max Hoffmeier, Kyle Hunt, Russell Hynes, Tim Ismert, Michael Kelly, Chris Kennaley, Matt Kincaid, Jeff Koons, John Krebs; ROW 6: Patrick Kreikemeier, Jake Krouse, Patrick Laughlin, Joseph Link, Nick Maese, Adam Maib, Michael Manes, Tyler Martin, Zack McCracken, Derrick McKinney, Mitchell Miguell; ROW 7: Dominic Mirocke, John Molner, Kevin Morris, Chris Muller, John Mumford, Bryan Murphy, Sam Nachbar, Tony Neff, Michael O'Brien, Jeff Owsley, John Parsons, Blake Patti; ROW 8: David Poppe, Dayne Phillips, Liam Porter, Matt Powell, Lindsey Prestia, Steve Redmond, John Reintjes, Robert Sauder, Collin Schaible, Andre Silvers, Grant Spiking; ROW 9: Jeff Steitz, Charlie Stoops, Joseph Strain, Nicholas Stremel, Aaron Supica, Trey Thomas, Joseph Tidwell, Brian Trowman, Brian Ward, David Ward, Stephen Weiss, Steve Welsh; ROW 10: Todd Whitaker, Thomas Whitehead, Joseph Williams, John Wilson, Craig Young, Daniel Zinser, Scott Cummings; ROW 11: Coach Pete Campbell, Coach Jim DeGraw, Coach Jay Coleman, Coach Mike Sullivan, Coach Frank Griffin.

On the Ball

Varsity squad advances to State Semifinals after losing 10 seniors from last years team

No one believed that the Rockhurst Hawklets could make it back to the State Final Four in St. Louis after losing 10 seniors starters last year.

According to Head Coach Chris Lawson the team overcame doubters through solid character and resilience to post a 21-5-2 record and had an opportunity to win the team's third straight State Championship.

The Hawklets started their season slowly, posting a 1-1-1 record after three games, but they never strayed from their goals and expectations.

With seniors Jarret Devereaux, Brendan Matthews, and Ryan Raybould providing leadership, the season changed for the better. The team beat Marquette Prep, 3-2, in overtime in Milwaukee. They also beat cross-state rival St. Thomas Aquinas in penalty kicks after three overtime periods left the game tied at 1-1. The Hawklets also won the Ray-South and the Top Dawg Tournament, playing Blue Valley Northwest, Olathe East, Blue Springs, and Aquinas.

"The seniors led the team where we wanted to go," Matthews said. "And

we proved all the doubters in the city and in the state wrong."

Junior Charlie Peters, who tied Raybould for the most goals this season, also led the Hawklets, as did junior Matt Ferguson who, according to Coach Lawson, improved with every practice and game and will be a force in the future.

Junior goalkeeper Cameron Nordholm had 10 shutouts and stepped up in key situations. Sophomores Alex Nordholm and Mike Comiskey, along with freshman Robbie Borchardt, also contributed to the team's Final Four berth.

"The young guys and the seniors came together well," Devereaux said. "We overcame the separation we had at the beginning of the season."

The Hawklets ended the season with losses to Francis Howell North, 2-0, and Christian Brothers College, 3-0.

"The only disappointment of the year was that we didn't score in the Final Four," Coach Lawson said.

"Our goal is to be the best and to compete at a level where we can live up to our expectation that teams have to go through Rockhurst to earn a State Championship," Coach Lawson said.

Story by Joseph Sanders



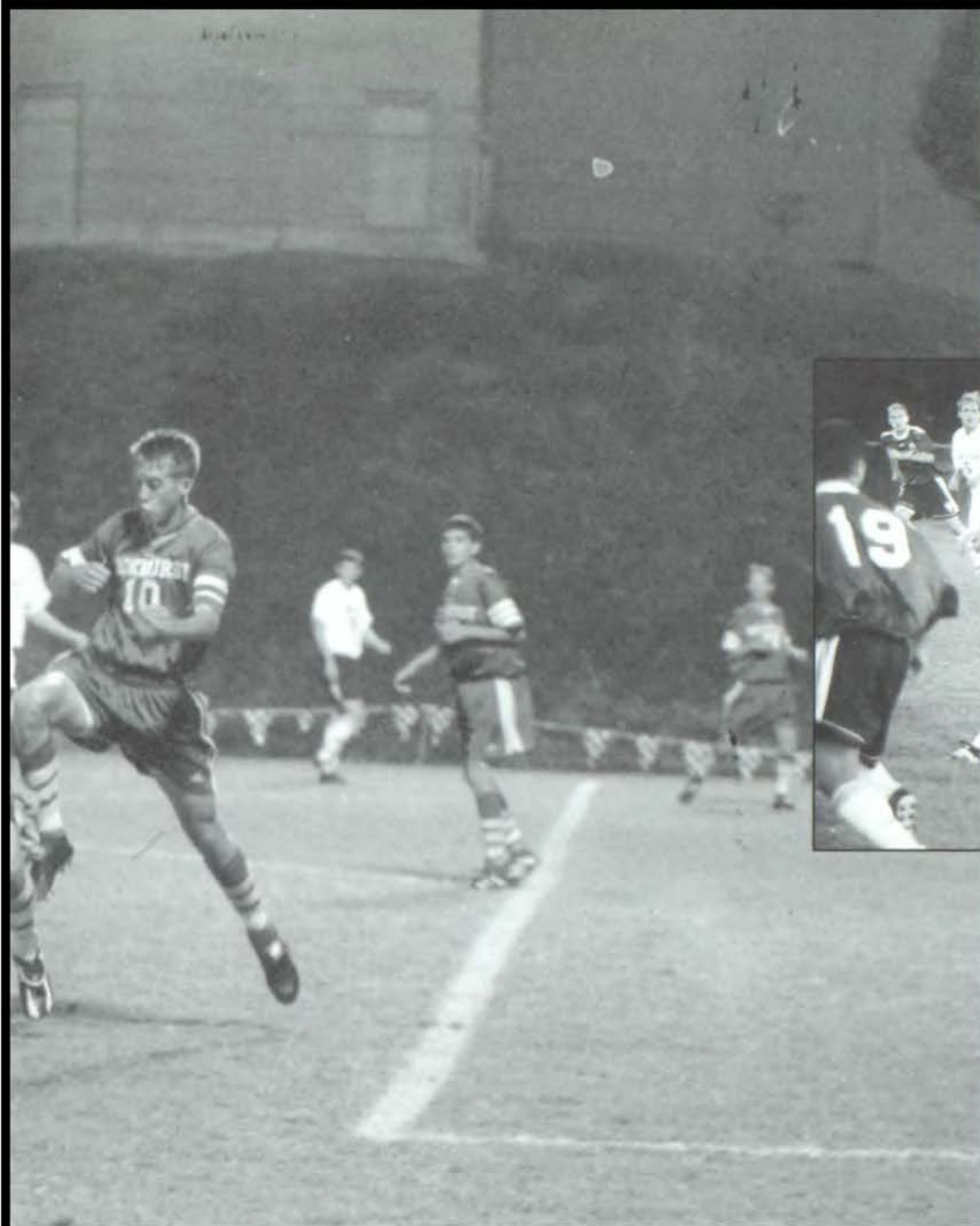
Varsity Soccer Team
 FRONT ROW: John Mollie, Michael Farrell, Matt Newell, Ed Bessenbacher, Brendan Matthews; ROW 2: Mark Daues, S.J., Coach Paul Ptasnik, Noah Ballard, Coach Chris Lawson, Cameron Nordholm, Coach Scott Siegel, Coach Michael Wickenhauser; ROW 3: Matt Ferguson, Paul Link, Patrick Hill, Nick Taylor, Joe Price, Tim Reardon, Michael Comiskey; ROW 4: William John, Ryan Raybould, Charlie Peters, Brian Meagher, Scott Ferguson, Jarrett Devereaux, Patrick O'Neill.



Photo by Ryan Fagan



Photo by Pete Schloegel



Senior Jarrett Devereaux streaks down the field on the home turf of Dasta Memorial Stadium. Senior Brendan Matthews and Junior Charlie Peters go after the ball during a game versus St. Thomas Aquinas.



Senior Ryan Raybould flies in to steal the ball from an St. Thomas Aquinas Saint. Rockhurst won that game 2-1. Raybould later signed to play for Yale University. Jack Jones jukes a Kearney defender. Rockhurst won that game 3-0. Jones is one of the few sophomores to play on the Varsity team.



Photo by Ryan Fagan

Varsity Soccer 21-5-2

	RHS	OPP.
Rockbridge (Columbia)	4	0
Bishop Miege	0	1
RaySouth Tournament		
Blue Springs	0	0
Lee's Summit	6	6
Raytown South	2	2
Blue Valley North	1	2
Kearney	3	0
Marquette Classic		
Brookfield Central, Wis.	4	2
Marquette Prep.	3	2
Shawnee Mission Northwest	1	2
Top Dawg Tournament		
Blue Valley Northwest	3	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	2	1
Olathe East	2	1
Jefferson City	6	0
Blue Springs	1	1
Blue Springs South	4	0
Jefferson City Classic		
Vianney	4	1
Whitfield	2	0
Archbishop O'Hara	5	2
Shawnee Mission West	4	1
Oak Park	1	0
Liberty	6	2
Districts		
Raytown	6	0
Raytown South	6	1
Sectionals		
Raymore-Peculiar	4	1
Quarterfinals		
Blue Springs South	7	0
Semi-Finals		
Francis Howell North	0	2
Consolation		
Christian Brothers	0	3

Photo by Ryan Fagan

Fire in the Goal

Hawklets advance to State Semifinals for the fourth straight year



Photo by Brian Quarstrom



Photo by Brian Quarstrom

Tim Reardon defies gravity while going for a ball above a Jefferson City Jay. Rockhust won that game 6-0.



Photo by Ryan Fagan

Two photographs taken at the precisely same instant show the passion and effort of Tim Reardon from two different perspectives



Photo by Ryan Fagan

Junior Matt Ferguson winds up to rocket the ball downfield. Brendan Matthews, after shutting down any threat of a goal, begins the trek downfield against the St. Thomas Aquinas Saints.



Photo by Pete Schloegel

Clockwise from top left: Brendan Matthews fights in the air for the ball against a St. Thomas Aquinas player. Charlie Peters flies through the air to make the play. Ryan Raybould makes the play, going low to make the pass through two Jays. Raybould leaps for the ball, blocking out two Jefferson City Jays.



Photo by Ryan Eagan



Photo by Pete Schloegel



Photo by Pete Schloegel, Evan Mason (above)



Jack Jones makes a hard pass to Charlie Peters through two Jefferson City defenders. Tim Reardon heads the ball deep in Kearney territory.



Photo by Evan Mason



Photo by Evan Mason



Photo by Evan Mason

Michael Comiskey delivers a crisp pass to an waiting Hawklet. With masterful control, William John rushes by a Kearney defender, gracefully maneuvering the ball downfield.

Junior goalie Elliott Disney bravely deflects a shot on goal with aid from fellow defenders Boon Smith (10) and Adam Sinovic (2). Junior Chris Schaefer (25) leaps over a double team of defenders to head the ball towards the goal.



Junior Varsity Soccer		11-6-1	
	RHS	OPP.	
Rockbridge (Columbia)	0	1	
Bishop Miege	4	0	
Shawnee Mission JV Tourney			
Shawnee Mission East	3	2	
Olathe East	1	2	
Shawnee Mission South	2	0	
Blue Valley North	0	0	
Kearney	4	0	
Rockhurst JV Tourney			
Park Hill South	2	0	
Blue Valley Northwest	1	0	
Shawnee Mission Northwest	0	2	
Jefferson City	0	1	
Blue Springs	1	2	
Park Hill South	2	0	
Archbishop O'Hara	10	0	
Oak Park	3	0	
Blue Springs South	2	0	
Park Hill	2	0	
Liberty	0	1	



Junior Team Captain Conor Klamann (23), towering over his opposition, jukes and gives his way towards the goal. Sophomore Matthew Patterson (1) flies for the ball in a dogfight of elbows and arms as Junior Paul Camacho (9) looks on.

Photo by John O'Connor

Goal Oriented

No stranger to the Rockhurst soccer program, Head Coach Paul Ptasnik moved from coaching the Sophomore Team to Junior Varsity this year and continued his winning ways.

The Hawklets posted a 10-5-2 record, defeating top area programs Bishop Miege, 4-0, and Shawnee Mission South, 3-2.

The highlight of the season came at the Rockhurst JV Tournament where the team beat Blue Valley Northwest with a penalty kick to win the tournament.

The biggest challenge for this JV team was to learn to play together without losing the team's strength, while complementing the needs of the Varsity.

"There were always players coming and going," Coach Ptasnik said. "We lost a total of 7 key players to the varsity team, so it was hard for the team to develop

and learn how to play together."

The team suffered two early season losses, to Olathe East and to Jefferson City, both by 1-0 scores. The Hawklets quickly rebounded with the help of juniors Conor Klamann on defense and Adam Sinovic and Chris Schaefer in the midfield to post a convincing 10-0 win over Archbishop O'Hara and a 3-0 win over Shawnee Mission East.

"The turning point in the season was against Shawnee Mission South," Sinovic said. "We were finally able to work together to maintain possession and improve the speed of play."

"They are a great group of guys who have a lot of talent," Coach Ptasnik said. "They should be a strong force to contend with for next year's State Title."

Story by John Dollerschell

JV team succeeds despite seven players moving up to Varsity



Junior Varsity Soccer Team

FRONT ROW: Coach Chris Lawson, Matt Neenan, Elliott Disney, Craig Pacheco, Coach Paul Ptasnik; ROW 2: Lon Lane, John Skevington, Alex Nordholm, Stephen Reintjes, Chris Schaefer, Conor Klamann, Adam Sinovic; ROW 3: Boon Smith, Paul Camacho, Ryan Melgaard, Kyle Fitzgerald, Darren Smith, Ben Madeo, Matt Patterson.

Fledglings

Sophomore Soccer achieves winning record under the guidance of first year coaches

First year Head Coach Jeremy McElduff, assisted by Coach Sean Angiel, led the Sophomore Soccer Team to a 16-4-1 season record.

"The highlight of our season was placing first in the Raytown JV Tournament," Coach McElduff said. The Hawklets, the only sophomore team in the JV tournament, registered wins over Raytown and Blue Springs on their way to the championship.

The Hawklets were lead by a core of sophomores including Mark Keleher, Kevin Lenihan, and Tom Dougherty, but freshman Robby Borchart, Jimmy Chalmers, and

Seamus McLaughlin also played key roles.

"We had a great time this year," said Chalmers. "We worked together and overall played well."

As first year teachers, Mr. McElduff and Mr. Angiel did not know what they were in for in coaching high school sports.

"I've coached soccer for six years, but never at the high school level," Coach McElduff said. "I was pretty lucky to get such an outstanding group of kids. It helped the transition a lot."

Both coaches stated the sophomore players have bright futures with the soccer program at higher levels.

Story by Matt Neenan



Photo by Albert Herrera

Sophomore Brett Gamso (35) takes a corner kick deep in enemy territory. A corner kick is taken when the opposing team forces the ball out of bounds on their own endline.



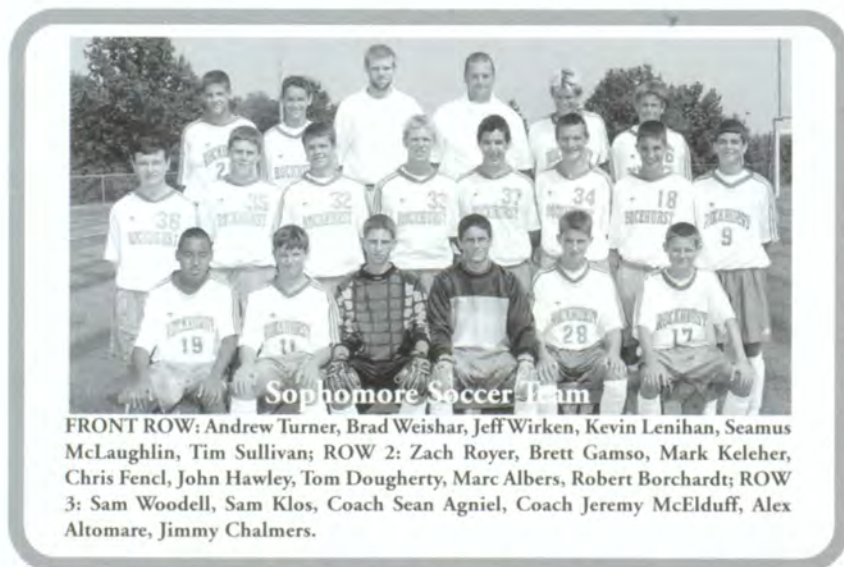
Photo by Barb Wiggins



Kevin Lenihan streaks downfield, breaking a defender's cover. Coach Jeremy McElduff ponders a victory in the Aquinas tourney.



Sophomore Soccer		15-4-1		RHS OPP	
Park Hill South		8	1		
Raytown JV Tournament (1st)					
Raytown South		9	1		
Blue Springs South		2	1		
Blue Springs		3	2		
Park Hill		0	1		
Pembroke Hill		3	0		
Oak Park		0	2		
St. Thomas Aquinas		0	0		
Blue Valley NW Tournament (2nd)					
St. Thomas Aquinas		1	3		
Shawnee Mission South		3	1		
Blue Valley NW		5	1		
Park Hill South		3	0		
Shawnee Mission East		2	0		
Belton		4	1		
Park Hill		0	1		
Lee's Summit		7	0		
Oak Park		3	0		
Aquinas Tournament (1st)					
Lawrence		2	0		
Shawnee Mission NW		1	0		
Shawnee Mission West		7	1		



Sophomore Soccer Team

FRONT ROW: Andrew Turner, Brad Weishar, Jeff Wirken, Kevin Lenihan, Seamus McLaughlin, Tim Sullivan; ROW 2: Zach Royer, Brett Gamso, Mark Keleher, Chris Fencl, John Hawley, Tom Dougherty, Marc Albers, Robert Borchardt; ROW 3: Sam Woodell, Sam Klos, Coach Sean Angiel, Coach Jeremy McElduff, Alex Altomare, Jimmy Chalmers.

Freshman Seamus McLaughlin (28) aids teammate Brett Gamso who fiercely attacks the ball. Above left: Seamus McLaughlin takes a goal kick, relieving the team of the defensive pressure.

Endurance



Kyle VanBuskirk (2) cheers during the win over Blue Springs in the Rockhurst Tournament. Andy Goodwin (1) dribbles through three defenders on his way to goal.

The Freshmen Soccer Team played the first ever 14-game season on the way to a record of 11-3.

The freshmen followed the athletic traditions of RHS by defeating long time rivals, St. Thomas Aquinas and Jefferson City in back-to-back games.

Favorable weather enabled the Hawkslets to play a full schedule. The game versus Aquinas was postponed due to rain, but was later rescheduled.

In spite of their winning record, the freshmen suffered disappointment as well, including being the first team to lose the RHS Freshman Tournament.

"Win or lose, it is always enjoyable watching talented kids play together for RHS," Head Coach Phil Baker proclaimed.

When eight players were lost to the Sophomore, JV and Varsity teams throughout the season, other players stepped up. In fact, more than half the team scored at least one goal.

"The most rewarding part of the season is getting kids from all around the Kansas City area who are already very talented soccer players, and getting to see them come together as a team, and earn a winning record," Coach Baker stated.

Story by Drew Huerter

Freshman Soccer posts a stellar 11-3 record with longest schedule ever



Photo by Ryan Fagan

Rory Donohue (12) fights off a defender as Miguel Mejia (3) comes to help. Nathan Brown blocks out a defender as Adam Kovac looks on.



Freshman Soccer 11-3

	RHS	OPP
Blue Springs	4	0
Bishop Miege	8	0
Lee's Summit	5	0
Blue Valley North	0	2
Blue Springs South	3	1
Shawnee Mission NW	0	2
Rockhurst Tournament		
St. Joseph-Central	1	2
Blue Springs	4	1
Blue Valley Northwest	4	0
Shawnee Mission East	3	0
Jefferson City	1	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	2	0
Blue Springs	6	1
Blue Springs South	1	0



Photo by Barb Wiggins

Louis Disney poses for a picture after game one of the Freshman Tournament against St. Joseph Central. Despite the weather the team remained spirited.



Freshman Soccer Team

FRONT ROW: J.D. Corless, Rory Valliere, Max Wagner, Louis Disney, Coach Phil Baker, Miguel Mejia, John Siedlik, Rolly Donohue; ROW 2: Michael Wiggins, Adam Kovac, Kyle VanBuskirk, Mike Fox, Andy Goodwin, Kevin Moore, Martin Schneider, Jack Connor; ROW 3: Stephen Huffman, Nathan Brown, James Ice, Matt Paschang, Cullen Roberts, Pat Befort, Jonathan Vigliaturo, Anthony Dayrit.

Steadfast

Varsity Cross Country qualifies for the State Meet for the first time since 1984

A team that runs after the impossible dream and catches it, the 2000 Rockhurst High School Cross Country Team is arguably one of the best in RHS history. The Hawklets qualified as a team for the first time in 16 years and accomplished more at the state meet than any team in recent history, finishing 8th out of 16 teams in the Missouri 4A division.

Senior Sean O'Donnell, a first year cross country runner, finished in 14th place with a blazing 16 minutes 29 seconds, making him the fastest RHS cross country runner in a state meet on the current state course in the school's history, and earning him All-State recognition.

Senior Chris Winger finished his four-year RHS cross-country career by running one of the best races of his life, coming in 35th out of 158 competitors.

This year's varsity team had the depth that past teams lacked, making it possible to compete at the state level. Senior Charles Bush, junior Patrick Ishmael, junior John Dollerschell,

sophomore Brennan Metzler, and sophomore Brian Graham each played a vital role on the road to state, helping achieve what was thought to be out of reach.

Freshman Patrick Tweedy surprised everyone at his first meet when he came in second in the freshman race, breaking the course record at the Truman Invitational. He continued to succeed at the State Meet where he finished 3rd among freshma competitors.

The road to State was a difficult one. In order to qualify as a team, RHS needed to place among the top four teams in both the districts and sectionals meets.

It was an ambitious dream for a team that hadn't qualified for State since 1984, but the Hawklets made a conscious decision to put everything on the line and give all that they had to, in the words of Coach Michael Dierks, "[be] courageous enough to keep putting one foot in front of the other."

Coach Dierks summed up the Cross Country season by stating that "heart, and believing in yourself, are the keys that can bring about great things. Never forget that."

Story by Jamie Burkart

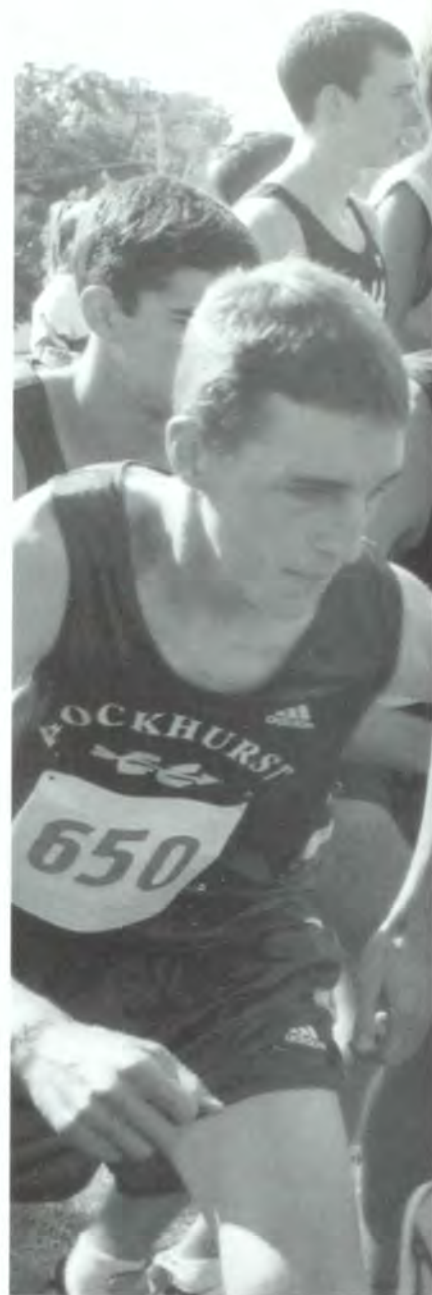
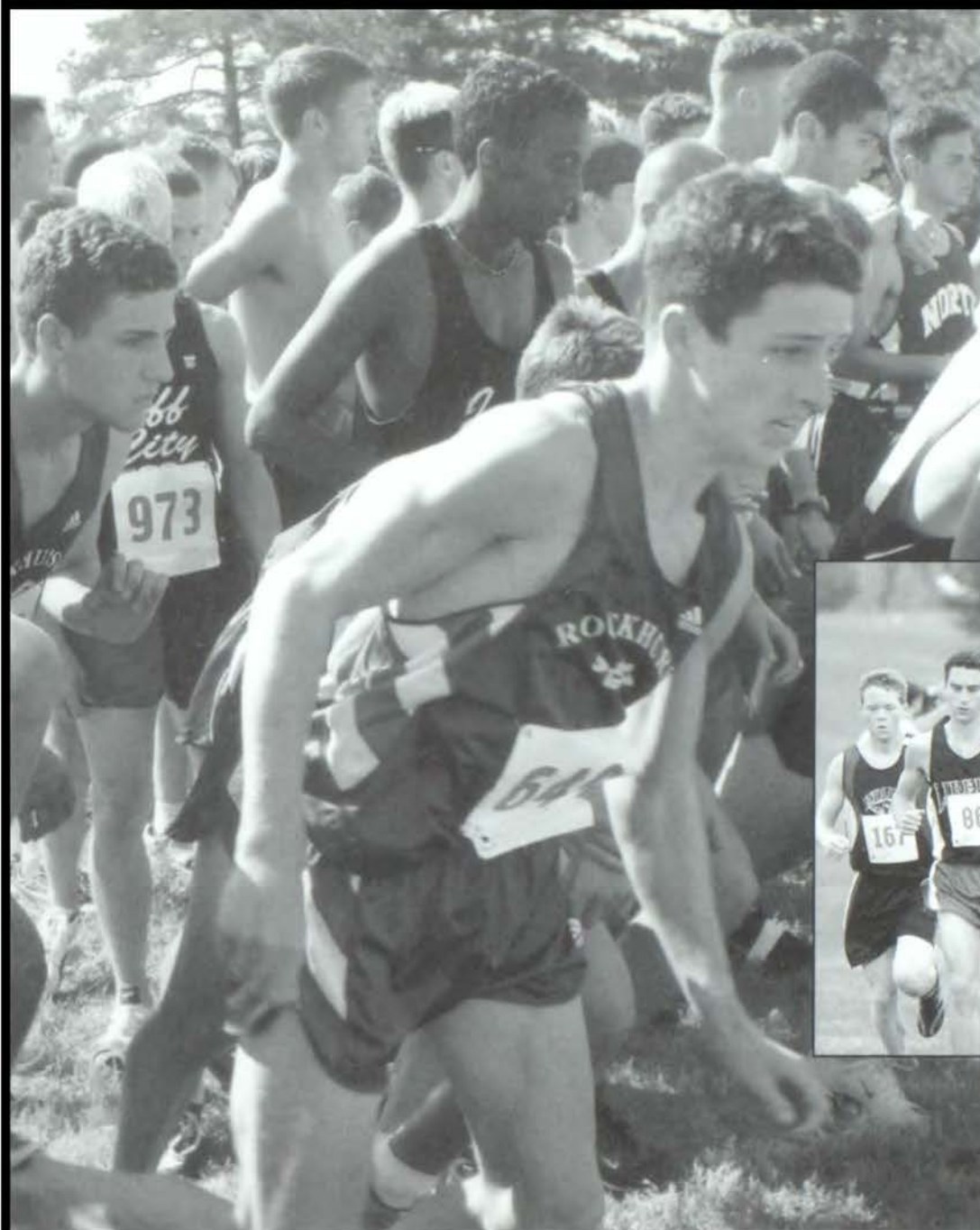


Photo by Matthew Harris



Varsity Cross Country Team

FRONT ROW: John Dollerschell, Christopher Lee, Brennan Metzler, Chris Winger, Patrick Ishmael; ROW 2: Sean O'Donnell, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Mike Dierks, Brian Graham.



Sophomore Brennan Metzler and Senior Captains Sean O'Donnell and Chris Winger are off at the shot of the gun at the Truman Invitational. O'Donnell, keeping to form, leads the Kansas City Area's best runners.



Photo by Alice Simon

Chris Winger keeps on truckin' in the sectional meet at Swope Park to qualify for State competition. Runners blast off the starting line flooding the State course in Jefferson City.



Photo by Matthew Harris

Varsity Cross Country

Truman Invitational	8 of 17
MU CC Challenge	8 of 30
Blue Springs Invitational	2 of 5
KC Metro Championships	6 of 23
Midwest Jesuit CC Inv.	4 of 8
Shawnee Mission West Inv.	N/A
District Championship	4 of 8
Sectional Championship	4 of 8
State Championship	8 of 16
Final KC Metro Ranking	3rd

The Junior Varsity Hawklets prepare for take off at the Grandview Invitational where they placed fourth out of seven teams. Sophomores Stephane Roque, Donald Brain, and Jon Wachtel run in formation during the Shawnee Mission West Invitational.



Photo by Barb Wiggins

Photo by Alex Simon

JV Cross Country

Truman Invitational	6 of 15
Park Hill Invitational	5 of 12
Blue Springs Invitational	2 of 4
KC Metro Championships	6 of 15
Grandview Invitational	4 of 7
Shawnee Mission West Inv.	N/A*

Sophomore Cross Country

Truman Invitational	5 of 12
Park Hill Invitational	6 of 12
Blue Springs Invitational	1 of 3
KC Metro Championships	2 of 7
Grandview Invitational	2 of 8
Shawnee Mission West Inv.	N/A*

Freshman Cross Country

Truman Invitational	4 of 10
Park Hill Invitational	N/A*
Blue Springs Invitational	N/A*
KC Metro Championships	2 of 10
Grandview Invitational	N/A*
Shawnee Mission West Inv.	N/A*



Freshman Cross Country Team

FRONT ROW: Tommy Wiedeman, David Smith, Joel Hodes; ROW 2: Thomas Wytock, Freshmen Captain Chris Winger, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Michael Dierks, Coach Rich Sullivan, Sean Plott, Tyler Pierce; ROW 3: Chris Lippold, David Trotter, Joe DeCapo, Patrick Tweedy, Michael Dow, James Maggard.

Senior Brendan Murphy prepares to pass an opponent during the Grandview Invitational.

Personal Bests

Motivated by several newcomers, the Rockhurst Junior Varsity and Freshmen Cross Country Teams sailed to new heights this year. Under the direction of Mr. Rich Sullivan and Dr. Jorge Taracido, the team accomplished many of the goals set forth at the beginning of the year.

"Many of the individuals on our team set new PR's (Personal Records) and greatly improved their times from last season," said Coach Sullivan.

Throughout the year, the Freshman ran about 250 miles and the JV ran up to 400 miles, or roughly the distance from Kansas City to Minneapolis.

"The JV pushed the Varsity during practice and certainly contributed to the program's success this season," said Coach Sullivan.

The highlight of the year was the Kansas City All-Metro Championships, where all of the training came together, and 24 of the 41 runners ran their best race of the season. The JV placed sixth

of 15 teams and the freshmen were second out of 10 teams.

Two new races were added to the schedule, the Park Hill Invitational and the Blue Springs Invitational, where the Junior Varsity team placed second and the Freshmen took first place.

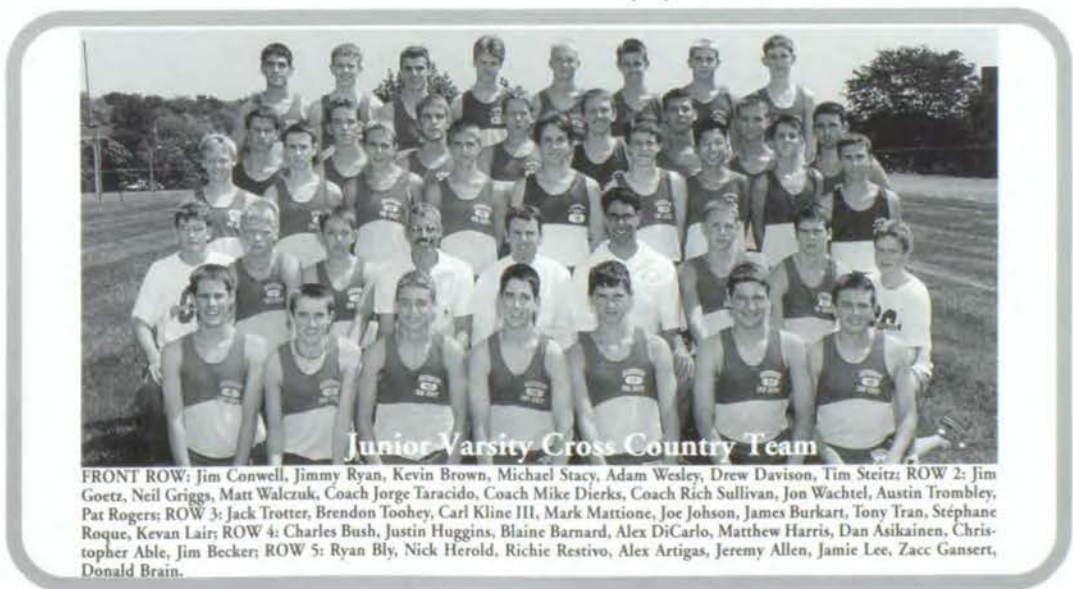
Newcomers to the team were critical to its success. According to Coach Sullivan, they would not have been as successful without juniors John Dollerschell and Brendon Toohey, and sophomore Alex DiCarlo. Those runners, as well as juniors Jim Becker and Jack Trotter are among those expected to move up to the varsity level for the 2001 season according to Coach Sullivan.

"This was the JV's best season ever, and we have the potential to improve even more next year on the foundation we built this season," said Trotter.

"We had a great year," Coach Sullivan said. "Individuals improved a lot and I am really looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish next season."

Story by Matthew Harris

Hawklets run up to 400 miles each as most achieve personal records



Junior Varsity Cross Country Team

FRONT ROW: Jim Conwell, Jimmy Ryan, Kevin Brown, Michael Stacy, Adam Wesley, Drew Davison, Tim Steitz; ROW 2: Jim Goetz, Neil Griggs, Matt Walczuk, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Mike Dierks, Coach Rich Sullivan, Jon Wachtel, Austin Trombley, Pat Rogers; ROW 3: Jack Trotter, Brendon Toohey, Carl Kline III, Mark Mattione, Joe Johnson, James Burkart, Tony Tran, Stéphane Roque, Kevan Lair; ROW 4: Charles Bush, Justin Huggins, Blaine Barnard, Alex DiCarlo, Matthew Harris, Dan Asikainen, Christopher Able, Jim Becker; ROW 5: Ryan Bly, Nick Herold, Richie Restivo, Alex Artigas, Jeremy Allen, Jamie Lee, Zacc Gansert, Donald Brain.

Rock Solid!

Eight Seniors carry a talented squad to the state playoffs

The Varsity Basketball Team, led by eight seniors, turned in a stellar season with 24 wins and five losses. The squad advanced to the State Quarterfinals before bowing out to Liberty, a team they had defeated earlier in the year.

"It hurt worse because we knew we had beaten them before, and should have beaten them again," said Head Coach Mark Nusbaum. "We just didn't quite get the job done."

Despite the disappointing loss to Liberty, the Hawklets still had impressive victories over tough opponents including Raytown South, Creighton Prep, Central (twice), and three wins in the William Jewell Tournament.

"The seniors really provided great leadership for the younger players," remarked junior forward John Mayberry. "Their experience carried us throughout the season."

Seniors Tom Komoroski and Brian Carson, along with Mayberry, formed a formidable frontcourt, while seniors Mike Day and Alex Staab, along with

junior Noah Strozier made Rockhurst difficult to defend from the outside. With eight different leading scorers throughout the year, the Hawklets' balanced attack was hard to stop.

"The opposing defense couldn't just concentrate on one person," remarked Coach Nusbaum.

Through the Hawklets' impressive teamwork several players received individual honors. Komoroski was named 1st team All-District, 2nd team All-State, a Coaches Association All-Star, and Honorable Mention All-Metro by Metro Sports and the *Kansas City Star*. In addition, Mike Day was named to the Coaches Association All-Academic Team while he and Noah Strozier received 2nd team All-District honors.

With the seniors accumulating 45 wins in just two years, the expectations for future squads have now risen. Next year's squad will again be experienced with nine players with at least one game of Varsity experience and, according to Coach Nusbaum, they "could be really good!"

Story by Brandon Hill



Varsity Basketball Team

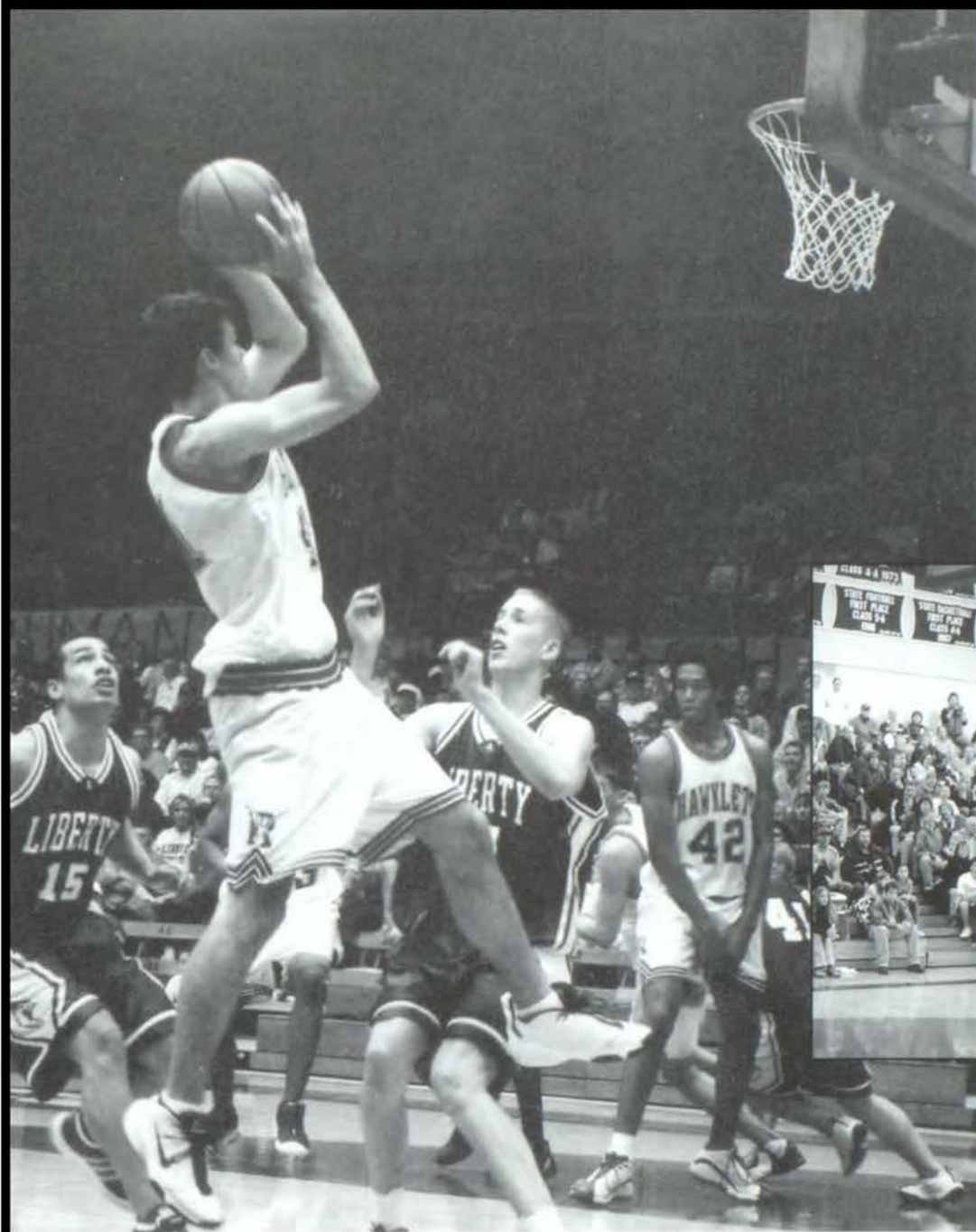
FRONT ROW: Jason Caldwell, Eric Scanlon; ROW 2: Ryan Watson, Tom Komoroski, Mike Day, Wade Muller, John Mayberry, Kyle Teahan, Adrian Carson; ROW 3: Noah Strozier, Matt Ferguson, Jim Greffet, Alex Staab, Adam Sheridan; ROW 4: Brian Carson, Coach Ryan Nicholson, Coach John Morris, Coach Pete Cambell, Coach Mark Nusbaum, Scott Edmonds; NOT PICTURED: Eric Burtin, Kevin Sears.



Photo by Dustin Charapata



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Senior Tom Komoroski (41) soars over Liberty defender Chad Fleming to take a daring left-handed shot in the State Quarterfinals. Tom Komoroski takes an acrobatic shot against the Jefferson City Jays on Senior Night.



Photo by Tim Reardon

Senior point guard Alex Staab (22) flips up a left-handed layup as a Liberty defender makes an unsuccessful attempt to stop his raging assault upon the basket. Junior guard Noah Strozier (23) takes a silky smooth jumpshot over a Liberty defender.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Varsity Basketball 24-5

	RHS	OPP.
Lee's Summit	71	54
Washington	55	37
St. Joseph-Central	82	74
Ft. Smith Northside, Ark.	57	50
Leavenworth	50	59
St. Thomas Aquinas	52	51
Raytown South	54	41
Hickman Mills	53	42
Olathe Christian	71	34
Blue Springs South	57	47
Liberty	56	47
Lawrence	64	54
Kansas City-Central	53	52
Webster Groves	68	47
Hazelwood East	39	16
Omaha-Daniel Gross	55	43
Bishop Miege	58	70
St. Thomas Aquinas	55	58
Archbishop O'Hara	65	35
Shawnee Mission East	47	46
Wyandotte	56	54
St. Pius X	63	45
Omaha-Creighton Prep	63	57
Kansas City-Northeast	59	52
Jefferson City	42	58
Playoffs		
Raytown	67	54
Kansas City-Central	45	42
Truman	56	41
Liberty	48	55

Supreme Court Justice

Hawklets advance deep into the state playoffs for the second consecutive year



Senior Jim Greffet poses at center court with his mother LeaAnn and his father Mark during Senior Night festivities.



Photo by Dustin Charapata



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Rockhurst's triumvirate of forwards Scott Edmonds (2), Mike Day (3), and John Mayberry (34) box out three would-be rebounders.



Photo by Tim Reardon

Senior Mike Day surveys the defense while taking the ball down court. The team comes together for a last-minute pregame speech by Coach Mark Nusbaum.



Photo by Jason Dunsworth



Photo by Jason Dunsworth

Senior center Brian Carson (42) leaps above a Lee's Summit Tiger to tip the ball into the waiting hands of senior Mike Day (3).



Photo by Jeff Mincher

Junior Noah Strozier (23) completes a no-look jump pass to awaiting teammate Senior Brian Carson (42) in the low post.



Senior Tom Komoroski (41), after breaking away from any defenders, leaps to the basket to attempt a finger-roll layup. This game, against Liberty, was played at Central Missouri State University.

Basket Case

JV squad's teamwork and attitude lead them to an undefeated season

When the Rockhurst Junior Varsity Basketball left the court, two things were for certain, that they had won, and that they had won by a sizeable margin. The Hawklets posted a record of 16-0 and won each game by an average of almost 25 points.

"They played the highest quality of JV Basketball that I've seen," Head Coach John Morris stated.

During its season-long winning streak the JV Team captured the Rockhurst Tournament title by defeating St. Thomas Aquinas, exacting revenge on a team they lost to twice last year.

"It was great to walk into Aquinas' gym and avenge the two losses from last year," junior Matt Ferguson said.

"The team was an outstanding group of young men who played outstanding basketball," Coach Morris proclaimed.

The combination for success was headed by Ferguson and the team leader in assists, Adam Sheridan. Sophomore contributors included leading scorer Adrian Carson, as well as Kevin Sears and Eric Burton.

"The team played very well together," Ferguson said. "Our teamwork made us the great team we became."

Sheridan attributes the team's success to heart and desire.

"I knew they wanted to win each game as badly as I did," he said.

"The best part of the season was not that we beat all of our opponents, but that we crushed them!" Ferguson exclaimed.

Story by Drew Huerter



Coach John Morris lays down the law to players and referees alike.



Photo by Alex Simon



Photo by Jon Twibell

Junior Matt Ferguson (11) glides to the hoop for a left-handed layup. Junior Adam Sheridan (10) completes a textbook bounce pass to an awaiting teammate. Sophomore Kyle 'Ice' Teahan (1) delivers the ball into the basket, easily avoiding any Lee's Summit Tiger defenders in the way.

Junior Varsity Basketball 16-0

	RHS	OPP.
Lee's Summit	79	39
Washington	55	42
St. Thomas Aquinas	62	39
Raytown South	48	32
Hickman Mills	57	41
Lawrence	60	47
Kansas City-Central	75	43
Rockhurst Tournament		
Bishop Miege	53	45
St. Thomas Aquinas	54	44
Archbishop O'Hara	68	42
Shawnee Mission East	81	49
Wyandotte	74	40
St. Pius X	52	27
Creighton Prep	72	49
Kansas City-Northeast	88	30
Jefferson City	95	68



Junior Varsity Basketball Team

FRONT ROW: Steve Redmond, John Mike D'Agostino, Chris Schaefer, Matt Ferguson, Adam Sheridan; ROW 2: Coach John Morris, Adrian Carson, Kevin Sears, Kyle Teahan, Eric Vossman, Coach Pete Campbell; NOT PICTURED: Eric Burtin.



Photo by Casey Booth

Hoop Dreams



Photo by Dan Olson

Sophomore Alex Nordholm (45) easily avoids his Bishop Miege defender to lay in a finger roll.

Photo by Alex Simon



Coach Ryan Nicholson pats Mike Comiskey (12) at the end of the third quarter against Shawnee Mission North. Team huddles up at halftime.



Photo by Alex Simon

This year the Sophomore basketball team, coached by Mr. Ryan Nicholson, ended the season with a sparkling 19-1 record, despite obstacles he had to overcome, including the overtime-loss of the first game of the season to Blue Springs.

"Most of the problem was a lack of player confidence," said Coach Nicholson. "I just tried to convince them that they were good."

The next game the team went on to beat St. Thomas Aquinas, which greatly boosted its confidence. The third game was a blowout over Blue Valley Northwest, and from then on the team cruised.

"We started off low and it motivated us," said T.J. Kratofil. "Coach Nicholson told us after the first loss that he hates losing, and that we were much better than that, and we never lost again."

The pinnacle of the season, according to many, was a win over Raytown South, one of the most talented teams in the area.

"Coming into the season I knew the team was overloaded with talent, it was just proving to the players that they could win," said Mr. Nicholson.

"Coach Nicholson teaches players how to play the right way, and we learned a lot from him," said James Griffin.

Story by Matt Cavlovich

Sophomore squad uses first loss as motivation for the rest of the season

Sophomore T.J. Kratofil (24) flings up a shot as a Shawnee Mission East defender looks on helplessly. Sophomore Derek Hardin (32) drains a three over Shawnee Mission East defender.



Photo by Chris Clarkson



Photo by Albert Herrera



Sophomore Basketball Team

FRONT ROW: Tom Graves, Harrison Dean, Will Allen; ROW 2: Zack Appl, Mike Comiskey, Tyrone Perkins, Derek Hardin, Pete Novick, Mark Munninghoff; ROW 3: Marcus Perry, T.J. Kratofil, Matt Nagle, Mr. Ryan Nicholson, James Griffin, Alex Nordholm, Andrew Bradshaw.



Photo by Chris Clarkson

Sophomore Andrew Bradshaw (43) hovers above all defenders to easily lay in a finger roll.

Sophomore Basketball 19-1

	RHS	OPP.
Blue Springs	41	46
St. Thomas Aquinas	63	50
Blue Valley Northwest	68	27
Hickman Mills	58	20
Lee's Summit	72	42
Grandview	62	45
Shawnee Mission North	85	27
St. Thomas Aquinas	75	48
Blue Valley	64	30
Blue Springs	40	47
Lee's Summit North	64	47
Blue Springs South	58	21
Shawnee Mission North	65	19
Bishop Miege	68	25
Raytown South	60	52
Shawnee Mission East	79	58
Lawrence "A"	61	52
Lawrence "B"	53	31
Blue Valley North	81	60
Shawnee Mission East	57	40

Headway

Frosh A team uses teamwork and spirited defense as their formula for success

As with any freshman team, there is a cohesiveness and unity which must be developed with each player in order to achieve success. This year's Freshman A Basketball Team lost its first game to Blue Springs, 59-44, in its search for success.

"After that first loss we needed to come together and develop some team leaders," stated Head Coach Scott Duschen.

The Hawklets used their defense to post a 16-3 record, beating Blue Springs and other notable area teams including St. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Miege, and Shawnee Mission East twice.

"Everyone contributed to the defense, and that's what we built the team on," said Coach Duschen.

The team's success was led by point guards David Franklin and John Parsons, Derrick McKinney, who averaged 10 points a game, and Bryan Murphy who led the team in rebounds.

"We were a very talented and athletic team that played well together," said Parsons.

The success that developed this season peaked at the Rockhurst Tournament championship game where Steve Welsh made the game-tying basket, sending the game into overtime where they eventually beat Archbishop O'Hara.

"These guys learned never to give up in any situation," said Coach Duschen. "As they grow, their skills and intensity must grow with them. If they do that their potential looks good."

Story by John Dollerschell



Photo by Jon Twibell

Freshman David Franklin (10) pops a jumpshot behind the three-point line over the outstretched arms of a Raytown Blue Jay.



Photo by Tim Bridgham



Photo by Jon Twibell

The team gathers around Coach Scott Duschen during a timeout to set up new a defensive strategy. Freshman John (24) Parsons easily moves the ball up the court against a Blue Jay defender.



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Freshman A Basketball	
16-3	RHS OPP.
Blue Springs	44 59
Raytown	51 32
Archbishop O'Hara	40 37
Blue Valley North	49 39
Blue Springs	49 40
Archbishop O'Hara	52 41
Raytown South	22 40
Blue Springs South	37 33
Shawnee Mission North	52 47
Blue Valley	46 42
Grandview	36 30
Blue Valley Northwest	46 39
St. Thomas Aquinas	58 52
Shawnee Mission East	60 47
Hickman Mills	34 41
Raytown	43 38
Lee's Summit	54 31
Bishop Miege	47 20
Shawnee Mission East	55 41



FRONT ROW: Jed Burey, Sean Cummings, Craig Young, Steve Welsh, Joe Tidwell, John Parsons; ROW 2: Bryan Murphy, David Franklin, Michael Hinsh, Derrick McKinney, Patrick Tweedy, Michael John Green; ROW 3: Coach Matt Nolen, Coach Scott Duschen, Coach Casey Murray; MANAGERS NOT PICTURED: Michael Fox, Danny White, Brian Walden.

Steve Welsh (44) tosses up a baseline jumper over a hulking Raytown defender. David Franklin (10) goes up for a left-handed layup while Craig Young (40) boxes out a defender. Bryan Murphy (42), after a drive to the goal, shoots over a Raytown center.

Missing In Action



After driving up court, Linds Prestia (45) puts up a layup despite his two on one situation with the Shawnee Mission East Lancers.

With teamwork, selflessness, and dedication as its main objective, the Freshman B Basketball Team showed that Rockhurst basketball is a force to be reckoned with.

"Once again the boys had a successful season, bringing home two first place tournament trophies," commented Head Coach Matt Nolen. "Hopefully, they have learned valuable fundamentals that will assist them in the future."

With a 15-4 record, the season had a rocky start when the Hawklets lost their first game to Shawnee Mission South in part because Coach Nolen was unable to attend the first two weeks of practices because he also coached Varsity Football.

The season improved with the leadership of Jeff Owsley and Jimmy Chalmers, who helped the Hawklets beat both Aquinas and Miego twice each during the season.

"Our team had great chemistry, which helped us to work together really well," said Owsley. "Also, Coach Nolen was able to help us focus and loosen up during a tough game by cracking some jokes. It helped a lot!"

"The most gratifying part of the season had to be winning both the Blue Springs and the Shawnee Mission South Tournaments," Coach Nolen said. "It demonstrated how hard work really pays off!"

Story by R.E. Wolfe II

Frosh B squad goes 15-4 despite missing their coach for the first two weeks



Adam Maib (13) shoots a quick shot, which draws a late bid from a Lancer. Jimmy Chalmers (20) puts up a one handed shot deftly avoiding a swat from Shawnee Mission East defender.



Photo by Nick Winchester

Freshman B Basketball 15-4

	RHS	OPP.
Blue Springs	45	52
Blue Valley North	51	36
Blue Springs	42	33
Archbishop O'Hara	37	27
Raytown South	44	33
Blue Springs South	40	28
Shawnee Mission North	46	64
Blue Valley	32	34
Grandview	67	25
Blue Valley Northwest	50	47
St. Thomas Aquinas	44	39
Shawnee Mission East	45	48
Park Hill	54	27
Blue Springs	46	35
Lee's Summit North	46	34
Bishop Miego	59	26
Shawnee Mission East	52	22
Shawnee Mission North	63	58
St. Thomas Aquinas	66	52



Collin Schaible (32) goes up for a shot against a Shawnee Mission East Lancer.



Freshman Basketball B Team
FRONT ROW: Collin Schaible, Jeff Owsley, Linds Prestia, Zach Shelton, Zach McCracken, Tyler Pierce; ROW 2: Jimmy Chalmers, Adam Maib, Sam Nachbar, Pat Befort; ROW 3: Dominic Mirocke, Coach Scott Duschen, Coach Matt Nolen, Coach Casey Murray, Joe Link.

Shaving Time

Aqua Hawks finish 8th in State Meet, the highest finish in school history

The Aquahawks rocked State, placing eighth overall and finishing higher than any other team outside the St. Louis area.

"We had a very, very special team this year that was able to achieve everything together as a team," said Head Coach Paul Winkeler. "They were perfect in the sense that they did everything asked of them and conquered every challenge."

Coach Winkeler's statement rings true as the team took first place in five of six major meets and conquered its biggest rival, Columbia Hickman, at the Ozark Invitational by snatching first place by only one point.

"That was definitely one highlight of the season," said team co-captain and junior George Robinson. "That was our first victory ever at that meet, and we won it by one point."

The accomplishments of many of the swimmers contributed to the overall success of the team.

Senior Zacc Gansert was ranked as the top swimmer in the city in the individual medley after his 6th place finish at State. He was recognized by the

KC Star as one of the best area swimmers, and was the team's only double medal winner after competing in four events at state.

Senior Sean McLaughlin was a Team Captain and state qualifier in butterfly. He was also a member of the 200 Medley Relay Team, which placed 7th at state.

Junior Matt Neenan swam the difficult anchor leg on two of the three relays at State and swam anchor on all three for most of the year. He pulled out many relays for the team and qualified in three individual events at State, although he was only allowed to swim in two of them in addition to the two relays.

Junior Danny Laughlin qualified in the 100 backstroke, was part of the 200 Medley Relay Team, and was one of the top backstrokers in the city as he placed at state.

Sophomore Andrew Clement swam on both the 200 Medley Relay Team and the 200 Relay Team, both placing at state.

Sophomore diver Nick Carr placed in the top five in every meet and placed 8th at State in diving.

Freshman Alex Zasadny qualified for State in the 500 Freestyle and swam in

the 400 Relay.

In the 200 medley relay Laughlin Gansert, McLaughlin, and Clement were in the top seven in State and were the best in the city. The 200 Free Relay Team with Drew Huerter, George Robinson, Neenan, and Clement placed 10th at State. And the 400 Free Relay team with Zasadny, Gansert, Robinson, and Neenan dropped three seconds from its time to win the consolation heat and take 9th in state, securing the team's 8th place finish.

The night before the state championship was special for Coach Winkeler.

"The night before I told the guys that they had done a great job but nothing was set in stone yet," he said. "I challenged them to be the best that Rockhurst ever had and to finish better than the top ten, in the top eight or higher, and they did it! Having that eighth place win and being the best team ever was just an incredible experience."

"My hope for next year is to finish in the top three and put a banner on the wall," said Robinson.

Story by Alex Gamble



Varsity and Junior Varsity Swim Team

FRONT ROW: Nick Carr, Mike Farrell, David Poppe, Pat Allegrì, Zacc Gansert, Thomas Whytock, Andrew Clement; ROW 2: Ross Renne, Alan Elliot, Michael Lancey, Sean McLaughlin, Trey Sabates, Tommy Whitehead, Rehan Nana; ROW 3: Coach Kevin Miller, Nick Mabry, Ben Morrison, Drew Huerter, Pat Laughlin, Scott Campbell, Eric Lancey, Coach Paul Winkeler; ROW 4: Nick Peebles, George Robinson, Kevin Poppe, Matt Neenan, Danny Laughlin, Garrett Sheedy; NOT PICTURED: Alex Zasadny.



Photo by Albert Herrera



Junior Matt Neenan takes the blocks in preparation for a 100 yard freestyle race at Park Hill South. In the State Championship meet, he finished eleventh in the same event. Junior Kevin Poppe puts his best 'fin' forward in the 100-yard Breast Stroke.

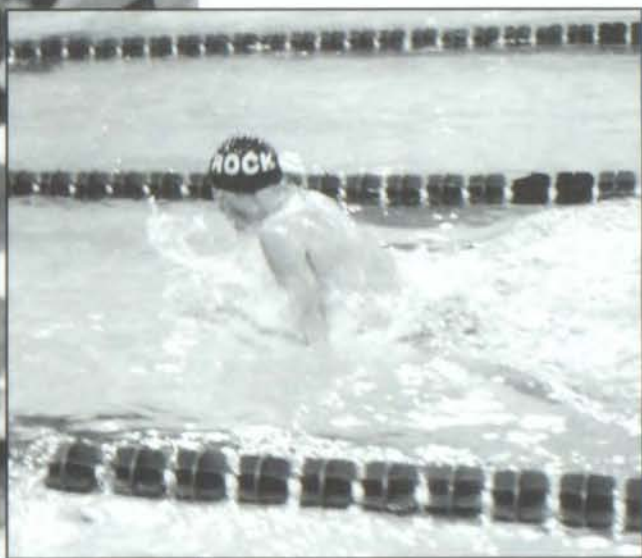


Photo by Nick Solburg

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Freshman Tommy Whitehead receives instruction from second year head coach Paul Winkler. Sophomore Scott Campbell sprints down the pool in the 100-yard Butterfly.



Photo by Albert Herrera

Swimming & Diving

Truman Invitational	1st
Ozark Invitational	1st
Park Hill Invitational	4th
Raytown S. Invitational	1st
Independence Inv.	1st
Glendale Invitational	1st
State Championship	8th

Hawklets place higher than any other Kansas City team at the State Meet

Pool of Talent



Sophomore Scott Campbell winds up for a start during a Medley Relay.



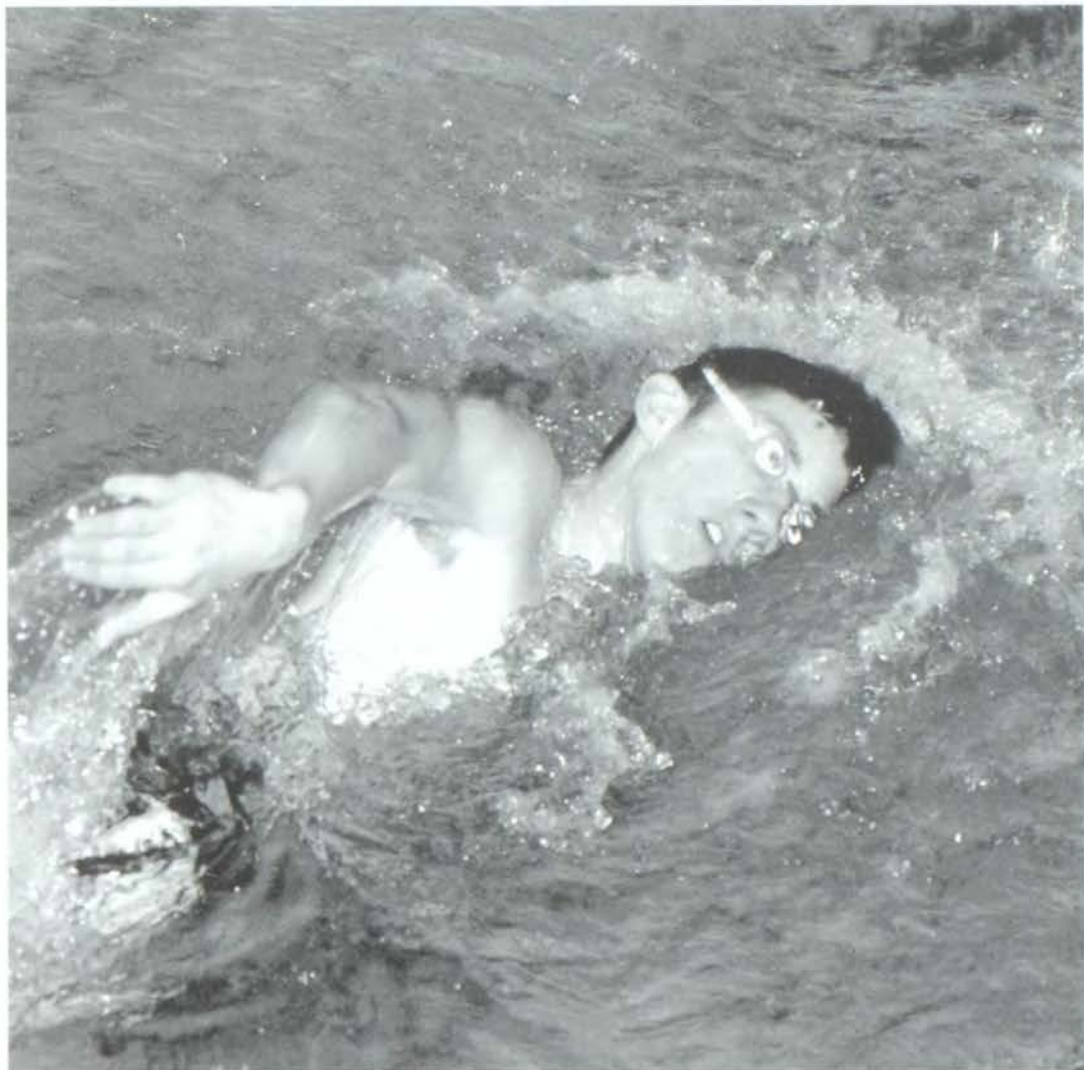
Sophomore Nick Carr performs a reverse tucked dive during the Blue Valley Northwest duel meet. Carr placed 8th at state.



Sophomore Andrew Clement practices the backstroke in preparation for the grueling state competition. Junior Drew Hurter does the breaststroke at the first of three meets at the Raytown YMCA.



Junior Nick Peeples strives for excellence during a tough practice as he prepares for the 50-yard freestyle race. Peeples was junior co-captain with George Robinson, and Senior Sean McLaughlin.



Ross Renne, Tommy Whitehead, Pat Laughlin, and Trey Sabates enjoy conversation and refreshment during practice. Sean McLaughlin, Nick Peeples, Danny Laughlin, and George Robinson celebrate their win at the Springfield Invitational.



Drew Huerter, George Robinson, Michael Lancey, Matt Neenan, Danny Laughlin, Sean McLaughlin, Alex Zasadny, Thomas Wytock, Andrew Clement, Nick Peeples, Ben Morrison, and Nick Mabry stand around their Truman Invitational first place trophy. Rockhurst fans and fellow teammates cheer on George Robinson during the Medley Relay at the Springfield Invitational, won by the Hawklets.

Survivors

Young squad makes strides towards success despite tough competition

Possibly the hardest working team at Rockhurst, the Varsity Wrestling squad, coached by Head Coach Rich Wikiera and assistants Tony Hill, Carlo Gimmarro, and Robert Webb, had an up and down season.

The team, represented by all four grade levels, posted a 2-7 overall record at duels. They also competed in five tournaments throughout the season, earning 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th place finishes.

"All season we felt like we were on a rollercoaster," said Coach Wikiera. "We very easily, and probably should have ended up 6-3 on the season."

Matt Myers, the team captain, was the only senior on the team. He posted 29 wins on the season, including a trip

to the Sectional tournament.

"We were very young this year, and Matt really stepped up and led the team," said Coach Wikiera.

Freshman Greg Ford had the most successful season, posting a 31-8 overall record including a trip to the State meet where he went 1-2 in his three matches.

Along with these two team leaders, Nathan Crowe, Loren Peters, Kevin Barth, Brady O'Hallaron, and Pat Rosenthal contributed at the Varsity level.

"We were a very young team this year, I am feeling really optimistic about the talent we will have for next year," Coach Wikiera said. "If our wrestlers work hard in freestyle and in the weight room in the off season we should have an excellent squad."

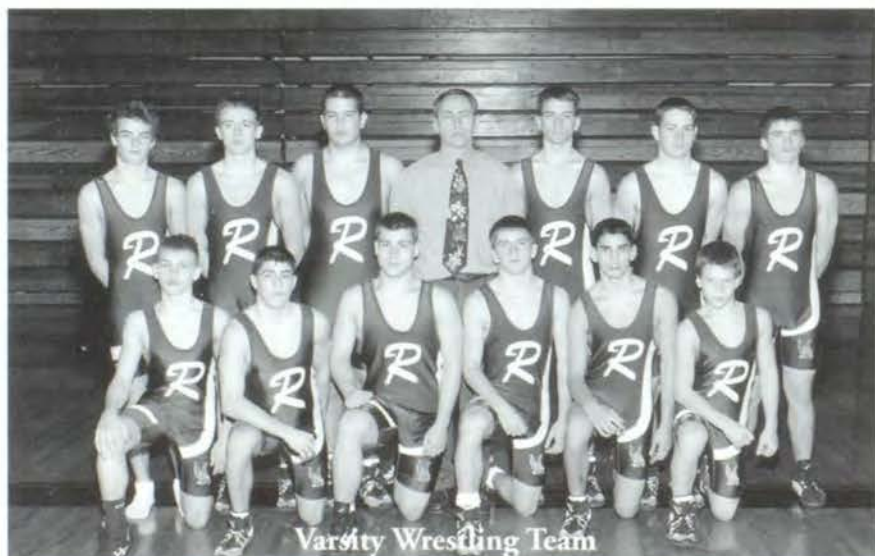
Story by Drew Switzer



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Sophomore Brian Kelly works his hardest to grapple a North Kansas City opponent and bring him to the mat.

Photo by Dustin Charapata



Varsity Wrestling Team

FRONT ROW: Greg Ford, Ryan Bennett, Anthony Pereira, Nathan Crowe, Brady O'Halloran, Loren Peters; ROW 2: Brady Poskin, Matt Myers, Mike Kelly, Coach Rich Wikiera, Dan Shouse, Brian Kelly, Brendan Arthur; NOT PICTURED: Kevin Barth.

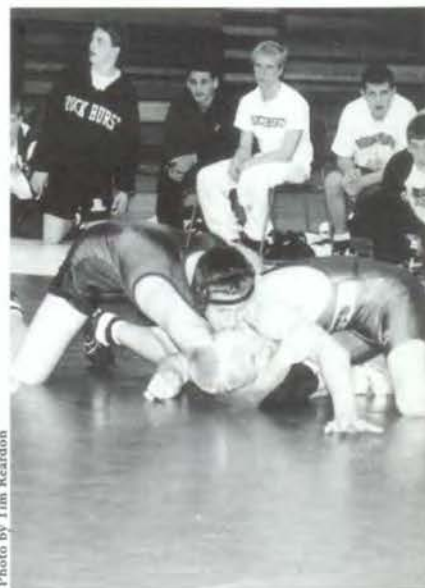
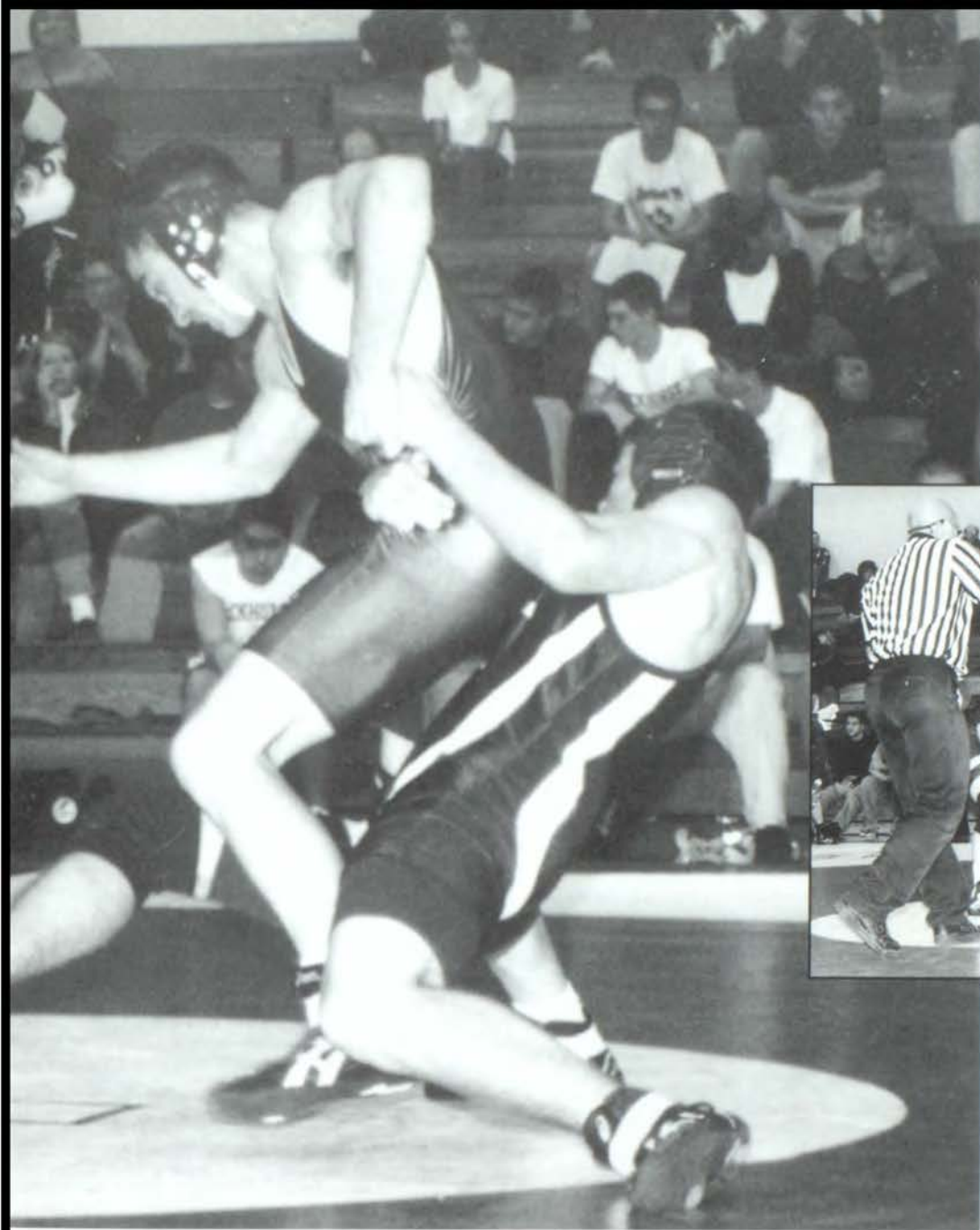


Photo by Tim Reardon



Sophomore Brendan Arthur makes a brutal take-down, slamming an opponent to the mat. Sophomore Brian Kelly readies himself for a harsh duel versus a North Kansas City opponent.



Photo by Tim Reardon

Freshman Ryan Bennett causes an opponent pain as his teammates look on. Freshman Loren Peters struggles to grapple an opponent into submission.



Photo by Justin Amberson

Varsity Wrestling 2-7

	RHS	OPP.
Lee's Summit	18	52
St. Thomas Aquinas	39	30
Turner	27	54
North Kansas City	33	45
Hickman Mills	27	48
Bonner Springs	30	45
Truman	29	48
Lee's Summit North	18	54
Winnetonka	46	36

Tournaments

Truman	6 of 9
Belton	10 of 16
North Kansas City	6 of 8
Archbishop O'Hara	7 of 13
Grandview	4 of 8

Districts	6 of 8
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Freshman Jon Adrian dominates an opponent by grappling his leg. Freshman Tom Carmody sets up behind an opponent readying himself for the takedown.

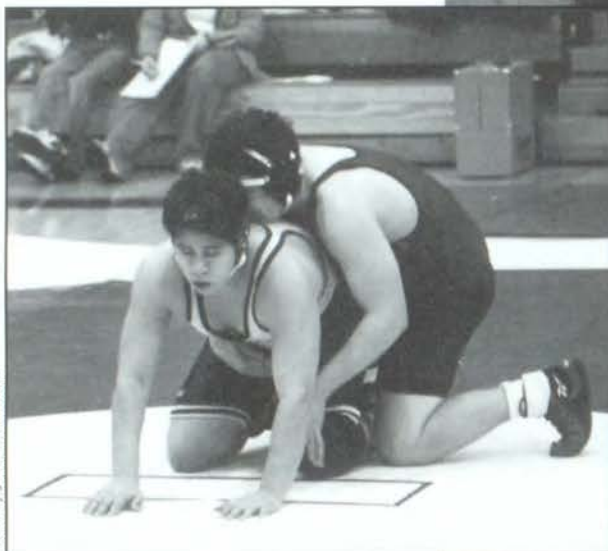
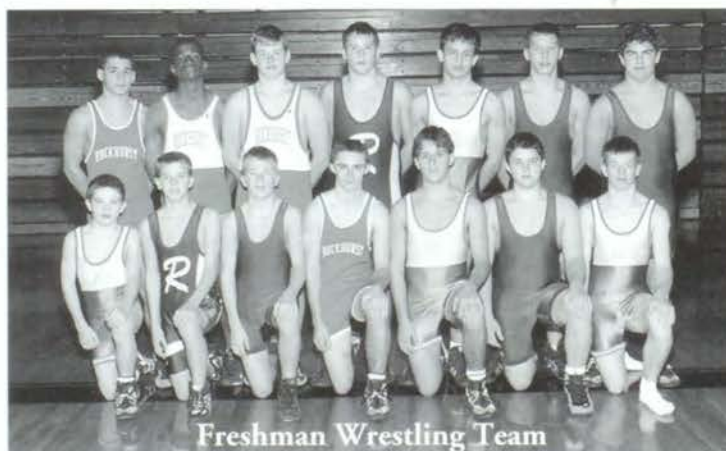


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Photo by David Paul

Junior Varsity Wrestling 8-7

	RHS	OPP.
Lee's Summit	30	54
St. Thomas Aquinas	45	18
Turner	24	18
North Kansas City	42	18
Hickman Mills	42	6
Bonner Springs	27	48
Truman	40	25
Raymore-Peculiar	16	21
Hickman Mills	40	6
Belton	33	53
Plattsburg	45	60
Oak Grove	45	36
Liberty	24	55
Blue Springs	15	56
Truman	48	27



Freshman Wrestling Team

FRONT ROW: Kyle Mays, Nate Brown, Joel Hodes, Brett King, Chris Kennaley, Tom Carmody, Tony Neff; ROW 2: Jon Adrian, Justin McDonald, Stewart Lane, Chris Muller, Jim Bascom, Todd Whitaker, Matt Towner.

Junior Dan Coonfield is declared the winner after demoralizing an overmatched opponent.

Pinnacle Effort

The Junior Varsity Wrestling Team, led by first year wrestler and captain Lon Lane, finished the season with an 8-7 record.

"Open matches really hurt us this year, but these guys gave it their all and came away with a good season," Head Coach Tony Hill said.

The team had several standouts, such as freshman Nathan Brown, Ryan Bennett and John Adrian, who had 46 takedowns and 16 pins.

Lane went 10-2, and fellow junior Daniel Coonfield went 12-8 in the 140 pound weight class.

The season started off rocky with a tough loss to Lee's Summit, 50-34, but the Hawklets came right back and beat St. Thomas Aquinas, 45-18.

"The win against Aquinas was big, it got the team confident going into the Turner meet," Coach Hill said.

The Hawklets beat Turner High School, 24-18, one of the closest matches of the year.

The team won two straight after beating Aquinas and Turner, but its

four-meet win streak was ended by a hard fought loss to Bonner Springs

"It seemed that we would always have them in position to win, but couldn't quite finish, and that is when they took advantage," said freshman Loren Peters.

RHS bounced back after losing to Bonner Springs, with a win against Truman, only to have a heartbreak against Raymore-Peculiar.

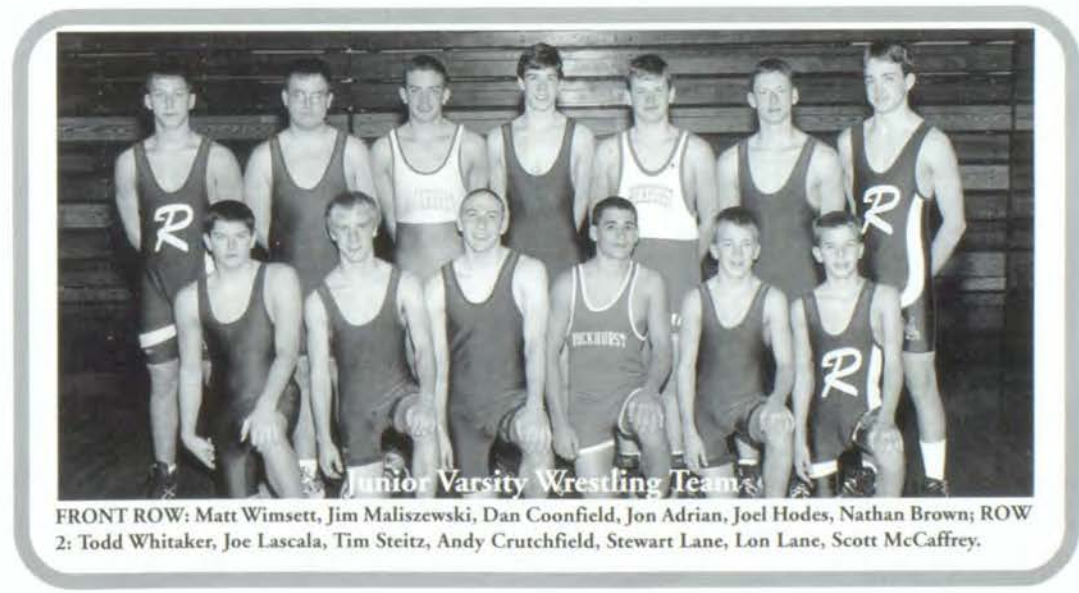
"We only needed one more pin or a couple more takedowns to win it," Coonfield said. "It was tough to lose such a close battle, 21-16."

The next meet showed the true colors of the team as it completely dominated Hickman Mills, 40-6. However, the team suffered two losses in a row after being defeated by Plattsburg, 60-45, but then won two of its last four to finish above .500 for the year.

"This team was unusually young and inexperienced, with five freshman members, only one of whom had previous wrestling experience," Coach Hill said.

Story by David Paul

Young Hawklets persevere to achieve winning record



Junior Varsity Wrestling Team
 FRONT ROW: Matt Wimsett, Jim Maliszewski, Dan Coonfield, Jon Adrian, Joel Hodes, Nathan Brown; ROW 2: Todd Whitaker, Joe Lascala, Tim Steitz, Andy Crutchfield, Stewart Lane, Lon Lane, Scott McCaffrey.

Batmen

Hawklet's offense explodes for 30 home runs and a team batting average topping .390

Beating both Saint Thomas Aquinas and Bishop Miege twice each and defeating Jefferson City at its own tournament made for a successful season for the Rockhurst Varsity Baseball Team, despite losing in the District Championship game.

"Winning the Jeff City tournament was the best thing to happen in my four years of Rockhurst baseball," said senior Ryan Anderson.

If the playoffs were arranged differently the finale for the season may have been far more rewarding.

"We didn't go as far we wanted to, but we did have a lot of fun," said junior Adam Pummill, who hit homers both left and right handed this year.

"John Mayberry hit one home run this year that came out so fast that I was surprised that it didn't go through the scoreboard!" exclaimed Coach DeGraw.

The varsity squad took its game to a new offensive level with a team batting average of .391, an average of 11.2 runs scored per game, and had five players hitting over .400.

Senior John Linhoff may have had the only homer more powerful than Mayberry's, but it counted more for its significance. He hit a two-run blast that tied the District Championship game against Truman.

Proving to be a well rounded team, the Hawklets' defensive skills were something special.

"We were so sound defensively that we expected people to make great plays," stated Coach DeGraw.

Senior leaders included Raymond Chang, a defensive stand-out, Stephen Hiatt, the team's "go-to" man, and David Manning, Ryan Anderson, Justin Quick, and Geoff Brown who have signed to play for Rockhurst University. The juniors were led by Pummill, Matt Weglarz, who batted .519 for the year, John Mayberry, and Terry Anderson.

Despite disappointment and lots of hard work the team had a lot of fun.

"We've always had guys keep things loose on the team. John Mayberry is a guy who can, surprisingly, keep things very loose," chuckled Coach DeGraw.

Story by Drew Huerter

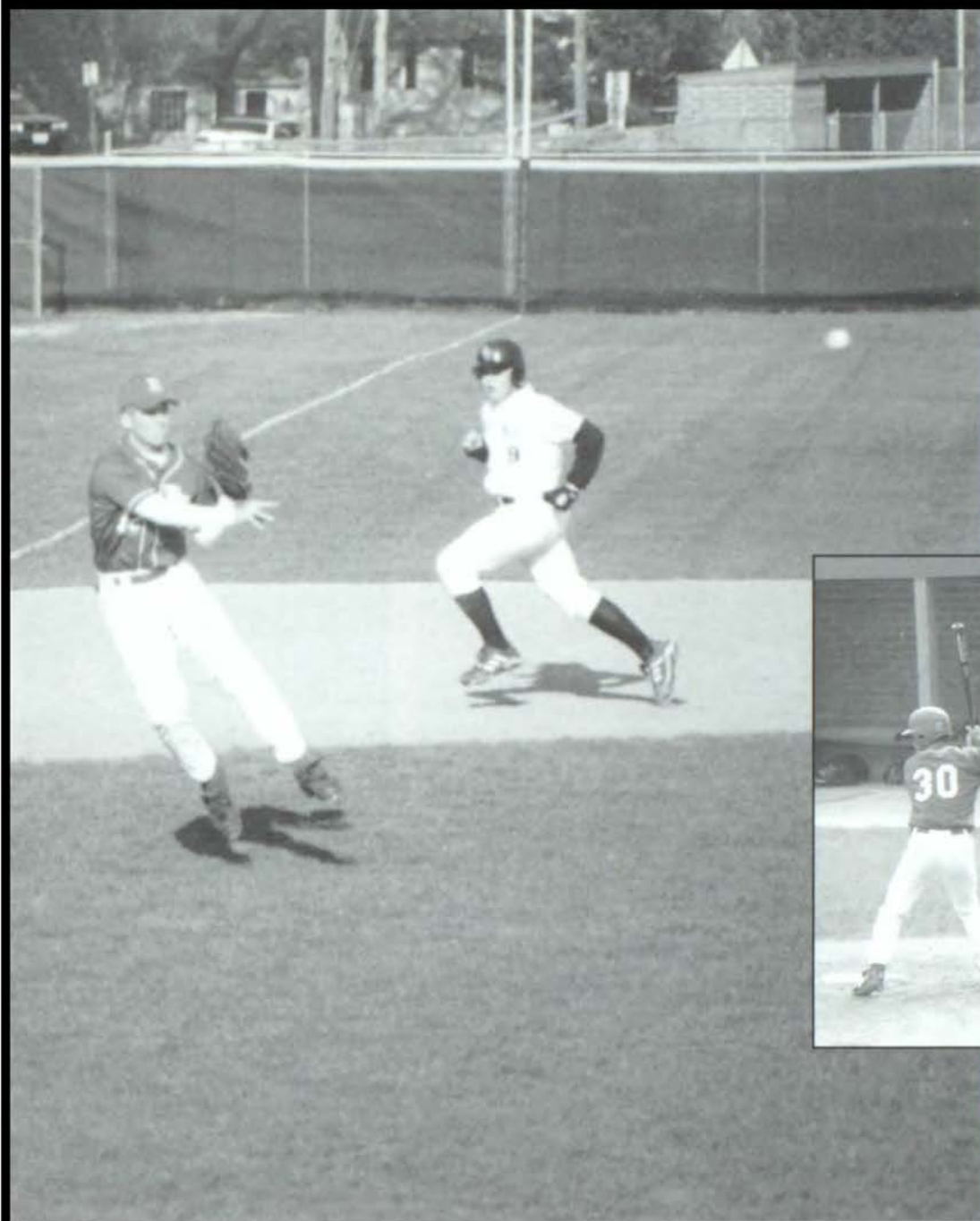


FRONT ROW: Terry Anderson, John Linhoff, Justin Quick, Brandon Hill, Ryan Anderson, David Manning;
ROW 2: Justin McFarland, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Johnny Sweeney, Matt Weglarz, Geoff Brown, Ryan Worth, Raymond Chang, John Mayberry, Stephen Hiatt, Steven Murphy, Chris Bachkora, Coach Jim DeGraw, Adam Pummill.

Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

Photo by Nick Boyd





Senior third baseman Dave Manning scoops up a slow roller against Bishop Ward and fires across the diamond to first base for the third out of the inning. Senior shortstop Raymond Chang awaits a pitch from a Raytown South Cardinal.



Photo by Chris Clarkson

Junior second baseman Adam Pummill smokes a grounder through the hole in the infield for a hit against Raytown South. Senior pitcher Stephen Hiatt throws a gem to start off the season against the Belton Pirates.



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

Varsity Baseball 19-5

	RHS	OPP.
Belton	15	2
Benton, Arkansas	21	5
Piper	9	1
Game 2	8	3
Blue Valley Northwest	2	3
Eureka	6	3
Jefferson City	10	9
Blue Springs	14	12
Eastview, Minnesota	10	9
Bishop Miege	12	4
Game 2	10	8
Bishop Ward	1	9
Ruskin	15	2
Archbishop O'Hara	10	14
Grandview	21	0
Archbishop O'Hara	14	3
Grandview	24	1
Bishop Ward	16	4
St. Thomas Aquinas	20	3
Game 2	9	4
Districts		
Raytown South	10	4
Raymore-Peculiar	8	10
Blue Springs South	13	2
Truman	3	5

Swinging *for* Success

Varsity squad has successful season with victories over ranked opponents and first place finish in Jefferson City Tourney



Photo by Nick Boyd

Senior pitcher John Linhoff throws the heater in a game against Raytown South.



Photo by Nick Boyd



Senior catcher Ryan Anderson looks back an opposing base runner in a game versus Eastview, Minnesota.

Photo by Nick Boyd

Junior Johnny Sweeney (38) spans a line drive down the right field line for a single against Raytown South. Junior Steven Murphy throws a strike against Eastview as Junior John Mayberry (20) readies himself for action.

Photo by Dustin Charapata



Photo by Dustin Charapata



Junior Brandon Hill (18) slides in safe just in front of the outfielder's throw as Coach Jim DeGraw yells 'git down!'



Senior Stephen Hiatt (8) rips a double down the right field line. Hiatt finished the season with a .385 batting average.

Photo by Nick Boyd



John Mayberry (20) stands ready to send a pitch out of the park. He ended the season with a whopping eight home runs, the most on the team.

Photo by Chris Clarkson

Sophomore third baseman T.J. O'Connor tags out a Grandview player trying to stretch a double into a triple. Junior outfielder David Ono (6) takes a homerun trot around the bases after smacking one deep against Blue Valley Northwest.



Photo by Drew Switzer

Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

Junior Varsity Baseball 9-7

	RHS	OPP.
Blue Valley North	10	13
Bishop Ward	12	15
Eastview, MN	8	7
Hickman Mills Varsity Tournament		
Archbishop O'Hara (Varsity)	1	12
Ruskin (Varsity)	12	4
Hickman Mills (Varsity)	8	11
Archbishop O'Hara	17	2
Grandview	17	7
Bishop Ward	11	3
St. Thomas Aquinas	4	8
Game 2	3	12
Raytown South	11	2
Game 2	3	12
Bishop Miege	5	0
Blue Valley Northwest	7	2
Game 2	12	11



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

First baseman Nick Kinney receives a throw to retire a Grandview runner as catcher Jordan Bastable (5) backs up the play. Sophomore catcher Kevin Sears (30) guns down a would-be base stealer from Belton High.

Hit & Run

Aspirited, never-say-die attitude propelled the 2001 Junior Varsity Baseball Squad through a strenuous 16-game season. Led by Head Coach Pete Campbell, the Hawklets finished their roller coaster season with a 9-7 mark.

"This was a great team to be a part of," said junior third baseman Paul Damon. "No one ever gave up in any game all year and we were rewarded with some big wins."

The team had several victories in which it came from behind in the last inning to win the game. The Hawklets first accomplished this feat in a game against Blue Valley Northwest, when they found themselves down, 6-3, in the bottom of the seventh and managed to score four runs to win the game, 7-6.

Weeks later the team again found itself down, 7-2, heading into the final frame against Grandview, before explod-

ing for 15 runs to win the game by 10.

The team also suffered some hard losses, including a double header loss to Aquinas.

"We should have won both those games that day," said sophomore catcher/first baseman, Kevin Sears. "We just played bad while Aquinas played good."

The Hawklets were a young team led by sophomore pitcher Tim Allen, who had the ability to hit big home runs. Sears provided solid catching, hitting, and put in some good innings at first base. Sophomore Nate Ney, the lead-off batter all year, ended up being hit by 13 pitches.

"I was very pleased with the team and how it represented the school," stated Coach Campbell. "It really says something about Rockhurst when a JV team can compete in a Varsity tournament and win some games."

Story by Drew Switzer

Seasoned juniors lead JV team to a winning record



Junior Varsity Baseball Team

FRONT ROW: Mark Crutchfield; ROW 2: Blake Quiason, Andrew Bradshaw, Kevin Sears, Paul Damon, TJ O'Connor; ROW 3: David Ono, Nate Ney, John Strobl, Matt Wormington, Matt Anderson, Noah Ney, Coach Paul Winkler; ROW 4: Coach Pete Campbell, Jordan Bastable, Nick Kinney, Tim Allen, Jeff Fahey.

On Deck

Freshman team posts 12-1 record and wins Blue Springs Tourney for the 2nd year in a row

With 19 players, the biggest Freshman Baseball Team in Rockhurst history used teamwork, talented players, and a competitive attitude to achieve a stellar 12-1 record.

"With that many players it wasn't always easy finding guys playing time," said Head Coach Jim Bascom. "But the players handled it real well, and there was never any complaining."

For the second year in a row the Hawklets won the Blue Springs Tournament by beating Blue Springs South, and avenging their only loss of the season against Blue Springs in the championship game. In addition, the squad swept longtime rivals St. Thomas Aquinas and Bishop Miege.

"We really came together as a team, and finished the season on a good note," said outfielder Derrick McKinney.

"We worked hard, got better, and fortunately had more than our share of success," remarked Coach Bascom. "It was really fun to be with such a talented group of players."

Several players had outstanding seasons, including third baseman Jeff Koons, shortstop Ryan Bennett, and outfielder/pitcher Derrick McKinney, but Coach Bascom insists that everyone contributed to the team's success.

"This is a solid group of players," said Coach Bascom. "If they continue to develop, they'll really contribute to the program over the next three years."

Story by Brandon Hill



Jeff Owsley stares intently at the Olathe South pitcher before a 2-2 pitch.



Freshman Baseball Team

FRONT ROW: David Blake, Joey Williams, Derrick McKinney, Kyle Hunt, Mike Hinck, Mike O'Brien; ROW 2: Ryan Bennett, Brandon Doherty, Pat Befort, Jeff Koons, Andrew Thomas, Steve Huffman, Brian Gramlich; ROW 3: Coach Jim Bascom, Nick Bromberg, Chris Muller, Jeff Owsley, Linds Prestia, Dennis Bichsel, Pat Kreikemeier, Coach Paul Winkler.



Jeff Owsley throws the deuce (curveball) to an Olathe South batter as Brian Gramlich (28) prepares to frame the pitch for strike three. Coaches Jim Bascom and Paul Winkeler discuss strategy as they walk back to the dugout after a big inning.



Kyle Hunt crosses the plate safely against Grandview to help solidify a 13-2 victory for the Hawklets. Ryan Bennett takes an aggressive lead-off as the Grandview first baseman attempts to keep him close.



Freshman Baseball	
12-1	
	RHS OPP.
Blue Valley Northwest	3 1
Olathe South	12 8
Game 2	12 1
Blue Springs	7 9
Grandview	13 2
St. Thomas Aquinas	10 0
Game 2	2 1
Bishop Ward	6 0
Game 2	9 2
Blue Springs Tournament	
Blue Springs South	14 7
Blue Springs	4 3
Bishop Miege	13 2
Game 2	6 5

Laxcellent

Hawklets advance to State Finals under first year Head Coach Jay Coleman

Finishing second in the state and first in its conference, the Varsity Lacrosse team established itself as more than just a powerhouse. On the way to the State Championship game the Hawklets amassed a 10-4 record, outscoring their opponents, 118 to 56.

Success came early in the season, especially against Shawnee Mission South and the Blue Valley District teams.

"Those two games were fun," said first year Head Coach Jay Coleman. "They were big for the kids and improved their confidence."

The team made a trip to Sante Fe, New Mexico, for a tournament during spring break. It provided an opportunity to compare itself to other teams across the country.

"Sante Fe brought us to the next level," said junior Tim Reidy.

The Hawklets were successful because of a full-team effort on both offense and defense.

"The defense played really well and kept us in all the close games this year,

especially Jon Lecuyer, Pete Jokisch, and Pat Lobb," said senior Co-Captain Kevin Cotter.

"On offense, Pat Amey and Andrew Elmer really pushed us through the playoffs," stated junior and starting goalie Jokisch.

The most satisfying part of the season for most was the state semi-final victory against defending State Champions, Mary Institute Country Day, who had beaten the Hawklets only 20 days before.

"Finally winning the state semi-final game was great. We wanted to prove something," said Jokisch.

Disappointment came all too quickly in the State Championship game against a powerful DeSmet team.

"We made a really good run at the State Tournament," said Cotter. "In the last game we didn't click, but we still came together as a team."

Finally reaching the championship after four years of semi-final defeats, this may mark a new era in Rockhurst Lacrosse.

"From now on the program won't be the same. We won't be rebuilding; we will be reloading," Coach Coleman predicted.

Story by Drew Huerter



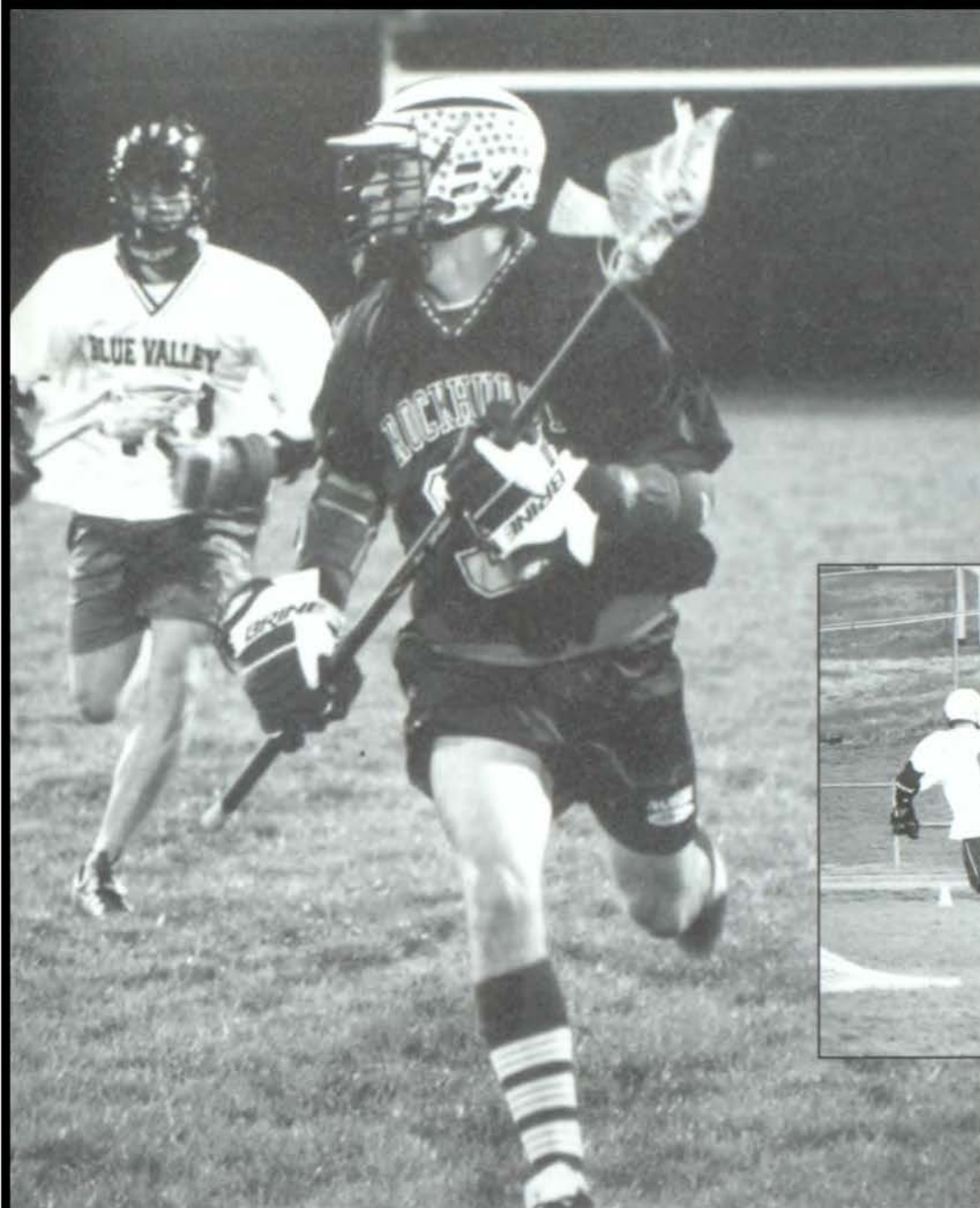
Varsity Lacrosse Team

FRONT ROW: John Molle, Pat Lobb, Greg Laughlin, Tim Burke, Matt Beck, Jon Lecuyer, Kyle Vrabac; ROW 2: Pete Jokisch, David Becker, Zach Ramirez, Andrew Paterini, Milan Vrabac, Nick Cappocia, Andrew Elmer, Kevin Barth; ROW 3: Pat Joyce, Tim Reidy, Jim Ryan, Quinn Colling, Pat Amey, Nick Peeples, Pete Novick, Jim Goetz, Pat Coughlin; ROW 4: David Coughlin, Matt Meiners, Kevin Weiss, Jerry Miller, Mike Burke, Kevin Cotter, Eric Acinger, Pat Reed, Mike Finn; ROW 5: Brendan Arthur, Sal Marsalla, Brendon Murphy, Kyle Martin, Wade Muller, Mike Euston, Matt Dunham, Andy Bazdarich; ROW 6: Coach Dave Steffano, Pat O'Leary, Coach Jay Coleman, Coach Ross Dessert.

Photo by Tim Bridgham



Photo by Dustin Charapata



Junior defender Tim Reidy streaks past an opposing player during Rockhurst's 21-1 rout of Blue Valley. Sophomore attacker Andrew Elmer (2) swings back around a Shawnee Mission South Raider to get a better shot on goal.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Senior Kevin Cotter (5) prepares to unleash a fireball upon the Blue Valley goal keeper. Senior Kyle Vrabac goes low to win a face off against an over-matched Blue Valley opponent.



Photo by Tim Bridgham

Varsity Lacrosse 10-4

	RHS	OPP.
Shawnee Mission South	16	0
Lafayette	10	3
Parkway West	4	1
Parkway Central	7	2
Blue Valley	21	1
DeSmet	4	5
Kirkwood	3	1
Christian Brothers	9	8
Webster Groves	9	3
MICDS	3	9
St. Louis Univ. High	5	6
Playoffs		
Parkway South	16	1
MICDS	9	7
DeSmet*	2	9

Final Ranking-1st in West Conference

*Denotes State Championship Game

Varsity Hawklets make the transition from a developing program to a perennial powerhouse

LaCrossing *the* Line



Senior Richard Moritz slings a shot through the Quebec defense towards the goal during the Santa Fe Tournament.

Photo by Nick Winchester



Photo by Justin Amberson

Sophomore Andrew Elmer sends a screamer of a shot past the Blue Valley goalkeeper and in for a Rockhurst score.

Photo by Nick Winchester



Photo by Tim Bridgman

The Varsity Hawklets raise their sticks in preparation for the fast approaching semi-final rematch versus Country Day. Junior defender Patrick Coughlin nimbly avoids an assault on his shins from a Dallas Episcopalian attacker.

Photo by Nick Winchester



Junior Greg Laughlin surveys the Country Day defense during the semi-final game.



Junior Patrick Amey (4) soars through the air over any and all threatening defenders to attempt a goal for the Hawklets.

Photo by Justin Amberson



Sophomore Andrew Elmer passes to a teammate despite tough coverage from a Dallas Episcopal defender during a tournament in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Junior Tim Burke (27) passes across the field to open teammate Mike Moritz (17). Sophomore Mike Finn scoops and scores against a Blue Valley Tiger.



Photo by Dan Olson

Photo by Dan Olson

Junior Varsity Lacrosse 12-1

	RHS	OPP.
	Won*	
Shawnee Mission South	6	5
Pembroke Hill	5	1
Parkway West	5	0
Parkway Central	9	0
Blue Valley	6	9
DeSmet	9	1
Christian Brothers	15	3
Webster Groves	7	4
MICDS	16	0
Parkway South	8	0
Parkway North	6	4
St. Louis Univ. H.S.	6	5
DeSmet		

*Data unavailable



Photo by Mrs. Mary Wirken

Freshman Steve Weiss (82) prepares to receive a pass from sophomore Matt Hall. Sophomore Cory VanDyke dips into his bag of magic and pulls out a spin move to juke a Parkway Central defender.

Sticking Out

For the past two years, Rockhurst Junior Varsity Lacrosse has placed second in the JV State Tournament, but the Hawklets battled to become champions at the 2001 Tournament.

In his fifth year as JV Head Coach, Mr. Tom Laughlin, along with other volunteer coaches Mr. Frank Simpson, Mr. Greg Simpson, Mr. Chris Berter, and Mr. Tim Hannon, led the team to a 12-1 season.

"Without the leadership and coaching, we wouldn't have gone as far as we did," said sophomore defenseman Sal Marsalla.

With a very aggressive defense and attack, the team scored on 27% of its shots and won 56% of the face offs at the beginning of the game. Each game the team averaged a win by 5.5 goals and held six of 13 opponents to one goal or less.

"We were very aggressive man-up team that was able to develop skills to become one of [RHS'] best JV teams," said Coach Laughlin.

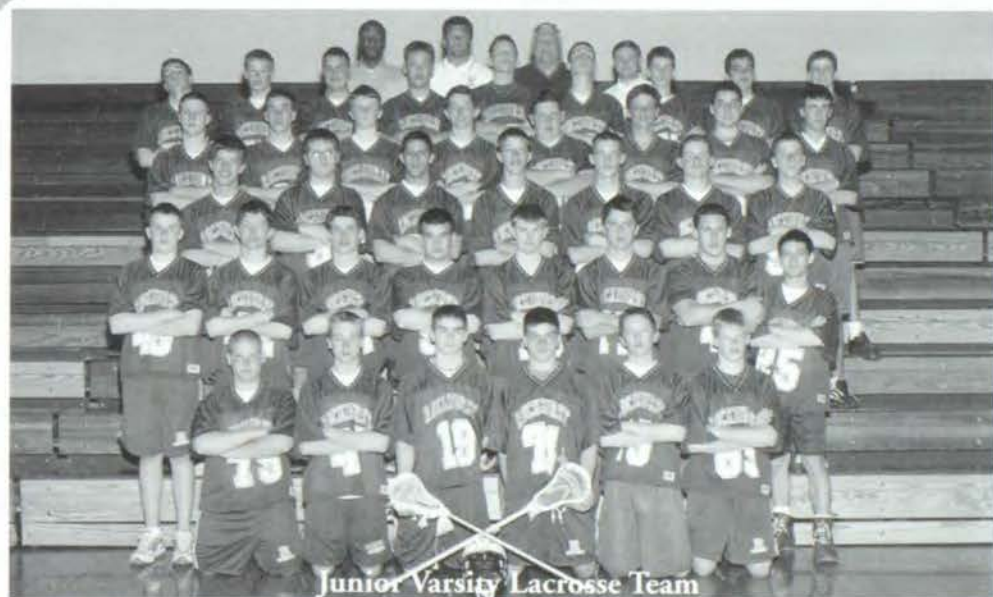
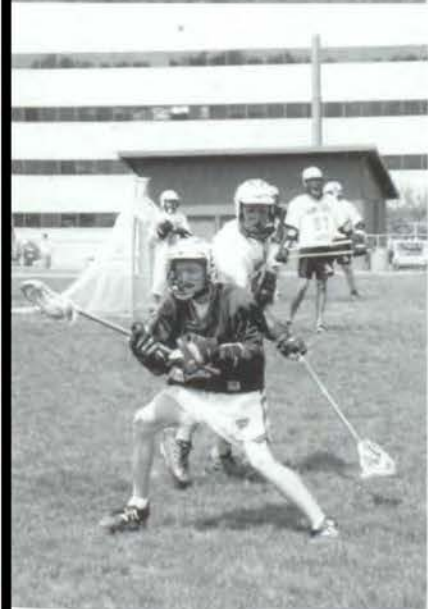
The team defeated St. Louis rivals CBC and SLUH, but lost to DeSmet midway through the season. In the single elimination JV Tournament, the team played four games on one Sunday afternoon, avenging its loss to DeSmet in overtime in the finals.

With strong young players such as freshmen goalie Brian Hanrahan and Stephen Weiss, sophomores Marsalla, Cory and Ryan VanDyke, and juniors Greg Laughlin and Nick Peebles, the team looks forward to filling the shoes of departing seniors.

"There's a phenomenal development of skills combining to make a JV team that could compete successfully anywhere throughout the midwest," said Coach Laughlin.

Story by Peter Giangreco

JV squad has a stellar 12-1 season while defeating many St. Louis rivals



FRONT ROW: Brian Hanrahan, Chris Lippola, John Siedlik, Michael Adkins, Scott Campbell, Matt Hall; ROW 2: Adam Taylor, Ryan VanDyke, Andrew Clement, Pat McGah, David DeWolf, Mike Moritz, Tom Graves, John Paul Nigro; ROW 3: Danny Martucci, Wes Cotter, Chris George, Jeff Herr, Kyle Van Buskirk, Eric Andrews, Pat Mohart; ROW 4: Kyle Garrison, Sean Heiman, Mike Ferrel, Cory VanDyke, Kevin Welsh, A.J. Robine, Adam McGovern, Steve Weiss; ROW 5: BJ Fagan, Jon Wachtel, Brett Fowler, Grant Keyser, Alex DiCarlo, Dane Vrabac, Jeff Wirken, Kevin Reidy, Rahan Nana; ROW 6: Coach Tim Hannon, Coach Greg Simpson, Coach Frank Simpson, Coach Chris Berger.

Rookies

Team excels with the help of the first female coach in RHS history

The 2001 Freshman Lacrosse team, consisting of 46 players, and led by Head Coach Paul Muller, first-year assistant Mrs. Jennifer Olson and assistant Mr. Corey Quinn, played a five-month season, capped off by taking second place in the Freshman State Tournament.

Since Lacrosse is not widely played across the Kansas City area, the majority of the team was playing for the first time ever. When winter practices began in early January, so did the learning process.

The regular season began with the Hawks competing against some varsity opponents from the Kansas City area. The team then moved on to play other freshman teams, where they were able to get some big wins, including a close, hard fought victory over arch rival DeSmet in late April.

"That DeSmet game was the best

game of they year," said midfielder Jamie Maggard. "We were clicking on all cylinders and came out on top."

Even the Freshman Team was forced to make a cross state trip to St. Louis to play some games. As they arrived at CBC for their first game they were welcomed by some pre-game taunting, but this only fired up the team and it went out and beat CBC handily, 10-5.

There were a few freshmen who really stood out throughout the year, including Trey Thomas, Marc Eskew, Ted Cappocia, Tim Herbers, Jamie Maggard, Joe Calhoun, and Anthony Trakas according to Coach Olson. They were not only good players but they stood out as good leaders who would always push their teammates to work and be better players.

"This was just a great year in which we achieved our goals of learning the game, getting better every day, and having lots of fun," she said.

Story by Drew Switzer



Photo by Mary Wirken

Photo by Mary Wirken



Freshman Lacrosse Team

FRONT ROW: Ryan Pruitt, Matt Quijas, Mitch Miguel, John Krebs, Mike Schuckman; ROW 2: Matt Vaughn, Matt Powell, Bob Murphy, Ben Reenan, Matt McKibben, Cullen Roberts, James Maggard, C.J.Cornwell, Andrew Langford; ROW 3: Joe Strain, John Schumaker, Stewart Lane, Anthony Trakas, Trey Thomas, Ted Cappocia, Dylan Aldrich, Tim Ismert, Alex Schieber, Matt Jianas; ROW 4: John Garlich, Joe Le, Jack Holbrook, Eric Griffin, Jake Krouse, Dennis Sullivan, Nick Lewer, Marc Albers, Tanner White, James Bascom, Stephen Hoefler; ROW 5: Coach Corey Quinn, Coach Tom Laughlin, Coach Jennifer Olson



Tim Herbers (18) flies downfield past a Vianney defender to launch the ball to an awaiting teammate. The team gathers to listen to Coach Tom Laughlin after a muddy victory over Vianney.

Photo by Mary Wirken



Mike Adkins forces a Vianney defender to his knees during the Rockhurst Freshman Tournament. Goalie Brian Hanrahan (29) scoops up the muddy ball away from a Christian Brother attacker.



Photo by Mary Wirken

Freshman Lacrosse	
Lansing	Won
Shawnee Mission South	Lost
Lansing	Won
St. Paul's	Won
DeSmet	Won
Lansing	Won
Christian Brothers	Won
Freshman Tournament	
Parkway Central	Lost
DeSmet	Won
Lansing	Lost
Vianney	Won
Christian Brothers	Won

**No final record because squad was split into two teams for Freshman Tournament*

Back on Track

Team hurdles obstacles on road to State in Dr. Jorge Taracido's final season as Head Coach

The end of an era; the continuation of a legacy. Rockhurst High School Track and Field Head Coach Doctor Jorge Taracido has retired after 14 seasons of guidance to those who sacrificed themselves on the track.

"I served when I was called upon, and I must leave when I have done my job," stated Coach Taracido.

The torch has been passed to Assistant Coach Mike Dierks who ran for Coach Taracido as an athlete 10 years ago.

At Coach Taracido's last Rockhurst Relays he knelt down to kiss the track and, as he did, he paused and scooped up some of the dirt to preserve the moment. Coach Taracido walked away in tears holding the first place trophy high.

The track was fading along with the legacy. Construction on a new track is to begin in November and will

hopefully be completed for the 2002 track season.

"There will be a new legacy established with the new track," said Coach Taracido.

The team was led by senior captains Sean O'Donnell, Andy Tiehen, Steven O'Connor, and Tim Reardon. Senior team members included Chris Winger and Jonathan Adriano. The team was also aided by juniors Pat Kies, Daniel McDonough, Patrick Ishmael, and Colin Charbonneau, sophomores Jack Jones, Brennan Metzler, and Steve Baugh, and freshmen Patrick Tweedy, Tony Temple, and David Franklin.

To share in Coach Taracido's final season Coach Eric Berg returned from retirement to serve as the jumpers coach.

"It is fitting to end my coaching career with Mr. Berg," said Coach Taracido. "He was the one who gave me this job."

Coach Taracido also ends his career with another former athlete on his staff, Coach Casey Murray, RHS class of '95

who assisted the middle and long distance team. Coach Mark Kramer, S.J., was also new to the scene, serving as coach to the hurdlers.

"The highlight of the season was watching four long-standing records fall," stated Coach Taracido.

O'Donnell broke two of these records, one in the 1600-meter run in 4:19, and the other in the 800-meter run, in 1:56.29. O'Donnell, along with Winger and Bush and Metzler broke the 4x1600-meter record in 18:37. McDonough set the last record in the 400-meter run in a time of 49.65 while running on a stress fracture.

At the state meet the team had its best finish in over 15 years, placing 29th overall. The team sent the 4x400-meter relay team, the 4x100-meter relay team, and individuals O'Donnell and McDonough to compete. O'Donnell placed 6th in the 1600-meter run and 6th in the 800-meter run. McDonough placed 14th overall, and the 4x100-meter relay team placed 7th.

"As Coach Dierks inherits the team, it should do excellent things in the future," said Coach Taracido. "I will be the team's biggest fan."

Story by John Dollerschell



Varsity Track Team

FRONT ROW: Mike Cleary, Jason Haile, Seth Smith, Jon Adriano, Luke Dlabal, Andy Tiehen, Ryan Watson, Charles Bush, Nick Paradise, Daniel McDonough, Tony Tran, Charles Gant; ROW 2: Clayton Aggeler, Pat Ishmael, Ryan McAuley, Mike Wiber, Jeff McCaffrey, DJ Murphy, Pat Kies, John Dollerschell, John Skevington, Colin Charbonneau, Marlon Butler; ROW 3: Greg Sllivan, Carl Kline, Matt Sweeney, Nick Callegari, Donald Brain, Mark Mattione, Stephan Roque, Nick Johnson, Jake Grate, Brady Poskin, Josh Erwin, Alex Altomare; ROW 4: Justin McDonald, Phil Smith, Logan Heatwole, Tom Dougherty, David Tiehen, Dan Cooper, Elliott Jaros, Jason Saybaugh, Dan Howard, Anthony Quirarte, Joel Rosas, Will Allen, Ben Steve; ROW 5: Noah Beach, Andy Crutchfield, Marcus Perry, Steven Baugh, Jack Jones, Brian Graham, Eric Burtin, James Griffin, Danny Boyd, Brennan Metzler, Charlie Bennett, Kyle Duffin, Justin McAuley, Tim Steitz, Matt Nocita; ROW 6: Jeff Keeling, Jason Ashner, Joe Dobbie, Pat Tweedy, Seamus Mclaughlin, David Franklin, Matt Wiggins, J. T. Hand, John Parsons, Jimmy Miller, James Ashner, Joe Dobbie, Pat Tweedy, Joe Dunn, David Smith; ROW 7: Tony Temple, Grant Spiking, Nick Maese, John Reintjes, Steve Redmond, Jimmy Barnes, Brian Troutman, Steve Welsh, Zach Shelton, Todd Whittaker, Aaron Stupica, Thomas Wytock, Pat Doohan, Drew Goodwin; ROW 8: Coach Casey Murray, Coach Mark Kramer, S.J., Coach Eric Berg, Head Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Mike Sullivan, Coach Mike Dierks.



Photo by Peter Schloegel



Senior Andy Tiehen leaps like a gazelle over the high hurdles during the Rockhurst Relays. Coach Mike Dierks' ten year 800-meter track record is retired at the Track & Field Awards Night. Senior Sean O'Donnell broke his record at the State Championship Meet with a time of 1:56.6.

Junior Mike Wiber takes flight as he competes in the long jump at the District Championships in Belton. Junior Boon Smith struggles to stay above the bar as he vaults at the Lee's Summit Relays.



Photo by Nick Boyd

Varsity Track & Field

Districts - 4th

400	1st	Daniel McDonough
4 x 400	1st	Ishmael, Baugh, Jones, McDonough
3200	2nd	Brennan Metzler
3200	4th	Chris Winger
4 x 800	2nd	Tweedy, Gush, Ishmael, O'Donnell
4 x 100	4th	Franklin, Temple, Jones, O'Connor
100	3rd	Steve O'Connor
800	2nd	Sean O'Donnell
1600	2nd	Sean O'Donnell

Sectionals

400	1st	Daniel McDonough
4 x 400	1st	Ishmael, Baugh, Jones, McDonough
4 x 100	4th	Franklin, Temple, Jones, Charbonneau
800	3rd	Sean O'Donnell
1600	4th	Sean O'Donnell

State

4 x 100	7th	Franklin, Temple, Jones, Charbonneau
800	3rd	Sean O'Donnell
1600	10th	Sean O'Donnell

Sophomore Logan Heatwole delivers the baton into the awaiting hands of sophomore Marcus Perry. Sophomore Dan Howard puts all his weight behind shotput, heaving it into the air.



Photo by Jeff Muncher

Sophomore Phillip Smith, though knocking down a hurdle, perseveres and continues to dominate the race at the Rockhurst Relays. Sophomore Justin McAuley skies over a hurdle during a meet at Truman High School.



Coach Jorge Taracido advises sophomore Charlie Bennett on how to improve his times. Sophomore Justin McAuley performs the Fosbury Flop to clear the high jump bar.



Photo by Barb Wiggins

On the Run



Despite numerous obstacles, the Junior Varsity and Freshman Track teams stepped up to the challenge, and experienced success.

The JV team often filled the void when Varsity runners were needed. On some occasions, two varsity meets were scheduled on the same day, so JV and even Freshmen runners were called upon to race at the higher levels of competition. The team took third at the Miega Relays, a varsity event, as well as second at the difficult Raytown South JV relays.

The Freshman team recorded consistent top-five finishes. Five freshmen, Patrick Tweedy, Mike Wiggins, Tony Temple, Steve Redmond, and David Franklin, all received Varsity letters and will be key to the team's success in the future.

Not all went as well as possible. The 4x800-Meter Relay Team, which included Tweedy, did not qualify for the state competition in Jefferson City, despite finishing only four seconds off the school record.

"The 4x800 team was a true heart-break, considering their time at sectionals would have placed them fourth or fifth place at state," said Head Coach Dr. Jorge Taracido.

Dr. Taracido was assisted by Mr. Michael Dierks, sprints coach, and Mr. Sam Allred, pole vault coach. New to the staff were Mr. Mark Kramer, S.J., in charge of hurdlers; Mr. Eric Berg, jumpers coach; Mr. Mike Sullivan, throwers coach, and Mr. Casey Murray, who helped with hurdles and long distance.

The future appears to be bright for the teams. Construction on a new track is hoped to begin by November of 2001 and finished by the 2001-2002 season.

This season was the last for Dr. Taracido as Head Coach. After 14 seasons, he will step down and Coach Dierks will assume the head coaching responsibilities.

"Coach Dierks as head coach will take the team a step farther," commented Dr. Taracido. "It was a great 14 years."

Story by Nick Herold

Young team shows promise with top three finishes in several meets



Sophomore Nick Johnson explodes off the block held by sophomore Matt Sweeney.

Photo by Jeff Mincher

Hole *Lotta* Birdies

Young team gains experience on way to a sixth place finish at State

The Varsity Golf Team, characterized by teamwork and leadership, placed sixth at the Missouri Championship, the first time in four years the Hawklets failed to win the trophy.

According to Head Coach Steve Ryan, the team was nervous and played fair early in the tournament, but as the days progressed they began to get better and better.

"Only if we had one more day to play, we could have taken State," Coach Ryan said.

The highlight of the season was in Jeff City when the squad took 1st place out of 24 teams, "an incredible win," according to Coach Ryan, who named St. Joseph Cen-

tral and Pembroke Hill as the team's biggest rivals.

Team leaders included seniors Mitch Kelly, Pat O'Brien, and Jeff Kratofil, and juniors Pat O'Neill and Ryan Davis. Davis achieved the lowest scores of the team in all of the tournaments. Coach Ryan hopes for Ryan Melgaard, Davis, O'Neill, and Colin Groves to step up and keep the team strong in the future.

"I learned that experience is everything when you head to state. I look forward to next year being just as successful a season," said O'Neill.

"The most enjoyable part of the year was watching the team's leadership and motivation to do well," said Coach Ryan.

Story by Andrew Ward



Photo by Casey Booth



Photo by Jeff Mincher



Varsity Golf Team

FRONT ROW: Colin Groves, Ryan Melgaard, Pat O'Neill, Ryan Davis, Pat O'Brien, Matt Ovel;
ROW 2: Coach Mike O'Leary, Jeff Kratofil, Coach Steve Ryan, T.J. Kratofil, Coach Bert Roney.



Junior Pat O'Neill chips the ball out of the bunker and onto the green to set up an easy putt against Miega. Senior Pat O'Brien finishes out the hole with a one foot putt for birdie.



Photo by Jason Dunsworth

Junior Ryan Davis smashes the ball down the fairway in a dual versus Columbia Hickman. Senior Mitch Kelly shows textbook form as he rockets the ball towards the green.



Photo by Casey Booth

Varsity Golf

Bishop Miega	Lost	157-158
Olathe East	Won	167-163
Columbia Classic		3rd of 19
Lawrence Free State	Won	326-304
Webster Cup		5th of 24
Columbia Hickman	Won	353-344
Springfield Aldo Seben Inv.		1st of 30
Triangular -- 1st		
Rockhurst		154
Lee's Summit North		154
Lee's Summit		162
Blue Springs	Won	160-144
Jefferson City Invitational		1st of 15
Richmond Invitational		3rd of 23
Pembroke Hill	Lost	307-319
District Tournament		2nd of 10
Quadrangular -- 3rd		
St. Joseph-Central		313
Maryville		315
Rockhurst		322
Pembroke Hill		322
State Championship		6th of 16

Junior Ben Nachbar admires the perfect flight of his ball after a clean iron shot. Coach Mike O'Leary takes some shade as his squad places first out of 25 teams in the Ray-Pec Invitational.



Photo by Brandon Hill

Photo by Matthew Harris

Junior Varsity Golf

Shamrock Tournament	1st of 18
Bishop Miege Duel	Won
Olathe East Duel	Won
Lawrence Free State Duel	Won
Ray-Pec Invitational (Varsity)	1st of 25
Columbia Hickman Duel	Won
Blue Springs Triangular	Won
Raytown Invitational (Varsity)	1st of 25
Glendale Invitational (Varsity)	11th of 20
Pembroke Hill Duel	Lost

Photo by Matthew Harris



Sophomore Zack Appl takes a smooth cut at the ball despite the rugged grass. Junior Ben Nachbar prepares to chip a ball out of the rough and onto the green, saving par.

Tee Party

JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF

The Rockhurst Junior Varsity Golf Team posted a dual record of 6-1, won three invitationals, and placed fourth and 11th in two others, all but one against varsity teams.

The Hawklets' 11th place finish at the Glendale Invitational was an accomplishment as only teams who competed at state the previous year are invited.

"This is the 'best-of-the-best' tournament and our JV held their own," said Head Coach Michael O'Leary. "Hickory Hills, where the tournament is played, is the hardest course any team plays all year."

"The JV guys had some ups and downs but overall they got some re-

ally good tournament experience," Assistant Coach Bert Roney said.

Individual performances solidified the accomplishments of the team. Junior Ben Nachbar holed out for an eagle from 130 yards.

"T.J. Kratofil can hit the ball far," said sophomore Colin Groves.

In addition to missing some of the fourth quarter classes to play tournaments, the JV team had a lot of fun.

"I've made sure to have fun," said junior Matt Ovel. "There was a lot of friendship on the team and everybody wanted everyone else to do well."

Story by Drew Huerter

Junior Varsity posts 6-1 record against varsity competition

Photo by Matthew Harris



Sophomore Zack Appl tests out his irons before a duel against Columbia Hickman.



Junior Varsity Golf Team

FRONT ROW: Micheal Fox, Mike Illig, Zack Appl, Ben Nachbar, Jeff Angold, Khule Mabery, Sam Klos;
ROW 2: Deron Cherry, Alex Nordholm, Coach Mike O'Leary, Coach Steve Ryan, Coach Bert Roney, Mark Euston, Collin Pierson.

For the Love

Varsity Tennis team takes State for the sixth year in a row winning team, singles, and doubles titles

The Varsity Tennis Team kept its amazing streak alive, winning its sixth straight Missouri 4A State Championship, sweeping all three divisions at State. Senior Sam Davidson won the Singles competition, junior Brad Martin and Sophomore Ryan Reid won the Doubles trophy, and the Hawklets won the overall Team Championship.

The team rolled through its play-off competition beating Liberty, 5-2, in sectionals. They defeated St. Joe Central in the quarterfinals, 5-0, and beat Parkway Central (St. Louis), 5-0, in the semifinals. In the championship, the Hawklets defeated Ladue Horton Watkins (St. Louis), 5-1, capturing their sixth straight title.

"The key to winning our sixth straight championship is all of the hard work the kids put in through the off season," Coach Ron Geldhof said. "They play Missouri Valley matches and other tournaments to improve their skills."

According to Davidson, the high-

light of the season, besides winning State, was taking first place in the Tournament of Champions in St. Louis. The team beat Pembroke Hill in the championship, gaining revenge from an earlier defeat in the regular season.

The season ended in storybook fashion, but the team did have some early downfalls.

"The biggest disappointment was losing to Shawnee Mission East," Martin said.

According to Davidson the team's biggest rival was St. Joe Central, the team they had to beat in the quarterfinals to advance to the State Championship.

"They were one of the best teams we faced in Missouri 4A competition," Davidson commented.

According to sophomore Ryan Ried there is no reason why they can't win a seventh straight State Championship next spring.

"This team may not have been as talented as the previous championship teams," Martin said. "But when it comes to heart, this team has more than many others that have been through Rockhurst."

Story By Joseph Sanders



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin



Varsity Tennis Team

FRONT ROW: Mark Stanley, Darren Chiao, David Ward, Nick Cicero, John Harbison, Colin Krug, Alex Ernst, Breck Mundis; ROW 2: Jack Trotter, Sam Woodell, Tom Wiedeman, Sam Davidson, Sean Reilly, Ryan Reid, Anthony Dayrit; ROW 3: Coach Ron Geldhof, Graham Long, Mitch Paone, Brad Martin, Jack Smedile, Matt Rada, Michael Feierabend, Coach Bill Munninghoff.



Senior Jack Smedile, sporting his always fashionable shades, gears up to unleash the powerful wrath of his backhand upon the ball. Junior Brad Martin steps up to smack an incoming ball across court with his reliable forehand for a winner against Oak Park.



Photo by Casey Booth

Senior John Harbison prepares to smash the ball down right court for an easy ace. Senior Sam Davidson poses with his mother, Pamela, his high school coach Mr. Ron Geldhof, and his childhood coach Mr. Rod Zerni while he signs his letter of intent to play for DePaul University, in Chicago.



Varsity Tennis

Blue Springs South	Won 8-1
Blue Valley North	Won 6-3
St. Joseph Central Tourney	1st Place
National Tennis Indoor Tourney	
Miami Sunset	Lost 2-7
Shawnee Mission NW	Won 9-0
St. Joseph Central	Won 9-0
Liberty	Won 6-3
St. Thomas Aquinas Tourney	2nd Place
Pembroke Hill	Lost 3-6
Shawnee Mission East	Lost 5-7
Tournament of Champions	1st Place
defeated Pembroke Hill to win	
Oak Park	Won 9-0
St. Thomas Aquinas	Won
District Tournament	1st Place
Sectional Tournament	
Liberty	Won 5-2
St. Joseph Central	Won 5-0
Parkway Central	Won 5-0
State Championship	
Ladue Horton Watkins	Won 5-1

Freshman David Ward scoots in close to pop a lob over the net for a score in a match versus Liberty. Sophomore Colin Krug strokes a solid forehand.



Photo by Brian Quarnstrom

Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

Sophomore Colin Krug follows through after solid contact with the ball. Junior Matt Rada jacks a high floater with a quick snap of his wrist.



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

Junior Varsity Tennis 7-1*

	RHS	OPP.
Blue Springs South	9	0
Liberty	5	4
Bishop Miege	11	0
Pembroke Hill	11	5
Lee's Summit Tournament	1	of 8
Blue Valley North	7	2
Shawnee Mission East	2	7
Oak Park	9	0
Pembroke Hill Tournament	3	of 8
St. Thomas Aquinas	9	0

* indicates duel matches only

Making a Racquet

Playing against rivals such as Shawnee Mission East, and Pembroke Hill, the Junior Varsity Tennis Team had an outstanding year, losing only one tournament.

"[Those schools] give us the most competition," said JV Coach Bill Munninghoff.

The Hawklets relied mostly on younger players to win seven times.

"We were a fairly young team. Half the team were freshman and they did a really nice job of blending in with the few sophomores and juniors," said Coach Munninghoff.

Members of the team usually had three to five years of tennis experience, one of the main reasons the JV Tennis Team is considered one of the best in the area. Coach Munninghoff also pushes players to practice during the summer, and to compete at the area's many tournaments.

"They need to keep working on their

sport, their game," he said.

Individual players progressed during the year. Freshman David Ward, considered the best all-around player on JV, was a model of consistency, with second place finishes at the Lee's Summit Tournament and the Pembroke Hill tournament. Junior Matt Rada is also considered a top-notch player.

Two players, Tommy Wiedeman and Anthony Dayrit, "improved tremendously throughout the season," according to Coach Munninghoff. These two, playing doubles, not only won the Pembroke Hill Tournament, but did not lose a match all year.

Some of Coach Munninghoff's main concerns are the progression of his players into Varsity.

"Varsity is so strong that it is hard to crack that line-up," he said. "JV tennis is an opportunity for the guys to improve their tennis, have fun and get ready."

Junior Varsity squad wins Lee's Summit Tourney and goes 7-1 in duel matches

Story by Diego Bustamante



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin



Sophomore Breck Mundis leaps to pound a high velocity shot back over to his opponent. Sophomore Alex Ernst comes below the ball to hit a winner, thwarting Saint Thomas Aquinas' chances of a win.

Photo by Pete Schloegel



Icing *on the* Cake

Varsity team goes 21-3, surpassing expectations and making a trip to the conference finals

At the end of the 2000 hockey season Coach Corey Quinn said, "This year was a rebuilding year," but at the beginning of the 2001 season year he considered the team rebuilt.

Much improved from last year's record of 10-8-1, this year's Ice Hawklets developed both as individuals and as a team, making it to the conference finals and achieving a record of 21-3-0.

One reason for the Ice Hawklet's success this season was strong defense. Lead by junior goalie Rich Prendergast, the Ice Hawklets gave up very few points.

"Rich often faced 50 shots on the goal and saved 48 which is quite a feat," commented Coach Quinn. "Rich is the most focused goalie in the Kansas City area."

Other defenders, such as senior Kyle Vrabac, junior Jess Mooney, sophomore Alex DiCarlo, sophomore Mike Kincaid, freshman Matt Kincaid, and freshman David Ward all worked

well together as a team to stop the puck.

Once the Ice Hawklets got the puck, their strong offense was able to work together to lead the team to victory after victory. Mike Kincaid led the league in points with 14 goals and 17 assists totaling to 31 points.

"Mike has good hands, a good shot, and is a good size," said Coach Quinn.

The other players, including junior Ryan Davis and sophomore Colin Groves all worked together to form what Mr. Quinn called, "the most potent offense in the high school league because we know how to score, have a strong power play, and are one of the fastest teams in the league."

But the team couldn't have done so well without the creative support from the crowd.

"The support from RHS students was awesome," commented DiCarlo. "Some-one even let live mice loose on the ice!"

Mr. Quinn was selected to coach the Kansas City Metro Area All-Star Team. This honor allowed him to spend time with hockey players throughout the Kansas City area. "I realized that I coach the most coachable group in the city," said Mr. Quinn.

Story by Jamie Burkart



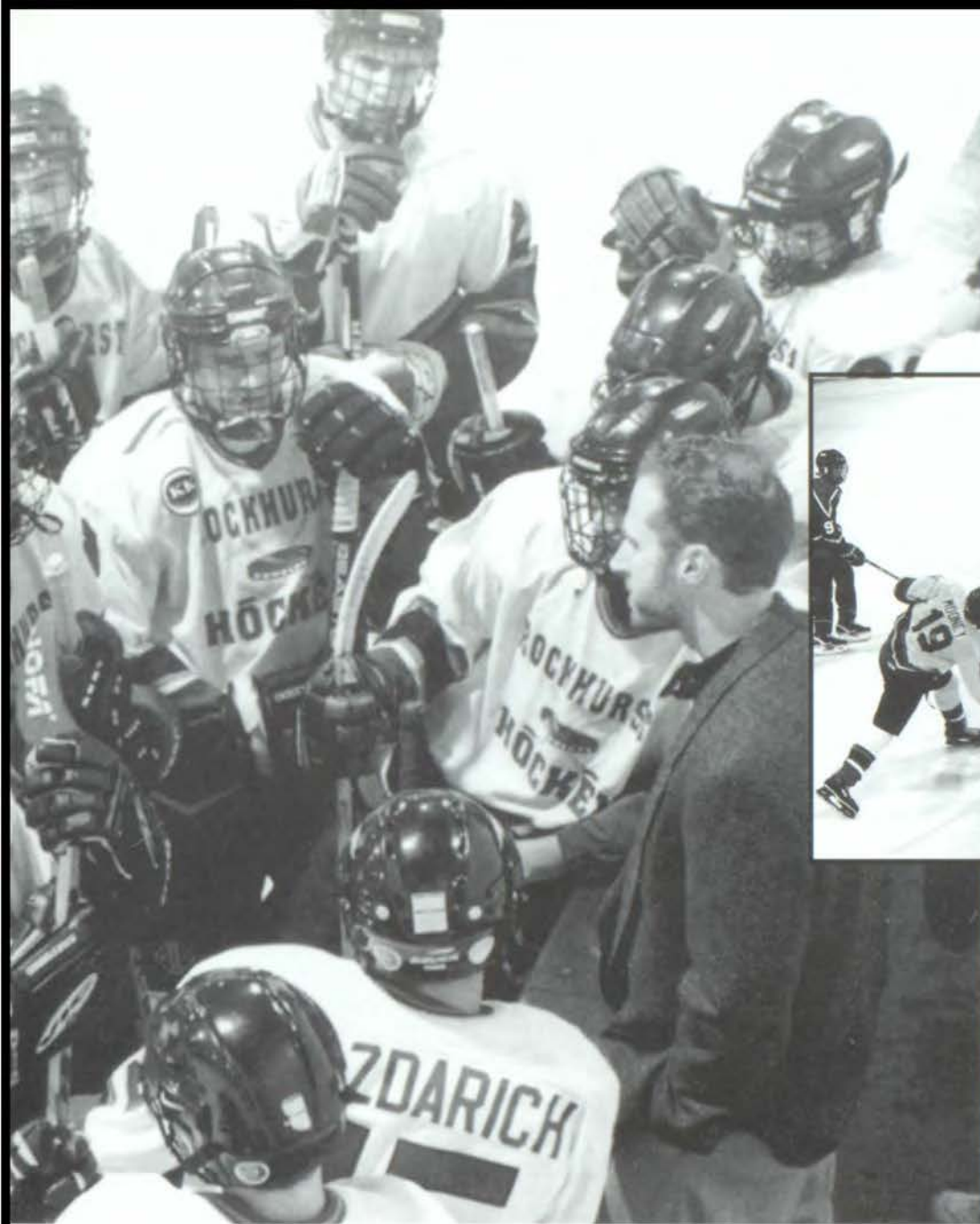
Photo by Jon Twibell



FRONT ROW: John Friend, Joseph Van Oeveren, Tim Fitzgerald, Brian Ward, Richie Prendergast, Kyle Vrabac, Tommy Basore, Jess Mooney; ROW 2: Coach Corey Quinn, Alex DiCarlo, David Ward, Colin Groves, Matt Hutchinson, Michael Moritz, Andy Bazdarich, Ryan Davis, Michael Kincaid, Khule Mabry, Milan Vrabac, Matt Kincaid, Ian Marx, Coach Steven Mooney.



Photo by Jon Twibell

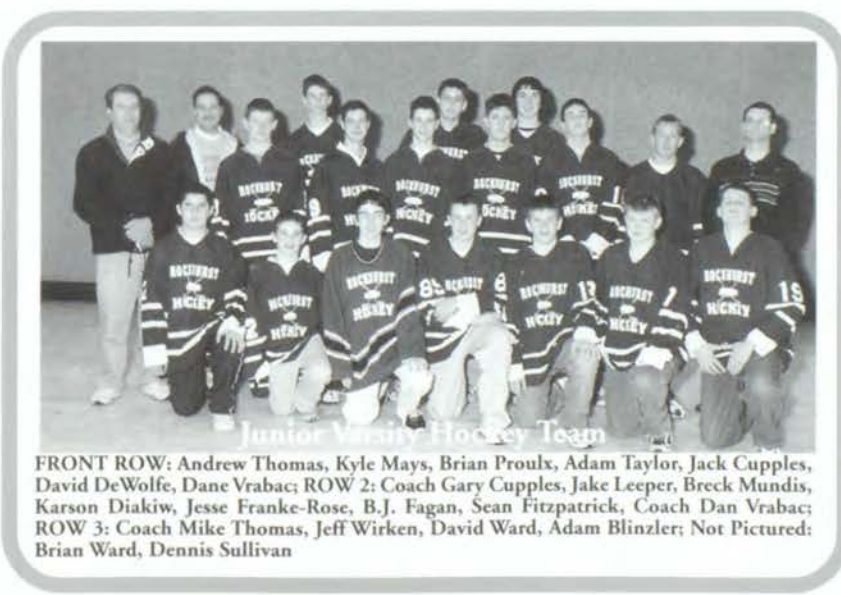


Coach Cory Quinn gives words of encouragement and strategy to his team before the big game against Blue Valley. Junior Jess Mooney (19) smacks a hot slap shot across the cold ice against Blue Valley Northwest.



Photo by Jon Twibell

Sophomore Tim Fitzgerald (29) overpowers a Blue Valley Northwest opponent during a face-off in the conference championship game.



FRONT ROW: Andrew Thomas, Kyle Mays, Brian Proulx, Adam Taylor, Jack Cupples, David DeWolfe, Dane Vrabac; ROW 2: Coach Gary Cupples, Jake Leeper, Breck Mundis, Karson Diakiw, Jesse Franke-Rose, B.J. Fagan, Sean Fitzpatrick, Coach Dan Vrabac; ROW 3: Coach Mike Thomas, Jeff Wirken, David Ward, Adam Blinzler; Not Pictured: Brian Ward, Dennis Sullivan

Varsity Hockey 21-3

	RHS	OPP.
Park Hill South	10	1
Shawnee Mission Northwest	6	3
Blue Valley Northwest	0	2
Lawrence Free State	10	2
Olathe	4	1
Blue Valley North	5	2
Pembroke	8	1
Kansas City North	6	2
Olathe	7	5
Jefferson City	4	2
Game 2	4	2
Saint Joseph	8	1
Blue Valley	2	1
Wichita	2	1
Shawnee Mission East/Aquinas	8	0
Shawnee Mission South	3	2
Kansas City Blues (JV)	1	0
Park Hill South	6	1
Olathe	4	3
Shawnee Mission Northwest	3	1
Game 2	3	0
Eastern Conference Semifinals		
Blue Valley North	5	4
Game 2	3	4
Game 3	1	2

Junior Varsity Hockey 5-6

Topeka	5	6
Blue Valley Northwest	6	3
Wichita	2	5
Game 2	3	4
Blue Valley Northwest	4	0
Kansas City Blues	5	0
Game 2	9	2
Fighting Saints	0	9
Jefferson City	1	7
Blue Valley Northwest	3	2
Kansas City Blues	4	5

Senior Kevin Aylward cuts back against the grain avoiding defenders and breaking tackles in a game against Gonzaga. Senior John Phelps plows through anything and everything like a steamroller out of control against Kansas City Central.



Photo by Chris Clarkson



Photo by Brian Carson

Junior Blues A Side 7-8

Olathe	Won
DeSmet	Lost
Dublin, Ireland Tour	
Railway Union Sports Club	Won
Clongowes Wood	Lost
Gonzaga College	Lost
Park Hill	Won
Kansas City-Central	Won
Shawnee Mission East	Lost
Western Regionals	
Kansas City-Central	Won
DeSmet	Lost
Park Hill	Won
DeSmet	Lost
Nationals	
Highland (Salt Lake City, UT)	Lost
Gonzaga (Washington, DC)	Won
Capital (Olympia, WA)	Lost
Placed 7th Nationally	

Junior Blues B Side 6-4

Queen City	Won
DeSmet	Won
Dublin, Ireland Tour	
Railway Union Sports Club	Lost
Clongowes Wood	Lost
Park Hill	Lost
Kansas City-Central	Won
Shawnee Mission East	Lost
Western Regionals	
DeSmet	Won
Olathe	Won
Park Hill	Won



Sophomore Louis Disney receives the ball out of a scrum and sprints ahead of two straggling DeSmet players. Junior Elliot Disney flies by the seat of his pants courtesy of Junior Brian Fallon in a game versus DeSmet. Rockhurst won this 'B' side game.

Singin' the Blues

The Junior Blues Rugby Club took 7th at Nationals, in Columbus, OH, considerably better than the 12th place projected finish by The National Rugby Press.

"This team had heart and that is without a doubt what makes the difference when it comes down to crunch time," Coach Craig Smith said.

At Nationals, the team lost to Highland, UT, who later won its second consecutive National Championship.

The Blues bounced back with a win against 8th seeded Gonzaga (D.C.) before bowing out of the tournament by losing to Capital Rugby Club from Olympia, WA.

"We were the underdogs, but due to several guys stepping up their game we came away with good results," senior Noah Ballard said.

The Junior Blues had a strong B-Side performance in Regionals where they were not scored upon. There, the Blues beat Kansas City Central in the first round, Park Hill South in the second, before an emotional loss to the eventual champion St. Louis DeSmet.

The Junior Blues posted a regular season record of 7-8, while the B-side finished the season at 6-4.

"The team has some key talent departing but with some young talent remaining, next season should be interesting," Coach Smith said.

Story By David Paul

Junior Blues travel half way around the world to find worthy opponents



Junior Blues Rugby Team

FRONT ROW: John DiSalvo, Louis Disney, Sean Murphy, Eric Noblet, Alex Kopulos, Connor Smith, Brian Wilson, Ryan Toma, Matt McMurtray, Jon Twibell; ROW 2: Coach Joe Fridkin, Coach Craig Smith, Scott Hocom, Lon Lane, Tom Daly, Joe Sanders, Joe Neenan, Sean Gratton, AJ Kinsella, Luke Amey, Ian Kuklenski, Brett Tali, Coach Brian O'Laughlin; ROW 3: Trey Sabates, Danny Neenan, Evan Mason, Benton Keatley, Matt O'Laughlin, Nick Boyd, Elliott Disney, Chris Ryan, Nick Schmeltz, Noah Ballard.

Disc Jockeys

New RHS sport competes in Nashville against several college teams

By forming one single team which practiced four times a week after school, the Ultimate Frisbee team has turned a hobby into a nationally competing organized sport at RHS.

Coached by Mr. Sean Agniel, the team competed at the "River Campus Classic" in Nashville in the last week of April. They challenged long-time rival St. Louis University High School and placed fifth among eight teams.

The team also competed in Mayfest, a local college tournament.

Before competing in tournaments, the players first had to develop their skills with practice and effort.

"There are seven different kinds of throws, and these guys have learned three," said Coach Agniel.

Lead by the Co-Captains Jamie Burkart and James Johnson, both juniors, the team was full of young athletes like junior Paul Camacho, sophomore Adam Wesley, and freshmen Kyle Mays and Eric Snyder.

"Our biggest strength was our underclassmen participation," said Johnson.

As the team becomes more experienced and more organized, the team looks forward to more tournaments.

"They've picked up the sport so fast. They have the potential to be a nationally competitive team," said Coach Agniel.

Although Ultimate was a club sport, there were a series of intramural matches played throughout the Fall season. Regular Fall and Spring tournaments will continue during activity period during the 2001-2002 school year.

Story by Peter Giangreco



Photo by Geoffrey Martin

Junior James Johnson pulls back to launch the disc for a throw-off to the Paideia Junior Varsity team. It initiated gameplay as freshman Eric Snyder, juniors Jamie Burkart and Ian Correa sprint to play defense.



Photo by Geoffrey Martin

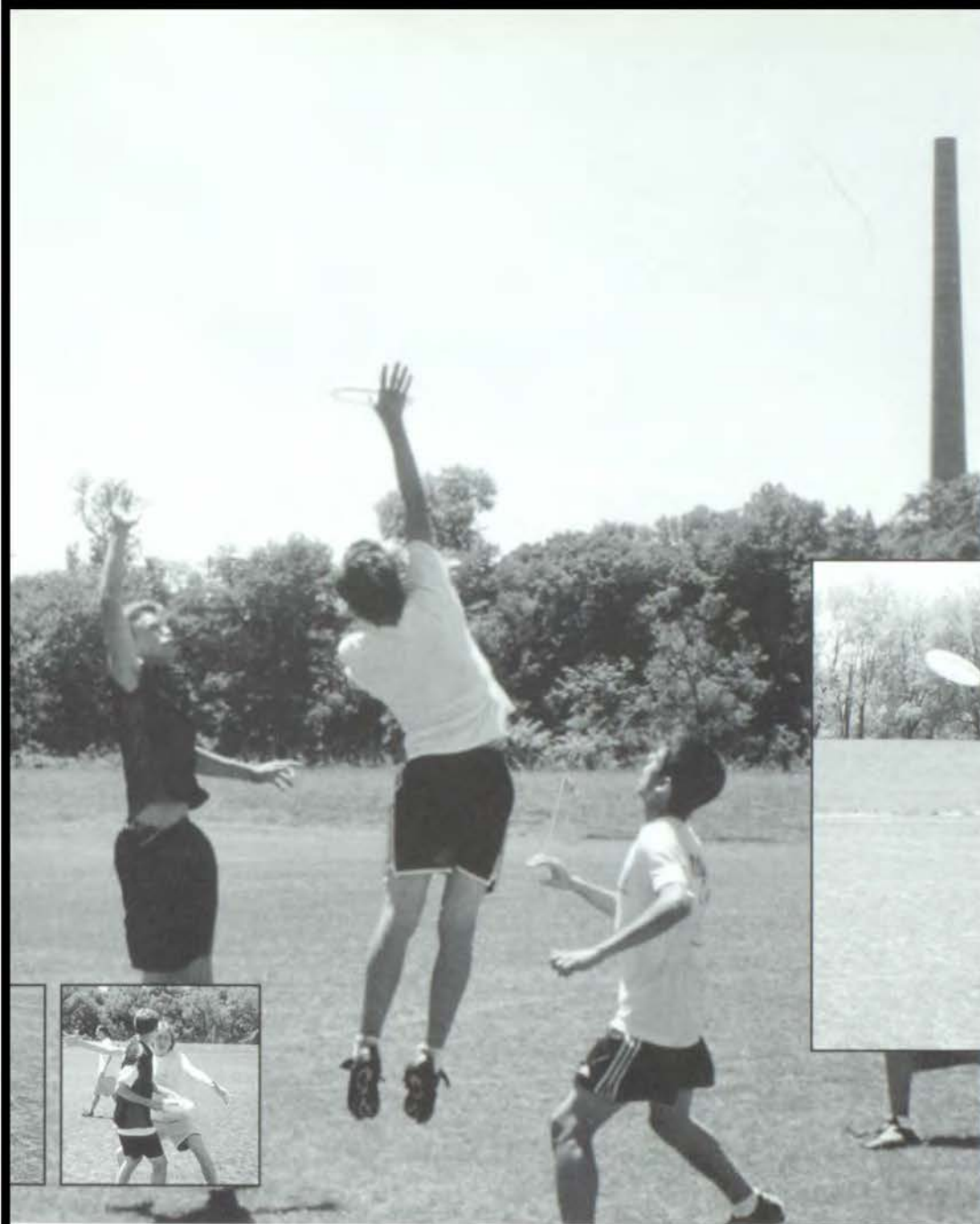
Photos by Jamie Burkart, Geoffrey Martin, and Jamie Burkart



FRONT ROW: Christopher Camarena, Justin Rethmeyer, Eric Snyder, Kyle Mays, Paul Camacho, Ian Correa. ROW 2: Jamie Burkart, Nick VanSant, Montae Perkins, Geoffrey Martin, Adam Wesley, James Johnson, Coach Sean Agniel.



Photo by Jamie Burkart



Sophomore Adam Wesley leaps for the sky to grab a huck (long throw) over a Paidiea Junior Varsity player as junior Paul Camacho looks on. Wesley performs a smooth flick, curving just around the defender's outstretched appendages. Insets from left to right: Freshman Eric Snyder easily grabs the perfectly thrown disc as freshmen Kyle Mays and Christopher Camarena rush to assist in the offensive blitz. Coach Sean Agniel kneels to watch the game in the Tennessee fields. Junior James Johnson extends his arms to shut down an opponent.



Photo by Geoffrey Martin



Junior Geoffrey Martin leans into his flick (forehand throw) to get superior power and accuracy. Junior Jamie Burkart stretches himself to the limit to reject a Paidiea Junior Varsity player's throw.



Photo by Geoffrey Martin

Ultimate Frisbee 2-11

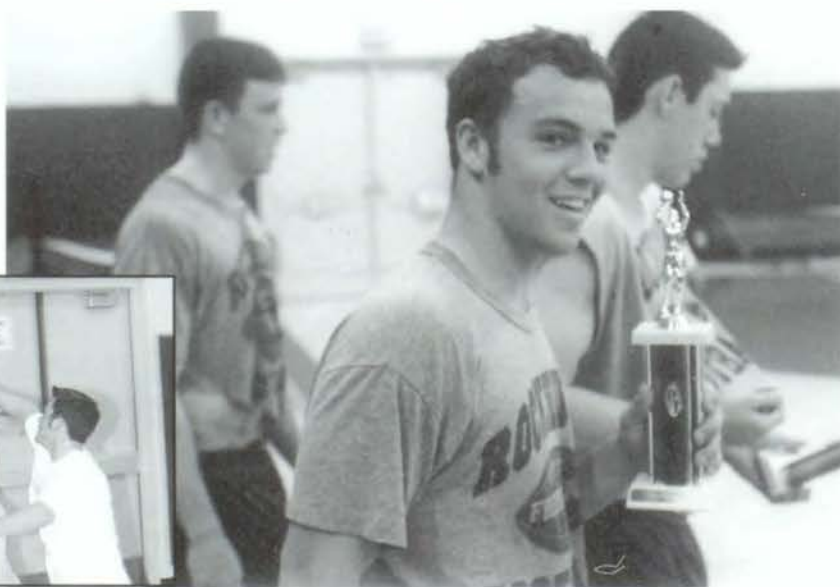
	RHS	OPP.
River Campus Classic Nashville, TN		
Paidiea (Junior Varsity)	13	8
Paidiea (Varsity)	0	13
St. Louis U. High	9	11
Brutal Grassburn, GA	2	13
Brutal Grassburn, GA (Gm2)	2	13
Paidiea (Junior Varsity)	13	3
Midwest Mayfest*		
Horror Zontals	2	13
Cornfed	7	13
Higginsville	2	7
Truman State	2	13
Screeching Weasels	3	13
Tulsa	1	13
Shawnee Mission NW	11	13

*Denotes College Tournament

Senior Robby Arthur (15) puts up a prayer in an intramural playoff game. Sophomore Jesse Franke-Rose goes up for a block during a volleyball game.



Junior Daniel Shouse delivers an overhand serve against the '4.9ers' in an intramural volleyball game. Senior Joseph Van Oeveren pulls off a killer pump fake during a basketball game.



Juniors Kevin Kane, Jeff Angold, and Terry Anderson show off the trophies they received for winning the Championship Intramural basketball game.



Photo by Chris Cucar

Intra *at* Risk *your* *own*

The Intramural program at Rockhurst is still going strong, as students meet during activity period to participate in the sports of football, basketball, and volleyball. Grade levels compete in their own divisions to get into and possibly win the end-of-season championships.

With 54 teams made up of around 320 participants, basketball, played in the winter, is the most popular, culminating with the school wide championship held in March. The junior team of Matt Weglarz, Jeff McCaffrey, Jeff Angold, Chris Cummings, Rich Whitney, John O'Connor, and Kevin Kane beat the favored senior team, 36-33.

"It's rare to see a junior-senior final," said Coach Tony Severino, Director of Intramural Basketball. "It makes it that much more exciting and competitive."

Intramural Football, headed by Coach John Morris, and Intramural Volleyball, headed by Coach Pete Campbell, gives students who do not participate in sports a chance to play.

Intramural Football had 12 teams with a total of 110 participants. The Football Intramural champion was a senior team, "Albino Samoas" made of Tom Komoroski, Jon Twibell, Sean Gratton, Matt O'Laughlin, Chris Thorman, Justin Quick, and Mike Hicks. Volleyball is becoming more popular, as evidence, the 41 teams and 350 total participants.

"It's a great sport to play and watch," said Coach Campbell. "The problem is that we run out of activity periods in the spring."

This came true when the end of the volleyball season had to be canceled because of all of the other activities in the gym.

In short, the Intramural program gives students a chance for a break in the middle of the day for some fun and exercise.

"Intramurals are an opportunity to get very competitive within your class, have some fun and then sit next to that guy your next hour," said Coach Severino.

Story by Matt Neenan

Intramurals provide a fun opportunity for all abilities, ages, and sport selections



Seniors Robby Arthur, Ryan Anderson, Brian Quarnstrom, Chris Clarkson, Matt Kopp, Tim Reardon, Andy Tiehen, and Adam Balentine celebrate after a big win in basketball during activity period. Senior Steve O'Connor sets up for a jump shot in the Intramural Championship Basketball Game.



Organizations

student leaders rise above expectations

The Student Government served the student body well with a new-found enthusiasm to not only put on events, but to listen to student problems.

"The SGA was the voice of the students and tried to solve problems that affected their daily lives," SGA sponsor Mr. Mike Heringer said.

With President Blaine Barnard and Vice President Michael Nigro in charge, SGA was often put on the spot, and it came through in the clutch.

The Student Government proved itself early on when faced with complaints about lunches as well as inappropriate cheering.

"We fielded complaints from many students about certain aspects of the lunch program," Barnard said. "A committee comprised of both SGA officers and regular students then met and discussed solutions."

Further meetings took place with Barnard and acting Academic/Student Life Chairman Pat Wank, to finalize changes with Ms. Jean Barnhart that would improve the lunch program.

SGA faced problems with inappro-

priate cheering at sporting events, which reflected poorly on the RHS community.

"School spirit is a major part of the Rockhurst experience, and the SGA, working with the Traditions Committee, succeeded in distinguishing what, in fact, were appropriate cheers," Mr. Heringer said.

The SGA organized and supervised several events, such as Homecoming Week and the Harvest Food Drive.

During Homecoming Week, SGA arranged to have notable alumni return to reinforce RHS traditions, including Kenyon Rashed, Class of 1988, Pat McNerney, Class of 1982, and John O'Herron, Class of 1995.

"During the Harvest Food Drive, a special committee within the SGA worked extremely hard to raise more money and cans than all other participating schools combined," Barnard said.

Mission Week, which took place in February, was once again a success, raising a record and exceeding \$30,000 in donations. The freshman class led the way with over \$12,000, an average of \$43.95 per student. Story by David Paul



SGA president Blaine Barnard introduces candidates for the 2001-02 Student Council to an all-school assembly.

Senior Sam Davidson works a roulette table during Casino Night of Mission Week. All money raised was donated to the missions.



Student Government Association

Moderator:

Mr. Mike Heringer

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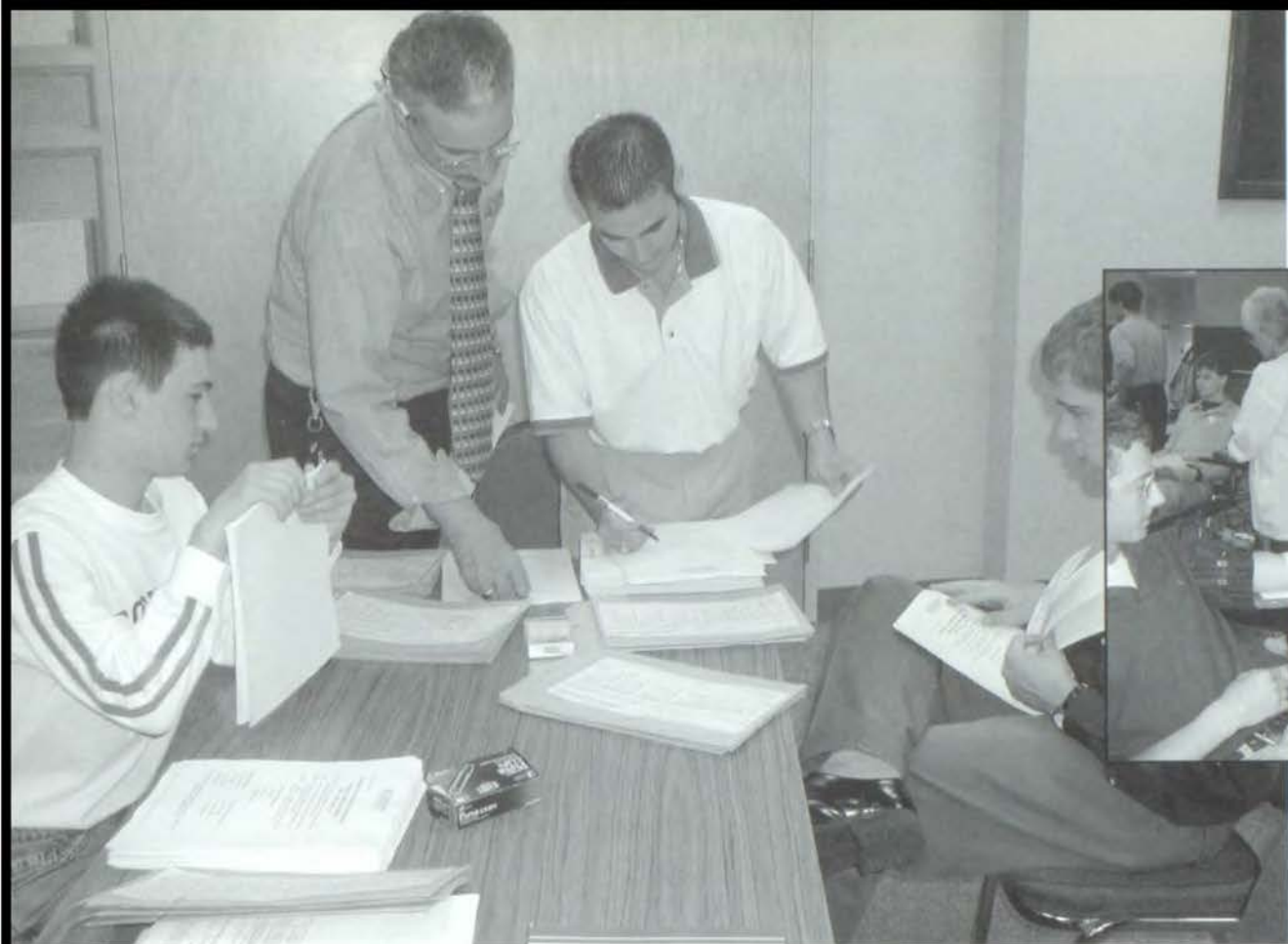
Highlights:

Homecoming, Harvest Food Drive, raising over \$30,000 during Mission Week.

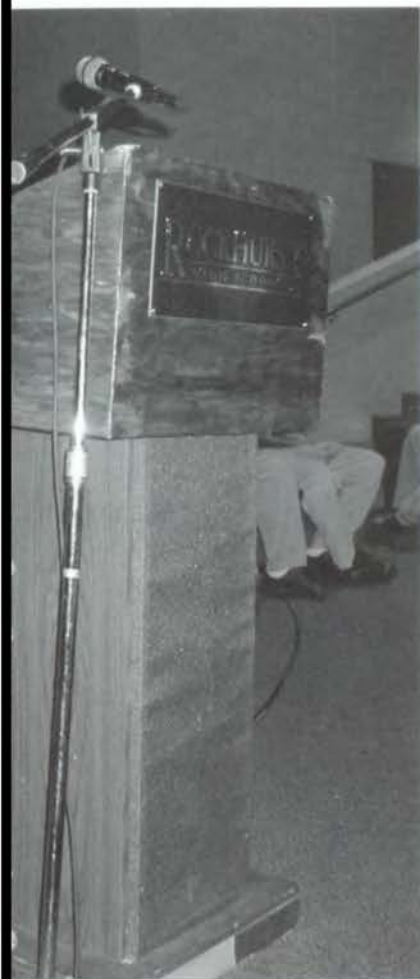


FRONT ROW: John-Paul Nigro, John Linhoff, Billy Stack, Pat Jakopchek, Peter Giangreco; ROW 2: Mrs. Peggy Martin, Seamus McLaughlin, David Ono, Mike McShane, Kyle Mays, Michael Nigro, Blaine Barnard, John-Mike D'Agostino, Ed Bessenbacher, Mr. Mike Heringer.

John-Paul Nigro, Mr. Mike Heringer, Michael Nigro, and Blaine Barnard total ballots and record the results of the SGA election.



Junior Nick Peoples gives blood during the annual SGA blood drive. The event raised over 100 pints of blood.



Freshmen Kyle Mays gives a speech as a candidate for freshmen class president. Seamus McLaughlin won the election and served as class president.

Sophomore Charlie Bennett hands Mr. Heringer his class' donations during Mission Week. Mission Week raised over \$30,000 for the missions in Honduras and the Red Cloud Indian School.

Say It!



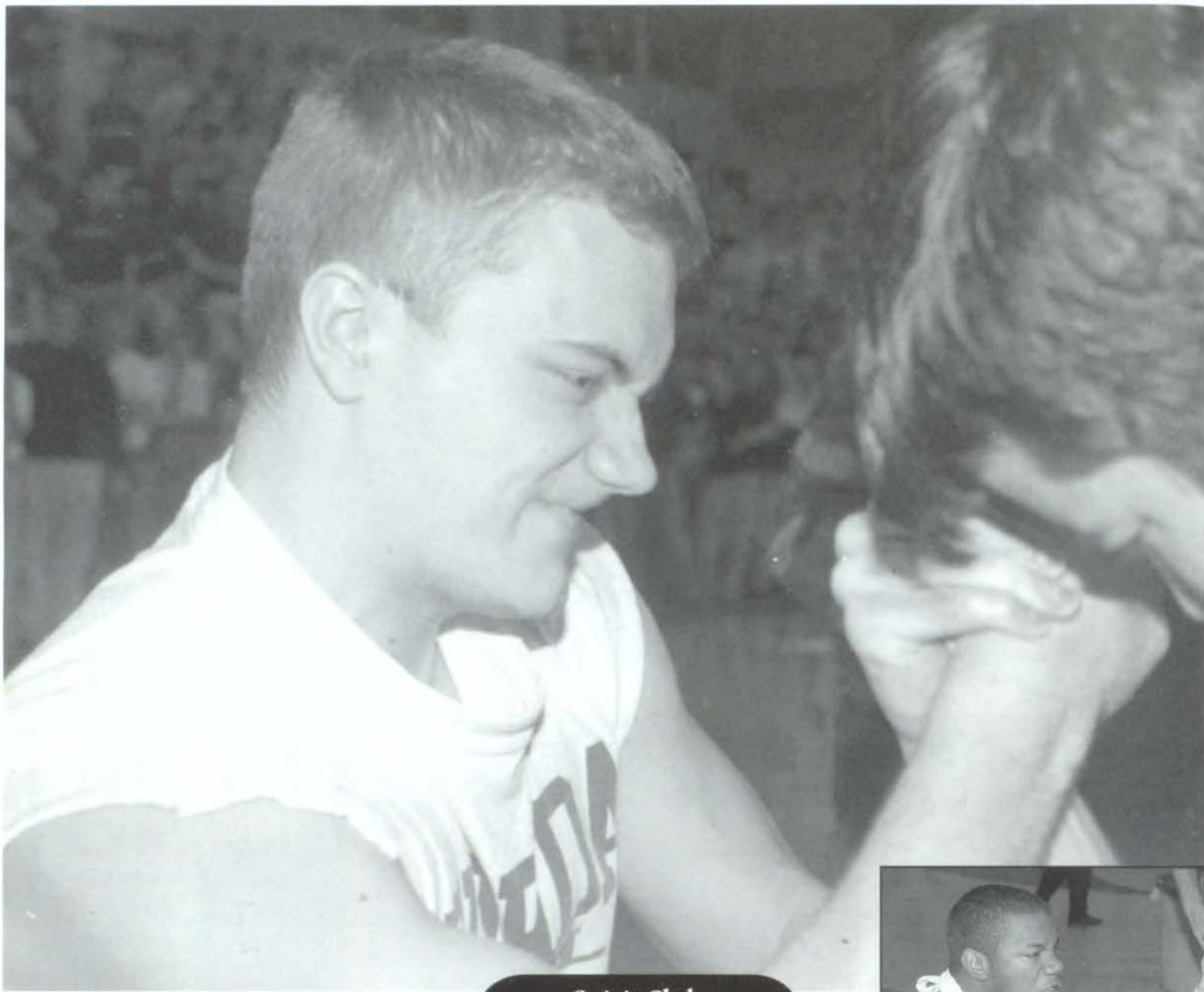
"We fielded complaints about the lunch program ...then met and discussed solutions."

-senior Blaine Barnard



"The SGA was the voice of the students and tried to solve problems that affected their daily lives."

-Mr. Mike Heringer



Spirit Club

Moderator:

Coach Tony Severino

What we do:

Organize pep rallies and contribute to sporting events.

Highlights:

Six pep rallies, Rockfest, the "sea of blue."



FRONT ROW: Brian Quarnstrom, Adam Balentine, Peter Schloegel, Chris Clarkson, Matt Kopp, Andy Tiehan, David Manning; ROW 2: Nick Boyd, Wade Muller, Danny Connell, Tim Reardon, Robbie Arthur, Ryan Anderson.



Tony Griddine chokes down doughnuts for the junior class during the Mission Week Pep Rally. Coach Tony Severino, Spirit Club moderator, prepares to start the class victory cheer to end a pep rally.

Sophomore Jim Eftink struggles desperately to gain the upper hand in his arm wrestling match versus freshman Michael Feierabend. Feierabend would go on to win the competition.

club creates excitement and unity

With the strenuous work schedule of most Rockhurst students, from schoolwork, sports, and other extracurricular activities, it is important for students to take a break every once in awhile and have some fun. The Spirit Club's 20 members, under the guidance of Coach Tony Severino, hope to help students temporarily escape their stressful daily lives and at the same time raise school spirit.

"The Spirit Club is unique in that the members are not only creative but very dedicated to our organization," said senior Wade Muller, club president.

The creativity harnessed by the members was exemplified by the Sumo Wrestling competition during the first Pep Rally of the year. Representatives from each grade level dressed in inflatable sumo-wrestling suits stomped around, making various posturing motions and attempted to shove opponents out of the circle. Science teacher Mr. Rich Wikiera and Mr. David

Alvey, Dean of Students, also competed, much to the delight of the audience.

Meeting just two weeks prior to a specific event, the Spirit Club gets a large amount of work accomplished in the short time allotted to it. Not only does the Spirit Club organize six pep rallies a year, three per semester, but it also helps to organize Rockfest, a three-on-three basketball tournament that raises funds for scholarships.

"In the Spirit Club, we like our kids to have a hand in creating and organizing the pep rallies," Coach Severino remarked. "I am just simply a liaison between the students and the administration."

The Spirit Club's efforts have not gone unnoticed, with the huge "sea of Blue and White" that is always present at sporting events, including Rockhurst's victory at the 2000 Missouri State Football Championship. Story by R.E. Wolfe II



Sophomore David Tiehen tries to eat a box of popsicles by the end of a pep rally. Senior Pete Schloegel serves as announcer.



Seniors Andy Tiehen, Wade Muller, and David Manning escort freshmen Derek Cooke to his sumo wrestling match

Senior Matt Kopp serenades the varsity soccer team during the fall sports pep rally.



Say It!

"The club is unique in that the members are not only creative but dedicated to our organization."

-Senior Wade Muller



"We like our kids to have a hand in creating and organizing the pep rallies."

-Mr. Tony Severino





Yell Leaders

Moderator:

*Fr. Mark Daues, S.J.
Mr. Rob Herald*

What we do:

*Spread school spirit
and generate enthusi-
asm at sporting events.*

Highlights:

*Cheering at varsity
football and basketball
games including the
football state champi-
onship.*



FIRST ROW: David Johnson, Pat McMurtray, A.J. Kinsella, Ed Bessenbacher, Mr. Rob Herald; ROW 2: Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., Matthew Newell, Nick Paradise, Pat Kies, Pete Jokisch.

Juniors Pete Jokisch (left) and Nick Paradise pump up the crowd before a big third down play.

Senior yell leaders prepare to escort "sumo wrestler" Phil Murphy to his match at a pep rally.



students keep alive the Rockhurst spirit

Rockhurst Yell Leaders, sponsored by Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., spread school spirit throughout the student sections at Varsity Football, Soccer, and Basketball games by leading organized cheers.

"It feels great to be out there cheering the Hawklets," junior John-Mike D'Agostino said. "Especially since we didn't have a lot of experience losing this year."

The yell leaders are the ones who, game in and game out, were able to generate the crowd's enthusiasm even when the Hawklets were down.

"When we were losing to Liberty and to Blue Springs in the State Playoffs we knew we had to get the student section rowdy to pump up our players," junior Nick Paradise said. "We didn't give up on them and they didn't give up on us and

it was just a great feeling."

The squad's biggest highlight was leading cheers for the football team at the Trans World Dome as the Hawklets beat Pattonville for the Missouri 5A State Championship.

"It's a feeling I'll never forget," Paradise said. "It was just amazing to share that with all our players and students."

Fr. Daues, organized many new and enthusiastic cheers especially in lieu of the administration's concern about which cheers were acceptable.

There is no official president of the yell leaders, but most did agree that if there would be a captain or leader it would have been senior Ed Bessenbacher.

"He was just a leader and he didn't stop until the clock showed all zeros," said D'Agostino. Story by Joseph Sanders

Junior yell leader Nick Paradise jumps for joy as the football team nears another victory. The yell leaders were instrumental in the team's success this season by keeping the crowd enthusiastic.



Photo by Tim Bridgham



Matthew Newell, John-Mike D'Agostino, Pete Jokisch, A.J. Kinsella, Ray Pierce, and Ed Bessenbacher lead the varsity football team onto the field for the second half of the Park Hill South game.

Say It!



"It feels great to be out there cheering the Hawklets."

-Junior John D'Agostino



"It's a feeling I'll never forget. It is just amazing to share that with all our players and students."

-Junior Nick Paradise



Amnesty International

Moderator:

Mr. Brad Grabs

What we do:

Works toward and increases members' awareness of social justice issues.

Highlights:

Letter-writing campaign, Mill Creek death penalty protests, Friday Forums.



FRONT ROW: Chris Befort, Logan McCoy, John Burnett, Jim Ryan, Joe Grimaldi, Andrew Woods; ROW 2: Nick Ah-Loe, Matt Cavlovich, Zach Ramirez, Jimmy Utley, Ben Summers, Justin Huggins, Alex Gamble, Greg Laughlin, Mr. Brad Grabs, Drew Wikiera, Jim Goetz, Peter Edsall.

Photo by Noah Ballard

Photo by Noah Ballard



Mr. Brad Grabs, Mrs. Mary Myer, and senior Zach Ramirez pose after Mrs. Myer spoke of her personal experiences in Iraq. Mrs. Myer speaks to club members about the U.N. sanctions in Iraq. The club also wrote letters to government officials on the issue.

Ben Biersmith, Mr. Brad Grabs, Ben Summers, and John Navarre stand together against the death penalty at Mill Creek Park.

fight for rights

students protest injustices in society

The members of Amnesty International continued their struggle for human rights with their regular activities and built upon it, most notably with a major project with a school-wide focus.

In an early Friday Forum about sweatshops in Mexico the members were presented with a problem that faces all people on a fairly regular basis, creation and consumption of sweat-made items. The members did deeper research into the problem and created a packet for distribution to club moderators and anyone else who buys t-shirts. The members' hope was to inform these groups of the sweat-free alternatives they have in buying their shirts.

"I really think that the highlight of our year was this sweatshop project, going from the Forum to all the research and the final implementation," club moderator Mr. Brad Grabs said.

In addition to this major project, Amnesty also continued letter writing campaigns on such topics as the death penalty, the sanctions on Iraq, and sweatshop labor. The letters are written to people directly connected with the issues, and asked the people involved to take the appropriate action to right the injustice, and to write back with some response or stance on the issue. This allowed the students to become more directly involved in the issues they were concerned about.

"That's really why I'm involved in Amnesty. It gives me an outlet to express my interest in human rights issues," said Death Penalty Coordinator sophomore Ben Summers.

Amnesty members also showed their support for issues such as the death penalty by participating in protests, like the frequent ones in Mill Creek Park. Members present signs to people driving by to help make them more aware of the things that are happening in their own state and country.

"Amnesty is not just a group of tree-hugging whiners, but a practical, inexpensive, and educational way to work towards social justice and increase people's awareness of social injustices," senior President Zach Ramirez remarked.

Another way Amnesty tried to help raise awareness in the Rockhurst community was with its Friday Forums. Guest speakers would come and speak from their own first-hand experience and field questions on such topics as the Iraqi sanctions, Mexican sweatshops, and the conflicts in Israel.

"The Friday Forums were a great way to get information about human rights issues that I was not so well versed on before," remarked Summers. Story by Alex Gamble



Nick Ah-Loe protests the death penalty at Mill Creek Park. Junior John Navarre voices his opinions on executions.



Photo by Ryan McIntosh




Photo by Ryan McIntosh



Jackson County District Attorney Bob Beard speaks at an Amnesty International meeting during his re-election campaign.


Junior Ben Biersmith takes part in a death penalty protest. The demonstration was one of ten the club participated in.

Say It!



"I really think the highlight of our year was the sweatshop project."

-Mr. Brad Grabs



"Amnesty gives me an outlet to express my interest in human rights issues."

-Sophomore Ben Summers

election and model u. n. mark significant year

In an election year marked by a focus on the government, Students for Political Action, under the direction of moderator Mr. Chris Elmore and senior Co-Presidents Joel Blevins and Dan Heryer, led the charge for awareness at Rockhurst.

"SPA gives students the opportunity not to just talk about and watch their government, but to learn about and experience it first hand," said junior Vice President James Johnson.

With the 2000 Presidential Election the focus of their efforts in the fall, SPA organized a Voter Registration Drive which netted 30 to 40 new voters from the student ranks.

In addition, SPA sponsored an all-school assembly featuring Kansas House Representative Tim Carmody, who spoke to the students about why it was important to vote for their leaders. His speech was followed by a mock debate between seniors Brian Schroeder, who represented President George W. Bush, and Pat Jakopchek, who represented former Vice President Al Gore.

After the election was resolved (a month later), the SPA shifted its focus to its three Model United Nations competitions. Over President's Day Weekend, RHS took part in its 11th

Georgetown Model UN in Washington, D.C. Representing Ethiopia, juniors Ryan Metzler and Neil Griggs won Honorary Recognition. Schroeder won the same recognition for his representation of China. Verbal Honors were given to juniors Christopher and Jamie Lee who represented Guinea Bissau, and seniors Jack Smedile and Michael Daly, representing Surinam.

SPA participated for their second time at the Johnson County Community College Model UN in March. Representing the countries of Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, and the USA, the students earned a number of awards. First place recognition went to juniors Paul Camacho and Patrick Ishmael and sophomore E.E. Keenan.

Finally, for the first time ever, RHS and the SPA sent a delegation of members to New York City over Spring Break to participate in a Model UN at the actual United Nations building.

"Especially with the voter drive and Model UN, we teach that being a 'Man for Others' extends to every part of the student's lives," said Mr. Elmore. "Government is a key component of justice. If we don't have citizens who know what is going on, that justice may be disrupted." Story by Matthew Harris



Photo by Tim Reardon

Brian Schroeder impersonates Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush at the Mock Debate.

Brian Schroeder is introduced at the SPA Mock Debate with "bodyguard" John Linhoff.



Photo by Tim Reardon



Photo by Tim Reardon

Students for Political Action

Moderator:

Mr. Chris Elmore

RHS Presidential Election Results

What we do:

Raise awareness of not only members, but that of students.

Highlights:

Voter Registration Drive, Mock Presidential Debate, Model U.N.

	BUSH	GORE	NADER
Seniors	61%	27%	8%
Juniors	53%	29%	17%
Sophomores	57%	21%	21%
Freshmen	57%	27%	15%
Teachers	39%	50%	10%
Overall	57%	26%	16%

Seniors react to the introduction of George W. Bush at the Mock Debate. Students wore stickers and held signs to show support for their favorite candidate.

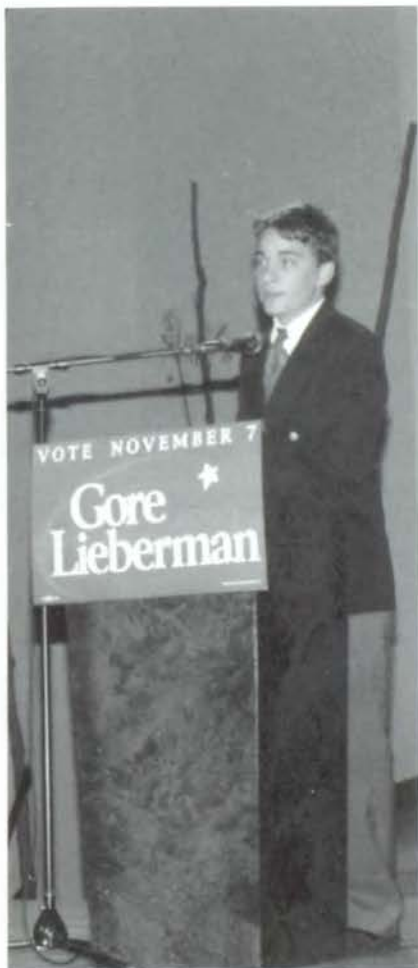


Photo by Tim Reardon

Vice President Al Gore, played by Pat Jakopchek, relays his views to the student audience while Brian Schroeder, portraying Governor George Bush, waits for his rebuttle. The students argued on the viewpoints of the actual candidates.

Dr. Jerry Goben acts as moderator for the debate. His questions covered such areas as foreign policy, abortion, budget surplus, and health care.

Say It!



"We teach the idea that being a 'Man for Others' extends to every part of the student's lives."

-Mr. Chris Elmore

club advocates responsible decision making

As men and women for others, we have a challenge to live in the light always conscious of how our actions effect others," Mrs. Jerry Featherston, SADD sponsor, said.

The SADD Club, most recently known as Students Against Destructive Decisions, allows Rockhurst students a chance to speak out and encourage good decisions.

SADD sponsored the sale of buttons to benefit the Battle of the Bands, with each \$5 button giving students three days out of dress code.

SADD tied ribbons to students' cars before homecoming this fall to remind students to make good decisions.

In the fall, SADD sponsored a talk by nationally-known speaker Mr. Jason Barber, a recovering alcoholic, to explain the risks of drunk driving. Mr. Barber, while driving drunk was responsible for the death of his brother.

SADD also sponsored a talk in the

spring by Barbara Babb, a life flight nurse, to stress the serious injuries that incur during fatal crashes of drunk driving.

The club introduced a new program, the Open Forum, which let students discuss any topic interesting to them. The purpose was to help other students with problems and issues they might be having in their life. SADD hopes to continue the open forum to encourage students to look at their options in making decisions.

"The thing we tried to focus on the most this year was trying to get students to consider the things they do," said President Alex Gamble.

Gamble, Mrs. Featherston, and sophomores Brian Kelly and Nick Mabry attended a conference at the Lake of the Ozarks in March to learn how SADD could become a larger presence in the community. Story by Andrew Ward



Mrs. Barbara Babb and junior Alex Gamble following the SADD all-school assembly. Mrs. Babb spoke of her experiences with drunk driving accidents as a helicopter paramedic.

Mrs. Barbara Babb speaks to an all-school assembly about drunk driving. Mrs. Babb speaks around the country about the dangers of driving drunk.



SADD

Moderator:

Mrs. Jerry Featherston

What we do:

Influence students to make positive social decisions.

Highlights:

Jason Barber, Barbara Babb, Open Forum.



FRONT ROW: Mike Finn, Haywood Jackson, Nick Mabry, Logan McCoy; ROW 2: Mrs. Jerry Featherston, Dan Martin, Quinn Colling, Justin Huggins, Alex Gamble, Brian Kelly.



Junior Alex Gamble fields questions about alcohol at a SADD-sponsored Open Forum. It was the first of five Open Forums the club held throughout the year.



Say It!



"We...try to get students to consider the things they do."

-Junior Alex Gamble



"We have a challenge to live in a light, always conscious of how our actions affect others."

-Mrs. Jerry Featherston

Nationally known speaker Mr. Jason Barber motivates students to make responsible choices with alcohol. Mr. Barber was in a drunk-driving accident that killed his brother.



Junior Jim Becker leads a discussion on driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol with the help of juniors Drew Wikiera and Alex Gamble at a SADD Open Forum. The Open Forums gave students an opportunity to talk about issues facing teenagers.



Regis Club

Moderator:

Ms. Peggy Mulvihill

What we do:

Performs service for the Kansas City area and RHS community

Highlights:

Christmas in October, Harvest Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity, Starlight Theater



FRONT ROW: Jim Becker, Mark McNeal, Brendon Toohey, Erik Netterfield, John D'Agostino, Chris Constant, Jack Curran, Jeremy Allen, Paul McGannon, Matt Newell; ROW 2: Stephen Eikerman, Tim Sullivan, Matthew Meiners, Joe Huffman, Milan Vrbac, Jeff McCaffrey, Rich Whitney, Chris Bachkora, Tim Reidy; ROW 3: Christopher Able, Tim Fitzpatrick, David Becker, Matt Weglarz, Pete Jokish, Ms. Peggy Mulvihill, Andy Janish; ROW 4: Johnny Sweeney, Mark Drummond, Danny Martucci, Jess Mooney, Nick Paradise, Kyle Francis; ROW 5: John Mayberry, Andy Tiehan, Brian Quarnstrom, Drew Brancato, Charlie Bennett, Wes Cotter, Andy Crutchfield, Colin Pearson, Steven Murphy, Kevin Cotter; ROW 6: Drew Switzer, Adam Balentine, Tim Reardon, John Wachtel, Pat Hill.

Junior Jim Becker (center) takes charge as Mr. Paul Winkeler (right) and club members dig out an area that will be used for a garden.

students give without counting the cost

St. Ignatius once said, "Go and set the world on fire." The Regis Club, under the guidance of Sophomore Theology teacher Ms. Peggy Mulvihill, has set out to do just that.

"Our organization gives young men the opportunity for personal growth by working for the benefit of those in need," commented Ms. Mulvihill.

The Regis Club has participated in a wide spectrum of community service projects throughout the Kansas City area, through which Regis Club teaches students how to be "Men for Others." Among them are the Christmas in October Toy Drive, the Harvest Food Drive, and Habitat for Humanity.

"The Regis Club gives students at Rockhurst the opportunity to serve and minister to the Kansas City and RHS community," according to club President Chris Constant, who believes that the most unique quality about the club is the diversity of its 300 members who are bound

together for the common good.

For instance, the club, which also serves in crisis intervention, has helped in the past to raise money for families who have lost homes in fires. In addition, the club serves as an honor guard for funerals.

With members meeting once a month, officers twice a month, and completing one to four service projects each month, the club accomplishes a great deal of work in the small amount of time allotted. For instance, members participated in a fundraiser at Starlight Theater that helped to renovate the Upper Room of St. Louis Parish.

Ms. Mulvihill commented: "We do extraordinary service for Rockhurst and our extending communities. Simply put, I get to work with the most awesome young men at Rockhurst."

Story by R.E. Wolfe II



Club President Chris Constant and Ms. Peg Mulvihill after a meeting. Chase Johnson and Kevin Reardon scrape old paint from a wall.



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin



Photo by Matt O'Laughlin

Juniors Matt Wormington, Ben Nachbar, Chris Bachkora, and John Mayberry collect clothes as part of Christmas in October.

Junior Matt Weglarz and sophomore Mark McNeal prepare a wall to be painted at the Regis Club's contribution to Christmas in October.

Say It!

"The Regis Club gives students the opportunity to serve the Kansas City and RHS community."

-Junior Chris Constant



"I get to work with the most awesome young men at Rockhurst."

-Ms. Peggy Mulvihill



Students sacrifice for less fortunate

Total Ignation Experience, better known as TIE, is a selective organization based on the premise of allowing students to walk in the shoes of the less fortunate.

TIE expanded this year to two teams of eight, traveling to two separate places, St. Louis Parish, in Kansas City, and a community center in Carbondale, CO.

According to Mr. Chris Elmore, one of four faculty sponsors of TIE, it was a week-long immersion program in the inner city that was a combination of a service project, educational experience, and religious retreat.

Other faculty sponsors include Mr. Paul Winkler, Mrs. Jennifer Olson, and Ms. Peg Mulvihill, the founder of TIE.

Students helped install air conditioners for low income households at the Upper Room of the St. Louis Parish, and served (as well as ate) in soup kitchens. From the educational standpoint they listen to guest speakers, and learned from first hand experience why people were in the situation that they were in and how to help them. They also prayed and reflected as a group each day so they could better understand their mission

and take from it as much as possible.

"It was a great feeling knowing that we were making a difference in those people's lives," senior Nick Shuler said. "We were making these people happy by just being there and doing the little things."

The members who traveled to Colorado spent their nights sleeping on the floor of that parishes' pastor's basement.

"It was a little strange at first, sleeping on the floor," Shuler said. "But then I realized that some people live like this all the time."

The highlight of the trip, according to senior P.T. McGannon, was the time he got to spend with the children. Every day he and the rest of his team helped them with their school work, along with taking them on field trips or to the pool.

"It gave me a great deal of insight on how people live in the inner city," senior Philip Conway said. "It provided a great experience that left me feeling positive about what I had done."

"TIE is a fantastic program," Mr. Elmore said. "I just wish everyone who wanted to go on it could."

Story by Joseph Sanders



Senior Chris Winger washes dishes at St. Louis Parish as part of his service for the TIE program.

Ms. Peg Mulvihill takes a break from her work in the mountains of Colorado. Mrs. Mulvihill is the founder of TIE.



Total Ignatian Experience

Moderators:

Mr. Chris Elmore, Mr. Paul Winkler, Ms. Peg Mulvihill, Mrs. Jennifer Olson

What we do:

Serve the less fortunate of the inner city

Highlights:

Two week-long trips to St. Louis Parish in Kansas City, and to Carbondale, CO



Members of the Colorado TIE group include: Matthew Schwenke, Kyle Vrabac, Thomas Schario, Dan Asikainen, Jeff Newby, Nick Schuler and Zach Ramirez.



The entire student and faculty membership pose with parishoners at St. Louis parish. Senior Dan Vianello cools off by a fire hydrant while entertaining inner-city Kansas City.



Senior Phil Conway helps a young child read. Working with children was a large part of the Total Ignatian Experience.

Members of the Colorado TIE group visit the memorial to the students killed in the Columbine High School shootings.

Say It!



"It was a great feeling knowing that we were making a difference in those people's lives."

-Senior Nick Schuler



"TIE is a fantastic program. I just wish everyone who wanted to could go on it."

-Mr. Chris Elmore

Club integrates faith into students daily lives

Placing an emphasis on not just sports and not just religion, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes strives to develop a well-rounded student within its membership. Under the direction of co-moderators Mr. Eric Berg, Mr. Mark Nusbaum, and Mr. Dave Francis, and senior co-presidents Adam Balentine and Kyle Francis, FCA kept very busy trying to fulfill this goal.

"We try to encourage the guys to incorporate their faith in Jesus Christ in their daily lives and activities," said Mr. Berg.

The FCA accomplished this in two ways. The first was through group meetings twice a month before school to talk about the issues affecting high school students. According to Mr. Berg, this was a "devotional time" for the members where different, relevant topics were brought up.

The other way FCA encouraged this incorporation of faith and daily life was with several opportunities to hear from others how they were successful and how they failed to achieve the same things with which the students were faced. In the fall, FCA sponsored the visit of former Kansas City Chiefs Quarterback Elvis Grbac who spoke to the student

body at an all-school assembly. He was asked to share experiences from his own life and how religion and faith kept him positive and on the right path.

Later in the spring, the FCA sponsored a 3-on-3 basketball tournament following a talk by Rockhurst High and Rockhurst University alum John Hungerford (RHS '83). He told the students that even with his success on the soccer field, including the 1987 National Championship, he still sunk into a deep depression and had a serious drug and alcohol problem. Mr. Hungerford said that his only way out of it was his faith in God. He summarized his life with a bible passage from 2 Timothy which states: "I have fought the good fight and I have kept the faith."

Throughout the year, the FCA sponsored several Open Gym Nights where all students were welcome to come back to school in the evening and participate in any of several planned activities.

Once again, FCA hosted the third annual Dog Day on the first day of final exams in May. Students were treated to a lunch of three hot dogs and a soft drink for only a dollar. They sold 300 hot dogs in just 25 minutes.

Story by Matthew Harris



Mr. Eric Berg, RHS alum Mr. Jay Ryan, and Mr. Dave Francis take a break from serving hot dogs to students on the FCA-sponsored Dog Day after final exams in May. The annual event sold over 300 hot dogs in its third year.



Photo by Matthew Harris

Mr. John Hungerford, a RHS alumnus class of '83, speaks to students following the FCA three-on-three tournament. Mr. Hungerford spoke of finding God after drug and alcohol addiction.



Photo by Matthew Harris

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Moderators:

Mr. Eric Berg,
Mr. Mark Nusbaum &
Mr. Dave Francis

What we do:

Integrate faith into sports
and other activities

Highlights:

Elvis Grbac speech,
3-on-3 basketball
tournament, Open Gym,
Dog Day



Tim Reardon, Brian Quarnstrom, Adam Balentine, Andy Tiehen, Kevin Cotter, Kyle Francis, Jim Becker, Andy Janish, Mr. Eric Berg, Johnny Sweeney, Rich Whitney.




Senior Kyle Francis gives Elvis Grbac a RHS sweatshirt as a token of appreciation for speaking at a FCA assembly. Mr. Eric Berg leads an FCA group meeting. The meetings were held twice a month before school.



Junior Robert Reintjes (right) goes up for a rebound against sophomore James Griffin in the FCA three-on-three basketball tournament held in the spring.

Senior Casey Booth (center) attempts to block a shot by Sophomore Joe Hager (left) while Kyle Francis prepares for the rebound during the three-on-three tournament.

Say It!



"We try to encourage the guys to incorporate their faith into their daily lives and activities."

-Mr. Eric Berg

Cultural roots motivate activities of club

led by counselor Mrs. Carol Dougherty, the Multi-Ethnic Enrichment Team was successful in its basic goal of increasing multi-cultural awareness. MEET was led by senior President Jason Haile, and senior Vice President Jarrett Devereaux. Underclassmen leaders were juniors Tony Gant and Ray Pierce along with sophomore Bryce McKinney.

The most important time of year for MEET was in February, which is national Black History Month. The organization had announcements to the homeroom classes to personalize presentations about famous African-Americans, such as Marian Washington and Madame C.J. Walker.

"We wanted every one of our 30

members to get involved in their heritage by individually going out to classrooms," said Mrs. Dougherty.

The February Sweetheart Dance raised money for the annual MEET trip. The group traveled to Atlanta along with students from Notre Dame de Sion, where they visited historical sites, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. museum.

"It was an awesome and educational experience," said junior Eric Lowe.

"Our emphasis has always been Black History, but we are trying to expand to study Hispanic and possibly Asian roots," said Mrs. Dougherty. "We want students to be active in their heritage and spread information about it to others."

Story by Matt Neenan



A local high school girl dances to the beats of the MEET club dance DJ.

Junior Marlon Butler, sporting some snazzy overalls, chats it up with the ladies.



MEET

Moderator:

Mrs. Carol Dougherty

What we do:

Increase multi-cultural awareness.

Highlights:

Black History Month, Sweetheart Dance, Atlanta trip



FRONT ROW: Nick Johnson, Greg Bass, Russell Hynes, Jason Haile, Mark Ross, Abdul Yahaya, Brice McKinley; ROW 2: Tyrone Perkins, Jaron Moore, Martel Guido, Mrs. Carol Daugherty, Ryan Watson, Justin McDonald, Eric Lowe, Charles Gant, Adrian Carson, Marlon Butler; ROW 3: Ryan King, Jarrett Devereaux, Noah Strozier, Thom Persley

RHS and local high school students mingle together while music blares in the background.



Four identically dressed girls dance along with MEET club members. The dance raised money for the club's trip to Atlanta.



Sophomore John Strobl impresses Emily White of Notre Dame de Sion with his million-dollar smile. The dance gave students an opportunity to meet new people as well as hang out with old friends.

Freshmen from Notre Dame de Sion High School enjoy themselves at the annual MEET Club Sweetheart Dance in February.

Say It!



"(The MEET trip) was an awesome and educational experience."

-junior Eric Lowe



"We want students to be active in their heritage and spread information to others."

-Mrs. Carol Dougherty

team finds success on local and national level

The Rockhurst Debate and Forensics team offers students of any grade level the opportunity to enhance their critical thinking and performance skills through interscholastic competitions.

"Speech and debate is a great program in which every aspect of Rockhurst's Grad at Grad can be enhanced," said Mr. Don Ramsey.

The 2000-2001 Varsity team, coached by Mr. Ramsey, Mrs. Betsy Sexton, Interp Coach, and Mr. Chris Elmore, who coaches Debate and Extemp, competed in invitational tournaments throughout the year, two district tournaments, the Missouri State Tournament, National Catholic Forensics League and National Forensics League national tournaments.

Over Memorial day weekend, the team competed in the NCFL National Tournament. Senior Joel Blevins finished 19th out of 222 entries in Dramatic Interpretation. Sophomore E.E. Keenan competed in Congress where he was elected President of one session. Brian Schroeder competed in the Lincoln Douglas Debate category, and Sophomore Greg Duncan also competed in the Prose Poetry Interp category.

Senior Ian Merrigan had an outstand-

ing senior year as he was crowned the Missouri State Champion in Storytelling, and also made a trip to the NFL National Tournament with Sophomore Roy Lightner to compete in Duo Interpretation.

Juniors Chris and Jamie Lee competed for the first time this year. Blevins had an outstanding year competing in the Lincoln Douglas Debate category. Other varsity performers include seniors Schroeder and Nick Migliazzo, and sophomores Mike McShane, Jim Utley, E.E. Keenan, Tim Hanna, and Greg Duncan.

Eleven individuals also competed in the Student Congress where participants competed in a legislative type debate. Of the Rockhurst competitors, three made it to the super session, with Keenan finishing in sixth place overall.

The Freshman team members had one of the best seasons ever. Competing in numerous tournaments throughout the area, they brought home a total of three first place team trophies. Contributors included Brian Cotroneo, Justin Rethmeyer, Joe Knackstedt, Nate Everly and Cullen Roberts.

"They are an extraordinary group of talented individuals" stated Mr. Ramsey. Story by Drew Switzer



Sophomore Ryan McCallum and Brad Weishar give a passionate performance at Fine Arts Day. The Fine Arts Day exhibited Speech and Debate talent from all grade levels.

Sophomore Tim Hanna entertains a classroom of students at Fine Arts Day. A number of Speech and Debate students were able to display their talents during the April event.



Speech and Debate

Moderators:

Mr. Don Ramsey, Mrs. Betty Sexton, and Mr. Chris Elmore

What we do:

Compete in NFL and NCFL tournaments.

Highlights:

Joel Blevins 19th in national tournament, Ian Merrigan state champion, Merrigan and Roy Lightner in national tournament.



FRONT ROW: Michael Capo, Collen Roberts, Mike McShane, Brian Schroeder, Joel Blevins, Lucas Villanueva; ROW 2: Teanon Nguyen, Roy Lightner, Christopher Lee, Travis Levitt, E.E. Keenan, J.D. Corless; ROW 3: Brett King, Jamie Lee; ROW 4: David Trotter, Brian Cotroneo, Joe Knackstedt, Nathan Everly, Justin Rotheimer; ROW 5: Joel Hodes, Nathan Brown.



Sophomore Roy Lightner and senior Ian Merrigan perform their duo interpretation act during class. The two performed at Fine Arts Day before the NFL National Tournament.



Senior Joel Blevins gives a dramatic performance at Fine Arts Day. Blevins represented RHS at the NCFE Tournament in New York City.

Say It!



"Speech and Debate is a great program in which each aspect of the Rockhurst's Grad at Grad is enhanced."

-Mr. Don Ramsey

Merrigan wins state, qualifies for nationals



Senior Joel Blevins shows the reward for his efforts at the NCFL National Tournament in New York City. Blevins was a quarterfinalist in Dramatic Performance which placed him in the top 24 out of over 2000 competitors.

Roy Lightner and Ian Merrigan are critiqued on their dual performance of a selection from the Kentucky Cycle. Much of the success of the organization comes from the individual coaching members receive from the instructors.





Senior Ian Merrigan stands with his State Champion plaque. Merrigan was State Champion in Poetry Reading as well as a qualifier for the NFL National Tournament in duo interpretation.



The Speech and Debate coaches: Mr. Chris Elmore, Debate and Extemp Coach; Mr. Don Ramsey, Varsity Coach; and Mrs. Betsy Sexton, Interp. Coach. The trio is largely responsible for the perennial success of the team and for the strong individual finishes.

Sophomore Roy Lightner and senior Ian Merrigan practice their duo interpretation performance for the NFL National Tournament.

Honors students make a difference at RHS

One of the largest and busiest organizations was once again the National Honor Society under the guidance of senior President Sean O'Donnell and moderator Mr. Tom Norman. In addition to their morning doughnut sales and annual Battle of the Bands benefit concert, the group helped at the Open House, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Placement Test, and many other functions.

"We may not always be in charge, but we tend to be involved in all major events at Rockhurst," said Mr. Norman

Members of the elite group were required to meet stringent entrance requirements including 30 service hours over and above what RHS requires, plus a leadership project organizing a school event, a contributing reason for the group's constant presence around RHS.

One of the most important responsibilities of NHS is to run the Student Success Center. Members frequently volunteered to stay after school for about an hour and a half to help any students who would come in needing assistance

with a specific assignment or an entire concept.

NHS again sponsored the 14th annual Carlitos Battle of the Bands to cap off Mission Week. The event was a tremendous accomplishment, raising about \$5,000 for the Honduran Missions.

"Everyone in the National Honor Society worked very hard to make the battle a success this year," said senior Vice President Elliott Nickell. "The seven bands we had were very talented and a hit with the crowd."

Another way NHS worked to save lives in Honduras was through its daily morning doughnut sales. Members took turns coming to school around 7 a.m. and selling doughnuts, juice and milk to their classmates. This year alone the effort raised over \$10,000 for the missions.

"Our goal is to foster the qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, and service among members and with whom they interact," said Mr. Norman. "Hopefully, we are accomplishing that goal." Story by Matthew Harris



Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., speaks at the RHS winter awards assembly, which recognizes academic achievement.

Juniors Nick Herold, Matthew Harris, Paul Camacho, and Jamie Lee take a break from waiting tables at the Spectacular Auction.



Photo by Alex Gamble

National Honor Society

FRONT ROW: Chris Fiedler, Pat Jakopchek, Mr. Tom Norman, Elliott Nickell, Andy Womack, Matt Schwenke, Jamie Poskin, Jacob Boesen, Phil Murphy, Andrew Zender, Joel Gustafson, Sean Muller, Eric Pashman, Ed Bessenbacher, Alex Gamble; ROW 2: Peter Giangreco, Phil Conway, Pat McGah, Neil Griggs, Jamie Lee, Ryan Raybould, Matt Judy, Chris Hapka, Hieu Pham, Jack Curran, Brian Flanagan; ROW 3: Benton Keatly, Kevin Barth, Milan Vrbac, David Becker, Jimmy O'Sullivan, Christopher Lee, Corbin Keech, Matthew Meiner, Chris Winger, Travis Dye; ROW 4: Sean O'Donnell, John Linhoff, Jess Mooney, Joe Huffman, R.E. Wolfe, Nick Taylor, Nick Herold, Jeremy Allen, Brandon Hill, Matt Weglarz, Mike Sanem, Charlie Blackmar; ROW 5: Stephen Hiatt, Pat Coughlin, Mike Daly, Jamie Burkart,



Matt Neenan, Matthew Harris, Jim Goetz, Tony Tran, Charlie Peters, Nick Shuler, David Ono, Mike Burke, Paul Damon, Johnny Sweeney, George Robinson, Adam Sheridan, Diego Bustamante, Andy Bazarich, Rama Gottumakkala; ROW 6: Greg Laughlin, Jim Becker, Stephen Reintjes, Brad Martin, Sean Gratton, John Harbison, Craig Pacheco, Pat Ishmael, Chris Thorman, Eric Vossman, Matt Ferguson, Stephen Eikerman, Jeff McCaffrey, Danny Martucci; ROW 7: Scott Gosoroski, Michael Lancey, Zack Miller, Ted Worth, Zach Ramirez, John Molle, Ben Madeo, Dan Heryer, John Mayberry, Eric Netterfield, Rich Whitney, Matt Wormington, Jordan Jump, Tim Fitzpatrick.



Junior Abdulrasak Yahaya receives his NHS pin at the induction ceremony.



Junior Rich Whitney introduces a prospective student to RHS during the Open House.



Photo by Alex Gamble



Elliot Nickell shows his gift for his service as NHS vice-president to Matthew Harris, Jamie Lee, Paul Camacho, and Chris Lee. Nickell will be replaced as vice-president by Camacho.

NHS Officers for the 2001-2002 school year include: Brandon Hill, secretary; Elliot Nickell, former vice-president; Jamie Lee, student success center director; Sean O'Donnell, former president; Paul Camacho, vice-president; Mr. Tom Norman, moderator; and Andy Bazarich, president.

Say It!



"Everyone in the National Honor Society worked very hard to make the [Battle of the Bands] a success this year."

-senior Elliot Nickell



"Our goal is to foster the qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, and service among members and with whom they interact."

-Mr. Tom Norman

breaking news!

school newspaper named All-State

In only his second year as *The Prep News* staff Adviser Mr. Michael Dierks has received back-to-back All State awards for the school paper.

"The paper is a good reflection of the school and the students," Mr. Dierks said. "The newspaper members show dedication to the school, which in turn allows them the freedom to promote RHS in a positive light," he said.

Published at least once monthly, the newspaper has received an All-Missouri rating for the 15th consecutive year from the Missouri Scholastic Press Association.

Such honors do not come without sacrifice as newspaper staff members work 25-35 hours outside of class for the final week before production.

"All the hard work put into the paper only makes its success that much more rewarding," Co-Editor-In-Chief Sam Davidson said.

The newspaper for the 2000-2001 school year went through many changes and added new features.

The Prep News appeared online again at the rockhursths.edu website, with junior Rama Gottumukkala doing the

internet production.

"This new feature is an added bonus for students and the outside community trying to get to understand what Rockhurst is all about," Feature Copy Editor Tim Riedy said.

The newspaper added several new and beneficial technological advances this year, including a negative scanner and digital photography. With a new Mac G-4, designing and graphics reached a new level.

"The new equipment has allowed more creativity and will ideally make production faster and more efficient, while at the same time saving the school money," Mr. Dierks said.

The Newspaper I and Newspaper II classes were combined as one class, comprised of junior and senior members.

The Journalism I paper which was published when seniors were away on projects was also a success.

"The J-I paper provides the first year journalism students with an opportunity to have their stories published, and provided experience in the Mac lab," Advertising-Editor Ray Pierce said.

Story by David Paul



Junior Matt Wormington adds his story to the ladder for the upcoming edition of the Prep News.

Junior Tim Riedy proofreads a feature story as part of his position as copy editor.



The Prep News

Moderator:

Mr. Michael Dierks

What we do:

Produce monthly newspaper.

Highlights:

15th consecutive All-Missouri honors.



FRONT ROW: Sam Davidson, James Johnson, Matt Wormington, Paul Damon, Dean Hackett, Ed Bessenbacher, Ray Pierce, Matt Ferguson; ROW 2: Ryan Renne, David Winget, Ryan Bly, Andrew Hansbrough, Pat Ishmael, Jim Conwell, Charlie Blackmar, Thom Persley, Rama Gottumukkala, Nick Taylor, Ryan Raybould, Pat Clark, Robbie Arthur, Jeff Kratofil, Alex Staab, Ryan Swartz, David Manning, Jack Smedile, Johnny Sweeney, Mr. Michael Dierks.



Mr. Michael Dierks, junior Matt Ferguson, Tim Reidy, and James Johnson work together to complete a layout.



Junior Rama Gottumukkala edits a feature story on junior Jamie Burkart for the next edition of *The Prep News*.



Junior Pat Ishmael works to beat a deadline. It was the efforts of the staff members that helped earn *The Prep News* All-State honors.

Juniors James Johnson and Charlie Blackmar compromise on a layout for the J-1 edition of the paper. The edition is produced in January and gives the underclassmen greater responsibilities with the absence of the seniors.

Say It!



"All the hard work put into the paper only makes its success that much more rewarding."

-Senior Sam Davidson



"The newspaper members show dedication to the school, which in turn allows them the freedom to promote RHS in a positive light."

-Mr. Michael Dierks



The *Quarry* editors work furiously to make the June 11 final deadline. The staff members gave up three weeks of their summer to complete the 304-page yearbook.

Quarry Yearbook

Moderator:

Mr. Joe Fleming

What we do:

Create Rockhurst's yearbook.

Highlights:

Computers crashes, trip to yearbook plant, longest book ever.



FRONT ROW : Nick Herold, Diego Bustamante, Drew Huerter, David Paul, Peter Giangreco, R.E. Wolfe; ROW 2: Joseph Sanders, Brandon Hill, Drew Switzer, Geoffrey Martin, Jamie Burkart; ROW 3: Matthew Neenan, Alex Gamble, John Dollerschell, Andrew Ward, Matthew Harris. NOT PICTURED: Matt Cavlovich.



Sports Editor Brandon Hill takes time out from his rigorous duties in the computer lab. Junior Jamie Burkart shows up for another day of work after an hour-long bike ride

staff triumphs over trials and technology

Maintaining its tradition of using juniors as editors, the *Quarry* Yearbook staff entered the digital age big time, as almost half of the photos in the book were shot and manipulated digitally, thanks to the talent of Production Editor Jamie Burkart.

Led by Co-editors Alex Gamble and Matthew Harris, the staff worked eight hours a day for three weeks following the end of the school year to produce 304 pages, the largest ever.

As an unexpected bonus, two seniors earned battlefield promotions, and a member of the *Prep News* staff came on board to help until the June 12 deadline for submission of pages.

James Johnson provided many hours of volunteer work, using his newspaper experience to assist Sports Editor Brandon Hill and others.

"I'm interested in the journalistic process, and found that working on the yearbook increased my computer layout skills," he said.

Peter Giangreco and R.E. Wolfe proved the exception to 'senior slide', as they stepped forward and produced the entire Senior Section of the book.

"Usually seniors are loath to spend time work-

ing on the yearbook following graduation," said Mr. Joe Fleming, adviser to the *Quarry* staff. "Peter and R.E. showed an unusual dedication to the school."

With the purchase of a high quality digital camera, all but fast action sports photos could be shot and downloaded onto Power Macs G-3's and G-4's where they were edited and placed on actual pages.

Most of the staff considered work on the publication to one of the most grueling experiences of their Rockhurst careers.

"It was a tremendous opportunity, but once will certainly be enough for me," said Harris.

All editors were chosen in November from the Yearbook Class. Others contributed with stories, photo cropping and proofreading. Overall, hundreds of man hours went into the production.

"We have had more outstanding staffs every year, and 2000-2001 was no exception," Mr. Fleming said. "I have the greatest respect for the determination and ability of these guys! This book will be a lasting tribute to their hard work."

"It was really beautiful experiencing others' memories and crafting them into a work that will last a lifetime," Gamble sobbed.

Ads Editor Drew Huerter contemplates the layout for his next senior ad. Below: People Editor Andrew Ward completes his final layout.



Production Editor Jamie Burkart teaches Academic Editor Matt Neenan the fine art of cropping and enhancing digital photos. This was the first year the *Quarry* yearbook incorporated digital photography.



Co-Editor-in-Chiefs Alex Gamble and Matthew Harris brainstorm ideas for the opening section of the book.

Junior Organizations Editor Nick Herold crops photos that will be placed in his section. Nick was the hardest working member of the staff. (Caption by Nick Herold.)

Say It!



"It was a tremendous opportunity, but once will certainly be enough for me."

-junior Matthew Harris



"This book will be a lasting tribute to their hard work."

-Mr. Joe Fleming

students continue literary tradition

The *Rock Collection*, with the financial assistance of Andrews-McMeel Universal, is Rockhurst's literary magazine, full of photos, artwork and writings from students. Moderator Mrs. Annie Riggs, who was involved in clubs similar to this in high school and college, so brings a few years of experience and advice to the club.

"I am there to guide the students and to give help and advice, but they have the freedom and responsibility to create a magazine they can be proud of," explained Mrs. Riggs.

The club usually meets after school or activity period to work on the 32-page book. The group also meets with Andrews-McMeel to decide what software programs to work with on the computer. The staff of eight, led by

senior co-editors Andrew Hansbrough and Dan Heryer, decided on the art and writings that went into the book. A rating sheet was passed out to the group which rated the entries. Although they had some computer trouble with fonts on Quark Express, they were still able to get it put together using Pagemaker and met the publisher's deadline.

"It was fun to show all of the stuff that we put together," said senior Ryan McIntosh.

The best part of the year was the end when all the work was finished, the book was put together, and was distributed to the school to showcase the talents of the students, according to Ms. Otto.

"It is so exciting when the book comes out," she said.

Story by Geoffrey Martin.



Sophomores Ben Summers and Matthew Judge review potential artwork for the *Rock Collection*. All artwork was created by students, and staff members chose which pieces to use.



Rock Collection

Moderator:

Mrs. Annie Riggs

What we do:

Produce annual school literary magazine

Highlights:

Producing the 32-page book and distributing it to the school



Mrs. Annie Riggs, Dan Heryer, Andrew Hansbrough, Ben Summers, Matthew Judge.



Ben Summers, Matthew Judge, and John Navarre look over artwork to select the best possible pictures. The *Rock Collection* staff each rated the individual pictures as well as the poetry entries and chose those with the highest scores.



Junior John Navarre decides whether or not to approve of a student-produced piece of artwork. The staff also chose poetry to be included in the magazine.

Senior Dan Heryer discusses layout design with seniors Andy Hansbrough and Ryan McIntosh. Much of the *Rock Collection* was created using new software on the computers.

Say It!



"It's fun to show all of the stuff that we put together."

-Senior Ryan McIntosh



"It is so exciting when the book comes out."

-Mrs. Annie Riggs

Thespians hone skills to perfection

Both by supporting and promoting the exploration of educational theater, the Drama Club, under the watchful eye of Mr. Rodger Cilley, hopes to not only bring the arts to the Rockhurst community, but also to include any student who would like to participate in the organization.

"What I love about the Drama Club is that it is all-inclusive and helps students learn more about themselves as individuals," Mr. Cilley remarked.

Managed by a six-member Studio Council, the club is a predominantly student-driven organization.

"For the past two years, students have been allowed to explore their talents by producing some of their own productions, and we have had great success and ample support from the Rockhurst community," commented club Treasurer senior Chris Winger.

The Drama Club's many talents were best showcased in the Drama Department's production of *The Kentucky Cycle*, in November.

Produced by junior Jamie Poskin, *Cabaret*, which ran in the black box theater in January, is a musical based on the inhumane treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany prior to World War II, and was well received by audiences.

From the Rose Theater to Broadway, the Drama Club not only demonstrated their endless abilities by putting on various productions throughout the year, but also found time to take its annual trip to New York City to watch and learn from more experienced actors and productions.

In all, by helping students to develop their talents and at the same time explore their unique individuality, Mr. Cilley feels he has "the most fulfilling job at RHS."

Story by R.E. Wolfe II



Photo by Alex Gamble

Senior Tom Schario leads an improvisation game at a "Kiss Me Kate" Rehearsal.



Photo by Alex Gamble

Mr. Rodger Cilley thanks senior Dan Vianello for his service to the tech crew of the drama department at the Drama Club award assembly in May.



Photo by Alex Gamble

Members of the Drama Club react to Mr. Cilley's comments at the award assembly. The assembly recognizes the accomplishments of dramatists throughout the year.

Say It!



"Students have been allowed to explore their talents by producing some of their own productions."

-Senior Chris Winger



"What I love about the Drama Club is that it is all-inclusive and helps students learn more about themselves"

-Mr. Rodger Cilley

Drama Club



FRONT ROW: Kiel Tompkins, Vince Wagner, Jimmy Utley, Elizabeth Braud, Chris Winger, Mr. Rodger Cilley, Ian Merrigan, Tom Schario, Travis Levitt, Liz Woolery, Joe Grimaldi; ROW 2: Brent Scarbrough, Jared Vandergriff, Andy Beisser, Zach Cofran, Logan McCoy, Ruth Russell, Joe Hager, Roy Lightner, Laurie Gardner, Justin Huggins, Tim Hanna, Adam Witt, Matt Schwenke; ROW 3: Jimmy Barnes, Sidney Lowerly, Bryhona Parham, Thom Persley, Devin Carr, Mark McNeal, Lucas Villanueva, Danielle Fowler, Dan Vianello, Philip Conway, Greg Ford, David Coughlin, Jennie Rogers, Peter Edsall; ROW 4: Jessica Herman, Courtney O'Neill, Jeremy Allen, Jenni Wilson, Caroline Murray, Mary Granger, Molly O'Neill, Justine Cetter, Frances Halley, Jacob Kruger, Scott Drummond, Patrick Klug, Aurelie Roque, Amanda Ellwood, Frank Pendleton, Bobby Bridges; ROW 5: Hillary Hoover, Jamie Poskin, Matt Laird, Alex Johnson, Nick Solsburg, Scott Unger, Mike Huber, David Kinerk, Lauren Schwartze, Lizzie Larson, Carrie Moreland, Johnny Francoviglia, Amy Hamilton, Quinn Colling, Patrick Coughlin, Danny White, Jimmy O'Sullivan; ROW 6: Duo Yang, Adam Blinzler.

council makes a hit out of student productions

In its second year, the Studio Theater Council has continued to give students an opportunity to express themselves artistically by producing their own shows in the studio theater. What began in 2000 with Andy Gilchrist's *Young Conformists* continued on through even more productions, such as the *Moonlit Days Cafe* poetry nights, and several different student productions, including *Cabaret*.

The Council acts as a board of directors for the theater, and provides support for the directors and artists whose projects are approved. The director or artist submits his proposal which is then reviewed by the six-member council as well as Mr. Rodger Cilley and Mr. Bill Murphy. If approved, the council provides funds for the production.

"In the future, the space may be used for more experimental avant-garde stuff than upstairs, using maybe a smaller, different cast to tell a stronger story than we could on the main stage," senior council Secretary Matt Schwenke said.

The council hosted several sessions of the *Moonlit Days Cafe*, a venue for anyone to come in and read their own poetry or a pre-written piece. "It's a place to gather for students and faculty,"

said senior council Treasurer Chris Winger. "It's a very cool and intimate place, more so than the Rose because of its size."

The Council also produced several shows, including *Cabaret*, directed by junior council member Jamie Poskin, *Full Circle* directed by Schwenke, and the student production, *The Life and Times of the American Dream*, written and directed by senior council president Ian Merrigan was workshopped throughout the year.

Cabaret, which ran from January 25-28, was well received, selling out every performance.

Audiences seemed to enjoy *Full Circle*, as it nearly sold out every night of its performances from May 3-5.

The main goal of the Council is to make sure that all the artists and directors who get the opportunity to perform in the space often called the "Black Box" have a great experience and learn more about the theater.

Sophomore member Andy Beisser wants the artists, "to feel that they've had a chance to get out and say what they wanted to say. In no way should they feel gyped about their Black Box experience."

Story by Alex Gamble

The cast of *Cabaret* takes a bow after the conclusion of its performance in the Black Box Theater.



Junior Joe Johnson contributes the bass to *Cabaret*. *Cabaret* was directed by junior Jamie Poskin and ran in February.

Say It!



"(The Black Box Theater) is a place to gather for students and faculty. It's a very cool and intimate place."

-senior Chris Winger



"In no way should (the artists) feel gyped about their Black Box experience."

-sophomore Andy Beisser

Studio Theater Council

Moderators:

Mr. Rodger Cilley and
Mr. Bill Murphy

What we do:

Produces shows in the
theater

Highlights:

Moonlit Days Cafe poetry
nights, *Cabaret*, *Full
Circle*, *The Life and
Times of the American
Dream*



FIRST ROW: Ian Merrigan, Jamie Poskin, Mr. Rodger Cilley, Andy Beisser, Jared Vandergriff, Matt Schwenke. NOT PICTURED: Chris Winger.

The French Club, led by President Graham Long and second year moderator Mrs. Sabina Mills, tries to meet at least once a month to experience the French culture and ideas.

The club schedules activities with the Notre Dame de Sion French Club, including meeting several mornings to have breakfast with them.

"It gives us more exposure to the French environment and opportunities to meet other French clubs in the area," said junior Michael Lancey.

The members of the club have a distinct advantage over other French clubs because Mrs. Mills, who is from Jargeau, France, went to school in Paris, and lived about 20 years in France before moving to the United States. She brings authenticity to the club for others to learn about. One activity the group participated in was selling doughnuts to assist the Jesuit Mission in Honduras.

"I want for the French Club to improve a little each year, and would like the members to learn and get ideas from it," said Mrs. Mills. Story by Geoffrey Martin.

moderator impacts club with French background

French Club



FRONT ROW: Erik Netterfield, Mrs. Sabina Mills, Michael Lancey, Matt Wormington, Jim Greffet, Nick VanSant; ROW 2: Thad O'Brien, Diego Bustamante, Tyler True, Adam Henderson, Ryan Watson, John Chagoyan

Hi, haec, hoc, Latin at the Rock! Led by moderator Dr. Michael Cusick, the Classics Club, a combination of Greek and Latin students, strove for success in its main competition of the year.

Each April, the club enters the State Latin Convention held in Columbia to compete with other Latin clubs of the state. RHS took three teams from each level of Latin along with other individual competitors. After taking five individual gold medals the previous year in addition to advancing to the second round in the team competition, the club expected and achieved even better results this year. According to junior Jamie Lee, co-consul (president) of the Latin club, the convention is not all work.

"The state convention in Columbia is a great chance to have fun and do a little Latin at the same time," he said.

This year's success could be credited in part to the new certamen machine purchased for the club. This device aids the club members in practicing "buzzing in" in order to answer a question, similar to the conditions at the convention.

"By getting the certamen machine we have made progress toward improving at the state convention and drawing interest in the club," said Dr. Cusick.

Besides Jamie Lee and his co-consul brother Christopher Lee, both juniors, the club was led by junior George Robinson, praetor; sophomore Ben Stueve, censor; and sophomore Jeff Nagy, quaestor. These officers assisted Dr. Cusick in achieving the club's ultimate goal.

"We hope to give club members experience in areas related to the Latin and Greek languages, including culture, mythology, and history," stated Dr. Cusick.

Story by Nick Herold

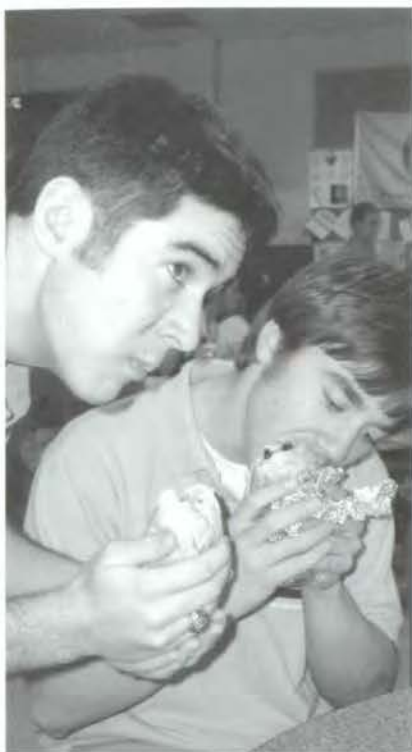
club takes strides to improve finish at state

Classics Club



FRONT ROW: Zach Cofran, Trey Thomas, Ben Stueve, Zach Royer, Mark McNeal, Mike McShane, Jeff Nagy, Brian Eller; ROW 2: A.J. Robine, John Winget, Michael Dow, Paul Pena, Alex Gamble, Andy Beisser, John Krebs, E.E. Keenan, Jeff Keeling; ROW 3: Neil Griggs, Colin Fiola, Dr. Michael Cusick, John Hawley, Kesler Pollard, Sean Gratton, Chris Thorrmann, Sean Muller, Christopher Lee, Jamie Lee, Patrick Ishmael, Sean McLaughlin.

Sophomore Tyler True and Senior Mike McIntyre play the guitar for the Spanish Mass. The Mass held at the end of the year, is a favorite of students.



club eats, wears, and prays spanish

Led by a strong core group of seniors, the Spanish Club worked hard to show Rockhurst diversity in culture. President Ryan Fagan and Vice President Doug Croy, both seniors, ran the club with the assistance of Mr. Bert Roney, club moderator.

"This year, the Spanish Club focused on how much fun we could have and what new ideas we could come up with, such as Chipotle day and hooded sweatshirts for the future generations of Spanish Club members," said Fagan.

In May the club put together its third annual Spanish Mass where visiting priest Padre Francisco Xavier Aguilar, S.J. from El Salvador said the mass completely in Spanish. Spanish classes from Notre Dame de Sion shared in the celebration.

A "Chipotle Day" was held in April where the Spanish Club had Chipotle food for lunch.

Helping out with the nacho sales were Secretary Mike Euston, Treasurer John Leese, junior Jimmy Goetz, and sophomore Kyle Garrison.

"Our main goal was to have fun and make the members more culturally aware of Hispanic culture at RHS and the community," said Mr. Roney. Story by Peter Giangreco

Seniors Ryan Fagan and Doug Croy indulge in burritos on the April Chipotle Day. Chipotle burritos were served to Spanish club members during lunch.

Fr. Francisco Aguilar, S.J. prepares for communion during the Spanish Mass. This was the third annual mass organized by the club.



Notre Dame de Sion Spanish classes join RHS students for the Spanish Mass. The majority of the Mass as well as the music is performed in Spanish.

Say It!

"This year the Spanish Club focused on how much fun we could have and what new ideas we could come up with."

-senior Ryan Fagan

"Our main goal was to have fun and make the members more aware of Hispanic culture."

-Mr. Bert Roney



Spanish Club



FRONT ROW: Stephen Croy, Doug Croy, Ryan Fagan, Nick Shuler, Senior Bert Roney; ROW 2: Nathan Lynn, Lucas Manning, Nick Schmeltz, Geoffrey Martin.

Moderator:

Mr. Bert Roney

What we do:

Diversify RHS through the use of Spanish culture.

Highlights:

Chipotle Day, Spanish Mass, nacho sales.

club draws greater interest in science

The Rockhurst Science Club has become respected and successful in the short years under the leadership of Mr. Michael O'Leary. The club offers a group geared towards the scientifically minded students of RHS, and offers activities such as Science Knowledge Bowl and Science Olympiad.

At the Science Knowledge Bowl in February, RHS's Team A achieved a fourth place finish while Team B placed in the top 15 out of 100 teams. The event was a grueling trivia contest where the quick-draw reflexes and innate rudeness (that Assistant Coaches Mr. Steve Ryan and Mr. Ron Geldhof tried to imbue the team with) were of the utmost importance. The questions ranged from nuclear physics to buckminsterfullerenes and the event attracted contestants from as far away as Topeka.

The State Science Olympiad at Rockhurst University drew a large crowd as the area's finest science tests of expertise were challenged in different tests of expertise. Events such as Can't Judge a Powder, Road Scholars, Mission Possible, Write It Do It, Disease Detectives, Reach for the Stars, Cell Biology and Science Clue gave students valuable opportunities to show off their science knowledge outside of the academic circle. The winners in the Science Olympiad have helped to maintain

the tradition of excellence and dedication shown by seniors such as Jon Adriano, Andy Womack, and Hieu Pham.

Science Club members recalled some of the more interesting moments in the Science Club in detail:

The appearance of Ricky "Flying Monkey o' Doom" White and his incessant "D) A Jar of Almonds" battle cry drove opponents insane, both in practice and at the real event. Mr. O'Leary's constant "I'm gonna sic the Irish Mafia on you," caused students to burst into laughter at the thought of a violent Irishman.

The Science Club's purpose is "to allow scientifically inclined students to compete and have fun in science events," according to Mr. O'Leary. The sarcasm in the Science Club is extremely competitive. Competition within the Science Knowledge Bowl competitors has increased this year. We needed some activities for young men interested in Science."

Led by President Scott Gosoroski, Vice President Diego Bustamante and Secretary Nick Solsburg, the Science Club is sure to fulfill its intellectual mission and make RHS a lot more interesting for those involved.

Story by Diego Bustamante



Ricky White (second from left) buzzes in before Tim Hanna, Scott Gosoroski, and Michael Amini



The Science Knowledge Bowl "A" Team: Front Row: Jonathan Adriano, Jeff Nagy, Greg Laughlin, Diego Bustamante; Row 2: Mr. Mike O'Leary, Andy Womack, Alex Gamble, Sean Mueller.



The Science Knowledge Bowl "B" Team, Front Row: Matt Laird, Adam Witt, Ricky White, Michael Amini; Row 2: Mr. Ron Geldhof, Nick Weaver, Andy Crutchfield.



Sophomore Jeff Nagy answers a question during a practice for the Science Knowledge Bowl.

Say It!



"We need activities for young men interested in science."

-Mr. Michael O'Leary

Moderator:

Mr. Michael O'Leary

What we do:

To allow students to compete and have fun in science events

Highlights:

Science Knowledge Bowl and Science Olympiad

Science Club



FRONT ROW: Scott Gosoroski, Jeff Nagy, Thomas Wytock, Tim Hanna, Matt Laird, John-Paul Nigro, Alex Johnson, Nick Solsburg; ROW 2: Nick Weaver, Cullen Roberts, Blaine Barnard, Adam Henderson, Andy Womack, Brian Spicher, Duo Yang, Diego Bustamante, Ricky White, Rama Gottumukkala.

hard work adds up to success

Sophomore Jeff Nagy and seniors Andy Womack and Adam Henderson team together at the KC Area Teachers of Math Competition. Their efforts helped the team achieve first place.

The Math Club, led by senior Andy Womack along with 14 other Hawklets, was similar to any other sports team comprised of a Junior Varsity and Varsity team. The difference is that they use their minds to compete and not their bodies while representing Rockhurst.

"The Math Club has given students the ability to represent RHS, while competing in various math competitions around the Kansas City area," said Club Advisor Mr. Scott Duschen.

The team competed throughout the year as individuals and as a team at three competitions: the Great Plains Math League, the UMKC Teams competition, and at its main meet, the KC Area Teachers of Mathematics competition.

"We struggled early on in the season by not placing at the UMKC Teams competition" said Womack.

The highlight of the season came at the KC Area Mathematics competition where the team won the small school title, beating the competition by 92 points. In the individuals competition, six out of 12 members placed in the top three of their class; including Sean Plott, who placed 2nd overall in the freshman division, sophomores Jeff Nagy and Duo Yang who placed 1st and 2nd, junior Matt Laird 1st, and Andy Womack, and Adam Henderson, 2nd and 3rd in overall senior competition.

"I think our strong performance at the KC Area Mathematics shows that we have a great Math Department at Rockhurst," according to Laird.

"The KC Area Teachers of Mathematics competition was the best performance I have ever seen by the Math Team," stated Womack. Story by John Dollerschell



The KC Area Teachers of Math team:
 First Row: Sean Plot, Chris Lee, Matt Laird;
 ROW 2: Nick Mabry, Jordan Jump, Duo Yang, Jamie Lee, Jeff Nagy, Andrew Proulx;
 ROW 3: Tyler True, Adam Henderson, Andy Womack



Duo Yang, Sean Plot, Mr. Scott Duschen, Tyler True, and Jeff Nagy display the awards they received from the KC Area Teachers of Math Competition. Six of the team members placed in the top three for their age division.

Math Club

Moderator:

Mr. Scott Duschen

What we do:

Compete in area math tournaments

Highlights:

Great Plains Math League, UMKC competition, KC area math competition



FRONT ROW: Blaine Barnard, Sean Plott, Matt Laird, Jeff Nagy, Duo Yang;
 ROW 2: Tyler True, Adam Henderson, Thomas Wytock, Andy Womack, Mr. Scott Duschen.

Say It!



"I think our strong performance... shows that we have a great Math department."

-Junior Matt Laird

young team finds victory in local competition

The Rockhurst Chess Club depended on its youngest members for the first time ever as the newest members of the team led the way at all the tournaments.

"Three out of every four of our top players in each tournament were freshmen," according to Dr. Michael Cusick, Chess Club Moderator. Following smashing finishes at Wichita, LaCyne, the Prairie View Tournament, Shawnee Mission East, Paola, Onega, Lawrence, North Kansas City, Jefferson City and the Kansas City Cup, the Chess Club looked forward to its home advantage during the United States Chess Nationals, which was held in March at Bartle Hall. After a difficult set of four rounds per contestant, Rockhurst emerged as the fifth place team out of 1,000.

In addition to competitions in exotic locales such as South Dakota, Washington, Los Angeles and others, the Chess Club organized its own tournaments this year. The Top Hawk Tournament and the RHS Chess Tournament served as outlets for many chess team members who find little exposure at RHS. The Top Hawk Tournament is

open to any RHS faculty member or student who wants to compete in a ladder system for the grand prize and bragging rights.

"The Top Hawk Tournament was not as well organized this year, because we set it up using a different format, a ladder bracket."

The RHS Chess Tournament was a much larger success, and was organized in conjunction with the RHS Mother's Club. The Tournament was open to any K-12 player in the Greater Kansas City area. Jeff Nagy emerged as the winner in a field of 250.

Participating in these tournaments took dedication and practice. Most RHS Chess Club members practice for about an hour and a half each day where they enjoy a quick "battle of the mind" or two, as Dr. Cusick puts it, during activity period and after school. What he truly enjoys about chess at RHS is that "I can pick up a game whenever I want."

According to Dr. Cusick and Mr. Dan Gerth, players such as Jeff Nagy, Eamon Duede, and Clayton Dunsworth will lead the way to a stronger Chess Club in 2002.

Story by Diego Bustamante



Juniors John Navarre and Gil Korpi square off in a chess match. The chess club practiced every activity period as well as after school.

Below: Junior Andy Borst contemplates his next move against his opponent, sophomore Ricky White during an activity period match.



Chess Club

Moderator:

*Dr. Michael Cusick
and Mr. Dan Gerth*

What we do:

*Develop chess skills to
compete in metro chess
tournaments*

Highlights:

*United States Chess
Nationals, Top Hawk
Tournament, RHS chess
tournament*



FRONT ROW: Matt Reinsel, Jeff Nagy; ROW 2: Mr. Dan Gerth, Nick Plott, Alex Johnson, Sean Plott, Eamon Duede, Brian Eller, Jon Stewart, Zach Royer.





Junior Brendon Toohey prepares to move his queen to take one of junior Richie Restivo's pawns while junior Alex Johnson gives advice.



Sophomore Clint Dunsworth, Zach Royer, and Eamon Duede take a break from a grueling match.



Mr. Dan Gerth plans strategy in his match versus senior Sal Cicero. Mr. Gerth took over as moderator with Dr. Michael Cusick for Mr. Paul Klene.

Zach Royer (second from left) squares off in a duel against Eamon Duede (second from right) while Clint Dunsworth, Brian Eller, and Duo Yang watch.

Say It!

"The Chess Club provides players of all skill levels an opportunity to get together and have fun."

-Junior Alex Johnson



"Three out of every four of our top players were freshmen."

-Dr. Michael Cusick



choir brings enthusiasm to the Mass

LET US NOW JOIN IN PRAISING OUR GOD." AS THE SPEAKER ENUNCIATES THESE WORDS, ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE ROSE THEATER BECOME SILENT. THE CHAPEL CHOIR IS ROCKHURST'S INSTRUMENT, ITS EXPRESSION OF SPIRITUAL UNITY AND REVERENCE AT ITS RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

LED BY MR. MICHAEL KERN, THE MISSION OF CHAPEL CHOIR IS TO ALLOW STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AS VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS AT ALL ROCKHURST MASSES AND LITURGIES.

THE CHOIR PRACTICES TWO TO THREE TIMES PER WEEK DURING ACTIVITY PERIODS AND AFTER-SCHOOL. PRACTICE ENTAILS REHEARSING ITS REPERTOIRE AND ADDING NEW SONGS, SUCH AS "LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH," AND "LET THE RIVER ROLL DEEP."

THE COMMITMENT BEGAN IN THE SUMMER, WHEN MEMBERS CAME IN ON MONDAYS TO PRACTICE FOR AN HOUR. THIS PREPARED THEM FOR A CONCERT AT ST. ANN'S PARISH IN WARSAW, MO, IN AUGUST, WHICH ELATED THE PARISHIONERS, AND GAINED RHS AN INVITATION TO RETURN.

CHAPEL CHOIR MEMBERS ARE PRESENT AT ALL MASSES, WHERE THEY PERFORM HYMNS AND PSALMS. THIS VARIETY OF LITURGICAL MUSIC IS TERMED CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN AND IT IS A COMBINATION OF HYMNS AND OTHER SONGS SPUN OFF FROM POPULAR MU-

SIC, WITH A RELIGIOUS OVERTONE.

CHAPEL CHOIR ALSO PARTICIPATES IN MANY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THE CHOIR PROVIDED THE MUSIC JOINTLY WITH ST. REGIS' YOUTH CHOIR AT THE KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY IN FEBRUARY.

"QUITE A FEW OF THE MEMBERS OF CHAPEL CHOIR HAVE HELPED THE ST. REGIS AND ST. MARK'S TEEN CHOIRS GET OFF THE GROUND," MR. KERN NOTED.

"CHAPEL CHOIR IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF SPIRITUALITY AT RHS BECAUSE IT HELPS PEOPLE TAKE MASS MORE SERIOUSLY," SAID CHOIR MEMBER TYLER TRUE. "MORE PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE LITURGY, AND PEOPLE CAN SEE THEIR PEERS TAKING IT SERIOUSLY."

INVOLVEMENT IN CHAPEL CHOIR STEMS FROM BOTH SPIRITUALITY AND A COMMITMENT TO MAKING RHS A BETTER PLACE, ACCORDING TO TRUE.

"I JOINED CHAPEL CHOIR BECAUSE I LIKE THE MUSIC AND THE SPIRITUALITY. I THINK THIS HELPS ME DEVELOP MY FAITH," HE SAID.

"I PERSONALLY AM TIRED OF WORSHIP EXPERIENCES THAT DO NOT ENGAGE, OR IGNORES THE LIFE AND VITALITY OF TEENAGERS," MR. KERN OBSERVED. "SO, I TRY TO PROVIDE LITURGICAL EXPERIENCES THAT RELATE TO THE YOUNG MEN OF RHS."

STORY BY DIEGO BUSTAMANTE



Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., directs the choir during Mass. Fr. Menard is RHS's Pastoral Director.

Junior Matthew Harris plays the keyboard for a Senior Class Mass. The choir uses many instruments as accompaniment.



Chapel Choir

Moderator:

Mr. Michael Kern

What we do:

Add vocals and instrumentals to the Mass and other liturgies

Highlights:

Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocesan Youth Rally, "And the Light Shines."



FRONT ROW: Mr. Mike Kern, Devin Carr, Kiel Tompkins, Joe Wagner, Brian Proulx, Bob Murphy, David Kinerk; ROW 2: Tyler True, Greg Bass, Matt Schwenke, Dan Asikainen, Tom Schario, Pat Rosenthal, Joe Myers, Matthew Harris, Greg Duncan.

Seniors Dan Asikainen, Tom Schario, Pat Klug, Matthew Schwenke, and junior Kiel Tompkins lead the singing.



Mr. Tom Norman and the Liturgy and Worship Class practice with the Chapel Choir for the week's Mass.



Juniors Adam Witt and Jess Mooney, senior Luke Dlabal, and sophomore Dan McGuire accompany the Chapel Choir with their instruments.

Mr. Michael Kern demonstrates his dual talents as he plays the guitar and directs the choir simultaneously.

Say It!

"Chapel Choir is an important part of spirituality at RHS because it helps people take Mass more seriously."

-sophomore Tyler True



"I try to provide liturgical experiences that relate to the young man of RHS."

-Mr. Mike Kern



band peps up sports and rallies

Whether it was a football or basketball game or a pep rally, the Rockhurst Pep Band always had the ability to raise the excitement level and make the event more fun for everyone.

The main focus of the Pep Band was on in-school events. Directed by Mr. Mike Kern, and Giuliano Mingucci, RHS Class of 2000, the band played at all of the Football Team's home games.

"We are allowed to play until the teams set up on the line," said junior base guitarist Dan Martin.

They also played the majority of the home basketball games before the game and during halftime.

"[The Pep Band] helped get the crowd pumped up and cheering, and all that excitement helped us out," commented junior football player Mike Burke.

The Pep Band's repertoire consisted mostly of classic rock.

"We play old favorites that everybody recognizes," commented Martin. "25 or 6 to 4 by Chicago and *Smoke on the Water* are our favorites."

The group's 30 members practiced most Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Band Room under the Rose Theater.

"We worked on pieces for the games and had a lot of fun," said sophomore keyboardist Adam Wesley.

Musicians lettered in pep band by accumulating 1000 pep points.

"Each event and practice was worth points and if you went to everything you could have earned 200-300 pep points a quarter," said Martin.

One event that the Pep Band played away from RHS was the 2001 Trolley Run in April. The band played in Waldo for runners as they warmed up and stretched at the starting line.

"At 6:00 in the morning those people needed a lot of pepping," said Mr. Kern.

Story by Jamie Burkart



Photo by Dan Olson

Freshmen Tommy Wiedeman and Rick Nelson wait for their cue on the drums while under the watchful eye of director Giuliano Mingucci.

Pep Band

Moderator:

Mr. Mike Kern

What we do:

Provide music for sporting events and pep rallies.

Highlights:

Playing for over 10,000 runners at the Trolley Run.



FRONT ROW: Brian Proulx, Tony Neff, Matt Towner, Brian Cotroneo, Tommy Wiedeman, Bob Murphy, Dan White, Mark McNeal, Richie Restivo, Rehan Nana; ROW 2: Andy Proulx, Greg Duncan, Matt Sirna, Andy Crutchfield, Michael Adler, Pat Rosenthal, Adam Wesley, Colin McDaniel, Andrew Ford; ROW 3: C.J. Cornwell, Matthew Harris, Christopher Able, Kevin Shea, Matt Baker, John Becker, Joe Myers, Mr. Michael Kern; ROW 4: Jim Vigliatura, Chris Fencl, Brendon Toohey, Joe Lindgren John Burnett; ROW 5: Pat O'Leary, Stephen Huffman, Dan Martin, Kyle Duffin.



Photo by Jamie Burkart

Senior Andrew Proulx plays the tuba during a Varsity Football game against Park Hill South. The Pep Band played at all home games regardless of weather.



Sophomores Jeff Nagy, Mark McNeal, and Matt Sirna play saxophones at the Varsity Football game versus White Bear Lake.



Sophomore John Becker, junior Matt Fencil, junior Jess Mooney, and freshman Joe Lindgren make up the trumpet section of the pep band at a Varsity Football game. The band also played at Varsity Basketball games.



The Pep Band plays at the fall sports pep rally under the direction of Giuliano Mingucci. Mingucci was a class of 2000 graduate who returned to help Mr. Kern manage the large band.

Say It!



"We play old favorites that everybody recognizes. '25 or 6 to 4' by Chicago and 'Smoke on the Water' are our favorites."

-junior Dan Martin



"We work on pieces for the game (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and had a lot of fun."

-sophomore Adam Wesley

club utilizes skills outside the classroom

With the talents of Mrs. Connie Greany and the accommodating facilities of Rockhurst, the Visual Arts Club does not only provide a way for students to hone their skills and have a good time, but also puts its priority on serving the community through a number of events and projects.

"The club is fun for its members as it serves those less fortunate in the area," said President Geoff Ponnath.

The club's first activity of the year was creating bowls that were sold to make money for the Harcmar AIDS Association. Another project was making eight masks for the Mattie Rhodes Auction Art Center which provides free art for

disadvantaged students.

The 14-member club also made sets for the student production of *Cabaret*, provided airbrushed and silhouette background paintings for the Mardi Gras theme of the 2001 Spectacular Auction, and helped with production of the annual spring Fine Arts Day.

"It's hard to keep track of all of the projects our club has going on," said Mrs. Greany. "At one time we could have three or four different going." The club also gave members a way to learn about art in many different areas.

For all of their hard work, the members of the Visual Arts Club also got rewarded during the Art Awards ceremony and party held in May.

Story by Matt Neenan

Junior Ryan McCauley displays one of his award winning pieces. The Rockhurst seal was 'en-graved' into the side of the practice field by Mr. Stan Herd and the Visual Arts Club.



Photo by Joe Fleming



Photo by Joe Fleming

Artist Stan Herd and senior Ian Kuklenski survey the land before beginning work on the Rockhurst Seal.

Mr. Herd guides club members in their landscape project. Herd is internationally known as a crop and field artist.



Photo by Joe Fleming



Photo by Matt Neenan

Visual Arts

Moderator:

Mrs. Connie Greany

What we do:

Uses art skills for fun and to serve the community

Highlights:

Projects for Harcmar AIDS Association, Mattie Rhodes Auction Art Center, and Cabaret



Mrs. Connie Greany, Dan Coonfield, Tim Hazlett, Jack Lapping, Ryan McCauley

Sophomore Sean Heiman uses his artistic abilities he has gained through the club to create abstract art.



Photo by Matt Neenan

Senior Chirs Anton uses the pottery wheel for his project. The wheel is one skill all club members learn.



Photo by Matt Neenan



Junior Dan Coonfield puts the finishing touches on a painting. Coonfield contributed to a number of the club's service projects.

Ian Kuklenski creates a pot from scratch in the art room. Club members spent time before and after school working on projects.

Say It!



"The Club is fun for its members as it serves those less fortunate in the area."

-Junior Geoff Ponnath



"It's hard to keep track of all of the projects going on."

-Mrs. Connie Greany



Senior Dan Heyer pours a day's worth of paper into the recycled bin. Heyer was the club president as well as the recipient of the Bridging the Gap Environmental Excellence Award.

Ecology Club



Ian Correa (left) and Dan Heryer (second to left) supervise the collection of recycled paper from class representatives. Dan Heryer prepares to take two cans of paper to the recycling bin.

Moderator:

Mr. Chris Jensen

What we do:

Monitors school recycling program.

Highlights:

14 tons of recycled paper, Dan Heryer receiving Bridging the Gap Environmental Excellence Award.



Mr. Chris Jensen, Jeff Keeling, Dan Heryer, Ian Correa, Jamie Burkart.

students educate school on environmental issues

The Eilert Ecology Club succeeded in making Rockhurst and the city a little cleaner place to be, according to Mr. Chris Jensen, who served as the club's moderator. It did this by collecting paper from recycling bins every Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesdays the club went to Case Park in Kansas City to pick up trash. This trash was in turn picked up by a recycling company who reused it so that less trees had to be cut down.

The members met Tuesdays during activity period where they brainstormed new ideas to help the environment and to make the school a better place to be.

"We strived to improve the Rockhurst environment by taking steps in recycling, education, and community service," said senior Dan Heryer, club president.

Rounding out the leadership for the first semester were John Mitchell, Pat Jakopchek, Sean Hughes, and Ryan McIntosh, who served as committee leaders.

Taking charge in the second semester were Ian Correa, Jamie Burkart, James Johnson, Matt Haake, Alex Fontana, and Andre Newsome, while Heryer remained the club president throughout the year.

"My first reaction was I was impressed at how hard working the stu-

dents were," said Mr. Jensen. "They didn't just sit around and talk, but inspired others through action."

The club is beneficial to Rockhurst by maintaining its reputation for service and beneficial to both the school and the city by making it less polluted. It was able to provide leadership, training, and experience for members so that they can lead future communities toward similar goals, according to Mr. Jensen.

"It felt really good helping around the school by cleaning it up," said first semester member, freshman Andre McIntosh.

The club accomplished many things including a trash inventory, a workshop with students from around the city in October, and a summit with these same students in late April. It was able to recycle over 14 tons of paper, saving trees, energy, and water, and it involved the whole school in a significant environmental project.

"Doing Ecology Club and recycling is an investment in the school I'm willing to make because it makes me feel more a part of the school," said Burkart.

Heryer was the only youth, and one of seven people this year to receive the Bridging the Gap Environmental Excellence Award for individual service to Kansas City. Story by Matt Cavlovich



Junior Ian Correa contributes to the cause. Freshmen Jeff Keeling dumps one can of the 14 tons of paper collected.



Sophomore Scott Ferguson and senior Dan Heryer with a day's worth of recycled paper. Class representatives were responsible for their class' recycling.

Junior Drew Huerter adds his class's recycled paper to the collection. Paper was collected twice a week.



Say It!

"We strived to improve the Rockhurst community by taking steps in recycling education, and communitiy service."

-senior Dan Heryer



"They didn't just sit around and talk, but inspired others through action."

-senior Zach Ramirez



club gains skills that will last a lifetime

With new faces and new places, the Racquetball Club swung into its third year of existence, with a large number of new members contributing to the already solid basis of the club.

"This has been a great year for the Racquetball Club," said junior Jeremy Allen, club president. "The veterans had a great time teaching the new guys how to play."

Formed three years ago by former RHS faculty member Mr. Geoff Miller, the club helps students gain a basic understanding of the game of racquetball. The more recent joiners learn the rules and techniques of the sport while upperclassmen continue to improve upon their skills. The goal for the future, according to Mr. Jack Reichmeier, club moderator, is to compete in the annual racquetball state tournament.

"We were disappointed we could not find competition from other schools," said Mr. Reichmeier. "Still, we had a successful

year competing against one another."

The Racquetball Club proved itself unique. The nearly 25 members met solely on weekends at the YMCA of Prairie Village, which gave them an opportunity to challenge other racquetball players of all ages. In addition, the club welcomed both students and faculty members. Mr. Rodger Cilley, Mr. Bill Munninghoff, and Mr. Rich Wikiera all joined in on the club's activities.

The club intended to complete the year with a tournament to determine the top athlete. Though it was never scheduled, the tournament is already planned for 2001-02.

In addition to fun, the Racquetball Club gives students an introduction to a sport that can be played for a lifetime.

"Racquetball is a great game," stated Mr. Reichmeier. "It helps you stay in shape and is quick-paced and competitive."

Story by Nick Herold

Junior Geoff Martin sets up for a backhand shot as junior Pat Ishmael prepares for the return. The club was made up of primarily juniors although it did have freshmen and faculty members.

Photo by Nick Herold



Photo by Brandon Hill



Photo by Nick Herold

Club moderator Mr. Jack Reichmeier and president Jeremy Allen incorporate St. Ignatius of Loyola into their club. The two were largely responsible for coordinating YMCA memberships for the club and setting dates to play.

Jeremy Allen hits a jump shot while in a hard fought match Brian Flanagan. Club members practiced against each other with the future goal of challenging other metro racquetball players.



Racquetball Club

Say It!



"The veterans had a great time teaching the new guys how to play."

-Junior Jeremy Allen

Moderator:

Mr. Jack Reichmeier

What we do:

Introduce members to the game of racquetball.

Highlights:

Weekly meetings at the YMCA, four faculty members.



FRONT ROW: Jeff Keeling, Alex Simon, Jeremy Allen, Geoffrey Martin, Nick Herold, Brian Flanagan, Mr. Jack Reichmeier; ROW 2: Nick Goellner, Scott Gosoroski.

golf is an activity period hit

The Golf Club at Rockhurst allows students to participate in golf, learn the traditions and rules of the game and have fun.

Senior President and Captain Kevin Weiss led the group with Secretary Chris Able, Historian Brad Long, and other members of the club. The club hosted two golf outings a year, the first of which was held in the fall and another in the spring. The club also hosted the first annual Arctic Open which gave students 10 putts for a \$1 and a chance to win a t-shirt, with all proceeds going to charity.

The club was initiated by Mr. Rob Herald, Director of College Placement, so students could learn about golfing techniques, etiquette, traditions and enjoy the game without having to be on an organized team. Students who compete on an interscholastic level are not eligible to participate.

"The golf club is interesting, fun, and a cool way to relax after those long school days," says Chris Able, club secretary.

Story by Andrew Ward

Senior Chris Poskin aims for a hole-in-one and a victory in the Golf Club's Arctic Open. It was a common sight to see the Golf Club putting in the commons during activity period.



Golf Club

Moderator:

Mr. Rob Herald

What we do:

Gives students the opportunity to learn about the game of golf.

Highlights:

Two golf outings, the Arctic Open.



Mr. Rob Herald, Brad Long, Chris Able, Pat Wank, Kevin Weiss

Say It!



"The golf club is interesting, fun, and a cool way to relax after those long school days."

-sophomore Chris Able

group members gain love for reptiles

When most people think of things that creep and crawl, they shiver. These are the exact things that delight the members of the Herpetology Club. Now in its third year of existence, the club's main focus is to teach more about reptiles and how to take care of them.

Highlights of the year included several herpetological exhibitions in the fall and spring at the KC Hilton Airport, where many reptiles were displayed for sale.

The most enjoyable experience was said to be the purchase of two Corn Snakes and a Kenyan Sand Boa by Mr. Rich Wikiera, club sponsor, which he and the group care for. It also cares for a chameleon which Mr. Wikiera proudly displays in room 205, his physiology classroom.

"I see the club as a gathering of people of a common interest," said Mr. Wikiera. "It gives them a chance

to learn about the care and husbandry of reptiles."

The President of the club was Pete Schloegel; Vice-president, Mike Euston; Secretary, Ryan Fagan, and Treasurer, Matt Dunham. The seniors showed their dedication after senior service projects by recruiting underclassmen members so that the club could continue to thrive.

"I think that it's both educational and fun," said Schloegel. "Reptiles are nothing to be afraid of, but should be enjoyed."

The club has approximately 30 members, but many more students are gaining an interest as time goes on. In the future, Mr. Wikiera hopes to be able to raise more money so that the club's menagerie will grow even larger, increasing the amount of interaction the members can have with reptiles.

Story by Matt Cavlovich



Senior Ryan Fagan demonstrates how to properly handle an amphibian. The 30 club members were composed primarily of seniors although many underclassmen joined during the year.



Senior Derek Dibben tries the new Kenyan Sand Boa purchased by the club on for size. The club added the boa as well as two other snakes maintained by club members.



Senior Matt Dunham and Mr. Rich Wikiera are invaded by lizards and snakes. The club members learn how to properly care for the reptiles.

Say It!



"I see the club as a gathering of people of a common interest."

-Mr. Rich Wikiera

Moderator:

Mr. Rich Wikiera

What we do:

To learn about reptiles and how to care for them.

Highlights:

KC Hilton Airport convention, caring for two Corn Snakes and a Kenyan Sand Boa.

Herpetology Club



FRONT ROW: John Haake, Andrew Mitchell, Matt Dunham; ROW 2: Ryan Fagan, Pete Schloegel, Mr. Rich Wikiera, Mike Euston, Derek Dibben.

Troy Murphy, Wade Muller, Mr. Jay Coleman and Jon Mossie discuss ideas for the Harvest Food Drive video. The video was just one of many that the club produced for the school.



Wade Muller practices his hand-held camcorder skills. The videos created by the club were later played for the entire school for informational or beneficial purposes.

future film producers get their start

For the past few years, the Film and Video Club has talked about many things they've wanted to do, but this year the club worked hard to bring video to the Rockhurst community.

"The purpose of this club is to bring a diversity of entertainment to the Rock through film," said senior co-president Troy Murray.

The club worked on many projects like taping and editing the Christmas Concert which took about 48 hours to produce.

Also, Ms. Peg Mulvihill approached the club to make a film to show the faculty what TIE was all about, and a video was put together.

"For that three minute video, we probably worked for six to seven hours on editing, adding the music, and producing it," said senior co-president John Mossie.

With only seven members, the club worked to show RHS that there is an opportunity for anyone to get involved in film.

"The whole purpose of the organization is to create an environment to make films at RHS," said club moderator Mr. Jay Coleman.

The club was more than willing to help with any projects at RHS, but they also worked on films in their freetime. Mossie and Murray created a movie that was a parody of the video game "Counterstrike."

Whether it was working on school films or independent movies, the group made progress in becoming known throughout the Rockhurst community." Story by Peter Giangreco

Senior Billy Stack is interviewed by Wade Muller and Jon Mossie about his visit to the Seton Center, a recipient from the Harvest Food Drive.



Senior Wade Muller is filmed by Jon Mossie while Troy Murphy looks on. There were seven Film and Video Club members

Say It!



"For that three minute video, we probably worked for six to seven hours."

-senior Troy Murray



"The purpose of this club is to bring a diversity of entertainment to the Rock through film."

-Mr. Jay Coleman

Film and Video

Moderator:

Mr. Jay Coleman

What we do:

Produce school and independent films.

Highlights:

Christmas Concert video, TIE video, "Counterstrike" film.



Jonathan Mossie and Troy Murray.

top twelve finishes mark year of success



A bridge, recently constructed by the club, is about to be tested for strength.

When you build something you design it to be around for a long time, and the Engineering Club has made it four years.

The club was started after former Principal, the late Thomas Murphy, approach Mr. Paul Ptasnik with the idea for the club.

"I had experience from the Engineering Corps in the army, so I accepted," Mr. Ptasnik said.

Since then, the club has flourished in its main activity, bridge building. The club has participated in eight bridge building competitions and has had members place as high as in the top 20 percent. This year's competitors, have exceeded past years' performances with senior Hieu Pham placing 11th and junior Neil Griggs placing 3rd out of 157 competitors winning him a \$50 prize at the 19th Annual Model Bridge Building competition at the Independence Shopping Center during February.

"You can only win money if you live in the state,

so the Missouri competition was my main focus," said Griggs.

A lot of work goes into preparing for a competition. Rockhurst students design and build bridges outside of school and test them during activity period. Mr. Ptasnik advises them on technique but students design and build their own bridges.

"It's about taking an idea in your head and bringing it into the physical world," said Mr. Ptasnik.

Member of the Engineering Club take pride in their hard work.

"Other schools have a whole class dedicated to bridge building or have it as extra credit so they have a whole lot more people. It's like if you give a million monkeys a pen and paper, one will eventually write a Shakespeare play," said Griggs. Story by Jamie Burkart



Mr. Paul Ptasnik and junior Neil Griggs contemplate designs for bridges. Griggs was the top performer for the club with a top three finish.

Mr. Ptasnik prepares to test a bridge similar to that which will be used in competition. Bridges of the lightest weight but greatest strength are ideal.

Mr. Ptasnik, Neil Griggs, and junior Brent Scarbrough, put the finishing touches on a bridge.



Say It!



"It's about taking an idea in your head and bringing it into the physical world."

-Mr. Paul Ptasnik

Moderator:

Mr. Paul Ptasnik

What we do:

Design and test bridges for competition

Highlights:

Eight tournaments including the Model Bridge Building Competition

Engineering Club



Mr. Paul Ptasnik and Cornelius Griggs

Freshmen Grant Spiking, Jonathan Vigliaturo, and J.T. Hand take a break with Mr. Steve Ryan in the hangar before taking flight.

students gain first experience in flying



In its 11th year as an official club at Rockhurst High School, the Flying Club was once again well received, as students learned about aviation and gained flying experience.

"Being able to fly for an extended period allowed us to gain more flying time," J.C. Moynihan said.

Mr. Steve Ryan, the club's only moderator in its existence, takes each member up in a Cessna 172 at least once during the year.

"When in the air you have a tremendous sense of freedom, and as long as you use common sense, the plane takes care of you," Mr. Ryan said.

The flights ranged from one hour long to cross-country trips over Kansas and Missouri. Students were also able to choose from day and night flights. The flying club meetings focused on learning more about the rules and regulations that go along with the freedom of flying.

The meetings also gave the club a chance to exchange flying experiences and stories from the sky. Story By David Paul



Mr. Steve Ryan and guest speaker John Cowan display the interior control panel and the different functions and uses of each instrument to prospective flyers.

Hand, Vigliaturo, and Spiking show up early on a cold winter's morning at the airport to witness airplane and helicopter landings.



J.T. Hand, Jonathan Vigliaturo, and Grant Spiking get use to the feel of the plane before taking it for a flight.

Flying Club

Moderator:

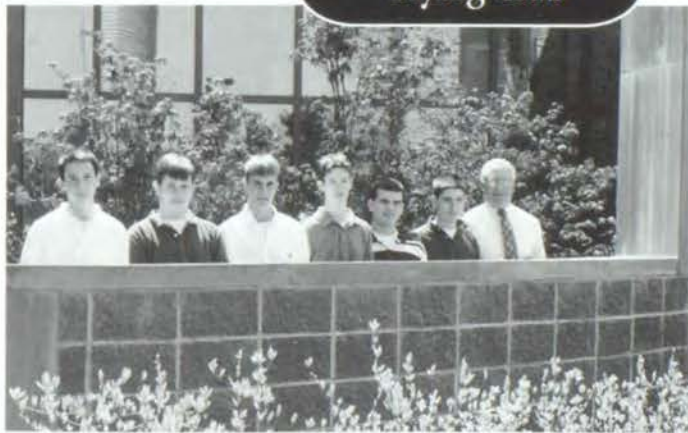
Mr. Steve Ryan

What we do:

Learns about aviation and gains flying experience

Highlights:

Flights across Kansas and Missouri in a Cessna 172



J.T. Hand, J.C. Moynihan, Grant Spiking, Chris Donnelly, Pat McGah, Jonathan Vigliaturo, Mr. Steve Ryan

Say It!

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-junior J.C. Moynihan



People

Rockhurst
welcomes
principal
Mr. David
Laughlin

President Administration Academics Dean of Students

The 12-member Administrative Staff is the backbone of Rockhurst High School, making important decisions about student affairs and growth for the future.

The staff is comprised of Rev. Thomas Pesci, S.J., President; Mr. David Laughlin, Principal; Mr. Larry Ruby, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs; Mr. Michael Heringer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs; Mr. Jack Reichmeier, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid; Mr. Doug Bruce, Athletic Director; Mr. Larry Freeman, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Assistant to the President; Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students; Mr. Rob Herald, Director of College Counseling; Rev. Gary Menard, S.J., Director of Pastoral Ministry; Mr. Randall Hallett, Development Director; and Mrs. Annie Riggs, Faculty Liaison to the Administrative Staff.

The Administrative Staff works with the Board of Trustees, headed by Mr. Ray D. Evans (RHS, 1978), to ensure that the school is living up to its mission.

"Whether it was part of the Capital Campaign or drawing new families into our Rockhurst community, with everyone's help we have made incredible strides this year in everything we've done," Fr. Pesci said.

According to Mr. Freeman, RHS is looking toward the future with new plans to help students attain the ideal of the "Graduate at Graduation".

"With the work we've put in this year, visible changes should be seen in the near future especially through the facilities renovation and more networking with our alumni," Mr. Freeman said. "We've also made a number of improvements

that students and parents usually don't see, changes that effect the system in which we work."

Along with helping students become better men, the administration tries to let the alumni know how much they mean to the RHS community.

"We're trying to expand for the future and get new families involved into our community as well as getting our alumni back into it," Mr. Freeman said. "With 'watch parties' and 'friend raisers' we're hoping to get to the next level and cultivate relationships with other schools and people."

The year has had few major problems, and the minor problems the Board has faced has given it a good sense of teamwork and camaraderie.

"We've been very consistent this year," Mr. Laughlin said. "We have an excellent team and have handled everything handed to us smoothly."

"We're looking up and out toward the horizon to make sure Rockhurst remains as fine of an institution as it has been for over 90 years," Fr. Pesci said.

Story by Joseph Sanders



Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J.
President

Mr. David Alvey
Dean of Students



Mr. Michael Heringer
Assistant Principal-Student Affairs



Mr. David Laughlin
Principal



Mr. Larry Ruby
Assistant Principal-Academic Affairs



Mr. Mike Heringer
sits in with SGA
President Blaine
Barnard and Vice-
President Michael
Nigro before the
Spring Awards
Ceremony.





Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., Rockhurst President, says Mass for the Sophomores in October.



Principal David Laughlin speaks about being a "Man for Others" to incoming freshman and parents at Open House.

Mr. Mike Heringer performs his duties as Master of Ceremonies at the spring Awards Assembly.

Senior Chris Oades shares a happy moment with Dean of Students David Alvey. Fr. Pesci, S.J., discusses details about the Spectacular Auction with Mrs. Mindy Crowe.



Mrs. Judie Scanlon, and Mr. Larry Ruby greet each other during Open House.



Mr. David Alvey discusses senior's probation with his parents in his Dean of Students office.

Board advises
and governs
Rockhurst
High School's
mission

Directing Administration Organizing Coordinating

Placement

Finances

Mr. Dana Brack
Chief Financial Officer



Mr. Doug Bruce
Director of Athletics



Mr. Kevin Campbell
Technology Coordinator



Mr. Laurence Freeman
Executive Director of Alumni Affairs
& Assistant to the President

Mr. Randall Hallett
Director of Development



Mr. Rob Herald
Director of College Counseling

Mrs. Missy Hubert
College Counselor



Fr. Gary Menard, S.J.
Director of Pastoral Ministry

Ms. Amanda Pierce
Assistant Director of Admission &
Financial Aid



Mr. Jack Reichmeier
Director of Admission & Financial Aid

Mrs. Judie Scanlon
Coordinator of Special Events

**Mrs. Nancy
Wormington**
Associate Director of Development/
Director of Annual Giving



Mr. Dana Brack works in his office as the Chief Financial Officer. Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., with Board of Trustees Chair Mr. Ray D. Evans at the June 4 Board Meeting.





Rockhurst High School Board of Trustees, 2000-2001 are: Mr. David M. Knopke, Mr. Ronald T. Barnes, Mrs. Louise M. Barry, Ph.D., Mr. Daniel C. Fuhrman, Rev. Timothy M. McMahon, S.J., Mr. Kerry Reardon, Rev. Thomas A. Pesci, S.J., Very Rev. John J. Callahan, S.J., Mr. Michael J. Van Dyke, Mr. Ray

D. Evans, Chair, Mrs. Alice J. Munninghoff, Mr. Mark J. Henke, J.D., Mr. James A. Olson, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Henry J. Massman, IV. Not Pictured: Mr. Peter C. Brown, Rev. Robert V. Hotz, S.J., Rev. James F. Lafontaine, S.J., Mrs. Jeanne Gorman Rau, Mr. Allen K. Roberson, Mr. John W. Whitaker.



Ms. Amanda Pierce and Mr Jack Reichmeier critique the 1999-2000 Quarry Yearbook.



Photo by Noah Ballard

Pastoral Director Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., gives a blessing at the beginning of a Friday Freshman Class Mass



Members of the Administrative Staff are: First Row- Mrs. Annie Riggs, Mr. Doug Bruce, Mr. Larry Ruby, Mr. David Laughlin. Second Row- Mr. Mike Heringer, Mr. David Alvey, Mr. Rob Herald. Third Row- Mr. Jack Reichmeier, Fr. Gary Menard, S.J.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Mr. Laurence Freeman looks approvingly over a new letter to be mailed to Alumni.



Mrs. Nancy Wormington takes a break from her duties in the President's Office.



Junior Steve Clark talks over his Work Grant hours with Athletic Director Mr. Doug Bruce.

Mrs. Melody Degnan,
Ms. Jeanne Marie
Siva, Mrs. Judie
Scanlon, Mrs. Jennifer
Olson, Ms. Amanda
Pierce, Mrs. Missy
Hubert



Receptionist Ms.
Deloris Weist takes a
break from her fast-
paced job as the first
person people see or
hear when contact-
ing RHS.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

Assistant to the
Dean Mrs. Cheryl
Calovich makes
another phone call
about an absent
student.



College Counseling
Secretary Mrs. Cindy
Scherer was expecting
her first child during
the school year.



Business and Finance Assistant Mrs. Jeanne
Marie Siva provides invaluable assistance to
parents and teachers alike.



Photo by Dustin Charapata



Mrs. Kathi Johansen
takes a break from
her job as Assistant to
the Principal.

Mrs. Mary Kay Hiatt
smiles at her Counsel-
ing Department
Secretary's desk.

Assisting Administrative Staff Registration Organization Finance

Behind the scenes work enlivenes Rockhurst atmosphere

Through many long hours of hard work, oftentimes done by people unknown to the Rockhurst student body, many staff members have helped make Rockhurst the organized place it is today.

"They organize, answer questions, and seem to have a knack for anticipating and solving problems," remarked Principal David Laughlin. "They're an extremely important part of this school."

New to the staff this year are Mrs. Theresa Fessler who assumed the job of Registrar/Academic Coordinator, and Mrs. Cindy Scherer who became the new College Counseling Secretary.

"Rockhurst has been an incredibly nice place to work," said Mrs. Fessler. "It has a great work atmosphere."

In addition to the two newcomers, the veterans of the Administrative offices have continued to contribute. Mr. Randall Haller (Director of Development), Ms. Nancy Wormington (Associate Director of Development and Director of Annual Giving), Mr. Laurence Freeman (Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Assistant to the President), Mrs. Sarah Anne Peckham (Capital Campaign Coordinator), Mrs. Kathi Johansen (Assistant to the Principal), Mrs. Kelly Siercks (Administrative Supports Services Assistant), Mrs. Deloris Weist (Receptionist), and Mrs. Jeanne-Marie Siva (Business and Finance Assistant) are the people behind the scenes that help to make Rockhurst functional.

"Some of the staff are more known to the students than others, but all do a great job and contribute to the school's success," Mr. Laughlin said. "We wouldn't be able to run the school without them." Story by Brandon Hill



Mrs. Alicia Alferman

Academic Coordinator & Registrar



Mrs. Jean Krump-Barnhart

Cafeteria Manager



Mrs. Cheryl Calovich

Assistant to the Dean



Mrs. Melody Degnan

Librarian



Mrs. Mary Kay Hiatt

Secretary to the Counseling Department



Mrs. Kathi Johansen

Assistant to the Principal



Mrs. Sarah Peckham

Capital Campaign Coordinator



Mrs. Kelli Reidy

Assistant Librarian



Ms. Jeanne Marie Siva

Business and Finance Assistant



Ms. Kelly Siercks

Assistant to the Business Office and School Administration



Mrs. Cindy Scherer

College Counseling Secretary



Mrs. Cheryl Tyrrell

Administrative Assistant



Ms. Deloris Weist

Receptionist/ Switchboard Operator

Mr. Ben Sabido paints an auction sign during summer maintenance work.



Mr. Rudy Ramirez mows the lower football practice field to beautify the grounds.



Photo by Geoffrey Martin



Mr. Deng Khammanivong readies himself to climb his ladder to the fluorescent heavens to change a light bulb.



Mr. Enrique Sanchez mows the lawn keeping it short for playng and coaches.

Mr. Paco Cabezas repairs the doors on the way to the cafeteria.



Photo by Geoffrey Martin

Mr. Langley Thatsanithorne welds a desk that has been carelessly broken by a hapless student. Mr. Harry Ward pulls up in his John Deere after aerating the grounds. Inset Above: Mr. Artie Vielhauer, Mr. Paco Cabezas, and Mr. J.W. DeCamp converse above the commons.

Maintenance works behind the scenes to beautify RHS

Maintenance

At Rockhurst, we honor State Champions of football in September, host the Open House in January, raise over \$500,000 at the Spectacular Auction in April and never question why these events run so smoothly. Laboring behind the scenes are the unheralded men and women of the maintenance department.

Mr. J.W. DeCamp serves as the Director of Facilities to the maintenance and grounds crews.

The maintenance staff is made up of nine individuals, supervised by Mr. Artie Vielhauer. The staff includes Mr. Paco Cabezas, Mr. Deng Khammanivong, Mr. Ben Sabido, and Mr. Langley Thatsanithone. The grounds crew, also supervised by Mr. Vielhauer, includes Mr. Harry Ward, Mr. Rudy Rodriguez, and Mr. Enrique Sanchez, who is new to the staff this year.

"We start preparing the first of June for all the school year's big upcoming events," stated Mr. Vielhauer.

During the summer the housekeeping staff cleans the labs, floors, and walls, and shampoos the carpets in preparation for the Fall school opening. Maintenance works toward preventing any unexpected problems during the upcoming school year.

Once school starts, the maintenance staff begins each morning at 7 a.m. They labor with the Work Grant students until the first bell of the day, cleaning rooms and picking up the grounds.

"We like working with the Work Grant students," said Mr. Vielhauer. "It offers something new each day."

At 8 a.m., the staff regroup and receives the day's assignments and works on these tasks until they break at 10 a.m. Afterwards, they get additional materials needed to complete their tasks and work from 10:30 to 12:30 finishing up their assignments. They then prepare tasks for the activity period and after school Work Grant students.

"We all take a great pride in working for the school and helping make RHS what it is," said Mr. Vielhauer.

3:30 signals the beginning of the work day for the six housekeeping night staff who labor until midnight to keep RHS looking great. The night staff, headed by four-year-veteran Mr. Angel Sandoval, includes Mr. Marcelion Pindea, Mr. Marlon Solis, Mr. Luis Sandoval, Mr. Jose Lucas and Ms. Mary Hartsock. A typical night includes cleaning the restrooms, hallways, offices, floors, the commons, the cafeteria, and making sure all the doors and windows are locked. To clean the entire school each night takes the night staff approximately 40-man hours.

"One of the reasons I enjoy this job is that Rockhurst has a good group of people to work with," stated Mr. Sandoval. "It is also a very fulfilling job knowing that we are helping the students with their lives at Rockhurst." Story by John Dollerschell



Mr. Paco Cabezas

Maintenance Staff

Mr. J.W. DeCamp

Director of Buildings & Grounds



Ms. Amalia Gil

Night Staff

Ms. Mary Hartsock

Night Staff



Mr. Deng Khammanivong

Maintenance Staff

Mr. Jose Lucas

Night Staff



Mr. Marc Pienda

Night Staff

Mr. Moises Ramirez

Maintenance Staff



Mr. Rudy Rodriguez

Grounds Crew

Mr. Ben Sabido

Maintenance Staff



Mr. Enrique Sanchez

Grounds Crew

Mr. Angel Sandoval

Head of Night Staff



Mr. Luis Sandoval

Night Staff

Mr. Martin Solis

Night Staff



Mr. Langley Thatsanithone

Maintenance Staff

Mr. Artie Vielhauer

Assistant Director of Building & Grounds



Mr. Harry Ward

Grounds Crew

Counselors help students in many aspects of their lives

Study-Skills Counseling Class Selection SAT PREP

Careers Guidance

The Counseling Department is known and respected for being there in good times and bad. Students feel free to go to counselors whenever they have questions, need something changed, or just want to talk to someone.

The counseling department added Biology teacher Mrs. Cathy Geisel as a part-time counselor. Mrs. Geisel has taken 20-30 students from all the grade levels to counsel, and soon will become full time after earning her Masters in Counseling.

A new Study Skills Program was implemented to help freshmen and sophomore students develop adequate study habits so that they can cope with the more rigorous classes of junior and senior year.

The Student Success Center is an after school program that utilizes upperclassmen and teachers to help students with questions and homework.

The counselors are also responsible for designing and keeping the students schedules in order. If a student needs to switch a class or has a question about the course, he can ask his counselor for help. Department Chairman Mr. Bill Munninghoff makes sure everything is in order and that students are helped in every way.

"Every year is a good year at Rockhurst. The students are wonderful. Working with a student over four years involves all five characteristics of the graduate at graduation," said Mr. Munninghoff. "By discussing the various issues a students deals with in his high school experience, we assist him in his journey to be the ideal 'grad-at-grad'." Story by Andrew Ward

Mr. Eric Berg
Counseling



Mr. Joe Delehunt
Counseling, Director of the Campus Ministry Team



Mrs. Carol Dougherty
Counseling

Mrs. Cathy Geisel
Counseling, Biology

Mr. Mike Heringer
Counseling



Mr. Bill Munninghoff
Counseling Department Chairman

Mrs. Gerri VanMeter
Counseling, Learning Strategies



Sophomore Eamon Duede receives words of wisdom from Mr. Eric Berg.



Junior Eric Vossman takes a break from a hard day to spend time with Mr. Bill Munninghoff.





Mrs. Carol Dougherty and Mr. Mike Heringer share a happy moment in Mrs. Dougherty's office.



Mr. Joe Delehunt shows excitement after a liturgy.



Mr. Bill Munninghoff plants seed that will be sold by the Counseling Office.



Junior Matt Wormington shakes hands with Mrs. Gerri VanMeter at the NHS induction ceremony as Mr. David Smith looks on. Mr. Smith spoke at the ceremony as the President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City.



Counselor Mrs. Carol Dougherty converses with Junior Charles Gant about their upcoming MEET club trip to Memphis.



Mr. Eric Berg enjoys the Counseling Office's pride and joy of planting seeds that grow into sellable flowers.

Mr. Andy Hagedorn hammers home a point to senior Wade Muller.



Photo by Peter Ciaingreco

Mr. Jim Bascom savors a moment of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

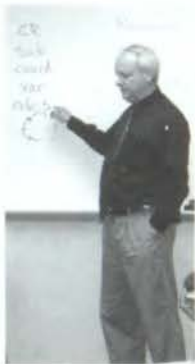


Photo by Matt Neenan

Mr. Chris Jensen explains his essay grading scale to his junior English class.



Photo by Dustin Charapata

The always comedic Mr. Dan Gerth makes sophomore Zach Royer and freshman Brian Eller laugh.

Senior John Phelps asks English teacher Mr. Frank Griffin a question about the evening's reading assignment. First-year teachers Mr. Mike Wickenhauser and Mr. Casey Murray take a break in the faculty lounge.



Junior Tommy Basore works at a writing assignment in Mr. Chris Jensen's English class.

Photo by Andrew Ward

Literature English Grammar Poetry Essay Writing Drama

Department geared toward preparing for college and life beyond RHS

Several changes to the curriculum highlighted the English Department's year, as a new slate of classes were introduced to the current junior class.

For the sophomore, junior, and senior years, a dual focus is offered, concentrating on the development of the student's writing skills. Each grade also has a singular literary focus that for the sophomores is short stories; for juniors, drama, and for seniors (in the 2001-2002 school year), poetry. Advanced Placement Literature and Composition classes, once split between the junior and senior courses, were offered exclusively for seniors.

According to Mr. Andy Hagedorn, Department Chairman, by the time a student graduates he will have read 20 to 30 novels in addition to many short stories, plays, and poems. Students in regular English classes will have written 45 to 50 essays, and Honors/Advanced Placement students will have written 70 or more.

"The teachers are reporting that the reading is challenging, but that they are impressed by the level and depth of understanding by the students," said Mr. Hagedorn.

New to the department were two first-year teachers. Mr. Casey Murray, RHS Class of '95, came back to his alma mater after a one-year stint in sports writing for a Chicago-area publication. He taught freshmen and juniors. Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, a member of the Alumni Service Corp, joins the staff as a sophomore teacher. Following his graduation from Northwestern University, he worked several years at a literary magazine. He always wanted to teach, but was not eager to stay in school, where he eventually earned his teaching certificate.

Second-year teachers Ms. Laurie Prater and Mr. Chris Jensen taught juniors, and Mr. Jensen also taught the sophomore honors course. Mr. Dan Gerth taught regular sophomore classes in addition to his three World History classes. In her third year at RHS, Mrs. Jennifer Olson continued to teach freshman.

Senior instructors included Mr. Frank Griffin and Mrs. Anne Riggs, who rejoined the department after teaching Spanish classes exclusively last year. Mr. Jim Bascom assumed the senior Advanced Placement classes from Mr. Hagedorn, who taught the freshman and junior honors courses.

The English classes are geared toward preparing the Rockhurst student for college and his life beyond school according to Mr. Hagedorn.

"In many of the things students read and write, values and ethics questions are raised and discussed," he said. "A graduate will have had experience reading and analyzing his beliefs and the beliefs of others." Story by Matthew Harris



Mr. Jim Bascom
English II, AP English IV



Mr. Dan Gerth
English II, World History



Mr. Frank Griffin
English IV



Mr. Andy Hagedorn
Hon. English I, Hon. English III,
English Department Chair



Mr. Chris Jensen
Hon. English II, English III



Mr. Casey Murray
English I, English III



Mrs. Jennifer Olson
English I



Mrs. Annie Riggs
English IV, Spanish I



Mrs. Laurie Prater
English III, Public Speaking,
Acting



Mr. Mike Wickenhauser
English II

Mrs. Laurie Prater and Mrs. Jennifer Olson compare notes about their English III and English I classes together.

Junior Charles Stinger reviews an incorrect answer on a test with Mrs. Peg Ehrhardt.



Mr. Frank Lyngar talks about the Laws of Limits in his Analysis class.



Mr. Phil Baker makes copies for one of his five different classes in the faculty studio.



Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., talks on the phone while looking over pictures for the Junior Retreat program.



Photo by Justin Ambersen

Mr. Pete Campbell prepares to distribute the Fall Semester Final Exam to his class. In addition to his responsibilities as Math Department Chairman, Mr. Paul Ptasnik also manages the bookstore.



Mrs. Peggy Martin takes a break from counting money at the Mission Week Pep Rally.

Calculus

Math

Geometry

Algebra

Trigonometry

Statistics

Mathematics
welcomes two new
faces and the
return of Fr. Daues
from India

The Math Department welcomed two new faces and the return of one all too familiar. With the loss of three teachers, the replacements for freshmen and sophomore Algebra were needed, and according to Mr. Paul Ptasnik, Department Chairman, the newcomers complemented the veterans.

"Our new teachers bring a great deal of knowledge and experience while adding a new perspective to the department," he said.

The two new replacements were Mrs. Peg Ehrhardt and Mrs. Peggy Martin. Mrs. Ehrhardt instructed Algebra II/Geometry and Algebra/Trigonometry. Mrs. Martin also taught Algebra II/Geometry as well as Algebra I.

Returning was Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., after a one-year absence while he completed his tentionship in India. In addition to the usual headlocks and "Are you causing trouble?" inquiries, Fr. Daues taught Algebra I and II.

This department utilized the 2000-2001 school year as a year of change. New Algebra I, Algebra II, and Applied Calculus text as well as an AP Calculus course were introduced. These new additions have produced a positive reaction.

"I'm proud of the changes we made last year," said Mr. Ptasnik. "They have had significant results."

The new books were intended to better enable students to use their math skills in the real world. For example, the freshmen and sophomore classes were given the test of measuring the cell phone tower on campus. The task gave students the opportunity to apply their math skills away from the classroom in an enjoyable competition.

Proposed changes for next year's curriculum include a new pre-calculus course, which hopes to help seniors prepare for college Calculus.

With two Jesuit priests, two retired army officers, several coaches, and an array of personalities, the department is unique, but still shares the RHS common mission.

"We want to challenge the students," stated Mr. Ptasnik. "Each of our teachers has a genuine concern to set standards that will improve intellectual competence."

Story by Nick Herold



Mr. Phil Baker
Algebra I, Hon. Algebra I, Geometry/
Algebra II, Probability & Statistics

Mr. Doug Bruce
AP Calculus I, AP Calculus II



Mr. Pete Campbell
Hon. Algebra I, Analytic Geometry

**Fr. Mark Daues,
S.J.**
Algebra I, Geometry/Algebra II,
Hon. Geometry/Algebra II



Mr. Scott Duschen
Algebra II/ Trigonometry, Geometry/
Algebra II, Hon. Geometry/
Algebra II

Mrs. Peg Ehrhardt
Geometry/ Algebra II, Hon. Geom-
etry/ Algebra II, Algebra II/
Trigonometry



Mr. Frank Lyngar
Hon. Analysis, AP Calculus I

Mrs. Peg Martin
Algebra I, Hon. Algebra I, Geometry/
Algebra II



**Fr. Gary Menard,
S.J.**
Geometry/ Algebra II, Director of
Pastoral Ministry
Mr. Mark Nusbaum
Algebra I, Algebra II/ Trigonometry



Mr. Paul Ptasnik
Analytic Geometry, Hon. Applied
Calculus, Math Department Chair



Fr. Mark Daues, S.J., deals poker at Mission Week Casino Night with junior Chris Bachkora and Sophomore Colin Krug.

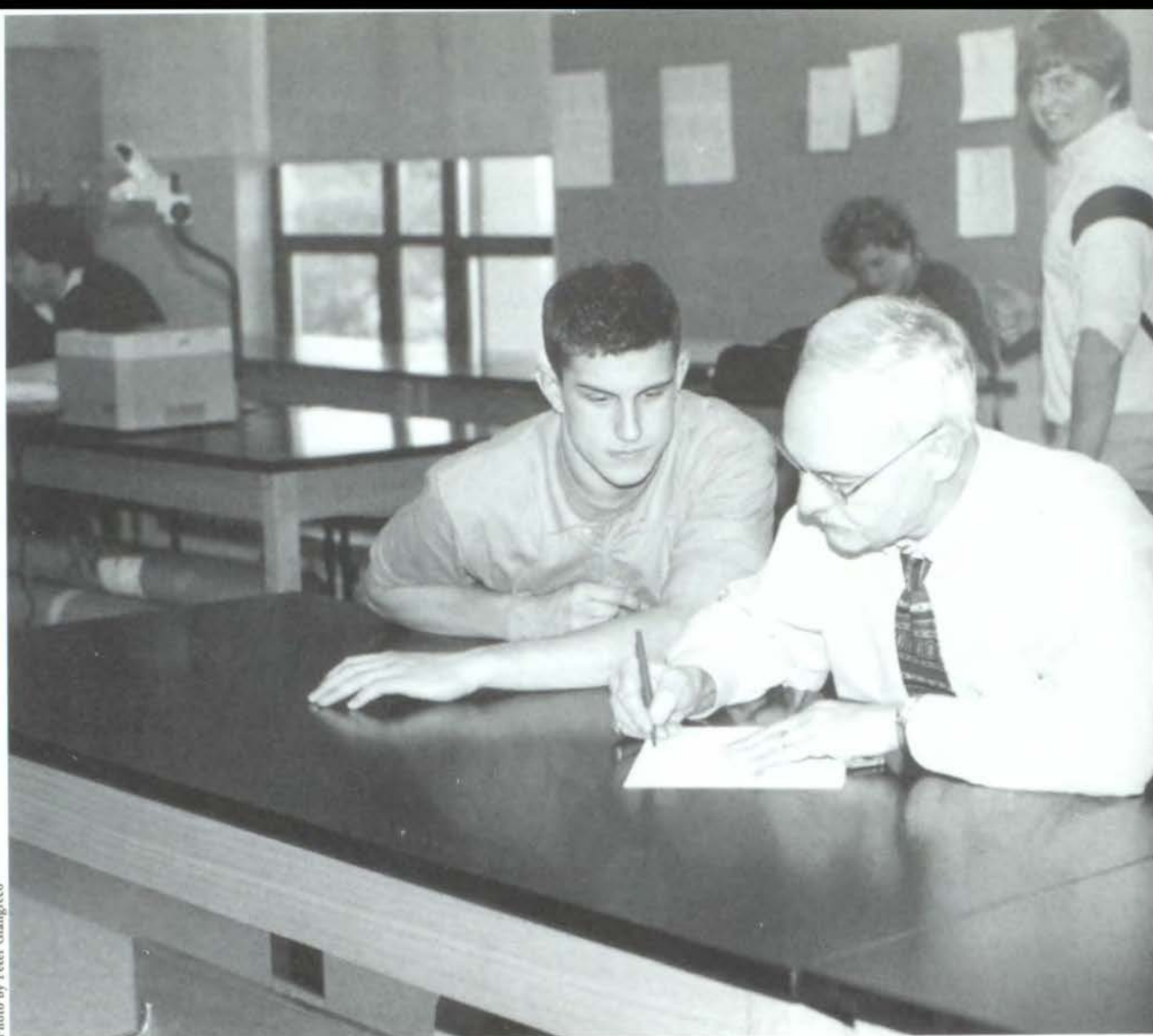
Dr. Fred Campisano teaches junior Rich Whitney in the Physics Lab



Varsity Wrestling Coach Mr. Rich Wikiera shows his grapplers the finer points of wrestling.



Photo by Peter Giangreco



Mr. Steve Ryan receives the Blood of Christ from Mr. Mike Heringer



Photo by Ryan McIntosh

Mr. Mike Sullivan lectures to students in his Chemistry class.



Mr. Mike O'Leary shows students the mathematic application of density in his Chemistry class. Mr. Ron Geldhof helps junior Stephen Eikermann with his Honors Chemistry homework.

Photo by Brandon Hill



Mr. Mike O'Leary prepares to pass out a chapter exam to his Chemistry class.

Science

Physics
Earth Science
Chemistry
Biology
Anatomy

Opportunities
provided for
scientific
minded
students

The science faculty at RHS provides an atmosphere of "opportunities for students to get involved in science," according to Mr. Ron Geldhof, Department Chairman.

New additions to the department include both people and technology. Mr. Mike Sullivan, a first year teacher, has joined the department as a Chemistry teacher.

Veterans also include Mr. Michael O'Leary, Mr. Steve Ryan, Dr. Fred Campisano, Mr. Michael Sullivan, Mr. Paul Winkler, Mrs. Cathy Geisel, and Mr. Rich Wikiera.

New additions to the department include both people and technology. Mr. Sullivan, a first year teacher, has joined the department as a Chemistry teacher.

Three IBM Thinkpad laptop computers were added to the department's resources and divided evenly among the chemistry, biology and physics departments. Mr. Wikiera has begun training the entire science department on their use. Next year's innovations will include a new course titled Environmental Science. Mr. Geldhof defines the new offering as, "a study of man's interaction with the environment." These innovations have already begun to make their mark on the science department, as evidenced by the sight of Mr. Geldhof typing away happily on his new toy.

Extracurriculars, including Science Club, field trips, labs and help for students, allow the department to function as more than just lecturers and test givers. Field trips included those to Science City at Union Station and the Stowers Institute. Mr. O'Leary is well known for working in conjunction with the Science Knowledge Bowl and Science Olympiad to allow aspiring scientists an opportunity to exercise their grey matter.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. O'Leary also coach the Golf Team. Mr. Geldhof trains the RHS tennis phenoms. Mr. Wikiera is ever-present as the RHS Wrestling Coach and Herpetology Club moderator. Mr. Winkler instructs the Aquahawks swimming and diving teams.

The Science department focuses on its changing nature and traditions. "I've always been impressed with the way Rockhurst backs up scientific teaching," said Mr. Ryan. "It allows us to do a lot of the things in the lab that a lot of high schools do not get the chance to do." Story by Diego Bustamante



Dr. Fred Campisano

Physics, Hon. Physics, AP Physics



Mrs. Cathy Geisel

Biology



Mr. Ron Geldhof

Chemistry, Hon. Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Science Department Chairman



Mr. Mike O'Leary

Chemistry, Hon. Biology



Mr. Steve Ryan

Biology, AP Biology



Mr. Mike Sullivan

Biology, Chemistry



Mr. Rich Wikiera

Biology, Physiology



Mr. Paul Winkler

Physical Science, Chemistry

Seniors Justin Quick, John Mossey and Tom Komoroski dissect during a Physiology lab experiment.

Mr. Brad Grabs converses with seniors Brian Quarnstrom, Ryan Raybould, and Alex Staab.



Photo by Peter Ciaugreco

Mr. Sean Angiel concentrates on receiving communion from Mr. Mike Heringer.



Photo by Evan Mason

Photo by Tim Reardon



Mr. Mark Kramer, S.J., smiles while walking the halls of RHS.



Photo by Evan Mason



Photo by John LeCluyer

Mr. John Morris performs at the fall Irish Concert. The Irish Concert was a part of the Bridging the Gap series.

Mrs. Jerry Featherston shows excitement about giving blood at the annual Student Government Blood Drive. Mr. Tom Norman explains about the Vanity of Vanities in his Hebrew Scriptures class.



Photo by Matt Neenan



Photo by Geoffrey Martin



A sign during Lent reminds students to make wise choices in saying "For break, I choose life, not death. Help me, Lord!"

Theology

Scriptures
Morality
Liturgy
Sacraments

Theology helps students grow towards goal of being "Men for Others"

Theology at Rockhurst gives students the chance to better learn about not only the Catholic religion, but the religion of others as well. Theology is a time to share moments, questions, and concerns about today's life in religion. Students participate all four years in theology to grow toward being "Men for Others."

The department, consisting of a faculty of 12 including three new teachers, requires both freshmen and sophomores to take morality classes. The new faith/morality teachers are Mrs. Valerie Davis, who has taught for six years, and Mr. Mark Kramer, S.J., and Mr. Sean Angiel, both with one year of teaching experience.

The students experience retreats each year, as well as field trips. The juniors walk down Ward Parkway to the Beth Shalom Jewish Temple on an annual basis to learn more about the Jewish heritage.

"It is a fun way to learn the faith of someone else while getting a first hand experience," says junior Ben Nachbar.

"It has been a great year. Students are beginning to link their classes together," said Mr. Jay Coleman, Department Chairman. Story by Andrew Ward



Mr. Sean Angiel
Sacraments, Morality



Mr. Jay Coleman
Sacraments, Morality, Hebrew Scriptures, Christian Scriptures, Theology Department Chairman



Mrs. Valerie Davis
Introduction to Theology, Morality



Mrs. Jerry Featherston
Hebrew Scriptures, Christian Scriptures



Mr. Brad Grabs
Faith & Justice, Christian Lifestyles



Mr. Mark Kramer, S.J.
Introduction to Theology, Morality



Mr. John Morris
Faith & Justice, Christian Lifestyles



Ms. Peggy Mulvihill
Sacraments, Morality



Mr. Tom Norman
Liturgy & Worship, Hebrew Scriptures, Christian Scriptures



Mr. Corey Quinn
Introduction to Theology, Morality



Ms. Peggy Mulvihill poses with the Rev. Carol Schwenke and a generous member of Alcoholics Anonymous who gave a day to speak to RHS theology students.



Mrs. Valerie Davis talks to Sophomores Nate Ney and Alex Nordholm outside of the faculty studio.

Senior Robert Mashburn laughs about his grade from Mr. Rick Staihr.



Dr. Mike Cusick basks in the glory of a school day at RHS.



Photo by Tim Reardon

Mrs. Annie Riggs reads over her second quarter grades.



Seniors dress up on their last day of school in Doctor Taracido's Spanish IV class



Mrs. Kristin Anderson enjoys the end of the year Faculty Barbeque with her daughter Caroline. Dr. Jorge Taracido and Mr. Mike Dierks reminisce about the completed Cross Country season.



Mr. Bert Roney explains a workbook exercise to sophomore Matthew Hall.

Foreign Language Department

Latin Greek French Spanish

Foreign Language Department expands to its largest size ever

With nine teachers, the Foreign Language Department has expanded to its largest number ever. According to Department Chairman Dr. Jorge Taracido, the additions were necessary.

"Our department has seen a good deal of growth due to the rising number of students," Dr. Taracido said. "We were in need of additional help."

The aid was found in Mr. Jeremy McElduff. In his first year of teaching after graduating from the University of Missouri, Mr. McElduff taught both Spanish I and II.

In addition, Mr. Rick Staihr, Mr. Bert Roney, Ms. Annie Otto, Mrs. Kristin Anderson, and Mr. Michael Dierks taught Spanish classes. Mrs. Sabina Mills, in her second year at RHS, instructed all French courses. Bearing the load of Latin and Greek classes again was Dr. Michael Cusick, whose task became even more challenging after suffering a mid-year cardiac event. Still, Dr. Cusick soon returned to teaching with the same enthusiasm as ever before.

The Spanish classes again sponsored a trip to Spain during spring break, where they experienced the Spanish culture and heritage. For the first time, Dr. Cusick accompanied his Latin and Greek students to Italy and Greece, where they toured such destinations as Rome, Athens, and Florence.

"We hope to learn more about the classics world," said Dr. Cusick. "I promised my students that when I completed my doctoral dissertation, we would go to Europe."

In addition to its own numerical growth, the department intends to help its students grow intellectually as well.

"We hope that through the studies of language that they gain a sense of openness and acceptance to other cultures," said Dr. Taracido. Story by Nick Herold



Mrs. Kristin Anderson

Adv. Spanish I, Spanish II

Dr. Mike Cusick

Latin I, Latin II, AP Latin Lit, Hon. Greek I, Hon. Greek II



Mr. Mike Dierks

Spanish I, Journalism I, Newspaper I & II

Mr. Jeremy McElduff

Spanish I, Spanish II



Mrs. Sabina Mills

French I, French II, Hon. French III, AP French IV

Mrs. Annie Riggs

Spanish I, English IV



Mr. Bert Roney

Spanish II, Adv. Spanish II

Mr. Rick Staihr

Spanish III, Hon. Spanish III



Dr. Jorge Taracido

Spanish IV, Hon. Spanish IV, AP Spanish IV, Foreign Language Department Chairman



Mrs. Sabina Mills hands senior Matt Kopp an end of the year letter.

Social Studies shows students the world and its ever-changing problems

American History

Social Studies

Humanities

World History

Europe

Government

With courses ranging from the humanities to contemporary world problems, the Social Studies Department, headed by Dr. Jerry Goben, aims to expand students horizons by exposing them to the ever-changing world around them.

"In the Social Studies Department, we teach the mistakes of mankind," Dr. Goben remarked. "Hopefully, students will use others' past mistakes to grow as individuals and improve themselves in the process."

The department consists of ten hard-working and dedicated teachers who, with the addition of such courses as A.P. European History, and Humanities, seem to be working longer and harder than ever before.

"Just like you kids, we keep pretty busy grading papers and making up quizzes. You're not the only ones with a lot of food on your plates," exclaimed Dr. Goben.

Always embracing the ideals of improvement and change, the department welcomed Mr. Steven Charbonneau to the staff.

Mr. Charbonneau, who has been teaching for 11 years, came to Rockhurst after teaching at DeSmet High School in St. Louis, and has proven to be an asset to the evolving department.

"I would like to help bring technology into the classroom through the use of PowerPoint and by giving students and teachers more access to computers," said Mr. Charbonneau.

With his help, the Social Studies Department will move into the technological age with the proposed addition of the PowerPoint presentation program for all department members next year. Story by R.E. Wolfe II

Mr. Stephen Charbonneau
Humanities



Mr. Jeffrey Crowe
Economics

Mr. Jim DeGraw
World History, US History



Mr. Chris Elmore
Hon. US History, AP US History,
Hon. Government, AP Government,
AP European History

Mr. Dan Gerth
World History, English II



Dr. Jerry Goben
US History, Social Studies
Department Chair

Mr. Chris Lawson
US Government, Economics



Mr. Ryan Nicholson
US History

Mr. Larry Ruby
US History



Mr. Rich Sullivan
World History, Contemporary
World Problems

Photo by Matt Nenan



Junior Danny White gets into a philosophical conversation with Mr. Dan Gerth.



Mr. Richard Sullivan asks senior Austin Trombley for his homework.



Mr. Jim DeGraw goes over his World History work in the faculty studio.



Photo by Albert Herrera

Dr. Jerry Goben lectures about the Civil War as junior Ryan Davis furiously takes notes.



Mr. Chris Elmore's desk piles up over the year. Junior Matt Hutchinson goes over a test with Mr. Ryan Nicholson.



Senior Michael Nigro discusses the finer points of American Government with Mr. Chris Lawson.



Mr. Jeffrey Crowe teaches his Economics class as senior Mike McIntyre looks on.

Mrs. Connie Greany shows senior Chris Anton how to use the wheel while junior Charlie Schloegel looks on.



Artist Stan Herd mows the RHS seal into the side of a hill while Mr. Joe Fleming takes pictures for the Quarry.



Mr. Rodger Cilley continues through his busy life as senior Pete Schloegel looks on.



Mr. Joe Fleming talks about the finer points of photography with senior Nick Boyd.



Mr. Mike Dierks looks on as Juniors Matt Ferguson, Tim Reidy, and James Johnson work on the Junior edition of the 2000-2001 Prep News. Senior Scott Drummond receives an award from Mr. Rodger Cilley on the Drama Awards Night.



Photo by Ryan McIntosh



Mr. Mike Kern and Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., strum guitars at the Spanish-Language Mass.

Arts & Yearbook Communication

Speech & Debate

Acting

Hand & Wheel Pottery

Tech Theater

Journalism

It was another exciting year for the Fine Arts Department. With play productions, art exhibitions, speech and debate tournaments, *The Prep News*, and the biggest *Quarry* Yearbook in history, everyone was kept engaged.

"With all the new renovations and equipment, we can do things we've never been able to do before," said Mr. Rodger Cilley, Department Chairman. "The brand new light board in the Rose Theater is terrific!"

In addition to new equipment, new faculty members have joined the department including Mr. Corin Overland, an assistant vocal instructor and Music Appreciation teacher, and Mrs. Laurie Prater, now teaching Acting in addition to English.

"They've been a great addition to our staff," said Mr. Cilley.

Veteran teachers in the department include Mrs. Connie Greany, art instructor; Mr. Michael Kern and Mr. Scott Farthing, musical instructors; Mr. Cilley and Mr. William Murphy, Drama and Tech Theater; Mr. Don Ramsey and Betsy Sexton, Forensics; and journalism instructors Mr. Michael Dierks and Mr. Joe Fleming in charge of *The Prep News* and *Quarry* Yearbook, respectively.

"We have a very diverse department, with dedicated faculty," Mr. Cilley remarked. "We try to give kids full appreciation of what it means to be a creative human being. If they are willing to learn, they can discover new things about themselves they never knew were there," he said.

"I'd put our department up against any of its kind in the nation. We have a lot of fun and exciting courses to offer."

Story by Brandon Hill



Mr. Rodger Cilley

Acting, Adv. Acting, Arts Department Chairman

Mr. Michael Dierks

Journalism I, Newspaper I & II, Spanish I



Mrs. Connie Greany

Hand Pottery, Wheel Pottery, Painting, Adv. Drawing

Mr. Joe Fleming

Yearbook, Photography



Mr. Mike Kern

Liturgy & Worship, Introduction to Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Concert Band

Mr. Bill Murphy

Stage Design, Tech Theatre, Art & Architecture



Mrs. Laurie Prater

Acting, Public Speaking, English III

Mr. Don Ramsey

Public Speaking, Forensics



Ms. Betsy Sexton

Speech & Debate, Forensics

Mr. Scott Farthing emphatically directs the Men's Choir during the Fine Arts Day. Mr. Farthing taught Men's Choir with Mr. Corin Overland.

Photo by Alex Simon



Mr. Bill Murphy instructs young thespians in *The Good Person of Setzuan*.

Business
Department
helps students
progress into
the world of
tomorrow

Typing Business Word Processing Powerpoint

Pascal

Virtual Basic

In the new age of technology, computers have led the world into greater advancements, and the future leaders of those advancements are the students who occupy the halls of Rockhurst every day. Teaching those entrepreneurs are veteran instructors Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier and Mr. John McEniry, and newcomer Mr. Kevin E. Miller, who has taught 17 years of mathematics but now teaches Computer Applications I and II.

"My goal is to bring my seven years of corporate experience to show the students what's needed to be known out there," said Mr. Miller.

Microsoft Internet Explorer has been hooked up to rooms 316 and 317 giving access to up to 65 computers. Visual Basic has been added to the curriculum as an elective while the older Pascal is slowly being phased out.

"Visual Basics is more modern than Pascal because it allows you design Windows-type software while Pascal is more writing code," said Mr. McEniry.

For the 2001-2002 school year, the Computer Applications I class will be adding two new sections using the internet and introducing Windows PowerPoint to freshmen instead of waiting until Computer Applications II.

Visual Basics II will be added to the curriculum while Automated Accounting will be shortened to a semester class.

"Because students have such few choices in electives, we felt it was important enough so they have at least one semester of accounting," said Mr. Kreikemeier.

The faculty hopes that the third lab will get new equipment and be fully functional for any teacher to bring his or her class in to use the computers as a method of teaching. They are also trying to use mobile computers so the students can hook it up to their classroom television and give presentations.

"We've come a long way, and we have two virtually new labs. We're in the best shape we've ever been in," said Mr. McEniry.

Story by Peter Giangreco

Mr. John McEniry

Pascal I, Pascal II, C++,
Virtual Basic

Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier

Computer Applications I, Automated
Accounting, Business Department
Chairman

Mr. Kevin Miller

Computer Applications I,
Computer Applications II



Mr. John McEniry
looks over Senior
Greg Bass's work in
C++.



Mr. Bernie
Kreikemeier takes a
break from grading
a Microsoft Word
assignment to
answer a question.

Mr. John McEniry
works alongside
juniors Charles
Gant and Tony
Griddine in Pascal
class.



Senior Sean
O'Donnell makes
use of the school's
many computers.

Softball

Weights

Physical Education

Basketball

Speedball

Lifetime Sports

The Physical Education Department aides in the formation of students by requiring students to complete one semester of either Physical Education or Physical Fitness. For seniors, there is the opportunity to choose Lifetime Sports as an elective.

"It gives students the opportunity to diversify in a one hour break from daily academic life," said Department Chairman Coach Tony Severino.

The Physical Education class, taught by second-year teacher Mr. Matt Nolen, provides the student with the beginning knowledge of weight training and team sports. The emphasis of the class is team development. Favorite sports among the students included basketball and volleyball.

The Physical Fitness class offers the student a chance to continue physical activities with the emphasis placed on advanced weight lifting. Team sports becomes their secondary activity.

"Both courses, Physical Education and Physical Fitness, are designed to provide a student with a weight lifting opportunity two to three times a week," Mr. Nolen said. "And a chance to experience each sport according to the season."

Lifetime Sports is a popular elective for Seniors. According to Coach Severino, almost half of the class chooses the elective which focuses on sports that can be played after the students competitive career has ended. The class offers the students a chance to leave the Rockhurst campus and experience sports like tennis, golf, and bowling.

"It teaches the student the rules and etiquette of games that can be played for the rest of his life," stated Coach Severino.

Story by John Dollerschell

Mr. Matt Nolen

Physical Education

Mr. Tony Severino

Physical Education, Physical Fitness, Lifetime Sports, Physical Education Department Chairman



Mr. Matt Nolen passes out senior finals in the cafeteria.



Mr. Tony Severino explains the intricacies and etiquette of bowling in his Lifetime Sports class.



Mr. Matt Nolen helps a freshman bench press in his Physical Education class. Senior Sal Cicero thoroughly enjoys his Lifetime Sports Class.



Senior Danny Connell perfects his form while bowling at Ward Parkway Lanes.

Roy Abella
 Michael Adkins
 Jonathan Adrian
 Donald Aduba
 Marc Albers
 Dylan Aldrich
 Quinn Anderson
 Joseph Anwander



Jason Ashner
 Matthew Baker
 Daniel Ballew
 James Barnes
 James Bascom
 Nicholas Befort
 Patrick Befort
 Salvatore Bellonte



Joseph Benetz
 Ryan Bennett
 Noah Besheer
 Dennis Bichsel
 David Blake
 Robert Bliss
 Keith Blunt
 Matthew Bohnert



Robert Borchardt
 Stephen Bowers
 Robert Braddock
 Nicholas Bromberg
 Nathan Brown
 Adam Bruetsch
 John Burey
 Charles Caffrey



Joseph Calhoun
 Patrick Calland
 Robert Callegari
 Christopher Camarena
 David Campfield
 Edward Capoccia
 Michael Cappo
 Thomas Carmody



Theodore Caster
 James Chalmers
 Thomas Clarke
 John Connor
 Derek Cooke
 James Corless
 Clifton Cornwell
 Seth Correa



Brian Cotroneo
 Mark Crutchfield
 Scott Cummings
 Sean Cummings
 Jack Cupples
 Michael D'Agostino
 Henry Danaher
 Adam Davis



TALENTED Mr. McEniry

Mr. John McEniry is one of Rockhurst's links to the tumultuous times of the Vietnam War, John F. Kennedy, and civil rights. A unique individual, he is part of the generation that began the rebellion against "conformity", and yet he is by no means a man who lives in the past, since he teaches the most future-driven courses at this school: computer programming. But he retains several remnants of his wilder days. He plays the drums in a '60s rock band called Johnny Mac and the Acid Flashbacks, he listens frequently to the bands of the '60s, and he has drawn some comparisons between the current day and the period he grew up in.

Mr. McEniry wears a fabled earring as a reminder of the special relationship he had with his wife, who passed away suddenly in 1997. He describes her as, "the only one I ever loved." One of two earrings given to him as a souvenir from their trip to Ireland, the Celtic cross earring, is worn on his left lobe. The other earring was buried with his wife and now he retains her gift as a testimonial to their love, which was best summarized by Mr. McEniry's sister-in-law. "They weren't only married, they were soul-mates."

Mr. McEniry grew up a mile from where he currently resides. After elementary school at St. Francis Xavier, he found his way to Rockhurst where he played drums and was very involved in music. He described his high school experience as, "going to Rockhurst and graduating". After doing just that in 1968, he began to notice the draft taking his classmates off to battle, possibly to die.

"My brother enlisted," he said "and I went to school on deferment. If it had been the other way around, I might be living in Canada right now."

During this confusing time, Mr. McEniry attended UMKC for two years before spending four years in the corporate world. As it did not agree with him, he returned to UMKC and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and a Master of Arts Degree in Math. He found a job teaching at Oak Park

High School but three years later was drawn back to his alma mater. He took a job as Junior Algebra II/Trigonometry teacher and has since moved on to computers, where he teaches Pascal I & II, C++, and Visual Basic.

Over the years, Mr. McEniry has experienced both the good and the bad in teaching. His fondest memory was being nominated for Who's Who of American Teachers by an African-American student who was having a very rough time at Rockhurst. By taking some extra time in class with the student and encouraging him, Mr. McEniry helped convince him to remain in high school, unlike the student's mother, who because of teasing, had been forced to quit her high school and move. His worst moment as a teacher came when one of his students was killed in an accident over a weekend and he did not find out until his return on Monday. When he tried to teach the remaining members of the student's class, he found he could not.

Mr. McEniry believes that students today lack a unifying issue, unlike his generation, which had a common concern.

"It was a scary prospect we all had to face, the prospect of going off to a pretty ugly war." In Mr. McEniry's high school career, everyone worried about being drafted after high school, and that anxiety permeated his generation.

"The only thing that is that much of a concern, would have to be the AIDS issue," said Mr. McEniry.

"You have diversity in the student body. You have these cliques or these interest groups you belong to. Which is the same thing as when I went to school."

Mr. McEniry learned in March that his persistent raspy voice was a symptom of a larger problem. He was diagnosed with a malignant squamous cell carcinoma, a cancer of the larynx. He underwent radiation treatments for 7 1/2 weeks at St. Joseph Hospital.

"I feel very positive about the radiation treatment and the eventual outcome. I will beat this!" he said. Story by Diego Bustamante



Mr. McEniry stands with his band "The Factory" which played from 1965-1971. Clockwise: Dennis Maygers, Dave Maygers, John McEniry, Greg Bride, Kathy Chiavola



Despite undergoing radiation treatment, Mr. McEniry continued to teach all of his classes.

Mr. Rich

Born in a small town in Poland "Coming To America" was a turning point to the future...

Mr. Rich Wikiera has come a long way to get to Rockhurst. Born in Poland, he lived in a small town called Grodzisko Dolne until he was six, when his family sent him to live with his cousins in America for a better life. He can still remember the shock of coming to a new land.

"The first time I saw a car I was really surprised," Mr. Wikiera said. "No one owned a car in my town in Poland. I couldn't believe all the rich people living here in America."

Coming from a one room, grass roof house with five people living in it, America created a drastic change in his lifestyle.

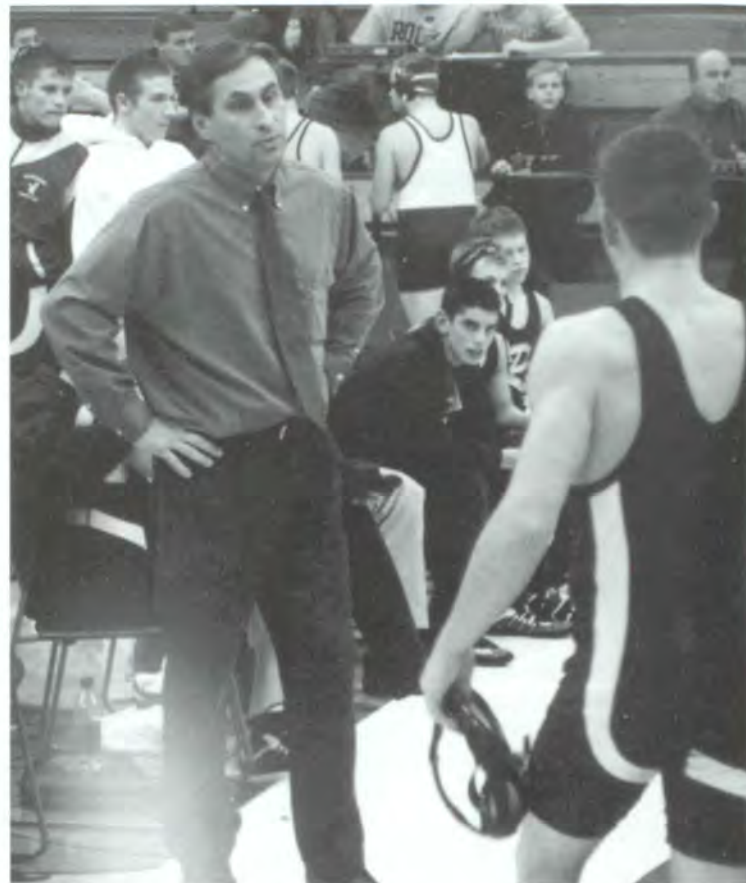
After leaving Poland, Mr. Wikiera lived in Clifton, NJ, where he attended Clifton High School and participated in an array of activities including football, wrestling, baseball, and hockey. His only regret was that he never got to be in a school play.

"They were always musicals," Mr. Wikiera said with a smile, "and I can't carry a tune to save my life!"

After high school he attended Rockhurst College where he met his future wife, Denise. After finishing college he taught at St. Mary's High School in Independence for three years where he taught biology and physical science while coaching football, wrestling, and baseball.

In 1981, Mr. Wikiera came to RHS. He soon left to teach one year at Center High School before returning. He has taught many sciences including Biology, Honors Biology, and Human Physiology. He has coached soccer, football, and is currently the Varsity Wrestling Coach. Mr. Wikiera has not only taught 19 years at RHS, but two of his sons have or are currently attending RHS. His son Rich graduated in 1998, and his son Drew is in the class of 2002. For Mr. Wikiera it is not a distraction.

"It is more convenient for rides," stated Mr. Wikiera, "but it really doesn't create any problems or add any benefits. I've only seen Drew in the halls twice in three years."



Head Wrestling Coach Rich Wikiera questions the intensity of one of his seniors during a meet against St. Thomas Aquinas.

Outside of RHS Mr. Wikiera enjoys racquetball, building furniture, landscaping, and doing an occasional oil painting. Most importantly, however, he enjoys participating in his kids' activities. In spite of the busy life Mr. Wikiera leads, he still finds time for his children.

Recently Mr. Wikiera returned to his homeland with his wife. He went back to find his parents, siblings, and relatives whom he hadn't seen for 40 years. Everything went great except for the fact that Mr. Wikiera had forgotten his native language, and communicating with one another became somewhat of an obstacle. But it was still a reunion he'll cherish forever.

"It brought back many memories of my childhood," commented Mr. Wikiera. "I remember the fun I had climbing cheery trees and eating their sweet fruit."

Mr. Wikiera has come a long way to get to Rockhurst, but it is safe to say that RHS has become a home away from home for him and his family.

Story by Brandon Hill



Mr. Wikiera stands with his family in front of the old house he grew up in Poland.



Anthony Dayrit
Harrison Dean
Joseph DeCapo
Justin DeNegri
Karson Diakiw
Louis Disney
Joseph Dobbie
Brandon Doherty



Rory Donovan
John Donovan
Patrick Doohan
Michael Dow
Nicholas Dressing
Mark Drummond
Joseph Dunn
Matthew Eberte



Andrew Edsall
Brian Eller
Alan Elliot
Andrew Elliott
Marc Eskew
Nathan Everly
Michael Feierabend
Christopher Fencel



Sean Fitzpatrick
Sean Flanagan
Alexander Fontana
Gregory Ford
William Ford
Michael Fox
Dustin Francis
David Franklin



Devin Fuchs
John Garlich
Joseph Geisel
Christopher George
Mark Goede
Andrew Goodwin
William Goodwin
Matthew Gotschall



Brian Gramlich
Michael-John Green
Michael Griffin
Jonathon Griffith
Michael Grimes
Patrick Hagerty
Joseph Hand
Brian Hanrahan



Lewis Heacker
Timothy Herbers
Michael Hinck
Benjamin Hodes
Joel Hodes
Stephen Hofer
Maxwell Hoffmeier
Jack Holbrook

MR. LYNNGAR

THE NEXT NASCAR ALLSTAR?

Math at Rockhurst High School can move pretty fast, but nobody could catch up to Mr. Frank Lyngar one day in his teens. Tearing down an unopened stretch of I-435 at nearly three times the current speed limit is not how most RHS students or faculty think of Mr. Lyngar.

Born in Flint, MI, and raised in Raytown, Mr. Lyngar also spent time in Terrytown, NY, where his father was an



Mr. Frank Lyngar teaches the basic points of analysis to his students

Automotive Plant Engineer. Working for Chevrolet, Mr. Lyngar's father was provided with access to top projects, such as the car his son pushed speed to its limits, a 1969 blue Chevel Super Sport.

In spite of Mr. Lyngar's history of great speed, he is also a very meticulous and determined person, which is attested to by his studies at Raytown High School, and at Missouri Valley University, where he majored in Mathematics and minored in Physics. After completing his education, he remained in the area and taught for 10 years at Grain Valley High School.

Mr. Lyngar could have been known as Mr. Sports or Mr. Math in his time at Grain Valley. He served as the centerpiece for the Math Department, teaching every class in the curriculum

at one time or another. Mr. Lyngar also coached track, basketball, volleyball, and football.

Since 1984, however, RHS has served as home for Mr. Lyngar. Once again having taught every course in the curriculum, he has become one of the defining features of mathematics at RHS. He has also made contributions to the football tradition by lending his services as a Defensive Line Coach for the past seven years.

In his limited time away from the classroom, the football field, and the weight room, Mr. Lyngar enjoys his favorite hobby of landscaping.

"Not that foo-foo gardening stuff, the real thing, landscaping," he eagerly points out. Additionally, he enjoys watching his favorite television program, *Law & Order*, when his schedule will allow for it. His favorite movies are *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *October Skies*. Food and music are on pretty much the same level with Mr. Lyngar, as long as there's enough. He's satisfied, just as long as there are no hard-boiled eggs.

The 16 years that he has spent thus far at RHS are alone enough to tell that he enjoys his time here. His favorite aspect of the job is the opportunity to interact with developing young adults.

"My favorite part of the Jesuit education system that we have at Rockhurst would have to be the opportunity to talk with young men, one-on-one, at a spiritual level and in depth," he added. Going to the Football State Championship game in 1999 and winning it all in 2000 are examples of his favorite memories of coaching at RHS, along with coaching

the first Sophomore Football Team to go undefeated in RHS history in 1994.

In the academic realm is where Mr. Lyngar's daily triumphs come while working with the students and the subject matter that he teaches. The students also agree, and acclaim his teaching gift.

"Mr. Lyngar is a machine! He makes everything so simple and easy," junior Jack Curran commented. "He's just an all around great guy and a great teacher."

"My goal when teaching is to instill a life long love of learning, whether it is math, physics, computers, whatever."

Story by Drew Huerter

Longtime math teacher, coach is past his speed demon days



Defensive Line Coach Frank Lyngar teaches the football team the essential defense measures to win a State Championship.



Michael Holcomb
 Stephen Huffman
 Kyle Hunt
 Russell Hynes
 James Ice
 Brian Illig
 Timothy Ismert
 Nicholas Jackson



Matthew Jianas
 Nicholas Jones
 Jeffrey Keeling
 Michael Kelly
 Christopher Kennaley
 Matthew Kincaid
 Brett King
 Samuel Klos



Joseph Knackstedt
 Jeffrey Koons
 Adam Kovac
 John Krebs
 Patrick Kreikemeier
 Jacob Krouse
 Eric Lancey
 Justin Landrum



Stewart Lane
 Andrew Langford
 Patrick Laughlin
 Joseph Le
 Jacob Leeper
 Michael Lewer
 Joseph Lindgren
 Joseph Link



Christopher Lippold
 Nicholas Maese
 James Maggard
 Adam Maib
 Michael Manes
 Joseph Marsh
 Tyler Martin
 Ian Marx



Brandon Mays
 Patrick McCann
 Zachary McCracken
 Andre McIntosh
 Matthew McKibbin
 Derrick McKinney
 Seamus McLaughlin
 Miguel Mejia



Adam Meyers
 Mitchell Miguel
 James Miller
 Dominic Mirocke
 Matthew Moderson
 John Molner
 Kevin Moore
 Blake Morgan

A home grown Cornhusker, Mr. Kreikemeier uses his many experiences to win at every level

Originally from Westpointe, a small town of about 4,000 in northeast Nebraska, Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier has spent most of his Rockhurst career not only coaching sports, but coaching life.

In high school, Mr. Kreikemeier played football and basketball, and was the lead in the school play his senior year. His freshman year, he started coaching basketball on a Knights of Columbus team and they won the city championship.

Mr. Kreikemeier describes himself in high school by saying, "I would not consider myself an athletic or academic stalion but as someone who tried to learn as much as he could about everything."

In his 12th year at Rockhurst, Mr. Kreikemeier teaches accounting, is the assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, and is the Head Sophomore Football Coach.

"It's a great feeling working together with others to accomplish one goal," says Mr. Kreikemeier, who in his 25 years of coaching can recount only one losing season. For the last two years, the Sophomore Football Team has recorded two straight unbeaten seasons, compiling a total of 16 straight wins.

Mr. Kreikemeier hasn't spent all of his life teaching, though. He has been a man of versatility, ranging from working in the cooler of a meat processing plant, to a bank teller, to refereeing basketball, softball, and football for ten years.

"When refereeing, every night's game is different. I observe how people handle losing and winning, how teams handle pressure, how teams get along, selfish players, team players."

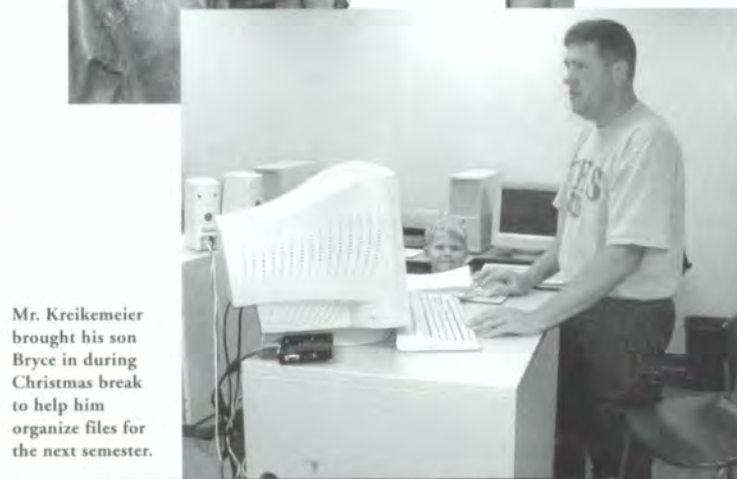
He also has worked part-time at a 7-Eleven, as a communication correspondent for DST systems, and a teacher at St. Mary's High School in Independence.

He and his wife of 21 years, Mary, have five children, two daughters and three sons, ranging in age from 4 to 20. His oldest son Patrick is a member of the Class of 2004.

Coaching, teaching, and refereeing, Mr. Kreikemeier does it all. He enjoys spending time with his family and going to movies. He has spent his time trying to lead students in the right direction. "It's about camaraderie. Aiming for a goal and achieving it." Story by Peter Giangreco



Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier serves pancakes at the annual Sports Pancake Breakfast, held to raise money for the Spectacular Auction.



Mr. Kreikemeier brought his son Bryce in during Christmas break to help him organize files for the next semester.



First Base Coach Bernie Kreikemeier looks on as the Varsity Baseball Team plays Eastview, Minnesota, at their home field.

Photo by Dustin Charapata



Kevin Morris
Benjamin Morrison
Christopher Muller
John Mumford
Bryan Murphy
Robert Murphy
Joseph Myers
Samuel Nachbar



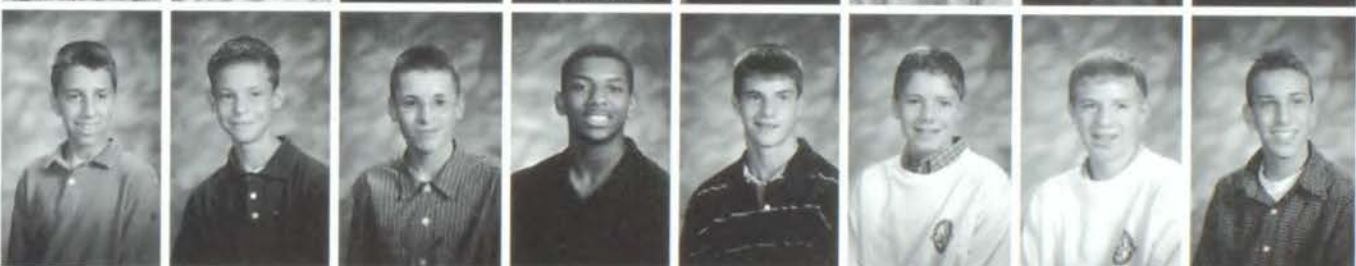
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Mr. Don

26 years of

*excellence at a
place called
'home'*

A family man, an outdoorsman, a bridge player, a Star Scout, a Hallmark employee, and a long-time teacher. All these things and more describe Mr. Don Ramsey, Speech and Debate Coach/Instructor.

A native of Parsons, a small town in southern Kansas, Mr. Ramsey taught at three other high schools and worked for the editorial department at Hallmark before he came to Rockhurst in 1975. When asked why he has stayed at RHS for such a long time, he replied, "I have found a home."

Mr. Ramsey grew up in a Catholic family with three brothers and one sister. The Church played a large part in his youth and he was introduced to the Jesuits at a very early age. The Jesuits at his grade school and high school ran a program called Sodality, which he participated in. In college he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Omega, through the National Catholic Theatre Conference.

After high school, where there were only 13 students in his graduating class, he attended St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine) in Atchison, KS, where he earned a degree in English and Education. He then continued his education at Pittsburg State University, where he earned his Masters in Speech.

Throughout his school days, he participated in speech and acting. He was a participant in the Diocesan Oratories Contests and participated in theater throughout high school and college. He was cast in plays such as *My Fair Lady*, *Harvey*, and *The Glass Menagerie*.

From an early age it was apparent what he wanted to do with his life involved speaking and performing.

Immediately following college Mr. Ramsey decided to be a teacher because, "It is the most satisfying commitment that I can make, in terms of seeing the impact on the world around you," he said.

In a span of 11 years he taught at Onaga High school, Mt. St. Scholastica Academy, and Maur Hill Prep School. At each of these schools, Mr. Ramsey was an English teacher, speech coach, and head of the Theater Department. He also worked in the Editorial Department at Hallmark as a writer.

During his years at RHS he has taught, at one time or another, English, mass media, and logic, and he has always been the Speech and Debate Coach. Mr. Ramsey believes very deeply in the Jesuit philosophy that was instilled in him as a child, and continues to teach and coach Speech and Debate because he believes that the entire Jesuit philosophy can be gained through it.

Mr. Ramsey loves being associated with such smart and dedicated individuals on his speech team, year in and year out. He sees the talent at RHS and truly believes that there are twice as many kids at RHS who have the ability to compete and win on the team. The ultimate goal of Mr. Don Ramsey is to coach a team that wins a national championship in every event. He believes that RHS students have the ability to do it. Story by Drew Switzer



Mr. Don Ramsey explains rehearsal techniques to the class that would help them tow in Speech and Debate competitions.

Coach Berg

Smiling face greets all who come in contact with coach and counselor

Students who regularly walk through the commons are bound to see a friendly, smiling face that seems to stand out from the others. This face is that of Mr. Eric Berg, a committed counselor and assistant Varsity Football coach. During his 20th year at Rockhurst, Mr. Berg has exemplified what it means to be a man for others, according to those who know him.

"Mr. Berg is the epitome of a Christian gentleman," said fellow counselor Mr. Heringer.

Mr. Mike Berg grew up in the small town of Rolla, in central Missouri, and attended Rolla High School. He later went on to graduate from the University of Missouri, Columbia, with a degree in Education and secondary school Counseling.

He has coached basketball, taught psychology, and was Rockhurst High School's Head Track Coach for seven years. He is also a committed family man who, along with Deb, his wife of 15 years, has four children—ranging in ages from 6 to 13.

How does Mr. Berg balance work and family?

"It is difficult during the football season, but my family members are all avid Rockhurst fans and attend many of the games, so each game is turned into a family event," he said.

He says that he came to RHS for several reasons. He wanted to coach football, be a counselor, and teach, all at the high school level. After applying to several places he learned RHS needed someone to do all of these things and it cre-

ated a perfect opportunity. He knew about Rockhurst's good reputation and knew Dennis Bullard, a college classmate, who was teaching at Rockhurst at the time.

What Mr. Berg enjoys most about being at Rockhurst is working with motivated young men who realize that there is more to life than education.

"It is important for the students to

"Mr. Berg is the epitome of a Christian Gentleman."

-Mr. Mike Heringer

also see that there is also a spiritual side of life, and Rockhurst students are gaining an understanding of this," said Mr. Berg.

He continues to enjoy gaining insight into teenagers and constantly learning new aspects about things he thought he already knew about. He says he also enjoys working with a dedicated faculty and staff who care a lot about the students and are willing to put in extra time for the good of the school. He claims that this has been a lot of the reason he has been able to get through some of the tougher times at Rockhurst when he and many were left with the question of 'why did this happen?'

"Last year was especially tough with the deaths of [Mr.] Buddy Worth and [Mr.] Tom Murphy," he said.

Story by Matt Cavlovich



As Assistant Track Coach Mr. Berg measures the long jumping event at the Rockhurst Relays in May.



Mr. Eric Berg laughs with junior John-Mike D'Agostino while reading an ironic selection from Benjamin Franklin.



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Blue

Freshmen experience first game and mixer as brand new Hawklets



Senior Travis Levitt whirls away on the dance floor at the Blue/White Mixer.



The Blue/White Mixer is held every year primarily for freshmen to meet girls from local schools but it is also open to all classes.

Featuring music, dancing, and an air band contest, the Blue/White Mixer in August marked the traditional first social event of the school year.

"The Blue/White Mixer is the first opportunity for freshmen to experience a Rockhurst dance," said Mr. Mike Heringer, Assistant Principal for Students Affairs.

"There has been talk of limiting this event to exclusively freshmen," he said, "but we do not want to take away this activity from the upperclassmen."

"I thought the Blue/White Mixer was a great experience," said freshmen Patrick Tweedy. "It was a good way to come back from summer break."

This evening begins with the annual Blue/White football game, which introduces the new football squads in a competitive scrimmage. Afterward, students can join their fellow classmates and girls from area high schools in the over 20-year tradition.

The event continues to grow each year with over 900 people filling the gym to capacity, according to Mr. Heringer.

"Next year, the dance may need to be extended into the courtyard to accommodate the large number of people," he said.

In addition, this event acts as a fundraiser for the Student Government Association.

"People can have a good time while benefiting their school and the SGA Student Scholarship Program," said Mr. Heringer.

Story by Nick Herold



Freshmen use the Blue/White Mixer to meet girls from Notre Dame de Sion, St. Teresa's, and St. Thomas Aquinas, to name a few.



Freshmen get acquainted with students of neighboring schools outside the dance floor in the commons.

Mr. Norman

“A person teaches, because he wants to see people succeed.”

A man who's anything *but* the norm, Mr. Tom Norman is a dedicated teacher who developed his unique teaching style from an eclectic background.

As a Rockhurst High School student in the late 50's, Mr. Norman participated in Student Council, the *Prep News*, and was a State Dramatist. After high school, Mr. Norman continued his education at Saint Louis University where he majored in Philosophy.

Once out of college Mr. Norman moved to Phoenix, AZ, where he worked with his father putting on seminars for managers and salesmen. The seminars were meant to make people better at what they did by giving them self-confidence. He uses what he taught in seminars in his classroom at RHS saying, "Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right."

Mr. Norman went on to serve as a real-estate consultant and stayed in that profession for 10 years. While in Phoenix, he met and married his wife Robin, and had two children, but in 1981 it had become difficult to make a living in the real-

estate market. Since Mr. Norman was a certified English teacher, the family decided to move back to Missouri to look for a teaching position.

Mr. Norman could have taught at DeSmet or Saint Louis University High, but he decided to come back to his alma mater, RHS. Mr. Norman had hoped to find a place in the English Department, but the only opening was as a Theology teacher. He decided to try it out and has been teaching theology ever since.

"A person teaches," explained Mr. Norman, "because he wants to see people succeed." Mr. Norman does more than just teach at RHS. He is involved in the lives of both the students and the faculty. He has been the moderator of the National Honor Society for 18 years, and has been in charge of Ignatian Evenings for six years.

As moderator of NHS, Mr. Norman does a variety of things from peddling doughnuts, to advertising meetings by carrying signs through the lunchroom, to organizing the annual Battle of the Bands.

The Ignatian Evenings are a series

of five mini retreats that are designed to give the faculty a chance to relax, to learn about how St. Ignatius of Loyola looked at life, to use Ignatius' way of looking at life to grow closer to God, and to strengthen a sense of community among the faculty. The faculty is divided into five retreat groups, each attending a separate night, meaning that Mr. Norman, with the help of Mr. Brad Grabs and members of the Mother's Club, puts on twenty five dinners throughout the year.

Mr. Norman thinks it's important to be involved with the people around him.

"[Teaching at RHS] isn't about money; it's about relationships."

While Mr. Norman is very involved with RHS, he also keeps busy at home. He has three children and has been a foster parent for 16 years during which time he has had upwards of 35 foster children. When he's at not busy with all of his other activities Mr. Norman likes to study the wisdom of the cultures of the world by reading Hebrew and Islamic stories, or by exploring the Internet. Story by Jamie Burkart



Mr. Tom Norman let Mr. Artie Vielhauer, assisted by Mr. J.W. DeCamp, shave his beard in an effort to raise money for Mission Week.



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Logan Keech
Edward Keenan
Mark Keleher
Brian Kelly
Jonathan Kennedy
Grant Keyser
Michael Kincaid



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ROCK

Eighth Annual fund raiser pits 3-on-3 teams in basketball

In 1993, then senior Matt Reintjes established Rockfest, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to benefit incoming freshmen. Eight years and \$140,000 later, Rockfest is not only going strong, but has become a tradition.

This year the student-run event raised more than \$20,000 with a record 100 teams participating in three divisions: 8-9 grades, 10-11 grades, 12-alumni. Each team was guaranteed at least 2 games and received T-shirts.

With help from six Executive committee members, seniors Pete Schloegel and Chris Clarkson, juniors Stephen Reintjes and Mike Illig, and sophomores Scott Ferguson and Matt Sweeney, along with an 80-member Rockfest committee, Coach Tony Severino and Mr. Michael Dierks were able to stage a successful and exciting tournament.

"It was a success because of the generosity of the Rockhurst community, especially the Executive and Rockfest committees," said Schloegel.

The winners of the divisions were: The Playas, Big Dick, Two B's and a Keyes, and Severino's Team.

The success of Rockfest will go towards scholarships for freshmen to attend Rockhurst. Not only does Rockfest benefit enrolled eighth graders, but it also "creates camaraderie between RHS students," said Mr. Dierks, who, after six years, has decided to turn over the reins to concentrate on other activities.

"It's creating a tradition, \$140,000 over the years, the legacy, kids' enthusiasm about helping, and working with the guys has always been great," Mr. Dierks said. Story by Geoffrey Martin.



Junior Eric Vossman puts up a shot at Rockfest.



Joe Tomlinson shoots a layup as many try to rebound.

Jim Greffet attempts to score as Tom Komoroski tries to block his shot.



Photos by Alex Simon

Juniors Noah Strozier, Marlin Butler, Tony Griddine, and Ryan King stand together ready to play as a team in Rockfest.

Rockhurst students and athletes competed all over the globe to represent RHS, as the Rugby team traveled to the sport's homeland, Ireland, the Varsity Football Team looked to Las Vegas for competition, the Varsity Soccer Team to Wisconsin, the Varsity Baseball Team to Arkansas, and the Speech and Debate Team to New York.

The Rugby Team's 31 players journeyed to Dublin over spring break to compete and to learn about the passion and desire that is shared in the hearts of young Irish men. The team played five games against three teams, Railway Union, Gonzaga College, a Jesuit high school, and Clongowes Wood, a Jesuit boarding school that won the Irish National Championship. The more experienced A-side, similar to a varsity squad, beat Railway Union and lost to Clongowes Wood and Gonzaga. The B-side lost two close games to Railway Union and Clongowes Wood.

"The boys learned more about rugby and the desire to win than we could have ever taught them," said Coach Brian O'Laughlin, father of senior Matt O'Laughlin.

In Ireland, the team was welcomed with a reception at the government building and met with Dr. Jim McDade, Minister of Sports, Tourism, and Recreation.

"Dr. Jim McDade taught these young men about the importance of international politics," Mr. O'Laughlin said.

The Football team traveled to Las Vegas in October in search of competition. The team left Kansas City and returned in less than 25 hours with a 44-0 win against Basic High School and a whirlwind tour down the Las Vegas Strip.

"The trip was an overall success," Head Coach Mr. Tony Severino said. "It taught them how to compete in a different environment and prepared them for the State Championship."

In April, the Varsity Baseball Team traveled to Fayetteville, AR, planning to play two games against the Benton and Sheridan High Schools. The team embarrassed Benton, beating them by more than 15 runs, but its second game, scheduled against Sheridan, had to be forfeited due to the Mom Prom. Be-

& away

sides playing games, the team watched the University of Arkansas Baseball Team beat Ole Miss.

"The trip helped the team to grow together for the playoffs," stated junior Chris Bachkora.

The Varsity Soccer Team flew to Milwaukee where it played two games, one against Brookfield East High School, winning 3-2, and the other against Marquette, a Jesuit High school. In the game against Marquette the team came back from a 2-1 deficit to win, 3-2, setting the tone for the rest of the season.

"Going into the Milwaukee trip, the team was not sure of its goals," stated junior Adam Sinovic. "After the trip we knew we could overcome anything."

After the Marquette game players from both teams attended a brunch where they exchanged shirts. That evening the players went to a mixer and stayed with families of the opposing team.

The Speech and Debate Team competed in NCFL Nationals in May held at Regis High School in New York City.

"We were all overwhelmed by the night life," stated senior Brian Schroeder.

The team toured historic sites and monuments, such as the Statue of Liberty, the New York Stock Exchange, and The World Trade Center. On Saturday the team started competition, and Joel Blevins placed 19th in Dramatic Interpretation in Sunday's competition.

"It was good exposure to different styles of debate," said Schroeder.

Other RHS groups experienced cities around the country, as MEET toured Memphis and the Dr. Martin Luther King historic sites. The Lacrosse Team made several trips to St. Louis, as well as a trip to New Mexico. The Cross Country Team went to St. Louis for the first annual All-Jesuit Meet as did the Track and Field Team.

Story by John Dollerschell



The Junior Blues rugby team plays a game versus Gonzaga, a boarding school in Dublin, Ireland, in early March.



The Junior Blues team warms up before playing Clongowes, an exclusive private school outside Dublin, that has over 5 rugby teams.



The rugby team poses after a brutal battle in Dublin.



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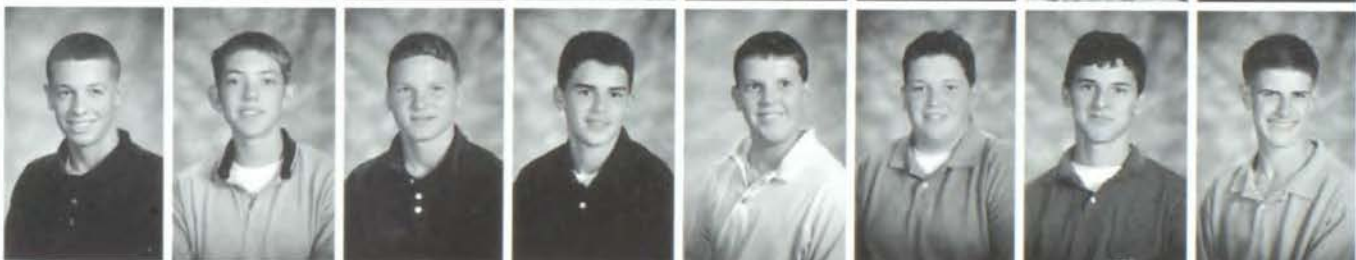
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Kevin Welsh
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Zachary White
Brendan Wilson
James Wimsett
Andrew Woods
Duo Yang
Christopher Zecy

Not Pictured: James Lee, Tricy Simmons

IRON MAN Jr.



Chris Bachkora and Nick Paradise get ready for a volleyball game, just one of many competitions.



Juniors Jared Vandergriff, Noah Strozier, and Wes Cotter compete in Trivial Pursuit.



Greg Laughlin keeps score as the juniors finish events at the Iron Man.

The 11th annual Junior Iron Man Competition continued its popularity by bringing the juniors together for an evening to compete for a first place prize of an all-you-can-eat Gates BBQ buffet.

Iron Man consists of four events, volleyball, basketball, darts, and Trivial Pursuit, which gave everyone a chance to participate. Mr. Andy Hagedorn's first period, calling themselves "Haggie White Hogs" took first, with Mr. Ryan Nicholson's "White Rhinos" coming in a close second.

"Even when our basketball team lost Eric Vossman, Adam Sheridan and Chris Schaefer, we still won all of our games!" exclaimed Tim Thedinger of the White Rhinos.

"Junior Iron Man gives the boys a chance to have fun and for individual classes to merge together to really get to know each other as they approach their senior year." Mr. Nicholson said.

The \$2 entry fee was considered by all, well worth the chance at the BBQ, as almost all the juniors participated.

"The Iron Man is one last time that the juniors really get to be juniors as they are going through their transition into becoming seniors," said Mr. Mike Heringer, Assistant Principal of Student Affairs. Story by Andrew Ward



Derek Eltiste plays darts with the object being to hit the numbers in order. Getting the highest number would win the round.



Coach Matt Nolen judges and keeps score in a volleyball game between Mrs. Prater & Mr. Staihr's homerooms.



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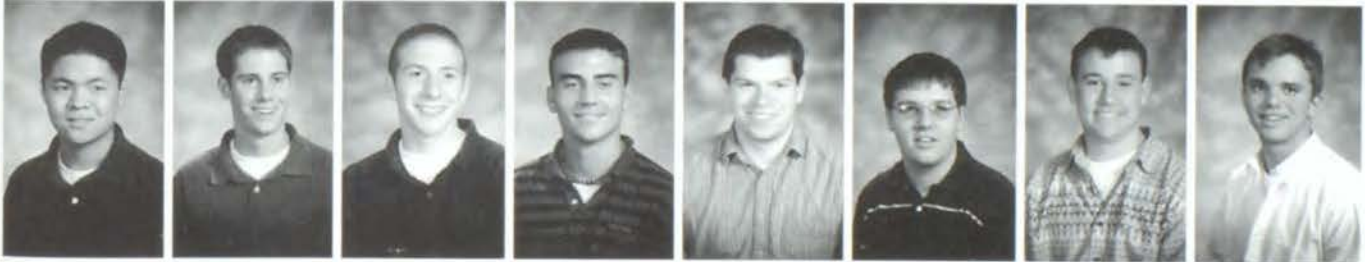
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Marlon Butler



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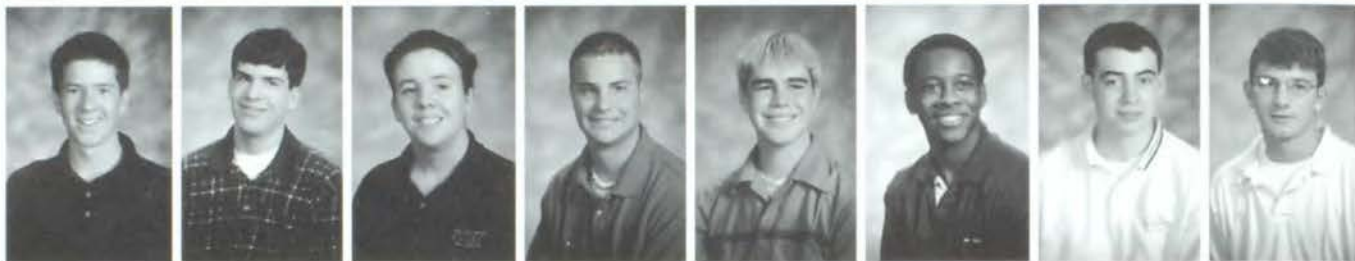
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How do divisions in Rockhurst Affect the student body?

CLIQUES

A clique is a group, a division, a collection of guys with similar ideas, tastes, and likes. In the past few years at Rockhurst, many things have changed, but one thing has remained static: cliques.

Ask most guys at RHS and they will tell you pretty much the same thing as far as what cliques there are. Sophomore Jacob Kruger, who sees himself as a punk, defines the groups as most students would.

"Cliques at RHS include punks, jocks, actors, hippies, and preps."

How these cliques are defined is clear, although affiliation with one may not always be. For the most part, what makes someone part of a group is a sharing in the mentality of that group. Jocks are typically the athletes, given to

sports; preps pursue academics; actors spend their time almost exclusively working on their art; punks are often seen with an anti-everything mentality, the rebels; and hippies are defined by a kind of easy-going, laid-back demeanor, the guys who don't seem to care that much. Although someone may or may not be part of a certain clique, by just projecting even a few of these traits they may be easily categorized as a member of any of these groups.

Junior Greg Laughlin pointed out that it really is not so simple to decide what group a student is affiliated with.

"It isn't quite so neatly divided. For example, I think that I fit in as a hippy jock prep," he said.

The problem with cliques is, the name usually comes with a negative connotation. But having formed these cliques can be both a positive and a negative thing, as many would point out. By being in groups with others who share a common interest, it provides a stable set of friends who will always be there as a positive support group, and can give a valuable sense of identity and belonging.

Although junior Matt Weglarz happens to agree with this idea, he also points out that, "it is bad because it divides the school, and could create prejudice and animosity between people based on stereotypes, rather than giving the actual people a chance."

So, while developing cliques can be a valuable source of support, it can also be a divisive

and problematic event, promoting elitism and stereotypes, something that has been fought hard against at RHS in recent years.

The way that students view the cliques is for the most part the same as they really are, with a few exceptions. In a poll of approximately 10% of the student body, students assessed the percentages of each clique in the student body, as well as reporting their own affiliations, and where they thought problems lay among the groups.

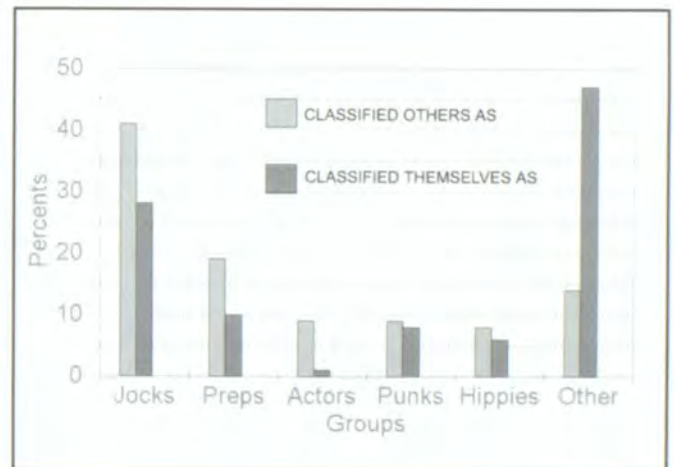
The students polled thought that the jocks made up 41% of the student body, preps 19%, Actors and punks 9% each, hippies were 6%, and the remaining 14% either belonged to a different group or were some mix of the five. Based on their own assessments of where they fit in, though, the students showed the real statistics to be slightly different, with the jocks at only 28%, actors at a dismal 1%, and the mixed category at 47%.

As far as problems go, the freshman polled said the biggest problems came from the jocks and were directed at most everyone, the sophomores and the juniors reported the conflict between the jocks and the punks, and the seniors said the problems lay between the jocks and the hippies.

Despite these reports, however, some students and faculty do not see the cliques as a problem such as Mr. Mike Heringer who remarked, "The fact that we call ourselves a community hints that we aren't clique people or perceive ourselves as such." Story by Alex Gamble



In a poll of over 10% of the student body, students projected what they thought were the percentages for each group, and reported the groups they felt they belonged in. For example, those polled thought that 41% of the students were jocks, but only 28% reported themselves as such. The results show that for the most part, students aren't in one clique, but that there is a lot more overlapping. Top Left: One of the best times to see groups coming together is at lunch, where most eat with basically the same group daily. One way students separate themselves from the rest of the student body is by pressing the limits of the dress code, as these juniors did at the Ring Dance.



Ryan King
Conor Klamann
Gilbert Korpi
Kevan Lair
Matthew Laird
Michael Lancey
Alonzo Lane
Jack Lapping



Daniel Laughlin
Gregory Laughlin
Christopher Lee
Jamie Lee
Paul Link
Graham Long
Eric Lowe
Nathan Lynn



Khule Mabery
Benjamin Madeo
Lucas Manning
Bradley Martin
Daniel Martin
Geoffrey Martin
Kevin Marts
Daniel Martucci



John Mayberry
Ryan McAuley
Jeffrey McCaffrey
Sean McClusky
Daniel McDonogh
Patrick McHugh
Matthew Meiners
Ryan Metzler



Curtis Mitchell
John Molle
Jess Mooney
James Moynihan
Dennis Murphy
Steven Murphy
Benjamin Nachbar
John Navarre



Matthew Neenan
Erik Netterfield
Cameron Nordholm
Thaddeus O'Brien
John O'Connor
Lucas O'Neill
Patrick O'Neill
James O'Sullivan



David Ono
Dustin Orschem
Matthew Oval
Craig Pacheco
Nicholas Paradise
Daniel Pasternack
David Paul
Nick Peoples



Student SUCCESS Center

In only its second year of existence at Rockhurst, the Student Success Center has reached a new level of education.

Students of all GPA's and grade levels are involved with the center, which bases its program on those used at Notre Dame and other leading universities.

"Our center is one of the best because we base it on the best," Founder and Director Mrs. Gerri VanMeter said.

Rockhurst High School's mission is to support academics across the curriculum, and to give personalized instruction to students who need clarification for homework and concepts covered in the classroom.

There is a minimum of ten hours of training for those working in the Center. The tutors not only give assistance to those in need, they also train others to be on the same level.

A computer training program was created by junior Nick Weaver, assisted by juniors Jamie and Christopher Lee, and Diego Bustamante.

Bustamante also developed a Student Success Center link on the RHS web site.

The tutors not only give assistance to those in need they also train others to be on the same level.

The Lee's organized and produced a video of Do's and Don'ts of tutoring, used as a training tool for those striving for acceptance into the program.

To be tutors, one must be a junior or senior or must be in the National Honor Society. If he is not in the National Hon-

ors Society he must have a GPA of 3.3 or better, and a recommendation from a teacher.

For the year 2001-2002 a new position was created, the Student Director of the Student Success Center. This position will be held by Jamie Lee, who will be the National Honor Society liaison to the Center and be responsible for scheduling, staffing, and record keeping of tutoring hours.

National Honors Society students and Mrs. VanMeter are currently in the process of applying for national certification for the center.

"The Student Success Center is full of variety, diversity, and students of all ages, grade point averages, and abilities," Mrs. Laurie Prater said. "The tutor's job is to encourage and to have confidence in the students, not to just give them the answer."

Story by David Paul



FRONT ROW: Christopher Lee, Jamie Lee, Mr. Paul Ptasnik; ROW 2: Fr. Mark Daus S.J., Mrs. Laurie Prater, Mrs. Gerri VanMeter, Michael Lancey, Cary Duckworth, Elliott Nickell, Tim Fitzpatrick, Nick Weaver, Chris Fiedler, Diego Bustamante, Mrs. Jennifer Olson.

DANCE



As the seniors finished the last of their finals and cleaned out their lockers ready to go out into the world and live what they learned through their Rockhurst experiences, all eyes turned to the junior class to step up and fill their place as leaders and role models in the Rockhurst community.

To officially mark the transition of the Class of 2002 from a junior class to the senior class, a special Junior Leadership Mass was held. With parents in attendance and Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., presiding, the homily of this Mass was a slide show of pictures of the entire original Class of 2002 as they looked freshman year, set to contemporary music.

"Before we look into the future it is good to look into the past and see how much the Junior Class has grown and changed in three years," commented Fr. Menard.

Later in the Mass Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J., blessed and distributed class rings and pins.

"[The blessing was to] pray that these rings and pins will always remind the seniors of their leadership role at RHS and in the Greater Kansas City area," said Fr. Menard. "RHS is counting on

them to be role models to serve the school community as well as the Kansas city community outside the walls of RHS."

After the Mass, the new seniors, their parents, and some faculty shared refreshments as well as memories and plans for the future at a reception held in the McGee Hall.

The next evening, the seniors continued the celebration of their new responsibility at the Junior Ring Dance, at the Arcadian in Overland Park.

"The dance floor was tight so everyone was really close," said Jim Goetz. "It was the best dance I've ever been to."

About a month and a half before the dance, the planning group, which consisted of the junior members of the Student Government Association: Pat Coughlin, Paul Damon, Matt Wormington, Matt Ferguson, David Ono and Durant Abernethy, and Dr. Jerry Goblen, scouted locations for the dance. Then in the three weeks leading up to the dance the planning group met almost every day to choose music and work out other details.

"Our class has a lot of spirit, and everyone had a good time because of that," commented Greg Laughlin. Story by Jamie Burkart



David Ono, hoisted upon the shoulders of Brandon Hill, keeps the dance rockin'.



Kevin Marts cuddles up to his girlfriend Joy Woker.

Dustin Orscheln slow dances with his date Emmy Best.



Frank Pendleton
H. Charles Peters
Andrew Pickert
Ray Pierce
Geoffrey Ponnath
Kevin Poppe
James Poskin
Richard Prendergast



Adam Pummil
Matthew Rada
Patrick Reed
Richard Rees
Timothy Reidy
Robert Reintjes
Stephen Reintjes
Richard Restivo



George Robinson
Robert Rodriguez
Patrick Rogers
Robert Rosenthal
Christopher Ruprecht
Dominic Russo
James Ryan
Joseph Sanders



Michael Sanem
Brent Scarbrough
Christopher Schaefer
Charles Schloegel
Nicholas Schmeltz
Paul Serrone
Stephen Sharkey
Garrett Sheedy



Adam Sheridan
Kelly Short
Daniel Shouse
Alexander Simon
Adam Sinovic
John Skington
Boon Smith
Jeffrey Snodgrass



Nicholas Solsburg
Brian Spicher
Michael Stasi
Jeffrey Sterner
Charles Stinger
Patrick Stone
Matthew Strain
Noah Strozler



John Sweeney
Andrew Switzer
Nicholas Sylvan
Timothy Thedinger
Kiehl Tompkins
Brendon Toohy
Tony Tran

Jack Trotter
Miles Turney
Scott Unger



Jared Vandergriff
Nicholas VanSant
Eric Vossman



Milan Vrabac
Andrew Ward
Nicholas Weaver



Matthew Wegrarz
Daniel White
Richard Whitney



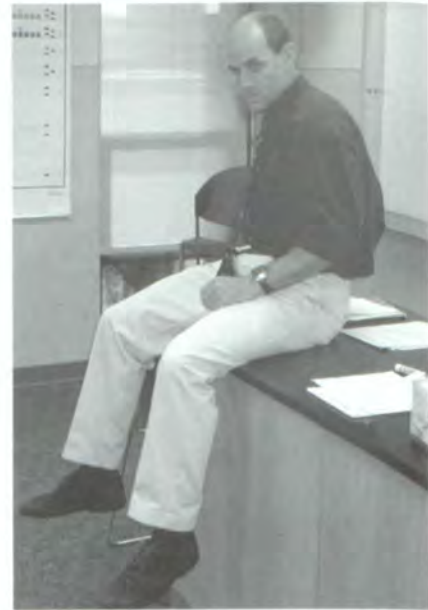
Michael Wiber
Andrew Wikiera
Nicholas Winchester



Adam Witt
Matthew Wormington
Abdurasak Yahaya



Matthew Ziegenhorn



Coach Mike Sullivan takes a break after spending a week reviewing for finals.

In praying, playing, working, and studying with Rockhurst this past year I have learned that I am very lucky to be a part of this organization," said new Theology teacher Mr. Sean Angiel. "This has been a very good year."

Mr. Angiel was just one of twelve new teachers and one principal welcomed into the Rockhurst school community during the 2000-2001 school year. No department was left untouched by the wave of new faces, hailing from as far away as Florida to as close as Kansas City.

The computer department welcomed (back) RHS alumnus Mr. Kevin Miller, RHS class of 1972, to their staff to teach computer applications I and II.

When asked to reflect over how his year went, Mr. Miller commented, "I am home."

RHS also became a new home for the year for Mr. Corin Oyerland, who taught Choir for the Music Department, Mr. Stephen Charbonneau, who taught Humanities for the Social Studies Department, and Mr. Jeremy McElduff who taught Spanish I and II.

"Overall, I think most things went well," said Mr. McElduff. "I really enjoy the atmosphere within the school and the environment created by the teachers."

The addition of two brand new teachers to the English department added to the atmosphere. Mr. Casey Murray, RHS

New TEACHERS

Thirteen new instructors join Rockhurst
as number of students continues to rise



New teachers who joined the Rockhurst community are Ms. Peggy Martin, Mrs. Peggy Ehrhardt, Mr. Sean Angiel, Mrs. Valerie Davis, Mr. Casey Murray, Mr. Corin Overland, Mr. David Laughlin, Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, Mr. Mike Sullivan, Mr. Jeremy McElduff, Mr. Mark Kramer, S.J., Mr. Kevin Miller, Mr. Stephen Charbonneau.

class of 1995, and Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, who was one of two Alumni Service Corps (ASC) members this year, helped augment the English staff. Mr. Murray taught English sections I and II, while Mr. Wickenhauser taught sections of English II.

The Math Department welcomed two new teachers into the fold, a "Peggy" double-team, as Ms. Peggy Martin came

into the geometry classroom and Mrs. Peggy Ehrhardt moved into algebra.

"It was great!" exclaimed Mrs. Ehrhardt. "But not at all easy!"

"I have enjoyed my first year here," said Ms. Martin. "It was hard, but good."

The Theology Department had the largest influx with three new teachers, including Mr. Angiel, also an ASC teacher, Mr. Mark Kramer, S.J., and Mrs.

Valerie Davis who all taught Morality.

"My year with the Rockhurst community has flown by!" exclaimed Mrs. Davis. "I've enjoyed watching RHS student form their values and reach their goals through intentional and often unique approaches. I look forward to continuing the journey next year, as we work together to become people for others in Christ." Story by Alex Gamble

Prom gives opportunity to perform class actions

The last official social gathering for the class of 2001 was Prom held at the Rose Theater and at the DoubleTree Hotel of Overland Park.

At Pre-Prom, the seniors and their dates gathered in the Rose Theater for formal portraits and to be introduced in front of the crowd of parents and friends. After that, nearly 200 couples headed off to the DoubleTree for dinner and dancing.

According to Andrew Mallow, senior class vice president, and Mr. Mike Heringer, the SGA faculty moderator, the Prom was a great success and it was the perfect ending to the senior classes' four years.

"It was an awesome experience," se-

nior Benton Keatley said. "Everybody looked great and had a good time."

The ballroom was decorated in traditional RHS blue and white, with flowers and balloons as well as ice sculptures of the school crest and of a Hawklet.

"The ballroom looked awesome," senior Mike Knopke said. "It must have taken an incredible amount of time and effort. It couldn't have looked better."

"It cost \$100 to go and that covered dinner, dancing, decorations, and the entertainment," senior Chris Anton said. "It might have been a little expensive, but it was a great time and well worth the money. It put a great end to my career at the Rock."

Story by Joseph Sanders



Brian Bennett escorts Alexis King of St. Teresa's in a picture perfect carriage to the Pre-Prom held in the Rose Theater. Sara Storm, Mike Mereghetti, Lane Woods, Andy Mallow, Kyle O'Brien, Susan Wolfe, Bob Mashburn and Allison Storm wore the wildest outfits to Prom. David Winget dances with Julia Marsh from St. Theresa's.



Michael Hicks, Claudette Delacruz, Michelle Agustin, and Ray Chang pose before entering Pre-Prom at RHS.



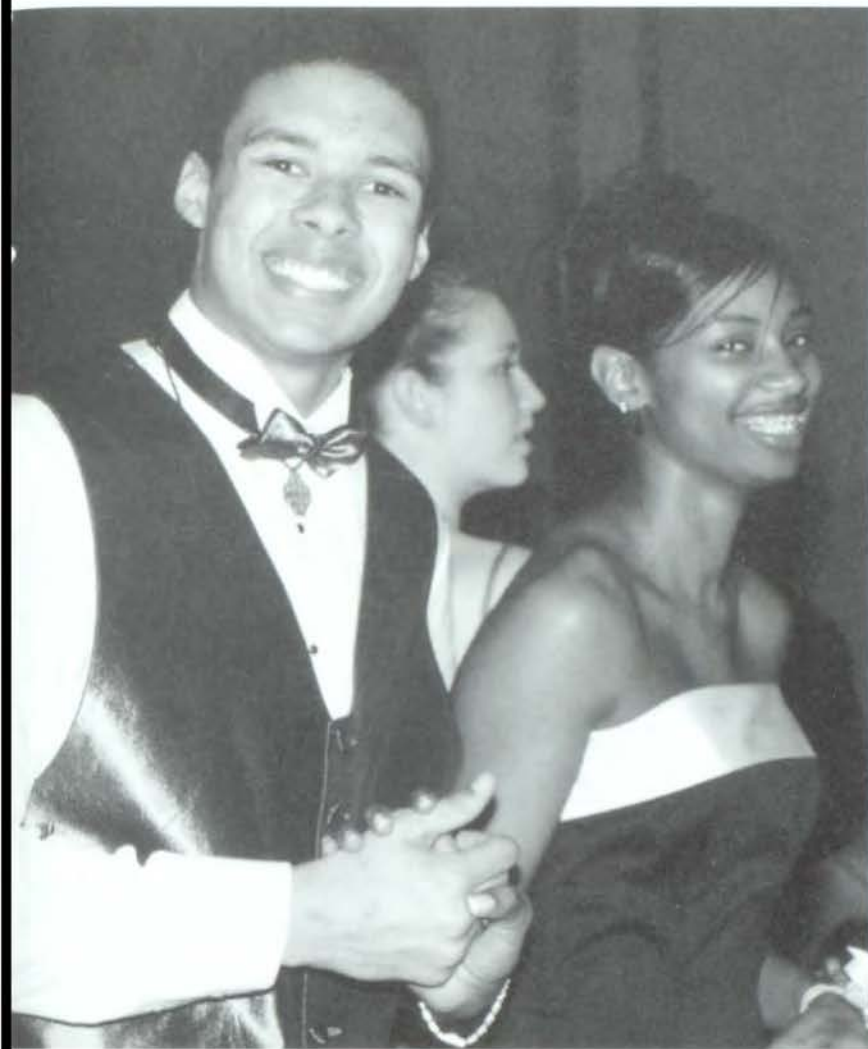
Joe Feierabend and his date Leah Sand are introduced to the large crowd of friends and parents.



Kesler Pollard and Megan Betterman of St. Teresa's wait outside their limo for their friends at the Doubletree Hotel.



Brian Dreis escorts his date Elizabeth Wooldridge from UMKC to the dance.



Thomas Persley dances with friend Melissa Conley at the Doubletree Hotel.



David Clisbee enjoys his last slow dance as a Rockhurst senior with Kelly Wessling from Notre Dame de Sion. Kesler Pollard, Megan Betterman, Nick Capoccia, Anne Baldwin, Andrew Zender, Melinda Greene, Jenny Uden, Chris Hapka, Julie Baldwin, and Mitch Paone come together after exiting Pre-Prom.



Class of 2001 puts best foot forward



Pat Kowalski and date wait for the gourmet buffet dinner to be ready.



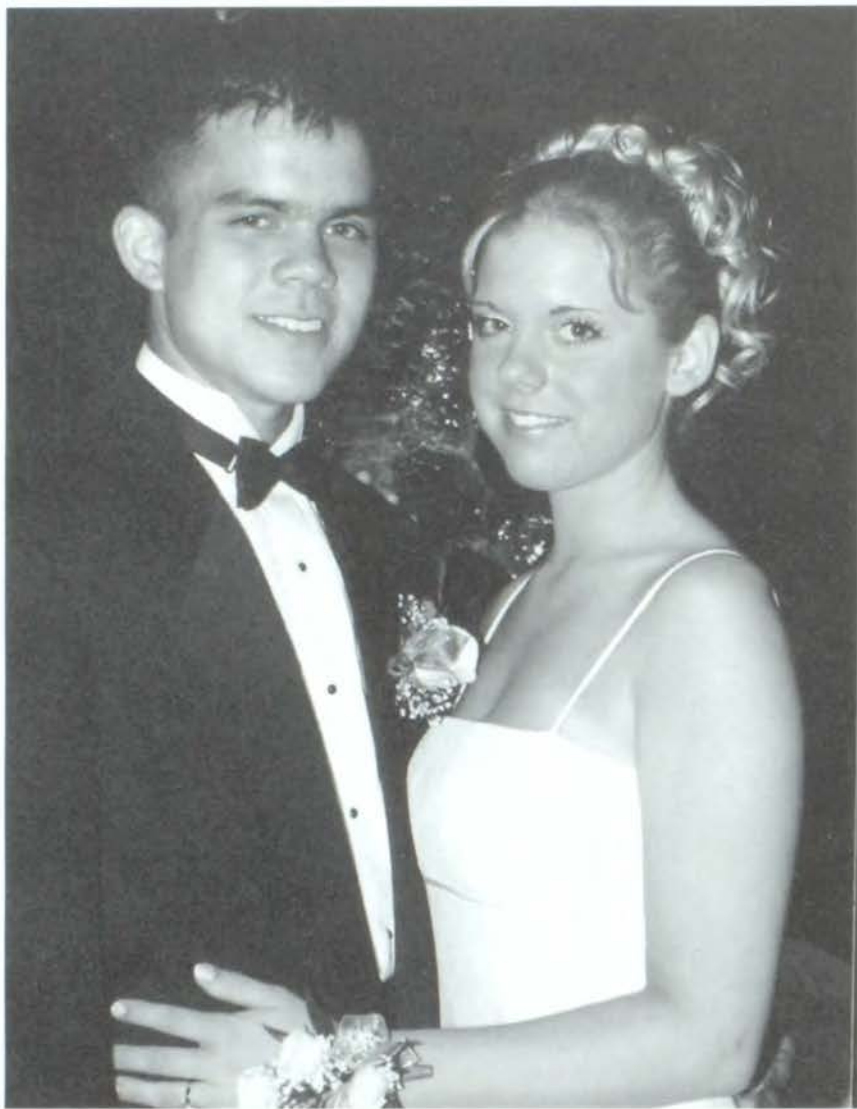
Ryan Fagan and date Christine Hall of Sion enjoy the applause at RHS Pre-Prom.



John Linhoff and friends Kristin Goers and Sara Mossinghoff, both of St. Teresa's, stand outside their limo at Pre-Prom.



Greg Bass and Kelli Millentree of Ruskin smile as they stand on stage at RHS Pre-Prom.



Jonathon Rhodes escorted Holly Hunter of O'Hara to Prom at the Doubletree Hotel



Peter Giangreco and Kayla King of Sion finish their meals and prepare for a long night of dancing.



Jarrett Devereaux and his date, Denina Lewis from St. Thomas Aquinas pose for the crowd on stage at pre-prom



Pat Klug and Tom Schario lock hands while dancing at Prom.



Andy Mallow and Lane Woods of St. Teresa's make their way out to the stage at RHS Pre-Prom.



Austin Trombley and Emily White of Sion pose outside the Doubletree Hotel.



Charles Bush and his date Meredith Birt from Sion smile before exiting the stage.

Nearly 200 couples celebrate their final dance at RHS



Bob Mashburn takes a swordsman's pose with his date Allison Storm at RHS Pre-Prom. Jay Finley, Pat Kowalski, Brian Dreis, Dave Clisbee, and Evan Mason make their way into the Rose Theater for Pre-Prom.

Principal Mr. David Laughlin greets Scott Drummond in the lobby of the Doubletree Hotel. Ian Merrigan laughs with a friend before hitting the dance floor. Kayla King, escorted by Peter Giangreco, is helped out of her bus.



Melissa Conley, Stephan Jean-Francois, Mandy Moore, and Paul McGannon share the last social event of their RHS career.



Danny Welsh and Kelly Sears of Sion excitedly walk on stage for Pre-Prom.



Brian Bennett and Chris Cucar come together to celebrate their last dance ever at RHS.



Kyle O'Brien and Susan Wolfe stare out the hundreds of parents at the RHS Pre-Prom.

Class of 2001

Seniors

Jonathan Adriano
Justin Amberson
Ryan Anderson
Christopher Anton



Robert Arthur
Daniel Asikainen
Kevin Aylward
Adam Balentine



Noah Ballard
Blaine Barnard
Gregory Bass
Matthew Beck



Brian Bennett
Edward Bessenbacher
Joel Blevins
Edward Bock



Jacob Boesen
Graham Booth
Nicolas Boyd
Robert Bridges



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Seniors



Timothy Bridgham
Geoffrey Brown
Charles Bush
Nicholas Capoccia



Brian Carson
Matthew Cavlovich
John Chagoyan
Raymond Chang



Dustin Charapata
Salvatore Cicero
Patrick Clark
Christopher Clarkson



David Clisbee
Daniel Connell
Phillip Conway
Kevin Cotter



Douglas Croy
Christopher Cucar
Michael Daly
Samuel Davidson

Class of 2001

Seniors

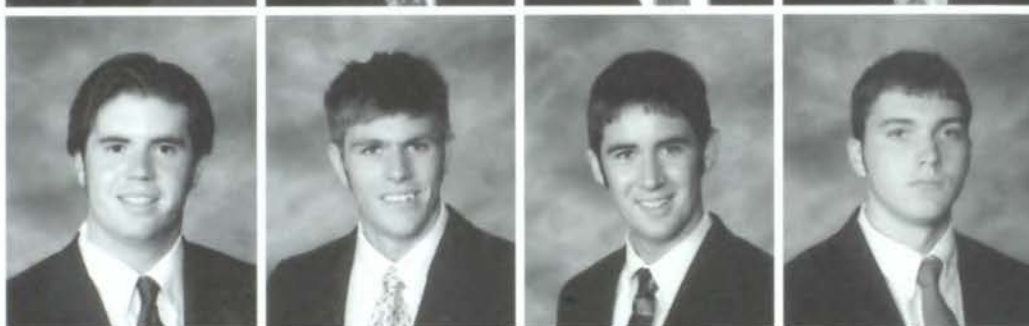
Michael Day
Jarrett Devereaux
Luke Dlabal
Brian Dreis



Scott Drummond
Matthew Dunham
Jason Dunsworth
Scott Edmonds



Michael Euston
Timothy Euston
Ryan Fagan
Joseph Feierabend



John Finley
Kyle Francis
Kevin Frantze
Zacc Gansert



Jeremy Garton
Peter Giangreco
Michael Gonzales
Sean Gratton



Class of 2001

Seniors



James Greffet
Joel Gustafson
John Haake
Matthew Haake



Sean Hackett
Jason Haile
Andrew Hansbrough
Christopher Hapka



John Harbison
Adam Henderson
Thomas Henggeler
Daniel Heryer



Stephen Hiatt
Michael Hicks
Matthew Hoefler
Sean Hughes



Patrick Jakopchek
Stephan Jean-Francois
David Johnson
Matthew Judy

Class of 2001

Seniors

Jeremy Julian
Jordan Jump
Benton Keatley
Corbin Keech



Mitchell Kelly
Alfonse J. Kinsella
Patrick Klug
Michael Knopke



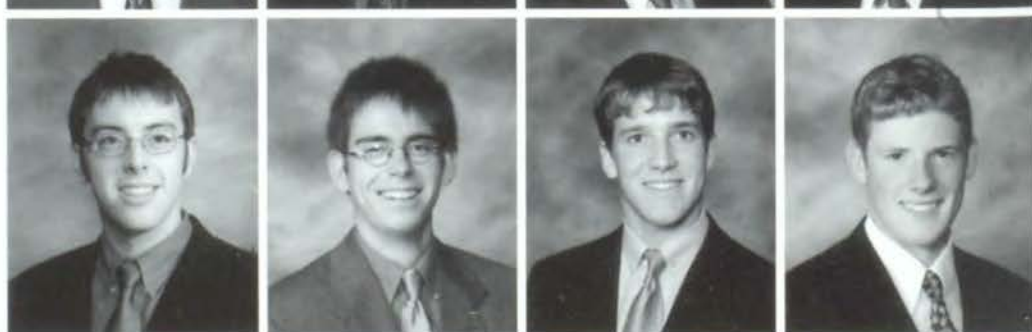
Thomas Komoroski
Matthew Kopp
Adam Korth
Francis Kot



Patrick Kowalski
Jeffrey Kratofil
Ian Kuklenski
Jonathan Lecuyer




John Leese
Travis Levitt
John Linhoff
Patrick Lobb




Class of 2001


Seniors




Jeremy Long
James Mallow
David Manning
Kyle Martin




Robert Mashburn
Evan Mason
Brendan Matthews
Justin McFarland



Paul McGannon
Ryan McIntosh
Michael McIntyre
Sean McLaughlin



Patrick McMurray
Brian Meagher
Michael Mereghetti
Ian Merrigan



Nicholas Migliazzo
Gerald Miller
Zachary Miller
Jeffrey Mincher

Class of 2001

Seniors

Andrew Mitchell
John Mitchell
Richard Moritz
Jonathan Mossie



Sean Mueller
Daniel Mulhern
Wade Muller
Brendan Murphy



Phillip Murphy
Sean Murphy
Troy Murray
Charles Myers



Jeffrey Newby
Matthew Newell
Andre Newsom
Elliott Nickell



Michael Nigro
Eric Noblet
John Nugent
James O'Brien



Class of 2001



Kevin O'Brien
Kyle O'Brien
Steven O'Connor
Sean O'Donnell



Matthew O'Laughlin
Thomas O'Neill
Christopher Oades
Daniel Olson



Mitchell Paone
Eric Pashman
Thomas Persley
Hieu Pham



John Phelps
Kesler Pollard
Christopher Poskin
Joseph Price



Andrew Proulx
Brian Quarnstrom
Justin Quick
Zachary Ramirez

Seniors

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Seniors

Francisco Rascon
Ryan Raybould
Timothy Reardon
Trevin Reed



Ryan Renne
Jonathan Rhodes
Justin Richards-Goode
John Rogler



Christopher Ryan
Eric Scanlan
Thomas Schario
Peter Schloegel



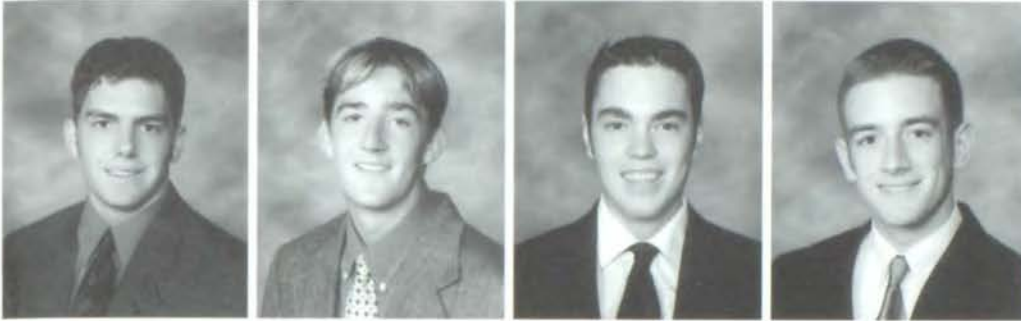
Zachary Schopper
Brian Schroeder
Matthew Schwenke
Brandon Shelby



Nicholas Shuler
John Smedile
Seth Smith
Frank Spallitta



Class of 2001



Alexander Staab
William Stack
Drew Steadman
Ryan Swarts



Nicholas Taylor
Christopher Thorman
Andrew Tiehen
Austin Trombley



Jonathan Twibell
Joseph Van Oeveren
Daniel Vianello
Kyle Vrabac



Christopher Walkenhorst
John Walz
Patrick Wank
Ryan Watson



Kevin Weiss
Daniel Welsh
Brian Wilson
Christopher Winger

Seniors

Class of 2001

Seniors

David Winget
R.E. Wolfe
Andrew Womack



Edward Worth
Ryan Worth
Lucas Youngblood



Andrew Zender
David Ziegler
Jesse Zora



Andrew Mallow does a little dance in the Commons during Activity Period.



David Ziegler played bass for *The Biff Squad* at the Battle.



Zach Miller, Corbin Keech, Elliot Nickell, and Mitch Kelly attended their last Rockhurst Mom Prom ever.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES 2001

Johnathon Adriano

Football 1,2,3,4;
Track 1,2,3,4;
Classics Club 1,2;
Flying Club 2,3,4;
Science Club 1,2,3,4;
Film and Video Club 2,3,4; SPA 3,4;
Ecology Club 4;
Magna Cum Laude-National Latin Exam;
7th Place-Science Knowledge Bowl.

"Thank you for sharing that. Now, go play in the traffic."-Dr. Campisano
Justin Amberson
Intramural Volleyball 3,4; Karate Club 1;

Ryan Anderson
Football 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 1,2,3,4; P.E. Award 2,3; Bukaty Award 4; Captain of the Football Team 4; 5A State Champion 4; Nominated for Scholar Athlete
"Things will look better tomorrow."

Daniel Asikainen
Cross Country 3,4; Football 1; Basketball 1; Track 2; SGA Junior Class Presi-

dent 3; Chapel Choir 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3; TIE 2,3; "Beckett," "Children of Eden"; R-Award 2; Eagle Scout 1; National School Choir Award 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; *"Let's declare victory...Go have donuts."*

Kevin Aylward
"There's more to life than changing its speed."

Adam Balentine
Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,President 4; Spirit Club 3,4; Pep Band 1; First Honors 1; Second Honors 2,3;

"What'd they say? 'Where's your banjo?'"-Ryan Anderson
Noah Ballard
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Jr. Blues Rugby 2,3,4; Herpetology Club 2,3; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Classics Club 1,2; Outdoors Club 2;

"That's what I like about those high

school girls; I keep getting older, but they stay the same age."-Dazed and Confused

Blaine Barnard
Cross Country 2,3,4; Regis Club 2,3,Senior Liason Officer 4; NHS 3,4; SGA Student Body President 4; Math/Engineering Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3;

"When we cease to change, we cease to live."

Greg Bass
Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; MEET Group 1,2,3,4; Mock Trial; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Model UN 3; Intramural Basketball 2,3,4; Chamber Singer 3,4; Second Honors 1;

"Ya win some ya lose some and if ya spend some on 'um then you might choose 'um. Ya see, it's a cold world, it's a cold game, but if ya learn to give and take, it ain't no thang."

Matt Beck

Soccer 1,2,3; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Golf Club 4; Herpetology Club 3,4; Spanish Club 1; Raquetball Club 4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 3,4; Kairos 32 Leader 4;

"In your eyes, a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night."

Ed-D

Bessenbacher
Soccer 1,2,4; Track 1,2; NHS 3,4; Hackey Sack Club 4; Outdoors Club 1; SGA Social/Athletic Chairman 4; Yell Leaders Captain 4; Spirit Club 4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Editor-in-Chief 3; Newspaper Design Editor 4; First Honors 1,2,3,4;

"Feel the power. Bring the noise."

Geoff Brown
Football 1,2,3,Senior Captain 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Go Chicken Go 3; MEET Group 4;

Second Honors 1,2,3,4;
"Always there in a pinch."

Joel Blevins
Football 1,2; Debate/Forensics 1,2,3, Captain 4; Mock Trial 1,2,Co-Captain 3,Co-Captain 4; SPA 2,3,Co-President 4; Model UN 2,3,4; Ecology Club 2,3; Art Club 2,3; Academic Excellence 2;

"Eh, whatever."

Andrew Bock
Football 1,2; Wrestling 1,2; Flying Club 1,2,3,4; Ecology Club 2; Herpetology Club 4; Second Honors 3; Eagle Scout 3;
"Don't stop punching 'til they hit the ground."

Jacob Boesen
Lacrosse 3; NHS 3,4; Rockhurst K-31; NFL; Freshmen Science Award; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 2;

"For I dipt into the future, far as the human eye could see, saw a vision of the world and the wonder it would be."-Lord Tennyson
Casey Booth
Chess Club 1,2,3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Art Club 4; Second Honors 1;
"One more road to cross, one more risk to take, gotta live my life, like there's one more move to make"



Chris Anton placed second in burrito eating for the Missions.



Kevin Aylward, Jon Lecuyer, John Rogler, John Chagoyan, and Andrew Zender dressed down on the last day at RHS.



Stephan Jean-Francois gets ready to depart at last.



Dean Alvey collars Pat Jakopchek for the fun of it.

Nick Boyd
 Football 1,2,3,Captain 4; Baseball 1; Track 1; Wrestling 1; Herpetology Club Executive Officer 1; Spirit Club 3,4; Lillis Award 4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; "The test of a man's character is what it takes to stop him."

Robert A. Bridges
 Wrestling 1,2; "Twelfth Night," "Children of Eden" Story Teller 3, "Kentucky Cycle" Taskwon Quantrill, "Good Person of Setzuer" Shiu Fu 4; Outdoors Club 1; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Hackey Sack Club 4; First Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; "Life is a short chance to make a difference."

Tim Bridgham
 Cross Country 1; Lacrosse 1,2,3; "Beckett," "Twelfth Night," "The Kentucky Cycle;" Hackey Sack Club 3, President 4; FCA 2,3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and



Brian Quarnstrom hangs out in the SGA office during Homecoming.



Zach Schopper, Justin Goode, and John Finley help move canned food during the Harvest Food Drive.



Troy Murray, Jonathon Mossie, and Ryan McIntosh sign up for the Blood Drive in the cafeteria during Activity Period.

different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how His ways will really satisfy you."-Romans 12:2

Charles Bush
 Cross Country 3, Captain 4; Track 3,4; Football 1; NHS 3,4; Regis Club 2,3; Student Ambassador 2,3; TIE 3,4; First Honors 1,2; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; Quarry Yearbook Student Life Editor 3.

Nick Capoccia
 Football 1,2,3; Lacrosse 2,3,4; Golf Club 4; Regis Club 2; "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die."-Dave Matthews

Brian Carson
 Basketball 1,2,3,4; MEET Group 2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 2.

Matt Cavlovich
 Herpetology Club 2,3; Amnesty International 3,4; Senior Brother 4; Second Honors 1,2.

John Chagoyan
 Football 1; Flying Club 3,4; Ecology Club 4; Herpetology Club 4; "Don't let money change you."

Raymond Chang
 Baseball 1,2,3,4; Asian Club 3, Vice-President 4; Spanish Club 4; Golf Club 4; All District First Team 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3; All-Metro 3; Class Honors 3; "Never be satisfied! Keep on...rollin! You never win until you lose!"

Dustin Charapata

Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Outdoors Club 1; Quarry Yearbook Photo Editor 3; NHS 3,4; Intramurals 4; Second Honors 1; First Honors 2,3,4; "In my past, the fears don't last though some of them have stayed."

Sal Cicero
 Football 1,2,3; Wrestling 1; Herpetology Club 4; Second Honors 1; "Spice it up."

Pat Clark
 Outdoors Club 1; Spanish Club 2,3; Prep News Layout Editor 3; First Honors 1,2; Second Honors 3,4; "Life's a dance; you learn as you go."

Chris Clarkson
 Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Rugby 4; SGA Class Representative 3,4; Rockfest 2,3, Chairman 4; Spirit Club 4; Second Honors 1,2,4; R-Award 1,2,3,4; "Short and tan, that's the way God made me."

David Clisbee
 Soccer 1; Newspaper

3, Advertising Editor 4; "The night life ain't no good life, but it's my life."-Willie Nelson

Danny Connell
 Wrestling 1; Football 1,2,3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Herpetology Club 4;

"Veni. Vidi. Vici. I came. I saw. I conquered...at least in all my electives."

Phillip Conway
 Pep Band 1,2,3; Chapel Choir 1,2,3,4; Pit Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2; Technical Theater 1,2, Sound director for "Kentucky Cycle" 4; National Thespian Society 2,3,4; Art Club 4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; R-Award 1,2; Xavier Book Award 3; "All that I have seen teaches me to trust in my creator for all I have not seen."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kevin Cotter
 Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Hackey Sack Club Vice President 4; First Honors 1,2,3,4;

Best Album

- 1.) "Marshall Mathers L.P." Eminem
- 2.) "No Strings Attached" N'Sync
- 3.) "Kid A" Radiohead
- 4.) "Beatles I" the Beatles
- 5.) "Californication" Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 6.) "All That You Can't Leave Behind" U2
- 7.) "Oops! I Did It Again" Britney Spears
- 8.) "Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water" Limp Bizkit
- 9.) "Chronic 2001" Dr.Dre
- 10.) "Everyday" Dave Matthews Band

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Ryan Anderson and Adam Balentine goof around in the hallway on their last day of school.

Theology Award 3; "Romans 5:3-5"

Doug Croy

Soccer 1,2,3; Lacrosse 2,3; Spanish Club 2,3,Vice President 4; Herpetology Club 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 3,4; Triple Crown 2,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4;

"I'm lucky I wasn't born in Mexico; they'd race me in Mexico."

Michael Daly

Football 1; SPA 3,4; Kairos 3,4; NHS 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Eagle Scout 1;

"I left my home to find myself, came back and looked in the mirror, and there I was, me and me, face to face."-Storyhill

Michael Day

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,3,4; Track 3; Intramurals 3,4; Rockfest Committee 2,3,4; Classics Club 1,2; Spirit Club 4; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3; Scholar Athlete 4; *"Desire and dedication are an athlete's*



RHS' seniors cheer on the spring sports teams during the final pep rally of the year in the gymnasium.

greatest assets."-
Michael Jordan Jarrett

Devereaux
Track 1,2,3; Soccer 1,2,3,4; MEET Group 1,2,3,Vice President 4; All-Metro 4; All-Midwest 4; Solid as a Rock 4;

Luke Dlabal

Football 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Chess Club 2,3; NHS 3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Senior Jazz Band 2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3; 4 #2 rankings at Districts for Jazz Band 1,2,3; #1 All-District Jazz 3;

"A challenging time full of learning and opportunities."

Brian Dreis

Football 1,2,3,1st Team All-Metro, MO/KAN Magazine-Top 35 Players in MO, KC Star -Top 10 recruits in KC 4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Men's Choir 1,2,3,4; Rockfest 1,2,3,4; *"To be the best, the only thing you have to give is everything you have."*

Matt Dunham

Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Outdoors Club 1; Herpetology Club Treasurer 4; Pep Band 1,2; Accurso Scholarship 3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; Eagle Scout 2; *"Do it up right!"*

Jason Dunsworth

Football 1,2,3,4 Captain, 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Metro 4; Lacrosse 2; Track 1,3; Baseball 4; MEET Group 4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; *"You can't stop me. 14-0"*

Scott Edmonds

Football 1,3,All-State, All-Metro, All-District, All-Regional 4; Basketball 1,3,4; Track 4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; *"I always knew deep down Coach Morris was a good guy."*

Mike Euston

Football 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3, Secretary 4; Herpetology Club 3,Vice President 4; Second Honors 1,2; First



Andy Tiehen poses for a picture in the hallway on his way to class.



Chris Ryan takes a water break after striking the set during tech theater.

Honors 3,4; *"I forgot what I was going to say..."*

Tim Euston

Football 1; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4; Mission Week Donut Eating Champion 4; *"The mind's a tale that can't be told."*-*Led Zeppelin*
Ryan Fagan
Football 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,Vice President 3,President 4; PUNT Co-founder 3,4; Herpetology 3,Secretary 4; Racquetball 2; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Bowling Club 3; Triple

Crown 2,3,4; Senior Brother 4; Kairos 4, Kairos Leader 4; Super Mega Editor 3; Breakfast Club 2,3; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Scholar 1;

"Remember...the Villas of Tamarind, the Triple Crown, the Laskateers, Jesse's Girl, Timothy Wayne, Goben at the Homecoming Game, the 'circle,' Tisbee Frenis, Beowulf, the street with no people, Ghetto Cowboy, Bowling Night, Danny's garage, US-24, Tom Koppe, the Bagel, Buttercup, Jenga, Al, the Village of Dreams..."

Jay Finley

Hockey 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1; Battle of the Bands 4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4;

Kyle Francis

Cross-Country 1; Basketball 1,2,3; FCA 1,2,3,President 4;

Best Movie

- 1.) **Gladiator**
- 2.) **Snatch**
- 3.) **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon**
- 4.) **Traffic**
- 5.) **Finding Forrester**
- 6.) **X-Men**
- 7.) **Hannibal**
- 8.) **Road Trip**
- 9.) **Almost Famous**
- 10.) **Meet the Parents**

Hacky Sack Club 4;
Ultimate Frisbee 2,3;
Second Honors
1,2,3,4;
"Boo-yah!"

Kevin Frantze
Outdoors Club 1,2;
SPA 3,4; Academic
Honors 1,2,3;
"We are the music
makers and we are
the dreamers of
dreams."

Zach Gansert
Swimming 1, 4;
Cross Country 1,2,3;
Track 4; Pep Band
Trumpet 1,2,3; First
Honors 1,2; Second
Honors 3,4;
"The only source of
knowledge is experi-
ence."

-Albert Einstein

Jeremy Garton
Classics Club 1,2;
Chess Club 1; Quarry
Yearbook Ads/Index
Editor 3;
"Live free or die."

*"It's a beautiful day, the sky falls and
you feel like it's a beautiful day. It's
a beautiful day, don't let it get away"* -
"Beautiful Day" U2

Best Song

- 1.) "Beautiful Day" U2
- 2.) "Miss Jackson" Outkast
- 3.) "Lucky" Britney Spears
- 4.) "Hemorrhage" Fuel
- 5.) "What's Your Fantasy" Ludacris
- 6.) "On the Outside" Aaron Lewis
and Fred Durst
- 7.) "Bombudd" DJ Quick
- 8.) "Oops! I Did It Again"
Britney Spears
- 9.) "Stan" Eminem featuring Dido
- 10.) "Kid A" Radiohead



Mitch Paone, Brian Dreis, Dan Asikainen,
Thomas Schario, and Mr. Scott Farthing
practice for the Graduation Mass.



Ian Merrigan searches for the
perfect silverware as the
Prom buffet is about to open.



Greg Bass and Jordan Jump work on making raisin gingerbread
men during their Senior Service project at Our Lady of
Guadalupe. The two worked and tutored for kindergartners.

Peter Giangreco
Football 1,2,3,4;
Track 1,2;
Intramurals 1,2,3,4;
Ultimate Frisbee
1,2,3,4; Film and
Video Club 2; Stu-
dent Ambassador 2;
SGA Senior Brothers

Co-coordinator 4;
Theologian of the
Year 2; NHS 3,4;
PUNT 3,4; Battle of
the Bands Chaperone
Co-coordinator 3, T-
shirts Coordinator 4;
Quarry 2001 4; CYO
Champions 1; R-
Award 4;

"I've got an idea.
Let's pretend we're
real human beings."
-Caddyshack

Justin Goode
Ecology Club
Activities Director 2,
Recycling Committee
4; Ultimate Frisbee
2,3,4; Chair Harvest
Food Drive 4; Kairos
31 4;

"Don't foof on my
schmeh."

Sean Gratton
Rugby 2,3,4; Football
1; Amnesty Interna-
tional 3,4; Classics
Club 3,4; NHS 3,4;
"He who knows does
not speak. He who
speaks does not
know."-Lao-tzu
Jim Greffet
Basketball 1,2,3,4;
NHS 3,4; Student
Ambassador 2,3,4;
"Alright, Alright,
Alright."

Joel Gustafson
Football 1,2,3,4;

Wrestling 1; Track 2;
Flying Club 1,2,3,4;
FCA 1,2,3,4; Regis
Club 1; Hacky Sack
Club 4; Honor Roll
1,2,3,4;

Matt Haake
Soccer 1,2; Ultimate
Frisbee 2,3,4; Ecol-
ogy Club 4;
Intramurals 1,2,3,4;
"Sure we all look
through different
windows, but one's
own reality is deter-
mined by how foggy
his window is."

John Haake
Football 1,2; La-
crosse 1,2;
Intramurals 1,2,3,4;
Herpetology Club
Treasurer 1;
"En tus suenos."

Sean Hackett
Film and Audio Club
Treasurer 2, Vice
President 3, President
4; Model UN 3,4;
Economics Club Vice
President/Founder
4; Outdoors Club 1;
"Good friends aren't
the type of people
who will bail you out
of jail-They're the
ones sitting right
next to you saying,
'Dude, that was
awesome!'"

Jason Haile

Track 1,2,4; MEET
1,2,3, President 4;
SPA 3,4; SGA Senior
Class Representative
4; Ecology Club 3,4;
Second Honors 1,2;
First Honors 3,4;
"Ready, GO! Jason
Haile, aka Granezo,
aka JJ, aka J. Haile,
aka Haile Dogg, aka
LP...you know the
name. Peace out,
kid!"

Chris Hapka
Football 1,2,3,4;
Economics Club
President 4; NHS 3,4;
First Honors 1,2,3,4;
"I'm not lazy, it
takes up all my
time."

John Harbison
Tennis 2,3,4; Span-
ish Club 2,3,4; NHS
3,4; Spanish II
Student of the Year
2; First Honors 2;
Ignatian Honors 3,4;
"Picture me rollin'" -
Tupac Shakur

Adam Henderson
Math Club 1,2,3,4;
Fench Club 4; Senior
Brother 4; Math
Award 2,3; Batz 3;
Ignatian Honors
2,3,4;

"To alcohol, the
cause of and solu-
tion to all of life's

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At the end of his final day at RHS, Kyle Francis carries out his belongings for the last time.



Senior Brothers John Leese, Andrew Mallow, Benton Keatley, Sean McLaughlin, John Nugent, and Teddy Worth take a break from Freshmen Orientation and discuss what will be next in store for the day.



Pat Kowalski and his date wave to the crowd at Pre-Prom.



Mike McIntyre, Eric Scanlan, Kevin Cotter, and Joel Gustafson head to their final class.

Mike Knopke

Lacrosse 1; Rugby 3,4; Herpetology Club 3;

"Sometimes are good, sometimes are bad, but you can't remember the times you never had."

Matt Kopp

Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2;

Lacrosse 1; Track 2,3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Class President 1, Class President 2, Representative 3, Representative 4; French Club 1,2,3,4; Rockfest 2,3; NHS 3,4; CYO Basketball 3,4; SADD 1,2; Modern Physics Club President 4, Student Ambassador 1,2,3; Senior Brother 4; FCA 1,2; Spirit Club 2,3, Class Representative 4; Kairos 3,4; TIE 4; Theology Award 1; R-Award; First Honors 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3.

"The experience after losing State junior year and working hard in the off season to go 14-0 State Champs Senior year. Also, are you eating that?"

Adam Korth

Soccer 1,2; Regis Club 2,3,4; Financial Advisor 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Speech and Debate 2,3,4; Outdoors Club 1,2; Golf Club 3,4; Mock Trial 3.

"Life is like a box of Chocolates. You never know what you are going to get, but

problems."-Homer Simpson

Thomas Henggeler

Wrestling 1; Ecology Club 1,2,3;

"All's well that ends well."

Daniel Heryer

Ecology Club 2,3, President 4; Rock Collection 2, Assistant-editor 3, Editor 4; Book of the Month Club 3,4; SPA 2,3,4;

"My red hoodie doesn't make me a communist - the 'S' stands for Squid. I admit that I am different, but I hope I have taught you about acceptance, as you have taught me."

Stephen Hiatt

Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Science Knowledge Bowl 3; Senior Brother 4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Laces out, Finkle! You want some water?"*

Michael Hicks

SADD 1,2,3; Spanish Club 4; MEET 2; Class Honors 3,4;

Second Honors 1,2;

"Live your life like there's no tomorrow."

Sean Hughes

3-Pelt 4; Ecology Club 1,2,3, Greens Keeper 4; SPA 2,3, Model UN Chairman 4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Breakfast Club 2,3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4;

"Let's get krunked up!"-57th St. Rogue Dawg Villains

Patrick Jakopchek

Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Intramural Ultimate Frisbee 3,4; Student Government Class Representative 3, Senior Class President 4; Students for Political Action Publicity Chairman 3,4; Ecology Club Information Chairman 2,3,4; Latin Club 1,2; NHS 4; Yearbook Super-Mega Editor 3.

"What's cool today won't necessarily be cool tomorrow. So, you might as well just be yourself-unless, of course, you're an —hole."-Dennis Miller

Stephan Jean-Francois

Wrestling 1; Flying Club 3,4; Pep Band 2; John Philly Sousa Award 2;

"The one and only Haitian Sensation is from Rockhurst!"

David Johnson

Football 2; Ice Hockey 2; Spanish Club 1; Intramurals 4; Yell Leader 1; Harvest Food Drive 1.

"What I have learned at Rockhurst is priceless."

Matt Judy

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Go Chicken Go Club 3; Flying Club 3; NHS 3,4; First Honors 2,3,4; Second Honors 1.

"I learned that life is not fair when you think your winning, you're really losing. The best things in life are free. Finally, you don't always get what you want but if you try sometimes you might find you get what you need."

Jordan Jump

Cross Country 1,2,3; Crew 3,4; Outdoors Club 1; Computer Club 3.

"When you begin, you may look at the long path between you and the end. When it's all over, you will wish it longer."

Benton Keatley

Soccer 1; Rugby 2,4; Intramural Basketball 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; MEET 2; SPA/Model U.N. 3,4; Pro-Life Club 4; First Honors 1,2; Class Honors 3,4.

"On the Cone."

- Coach Phil Baker

Corbin Keech

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Art Club 3,4; NHS 3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4.

"Hey Corbin, the 1980s called. They want their hair back."

Mitch Kelly

Golf 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Second Honors 1; First Honors 2; Class Honors 3.

"Why did I do all of this work to go to MU?"

Patrick Klug

Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Drama Department 3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3;

"I'll study later."

you never know what you have till it's gone."

Francis Kot

Chess 1,2,3; Second Honors 1,2,3,4. "In three words I can sum up everything that I have learned in life. It goes on." - Robert Frost

Jeff Kratofil

Golf team 2,3,4; Prep News Managing Editor 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; All-Missouri Award for Prep News 3; First Honors 1,2,3,4.

"The door is wide open. All I have to do is walk in."

Ian Kuklenski

Flying Club 1,2,3,4; Ecology Club 3,4; Outdoors Club 1; Art Club 4; Work Grant 1,2,3,4.

"It's all Good."

John Leese

Football 1; Wrestling 1; Spanish Club Treasurer 1,2,3,4; "Junior Ironman" Champions 3; First Honors 1,2,3; Ignatian Honors 4; "Rockhurst is not a buffet!" - Putty

Travis Levitt

Photo Club 1, Debate 1,2,3,4; Drama 3,4; Hackey Sack Club 4.

"Is it mandatory?"

John Linhoff

Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Intramurals 12,3; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Flying Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; SGA 1,2,3,4; Science Olympiad 3; Quarry Yearbook Sports Editor 3; World History Student of the Year 2; U.S. History Student of the Year 3; First Honors 1; Ignatian

Honors 2,3,4

"Keeps my eyes open for most of the day and as for my memories the things that people say." - Phish

Jeremy Long

Football 1; Wrestling 1,2; Outdoor Club 1; Ultimate Frisbee Club 3,4; Regis Club 3,4; Second Honors 3,4.

"Veni, Vedi, Veci!"

Andrew Mallow

Soccer 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; SGA Senior Class Vice President 4; Breakfast Club 2,3,4; Kairos 4.

"Kenny Rogers once said, 'You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, know when to run... Talkin about North Leawood.'"

David Manning



Andrew Mallow, Jason Dunsworth, Matt Judy, Brenden Matthews, Brian Quarnstrom, Peter Schloegel, and Ryan Fagan goof around in the hallway during passing period.

Football 1,2,3, All District 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4 All Metro, Second All State 3, Senior Captain 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Prep News Assistant Editor 2,3,4; Student Ambassador 2; Spanish Club 2; Challenge 2000 3; Senior Brother 4; Prep News 2,3,4; Spirit Club 3,4; SGA 4; Kairos 4; Harvest Food Drive 4; Freshman Class Coordina-

tor 4; Kairos 4; Second Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; P.E. Award 1. "Let's go and set the world on fire."

Kyle Martin

Lacrosse 2,3,4; Flying Club 1,2,3, Vice-President 4; Spirit Club 1,2,3, Vice-President 4; Science Knowledge Bowl 1,2,3; Ignatian Honors 3,4; First Honors 1,2; R-Award 3.

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." J.F.K.

Robert Mashburn

Football 1; Wrestling 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; MEET Group 2, Vice President 3,4; Student Government Class Representative 2; Ecology Club 2.



Joe Van Oeveren and Kevin Weiss finish their homework in computer class.

"Don't play leapfrog with a unicorn."

Evan Mason

Football 1,2,3; Rugby 3,4; Ecology Club 1; Student Ambassador 2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4;

"If there's grass on the field, play ball. If not, then just play in the mud."

Michael Matthews

Football 1. "Rockhurst is one of the greatest experiences of life, enjoy it,

enjoy the good times, and enjoy the people that come with it."

Justin McFarland

Football 1; Baseball Manager 1,2,3,4; Regis Club 3; Spanish Club 1,2,3.

"Be led by your dream, not pushed by your problems."

Paul McGannon

Lacrosse Manager 1; Regis Club Vice-President 2,3,4; Flying Club 2,3,4; SADD 2; TIE 4; Harvest Food Drive Co-Chair 4.

"There are people who come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime."

Sean McLaughlin

Swimming 1,2,3, Captain 4; Lacrosse 1,2; Students for Political Action 3, Election 2000 Chair-



Michael Mereghetti, Daniel Welsh, Robert Mashburn, Patrick Jakopchek, Jarrett Devereaux, Sal Cicero, Brenden Matthews, and Kevin O'Brien take their time walking down the hallway to their final classes.

man 4; Amnesty International Vice-President 3,4; NHS 3,4; Quarry Yearbook Academics Editor 3; Kairos Leader 3,4; American History Award 3; Colgate University Book Award 3; State Swimming Qualifier 3,4; First Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4. **Pat McMurtray** Football 1; Wrestling 1,2; Rugby 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4;

Regis Club 1,2; Classics Club Treasurer 1,2; Economics Club Vice-President 4; Yell Leader 4; Second Honors 1,3,4. "Fat, Drunk, and Stupid is no way to go through life!"

Brian Meagher

Soccer 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 3; Senior Brother; Kairos 3,4; 3-Pelt 4; Spanish Club 3,4; Intramurals 3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4.

"They don't know me."

Michael Mereghetti

Bowling 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 2.

"The things in life we cannot have, are the

things we want the most!"

Ian Merrigan

Theater 1,2,3,4; Studio Theater Council 3,4; Speech and Debate 1,2,3; Debate Award 3; First Honors 3.

Jerry Miller

Soccer 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir (guitar) 2; NHS 3,4; Second Honors 1; First Honors 2,3,4; Attendance Award

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FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER

- 1.) SCOOBY DOO
- 2.) HOMER SIMPSON
- 3.) BUGS BUNNY
- 4.) BART SIMPSON
- 5.) SNOOPY
- 6.) DILBERT
- 7.) SHAGGY
- 8.) DEXTER
- 9.) MICHAELANGELO
- 10.) SPACE GHOST

1,2,3.
"If you see a line go stand in it. Probably can't hurt nothing."
 Anonymous

Jeff Mincher
 Football 1,2,3,4;
 Track 1,2,3; Visual Arts Club 1,2,3; NHS 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee Club 3,4; First Honors 1,2; Ignation Honors 3,4; National Merit Commended Student 4.

"If you ever drop your keys in a pool of molten lava, don't try to get them out, cause man...they're gone."

John Mitchell
 Pep Band 1,2; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Rock Collection Staff 3,4; Ecology Club 2, Vice-President 3, Presi-

Captain 1,2,3,4.
"When is this Due?"
John Mossie
 Football Manager 1; Basketball Manager 2; Film and Video Club President 2,3,4.
Sean Mueller
 Engineering Club 1,2, President 3,4; Science Club 1,2,3,4; Classics Club 1,2,3, Aedile 4; R-Award 3; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3.
"Via est Romana Via."

Danny Mulhern
 Football 1; Intramurals 1,2,3; Ecology Club 2; Herpetology Club 2.
"It's been a great four years."

Wade Muller
 Football 1; Basketball

Football 1; Wrestling 1; NHS 3,4; TIE 3; SPA and Model UN 3,4; Amnesty International 3,4; Intramurals 1,2; First Honors 1,2; Ignation Honors 3; A.P. Honors 3.

"Some of us are born lazy, others have to work at it every day of their lives, I guess I'm just one of the lucky ones."

Philip Murphy
 Wrestling 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir 2,4; SPA 4; Classics Club 3; Spirit Club 4.
"Don't be afraid to dream, and never stop believing."

Troy Murray
 Track 2; Film and Video Club President 2,3,4; Environment



Joe Feierabend dresses down for Mrs. Greany's pottery class.



Chris Walkenhorst works on homework on the bridge to the Rose Theater, as was his habit most days.



Philip Conway shows off one of his art projects from Ms. Greany's pottery class.



Ian Kuklenski, Jonathon Mossie, and Jeremy Garton enjoy their last pottery class at RHS.

Daily die to self."
Matthew Newell
 Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 4; Regis Club 2,3; Financial Advisor 4; Second Honors 1.
"What we do in life echoes in eternity."
 - Russell Crowe
(Gladiator)

Andre Newsom
 Football 1,2; Track 1; Ecology Club 4; Classics Club 1,2,3,4.
"I didn't do anything at all."

Elliott Nickell
 NHS Vice-President 3,4; Book of the Month Club 3; Ecology Club 2,3; Peer Tutoring 3,4; R-Award 3; Perfect Attendance 2,3; Ignation Honors 3,4.
"It depends on what the meaning of 'is' is."
 - Bill Clinton

Michael Nigro
 SGA Vice-President 4; Pep band 1,2; Chapel Choir 4; Jazz Combo 2,3; Debate 1; Stu-

dent of Recycling Committee 4; Ultimate Frisbee Club 3,4; Kansas City for Kosovo 3; Jazz Impression Award 3; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3.
"Rockhurst has transformed us from ordinary citizens to extraordinary ones. Men to serve the world."

Richard Moritz
 Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Hockey Assistant

1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2, Vice President 3, President 4; Student Ambassador 2,3; Student Council 3,4; Art Club 2,3; R-award 1, 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; First Team All Conference Lacrosse 3.
"I never thought four years would go by so fast."

Brendan Murphy
 Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 4;

Club Recycle Committee 3,4; Model UN 3,4; Second Honors 2,3; First Honors 3.
"You are not a unique snowflake, you are the all singing all dancing of the world...You are not the contents of your wallet, you are not the car you drive, you are not your Italian ties, or the size of your house, you are not your tainted Kha-

kis."
 -Tyler Durden
Matt Myers
 Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Outdoors Club 1; Second Honors 1,2.
"I hate pigs."
Jeff Newby
 Track 2; SGA Junior Class Vice-President 3; SGA Chairman of the Pastoral Committee 4; Political Philosophies Club President 4; One Love Worship Service Co-founder 4; Hackey Sack Club 4.
"Daily live to love,

dent Ambassador 2,3; R-Award 2; Principal's Leadership Award 2; Fairfield University Book Award 3.

"Success is measured by how much you had to give up to achieve it."

Eric Noblet

Football 1; Lacrosse 1; Rugby 3,4; Punt 3; Kairos 3; Kairos Leader 4; Second Honors 1,2.

"I am actually going to graduate."

John Nugent

Swimming 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; SPA 3,4; NHS 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4.

Chris Oades

Football 1; Cross Country 2; Chipotle Club 3; Herpetology Club 2.

"The object of war is not to die for your country, but to make the other man die for his...you don't want none, Phelps!"

Kevin O'Brien

Class Honors 1,2. *"I did not use all of my potential to the fullest, and only as a senior, do I realize that if I had asserted my talent fully, I would have gone above and beyond my own limits."*

Kyle O'Brien

"Hi! My name is Kyle, but you can call me KYYYYYYYYYLLE!!!"

Pat O'Brien

Football 1; Golf 2,3,4; NHS 4; Breakfast Club Head Chair 2,3,4; 3-Pelt 4; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3,4.

"Garbage in, garbage out."- Frank Lyngar

Steven O'Connor

Football 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3;

Baseball 2; Track 3,4.

"The true test of a man's character is what it takes to stop him."

Sean O'Donnell

Track 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3; Cross Country 4; Regis Club 1,2,3; NHS President 3,4; Math Award 1; French Award 1; Social Studies Award 3; All-Metro/All-State Cross Country 4; NHS President 4; Magis Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

"Do not follow where the path may lead; go



Jordan Jump adds a layer of colored slip to the top of his piece in wheel pottery.

instead where there is no path and leave a track."

Matt O'Laughlin

Football 1; Rugby 2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 2,3,4. *"It's not that I'm lazy, it's that I just don't care."*

Dan Olson

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Golf 2; Senior Brother; Rockfest Planner/Scorekeeper 3; Debate 1; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3. *"First, do it, then say it."*

Mitch Paone

Outdoors Club 1,2; Club Ride Vice President 3,4; Visual Arts Club 1,2,3,4;

Herpetology Club 2,3; Engineering Club 1; Photo Club 2; Ultimate Frisbee Club 2,3,4; Basketball Intramural 1,2,3; Jazz Combo II (Piano) 2; Jazz Combo I (Piano) 3,4; Outstanding Choral Student 1; Second Honors 2,3;

"Basically 21 years of preparation for the next chapter in my life."

Eric Pashman

Football 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Classics



Ryan Fagan and his father Mr. John Fagan enjoy the first ever Alumni BBQ.

Club 1,2,3,4; Monopoly Club 4; National Merit Semi-Finalist 4; R Award 3; 5 Departmental Awards 1,2,3; AP Scholar 4; Class Honors 1,2,3; *"Dormiendum Erat Mihi."*

Thom Persley

Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1; Meet Club 1,2,3,4; Spring Musical 2,4; Musical 4; SADD 2; St. Regis Club 2,3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; First Honors 1; Second Honors 2,3; *"Do all things. Do them well."*

Hieu Pham

Track 1; Chess Club 1,2; Math Club 3,4;

Science Club 1,2,3,4; Engineering Club Co-President 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Class Honors 1,2,3;

"Some may think its finally over, its the end, and that everything here has finally come to a close, but its just the beginning."

John Phelps

Rugby 3,4; *"I got a bucket of love, and more where that came from."*

Kesler Pollard

Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Yell



Matt O'Laughlin, Chris Oades, John Phelps, and Bill Stack enjoy their final moments walking down the halls as seniors.

Leader 2,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Vice President 3; NHS 3,4; Kairos 3,4; Jazz Band 1,2; Classics Club 1,2,3,4;

"Accomplishing a difficult deed is a good measure of a worthy soul."

Chris Poskin

Baseball 1,2; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Intramural Volleyball 2,3,4; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3; *"Rockhurst is the door to countless opportunities."*

Joe Price

Soccer 4; Track 3; National Honors Society 3,4; R-Award 2; National Honors Society 3; Bryan

Bolden Award 4; *"Everything is a struggle, you just have to pick your battles, and know how to play the game."*

Andy Proulx

Pep Band 3,4; National Merit Semi-Finalist 4; AP Scholar 3; First Alternative Tuba All-District Band 4; French Award 3;

"Life is complex-it has both real and imaginary parts."

Brian Quarncrom

Football 1,2,3,4;

Wrestling 1; Track 1,2,3; Rugby 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 3,4; Outdoors Club 1,2; Young Republicans Club 3,4;

"Hold on Schloegel!...."Everybody have fun tonight, Everybody Wang Chung tonight"

Justin Quick

Baseball 1,2,3; Intramural Basketball 2,3; Intramural Volleyball 2,3; NHS 3,4; Speech and Debate 1,2; First Honors 1,2,3; *"If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything."*

Zach Ramirez

Lacrosse 2,4; Wres-

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tling 2; Quarry Yearbook Organizations Editor 3; Amnesty International President 3,4; NHS 3,4; Student Success Center Tutor 3,4; Fencing Club Founder and President 4; Yell Leaders 2; Spanish Club 2,3,4; SGA 4; Senior Brothers 4; First Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; "Does anybody really know what time it is? Does anybody really care about time at all?"-Chicago

FCA 3,4; Challenge 2000 3; "To whom much is given, much is expected."
Jonathan Rhodes Football 1; Intramurals 2,3; S.A.D.D. 1,2; Regis Club 1; Film and Video Club 3,4; NHS 4; Spanish Club 4; Senior Brother 4; Second Honors 2,3,4; "About 720 days, \$24,000, 40,000 miles traveled, and no girls. I keep forgetting how lucky I am to go to this school."

Zach Schopper Regis Club 2,3,4; SADD 2; Flying Club 4; "Don't sweat the small stuff."
Brian Schroeder Debate 1,2,3,4; Mock Trial 2,3; Flying Club 1,2; Regis Club 2; SPA 3,4; Theatre Club

on earth, for what's heaven? What's earth? All in the mind."-Jack Kerouac
Nick Shuler Soccer 1; Quarry Yearbook People Editor 3; Spanish Club 3,4; Science Club 1; Regis Club 2,3; NHS 3,4; First

2,3,4; Regis Club 1,2,3; Students for Political Action 3,4; Hackey Sack Club 4; Senior Brother 4; Tailgating Club 1,4; Prep News 2, Feature Layout Editor 3; Sports Editor 4; National Merit Commended Student 4; Magis Honors 1,2,3,4; "I tried not to let my schooling get in the way of my education."-Mark Twain
Frank Spalitta Intramural Soccer; Intramural Frisbee; Herpetology Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2; Ecology Club 4; NHS 4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4;

Alex Staab Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Track 2,3; FCA 2,3; Rockfest 2,3,4; Spirit Club 4; Newspaper 3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4;



Joe Feierabend designs his own RHS Hawklet in computer class.



Justin Goode, Zach Schopper, Stephan Jean-Francois, and Paul McGannon laugh about their Mom Prom pictures during Acitivity Period.



David Ziegler crams for his test in the hall before class.



Ian Merrigan asks why his RHS career has to end so soon.

Ryan Raybould Soccer 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2; Basketball 1; NHS 3,4; Student Ambassador 1,2,3,4; Rockfest Committee 3,4; Who's Who in American High Schools 1,2,3,4; First Honors 1,2; Class Honors 3,4; "Anything is possible."

Tim Reardon Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; R-Award; First Honors 1,2,3,4; TIE 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 2,3,4; SGA 2,3; "I like 'em ditzzy, and by the way, where's Schloegel?"

Trevin Reed Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Track 3; Flying Club 1,2,3;

John Rogler Cross Country 1; Track 1; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Spanish Club 4; Latin Club 1,2; NHS 3,4; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3,4; "This is the strangest life I've ever known." - Jim Morrison
Eric Scanlon Football 1,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Flying Club 1,2, President 3, President 4; "Hard work pays off in the end."

Tom Schario Theater 1,2,3,4; Men's Choir 1,4; Drama Club 2,3,4; Chapel Choir 1,2,3,4; Regis Club 1,2; "O si yo! Ha dlu digalow?"

1,2,3,4; Forensics Department Award 3; "The only easy day was yesterday."

Matthew Schwenke Soccer 1; Theater 1,2,3,4; Music-Vocal 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Studio Theatre Council Secretary 4; Film and Video 2; NHS; Music Choir Award 1,3 "Make the harder choice."

Brandon Shelby Lacrosse 2; Football 1; Art Club 3; Film and Video 1; 1st Honors 1; 2nd Honors 2; "Anonymity in the world of men is better than heaven

Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; All-State Yearbook Award;
Jack Smedile Soccer 1,2; Tennis

Best Video Game

- 1.) Madden 2001 (PS2)
- 2.) 007: The World Is Not Enough (N64)
- 3.) Perfect Dark (N64)
- 4.) Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask (N64)
- 5.) Tony Hawk's Pro Skater II (PS)
- 6.) Mario Tennis (N64)
- 7.) SSX Snowboarding (Drmcst)
- 8.) Mario Golf (N64)
- 9.) Final Fantasy IX (PS)
- 10.) NBA 2K1 (PS2)



RHS' seniors help pump up the football team before they go to State during a pep rally in the gymnasium.



Brian Meagher and Matt Haake get their supplies ready for ceramics class.



Travis Levitt and Zach Ramirez's father chat during the Alumni BBQ in the Barry Commons.

Billy Stack

Football 1; Football Manager 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Senior Brother 4; SGA 4; Outdoor Club 1; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Dont go through life asking why, but instead, why not. That's what makes life enjoyable."*

Drew Steadman

Hacky Sack Club 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; *"This is just the beginning..."*

Ryan Swarts

Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Prep News 2, Assistant News Editor 3, Co-editor in Chief 4; SGA 3; Senior Brother 4; Spanish I Student of the Year 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3; All-Missouri Award for Newspaper Design 3; First or Second Honors 1,2,3,4; *"The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. Any fool can do it."* -James Taylor

Nick Taylor

Soccer 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1; Prep News 2,3, Feature Editor 4;

NHS 3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Choose the road less traveled. That will make all the difference."*

Chris Thorman

Lacrosse 1; Classics Club 1,2,3,4; Intramural Football 3,4; Intramural Basketball 3,4; NHS 3,4; Forensics 1,2; Science Club 2,3,4; *"The unexamined life is not worth living."* - Plato

Andy Tiehen

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1; SGA Class Vice-President 1, Class Vice-President 2; Spirit Club 4; Student Ambassador 1,2,3,4; Fellowship Christian Athletes 3,4; R-Award 1; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Rock State!"*

Austin Trombley

Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Chess Club 1,2,3,4; Silver Key in Scholastic Art Exhibition 2;

"Lord, grant me chastity and continence, but not yet."

Jon Twibell

Soccer 1,2; Rugby 4;

Intramural Basketball 3,4; Intramural Football 3,4; Intramural Volleyball 3,4; Bowling Club 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; *"Life moves pretty fast--If you don't stop and look around once and a while, you could miss it."* - Ferris Bueler

Joe Van Oeveren

Hockey 2,3,4; *"Keep your eyes open ."*

Dan Vianello

Latin Club 3; Tech Theatre 3,4; Kairos 30 3; Kairos 32 Leader 4; Habitat for Humanity 3; *"The light is brighter when coming from the shadows."*

Chris

Walkenhorst

Play: *Good Person of Setzuan* 4; 2nd Honors 2; *"I had a good run...the rest is silence."*

John Walz

Football 1; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Outdoors Club 1; SPA 4; Model United Nations 4; *"Of course I am home, I am always home, I am uncool."* - Almost Famous

Patrick Wank

Lacrosse 2,3; Intramural Basketball 1,2; Golf Club 3,4; Spanish Club 2; SGA 4; Kairos 4; Senior Brother 4; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Sweet like candy to my soul, sweet you rock and sweet you roll..."* -Dave Matthews Band
Ryan Watson
 Basketball 1,2,3,4;

Track 2,3,4; Chess Club 1,2; M.E.E.T. Group 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2;

"You know."

Kevin Weiss

Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Golf Club 3, President 4; SADD 2; Kairos 32 4; 2nd Honors 1,3,4; *"To whom much is given, much is expected."*

Danny Welsh

Football 1; Wrestling

Favorite Hangout

- 1.) Ranchmart Bowling Lanes
- 2.) Friend's House
- 3.) Ward Parkway Lanes
- 4.) Ham Ranch
- 5.) The Plaza
- 6.) Waldo Pizza
- 7.) Einstein Bros.
- 8.) McDonald's on 119th
- 9.) Joe Feierabend's Basement
- 10.) Yahweh's Coffee House

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Doug Croy and Sean Hughes talk about becoming members of the homecoming court.



Jack Smedile, Adam Korth, Nick Capoccia, Patrick Lobb, Wade Muller, and Matt Newell pose for a picture in the hallway while on their way to the Rose Theater.



Adam Balentine works in Mr. McEniry's class.



Brendan Murphy and Emily Stewart take pictures before heading off to Prom.

1; Baseball 1; Herpetology Club 4; Spanish Club 2; Outdoor Club 1; Breakfast Club 4; Kairos Leader 4;
"You can't lose what you don't put in the middle, but you can't win much either."
Brian Wilson
 Football 1,2,3,4; Rugby 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Second Honors 1,2,3;

First Honors 4; President's Scholar 1;
"Big Disappointments lead to great opportunities."
Chris Winger
 Cross Country 1,2,3, Captain 4; Track 3,4; Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Kairos 3,4; Studio Theater 3,4; Pastoral Council 1,2,3; SADD 2,3; NHS 3,4; R-Award 1,2,3; Theology Award 1;

Golden Spike Award in Cross Country 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3;
"To the world you are but one person, but to one person you may be the world."
Dave Winger
 Baseball 1,2; Regis Club 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Film and Video 1,2,3,4; Ecology Club 4; Amnesty International 1,2,3,4;
"Why buy the cow when you get the milk for free?" -Bob Steve
R.E. Wolfe
 Varsity Tennis 2; Community 2; Choir 2; Drama Club 2; Quarry Yearbook Senior Section Co-Editor 4; Model U.N. 3; NHS 4; First Honors 3,4;
"Without a struggle, there can be no progress." - Frederick Douglas
Andrew Womack
 Football 1; Baseball- Math Club 1,2,3,4; Math Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3; Jr. Science

Award 3; Ignatian Honors 2,3,4; Communications Award 1; Science Award 3; Model UN 3,4;
"Gentlemen, congratulations. May you all have happy and prosperous futures."
Ryan Worth
 Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Flying Club 3; NHS 3,4; TIE 3;
"Your attitude will determine your success in life."
Ted Worth
 Model UN 3,4; Ecology Club 4; Outdoor Club 1; Second Honors 1,3,4;
"We got the Dirty Works with the Natty Light hat, see you later T-Money." -Sal
Lucas Youngblood
 Flying Club 2,3,4; Pastoral Council 3;
Andrew Zender
 Football 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Rockfest 1,2,3; Regis Club 2,3; NHS 3,4; Chapel Choir 1,2; Spanish Club 1; Challenge 2000 3; Kairos 3,4; Rockfest 1,2,3,4; Battle of the Bands 3,4; First Honors 1,2,3;

Ignatian Honors 4;
"Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's light shining somewhere nearby."
David Ziegler
 Soccer 1,2; Track 1,2; NHS 3,4; Chapel Choir 2;
"Hard work good, hard work fine, but first take care of head."
Jesse Zora
 Hackey Sack Club 3,4; Pastoral Committee 4;
"Zorgon became Gorzon and Gorzon lives."

So long, Class of 2001. You should be very proud of your wonderful accomplishments. It won't be the same without you around.

favorite superhero

- 1.) Superman
- 2.) Spiderman
- 3.) Batman
- 4.) Wolverine
- 5.) Blankman
- 6.) The Tick
- 7.) The Flash
- 8.) Incredible Hulk
- 9.) Captain Planet
- 10.) Spawn

New title of 'Alumni' bestowed upon class of 209 seniors

Two hundred and nine Rockhurst seniors crossed the stage at the 85th annual Commencement Exercises held in Municipal Auditorium on May 20, taking the last step of their journey through RHS.

Michael Nigro, the 2001 recipient of the Carl G. Kloster, S.J., Special "R" Award, delivered the Commencement Address. He reminisced about the four years the seniors had completed together, and called on them not to look upon the day as an end of their Rockhurst careers, but as the beginning of an opportunity to put to use the skills that they learned at RHS.

At the Baccalaureate Mass prior to the Commencement Ceremony, The Rev. Thomas A. Pesci, S.J., RHS Presi-

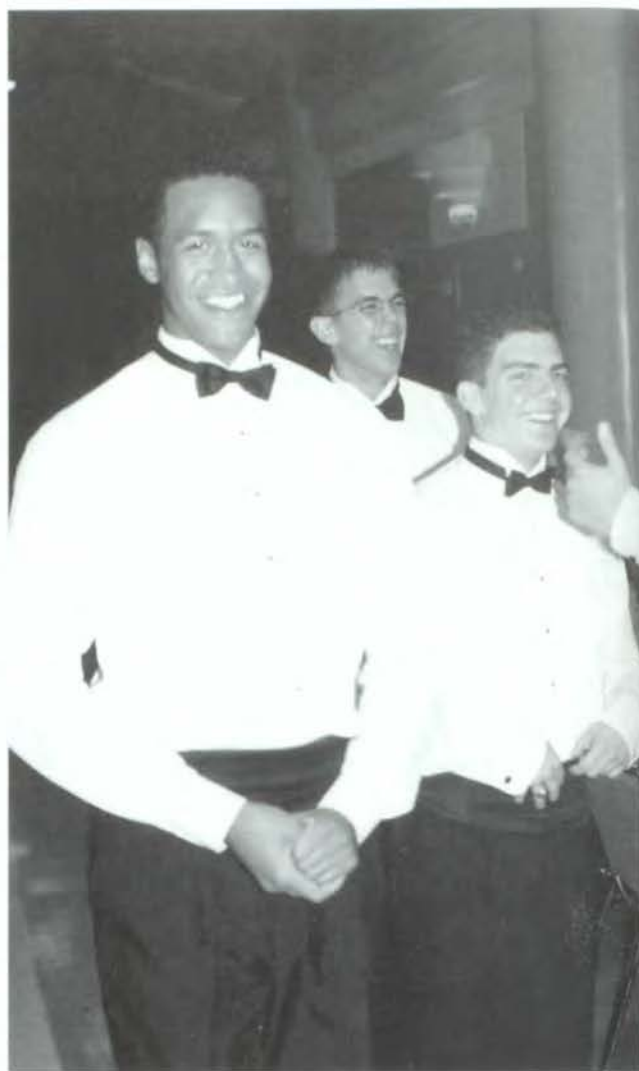
dent, delivered a homily about the old adage, "to whom much is given, more is expected," to encourage the seniors to use the things they learned at Rockhurst to benefit others as they venture out into the world.

At the end of the mass, Nick Taylor, Brian Schroeder, Jeff Newby, and Ian Merrigan each discussed one of the four years that they had completed, remembering important events and the feelings of those times.

After mass, the seniors traveled to the Grand Ballroom in Bartle Hall to enjoy a brunch with their families and friends, before returning to Municipal Auditorium, ending their time as Rockhurst students, and beginning their lifelong tenure as Rockhurst alumni.

Story by Alex Gamble

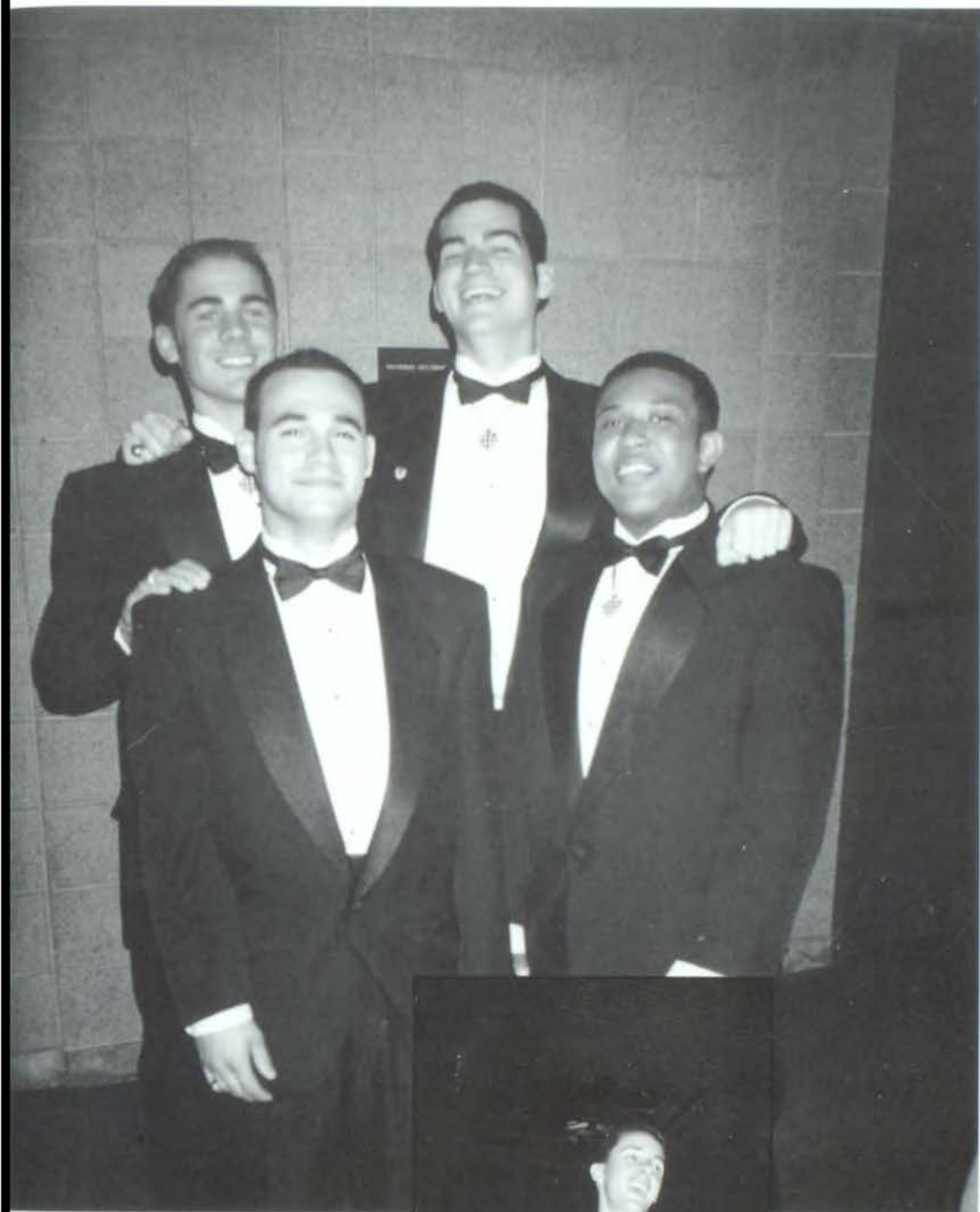
Brian Carson, Mike Day, and Alex Staab joke around during the brunch at Bartle Hall.



Mother's Club President Mrs. Jo Gratton and her son Sean pose at the brunch prior to the Commencement Exercises.



Fr. Mark Dues, S.J., Fr. Tom Pesci, S.J., and Fr. Gary Menard, S.J., concelebrated the Graduation Mass.



Robbie Arthur receives his diploma from Fr. Pesci.



Matt and his mother Mimi O'Laughlin await their meal at the graduation brunch.



Ryan Anderson shakes hands with Fr. Pesci and receives his diploma as he moves across the stage.



Michael Euston poses for a picture with his father Dan after graduation.



Thomas Henggeler receives his diploma from Fr. Pesci during the graduation ceremony.



Nick Capoccia and Mr. Rich Sullivan pose for a picture before they enter the auditorium.

Zach Schopper, P.T. McGannon, Michael Nigro, and Stephan Jean-Francois pose for a picture at Municipal Auditorium before the graduation. Sean Hackett and RHS graduate, Chris O'Boynick, pose for a picture at the graduation brunch.



Ryan Fagan and family, including his famous Grandmother Helen Fagan, and his less famous parents Margie and John enjoy the graduation brunch at Bartle Hall. Matt Kopp carries Eddie Bessenbacher around the lobby of the Municipal Auditorium for the senior's last cheer.

Class of 2001 is accepted at 120 Colleges and Universities



Seniors participate at the Baccareate Mass, their last ever as students of Rockhurst High School.



Mike Euston shakes hands with Fr. Pesci before receiving his diploma.



Michael Nigro was chosen to be the Speaker for the Graduating Class of 2001. Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs Mr. Larry Ruby hands the next diploma to Fr. Pesci.





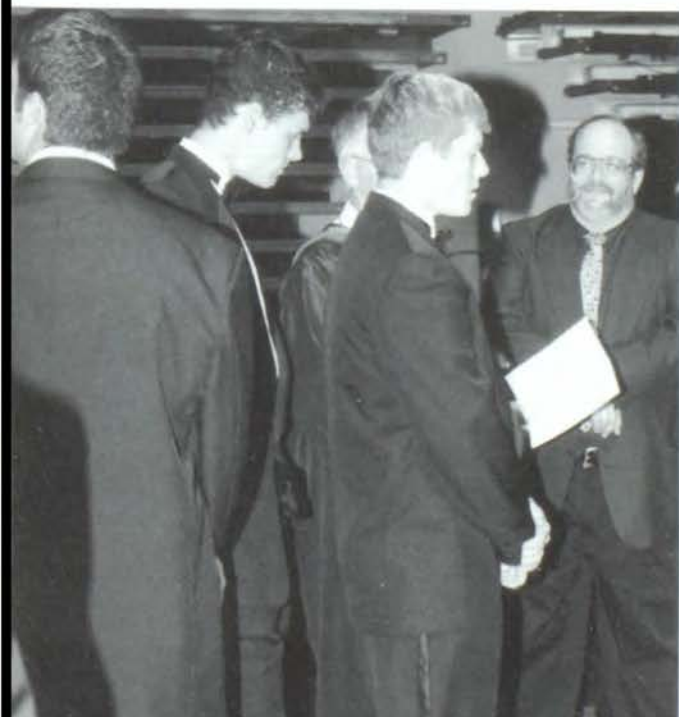
Mike McIntyre and Elliott Nickell play their guitar and cello during Communion.



Pat McMurtray, Dan Asikainen, and Pat Klug smile as they prepare to process into mass.



Fr. Tom Pesci catches up with alumnus Kevin Kopp and brother Matt Kopp, RHS Class of '93 during the Graduation Brunch.



Mr. Mike Kern and Mr. Joe Delehunt prepare to send Mike Knopke and Tom Komoroski on stage to accept their diplomas. Mitch Paone and Matt Hoefler joke around with Fr. Mark Daves as the seniors gathered before mass.

Samuel S. Davidson

Congratulation, Sammy D!!

Being a part of your growth has truly been one of God's greatest gifts. We are so proud! Believe in God...believe in your family...believe in yourself. We are always here for you.

Love From Mom and Sara



Kyle Martin



I'm so proud of you, Kyle.
Never stop reaching for your dreams.
Love, Mom

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Sean McLaughlin

"One who never dares to walk can never learn to run. Now they will run on unknown shores that we have only yet to dream of because they dared to run here at Rockhurst."
We are so proud of you, Sean.

Love, Mom, Dad and Seamus



Patrick Michael Wank

We remember when you were our little boy, an extension of our very being! Our every waking moment belonged to you. One evening when we called you to dinner you came to the table all grown up. Where did all the time in-between go? Suddenly we were to let you go! Now we shall always call you our son, but in our hearts you will always be our little boy. Congratulations! Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrew & Christopher



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Michael Mereghetti

You have brought such happiness
and love into our lives.



We love you,

Mom, Dad, Missy, Matt, Maile, Josh



Michael Keith Day

Son, always remember that
Your **WHOLE** family loves you
And is proud of **YOU!**

Success is not only measured in
Achievements **BUT** in lessons learned,
Lives touched and moments shared
Along the way!

May you never forget the **ROCK!**

Enjoy college and **ALL**
It has to offer



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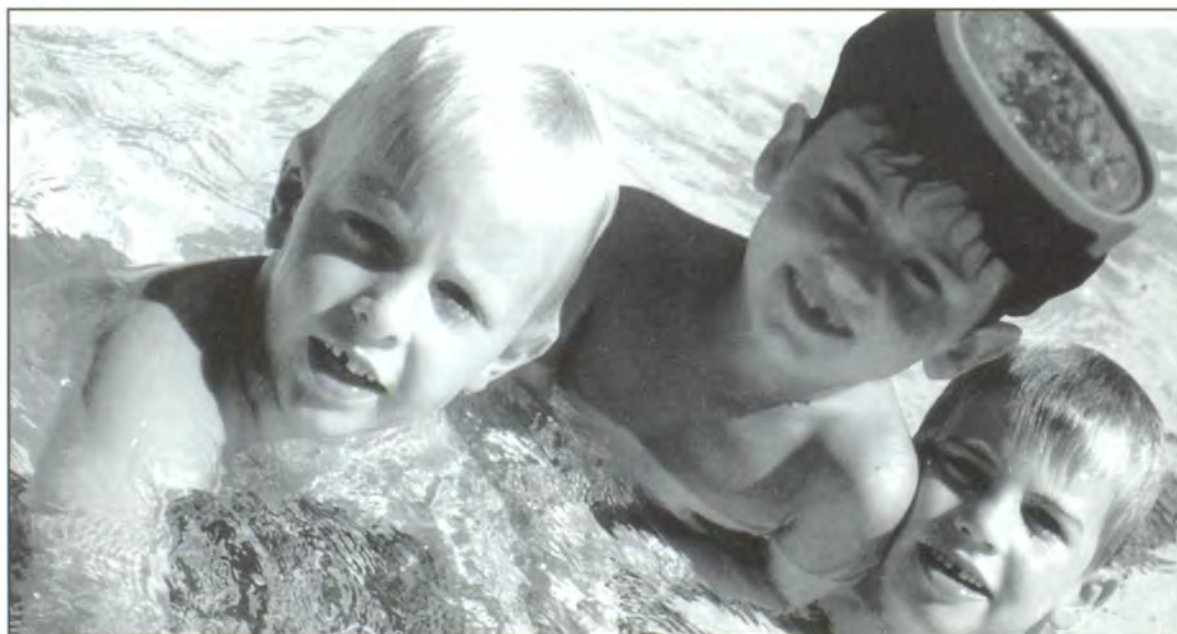
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your gift of joy to others. We
love you and wish you happiness
and success.

"Precious cargo on board."
Love, Mom, Dad,
Stephen and Lora



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Congratulations, Michael!!!

You have worked hard to graduate from Rockhurst and we are so very proud of you! These past 19 years are filled with many wonderful memories. Your bright brown eyes see deep into our hearts, and your eager smile lifts our spirits. We wish you much happiness on your continuing journey.

Love,
Mom & Dad



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John Phelps



John,
 You are a wonderful son & brother.
 Congratulations! May the next years of your life
 be filled with all your hopes and dreams
 becoming a reality. We all love you very much
 and are very proud of you. Have the courage
 to follow your dreams.
 Love,
 Mom, Dad, Carrie, Lara, Mark, Michelle & Steve

Andrew Mallow

Andrew,
 You are "simply the best!"
 Use your gifts to make your dreams reality
 and never forget how much you are loved.

Mom and Dad



Sean Hughes



Sean,
 You always took time to
 smell the roses. May the
 appreciation of the simpler
 pleasure stay with you
 throughout your life.
 Love, Mom, Dad & Sarah

Geoff Brown

Congratulations!
 Geoff, we gave you an opportunity
 and you achieved your
 goals. We are so proud of you.
 We know you will continue to
 strive and endure.
 Loving you always,
 Dad and Mom



Blaine Barnard

Whether it's Fisher Price or Ferrari -
may your dreams drive you to a happy life.

Love, Mom, Dad, Shelby - and the El Camino



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Kevin,
Your dedication and spirituality
these past four years has inspired
us and many others. You'll con-
tinue to do well, "K-BOB",
in college and onward!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelly and Chris

Ed Bessenbacher



We always knew you were a born (yell) leader!
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Nick Shuler

*"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though
nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything
is a miracle."* Albert Einstein



Expect miracles, Nick. We love you always.
Mom, Dad, Jack and Jeff

Tom Komoroski

Thomas Patrick;
Now that RHS has REALLY
taught you to fish,
you will be fed for a lifetime.



Congratulations and we love you!

Mom, Dad, Kevin, Bridget and
Mark

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Kevin,
We are very proud of you. You have brought so
much happiness and excitement into our lives.



We love you,
Mom, Dad, Paul, Pat and Meghan

Chris Oades

Chris,
You've been a blessing
from God, and you are
LOVED more than you
will ever know!
Keep striving for the best,
because the Best is yet
to come....
Love your whole bunches.
Mom, Dad, Erica, and Scooter...



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Christopher Thorman

Congratulations, Chris!
We admire the man you have
become. It's a joy being your
family. As you go out into the
world, remember we'll always
be here for you.

Mom, Dad, Joel and Twinkie



Andy Tiehen & Brian Quarnstrom

Cousins, buddies, teammates & champs!

We are so proud of you
both and look forward to
great things in your futures.
Good luck at SLU!



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John Walz

J,
Congratulations on all your accom-
plishments - you've only just begun!
We know the friendships and memo-
ries of the "Rock" will last a lifetime.
You have always made us very proud!
May your future be bright and God
continue to bless you.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

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Austin Trombley



Austin,

I couldn't be luckier than to have you as a
brother. You are one of those remarkable people
who, no matter what, has the tendency to make you
smile. I love you so much, Bub! Congratulations! -
Love forever and always, your sister, Kalista



Austin:

We always knew you would go far. No
matter where life takes you, remember that you
go with our love. We are very proud of you.
Lots of love, Mom & Dad

Jeff, Jeff Mincher

Congratulations on your success! Your greatest accomplishments are yet to come. Dream big! Thank you for the good person you are. You make us very proud in everything you do. Wherever you go, carry a part of us in your heart because you are always in ours. We love you.



Mom & Dad - Megan, Alex and Anna

John Haake

John, our favorite son!

- We are so very, very proud of you!
May God bless your life as He has blessed us with you.

- One door is closing but so many more are opening. Enjoy life and remember we will always be here to love and support you.

Love always,
Mom and Dad, Kim and Bridget



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Nick Capoccia

Nick,

After four great years at the Rock, you're now ready and well prepared to go on to the "Big Leagues." We're proud of you!

Best of luck at KU.

Love ya,

Mom, Ben & Ted



Troy Murray



Troy - We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. As you continue along life's journey keep God in your heart; try new things; be kind to others and, love what you do. We'll miss you.

We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Rachel & Peter

Matthew Payton Newell

Each day is like a work of art that's yet to be designed, an empty canvas waiting for the dreams that fill your mind... Your talents and your strengths are like the colors you can use to paint the pictures of you life in any way you choose...



Matthew, you have been a "shear" blessing!

Creighton University - Your dream fulfilled
- a portion of the canvas

We are so very proud of you

Our love, unconditional

Mom, Micah (RHS '90) and Monica (STA '95)
Creighton U. '94 U. of Maryland '98

You are more valuable than silver or gold, more priceless than rubies...Malachi 3:17

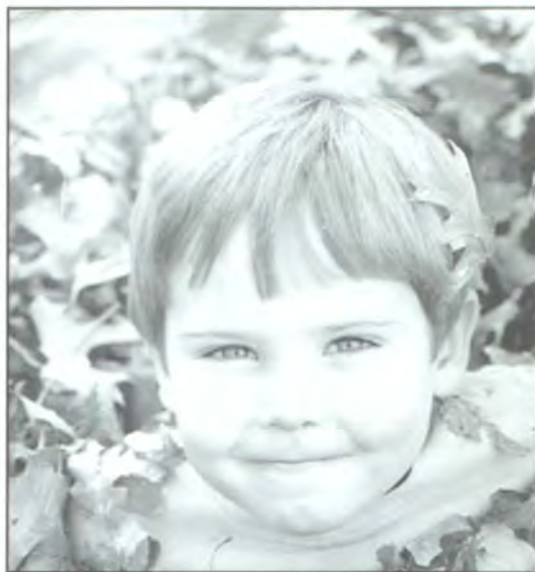
Chris Clarkson

Chris,
You've made us so proud and brought
much happiness and fun into our lives.



We love you, Mom, Kelly, Kenon, Don,
Jennifer, Audrey, Denny, Kat, and Cole!

Sean Gratton



Dear Sean,
Strong work on a great four years at RHS.
(And you thought we might get mushy!)
Love, Dad Mom, Tess & Travis

Steven O'Connor



*Your life lies out before you,
like a field of unbroken snow.
Be careful how you tread it, for
every track will show!*

-Sally Lou Winger

We are so proud. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Sean Timothy Murphy



Sean,
We're very proud of your accomplishments.
Keep your sights set high. You have your whole
life ahead of you. We're behind you every step
of the way.
We love you. Mom, Dad, Tara, Kristie & Caitlin

Donald Zacchaeus Gansert

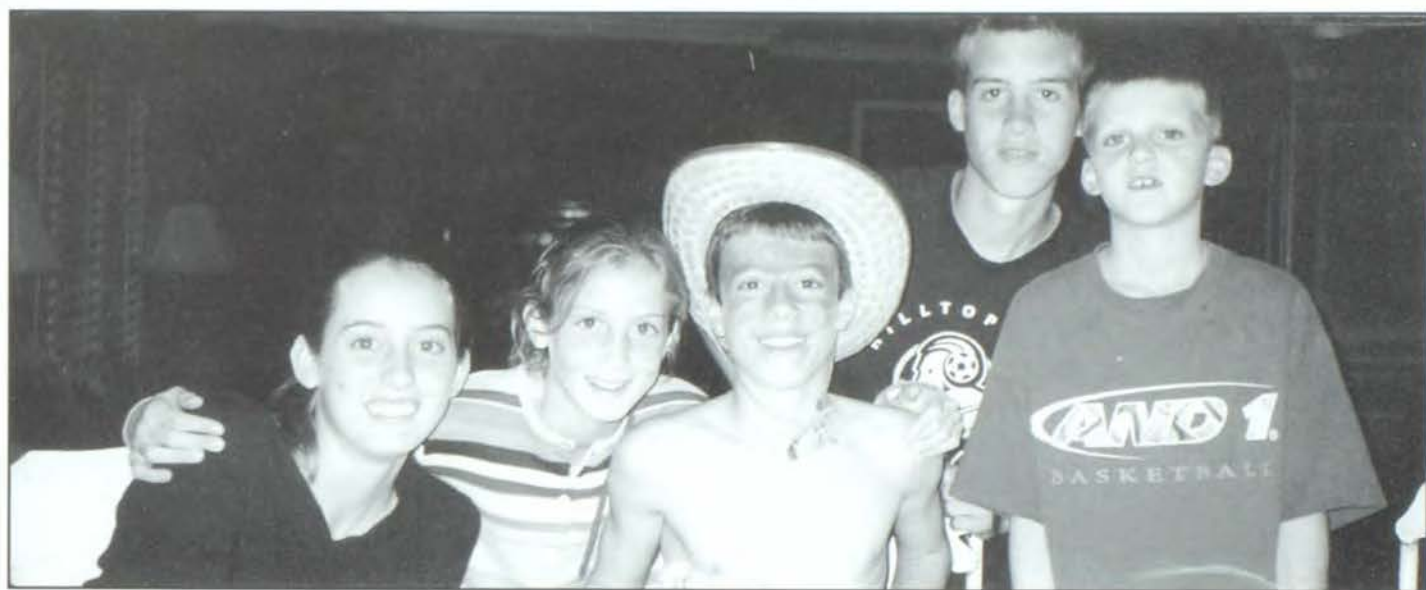
It's so wonderful to have
a special son like you,
To wish the best in life for
and be very proud of, too.

Love Mom and Dad,
Susan, Sarah, Rachal, and Jacob



Ryan "Maximus" Raybould

Ryan,
To risk nothing is to risk everything. Go meet your destiny at Yale!



All our love,
Psyche, Coyote, Jigs, Jerris, Al and Sket

Francis Kot



Francis,
With determination, one will have a goal.
With practice, one will have success.
Good Luck
Love, Mom and Stephanie

Eric Noblet

Eric, we are all very proud of you. Congratulations. As you continue to succeed in life, know that those who love you will always be there for you. Follow your dreams.

Love, Mom, Dad and Stephanie



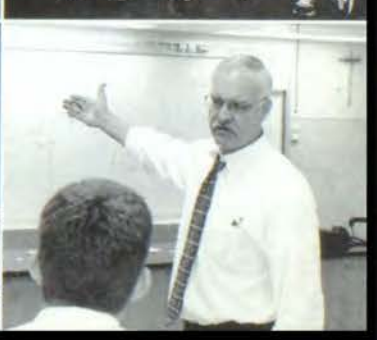
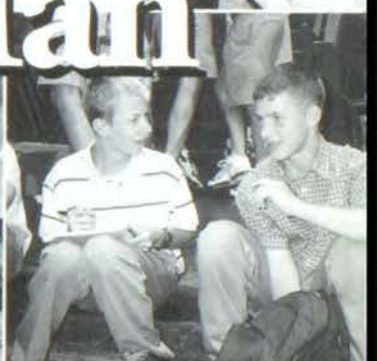
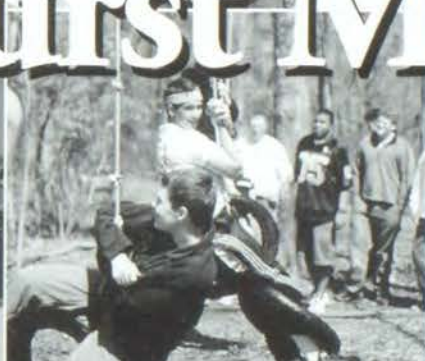


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the Rockhurst IV Man





At the completion of another cycle, more young men are turned out into the world with the hopes that they have become something better than what they were at their entrance into these halls. And while their journey is still not yet complete, they are well on their way to becoming real men for others with hearts filled with compassion and kindness. It is hoped that they are taking what they've learned here and using it in practical ways to help make others' lives better, richer, and more joyful. They are filled with hopes to go and set the world on fire.

THE END

