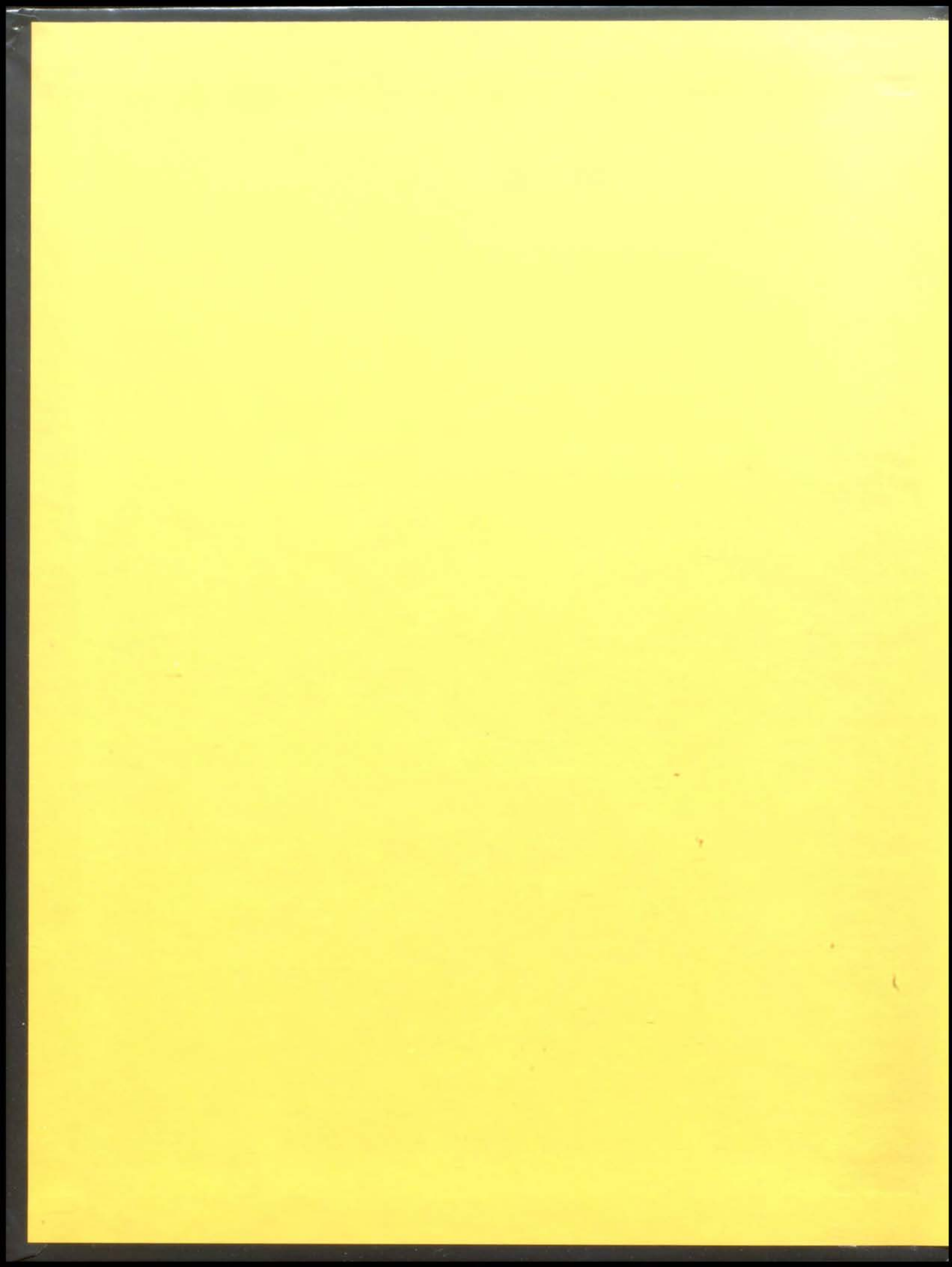
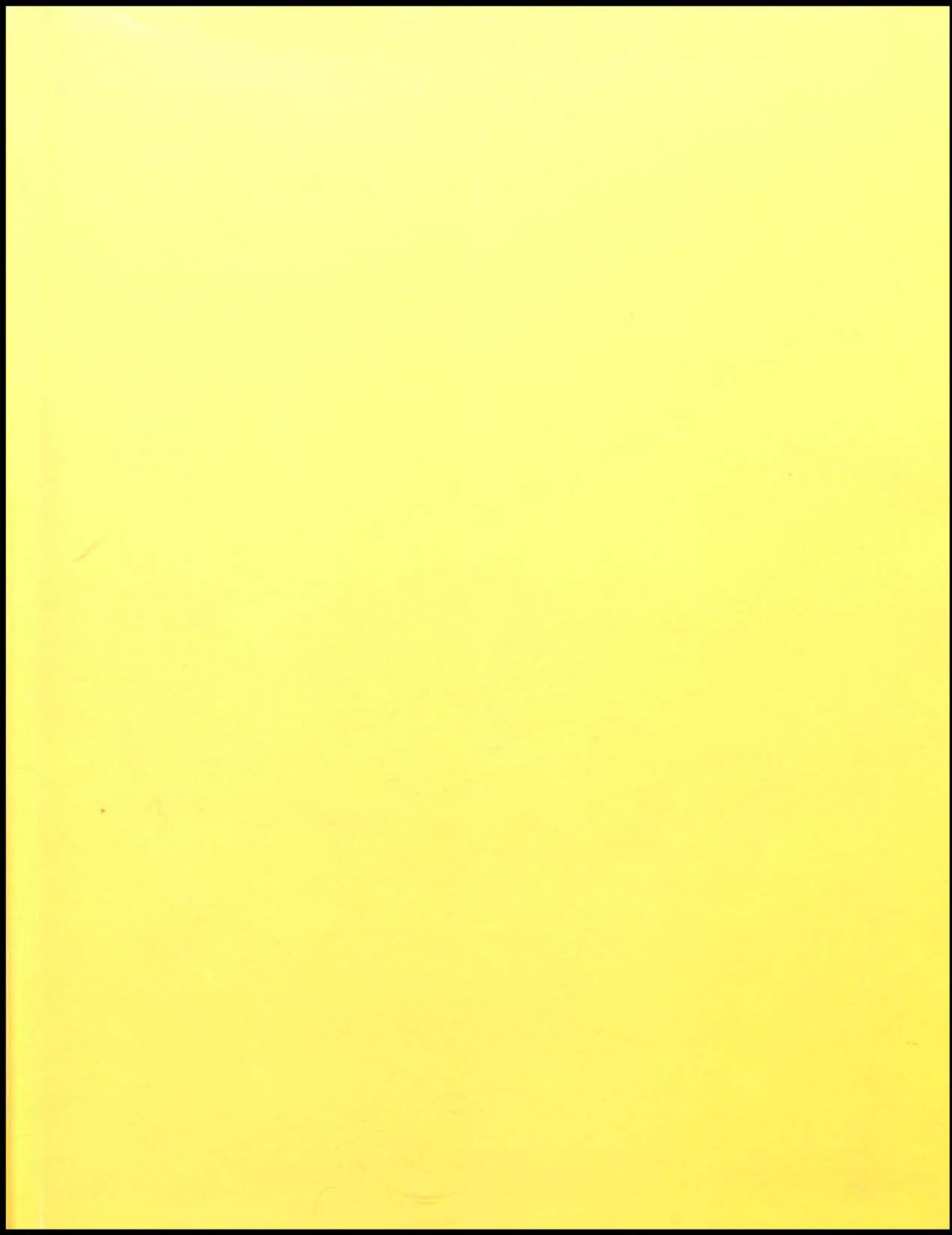


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What defines a student at Rockhurst High School? What makes him different from the majority of students at any other school? The dedication, the level of commitment, and the time put in are what make the Rockhurst young man different from those at other schools. Though the members of the science and math departments might argue the specifics, the Rockhurst community seems to perpetually be in motion from early in the morning to late at night.

The day at the Rock begins before dawn for many after someone from the maintenance department, usually Mr. Rudy Rodriguez, arrives at 6:00 every morning to unlock the building.

Some students must work for the opportunity to go to Rockhurst, and a few of them arrive as early as 6:30 to begin work and to get ready for the day.

Juniors Jon Adrian and Matt Moderson were in early one morning to take Chemistry tests. Junior Alex Fontana was in at 7:00 to tutor some students who were having trouble with Latin.

As the morning sky above the stadium begins to lighten, more people arrive to begin their days. Justin Rethmeyer comes in at 7:00 just to get a head start. Anthony

Dayrit arrives early to study and to get some homework done. Many others are quietly engaged already. Mr. Frank Lyngar, Mr. Mike Sullivan, Mr. Ron Geldhoff, Dr. Fred Campisano, to name *just a few* teachers, are in their rooms very early every morning to help students understand the upcoming lessons.

Sometimes the pitchers for the baseball team arrive before 7:00 to train for the upcoming season, and the swimming team, Pep Band and Chapel Choir often have early morning practices as well. By 7:30, the sun is inching over the treetops and beginning to lighten the white facade of the gym, and already there is a din of activity in the commons.

The 8:00 bell rings, a prayer is said, and from then until 3:00 students scramble from class to class seven times with only five minutes of passing period between each. A short 30 minute lunch break and the occasional activity period are the only things that slow the breakneck pace of the Rockhurst school day.

The students scramble so to think, learn, socialize, take tests and quizzes, write essays, and listen to lectures until announcements and a final prayer mark the official end of the school day. First period seems like a distant memory.



Perpetual Motion

Activity never ceases at Rockhurst

The end of classes signals just a beginning for most, as there is still much more to accomplish. As soon as school gets out, the sound of weights crashing back to their racks emanates from the weight room, music charges out of the band room, debaters prepare arguments, and students help each other in the Student Success Center. Practices for sports or drama begin at 3:30 and continue until, and sometimes past, 6:00.

In the Fall, cross country runners can be seen jogging north and south down the middle of Ward Parkway as football players hit and grunt and soccer players drill and drill and drill.

In the Winter, the sound of basketballs can be heard slapping against the gym floor as wrestlers pour their sweat and remaining energy onto the mats.

In the Spring, the crack of a bat sounds sharply from the cage, sprinters fly by on the track, and the lacrosse players fling the ball across the field while golf and tennis players have already left to find someplace else to practice or play.

Past 6:00, with the sun now sinking below the Leawood trees, athletes trudge to their cars and notice the actors departing the Rose Theater. If any were to pass by the south side of the school on their way out, they might see that the lights in the *Prep News* room are still on as staff mem-

bers work frantically late into the night to meet a deadline.

On one particular evening, the hockey team was holding a banquet in the Barry Commons from 6:30 until 8:00, but some hockey players, like Adam Taylor, could not make it as they were playing in the Varsity Lacrosse game that was going on simultaneously under the lights in the new stadium.

On another, the Freshman Retreat Team was having a dinner to celebrate the success of the overnight event and, immediately afterwards, Mr. Sean Agniel and juniors Eric Snyder and Adam Davis met to discuss plans for the next one.

And those were just *two* evenings. Something is always going on.

For most, after all of this, the activities are *still* far from over. After a long day of work and study and exercise, the Rockhurst student goes home to relax for just a few minutes and gets something to eat so that he might find the energy to fulfill the responsibilities that remain. He must write an essay and/or find derivatives and/or translate sentences and/or study for the big exam coming up before collapsing in a heap on his bed so that he might get some sleep to be ready for the next hectic day at Rockhurst. Whew! Is it a certainty that there's no such thing as perpetual motion machine?

Story by Charlie Stoops



The end of classes marks only the beginning of the second phase for many



Father Thomas Pesci, SJ, to hand Rockhurst reins to Father Terrence Baum, SJ, ending productive tenure

The Reverend Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, will leave his position as Rockhurst President in February. Replacing Fr. Pesci will be Father Terrence A. Baum, SJ.

Fr. Baum, an experienced Jesuit administrator, hopes to share his experience with the RHS community. He has served as Headmaster of Xavier High School in New York, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, and most recently as Headmaster at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL.

When Fr. Pesci came to Rockhurst ten years ago, the school was a different place physically, religiously, and spiritually. Under Fr. Pesci's leadership, RHS has become known as one of the most respected institutions in Kansas City as well as one of the top Jesuit schools in the nation.

Since the beginning of his presidency Fr. Pesci has worked hard to improve not only the school, but the entire Rockhurst community.

The Capital Campaign has been an extraordinary success with more than \$19 million raised, even after several consulting companies said RHS would be lucky to raise \$8 million. Enrollment is at a record high following complete renovation of the facility and grounds. School spirit is strong with the success RHS has been enjoying.

"The school is at a wonderful high point," Fr. Pesci said. "We are now responsible for maintaining it."

Aside from the financial aspect, Fr. Pesci had a hand in the growth of several programs. He is especially proud of Kairos, having given the program direction and focus as to what it is about and should achieve.

"Fr. Pesci is responsible for the Kairos program as it is today," said theology teacher Mr. Tom Norman. "If he hadn't wanted to do it, it wouldn't have happened."

He has also supported the Faculty Ignatian Eve-

nings both financially and emotionally, helping them become a meaningful part of Jesuit education.

The Fine Arts Department has experienced major changes as all aspects of art, from singing to drama to painting, have been given greater emphasis.

"The fine arts here have really developed into a recognized program," said Fr. Pesci. "We are not known only for academics and sports anymore."

Fr. Pesci graduated from Saint Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia in 1967. He attended The College of the Holy Cross and soon joined the Society of Jesus in 1968, becoming a member of the Maryland Province of Jesuits. He completed philosophy studies at Fordham University and earned his Masters in English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1974.

He returned to Saint Joseph's to teach English and to moderate yearbook and debate from 1974 to 1976. He studied theology at Weston School of Theology and was chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital and Loyola High School.

He served as Director of Vocations for the Maryland Province from 1984 to 1987 when he became Director of Development and Alumni at Scranton Preparatory School, Scranton, PA.

In 1993 he was invited to apply for the position of



The Rev. Terrence A. Baum, SJ, (right) most recently Principal of Loyola Academy, Wilmette, IL, will be the next President of Rockhurst High School, succeeding The Rev. Thomas A. Pesci, SJ.

President at RHS. After a visit, he liked what he saw, but having not been president of a school before, he was cautious about accepting the position. He decided to apply anyway and was subsequently appointed on July 1, 1993.

Fr. Pesci knew his stay would not be permanent but the original five-year assignment has turned into one almost twice as long. Fr. Pesci feels that now is a good time to leave because of the state that Rockhurst is in.

"Fr. Pesci's greatest achievements here will be how easy the transition to the new president will be, because his plan for the school was so well done," said Principal Mr. David Laughlin.

According to most, the capital campaign is going strong, the faculty and students are happy, and the school in general is very stable. Fr. Pesci plans go on sabbatical before returning to the

Maryland Province for reassignment.

Fr. Pesci hopes to leave Rockhurst in a state in which it can continue to thrive. It is his hope that he has "set the stage for great things." His advice is to not become complacent with success but always reach for the magis. He takes a great deal of pride in the school and what it has become.

"We are poised for the new millennium," he said. "We have set the stage for great things and must keep working so they come to pass." Story by Marc Eskew



Photos by David Wagoner



2001-02 Auction Co-Chairs Jean-Paul and Diane Bradshaw, and Sue and Sam Sabaugh pose with Fr. Thomas Pesci, S.J. Fr. Pesci blesses Michael Spero at the Senior Brother Mass. Fr. Pesci proudly displays his honorary RHS alumnus certificate. Fr. Pesci and Mr. Kerry Reardon, '67, pose with (kneeling) Kevin Lenihan, Dave Tiehen, Tom Graves, Jim Eftink, Joe Hager, T.J. O'Connor and Michael Staab at the stadium dedication.



Photos by Mattie Moore



Photos by Anthony Trishka



In his vestments before Mass, Fr. Pesci takes a moment for a picture outside the Laura and John J. Sullivan Chapel of the Sacred Heart. A younger Fr. Pesci arrived at Rockhurst in 1993. Above: Fr. Pesci gives a homily at the Women of Rockhurst Mass. Fr. Pesci takes a moment to joke with Social Studies Department Chairman Dr. Jerry Goblen. Fr. Pesci displays a needlepoint he stitched that brought in \$5,300 at the auction. Fr. Pesci adds emphasis to his homily during the Senior Brother Mass.

The Most Reverend Father Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, challenged the Rockhurst Community to be men and women for others. Father Kolvenbach speaks with John Paul Nigro and Scott Ferguson while he tours the campus. Father Gary Menard, SJ, shares an idea with Father Kolvenbach.



Father Kolvenbach poses with a statue of the founder of the Society of Jesus, Saint Ignatius Loyola. Mr. David Laughlin, principal, has his Kairos cross blessed by Father Kolvenbach.



Superior General of the Society of Jesus makes landmark Rockhurst visit

For the first time in its 82-year history, Rockhurst hosted the world's top Jesuit when The Most Reverend Father Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, successor of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, visited RHS on his tour of the Missouri Province.

Fr. Kolvenbach is head of more than 30,000 Jesuits worldwide and supervises the many functions Jesuits carry out throughout the world.

"It was a great honor to have the boss at school, and it probably won't happen again for a while," said The Reverend Thomas Pesci, SJ, RHS President.

While in Kansas City for 24 hours, Father Kolvenbach visited Rockhurst University, St. Francis Xavier, and RHS in an attempt to clarify the Jesuit mission for the Jesuits and the lay people of the communities. Many from around the Missouri Province came to hear him speak during Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church and in the Rose Theater.

For 30 Jesuits, including the Reverend Frank Reale, SJ, Missouri Provincial, and the Reverend Frank Case, SJ, General Assistant to the United States Chapter of Jesuits, it was an opportunity to address the needs of people around the world.

Discussions ranged from a new university in Russia, to the Jesuits working in Vietnam, to working out peace negotiations between tribes in Africa.

The Friday Senior Class Mass, at which Father General presided, left an unforgettable impression on the students and teachers attending, challenging all to "harvest your gifts talents and opportunities."

"It was like having mass with the Pope. It was an unbelievable to have that honor," said senior Marcus Perry.

Fr. Kolvenbach, on a campus tour with Student Government Association President John Paul Nigro and and Senior Class Vice-president Scott Ferguson, stopped at the words Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam in the main hallway and asked what it meant.

"For the Greater Glory of God," said Nigro immediately, showing Fr. Kolvenbach the impact Jesuit education has on students around the world. Fr. Kolvenbach smiled and the tour continued.

Father General saw RHS as a great learning and teaching environment. He also noticed students who are working for the ideals of the Jesuit mission and striving for greatness.

"It was the greatest honor I received as the student body president and as a student," said Nigro.

Story by Joey Williams



Father Thomas Pesci, SJ, and Father Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, prepare to celebrate Mass.



Fr. Kolvenbach, Fr. Pesci and Fr. Frank Case, Fr. Kolvenbach's assistant in America, prepare communion. Fr. Kolvenbach addresses the Rockhurst community on morning announcements.



Mr. and Mrs. George Donnelly (Pat), Chris Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donnelly (Katholeen), and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donnelly Jr. (Suzanna) pose for a photo at the auction. The Donnellys have attended and supported more than two dozen RHS auctions.



The Donnelly family includes George and Pat, Art and Kathie, Suzanne and Joe, and E.J., whose wife Lu was not present. Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, Rockhurst President, extends his greeting to the patriarch of the Donnelly family, Joe, at the 2003 Spectacular Auction. Joe helped start the Auction while Fathers Club President.



The Donnellys have had a major impact on Rockhurst community

The Donnelly family has contributed so much to the school," said the Rev. Thomas Pesci, SJ, Rockhurst President. "They make up the very fabric that is Rockhurst."

Since 1910, Rockhurst has been one of the most prestigious and successful high schools in the area. But without the help of certain families, like the Donnellys, Rockhurst would not be what it is today.

The Donnelly/Rockhurst connection began in 1960 when the first of four sons of Joe and Katholeen enrolled. Joe often spent over 20 hours a week at Rockhurst in addition to his full time job as a CPA. In 1972, he helped start the first Rockhurst auction along with President Fr. Carl Kloster, SJ. Joe's wife Katholeen was ever-present through her involvement in Mother's Club and Sale-O-Rama for over 35 years.

"It's obvious Katholeen really loved this place," said Ms. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator. "She contributed her time long after her boys had left."

Another significant contribution from the Donnelly boys is their creation of a scholarship fund for Rockhurst students. The Donnelly Family Scholarship was started in 1987 by the four sons and is supported by Joe and Katholeen Donnelly and their sons and grandsons. A memorial fund established in the name of Mrs. Donnelly's mother, Grace M. Denzel, was later merged into the Donnelly Family Scholarship Fund.

Aside from their contributions of time, the Donnelly family has been deeply rooted in RHS from 1937 to the current graduating class of 2003.

The first Donnelly alum, Arthur Denzel, Class of '37 and brother of Joe, became a Lieutenant in the Navy and died in a sabotaged airplane during World War II.

"Rockhurst offers the greatest education in the world," said Joe Donnelly. "My parents were not able to give me the opportunity to attend," said Joe. "But I made sure that each of my four sons had the opportunity to experience a Jesuit education."

All of Joe and Katholeen's children were actively involved while students at RHS.

Arthur, Class of '64, was the Sports Editor for the *Prep News* and graduated from Notre Dame and currently owns his own accounting firm.

"I have many memories from my time at Rockhurst. I especially remember the homecoming parades and

the friendships I developed during my four years."

Art and his wife Kathie were chair-couple for the 1988 Auction and served as President of the Father's and Mother's Clubs respectively while their sons David, Kevin, and Chris, attended RHS.

E.J., Class of '67, attended Notre Dame and worked under Coach Al Davis as a trainer for the football team and later, with a recommendation from Coach Davis, worked for a time as a trainer for both the Kansas City Chiefs and Notre Dame. He now practices in Pennsylvania.



Joe and Katholeen Donnelly relaxed at the the 2003 Spectacular Auction. Mr. Donnelly was instrumental in starting the fund raising event.

George, RHS Class of '70, was a two-year letterman in football and golf, participated in track and was a class representative in his sophomore, junior and senior years. His son, George Jr., Class of '95, is a graduate of Emporia State University.

"Rockhurst was definitely a positive experience for me," George said. "It prepared me for college and resulted in life-long friendships."

A graduate of KU, George currently works for Cretcher Lynch. George served on the Father's Club for the four years his son George Jr. attended.

"I was in the Father's Club to meet the parents," said George, "and to maintain an active role at Rockhurst."

Joe, Class of '73, was a yell leader his junior and senior year, a two-year letterman in track, and set a city record in the 400-meter relay. He earned honors junior and senior years, and played football his freshman and sophomore years.

Arthur's sons David, Kevin, and Chris have helped to carry on the Donnelly legacy.

David, Class of '88, earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Sports Administration at the University of Missouri and is a Manager of Rules and Competitions with the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Kevin, Class of '91, attended K-State, and is currently a food broker in The Kansas City area.

Chris graduated in the Class of 2003, earned his pilots license, was president of the Flying Club, and was as Co-Editor-in-Chief for the 2002 *Quarry Yearbook*.

Although Joe and Katholeen are currently retired from RHS activities, they continue to show their Rockhurst pride in their conversations with others.

"We still talk to our friends and neighbors about how great Rockhurst's academics and athletics are," reflected Katholeen. "Rockhurst has been a very wonderful part of our lives."

Story by Bryan Murphy

With the devastating tornados in April there was an increased awareness of preparedness. Mike Moritz, Scott Ferguson and Michael Stacy found shelter during a severe weather drill.

Dr. Jerry Goben suffered a debilitating stroke in August and missed the first semester, but returned to his U.S. History classes in January. Mr. Jerry Stabenow filled in for him.



Milestones

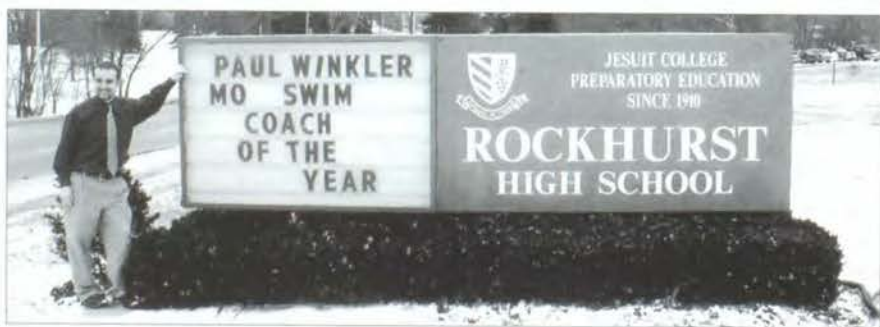
Mr. J.W. DeCamp, Director of Physical Facilities suffered a stroke in February. After some recovery he visited Rockhurst and was transported by Supervisor Artie Vielhauer, who took charge in Mr. DeCamp's absence.



Referee Mr. Sam Sangetta suffered a serious heart attack at halftime of the Rockhurst Shawnee Mission East game on January 31. Because of quick action and the availability of a heart defibrillator, he was revived and recovered. The Rev. Mark Daves, SJ, was present and spent long hours with Mr. Sangetta at the hospital.



Computer Education teacher Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier joined Mr. David Alvey part time in the Dean's office as Assistant Dean of Students.



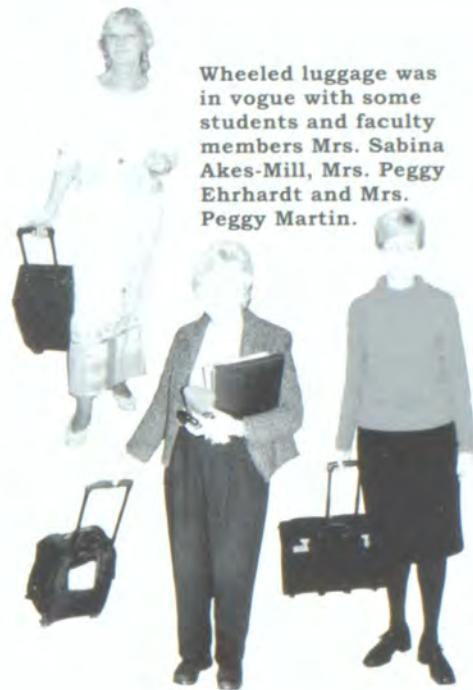
English teacher Mrs. Laurie Prater was baptized by The Rev. Mark Daves, SJ, as she became a member of the Catholic Church.





Sophomore Andrew Blackwell and junior Brian Cotroneo won 8th place in the Ted Turner "Crossfire" Debates at the National Forensic League's National Tournament held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 16-17.

Coach Doug Bruce's daughter Julie O'Conner presented him with his first grandchild, Mary Catherine, in October.



Wheeled luggage was in vogue with some students and faculty members Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mill, Mrs. Peggy Ehrhardt and Mrs. Peggy Martin.

Mr. Joe Delehunt broke his leg right before school started when he fell from a ladder. He was still suffering some effects of the injury at the end of the year.

For the first time ever, Rockhurst students personally delivered proceeds raised during Mission Week directly to the people who would be helped.



Six students traveled to El Salvador in early June with Mr. Sean Agniel and the Rev. Gary Menard, SJ. Senior Tim Sullivan, juniors Thomas Wytock and Anthony Trakas, and sophomores Ryan Sellers, John Marrin and Lionel Rodriguez spent a week in the Central American country visiting schools and child development centers.

The group delivered books and school supplies and stayed with host families at night.

The trip represents one of the international dimensions of the Rockhurst service program.



Rockhurst students view first hand the needs of the Salvadoran people



Members of the Rockhurst Community, including Mr. Sean Agniel, Anthony Trakas, John Marrin, Lionel Rodriguez, Ryan Sellers, Tim Sullivan, Thomas Wytock and Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, visited with the Don Pablo Alvarenga family while in El Salvador delivering proceeds from Mission Week.



There is so much to do and so little time. The life of a Rockhurst student seems like one continuous blur. There is always a major event being planned for or an activity in which to be involved. Perpetual motion defines student life at Rockhurst.



Student Life

Section by Marc Eskew

Tradition, alumni, and spirit combined with pep rallies, a football game and a dance create Homecoming Week.

"It was a good event that showed the best of Rockhurst. We put the emphasis on 'home' to tie in tradition," said Mr. Mike Heringer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs, who supervised all activities.

Homecoming Week was kicked off by the dedication of the new stadium which featured alumni, alumni teachers, and others who have contributed much to its construction. As the pep-band played, the stands of the stadium filled with RHS faculty and students for the first time ever. And Rockhurst christened the new stadium with a flat

milk, to eating a slice of bologna that sat on the belly of junior Brian Trowman.

"The rally was really funny, but it was also disgusting. I was smelling rotten milk for days," commented Junior Ryan Summers.

With Rockhurst leading at half-time against Dallas Jesuit, the Queen candidates were presented on the field, the first time that they did not arrive in cars due to the new track. The Hawklets came back from the locker room to win 35-14.

On Saturday, the Rockhurst Gym and Barry Commons were transformed into Las Vegas for the dance, with everything from a giant cut-out of the city to a roulette table, to "Hawk-bucks."

HOMECOMING AT THE ROCK

cheer of "This is our house."

The Homecoming Mass showed how traditions have been firmly planted. Leaders of the Student Government Association led the RHS procession by carrying the pictures of the old and new Rockhurst.

The mass was followed by one of the more popular Rockhurst traditions, the "Snickers Jackpot," an event where the winner of the raffle receives an X-Box video game system. The Homecoming Queen candidates were present for the entire day, giving the seniors a chance to decide on who to vote for.

During the pep rally, participants had to either take a pie in the face, or take a challenge, which ranged from having hair shampooed with spoiled

Nikka Hernandez escorted by John Strobl was crowned Homecoming Queen. Her court included Milly Hoffman, escorted by Ryan Melgaard, Alisa Molle escorted by B.J Fagan, Lauren Paradise escorted by T.J. Kratofil, and Laura Stauffer escorted by Sal Marsalla.

"The Rockhurst Homecoming is always something that I look forward to. It's fun to see all of the different schools at one dance," said Blue Valley North junior Ashley Ferguson.

The fact that freshman were not included allowed for more room not only on the dance floor, but also in the Barry-Commons. Instead of attending the Homecoming Dance, the freshman had their own dance second semester.

Story by Dennis Sullivan

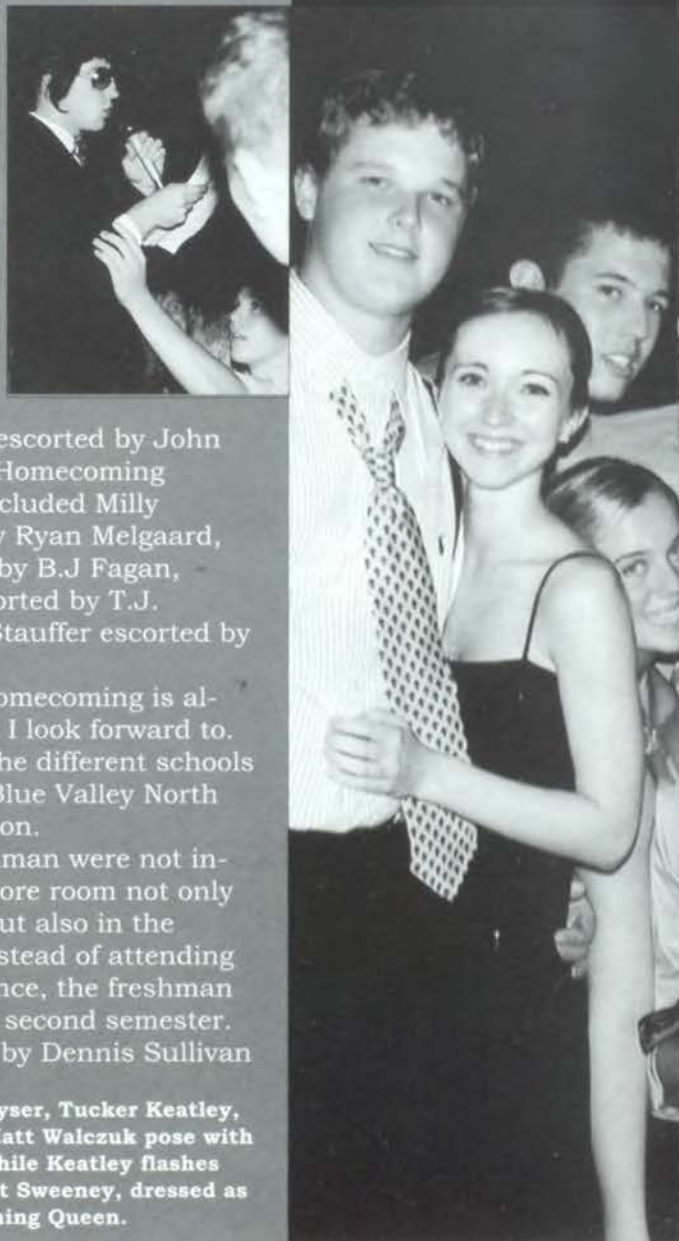
Seniors Nick Kinney, Grant Keyser, Tucker Keatley, Ben Stueve, Chris Adair, and Matt Walczuk pose with their dates during the dance while Keatley flashes some cash. ABOVE: Senior Matt Sweeney, dressed as Elvis, announces the Homecoming Queen.

HOMECOMING HITS

THE JACKPOT WITH A

"VIVA LAS VEGAS"

THEME

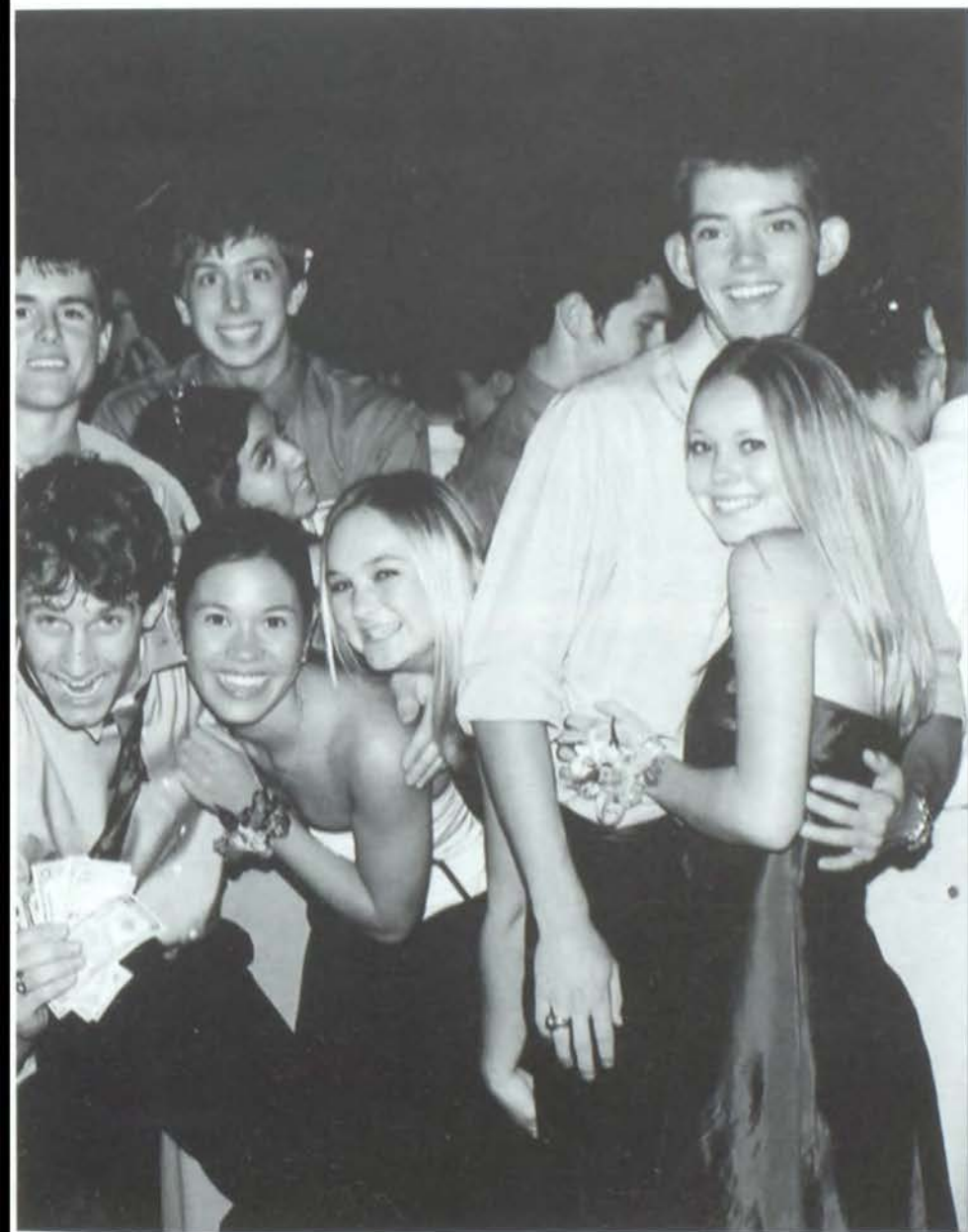




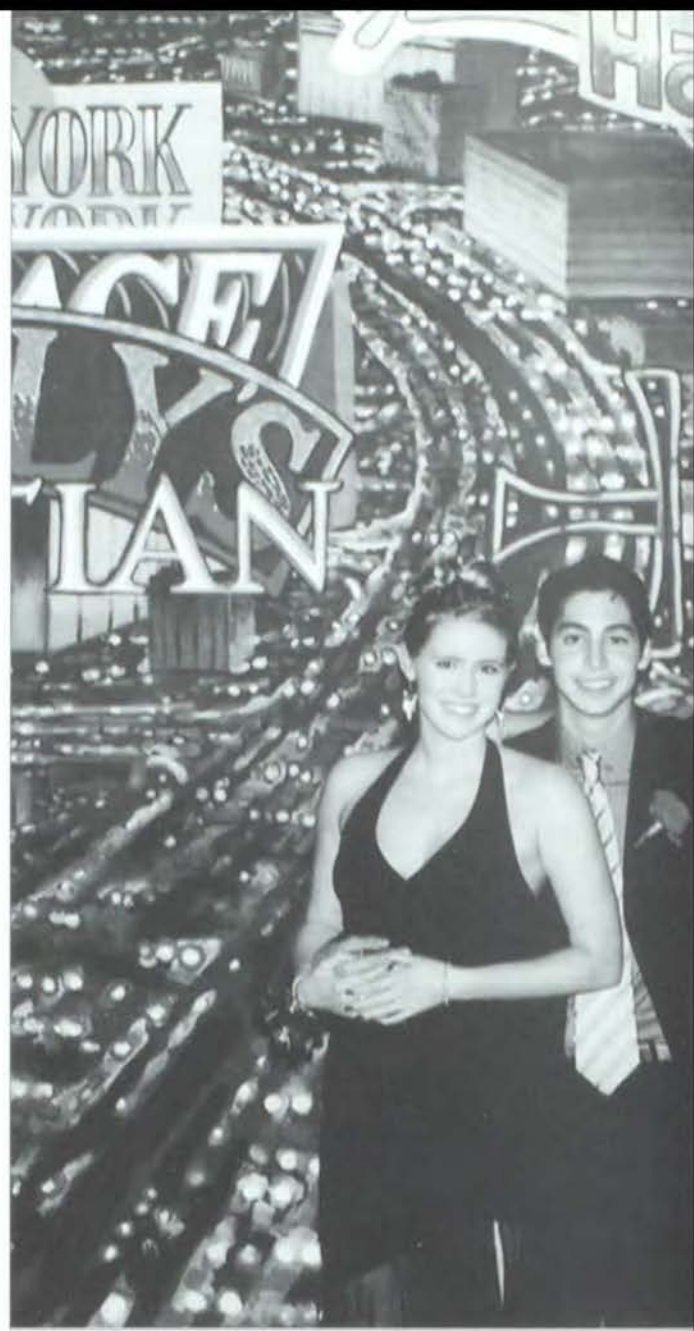
Senior Adam Blake, Señor Richard Staihr, junior John Parsons, senior Kyle Teahan, junior Todd Whitaker, and senior Scott McCaffery enjoy the Las Vegas-themed Homecoming.



Senior Kyle Teahan and his date Lauren Winsley pose during one of the slow dances. ABOVE: Senior John Strobl accompanies his date Nikka Hernandez as she is crowned Homecoming Queen.



Queen candidates Nikka Hernandez, Laura Stauffer, Lauren Paradise, Milly Hoffman, and Alise Molle pose on the football field. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Fr. John Vowells, SJ, delivers his sermon. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Laura Stauffer receives communion. Junior Matt Gotschall takes a break with his date.



Junior Tony Temple blows past Dallas Jesuit defenders in the Homecoming game. **FAR RIGHT:** Queen candidate Lauren Paradise receives applause from the audience.



Senior Brian Betterman, Lisa Tray, Trey Sifers, Laura Smith, Gina Lee, Rosie Palms, Katie Meyer, Erin Lowe, Erin Bopp, Lauren Hill, Violet Blue, Lindsey Garozo, Tara Kapowski.

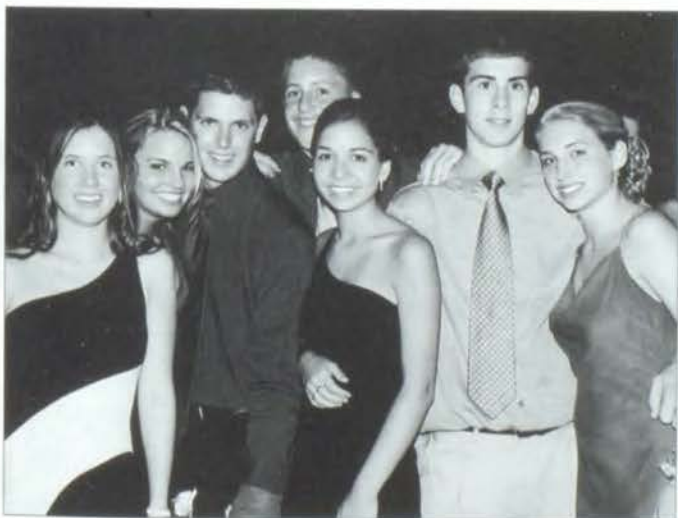




Kathleen Henderson, seniors David Cascio, Matt Wimsett, and Michelle Winter pose in front of the Las Vegas cutout

MORE HOMECOMING ACTION

Senior Sal Marsalla and his date Laura Stauer are introduced at the dance. **BELOW LEFT:** Sophomore Andrew Bly slow dances with his date. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Senior Scott Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, and senior Will John take a break from dancing in the Barry Commons.



Katherine Klose, Jamie Miller, sophomores John Godsey, Kevin Campbell, Erin Goshe, Matt Betterman, and Jill Power take a break from dancing for a picture.



Photos by Brian Kelly

Mr. Tom Norman holds a picture of the Class of 1927 in front of Mass concelebrants Fr. Gary Menard,SJ, Fr. John Vowells,SJ, and Fr. Mark Daues,SJ. Senior Logan Heatwole swings with his date during the dance.

The 13th annual Heritage Festival continues to celebrate the different cultures at Rockhurst. Visitors were invited to sample a bounty of food from all corners of the world and to enjoy culturally enriching entertainment. The Afro-American, Asian/Islands, French, German, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, and the Middle-Eastern cultures were all represented at this social event.

"The food is great," said Mrs Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator. "The interaction between the people is great. Everyone is interested in everyone else's booth."

Aside from the food, crafts (including jewelry, herbs, seasonal home decorations, and other ethnic art), were available to the visitors in the Barry Commons.

Entertainment featured the Rockhurst Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Mike Kern, the Haskell Dance Performers, El Grupo Atotonilco, directed by Ms. Maria Chaurand, St. Monica's Inspirational Choir, directed by Mr. Melvin E Kerr, and the Andean Express, a South American band, led by Rockhurst Spanish teacher Mr. Bert Roney.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The event was produced by Mrs. Scanlon and the Heritage Festival Committee Chairpersons, Mrs. Mary Sharbel, Mrs. Nina Marsh and Mrs. Lu Dayrit. The Mother's Club, students and the maintenance crew contributed in the preparation, setup and the clean-up of the event.

"Its a place to come together with open hearts and minds, to celebrate and embrace our diversity," said senior A.J. Robine.

Story by Mitch Miguel

STUDENTS, FAMILIES
GATHER AT RHS TO
PROMOTE DIVERSITY
THROUGH FOOD AND
THE ARTS.



Mr. Bert Roney and his band *The Andean Express* performed during the festival.



Freshman Michael Spero and several RHS parents served Middle Eastern food.

Sophomore Chris Oldenberg, seniors Eamon Duede, Mark McNeal, and Truong Nguyen volunteered their time for the festival.



Photo by John Winger



Photo by John Winger

Junior CJ Cornwell checks out some of the many arts and crafts for sale. FAR LEFT: Freshman Nat Nimley tastes some of the food available at the African booth. BELOW FROM TOP: Traditional Native American music was sung at the festival. RHS students pack into the cafeteria to enjoy the food and entertainment. Freshman Peter Brewer reads the score to the next trumpet solo while Mr. Mike Kern jams on the saxophone. RHS mothers serve traditional Asian cuisine.



Photo by Andy Woods



Photo by John Winger



Photo by Andrew Paterni



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The emphasis of the newly reorganized overnight Freshman Retreat was on small group discussions as over 40 sets of between five and seven freshmen were given a junior or senior leader.

"The purpose of the retreat is to draw the freshmen more and more into the Rockhurst family," said Reverend Gary Menard, SJ, Pastoral Director and administrator for all Rockhurst retreats. "One of the essential themes for the retreat is friendship, both with classmates and with the other classes."

"The retreat is focused on students helping students," said Mr. Sean Agniel. "Students choose the activities and train the group leaders. Ultimately, it is students who guide the retreat in the classrooms. The retreat brings all four classes together."

For this retreat, classrooms were decorated by group leaders early Thursday afternoon. Freshmen were treated to an introductory slideshow before breaking off into their groups.

FRESHMAN RETREAT

They began the exercises with "icebreakers" before heading into serious group discussions about relationships.

After going home Thursday night, freshmen encountered a diverse set of activities on Friday, including a movie, skits, a live band performance, and the Diversity Game, in which they were forced to confront discrimination as it exists in the world. The freshmen also discussed important Rockhurst themes, especially service.

"I really enjoyed the small group time," said Calvin Robertson. "It was a great way for us to get to know each other. We talked about everything."

The freshmen went to the homes of group leaders where they had dinner, talked with teachers, and continued their discussions. They returned to school Friday night for Mass, spent the night in their rooms, and left late Saturday morning after a closing slideshow that combined portraits of all of the freshmen with pictures of the retreat experience.

The retreat focused on helping the freshmen to become comfortable at Rockhurst and learn to share with their classmates. Discussions topics were as diverse as discrimination, girls, God, and ways to impact the world.

"We try to bring the freshmen together by showing them that there is more going on in peoples' lives than is visible on the surface," said Fr. Menard. "We hope that this can help them to grow in compassion for their classmates."

Story by Adam Davis

NEW FRESHMAN

RETREAT STRESSES

GROWTH, UNITY

AT GIANT WEEKEND

SLEEPOVER



ABOVE AND CLOCKWISE: Steven Kamara scares Jace Henderson during the small group session on Friday. Andy Brooks watches as his group tries to put together a puzzle during the Diversity Game. Keegan Surface, Jonathon Roberts, junior Matt Jianas, and senior Chris Able enjoy small group time.



Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose



Photo by Adam Taylor

Junior Michael Fox leads his group in exercises designed to encourage teamwork and familiarity between freshmen. FAR LEFT: Mr. Sean Agniel instructs group leaders on which goals should be accomplished by the freshmen during the retreat. Senior Tucker Keatley has Calvin Robertson put his playing card in the hat while playing the Diversity Game.



Photo by Patrick O'Leary



Senior Pete Novick conducts a group activity while Derek Sisel watches after being wrapped in caution tape.

Photo by Patrick O'Leary



Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose

Over the course of two days, all 268 members of the Class of 2005 came together to conquer obstacles through teamwork during the Sophomore Retreat.

"The Sophomore Retreat is definitely the most physical retreat," said Father Gary Menard, SJ, Rockhurst Pastoral Director.

Adventure Woods, located in Grandview, promotes teamwork through numerous challenges in an obstacle course. The Class of '05 divided into smaller groups within their theology classes as staff member from Adventure Woods directed them through the challenges.

"Being outdoors instead of being indoors for class was a good change," said Chris Rhoades.

The retreat ended with a Mass held in the Sacred Heart Chapel celebrated by Fr. Menard who took time to draw parallels between the sophomore class and fire fighters, through the theme of the retreat.

SOPHOMORE RETREAT

"I like the theme of the Sophomore Retreat. It comes from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians (chapter 12 verses 12-27)," said Fr. Menard. "We are the Body of Christ."

"I thought the retreat was fun, exciting and adventurous," said Jacob Weber. "It really helped me bond with my classmates." Story by Mitch Miguel



Michael Wirtz stands ready for the rest of his team to swing to him. Sophomores stand around waiting for the activities to begin.

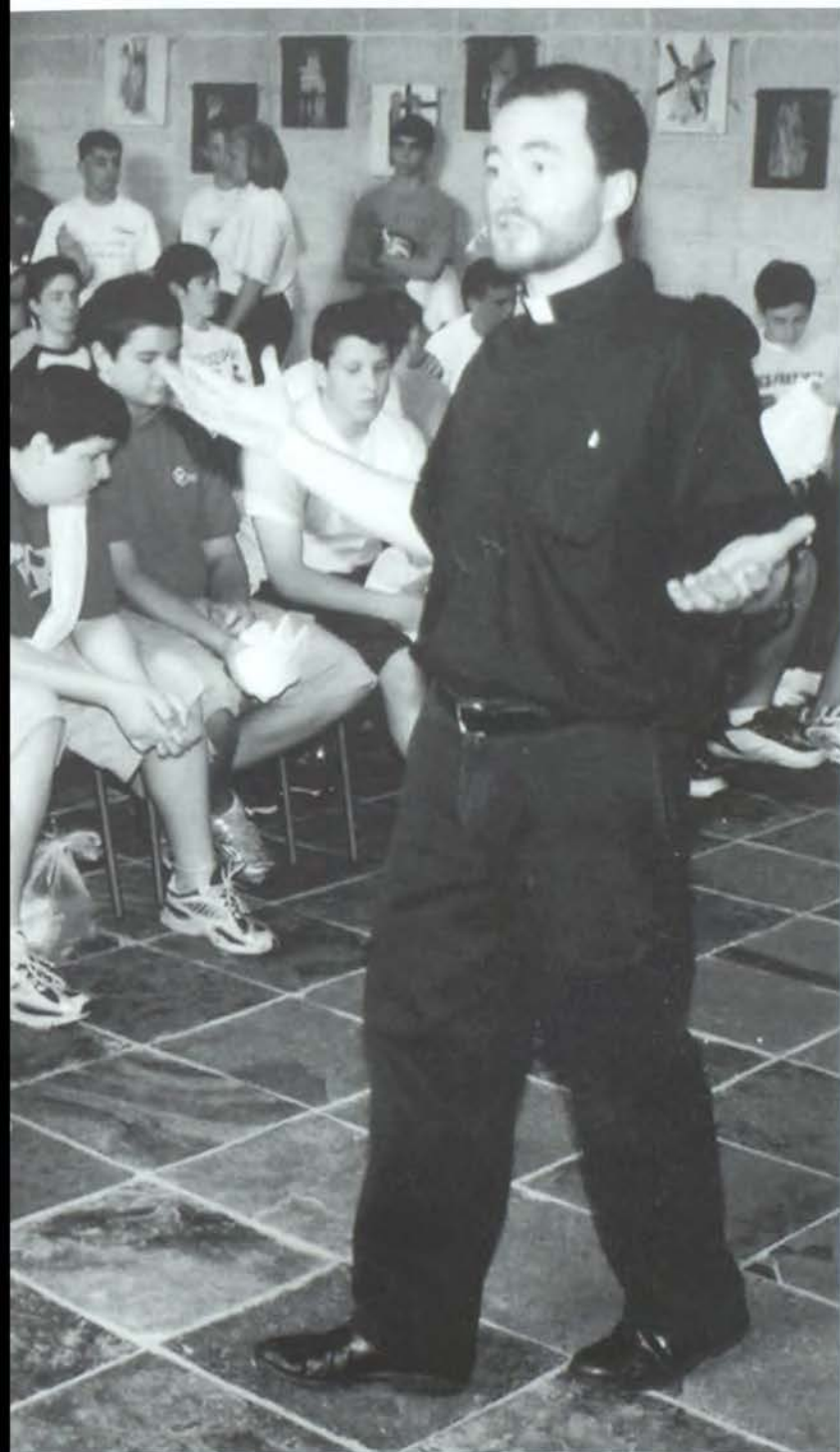


SOPHOMORES SPEND
A DAY DEVELOPING
TEAMWORK AND
TRUST IN EACH
OTHER AT
ADVENTURE WOODS.





Sophomores prepare to board the bus that would take them to Adventure Woods in Belton, MO. FAR LEFT: A group stands in triumph upon a conquered obstacle. BELOW: Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, leads students in prayer prior to departure from RHS. A team of sophomores contemplates how to overcome the next challenge.



Sophomores take a break to eat lunch at Adventure Woods. Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, tells students about the upcoming retreat and activities they will participate in.

With the completion of its third year at Rockhurst, the Class of 2004 experienced the Junior Retreat at one of two places, Conception Abbey in Conception, MO, near St. Joseph, or the Savior Pastoral Center in Wyandotte County where they had time to think, pray and talk.

"The Junior retreat was a nice, well-needed break from school. It is nice to relax for a couple of days," said Mike O'Brien.

Typically, the Juniors leave RHS around 4:30 after school and take a bus ride to their destination, providing them with bonding experiences with fellow classmates and teachers.

"The Junior Retreat was an experience that helped me to get to know my classmates better and, more than anything, we saw what others thought about us," said Devin Fuchs.

Those who went to Conception Abbey got to experience the monk's way of life as retreatants attended vespers, evening prayer, and reconciliation in the large basilica.

During the three-day, two-night retreat, juniors were orga-

JUNIOR RETREAT

nized into small groups, each moderated and led by an RHS faculty member. They talked about problems and happy times they have had in their lives and got the chance to write down their thoughts in a journal.

"The retreat gives juniors an opportunity to reflect on their lives and their relationship with God and other people," said Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, Rockhurst Pastoral Director. "The retreat also strengthens the friendship and unity in the Junior Class." Story By Matt Vaughan



Matt McKibbin and John Garlich eat lunch together at Wendy's on the way to Conception Abbey.



Cullin Roberts jams on the guitar during the retreat.

JUNIORS TAKE TIME
AWAY FROM THE
DISTRACTIONS OF
SCHOOL FOR RE-
FLECTION AND
SPIRITUAL GROWTH





Photo by Stephen Hoeler



Photo by Stephen Hoeler

Chris George, Robbie Borchardt, Mike Adkins, Tyler Pierce, and Quinn Anderson work in their journals. FAR LEFT: Juniors listen to a monk tell them about the basilica. BOTTOM: Dr. Michael Cusick gives instructions while Thomas Wytock and Joe Meyers contemplate. CENTER: Junior David Campfield takes a walk through the woods in order to reflect. Blake Patti and Mr. Mick Swanson listen to an amusing story during group time.



Mitch Miguel finds a quiet place to reflect and journal.

Photo by Jim Barnes



Photo by Rick Mueser



Photo by Mark Crutchfield



Photo by Jim Barnes

Busyness. Mission Week was a combination of hard work, charity, generosity, and general fun. To support the Red Cloud Indian Mission in Pine Ridge, SD, as well as several of the poorest areas of Central America, Rockhurst students and faculty raised nearly \$25,000 over a Mission Week that actually extended over two weeks.

"We had to move some things around this year. There was just too much to do," said Mr. Mike Heringer, moderator of the Student Government Association, which organizes the event. "I don't think anyone minded adding a few more days to Mission Week."

Casino Night began the events,

the Jesuit Missions.

One of the main attractions was the return of the co-ed volleyball game, which had not been played since 1984. Rockhurst pitted itself against the volleyball teams of both Notre Dame de Sion and St. Teresa's Academy. Strong attendance did little to help the two Rockhurst teams from being defeated.

"I think the guys really enjoyed it," Mr. Heringer said. "Those who didn't make it know they really missed out."

Despite the lack of the die which has defined it, the board game on Friday afternoon successfully forced each class to compete mentally, physically, and monetarily. The game was changed from previous years in an at-

MISSION WEEK

where students played card games against teachers who gave up a night to deal. \$5 gained entry and a chance to earn raffle tickets. Later in the week, an MP3 player was given to the winner of the raffle.

The real week began with the Mission Week Prayer Service, in which Mrs. Anne Riggs and Reverend Gary Menard, SJ, spoke about the "Books for Peace" delegation being sponsored by Mission Week. Rockhurst money went to delivering books to poor villages in El Salvador.

The annual student-faculty basketball game was won yet again by the faculty despite a strong show of spirit by the students.

A new addition was the day of reflection and solidarity where faculty members prayed at the beginning of each hour and made reflections on trips to, and events in, Central America as well as on other experiences associated with

tempt to make it more fair. Despite these changes, the senior class still managed to leave victorious.

The week ended with Carlitos' Annual Battle of the Bands XVI, which was particularly popular and raised nearly \$4000.

The freshmen managed to raise \$17.11 per student; the sophomores, \$13.68; the juniors, \$20.18, and the seniors, \$28.18.

"It's not just about raising money," Mr. Heringer said. "That's just a part of it. We also hope to make Mission Week educational, theological, and practical. And, of course, we want the students to have fun."

Story by Adam Davis

Assistant Coach Dr. Jorge Taracido pays off referees Mr. Frank Griffin and Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier prior to the student-faculty basketball game. ABOVE: Competing coaches Tony Severino and senior Joe Hager stare each other down before the start of the basketball game.



SEVERAL EXCITING
EVENTS RAISE
MONEY FOR LOCAL,
NATIONAL, AND
INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS





Students herd to buy raffle tickets in the Barry Commons during Mission Week. FAR LEFT: Junior Ted Capoccia and senior Nick Callegari face off in the left-handed arm wrestling tournament. Mr. Michael Heringer calls off the winner of the raffle while seniors Mike McShane and Matthew Sweeney look on.



Faculty Basketball Team members are: KNEELING: Mr. Eric Berg, Mr. Mike Sullivan, Mr. Jim DeGraw, Mr. Mike Wickenhauser. STANDING: Mr. Ed Hendry, Mr. Kevin Campbell, Mr. John Morris, Mr. David Alvey, Mr. Paul Ptasnik.



Student Basketball Team members are: KNEELING: Ricky White. STANDING: Kevin Lenihan, Sean Cummings, Zach Shelton, Mike Comiskey, Blake May, Brennan Wilson, Justin McAuley, Mike Staab, T.J. O'Connor, Deron Cherry, Adam Webb, Andy Elmer, Nick Kirkman, Kevin Morris, Blake Heatwole, Danny White.

Photo by Ted Causter

Photo by Ted Causter

MORE MISSION WEEK

Students cheer on their team during the co-ed volleyball game. Sophomore Damon McKinney leaves senior Tom Graves in his dust during the tricycle race.



Photo by Stephen Welsh
Junior Drew Goodwin competes in the hula-hoop contest.



Photo by Jason Ashbir



Rockhurst Volleyball Team members are: FRONT ROW: Joel Rosas, Andrew Medlin, Kevin Lenihan, Conner Smith, Mike Comiskey, Jack Jones BACK ROW: Justin McAuley, Todd Whitaker, Jeff Koons, Alex Nordholm, Adam Blake, Nick Kinney, Kevin LeRoy, Zach White, Derek Hardin, Scott McCaffrey, Ryan Vickers.

Mr. Corey Quinn deals blackjack to freshman Daniel Close, and juniors Kevin Morris and Steve Welsh during Casino Night. ABOVE: Seniors Mike McShane and Kevin Lenihan got milk, courtesy of Dan Cooper.



Sion Volleyball Team members are: KNEELING: Mary Kate Quarnstrom, Sarah Reintjes, Amy Griffin, Katie Latenser; STANDING: Heidi Schwartz, Michelle Mellard, Colleen Kelly, Abbey Booth, Caitlin Worth, Whitney Springs.



St. Teresa Volleyball Team members are: Nicole Burns, Gretchen Barry, Colleen Hinkey, Ray-Ray Cole, Allie Mullin, Jenna Schmitz, Cara Thompson.

CARLITO'S BATTLE OF THE BANDS

BATTLE ROCKS ROCKHURST. MAKES MORE THAN \$4,000 FOR THE MISSIONS.

The 16th annual Carlitos' Battle of the Bands featured eight diverse bands including Kill Brocktune, Uprights, Culture Camp, Hymns of Saturn, Salute Your Shorts, Team Navajo, The Texas Instruments, and Restraint.

It ended Mission Week, raising over \$4,500 from just concessions and a \$5 admission, all going straight to the Honduran missions.

"The battle really achieved a lot this year," said long-time Battle of the Bands moderator Mr. Tom Norman. "A lot of the musicians have been in the battle before, and it's been fun watching them improve."

Seniors Jeff Nagy and Andy Beisser, along with juniors Nik Scheutz and Nick Lewer, helped Mr. Norman plan the event for their NHS service project. They listened to more than 20 different band's demo tapes, deciding which were the best, selecting only eight. Local music store Big Dudes provided sound equipment.

"The quality has been improving from year to year, and the talent surprises most people," said Mr. Norman.

Mr. Mike Brockland, a battle of the band judge, and two others voted on which three bands were best. Uprights came in first, and won best horn section; Kill Brocktune came in second and won best vocalist, best bassist, and best drummer; Culture Camp came in third; Chris Brown from the Texas Instruments won

best guitar; and Team Navajo won best keyboards.

"This is my third year being in the battle," said Kill Brocktune guitarist/vocalist senior Ben Summers. "And overall it's been the best one by far. The bands were all great, and just the general atmosphere has been terrific. It was a great year to spend my last battle at Rockhurst."

Story by Nick

Befort



LEFT AND CLOCKWISE: Senior Elliot Dunn plays trombone with senior Jeff Nagy on sax for The Uprights. Junior Nick Befort rocks the audience on drums for his band, Hymns of Saturn. Senior Kevin Welsh of Salute Your Shorts give a high five to a member of the audience. Ben Summers, singer and guitarist of Kill Brocktune, won best vocalist of the battle. Sophomore Conor Loftus and Ryan Jackson give an energetic performance throughout the night.

Every spring when the school year comes to a close, the Mom Prom buzz seems to fill the air as students prepare for their night on the town. The Rockhurst Mother-Son Dance provides the students with an opportunity to take their mothers out for a spectacular evening of dining and dancing.

"We've looked forward to the dance since my son's sophomore year when we were unable to attend," said Mrs. P.J. Moderson. "This year's dance was extraordinary."

The evening began with mothers and sons dressed in their evening's best socializing in the lobby of the Overland Park Convention Center. At the end of "social hour" mothers and sons sat down to a three-course meal of salad, mushroom-filled ravioli, (because it was a Friday during Lent) and strawberry cheesecake.

During the dinner, coordinators Mrs. Armi Holcomb and Mrs. Anna Quirk welcomed all moms and sons. Soon after, Principal David Laughlin, while holding his son Joey, gave an inspiring speech about motherhood.

MOM PROM

"I loved helping with this year's Mother Son Dance," said Mrs. Holcomb. "Since we moved from the Ritz Charles to the Overland Park Convention Center, there was definitely a lot more room for dancing."

As the seniors and their mothers continued the traditional Rose Ceremony, the Class of 2003 sang "Let It Be" by the Beatles while mothers waved their roses in harmony. This song marked the seniors' last Mother-Son Dance. Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman dances soon followed.

Throughout the rest of the evening, students and their mothers laughed and danced the night away.

Story by Matt Vaughan

SENIORS BEGIN
NEW TRADITION
WITH SERENADE
OF MOTHERS AT
ROSE CEREMONY



Photo by Mark Crutchen



Juniors Tony Temple, Jason Tomlin, Steve Redmond, Derrick McKinney and sophomore Damon McKinney enjoyed dinner with their mothers. Stephen Hinck dances with his mother Kim during the sophomore class dance.





Senior Michael Farrell and his mom, Lynn, take a break from the dance for a picture. FAR LEFT: Junior Matt McKibbin and his mom relax for a moment before dancing. CENTER: To show appreciation for all the work their mothers have done, seniors sing "Let it Be" by The Beatles. The freshmen and their mothers strut their stuff during the class dance at Mom Prom.



Photo by Mark Crutchfield



Juniors Jon Vigliaturo, Miguel Meija, and Grant Spiking get ready for the dance with their mothers. TOP LEFT: Principal David Laughlin holds up a picture drawn by his son, Joey, as he extols the merits of motherhood before the Rose Ceremony. TOP RIGHT: Senior Brad Weishar presents his mom with a rose during the Rose Ceremony.

Give Our Regards to Rockhurst,' the theme of the 2003 Spectacular Auction, was chosen partly in honor of Rev Thomas Pesci, SJ, because it would be his last as RHS President.

The theme of the auction, which raised nearly \$475,000, was carried out through the setting which consisted of pictures of New York City. It was set like a late night in a big city with large drawings of buildings with lights on. Playing off the original play "Give My Regards to Broadway," the auction featured opening songs by the Varsity Singers on the main stage.

Many unusual items made the auction interesting, such as a Day in the Dots where you spend a day in Wyandotte County, an Elite Frogs sky diving package, and the opportunity to serve as water boys for the 2003 football team. A record number of car raffle tickets were sold for a Toyota Highlander.

"We had many different items we hadn't had before," said Special Activities Coordinator Mrs. Judie Scanlon.

SPECTACULAR AUCTION

The auction met the goals of the organizers including chair couples Alison and Scott Ward, Steve and Mary Reintjes, and Jane and Steve Howard.

"One of the reasons the auction went so smoothly was because of the many volunteers," said Mrs. Scanlon.

The auction received much behind-the-scenes support from more than 400 student, parent and alumni volunteers who helped prepare, work, and clean up. There were also several past parents who continue to help even after their children had graduated.

"Auctions are unique to schools that have a high level of support," said Fr. Pesci.

Story By Joel Hodes

Seniors Matt Nocita and Joe Hager deliver a statue of a RHS football player to its winning bidder. ABOVE: Senior Duo Yang helps to escort guests to the Barry Commons before the Spectacular Auction.

ALMOST HALF OF A
MILLION DOLLARS
RAISED WITH RECORD
NUMBER OF RAFFLE
TICKETS SOLD





Mr. Steve Reintjes, Mrs. Mary Reintjes, Mrs. Alison Ward, Mr. Scott Ward, Mrs. Jan Howard, and Mr. Steve Howard chaired the auction. FAR LEFT: Brad and Vivian Hansen check out some of the goods available at the auction. BELOW LEFT: Senior Andrew Turner escorts former auction chairpersons Sue and Sam Sabaugh. BELOW RIGHT: Juniors Michael Hinck and Michael Wiggins escort Dr. Louise M. Barry, a member of the Rockhurst Board of Trustees and the widow of Dr. William Barry, for whom the Barry Commons is named.



Coach Tony Severino and his wife Marilyn converse with news anchor Larry Moore and Ruth Moore. TOP: Mr. David Laughlin with his wife Kelly and Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, greet guests in the Barry Commons.

In its fourth year, the Bridging the Gap concert series continues to help Rockhurst men meet their tuition needs as it attempts to narrow the difference from what it actually costs to educate a student verses what the student actually pays.

"Basically each student gets a \$1200-\$1400 scholarship, and it's my responsibility to see that some of these funds come through," said Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator.

The most important part of the Bridging the Gap concerts is of course, securing the people to perform.

"I have a lot of help from everybody but especially from David Maygers, RHS Class of '67, who suggests bands to perform here," Mrs. Scanlon said.

The first concert featured Brody Buster opening for the Little River Band on September 7th, which marked the Buster Band's last show together. The Rockhurst Chamber Choir performed "Ride Sally, Ride" with the Buster Band.

BRIDGING THE GAP

The main act, the Little River Band, had a successful show due in part to local radio station 101.1 KCFX The Fox which helped promote the show.

"They helped with advertising; the concert wouldn't have been the success it was without 101.1 The Fox," said Mrs. Scanlon.

Late Night Catechism, performed on January 18th, was the first sold out show of the series. The comedy act, which was geared toward adults who had been educated by Catholic nuns, struck a nerve for many in the audience.

The third concert, For the Love of The Irish, featured The Elders, theology teacher Mr. John Morris, and a recovering Eddie Delehunt, is one of the annual favorites, and always has a big crowd.

"My favorite act was the Late Night Catechism, which was also our most profitable show because it was sold out," Mrs. Scanlon said.

Story By Ted Caster

THREE SUCCESSFUL
CONCERTS RAISE
MONEY TO FILL THE
FINANCIAL GAP
BETWEEN TUITION
AND COSTS.



Coach John Morris sings and plays guitar during the For the Love of the Irish Concert. ABOVE: Mrs. Judie Scanlon's mother Janet Stephenson, Judie's son Kerry and his wife, Teri, and son Jack, attended the Irish Concert. Stephen Housden and Greg Hind of the Little River Band jam in the main show.





Maripat Donovan accepts accolades for her hilarious performance as a nun in Late Night Catechism.

Mr. James Boyer acknowledges the Chamber Choir after their performance with the Brody Buster Band. Mr. Mike Heringer wore his garb as a Christian Brother to warm up the crowd for Late Nite Catechism.



Brody Buster and his band play their final performance. FAR LEFT: The Elders feel the music during the Irish concert. Freshmen Eddie Williams, Donnie Quinn, and junior Lucas Villanueva pose as alter boys for Late Night Catechism.





Arts activity never ceases at Rockhurst. Acting is a full-time and often year-round extracurricular for some students. Those who play instruments always have an event for which to prepare. On Fine Arts Day, the whole school gets to see the all of the arts amalgamated into one school-wide presentation. It wasn't always this way, but the days of Rockhurst being known only as a jock school are fading fast.



Arts

Section by Jim Barnes



Photo by John Quinn



Caitlin Buerge and Roy Lightner argue over their dissolving marriage.

Mrs. Kathy Kane debuts with Neil Simon's *Broadway Bound*

The cast of *Broadway Bound*. Seated: Andy Beisser, Caitlin Buerge and Vince Wagner. Standing: Seth Correa, Margaret Davis and Roy Lightner. St. Teresa's Academy's junior Caitlin Buerge glares at senior Roy Lightner after Lightner's character confesses he has been cheating on her.

First year teacher-director Mrs. Kathy Kane used a combination of comedic and realistic scenes to produce an emotional drama in her Rockhurst debut, Neil Simon's *Broadway Bound*.

Before joining the RHS Drama Department, Mrs. Kane directed and taught at St. Theresa Middle School for 16 years.

Senior Andy Beisser and junior Vince Wagner took the lead roles as Eugene and Stanley Jerome, two brothers trying to obtain jobs as comedy writers for television and radio broadcast companies. The dry wit and sarcasm from both of these characters created a funny relationship throughout the show.

"Eugene provided me with a great opportunity to cut loose and let everything run free on stage," Beisser said.

Senior Roy Lightner and St. Teresa's Academy's junior Caitlin Buerge played the more serious side of the production as Eugene and Stan's father and mother, Jack and Kate. The intense and realistic scenes between the two revealed a marriage falling apart.

Between the comedic and serious scenes, juniors Seth Correa and Notre Dame de Sion's junior Margaret Davis played Ben and Blanche. Ben, Stanley and Eugene's grandfather, is a grumpy old man with and obvious comedic side.

FALL PLAY

Caitlin Buerge and Notre Dame de Sion's junior Margaret Davis give junior Seth Correa, their father, a glass of water after he has a mild heart attack. At the top of the stairs at their parents' house, senior Andy Beisser and junior Vince Wagner have difficulties writing a comedic sketch. Beisser humorously attempts to make his point to his brother.



"I was able to make the audience believe that I was a paid actor outside of RHS," Correa said.

The small cast of six created a close relationship between the actors and technicians and was able to define and perfect their characters.

"The kids that have been involved with the play are more professional than what I have worked with in previous schools," Mrs. Kane said.

Story by Jim Barnes

Seth Correa talks to his visiting daughter, played by Margaret Davis. Sitting at the kitchen table, Correa gives fatherly pointers about how he feels that she is doing in her life.

Philoctetes first Greek tragedy at Rockhurst

The winter play *Philoctetes*, written by Sophocles and directed by Mr. Bill Murphy, was a break from the ordinary. A Greek tragedy about a man abandoned by his troops didn't draw huge crowds but showcased excellent acting.

"I wished that more people had come to see the play, but I was very happy with the overall performance of the cast," said Mr. Murphy.

With a cast of 22, the majority of the play was a dialog between four actors, with others playing the role of the strophe and antistrophe in the cho-

Senior Logan McCoy stands, fists clenched, listening to St. Teresa Academy's junior Caitlin Buerge, playing Philoctetes, plead with him.



Photo by Dominic Hoferer

Photo by Mrs. Cathy McCoy

Winter Play

rus. Philoctetes, played by two actors, senior Jimmy Utley and St. Teresa Academy junior Caitlin Buerge, possessed a bow that Neoptolemos (senior Logan McCoy) wants to retrieve and help Odysseus (senior Greg Duncan) capture Troy.

The drama featured an opening sequence that showed a silent battle to set up the context of the play. The chorus actors battled amidst hi-tech effects with lights, projectors and fog.

"I enjoyed the play because it was something that people weren't used to and helped expose a different side of Rockhurst theater," said Duncan.

The play, performed four evenings, enabled actors to play different roles that they would not normally play. Allowing people to see the play for free the first night helped draw a larger crowd. Even with Mr. Murphy being sick for a period of time the show still went on with Mrs. Kathy Kane filling in.

Story by Joel Hodes



Photo by Mrs. Cathy McCoy



Photo by Mrs. Cathy McCoy



Photo by Mrs. Cathy McCoy

Senior Logan McCoy, Neoptolemos, talks with Notre Dame de Sion's Junior Margaret Davis who is a puppet. Right: Senior Greg Duncan, Odysseus, accepts the respect given by Logan McCoy, Neoptolemos. Above Right: Logan McCoy listens to senior Duo Yang give his opinions about taking the bow.

Seniors Greg Duncan and Logan McCoy stand as members of the chorus battle in the background.



Photo by Mrs. Caitlin McCoy

Senior Logan McCoy stands listening to Caitlin Buerge ask him to reconsider his decision.



The cast and crew of Philoctetes: Seated: Mike Dow, Mark Rachel, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Tyler Whetstone, Jacob Kruger, Jim Barnes, Joe Myers, Jeff Keeling and Henry Thomas. Standing: Julian Rivera, Elizabeth Broad, Colin Fewell, Micheal Paradise, Lucas Villanueva, Zach Cofran, Margaret Davis, Greg Duncan, Derek Cook, Mr. Bill Murphy, Jimmy Utley, Logan McCoy, Caitlin Buerge, Tim Hanna, Seth Corea, Cordi Woods, Duo Yang, Cameron Summers, Jamie Duncan and Patrick O'Leary.

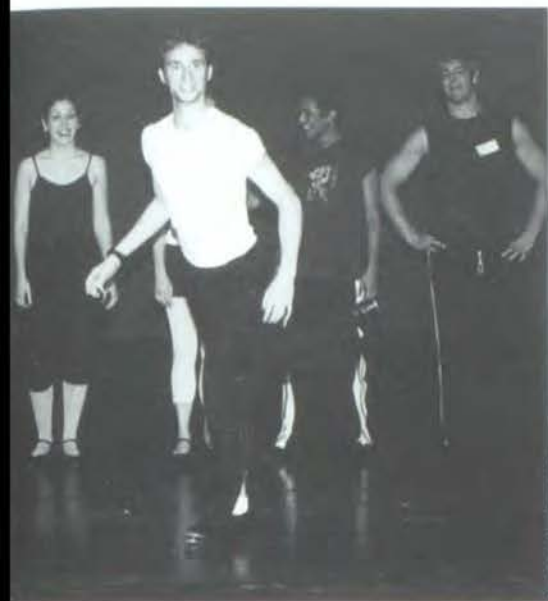
The cast and crew of *A Chorus Line* are: Kneeling: Conor Foley, Alexis Sosa, Kaitlyn Davidson, Roy Lightner, Justine Cotter, Tera Ruder, Johnny Francoviglia, Colleen Grate, Jessica Osterman, Lucas Villanueva, Christopher Nahser, Tyler Whetstone, Joe Myers and Zach Cofran. Row 2: John Koster, Michelle LeCluyse, Krista Cardell, Amanda Ellwood, Julian Rivera, Jake Grate, Wes Ellwood, Corki Albertson, Jill Weglarz, Ivy Gagnon and Jon Dandurand. Row 3: Caitlin Buerge, Marcia Canaday, Karl Lind, Gina Malone, Eddie Williams, Joey Spaniol, Mrs. Kathy Kane, Bryonha Parham, Cassie Smedile, Elizabeth Weisher, Brian Kelly, Logan McCoy, Bryan Hogan, Tim Hannah and Matt Neff. Row 4: Mr. Matt Stewart, John Marrin, David Stamm, Nick Rawlings, Andy Beisser, Scott Hanson, Vince Wagner, Erik LaPointe, Joe Hager, Sean Fitzpatrick, Brett King, Long Nguyen, Mr. Frank Griffin, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu and Mark Rachel. Not pictured: Tammy Ruder.

Photo by Keith Gant



Seniors Roy Lightner, Joe Hager, St. Teresa Academy junior Justine Cotter, senior Tera Ruder and cast tip their hats during the finale.

Student choreography enhances *A Chorus Line*



Senior Johnny Francoviglia taps to the song "I Can Do That" as the cast watches intently.

Photo by Matt Turley

The Rockhurst Theater Spring Musical, *A Chorus Line*, was historic because it marked the first time ever a student provided choreography, as senior Roy Lightner put together all the dancing.

"The choreography was excellent," said Mrs. Kathy Kane, director. "Roy definitely has a gift."

A Chorus Line tells the story of several young dancers trying to succeed in the fast-paced world of Broadway shows. Each character tells about their

Spring Musical

lives and struggles. Some, having enjoyed music and dancing their whole lives, are aching to get to Broadway. Others recently discovered their passion and are working as hard as they can to be the best.

The performances entertained audiences and earned recognition from Starlight Theater as the cast was nominated for six Blue Star awards.

"Being nominated for the Blue Star awards is a great achievement," said Mrs. Kane. "I couldn't have asked for more from a group of high school students."

The lead roles were portrayed by John Dandurand as Larry, Logan McCoy as Zach, Brian Kelly as Zach's Assistant, Roy Lightner as Paul, Joe Spaniol as Mark, Joe Hager as Al, Johnny Francoviglia as Mike, Vince Wagner as Greg, Julian Rivera as Ritchie, Andy Beisser as Bobby, and Sean Fitzpatrick as Don. The female roles were performed by 18 girls from local schools including Notre Dame de Sion, St. Teresa Academy and Shawnee Mission East.

A Chorus Line is Mrs. Kane's first musical at Rockhurst. Assisting her in getting everything together was Mr. Michael Kern with the instrumental accompaniment. Mr. James Bowyer and Mr. Matt Stewart directed the singing, and Mr. Bill Murphy made sure the technical side of the musical went smoothly.

The Rose Theater was packed at each night's performance as people came from all over to see the action.

"The musical this year was very good," said junior Alan Elliot. "The dances were very well performed and singing was excellent."

Story by Marc Eskew



Photo by Matt Turley



Photo by Matt Turley



Photo by Colin McFarland

Sophomore Jon Dandurand listens as senior Andy Beisser tells the story of his childhood. Above: Senior Joe Hager and senior Corki Alberston dance together.

The cast and crew of *Senior Showcase* are: Kneeling: Zach Cofran, Margaret Davis, Sarah Stites, Zachary Fietsch, Mark McNeal, Kayleigh Gamble and Rachel Hogan. Standing: Tim Martin, Andrew Perry, Chris Gard, Andy Beisser, Greg Duncan, Jimmy Utley, Peter Brewer, Jim Barnes and Nik Schuetz.



Senior Showcase



Studio Theater Council



Photo by Cl Cornwell

Get Smart



Members of the Studio Theater Council are: Logan McCoy, Roy Lightner, Lucas Villanueva, Mrs. Kathy Kane, Vince Wagner, Johnny Francoviglia and Julian Rivera. Not pictured: Andy Beisser. The cast and crew of *The Wrestling Season* are: Seated: Laura Brewer, Lauren Krum, Vince Wagner, Abby Heft and Chris Gard. Standing: Cassie Smedile, Brett King, Roy Lightner, Tom Graves, Joe Spaniol and Alex Perseley.

Student productions find unity in black box



Photo by Caitlin Buerger

uring the first two months of the school year, the Studio Theater Council elected officers, voted on the plays for the season, and set up new rules and guidelines. Essentially the board of directors of the Drama Club, the Council decides what student-directed shows will be performed in the black box, which is the acting room underneath the Rose Theatre.

Three shows were selected for the season. *All In the Timing*, directed by seniors Logan McCoy and Andy Beisser, played during the last weekend of November and showcased four short comical plays including *Words Words Words*, *Variations On the Death of Trotsky*, *Sure Thing*, and *Universal*

Student Productions



Language. Seniors Jimmy Utley, Zach Cofrin, Greg Duncan, Shawnee Missions East's senior Amanda Ellwood and sophomore Bridey Maidhof played roles in the show.

"With the comedic aspects, *All In the Timing* was one of the most enjoyable shows of the year," said senior Tim Hanna, the light operator.

The Wrestling Season, directed by senior Roy Lightner and junior Vince Wagner, opened the first weekend of December. With strong performances from Lightner, Wagner, St. Teresa juniors Cassie Smedile and Abbey Heft, the show presented a realistic "slice of life" story about high school wrestlers and their lives during the season.

"Both nights of the show held packed houses," said Mrs. Kathy Kane, faculty sponsor of the Studio Theater Council. "The audience support was overwhelming."

Get Smart, directed by senior Jacob Kruger, played for one weekend in March. It appealed to an older crowd because of the connection with the 60's TV show of the same name. It was a story of a clumsy spy who accidentally stops the organization of KAOS from unleashing a weapon of mass destruction. Junior Lucas Villanueva, seniors Joe McAdam and Dan McGuire, and St. Teresa's senior Laura Murphy played lead roles.

A senior showcase, directed by Utley, was a combination of five short plays by David Ives including *Enigma Variations*, *A Singular Kind of Guy*, *Arabian Nights*, *Captive Audience*, and *The Green Hill*. Performers in the shows included seniors Andy Beisser, Mark McNeal, Andrew Perry, Zachary Cofran, Logan Keech, Greg Duncan, sophomores Tim Martin, Zachary Fietsch, freshman Chris Gard, St. Teresa juniors Rachel Hogan, Kayleigh Gamble, Sion's junior Margaret Davis and freshman Sarah Stites.

"All of the shows came together nicely," Mrs. Kane said. "The new concepts were received well from all of the audiences because all three shows had appeal to different tastes."

Story by Jim Barnes

The cast and crew of *Get Smart* are: Front: Jacob Kruger. Row Two: Emily Cooke, Rachel Hogan, Erin Coleman, Joe McAdam and Dan McGuire. Row Three: Mark McNeal, Emily Levitt, Maura Murphy, Robin Kilmer, Margaret Davis, Rose Dillon, Elizabeth Braud, Jenny Stahly and Anthony Ishmael. Row Four: Zach Cofran, Lucas Villanueva, Tucker Keatley, Greg Duncan, Andrew Perry, Chris Gard, Tim Martin, Kayleigh Gamble and Jamie Duncan. The cast and crew of *All in the Timing* are: Lucas Villanueva, Greg Duncacn, Ryan Ptomey, Zack Cofran, Jimmy Utley, Mr. Andrew Hagedorn, Andy Beisser, Bridey Maidhof, Amanda Ellwood and Logan McCoy.

Photo by CJ Cornwell



Students learn problem-solving while building sets

Starting his sixth year at Rockhurst, Mr. Bill Murphy's Art and Architecture and Theater Tech classes fill up within days and are growing in popularity.

Art and Architecture includes a mix of activities ranging from sketching objects to laying out plans for buildings and projects. Students learn the basics of color schemes and how shapes affect the perspectives of drawings.

Theater Tech is divided fairly evenly among the classes, but the number of seniors in the class each year is diminishing. The students build the sets for the Rockhurst plays as well as learn the basics for stage design including measurements and dimensions.

"Even if the students don't learn anything from the class, their job is to produce the sets for the plays," said Mr. Murphy. "They are slave labor to the production of the sets."

"It taught me a lot about how much work and effort goes into the production of a great set to go with a great play," said junior Chris Camarena. "The time it took to produce a set really gives me a new respect for those who build them." Story by Ryan Pruitt

Seniors Andrew Charlton, David Koehler, and Dan Howard organize the shop by hanging the fresnels. Below: Senior Grant Keyser waits for instructions that Mr. Bill Murphy is writing on a piece of scrap wood.



Photo by Mark Crutchfield



Photo by Adrian Carson

Theater Tech/Art and Architecture

Photo by Adrian Carson



Photo by Mark Crutchfield



Senior Justin McDonald screws a beam together for the fall play *Broadway Bound*. Senior Colin Groves cuts a sheet of plywood with a panel saw as senior Eric Andrew holds it steady. Junior Tommy Whitehead tightens the fresnel on a batton in the Rose Theatre. Left: Director Mrs. Kathy Kane clarifies sound cues with senior Tim Hanna, juniors Thien-An Nguyen-Vu and Joe Myers for *Chorus Line*.



Sophomore Seth Sinovic screws a frame together. Left: Andrew Charlton guides a 2x6 piece of wood through the table saw as senior T.J. Kratofil helps to guide it.



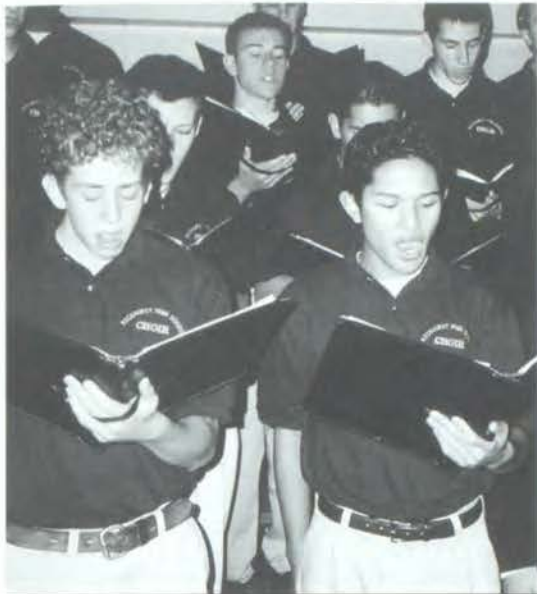
Members of the Varsity Singers are: Janel Wilson, Justine Cotter, Amanda Ellwood, Ann Langworthy, Ashley Brookman, Bryonna Parham, Margaret Davis, Corki Albertson, Ivy Gagnon, Julia Haile, Aubrey Dahl, Jenalee Tangpuz, Gina Malone, Kerry Amos, Jill Weglarz, Cassie Smedile, Molly O'Neil and Kate Baker. Mr. James Bowyer, Roy Lightner, Julian Riviera, Joey Wagner, Sean Fitzpatrick, Zack Cofran, Johnny Francoviglia, Jon Dandurand, Eric Snyder, Joe Hager, Vince Wagner, John Nantz, Andy Beisser, Breck Mundas, Joel Rosas, Paul Peña, Joe Spaniol, Logan McCoy and Mr. Matt Stewart.



Photo by Dorian Altrich



The Chamber Choir sings under the direction of Mr. Matt Stewart with Mr. James Bowyer on piano.



Junior Matt McKibbin and sophomore Julian Rivera sing with the Chamber Choir. Left: The Chamber Choir sings at the top of the Rose Theatre for Thanksgiving Mass.

Chamber Choir tours midwest cities

The Choral Music Department unveiled two new choirs, the Varsity Singers and the Chamber Choir.

The Varsity Singers program was comprised of 20 Rockhurst men and 16 young women from surrounding schools.

"I had a lot of fun in Varsity Singers," said junior Paul Peña. "It was fun to meet and work with girls and we sounded very good together."

Varsity Singers/Chamber Choir

Auditions were held in May and practices were held every Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00 at night where hard work and dedication paid off in their two performances, "A Century on Broadway," and "All That Jazz." They also performed at the Open House.

The Chamber Choir is an advanced choir comprised of 37 of the best singers RHS has to offer including two vocalists who placed first in state, senior Joe Hager and junior Vince Wagner.

In February, the choir went on tour to hold concerts in Indianapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, and two in Saint Louis.

"It was a great time," said sophomore Jon Dandurand. "We all had a lot of fun and it brought us closer together as a group."

The students sang on the campuses of Marquette University, Saint Louis University, and Loyola University of Chicago.

The choir performed at graduation and had several performances including a concert with guitar/harmonica player Buster Brody and an appearance at the Spectacular auction.

Story by John Krebs



Photo by Zachary Jones



The Chamber Choir smiles on the stairs leading to the Rose Theater. Above: Shawnee Mission East's senior Corki Albertson is being held up in front of the Varsity Singers sign during the Fall Sampler Concert.



Senior Roy Lightner solos during the Fall Sampler Concert. Mr. Matt Stewart and Mr. James Bowyer pose after the successful Fall Sampler Concert. Dr. John Yonkman bows after the performance.

Photo by Nick Jones

New Honor Choir performs at successful choral festival

Another new addition to the Rockhurst line of choral music is the Honor Choir which performed at the Fall Sampler concert and the Festival of Readings and Carols at Christmas time.

The Choral Festival was another high point in the year. The choirs were honored by the presence of Dr. John Yonkman.

The Chamber Choir sings outside the Principal's Office in front of the senior staircase during activity period.



Men's and Honor Choir

"It was a real honor to have him with us," said junior Jimmy Chalmers. "He had a lot to offer and it made us better as a choir."

The 25 men in the choir practiced everyday in class to prepare for their various concerts and performances. Story by John Krebs



Joe Hager, Kevin Welsh, Sean Fitzpatrick, John Nantz and others sing on the ramp leading to the McGee Hall. Inset top left: Vince Wagner, Hager, Brian Kelly, Roy Lightner, Breck Mundis and Lucas Villanueva. Inset top right: Mundis, as Piglet, Lightner playing Pooh, and Wagner as Rabbit try to cheer up Eeyore played by Hager. Inset bottom: Eeyore, Pooh, Piglet and Rabbit snack on some food in *Pooh's Party*.

Pooh's Party tours local grade schools



Members of the Honor Choir are: First Row: Mr. James Bowyer, Adam Mall, David Bangert, Matt Kenney, Andrew Paredes, Brian Kelly, Mark Crutchfield, Scott Orscheln, Liam Porter, Mr. Matt Stewart; Second Row: Ryan Reid, Mike Kelly, Brian Ward, Steve Redmond, Noah Besheer, John Wilson, Andre McIntosh, Bobby Smith, Anthony Lolli, Tom Graves, Tony Temple.

Desiring an in-depth class on the Theatre and its composition, Mr. James Bowyer designed the Musical Theatre Workshop. This single-semester class was split up into two parts, alternating order every year.

Musical Theatre Workshop

Roy Lightner lies on the floor as Pooh in *Pooh's Party*. Below: Lightner and Joe Hager discuss life in the Hundred Acre Woods as Pooh and Eeyore.

During the Fall semester, the focus of the class was *The Singer*. The class put on two shows, *Pooh's Party* and *Tips on Tryouts*. The students were required to attend various productions off campus and directly apply the knowledge gained to in-class work.

The central point of the Spring semester was *The Actor*. Students were assigned to do their own monologues and also wrote their own musicals.

"Theatre Workshop was a great experience for me," said junior Lucas Villanueva. "It taught me about how much work goes into each production."

Also new was Music Theory. This class taught the basics of music synthesis with emphasis on diatonic materials such as chords, key signatures, and basic harmonic analysis. As part of the class, students composed their own music and some had it performed.

Story by John Krebs



Photo by Adam Davis



Chapel Choir goes above and beyond to enliven liturgies

Mr. Matt Stewart sings with the chapel choir at the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Senior Tyler True plays the violin accompanied by Mr. James Bowyer on the piano during an all-school Mass.

The Rockhurst Chapel Choir continued its pursuit of excellence and service as it went above and beyond the normal regimen by arriving an hour early on Friday morning to enliven the student liturgies at the Class Masses.

"We really do our best to make the Mass experience more exciting," said senior Tyler True, who has been with the club for over three years. "When we sing at Mass, we help to keep others involved, all while having fun ourselves."

The Choir travelled to many local churches including St. Francis Xavier, St. John, Regis, Saint Catherine and Christ the King to provide music for the parish Masses.

"It is a huge commitment to attend the different churches for choir, but mostly we all do it because we all love to sing," said True. "Not only do we love to



Chapel Choir

sing, but it feels good to help people in need."

The RHS Chapel Choir also intends to further develop its ability through a camp that will take place over the summer.

"The summer practice will help us to better prepare for performances in the upcoming school year," said junior Brian Walden. "That way we can sing our best for the Mass of the Holy Spirit." Story by Bryan Murphy



Members of the Chapel Choir are: Row One: Mark McNeal, Chris Reichmeier, Julian Rivera, Brian Walden, Joe Spaniel, Joey Caudle, Charlie Reichmeier, Roy Wagner and Eddie Williams. Row Two: Joe Myers, Johnny Francoviglia, Matt Neff, Ryan Ptomey, Nick Rawlings, Roy Lightner, Vince Wagner, Tyler True and Mr. Michael Kern.

"Powerhouse of sound" brought to games

The Pep Band filled the Rockhurst stadium and gym with spirited and exciting music. Directed by Mr. Michael Kern and recent RHS graduate Giuliano Mingucci, the band played at all home football and basketball games.

"The Pep Band supplies spirit and energy to supplement the team," Mr. Kern said. "This year's Pep Band is better than ever. It's a true powerhouse of sound."

Joe Lindgren, president, and other members put in hours of practice after school to be prepared for the games. They even came in one week before school to get warmed up for the season.

"Joe is a good person, and I enjoy his leadership," junior Andrew Ford said.

One of the biggest events for the Pep Band was the dedication of the new stadium. Band members provided the same musical spirit that they do at the football games, only this time it was for the entire school and distinguished guests.

Being a member of the band requires the commitment of every member to dedicate hours and hours to practicing for the games.

"Pep Band members have to give up their social lives for the games," Mr. Kern said. "They show true dedication."

Members prefer playing at basketball games because it's warm and because people can hear them much better.

Story By Ted Caster

Mr. Mike Kern and members of the Pep Band load up instruments in a truck after the stadium dedication. The Pep Band plays at the Stadium dedication in September.

Pep Band

Members of the Pep Band are: Front row: David Stamm, John Marrin, Christopher Able, Stephen Stinger, Luke Clarkson, Andrew Bly, Michael Guerrin and Anthony Ishmael. Row Two: Corey Carr, Colin Fewell, Andrew Milbourn, Tim Connor, Michael Stingo, Tim Martin, Kevin Ruprecht, Colin Shea and Tony Neff. Row Three: James Risalvato, Willie Dobbels, Drew Latenser, Andrew Chase, Bobby Murphy, Derek Sisel, Michael Judge, Paul Gottsch, Ryan Donohue and John Hicks. Row Four: Richard White, Danny White, Charles Doolittle, Patrick Camacho, Robert Kuhn, Ben Short, Brian Strickland, Lyndan Gray, John Koster and Wes Ellwood. Row Five: Ian Lewis, Matt Sirna, Brian Proulx, Phillip Schapker, Pat McShane, Matt Neff, Nick Yates, Matt Baker, Matt Towner and Joe Lindgren. Row Six: Daniel McCracken, Peter Brewer, Cameron Korte, Mark McNeal, Bobby Tonnies, Chris Reichmeier, Daniel Barth and Mr. Michael Kern.

36 instrumentalists earn medals at state competition

More Rockhurst instrumental music students took first and second place at the State Music Festival than ever before, with 13 students winning first place medals and 23 winning second place, bringing the total to 36.

"I was most proud of the way the students performed at state," said Mr. Michael Kern, Instrumental Music Director. "It was our best showing yet."

The music Mr. Kern teaches covers a wide variety of styles, including Jazz, Intro to Jazz and Senior Jazz Band, Concert Band, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. Mr. Kern also directs the Pep Band which plays at school sporting events and pep assemblies.

Students chose to participate outside of class and to play different types of music. They also play during performing outside of class is a requirement of all of Mr. Kern's classes.

"Showing up to class and playing is average work," said Mr. Kern. "That's a C. If a student wants to do better than average work, he needs to earn performance credits."

Students could have earned performance credits at the BB's Lawnside or Manheim Steamroller concerts held in front of live audiences. Those performances were recorded on two CD's that were available in the Rock Shop.

Helping Mr. Kern was a very motivated group of seniors.

"There was great senior leadership in every class," said Mr. Kern. "They never slid; they worked hard until the end. They were excited, and that's why they were able to do so much."

Mr. Kern's most outstanding students were those seniors who won awards at the awards assembly. The National School Orchestra Award was presented to Tyler True, the Chopin Piano Award was given to Chris Able, the Louis Armstrong Jazz Improvisation Award was given to Nick Rawlings, the John Phillip Sousa Band Award was given to Greg Duncan, and the Woody Herman Jazz Improvisation Award was given to Karl Lind.

Story by Charlie Stoops

Freshman Andrew Hamline, junior Greg Ford, sophomore Anthony Altomare and senior Alex Altomare perform during the Spring Orchestra concert.



Orchestra/Symphonic Band



Sophomore Michael Camacho strums a guitar in the Spring Orchestra Concert. Senior Tyler True plays the piano during the senior showcase in the Sacred Heart Chapel while Senior Colin McDaniel assists. Mr. Micheal Kern, instrumental music teacher, directs students in a musical number. Right: Pianist are: Joe Wagner, John Marrin, Henry Danaher, Chris Able and Tyler True.



Members of the Rockhurst String Ensemble are: Seated: Mike Camacho, James Wagner, John Koster, Conor Foley, Tyler True, Andrew Hamline, Anthony Altomare and Alex Altomare. Standing: Mrs. Judy Koster, Mr. Michael Kern and Greg Ford.

Senior Mark McNeal dances while other band members play and watch with enthusiasm. Senior Jeff Nagy plays the saxophone at BB's Lawnside.



Photos by Jacob Krueger



Jazz Band records two CD's from concerts

Junior Matt Baker, sophomore Matt Neff, seniors Mark McNeal, Ben Summers and Dan McGuire enjoy barbeque after their concert at BB's Lawnside. Below: Members of the Jazz Band perform at BB's Lawnside. Mr. Micheal Kern orchestrates the jazz band at the BB's Lawnside concert.

Photo by Jacob Krueger

Jazz and Concert Band



Photo by Jacob Krueger



Photo by John Winger



Photo by Jacob Krueger

Senior Ben Summers plays the guitar with junior Matt Towner on the saxophone. Above left: Trumpets and trombones perform at the Manheim Steamroller concert in the Rose Theater. Above right: Senior James Mitchell plays the bass guitar at BB's Lawnside.

E.E. Keenan honored as All-American

At seven o'clock in the morning most Rockhurst students are groggy eyed and stumbling out of bed. However, the Speech and Debate team is hard at work practicing its routine for tournaments. Hard work was the cornerstone of a team that performed admirably at national competitions.

"The purpose of Speech and Debate is to develop communication skills, personal skills, to develop the goals of a Jesuit education, and to have fun," said Head Coach Mr. Donald Ramsey.

Leadership was provided by E.E. Keenan, Extemporaneous Speaking captain; Justin Rethmeyer, Policy Debate captain; Nathan Everly, Lincoln Douglas captain; Brian Cotroneo, Student Congress captain; and Greg Duncan, Interpretation captain.

"The captains were great, they were always willing to take the initiative and help us out with debate," said junior Jack Connor. "They helped prepare the younger members for what was ahead."

that they eventually will be just as good as the seniors.

At the Lee's Summit Invitational, Keenan placed fourth in International Extemporaneous Speaking and

Cotroneo made it to the semi-finals in Congress Debate.

January proved to be the most successful month at Nevada High School, as Keenan took first place in Foreign Extemporaneous speaking. The junior duo of Rethmeyer and Joe Knackstedt took fourth in Varsity Foreign Policy. Andrew Blackwell and Alexander You took fourth in Crossfire debate.

At the Grandview Invitational, Cotroneo and Blackwell placed first in Crossfire Debate, and Keenan took third in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking.

During the Barstow Invitational, Blackwell and Cotroneo took third in Crossfire Debate, and Connor took fourth. Keenan took fifth in Student Congress, and Dominick was a semi-

**E.E. Keenan placed
13th out of 217
competitors from 58
Dioceses in
Extemporaneous
Speaking at the
Catholic Forensic
League National
Tournament
May 23-26, in
Arlington, Virginia.**

Speech and Debate

The team kicked off the year with high rankings at the North Kansas City Tournament. Keenan finished third in International Topic Exempt. Anthony Dominick and Zachary Fietsch finished sixth in Duo Interpretation.

The Park Hill South Novice Tournament also held more success as John Moffit finished first in Humorous Interpretation. Michael Spero finished second in Original Oratory. The freshmen displayed their future talent as James O'Malley and Jason Coleman went to the semifinals in Original Oratory.

According to Mr. Ramsey, the underclassmen practiced often and showed

finalist in Duo Interpretation.

At the Neosho Invitational Cotroneo and Blackwell placed first in Crossfire Debate and Knackstedt placed fifth in Congress debate.

At the NFL Show Me District Tournament at Blue Springs, Keenan placed first in Foreign Extemporaneous. In Policy Debate, Rethmeyer, Knackstedt, Dominick and Camacho placed in the top five.

Keenan won second place in Extemporaneous Speaking and third in Lincoln Douglas Debate at the West Central MSHSAA District Tournament in March. Story by Dennis Sullivan



Photo by Dennis Sullivan

Sophomore Andrew Blackwell and junior Brian Cotroneo won 8th place in the Ted Turner "Crossfire" Debates at the National Forensic League's National Tournament held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 16-17.

Senior E.E. Keenan, standing, prepares for his debate at the Nelson Invitational as sophomore Anthony Dominick and freshman Ernest Davis sit and review their material.





Members of the Speech and Debate Squad are: Front Row: Cullen Roberts, Patrick Rhea, E.E. Keenan, Zach Fietsch, and Mark McNeal. Row Two: Justin Rethmeyer, Nathan, Everly, J.D. Corless, Sean Holloway, Anthony Dominick, and Alex You. Row Three: Andrew Blackwell, Brian Cortoneo, Joe Knackstedt, Matthew Moderson, and Jack Connor.



Photo by Dennis Sullivan



Photo by Dennis Sullivan



Sophomore Andrew Blackwell and junior Brian Cotroneo congratulate senior E.E. Keenan on his All-American Forensics award. Anthony Dominick and Zach Fietsch perform their duo interpretation for an appreciative audience on Fine Arts Day.

Artwork and talents shared through Visual Arts Club

The Visual Arts Club has several talented members who have been recognized for their art.

A service oriented group that provides creative, educational and artistic opportunities for students to share their talents, the club made bookmarks for the library and masks for the Mattie Rhodes auction. Proctored by Mrs. Connie Greany, the club consists of sophomore Scott Hanson, president, and seniors Aaron Dias and Matt Walczuk who have helped with events.

The club also worked with Red Star Studio to make bowls for a soup dinner to raise money for AID's victims. Along with all the individual projects, the club also helped to make decorations and sets for Rockhurst events like the fall play *Philoctetes*.

"Art is life and we live it to the fullest," said Mrs. Greany.

The club visited Penn Valley Community College on a field trip in February to see different pieces of art, and attended an art show at the end of January. The club also participated in the Regional Scholastics Art Show in January.

During spring break some members went to Italy where they learned different techniques such as faux painting and other types that they cannot learn in class.

Story by Joel Hodes.

Seniors Andy Woods and Andrew Perry work side-by-side in the Barry Commons to create artwork for Fine Arts Day. Seth Correa completes a piece of art work during class.



Painting & Drawing



Senior Aaron Dias paints one of his complicated originals. Junior Paul South paints on a canvas in the Barry Commons.





Photos by Ted Carter

Mrs. Connie Greany, sophomores Peter Murray, Julian Rivera, senior Rehan Nana and sophomore Scott Hanson hold up the masks they molded and colored.

Spirituality essential in molding clay

Creating pottery is more than just using the hands. It is the ability to understand the history, culture, and spirituality of the clay, according to pottery teacher Mrs. Connie Greany.

The Rockhurst Art Department offers four different courses, Hand Pottery, Advanced Hand Pottery, Wheel Pottery, and Advanced Wheel Pottery.



Junior Ben Neenan smiles as he shapes a vase in pottery class.

Photo by Joel Hodges

Pottery

The first thing that Mrs. Greany introduces are the basic skills to form the clay.

"There are three main components to creating art," Mrs. Greany said. "It starts with the hands, then the cognitive skills and, finally, the ability to create from the heart in a spiritual sense."

Stand-out students were seniors Phil Steed, John Friend, Dominic Hoferer and Colin Fiola, and juniors Ben Neenan and Mike O'Brien.

"Most students make a minimum of 10 pieces, but some like Hoferer made around 70," Mrs. Greany said.

No matter how many pieces a student makes, Mrs. Greany says there is one important element that all art must have.

"A piece is not really art unless the person infuses some of themselves into the clay," Mrs. Greany said.

Story by Ted Caster



Photo by Joel Hodges

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Junior Miguel Mejia intently forms a bowl during class. Senior Matt Wimsett molds his creation on the pottery wheel.



Photo by Joel Hodges



Photo by Mike Straub

Senior Tucker Keatley places a pot on a shelf in the pottery room. Senior Terry Euston finishes his pot with a sponge brush. Senior Sean Heiman smooths the inside of a vase.

Senior Phil Steed finishes up a pitcher in pottery class. Mrs. Greany and senior Mike Comiskey work on the wheels.



Photo by Matt Wimssett

Senior John Friend shapes a large vase on the pottery wheel.



Entire Prep News upgrades to digital

The *Prep News* learned almost everything about journalism as it published ten editions, including several hard-hitting, in-depth articles such as coverage of the mock accident by SADD.

"*Prep News* is not just about publishing a newspaper," said adviser Mr. Michael Dierks. "It's about teaching students journalism techniques, decision making, and meeting deadlines."

Led by Co-Editors-in-Chief seniors Patrick Allegri and Brennan Metzler, the staff of the *Prep News* reported and commented on news about all aspects of Rockhurst. This year marked a major change for the *Prep News* as the entire production was accomplished digitally. New technologies enabled graphic enhancements and more efficient production.

"This year we have taken advantage of new technologies in order to improve," said Mr. Dierks. "The paper is now able to be more graphically oriented because everything is digital."

The technological changes have affected how the newspaper is created. New computer programs have allowed much more flexibility when creating a paper.

Graphics are easier to create and place, and deadlines are able to be extended through use of the internet and other technologies, enabling more timely reporting.

During senior service projects, sophomores and

Features Editor senior Colin Bridgham and News Editor senior Michael Stacy work on the *Prep News*. Below: Senior Patrick Allegri accepts the Michael and Ilene Drape Journalism award.



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juniors produced the "Journalism I Edition" providing an opportunity to take the responsibility of the seniors.

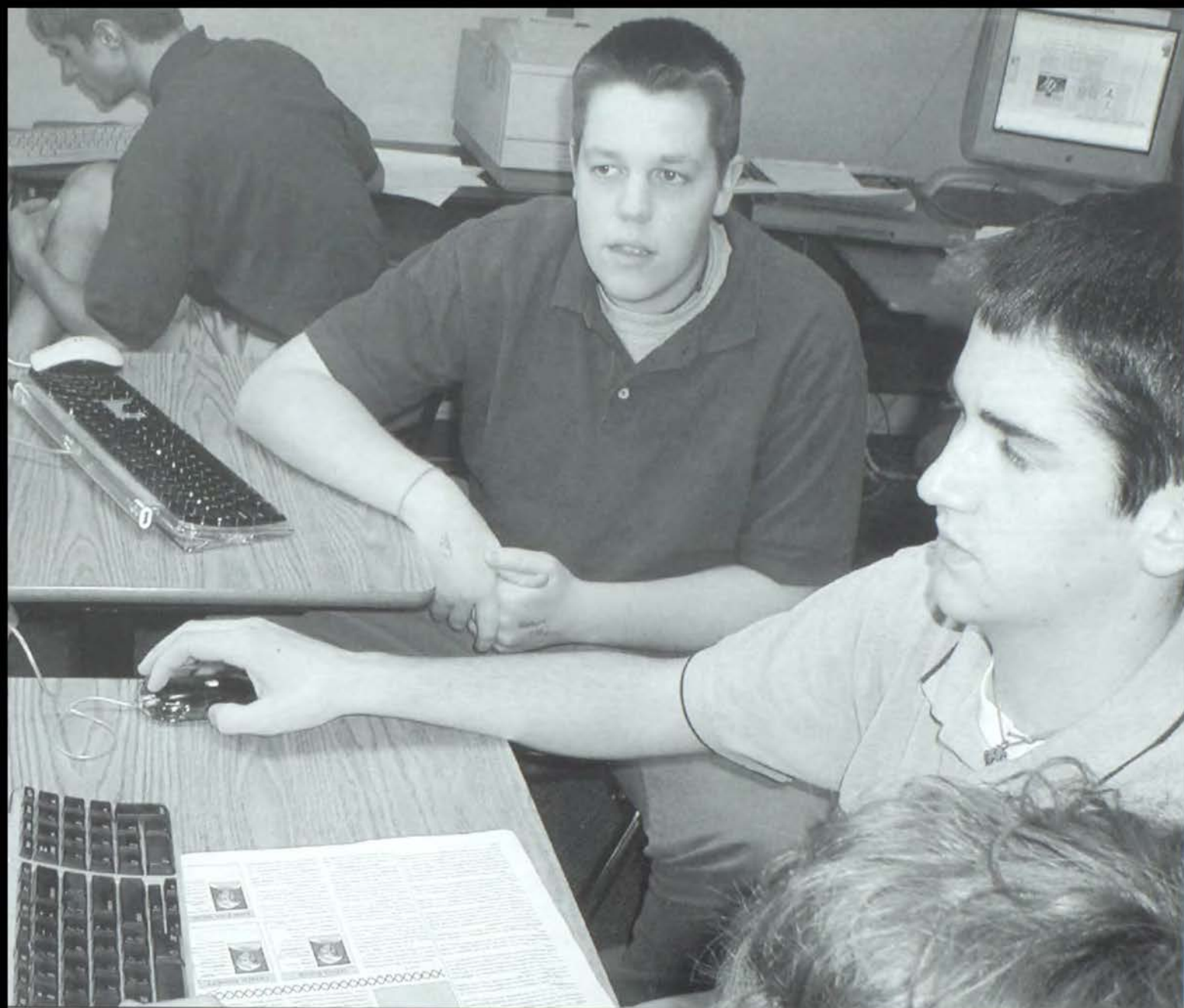
"The J-I Edition is a great chance for the juniors to take on a leadership role," said Mr. Dierks. "It let's them get a feel for how it is to run the paper."

The Journalism I award went to junior Thomas Wiedeman. The Newspaper I Award went to senior Dan Cooper. The Newspaper II Award went to seniors Nick Kinney and Michael Stacy. The Michael and Ilene Drape Journalism Scholarship was awarded to Allegri. Story by Marc Eskew



Arts Editor senior Colin Pierson places and crops a photo on the page for an upcoming edition. Right: Co-Editors-in-Chief, senior Patrick Allegri and Brennan Metzler work on finishing the paper for publishing deadlines.

Photo by Andy Woods



Members of *The Prep News* staff are: Row 1: Seamus McLaughlin, Joe Link, Dan Howard, Michael Hinck and Michael Stacy. Row 2: Robby Borchardt, Dan Ballew, Patrick Allegri, Jamie Maggard, Ted Caster, Pat McCann and Mr. Michael Dierks. Row 3: Jared Glimcher, John Hawley, Nick Kinney and Colin Pierson. Row 4: Colin Bridgham, Stephane Roque, Mark Mattione and Carl Kline. Row 5: Nick Bromberg, Jeff Herr, Ryan Van Dyke, Cory Van Dyke and Michael Farrell. Row 6: Ryan Summers, David Ward, Jack Jones and Brian Graham. Row 7: Scott Campbell, Adam Kovac and Brennan Metzler. Not pictured: Dan Cooper and John Reintjes.

Quarry Editor-in-Chief Charlie Stoops cradles the CD that contains the entire 2002-03 edition of the yearbook before it is delivered to the printer. Assistant Editor Adam Davis and several members of the staff worked eight hours a day until June 13 in the effort. BELOW: John Krebs, Mitch Miquel, Marc Eskew and Charlie Stoops choose and crop photos for insertion.



Editors and members of the Quarry Yearbook Staff are: Charlie Stoops, John Krebs, Jim Barnes, Mitch Miquel, Marc Eskew, Adam Davis, Bryan Murphy, Mike Adkins, Ted Caster. Not Pictured: Ryan Pruitt, Zach Appl.



'Best Quarry staff ever!'

Members of the *Quarry* Yearbook staff tackled an increasingly complex book with seemingly endless hours of work and dedication.

Led by Editor-in-Chief Charlie Stoops and Assistant Editor Adam Davis, the staff attempted to show the non-stop action of the Rockhurst experience through its theme of *Perpetual Motion*, so named by Sports Editor Bryan Murphy.

As usual, juniors were the mainstays of the effort, as much of the work was accomplished during three weeks of eight-hour days after final exams and long after graduation. When proofs

Marc Eskew types a caption for a photo that he will use in his Student Life section. More than 1500 photos were taken, cropped and captioned in the *Quarry*.

Photo by Jim Barnes

Quarry Yearbook

were returned in late July several editors returned for two additional weeks of checking and revising.

"The student body hopefully will recognize the accomplishments of these guys, especially Charlie, Adam, and Bryan Murphy, who gave up a lot of the summer on their behalf," said Mr. Joe Fleming, *Quarry* adviser.

Murphy's expanded Sports section was by far the largest, and he relied on help from other editors. He radically redesigned the layout from previous years using graphics to highlight the year.

Jim Barnes refined the Arts section, in its second year, as more and more activities and performances were showcased and covered.

Senior Matt Turley's photography provided inspiration for several shots showing blurred motion or timed exposures throughout the book.

Davis, originally chosen to be Student Body Editor, used his technical expertise to help most of the staff members accomplish their graphic ideas. His invaluable assistance and dedication resulted in a battlefield promotion to Assistant Editor under Stoops.

"We joked this year that this could be the 'best staff in the history of Rockhurst'," exclaimed Mr. Fleming. "I won't tell them this, but I believe that they earned that title."

Bryan Murphy chooses a sports photo that he will use in his section, the largest in the yearbook. Ted Caster decides which will be the best positions for photos.

Editors Charlie Stoops, Jim Barnes, Adam Davis and Bryan Murphy prepare to deliver the hard copy to the printer long after school was out for the year. They later spent two weeks in July checking proofs.





Photo by Adam Davis

Senior Andrew Perry works on his layout for the 48-page literary magazine, one of the largest ever.



Photo by Adam Davis

Ben Summers and Conor Loftus sort through different images to place.

Literary magazine works to include more students

Senior Editor-in-Chief Matt Judge and senior editor Ben Summers complete the layouts for *The Rock Collection*. Below: Summers and sophomore Conor Loftus work diligently on the layouts to meet their deadlines.

After meeting with the Andrews-McMeel Company, which provides free publishing for the literary magazines of local Catholic schools, the *Rock Collection* staff set to work soliciting photos, artwork and writings from students to compile into the annual magazine. Guided by moderators Mrs. Annie Riggs and Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, the staff tried to assemble works that represented the diverse student body.

Most staff members had worked on the magazine before and came to the task hoping to improve on the weaker points of the past years. Led by seniors Matt Judge, Editor-in-Chief, and Co-Editors Ben Summers and Andrew Perry, the staff added its own creativity to that of the contributing students.

"*The Rock Collection* gives students an opportunity to share artistic talents, written or visual, and expose Rockhurst students to the works of their peers," said Mr. Wickenhauser. "We tried this year to get writings and artwork from as many different students as we could."

The staff adopted a more active solicitation approach, searching for submissions from students who were writing and drawing in their free time. The staff also used traditional methods, posting flyers and making regular announcements.

"We got a really late start so we had to personally speak with those we knew were writing," said Summers. "Because of that we ended up having more content."

In February, after most of the work had been

Rock Collection

collected, the staff began to review the submissions and decide which were going to make it into the final magazine. In meetings during activity period and after school, staff members rated entries and concluded which submissions were to be kept. About half of what was entered was eventually used.

The layout then had to be designed. As seniors returned from their service projects, the staff began to make use of their computer skills, with some help and suggestions from Andrews-McMeel. They worked for a clean and professional design.

"The year started slowly, but we ended strong," said Mr. Wickenhauser. "We had to sit down and get to work. We ended up finishing on time with good results."

Story by Adam Davis

Members of the *Rock Collections* staff are: Ben Summers, Andrew Perry, Matt Judge, Nick Befort, Sean Owens and Mr. Mike Wickenhauser. Not pictured: Mrs. Annie Riggs, Adam Davis and Rory Valiere-Cunningham.

School becomes awash in artistic achievement

Helping the student body appreciate the artistic talents of some of its peers, Fine Arts Day showcased the end results of the time, talent, and effort put forth by so many of the student artists, musicians, and performers.

The school was awash in artistic achievement. The Barry Commons was full of drawings and paintings highlighting masterpieces from the visual arts classes. The pottery students also contributed to the display in the Commons. Pictures taken by photography students decorated the path



Sophomore Christian Scharosch observes the pottery that was placed on display during Fine Arts Day.

Photo by Jim Bauman

Fine Arts Day

to the McGee Hall, where pianists were sharing classical pieces. In the Rose Theater, actors enacted scenes from the previously performed *Broadway Bound* and the soon-to-open *A Chorus Line*. Choir members, directed by Mr. James Bowyer, shared numbers from their concerts. Band members, including the Senior Jazz Ensemble, played in the gym. Classrooms featured woodwind and string instrumentalists as well as the speech and debate team, who offered skits, debates, and extemporaneous speeches.

"We try to provide something to touch all the senses," said Mr. Michael Dierks, Arts Department Chairman, who coordinated the event. "We want to immerse students in the full range of the Arts Department."

Especially popular performances were by senior E.E. Keenan, who drew waves of students when he presented a foreign extemporaneous speech. The Senior Jazz Ensemble performed a number of pieces. During their rendition of Michael Jackson's "Beat It," senior Mark McNeal awed the audience with his 'mad dog' dancing skills.

"Arts Day offers an opportunity to put the diverse arts programs center stage," said Mr. Dierks. "Instead of asking students to find the arts, we bring the arts to them."

The student performers were excited to get a chance to perform in front of the student body. Students are often unaware or unable to access the many creative talents of their peers.

"It's rare that I get to perform for my classmates," said junior Henry Danaher, who was busy as both a pianist and flutist. "I thought it was a great chance to show the general student body what I can do." Story by Adam Davis



Photo by Adam Davis

Sophomore Tyler Beaven admires student art posted in the Barry Commons. Senior Andy Beisser and junior Vince Wagner reprise a scene from the fall play *Broadway Bound*.



Photo by Matt Tuttle



Photo by Matt Tuttle



The audience enjoys pianist senior Chris Able's talents. Able was one of the nine participants in "Piano Mania."

Photo by Adam Davis



Juniors Joe Myers and David Poppe and sophomore Micheal Guerrin move to the next venue where they will perform with their saxophones.

Photo by Adam Davis



The Men's Choir performs in the Rose Theatre with a large student audience.



In addition to all of their other activities, Rockhurst students find the time to be engaged in some of the almost three dozen organizations sponsored by the school. Some groups seek to serve the community while others are for learning or just for fun.



Organizations

Section by Mike Adkins

setting EXAMPLE

The Student Government Association was marked by changes, including the revision of the spirit points contest.

The SGA decided to resurrect the contest due to the complications surrounding the Mission Week free day in 2001-02. The seniors ultimately won the competition and were awarded a free day May 1.

"We felt that the spirit contest went well," said SGA President John-Paul Nigro. "We had a good turnout and it had the desired effect on students."

Also on the table was the braids proposal which was presented to the Student Life Council and the SGA. This plan, in its original state, was sent back to the MEET club for revisions, on the grounds that the braids in question seemed to be a fad rather than a cultural expression.

Freshmen were excluded from homecoming, but were provided a winter mixer in January.

"It prevented (freshmen) from spending too much money on an event that would require more freedom than was available to them," said Mr. Michael Heringer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs.

However, during the annual evaluation of Homecoming Week, questions were raised as to the meaning behind the competition for Homecoming Queen. Objectors claimed that is merely a beauty pageant, and that it deserves less attention.

"We were very pleased with the outcome of homecoming. The changes we made were significant enough to change the mood of the dance," said Nigro. Story by John Krebs



Photo by Stephen Wies

Mrs. Molly Reardon and Mr. Mike Heringer sort through the plethora of cans collected during the Harvest Food Drive. SGA President John-Paul Nigro is interviewed by Channel 4 news during the Harvest Food Drive as Mr. Mike Heringer looks on.

Photo by Brett Gannon



Senior Will John shows off his braids at lunch. The braids decision came after months of debate.

Photo by Adam Taylor



Sean Bucklew, Pat Befort, Kevin Morris, And Joel Hodes, attempt to catch pan-cakes at the annual Chris Cakes event.

Photo by Clint Dierksworth



Members of Student Government Association are: ROW 1: Mike McShane, John-Paul Nigro ROW 2: Brian Euston, Seamus McGlaughlin, Jason Sabaugh, Matt Sweeney, Jimmy Chalmers, Anthony Dayrit, Brian Chalmers, Steven Fessler, Buddy Love ROW 3: Mr. Mike Heringer, Jon Dandurand, Mike Adkins, Jeff Herrera, Mike Finn, Dan Cooper, Henry Thomas, Sam Sabaugh, Jake Lyssy ROW 3: Mrs. Amanda Quinn, Ms. Nancy Wormington, Mike Kelly, Sr. Rick Stahr, Mrs. Molly Reardon, Mike Comisky, Jamie Maggard, Joe LaScala, Corey Carr.



SGA President John-Paul Nigro addresses the student body at the annual campaign speeches for SGA positions.

REGIS Builds gives and feeds

The Regis Club lived up to its reputation by helping those in need throughout the community.

"The Regis Club is ordinary people doing extraordinary things and is designed to bring these young men closer to God, community and friends through service," said Mr. Mike Brockland, club moderator.

Senior co-presidents Charlie Bennett and Tim Sullivan, junior officer Ryan Bennett, sophomore officer Pat Curran, and freshman officer Chris Guard headed the group.

The members were involved in such activities as Uplift, in which students travel around poverty-stricken Kansas City and feed the homeless out of a van, Toys-for-Tots, and Habitat for Humanity, a house-building project for the homeless.

The group gathered about 150 toys for children at St. Louis parish in inner-city Kansas City.

Through Habitat for Humanity, members of the club built and restored living quarters for the homeless and less fortunate.

"The experience was unique in that through giving my time and talents, I received the satisfaction of helping others," said junior Joe Dunn.

"In my third year in the club, this event will stick out in my mind," said junior R.J. Abella. "It was great helping people directly and affecting their lives.

In early spring, the club also held a bowling fundraiser to aid the McCaffrey family after Jeff's near fatal car accident.

"The bowling was really fun because of the time spent with friends and the fact that we were helping a person who all of us knew that really needed it," said junior Michael D'Agostino.

"The Regis Club is not concerned with getting a name," said Mr. Brockland. "The club is not concerned with getting a good name. We had quality people. We had a great year."

Story by Mike Adkins



Pat Curran shovels dirt for Habitat for Humanity in an effort to improve living conditions for the less fortunate. John DiGiacinto, Jeff Barnthouse, Sean French check out their scores at the Jeff McCaffrey Bowling Fundaiser.





Photo by Charlie Stoops

Moderator Mr. Mike Brockland makes a suggestion to the Rockhurst volunteers during the Habitat for Humanity project.



Photo by Charlie Stoops



Scott McCaffrey bowls at the fundraiser for his brother Jeff, who was seriously injured in a Colorado automobile accident.



Members of the Regis Club are: ROW 1: Ryan Bennett, Pat Curran, Chris Oldenburg, Drew Bienhoff, Jordan Jurcyk, Jason Morgan ROW 2: Charlie Bennett, David Blake, Mr. Mike Brockland, John Reintjes, Kevin Ruprecht, Christian Liddeke, David Kaufman NOT PICTURED: Chris Guard, Joe Dunn, RJ Abella, Charlie Stoops, Michael D'Agostino, John Mumford.

Regis Club volunteers stop for a few minutes from their landscaping for Habitat for Humanity efforts to help the less fortunate in the community.

Photo by Charlie Stoops



Elite group serves

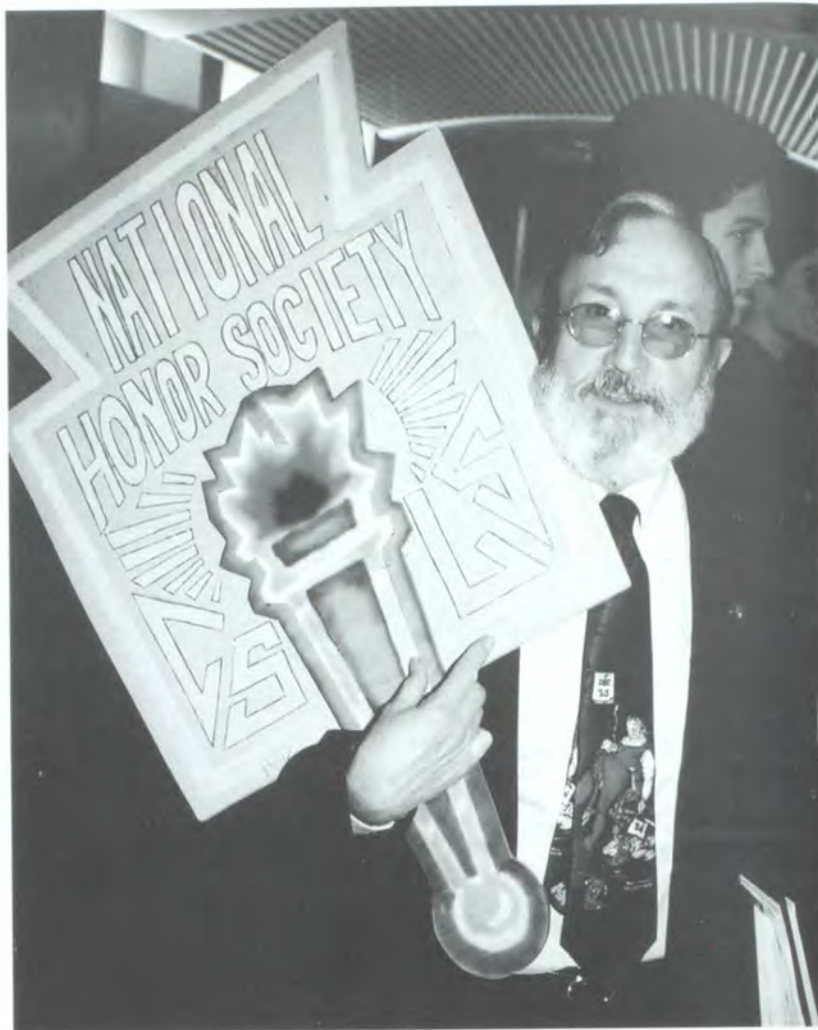
The National Honor Society not only provides the RHS community with significant service, but also provides leadership opportunities for its members, including helping at the Student Success Center, Battle of the Bands, which raised nearly \$4,000 for the missions, Back to School Night, Open House and Heritage Festival.

"I feel that it is a good opportunity to put the 'Grad at Grad' ideas into action" said moderator Mr. Tom Norman. "It is an overall positive experience."

Prerequisites for being admitted to NHS include 30 hours of service, half at Rockhurst and half in the local community, a 3.5 grade point average, four teacher recommendations and an essay describing their qualities of leadership.

Students who to run for president, vice president, treasurer, or secretary assume extra responsibilities.

"The officers are in charge of running meetings and picking up anything missed by Mr. Norman" said NHS President Michael Stacy. "I enjoy the opportunity to get my own ideas into action. It is a responsibility and a privilege." Story by Karl Lind



Mr. Tom Norman, longtime NHS Moderator, advertises the upcoming Induction Ceremony between classes in the hallways.



NHS inductees are: ROW 1: Tommy Whitehead, Alex Fontana, Brian Walden, Anthony Dayrit, Greg Ford, Donald Aduba, C.J. Cornwell, Jimmy Chalmers, Adam Davis, Mark Drummond, Jimmy Miller, Sean Plott, David Poppe. ROW 2: Matt Jianas, John Vigliaturo, Ben Hodes, Justin Ruthmeyer, John-Paul Nigro, Rory Donahue, Tommy Wideman, Patrick Hagerty, Cullen Roberts, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Mark Goede ROW 3: Ryan Summers, Councilman Alvin Brooks, Nik Lewer, Charlie Caffrey, Matt Everly, Mark Rachel, Trey Thomas, Pat McCann, Rehan Nana, Jack Cupples, Jon Adrian, Mr. Tom Norman, Aaron Stupica, Joe Bennetz, Dennis Bichsel, Thomas Wytock, Mike Wiggins, Matt Baker, Matt Bohnert, Jeff Owsley, Jed Burey, Nik Shuetz, Marc McNeal, Bobby Murphy. ROW 4: Pat Laughlin, Chris Fencil, Matt Sirna, Marc Eskew, Charlie Stoops, Pat Kreikemeier, Alan Elliot, Adam Meyers, Joe Le.





Junior NHS Members Mike Wiggins, Matt Baker, Adam Meyers, Mark Goede and Jon Adrier served as greeters and guides at Parent Teacher Conferences in the Fall.

Members of NHS are: ROW 1: Truong Nguyen, Zach Royer, Mr. Tom Norman, Pat Mohart, Matt Hall, Brady O'Halloran, Jeff Nagy ROW 2: Tim Sullivan, Carl Kline, Mark Mattione, Adam Webb, Michael Stacy, Jason Sabaugh, Andy Beisser. ROW 3: David Nguyen, E.E. Keenan, Stephen Baugh, Dane Vrabac, Brad Long, Colin Bridgham, John Olshefski, Marcus Perry.



Junior Charlie Stoops accepts the position of NHS President at the Spring Induction Ceremony. Adam McGovern buys a donut from NHS member Matt Bohnert.



Photo by Anthony Trakana

Faculty, student tutors help to insure success



Student Success Center Volunteers are: Brad Long, Mrs. Laurie Prater, Alex Fontana, Patrick Hagerty, Mrs. Gerri VanMeter, Zach Royer, Steven Baugh, Jeff Nagy.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, faculty and select NHS members help prepare Rockhurst students for class in the Student Success Center.

Seniors Stephen Baugh and Jeff Nagy organize the center so that it extends to every subject with plenty of tutors. According to Mrs. Gerri VanMeter, faculty sponsor, what a tutor needs to do to help is be a good listener, be caring, and have the attributes of a good teacher.

Mrs. Laurie Prater and Mr. Chris Bosco help students with English homework. Mr. Kevin Holland offers aid in Spanish. Mrs. Cathy Geisel helps with Science, while Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, helps with math and computers. Mr. Miller also helps with computers.

SSC tutors help so they can fulfill their service requirements but also because they enjoy helping others.

"These tutors really want to give back. They truly show what being a Man For Others is," said Mrs. VanMeter.

The SSC has been certified for four years by the College Reading and Learning Association, which has certified only four high schools in the area.

The SSC received the most prestigious award from the National Tutor Association, the Excellence in Tutoring Award, in April in Atlanta Georgia. Baugh received the National Tutor of the Year Award.

Story by Dennis Sullivan

Speaking OUT

Amnesty International's purpose is to raise awareness of human rights violations in America and around the World, whether it be about the death penalty, homophobia, or the ramifications of war with Iraq. It also tries to speak up for the oppressed.

Amnesty provides a chance to engage in activism under the guidance of sponsor Mr. Sean Agniel and club president, senior Ben Summers. Members met Mondays during activity period to discuss issues, and Tuesdays to write letters.

Amnesty's members demonstrated against the war in Iraq at Mill Creek Park with hundreds of people to show their disapproval of what some call a preventative war.

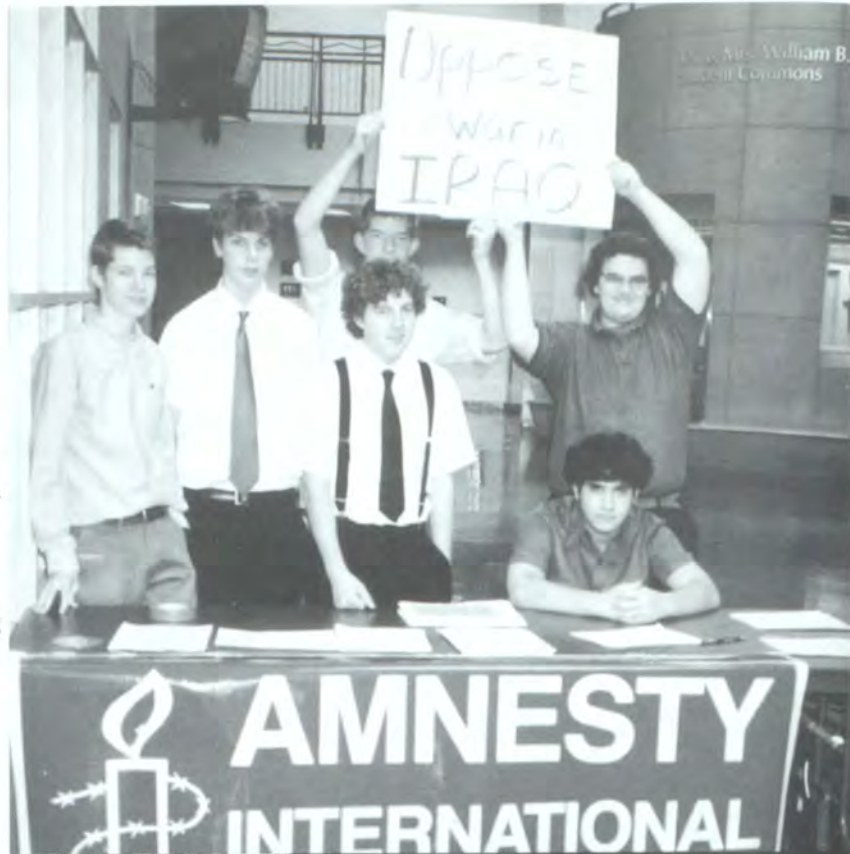
Amnesty organized an anti-war petition with the KC Iraq Task-force run by former RHS teacher Mr. Brad Grabs. This petition, signed by 300 students, was printed in the *Kansas City Star*.

Amnesty members include Summers, E.E. Keenan, Brian Noland, Peter Brewer, Nick Befort, Zach Frisch, Nick Sanders, Andrew Perry, Jimmy Utley, Cameron Summers, Matt and Mike Judge, Isaac Ahloe, and Derek Cooke.

"Amnesty is growing in the Rockhurst community," said Mr. Agniel. "I am impressed with how well Rockhurst students respond to the call to be committed to justice, loving, and open to growth."

"I feel Amnesty needs to be better known in the Rockhurst community," said Summers. "We try our best to get through to the students no matter how hard they might try to ignore our cause." Story by Nick Befort

Logan McCoy, Tim Martin, Brian Noland, Jimmy Utley, Mike Judge and Cameron Summers show their opposition to the war in Iraq.



ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Brad Grabs speaks at a protest on the Plaza. McCoy, Noland, and Utley look on as Tucker Keatley signs a petition. Utley talks to teens of different religions at a conference held at Rockhurst.

Members of Amnesty International are: ROW 1: Derek Cooke, Nick Yeates, Cameron Summers. ROW 2: Brian Noland, Issac Ah-Loe, Tim Martin, Logan McCoy. ROW 3: Mike Judge, Andrew Perry, Jimmy Utley, Peter Brewer, Ben Summers, Mr. Sean Agniel. NOT PICTURED: E.E. Keenan.

defending THE helpless

The Pro-Life Club listened to a variety of speakers who discussed the opportunities that all have to learn, talk, and argue about abortion.

Under the supervision of English teacher and club sponsor, Mr. Jim Bascom, the club went to Topeka to hear the Reverend Thomas James Olmsted, Bishop of Wichita, Attorney General Philip Klein, and Mary-Kate Culp, all well-known pro-life supporters, speak on the subject.

The speakers contributed their thoughts, research, and possible solutions to the problems that society faces with abortion, which were supported by the Pro-Life Club.

"The abortion-on-demand society we live in treats both women and unborn human beings like property. The United States government continues to dehumanize human beings and we have a lot of work before us," said junior Sean Rielley.

The club included students who were interested in and who could educate on the topic of abortion so that they might spread its message.

Members of the club also supported the abolishment of the death penalty for reasons akin to those used to support the abolishment of abortion.

"The abortion holocaust has denied life to over 40 million human beings," said a member of the club who asked not to be identified. "We still do not realize the full implications of this, but these human beings belonged to our generation. They should be with us to laugh, to cry, to love, to live."

Story by Matt Vaughan



Members of the Pro-Life Club are: Mr. James Bascom, Joe Manzo, Donny Quinn, Sean Rielley, Michael McInerney, Alex Jones.



Mr. James Bascom, Alex Jones, Sean Rielley, and Michael McInerney stand outside in the cold to protest abortion in Washington DC.

WRECK-ognizing danger

Drunk driving is a problem at many schools, including Rockhurst. Students Against Destructive Decisions helped inform students of the dangers of drunk driving and other drug-related situations by sponsoring assemblies and staging a mock accident.

"I love the Rockhurst students and want them to stay safe," said Mrs. Jerry Featherston, SADD sponsor. "Their decisions affect others, not only themselves, and the effects of poor judgment can last forever."

Led by senior Michael Finn, president, and Jimmy Chalmers, vice president, the club placed ribbons on students' cars for Homecoming weekend as a reminder to make correct choices and not to drink and drive.

"The ribbons I hope really kept kids thinking of the danger of drunk driving," said Finn.

The group also painted the speed bumps on the east driveway as a reminder to students of the consequences of decisions related to driving.

In early April SADD staged a realistic mock accident for the student body, which included appearances by the police and fire departments as well as a helicopter airlift of the "injured."

"The mock accident went very well," said SADD member Andrew Ford. "I think we really got our point across and showed how bad the situation can really get."

Story by Nick Befort



Senior Mike Finn is "rescued" by the Kansas City Fire Department in a mock accident. Sam Klos, Andrew Ford, Jimmy Chalmers, Mike Wiggins, and Kevin Morris enjoyed the freshman mixer that SADD sponsored.



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SADD members paint a speed bump on the driveway leading to the parking lot to remind students of the dangers of drinking and driving.



Photos by John Winger

Junior R.J. Abella ties a ribbon on an antenna to remind students to make good decisions Homecoming Weekend.



Photo by Donald Brain



Members of SADD are: ROW 1: John Reintjes, Anthony Dayrit, Aaron Stupica, Mark Albers, Jamie Maggard, Andrew Ford, Mrs. Jerry Featherston, Jim Hamilton ROW 2: Tim McManus, Dennis Bichsel, Joe Benetz, Tommy Whitehead ROW 3: Jake Krouse, Justin DeNegri. NOT PICTURED: Jimmy Chalmers and Mike Finn.

SADD members jump over a newly painted speed bump.



MEETING

goalsing

MEET not only hosted popular events, but proposed new concepts. The Multi-Ethnic Enrichment Team tried to reach out to the Rockhurst community and speak out against racism.

MEET was led by moderator Mrs. Carol Dougherty, President Brice McKinley, Vice-President Adrian Carson, and Secretary/Treasurer JaRon Moore.

The group got together every Tuesday to discuss and plan upcoming events including its popular annual mixer in January, and Black History Month, which included a soul food lunch and education about the history of the African American culture. All proceeds from the group's events go toward the African American Scholarship given to one student each year.

The final event of the year was its trip to a Harmony Meeting at Shawnee Mission North in March where students from other schools discussed racial relations.

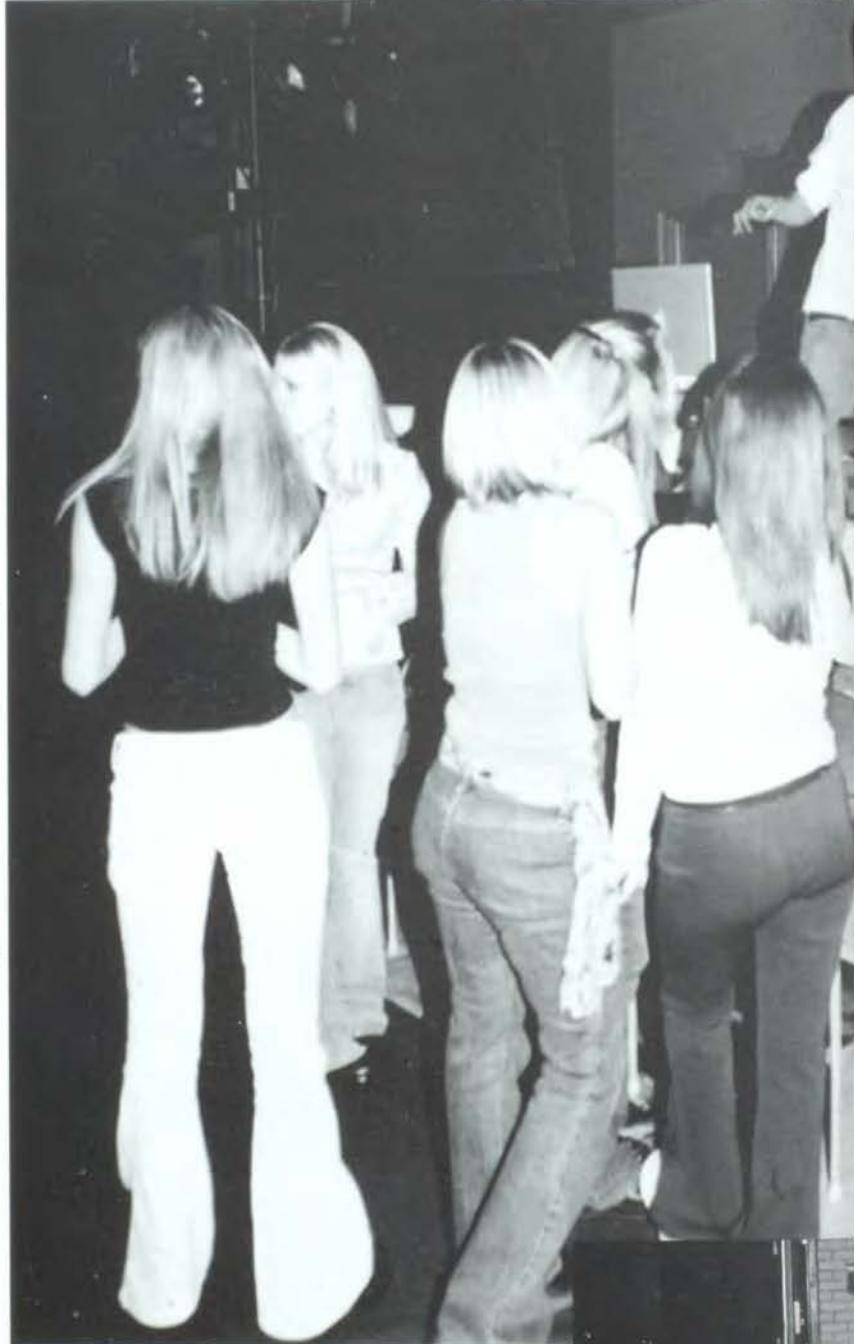
"Being in MEET has been a great experience," said senior Tyrone Perkins. "It gave everyone involved a chance to fit in from the first day."

MEET worked hard to pass a new rule within the RHS community that would allow African American students at Rockhurst to have braided hair. Following many meetings with the Student Life Committee and Student Government, the bill was sent back for several revisions due to discrepancies. SGA said that it was not a Student Government issue because it did not involve the student constitution, so it was sent to the administration. Finally, after several months, there was no bill passed, but braids are now allowed for African American students.

"There have not been any comments about the braids," said Mrs. Dougherty, "but it is obvious that the students are happy and there have been no complaints so far."

Story by Zack Appl

Photo by Nick Macer



Some dancing queens crowd around the stage at the mixer sponsored by MEET. Member of the MEET group chow down with during a co-ed luncheon.





Mr. Rick Staihr and Mr. Carol Dougherty collect money from some music-hungry students for admission to the MEET mixer in February.



Photo by Adam Taylor



Adrian Carson sports the braids that fueled the debate during the year.



Members of MEET are: ROW 1: Jonathon Kennedy, JaRon Moore, Justin McDonald, Eric Burton, Tyrone Perkins, Nick Johnson, Montae Perkins, Donald Aduba. ROW 2: Adrian Carson, Jason Tomlin, Chris Warren, Nathan Nimley, Matt Turley, Derek Hall. ROW 3: Jace Henderson, Andre Silvers, Josh Tillard, Dane Phillips, Khalil-Ghibran Jones, Benji Clark. ROW 4: Brice McKinley, Mrs. Carol Dougherty, Harrison Dean.

Chris Warren, Jonathon Kennedy, Harrison Dean, and Benji Clark, and his date, take a breather during the MEET Dance.



Photo by Ryan Pruitt



Taking alternate ROUTES

Led by sponsor Mr. Chris Jensen, President John Wachtel, and Vice President Brett Gamso, the Eilert Ecology Club reached many milestones, including a successful implementation of a school-wide cardboard recycling program.

A survey in December sampled all four classes on questions that relate to students' means of getting to school. The survey came about after a field trip to KCPT headquarters in mid-October. As expected, an overwhelming population of the school drove themselves as the primary means of transportation, carpooling was second, with riding the bus and walking a distant last.

Members of the club were invited, along with members from other metro high schools, to participate in the first annual "Exploring Transportation Alternatives" field day. Here, students were given a basic understanding of the problems that the city and the world is facing regarding pollution. The group was educated in ways to alleviate these problems, such as riding the bus or a bicycle.

The ecology contest was altered as well. Points were given for the traditional daily questions, but additional points were awarded for those students who had ridden the bus either to or from school. The most points came from students who had turned over their parking permits and attempted to find alternate means of transportation.

Junior Alex Fontana, and sophomores Andrew Shepard, Andrew Medlin, and Ben Molini scored the most points and were awarded bicycles.

Story by John Krebs



Jeff Keeling, Joey Wagner and Mr. Chris Jensen discuss bus routes during the ETA field trip. Junior Zach Shelton returns his recycling bin to his homeroom in an effort to maximize recycling at Rockhurst.





Rockhurst and Kansas State School for the Blind students prepare to ride the metro as part of their "exploring transportation alternatives" field trip.



Mr. Chris Jensen hauls a PET plastic container in which students placed plastic soda bottles.



Members of the Ecology Club are: ROW 1: Joey Wagner, Jamie Maggard. ROW 2: Patrick Lancey, Alex Fontana, Mr. Chris Jensen, Mark Keleher, Brett Gamso, Jeff Keeling.

Mr. Jensen, Joey Wagner, and Jeff Keeling listen to a police officer giving instructions for safe bike riding at a seminar on the Country Club Plaza.



Habla español?

The Spanish Club promoted Hispanic culture and awareness through its annual T-shirt design, bowling tournament, Chipotle days, and the Spanish Mass.

Led by senior Mike Finn, president, and junior Mike Wiggins, vice-president, the club spread the culture with new experiences such as the "Day of the Dead" altar, which increased awareness of the Mexican cultural tradition. The altar which was decorated with portraits of Mary, candles, food, flowers and skeletons, also coincided with Hispanic Heritage Month.

A new project for the club was to get guest speakers from different Spanish speaking countries such as Mexico and Cuba.

"It's good for people of other countries to share their culture with the students at Rockhurst, so we may find out what its like to live in other countries," said Finn.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service was celebrated in December in the chapel to promote the feast day.

"This is the first year that we've done some of these activities," said club sponsor Señor Bert Roney.

In the annual Language Club Bowling Tournament the defending champions Spanish Club was upset by the French Club.

"We hope to expand on the activities with more cultural events and to promote even more club participation of the underclassmen," said Señor Roney.

Story by Mitch Miguel



The Spanish Club decorated a display for All Souls Day. Andy Crutchfield, Mike Finn, Eduardo Paz and Patrick Hagerty were disappointed that the French Club narrowly beat the Spanish Club at the Annual bowling tournament.





Señor Bert Roney, Alex Yu, Anthony Modica, Matt Stadler, Tom Carmody, Mike Finn and Eduardo Paz pose at the All Souls Prayer Table.



Mrs. Annie Riggs reads petition during the Spanish Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel.



Members of the Spanish Club are: ROW 1: Eduardo Paz, Mike Finn, Carl Kline, Señor Bert Roney. ROW 2: Anthony Dayrit, Charlie Stoops, Chris Fencf, Darren Chiao Row 3: Matt Stadler, Matt Leigh, Nathan Everly, Ryan Donahue, Andy Huffman, Ryan Sellers. NOT PICTURED: Mike Wiggins.

Sophomore Anthony Modica awaits a response during the Spanish Mass.



C'EST la VIE

"The purpose of the French Club is to get people together with similar interests so that we can explore the culture of France," said Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mills, French teacher and club sponsor.

In November the group hosted its annual breakfast at Rockhurst with the French Club from Notre Dame de Sion High School.

"The breakfast was something we liked doing last year, so we did it again," Mrs. Akes-Mills said. "We are trying to focus more on the social side of things for this year's French Club."

Senior President Andrew Turner and junior Vice President Michael Cappo kept the French Club running smoothly.

The club challenged Dr. Michael Cusick's Latin and Greek classes and one of Mr. Kevin Holland's Spanish classes to raise money for Toys-for-Tots. When all was said and done the participating classes raised \$372.

"I was especially proud of the students for raising that much money," Mrs. Akes-Mills said. "Now I can really see what a difference they can make through the French Club."

In March, the club won the annual Foreign Language Bowling Tournament by one point after two recounts over the Spanish Club and Classics Club at the Ward Parkway Lanes.

In the spring the club held its annual La Petanque games, similar to the Bocce ball game. Members played the small games during available activity periods.

Story By Ted Caster

Sion and Rockhurst French Clubs posed after having a breakfast together in the cafeteria. Sean Plott, Will Goodwin, and Michael Cappo discuss French politics with a Sion girl. Junior Nik Schuetz mingles with girls from Sion during a French Club breakfast.



Members of the French Club are: ROW 1: Marcelo Bustamante, Patrick McShane, Andrew Hamline, William Dobbels, Peter Brewer, Madame Sabina Akes-Mills, Jack Cupples, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu. ROW 2: Mike Guerin, Tim Ismert, Colin Fewell, Michael Cappo.

Quite Classic



Members of the Classics Club are: ROW 1: Joey Caudle, Ben Beisser, Kevin Dalton, Dr. Michael Cusick, Alex Fontana, Ryan Mueller, Nick Omland, Larry Pfeffer. ROW 2: Doug Haden, Drew Latenser, Zack Royer, Patrick Rhea, Devin Mirfasihi, Jason Coleman, Chris Balmaceda. ROW 3: Drew Parrin, T.C. DeBacco, Clint Phillips, Phil Schapker, Brad Chapman, Anthony Accurso. ROW 4: Frank Allen, Jack Keenan, Mark Davidson, unable to identify, Jacob Fogle, Patrick Hawekotte.



The Classics Club displays the Language Bowling Tournament Trophy.

Led by moderator Dr. Michael Cusick, the Classics Club earned four gold, six silver, and three bronze medals at the Certamen Contest at the State Latin Convention in Columbia, MO. At the competition members were tested to find how they placed among other Latin students their age.

Members competed in grammar, vocabulary, mythology, history/culture, and reading comprehension.

The club also participated in the annual Language Club Bowling tournament in April, won by the French club.

Led by Co-Presidents sophomore Devin Mirfasihi and senior Jeff Nagy, and Vice President junior Alexander Fontana, the club practiced Certamen every available activity period during the weeks before the State Convention.

"The State Latin competition was the highlight of the year," said Nagy. "We hoped we would do well and we succeeded."

Story by Ryan Pruitt

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elements of SUCCESS

The Science Club, through hard work and lots of practice, was able to achieve things it never had before.

The majority of first semester was taken up with rehearsal for the Science Knowledge Bowl Jan. 25, where both the A and B Teams finished second in their respective divisions out of 45 teams.

This is only the second time Rockhurst has placed in the top three at a Knowledge Bowl competition and the first time two teams placed in the top four.

"The tournament was really exciting," said senior Duo Yang. "Though the loss in the final round was a let down."

"We are really proud of the team this year," said moderator Mr. Mike O'Leary.

"Only twice in the past 19 years has a school put two teams in the semi-finals."

The club also competed in several Science Olympiads, coming in fourth in the Science of Fitness event at a preliminary Olympiad in January. During regional competitions in March, five students received medals for placing in the top three in four different events.

"Science club provides an opportunity for students to gain knowledge and have fun in a competitive environment," said Mr. O'Leary. "These guys have exceeded every expectation in that respect."

Story by Marc Eskew

Pat Curran, Kevin Dalton, and Jeff Poskin prepare for competition. Ryan Donohue and Alex You work out a chemical analysis problem. Thomas Wytockles as he breezes through a difficult quantum mechanics conundrum.



Alex You, Pat Curran, Ryan Donohue, and Jeff Poskin practice for the Science Olympiad.



Members of the Science Club are: ROW 1: Andy Crutchfield, John Krebs, Pat Curran, Sean Holloway, Mr. Mike O'Leary. ROW 2: Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Duo Yang, Ryan Donohue, Kevin Dalton, Mark Eskew, Alex You.

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Led by Mr. Scott Duschen and seniors Tyler True, president, and Duo Yang, vice president, the Math Club represented Rockhurst in three competitions in the area.

At the 24th annual Kansas City Area Teachers Mathematics (KCATM) competition in March at Raytown High School the Hawklets placed third overall. True, Sean Plott, Jeff Poskin, and Kevin Dalton placed first on the geometry team. The Advanced Math team consisting of senior Jeff Nagy, senior Nick Mabry, junior Henry Danaher, and junior Adam Bruetsch placed fifth.

In the Algebra 11 event Danaher placed second and Plott placed fifth. Sophomore John Nantz placed fourth in the Algebra EQ 10 event, while Poskin placed eighth. For the Algebra EQ 9 test freshman Jordan Jurcyk placed second, freshman Tyler Czinege placed fifth and Dalton came in ninth place.

In the Geometry 9 event, Dalton placed second, freshman Matt DeCapo placed fourth, and Jurcyk placed fifth. Danaher placed fourth in the Trig 11 test. In the Trig 12 test Mabry placed third and Yang placed fifth. Nantz

placed fourth in the WP placed third in the Calc test. Sophomore Joey Caudle placed eighth in the Graph 10 test. The mathematics team of True, Yang, and Nagy finished in first place.

At the MCTM/GPML Qualifying Contest in February, Dalton placed second in the ninth grade sprint round. Poskin placed sixth in the tenth grade Spring round, while sophomore Jason Dehaemers placed seventh. Danaher placed eighth in the eleventh grade sprint round.

True placed eighth in the twelfth grade sprint round. Poskin and Dehaemers tied for fourth in the tenth grade target round, while Danaher came in sixth in the eleventh grade target round.

At the GPML competition in December at Johnson County Community College. Jurcyk and Dalton placed first and second and qualified for State in the Target Round. Jurcyk also placed third in the Sprint Round.

"This was a great year for us, with so many placing so high in almost all of our competitions," said True.

Story by Mitch Miguel



Adam Bruetsch works through trigonometric equation in practice for competition. Bruetsch points out a theorem for Henry Danaher. With a bit of humor, Bruetsch chastises Henry Danaher during a practice session.



Members of the Math Club are: Tyler True, Jordan Jurcyk, Mr. Scott Duschen, Duo Yang, and John Matthews.

MATH CLUB

Students give time

TIE, the Total Ignatian Experience, offers Rockhurst students the opportunity to become more aware of problems in society, and challenges them to discard previously held stereotypes.

"TIE promotes a sense of community service and awareness of the city," said Mr. Chris Elmore, director of TIE.

During the summer of 2002, 13 RHS students lived at Saint Louis Parish at 60th and Swope Parkway for a week, working with the summer school program, served at a food kitchen, helped children to read, and played games with them. They also met with migrant workers at Shalom House

The highlight of the trip, according to Mr. Elmore, was seeing the students learn that many preconceived stereotypes are inaccurate.

TIE also made a difference in the community with a clothing drive in December, which encouraged students to donate clothing for St. Louis Parish.

During the summer of 2003 TIE members returned to St. Louis Parish to help those in need and to increase the awareness of the problems the city faces.

Story by Dennis Sullivan

A child "hangs out" on Pete Novick's shoulder. Three children play with Joe Hager on the playground. Anthony Pereira and Tim Sullivan give St. Louis Parish children rides on their shoulders. Joe Hager sings to a St. Louis Parish class.



Members of TIE are
ROW 1: Mr. Sean Agniel, Andy Crutchfield, Mark Munninghoff, Pete Novick, Mike Moritz, Steven Baugh Mr. Chris Elmore.
ROW 2: Brian Koenen, Tim Sullivan, Tyler True, Joe Hager, Kevin Reardon.



total
Ignatian
experience

snaking around

The Herpetology club, led by Mr. Rich Wikiera, continues to be of growing interest among students.

The club's purpose is to unite students with a common appreciation of reptiles, and to help students who are interested in keeping reptiles to correctly care for them.

The club added four reptiles including two chameleons and two geckos to go with five snakes and two bearded lizards. The reptiles were purchased cheaply at a bi-annual breeder's convention in downtown Kansas City in October.

The highlights of the year were the Spring Breeder's convention in May and the Fall Breeder's convention in October, where members of the club could purchase animals or just enjoy seeing the many specimens.

At the annual Rockhurst Open House, the club showed off its reptiles to prospective members. The display is always a crowd pleaser.

"My involvement in the club has given me a new admiration for reptiles and how to take care of them," said sophomore Eric Hicks.

"My experience with the club has been very positive and I hope it will continue," said Mr. Wikiera. "There has been much interest lately and I hope next year will follow suit." Story by Ryan Pruitt



Photo by Brian Kelly

Chris Kennaley and Brett King handle the most massive snakes of the collection.



Jake Grate, Brian Kelly, Adam Taylor, Brett King, and Eric Andrew focus on a snake eating a mouse.



Anthony Trakas caresses a bearded lizard perched on his arm. Logan Heatwole admires a cornsnake. Mr. Rich Wikiera makes sure his specimen is in good health.

check MATE

Members of the Chess Club showed their strength in several tournaments, as returning members were very competitive. Amidst their victories, the chess play became more popular with newer players.

"I found a good way to spend my free time after school," said freshman Phil Shapker. "I had a great time with the tournaments."

Shapker was one of several underclassmen to get involved. Freshman Doug Haden served as club secretary, and other freshmen players included Nate Judy, Chris Emily, and Kevin Dalton. Sophomore Pat Rhea also competed in tournament play. Juniors Brian Eller, Club President, and Henry Danaher were also strong tournament participants.

This came as no surprise to moderator Dr. Michael Cusick, who had been expecting good performances in tournaments, including those at Shawnee Mission East, Prairie View, Raymore-Peculiar, and the Annual Kansas City Cup. The Hawklets never placed lower than 4th out of the 15 to 20 teams usually competing, including rivals Oak Park and Pembroke Hill, the returning State Champion, and at Lawrence. The team sent four players to State, where they came in sixth.

"We should have sent more players so I was surprised we did so well," said Eller.

Students prepared for the tournaments by practicing during activity periods and after school. The players quickly filled the new second floor chess room, 206. Students played against each other and occasionally teachers to hone their skills in what Dr. Cusick calls a "battle of the mind."

"We had consistent play. We had some new players who stepped up and everybody ended up putting in a good effort," said Eller.

Story by Adam Davis



Freshman Doug Haden prepares to place a final strategic move in his match. During activity period, Nat Nimley and Steven Kamara lie down to a leisurely face-off.



Brian Eller, Alex Fontana, Phil Shapker, Dr. Michael Cusick, Ben Martin, and Doug Haden display their first place trophy from the Prairie High School Tournament in Salina, KS.



Patrick Cullinan watches as Sean Plott, Doug Haden, and Sean Bucklew compete in after-school games. The club members met to play every day during activity period and after school.



Members of the Chess Club are: ROW 1: Mrs. Valerie Davis, Alex Fontana, Henry Danaher, Dr. Michael Cusick, Zach Royer, Matt DiCappo. ROW 2: Drew Latenser, Kevin Dalton, Patrick Rhea, Brian Eller, Joey Caudle. ROW 3: Chris Immele, Doug Haden, Joe Kerbawy, Sean Bucklew, Phil Shapker, Pat Hawekotte.

Dr. Michael Cusick explains the finer points of chess to freshman Phil Shapker and senior Ben Martin.



Juniors Chris George and Mike D'Agostino battle to win the tug of war.



Photo by Ted Canter

Sophomore Terry McMahon is in shock after having a pie smashed in his face.

Andy Whitehead crams down some Rockhurst homemade pies.



Photo by Ted Canter

Senior Scott McCaffrey drenches another student with a grotesque concoction.

Drew Goodwin shakes his body to keep the hula hoop aloft in a coordination contest.



Photo by Trey Thomas

Mr. Mike Brockland chases down senior Kevin Lenihan in a pep rally.

Senior Tom Graves strains during the tug-of-war competition. Below: Ted Capoccia arm wrestles Nick Caligari. Mrs. Amanda Quinn, Mr. Mike Heringer, Ms. Nancy Wormington and Señor Rick Staihr decide which class was loudest. The juniors get wild and crazy.



Photo by John Wingert



Photo by Clint Damsward



Photo by Ted Canter

Spirit

High spirits

"You never know what is going to happen at the next pep rally," said junior Adam Kovac.

Over the course of the year, the Spirit Club under the guidance of Coach Tony Severino and club presidents Tom Graves and Kevin Lenihan put on memorable pep rallies with events ranging from the introduction of sports teams to Scott McCaffrey chugging almost a gallon of milk.

One highlight of the year was when it was announced that James Griffin was selected to play in the High School All American All-Star game. Another was the American Gladiators joust between junior Danny White and his brother, freshman Richard White, who both sported speedos for the event.

"I love pep rallies. They are exciting and entertaining," said junior Clint Phillips. "The competition between the classes is outstanding and amazing."

Through pep rallies, spirit club not only brings a dose of spirit to the students but also unites classes and brings the school closer together. The V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cheer is not only for the sports teams but also for unity between individuals and classes.

"Our goal is to raise the spirit of students so that the spirit built up in the gym can be transferred over onto the field or court to push our teams to victory," said Coach Severino.

Story by Joey Williams

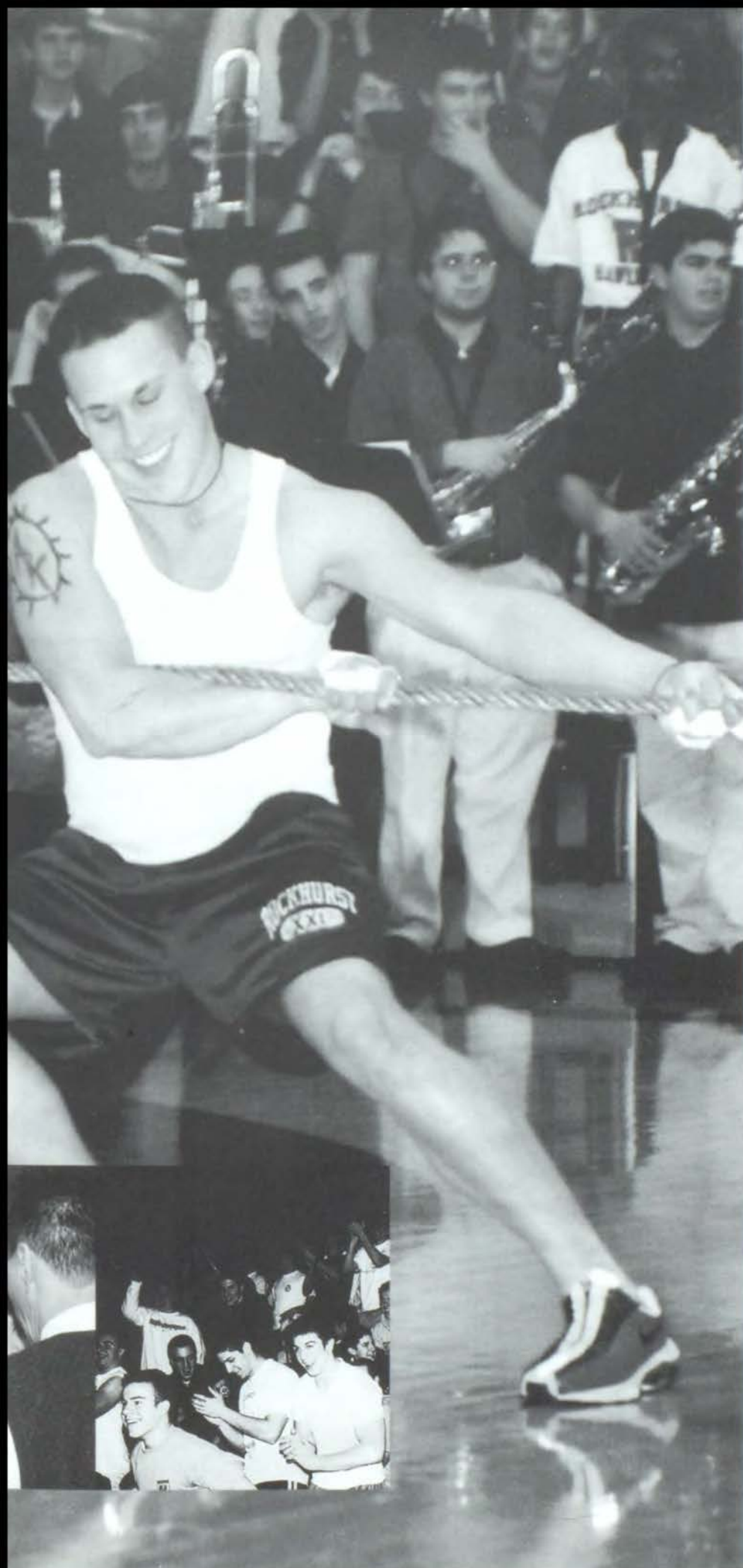


Photo by Ted Caster

in faith and SPORTS



ROCKHURST
HIGH SCHOOL

"The Fellowship of Christian athletes allows young men who have an interest in sports to grow in faith with each other," said moderator Mr. Eric Berg.

FCA sponsored a barbecue, an open gym, and an assembly featuring former NFL football player Rich Garza, who spoke on the deleterious effects of drug and alcohol.

"We had a very effective year," said senior vice-president Jordan Bastable. "We sponsored a few functions and had a good time participating in them."

Taking on issues that meant a lot to both athletes and fans was a focus of the club, including student tailgating before varsity football games.

"As a football player, I love the crowds there supporting us," said senior president Kevin Sears. Tailgating offered an opportunity for fans to come and watch the game and have a good time waiting for it to start."

"Officers showed initiative to get things done" said Mr. Berg. "We accomplished many things as a club and had fun while doing those things. What more could you ask for?"

Story by Mike Adkins

Mr. Eric Berg, Jordan Bastable, Mr. Rich Garza, and Kevin Sears pose after Mr. Garza spoke to the student body.



Photo by Brian Kelly

Senior Jordan Bastable introduces former NFL players Rich Garza who spoke on problems with drugs and alcohol.



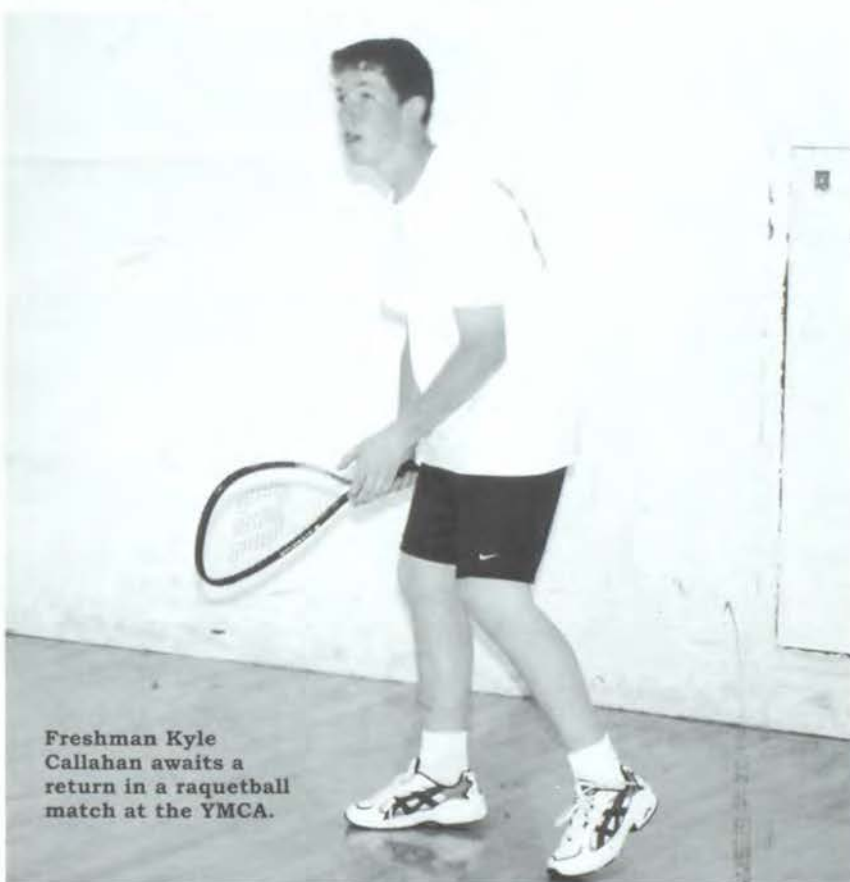
Members of the Fellowship of Student Athletes are: ROW 1: Michael Hinck, Ryan Bennett, Jesse Dull. ROW 2: Phil Smith, Blake Quaison, Aaron Stupica, John Reintjes. ROW 3: Tyler Reed, Kevin Sears, Jordon Bastable, Mr. Eric Berg.

fellowship

Christian athletes



Members of the Raquetball Club are: ROW 1: Alex Altomare, Christian Warren, Spencer Jones, Mr. Dana Brack, Danny Dougherty, Galager Ring, Kyle Callahan, Michael Link, Mr. Jack Reichmeier.



Freshman Kyle Callahan awaits a return in a raquetball match at the YMCA.



With his back against the wall, Michael Link hungrily looks to score a point. Spencer Jones smiles after scoring in a match against Galager Ring. Kyle Callahan serves as Ring waits to return the ball.

it up

serving

For students and faculty alike, the Racquetball Club picked up new members as several freshman joined the group.

Gallagher Ring, Spencer Jones, Kyle Callahan, Dan Dougherty, Michael Link, Christian Liddeke and John Koster will help the club grow and become stronger as they develop and spread the word. They also gave the veteran players, including Kevin LeRoy and club president Kevin Reardon, a project in the meantime.

"The best thing about it is that you teach less experienced players how to play while refining your own skills," said moderator Mr. Jack Reichmeier.

Teaching and playing alongside Mr. Reichmeier were longtime faculty players Mr. Bill Munninghoff, Mr. Rich Wikiera, and Mr. Dana Brack.

"It is fun for us older guys to get out there and try to keep up with the younger kids," said Mr. Reichmeier. "Playing racquetball is a great way to get and stay in shape and it is exciting."

"I play because playing racquetball is a great workout and is a lot of fun. It would be more fun, though, if we could beat any of the faculty members," said Reardon.

The faculty, especially Mr. Wikiera, were the best players because of their experience.

"I play racquetball because if you play the right person, it is very challenging cardiovascularly and requires a lot of skill," said Mr. Wikiera. "You have to make split-second decisions, so it keeps your mind in shape too." Story by Charlie Stoops

ultimate experience

The Rockhurst Ultimate Frisbee Team, the Hucklets, completed successfully, placing third in a nation-wide tournament in Nashville, TN, in April.

Led by Coach Sean Agniel, the team also competed in Kansas City at Mayfest on May 31 and June 1. In this tournament, they placed second, behind St. Louis High School, in the juniors bracket.

Overall, several new players were able to pick up the game and experience the feeling of being in a tournament.

"This year was amazing," said team captain junior Eric Snyder. "We had so many new players who were very pumped about learning the game."

"As the season progressed, the new players were able to catch on to the basics," said Coach Agniel. "I hope to keep up the enthusiasm for the sport next year."

Story by Ryan Pruitt

Photo by Ryan Pruitt



Photo by Ryan Pruitt



Justin Rethmeyer flicks a pass to Jeff Keeling as Keeling heads to the end zone to score the point.



Junior Chris Camarena throws a "flick," or forehand throw, to junior Justin Rethmeyer.

Photo by Ryan Pruitt



Photo by Ryan Pruitt

Senior captain Adam Wesley hucks the disc downfield to the opposing team. A huck is the equivalent to a kickoff. Ian Correa, John Becker, Jeff Keeling, and Andy Crutchfield listen to Adam Wesley at halftime of the St. Louis High Match.



Member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team are: ROW 1: Eric Snyder, Matt Jianas, Justin Rethmeyer, Jeff Keeling, Danny Anthony. ROW 2: Coach Sean Agniel, Andy Huffman, Ryan Pruitt, James Ice, Nik Schuetz, Chad Francis, Thomas Wytocck, Ben Morrison, Matt Kenney, Michael Camacho, John Nantz, Chris Camarena, John Winget, Andy Crutchfield NOT PICTURED: Adam Wesley, John Becker.

The Rockhurst 'Hucklets' rest between games at the Mayfest Tournament in which they placed second.



FLYING High

Besides flying once every three weeks the Flying Club also has its annual cross-country flight to Topeka in February.

"People who join have a spirit of adventure since flying is one thing off the beaten path," said long time club moderator Mr. Steve Ryan.

Senior Chris Donnelly and junior Grant Spiking, co-presidents, have been with the group since the year's first event, a tour of a commercial jet at the downtown airport by Rockhurst alum Leo Estrada, a commercial pilot.

Mr. Ryan, a licensed pilot, showed members of the club how a plane will respond to different actions and basically how a plane works. Some have enjoyed flying so much that they have taken lessons to receive their pilots licenses. Others have gone on to make flying a career. Donnelly has already received his flying license and Spiking is waiting until after high school to complete his. Senior Dane Vrabac has his flying license and accompanies the club on some of its flights. Many of the people in the club have become more comfortable flying in a light aircraft.

Spiking has used his experience to fly over a friend's birthday party to videotape the event. Other club members include juniors J.T. Hand, Greg Ford, Sean Flanagan, sophomores Jeff Witcher, Cary Silverman and freshman Ian Lewis, and Pat McShane.

According to Mr. Ryan the club offers students a break from the ordinary and a chance to partake in something new and different.

Story by Joel Hodes



Freshman Pat McShane gets ready to take off on a flight. Freshman Ian Lewis unchains his plane in preparation for flight.



Ian Lewis, Jeff Witcher, Pat McShane, and Mr. Steve Ryan stand next to a prop plane in a Johnson County Executive Airport hanger.



Jeff Witcher, Pat McShane, and Ian Lewis stand under a chopper at Johnson County Executive Airport.



Flying Club members are: ROW 1: J.T. Hand, Sean Flanagan, Mark McNeal, J.D. Corless, Ian Lewis, Carey Silverman, Mr. Steve Ryan. ROW 2: Brian Mulcahy, Jesse Dull, Chris Donnelly, Grant Spiking, Matt DiCappo.

An aerial view of Rockhurst High School taken by the Flying Club.



disc jockeys

The Disc Golf Club welcomes anyone who wants to go out and have fun. To show how easy going the club is, members decided not to have a president or vice-president. Instead, they have what they call a Parliament, consisting of the original 11 seniors, Dominic Hoferer, Danny Neenan, John Friend, Terry Euston, Brian Aylward, Phil Steed, Kevin Brown, Jacob Kruger, Danny McGuire, Terry Lord, and Ben Monsees.

The club has branched out to other schools such as Bishop Miege and Shawnee Mission East where people have shown an interest in the club.

"I enjoyed it a lot, but I have some concern," said Mr. Mike Brockland, club moderator. "There are not many underclassmen and I would like to see more of them come out to carry the club on."

The club meets every day, weather permitting, during activity period on the Hanna Steele field to throw the disc around. Members also go to Rosedale Park at 43rd and Mission, which has two disc golf courses.

"Disc golf is like golfing with a mullet. It's more relaxed than real golf," said Friend.

The club had its 2nd Annual RHS Spring Disc Golf Club Open in which Rockhurst students, teachers, and alumni were invited. There was also an ongoing tournament throughout the fall and spring won by Dominic Hoferer.

Story by Zack Appl

Bryan Aylward tosses a drive down course to position himself for a short chip. Phil Steed finishes his throw with excellent form. Senior Kevin Brown attempts to hole a par three at Rosedale Park Disc Golf Course. Steed holes a long chip shot for a birdie.



THE game of politics

"Awareness is our main goal," said senior President E.E. Keenan about Students for Political Action. "Getting other classmates to see the effects and important roles they can play on government is one of our main concerns."

SPA members had an impressive showing at the Metro Kansas City Model United Nations at Johnson County Community College as all three Rockhurst delegations won best overall delegations award.

Representing Cuba were juniors David Smith, Cullen Roberts, Adam Meyers, and Charlie Caffrey. Representing Iraq were seniors Brad Long, Donald Brain, Jeffrey Herr, and sophomore William Webster. Representing Israel were sophomores Pat Casey, John Nantz, Andy Huffman, and Matthew Kenney.

All three teams received awards for outstanding position

papers. Iraq and Israel also received two out of the three total awards for Outstanding Delegations in the general Assembly Plenary Committee.

"This was the best performance at a model UN in Rockhurst history," said club moderator Mr. Chris Elmore.

Members attended the Georgetown Model UN in Washington in February, and found themselves snowed in after 48 inches of snow fell on the last night.

Awards were given to Brad Long, Brian Cotroneo, and Joe Knackstedt for representing Cuba.

"Brad Long and Don Brain were great senior leaders for our model UN program this year," said Mr. Elmore. "We had a great year as some students put a lot of time and effort into their work and really showed in the end."

Story by Joey Williams



Senior Jeff Herr, representing Iraq, raises his sign in an attempt to respond to a comment. Seniors Brad Long and Jeff Herr take their seats at Johnson County Community College Model UN.



Senior Members of SPA are: Mr. Chris Elmore, Brad Long, Donald Brain, Drew Davidson.



The campus of Georgetown University was covered by a surprise snowstorm which kept members of SPA in Washington D.C. for an extra two days.



MASS MaGIS

After a five-year absence, the Pastoral Council reunited under the direction of senior Joe LaScala, club president, Mr. Matt Stewart and the Reverend Gary Menard, SJ, club moderators.

Other members were sophomores Matt Neff and Pat Curran, juniors Brian Cotroneo, Joe Myers, and Chris Kennaley, and seniors Tyler True and Jimmy Malisewski.

The group's main task was to plan and carry out class liturgies and all school liturgies, including the Ash Wednesday Mass and the Mission Week prayer service. Members meet every Monday to plan Friday Class Masses. Responsibilities included setting up before and dismantling after the service.

"I am very pleased with the interest and dedication that the students have with the preparation of liturgies," said Fr. Menard.

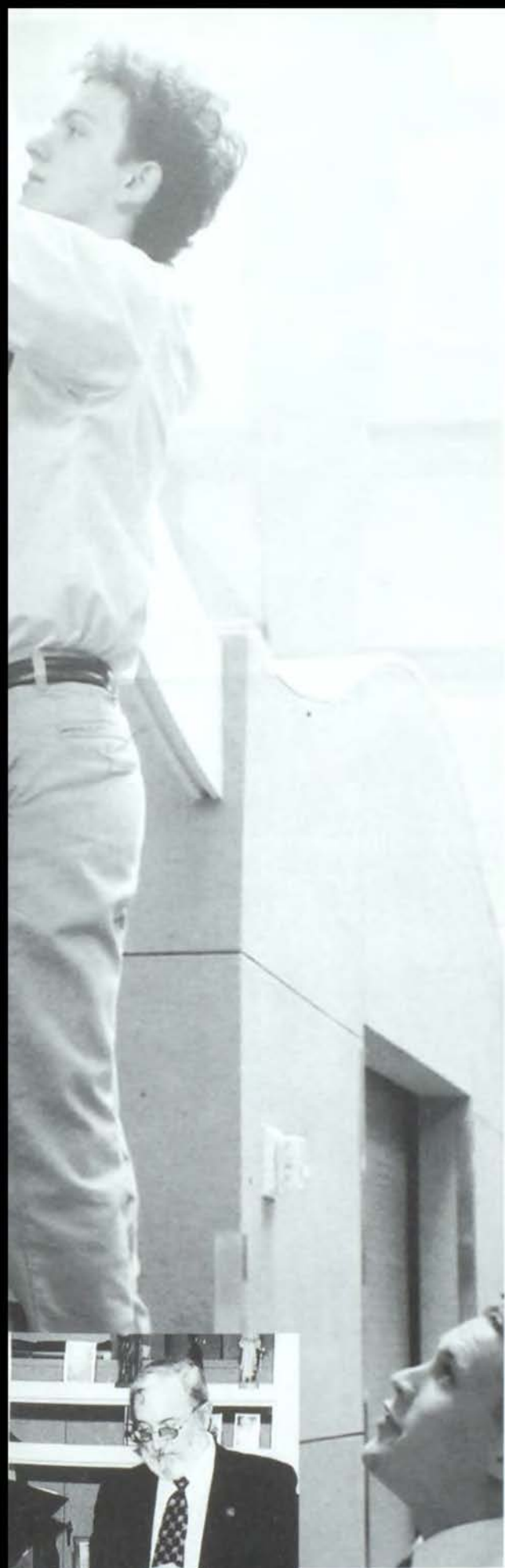
New to the club and the weekly Masses were the power point projections of song lyrics and pictures on the Rose Theater wall or on a projection screen in the gym. This has replaced the ordinary song and prayer sheets that we used for every Mass. Some of these projections during the Harvest Food Drive included pictures of Jesus and poor people in third world countries.

"We look forward to continuing the Pastoral Council next year and the years to come," said Fr. Menard. "We are always looking for new ways to make our liturgies more interesting."

Story by Matt Vaughan

Chris Kennaley and Tom Graves hold the ladder as John Becker hangs a sign in the Barry Commons advising students of the decorum in the gym. Joe LaScala consults with Mr. Tom Norman about an upcoming mass.





Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, takes a break from paperwork in the Pastoral Office. The Pastoral Office was a popular hangout for students.



Pastoral Council Members are: Pat Curran, Matt Neff, Joe LaScala, Joe Myers, Tyler True, Brian Cotroneo, and Chris Kennaley.

Seniors Joe LaScala and John Becker, and Mr. Tom Norman put away articles used during an All-School Mass in the gym.





Practicing for a sport is a continuous activity for Rockhurst's student-athletes. Some are three-sport athletes and compete year-round and others just practice year-round. With weight training and jogging up and down Ward Parkway and being gym rats... it seems to go on and on... It never seems to let up.



Sports

Section by Bryan Murphy

Lasting Endurance

Senior David Graham prepares to pass a Melgo runner at the Rim Rock Classic. The team finished 1st of 26.

Finish Hard

Senior Carl Kline cleans his spikes before the Shawnee Mission North Invitational.



Photo by Brennan Metzler



Photo by Nick Jones

Sophomore Steve Isom and Junior David Smith push each other to the end of the Truman Invitational.



Photo by Adam McGovern

Coach Mike Dierks helps Senior Brennan Metzler stretch.



Photo by Dennis Eubank

The team huddles together after a race.



Photo by Eduardo Paz

Pat Tweedy finishes strong at the Blue Springs Invitational.

Varsity runners Brian Graham, David Graham, Pat Tweedy, David Smith, Steve Isom, Brennan Metzler and Carl Kline break at the start of the District race.



Photo by Dennis Sullivan



Photo by Adam McGovern

Photo by Jim Barnes

A Great Work Ethic

With a bittersweet finish, the team fails to live up to its own high expectations.

Story by Jim Barnes

Story:

High expectations turned bittersweet for the Varsity Cross Country Team when only two runners qualified for state competition. With two seniors at State, Brennan Metzler and Brian Graham, Graham felt the lack of team presence.

When going "from hell and back for 3.1 miles," as Head Coach Mike Dierks says, teammates find themselves cheering and pushing each other to run their best. The team encounters a family atmosphere where everyone is helping to make sure each person gets through it.

"Cross Country is one of those sports where it's more mentally challenging than physically challenging," Brian Graham said.

Practices before the first meet proved fruitful as the team placed third out of 16 schools at the Truman Invitational, surprising most of the teams there.

"This is one of the hardest practicing groups I've seen," Coach Dierks said.

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Senior Brian Graham stretches before the Ray-Pec Invitational



The shot of the starting gun begins the State Championship race. Both Brennan Metzler and Brian Graham went to state and placed 35th and 79th respectively.



Junior David Smith climbs a hill at the Ray-Pec Invitational

Photo by Adam McGovern

Photo by Jim Barnes

To

Achieve

Success

Varsity Cross Country (continued)

"The expectations were set higher because the runners wanted it," Coach Dierks said. "Our times for this year have been some of the best ever from top to bottom of our roster."

The number of medals and first places were the highest in the six years that Mr. Dierks has been the head coach.

"Can you create a family and still have the competitive edge?" he asked, to which he could not give a definite answer.

"This is one of the hardest practicing groups I've seen," Coach Dierks said.

In past years, with Dr. Jorge Taracido as the "father" and Mr. Rich Sullivan as the "complaint guy," Coach Dierks was left to be the bad guy. But this year, he was just the opposite.

"Coach Dierks was not as tough as previous years, but everyone on the team still practiced with everything they had," Metzler said.

David Graham, Brian Graham, Metzler, and 14 other seniors, lead the team. Metzler was awarded the Golden Spike, an award voted on by the team that shows faith, scholarship, and leadership.

The
Final
Strides...

Opponent	Score
Truman Invitational	3rd of 16
Blue Springs Invitational	2nd of 4
Ray-Pec Invitational	4th
Rim Rock Classic	1st of 26
Shawnee Mission North Invitational	3rd of 6
KC Metro Championship	3rd of 18
Midwest Jesuit	
Cross-Country Invite	2nd of 9
Shawnee Mission West Invitational	no scores
Kearney Invitational	1st
District	4th
Sectional	6th



Senior Brennan Metzler, Golden Spike winner, races to finish in Districts where the team placed 4th overall.



Carl Kline, Brian Graham and David Smith prepare for an upcoming race.

Photo by Edmarito Dea



Pat Tweedy finishes the Kansas City Metro Championship. The team finished 3rd of 18 teams.

Photo by Devin Fuchs



Varsity Cross Country FRONT ROW: Patrick Tweedy, Steve Isom, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Michael Dierks, Coach Jorge Taracido, Andrew Langford, Carl Kline, III; ROW 2: Brennan Metzler, Brian Graham, David Graham.



Head Coach Michael Dierks and senior Brian Graham awaits for the beginning of a race.

Photo by Adam McGovern



Brian Graham sprints to beat a Blue Springs runner.

Photo by Devin Fuchs

Photo by Nick Jones

Going the Distance

Junior Varsity Cross Country

Story by John Krebs

Team never finished below fourth but could not push varsity

The Junior Varsity Cross Country Team continued to prosper, taking first at the Raymore-Peculiar Invitational and at the Kearney Invitational and second at Blue Springs Invitational and the Shawnee Mission North Invitational.

"We expected the Junior Varsity to do pretty well, as always," said Coach Michael Dierks.

The JV Cross Country runners were asked to participate in two varsity level events, and Head Coach Rich Sullivan usually sent in the "Top Seven," athletes who pushed themselves and stepped up to accommodate the needs of the team.

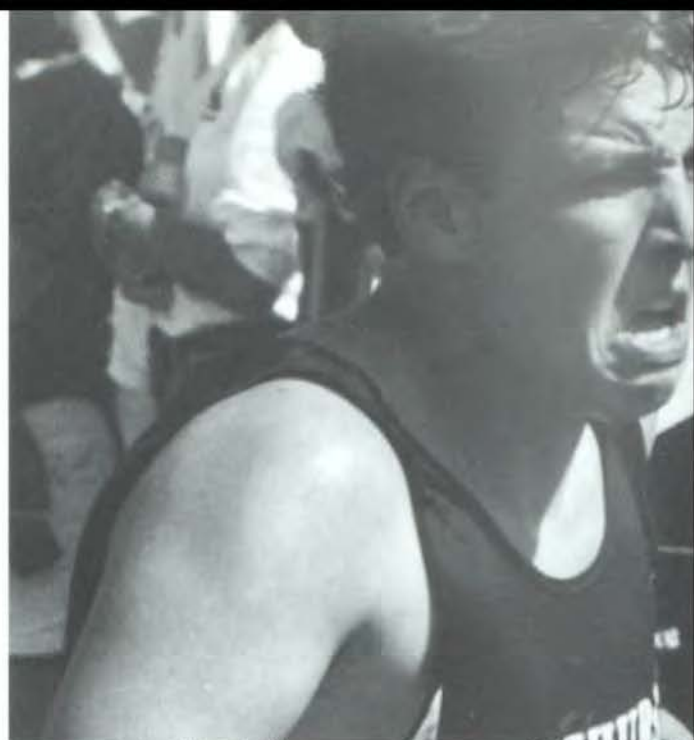
"We had had some of the best JV times we have ever had," said Coach Dierks.

The team's biggest disappointment was the inability of the JV to push the Varsity, according to Coach Dierks.

"The two teams were set in stone by the beginning of the year," he said.

The lack of notable improvement was mostly due to the team's off-season training. A few runners began preparing for the season in June, so many were in near top shape by the time competitions came around.

"If we continue our winter and summer off-season training, I am hopeful that we will be the first team to put a banner on the wall," concluded Maggard.



Junior Joel Hodes prepares to pass competitors.

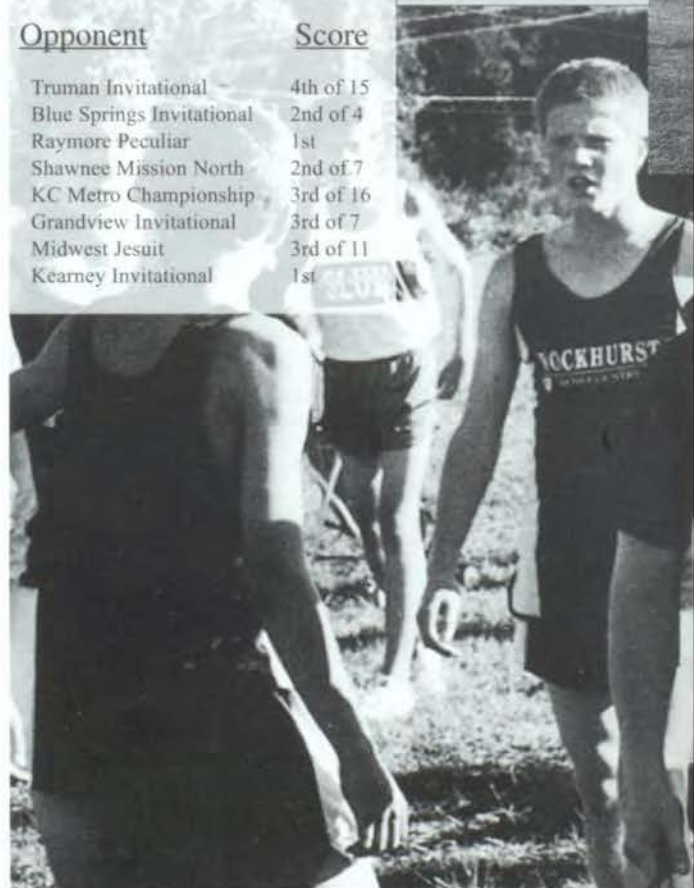
Sophomore Matt Clifford climbs a hill in Smithville.

Junior Tyler Pierce approaches the top of his run.

Team Support...

Junior C.J. Cornwell helps ailing freshman Chris Balmaceda at the Jesuit Invitational.

Opponent	Score
Truman Invitational	4th of 15
Blue Springs Invitational	2nd of 4
Raymore Peculiar	1st
Shawnee Mission North	2nd of 7
KC Metro Championship	3rd of 16
Grandview Invitational	3rd of 7
Midwest Jesuit	3rd of 11
Kearney Invitational	1st



JV Cross Country FRONT ROW: J.D. Corless, Joel Hodes, Andrew Bly, Ted Ginder, Michael Timberlake, Zach Cofran, Brett King, Nick Jackson; ROW 2: John Cullen, Drew Davison, Don Brain, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Michael Dierks, Coach Jorge Taracido, Jake Hubbard, Stephane Roque, Jason Sabaugh, Joe DeCapo; ROW 3: Ryan Smith, Matt Clifford, David Trotter, Jake Grate, Jamie Maggard, David Smith, C.J. Cornwell, William Webster; ROW 4: Tyler Pierce, Matt Walczuk, Tyler Kunce, Andy Cratchfield, Bobby Sauder, Kevin Shea, Chris Able, Jon Wachtel, Michael Stacy; ROW 5: Jared Meadows, Ben Becker, Andrew Dahmer, Mark Mattione, Pat Mohart, Danny Anthony, Jason Dehaemers, Ben Stueve.

So Many Strides

Freshman Cross Country

Story by John Krebs

Freshman stick together, establish a sound foundation

The Freshmen Cross Country Runners stuck together in their races as they did all throughout the year, placing in the top five in every single race, taking first in the Blue Springs Invitational, Raymore-Peculiar Invitational, and Kearney Invitational.

Cross country at the freshman level is a learning experience for both new runners and coaches alike. The season is one based on improvement and education, according to Head Coach Jorge Taracido. However, one feature sets this squad apart. This group hit the ground running and overcame every obstacle thrown at them.

"The freshmen were very good pack runners," said Coach Michael Dierks.

The Hawklets were nearly always grouped strongly in every race. A finishing of 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th was not uncommon. The most outstanding freshman runner according to the coaches was Zach Dehaemers, who earned one varsity point.

"The freshmen clicked very well from the beginning," said Coach Dierks "We were very proud of how they turned out."

True Effort....

Opponent	Score
Truman Invitational	3rd of 10
Blue Springs Invitational	1st of 3
Ray-Pec Invitational	1st
Shawnee Mission North Invitational	2nd of 7
KC Metro Championship	3rd of 1
Grandview Invitational	3rd of 7
Midwest Jesuit	
Cross-Country Invite	3rd of 6
Kearney Invitational	1st

Senior Jason Sabaugh runs to the finish line with determination.

Senior Jason Sabaugh runs on his own from the pack.

Freshman Bobby Tonnies passes a Blue Springs runner.

Freshman Nick Becker leads runners from Oak Park.

Photo by Jim Barron

Photo by Tom Carmody

Photo by Brennan Metzler



Freshman Cross Country FRONT ROW: Nick Becker, Andris Trautmanis, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Michael Dierks, Coach Jorge Taracido, Chris Balmaceda, Michael Spero; ROW 2: Josh Hubbard, Bobby Tonnies, Michael Cotter, Brent Sear, John Mahoney, Charlie Doolittle; ROW 3: Ernest Davis, Drew Bienhoff, Jason Coleman, Christian Liddeke, Zach Dehaemers, Spencer Jones, Matt DeCapo.

A Wonderful Feeling

Good Times

The Hawklets celebrate a win against Blue Springs as they hoist G.B. Klingler, a team leader, into the air.

Senior Andrew Paterini kicks the ball to an awaiting Gulf Shores returner. The Hawklets beat the first-year team, 42-7.



Photo by Ted Casner



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Kyle Teahan makes a textbook catch in the state semifinal game against Columbia Rockbridge. Teahan had two touchdown catches in the game.

Photo by Nick Wade

Photo by Ted Casner



Photo by Nick Wade

Punt returner Jeff Koons finds a hole against Rockbridge.

D.J. Horde sweeps right at the watermelon scrimmage.

Coach Tony Severino exhorts the team at Blue Springs.



Kevin Sears mauls a Blue Springs tailback in the state sectional game. The Hawklets won, 21-7.



Photo by Dilan Aldrich

An All Too Perfect Season

**Team had the most trying schedule ever
and finished with a perfect 13-0 season.**

Story by Bryan Murphy

Story:

"Our 2002 schedule was the hardest one we ever had at Rockhurst," said Head Coach Tony Severino.

With away games at Joliet, IL, Catholic, Edina, MN, and Blue Springs, the Hawklets faced not only difficult teams but hostile crowds.

"We were really impressed with our away game support," said Coach Severino.

The Hawklets traveled to Chicago to play a perennially strong Joliet Catholic program, winning, 28-9.

"When they lined up and gained over 70 yards in the first two plays I think everyone's jaw dropped," said junior defensive back Jeff Koons. "But we all got fired up and really had a great game."

After a season-ending loss to Blue Springs in the 2001 season, the Hawklets were ready for a rematch.

"After last year's loss, we wanted this game bad," said senior quarterback Marcus Perry. "We would do anything to beat Blue Springs."

Seniors Kyle Teahan and Conner Smith engulf a Joplin running back.

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**STATE FOOTBALL
FIRST PLACE
CLASS 6
2002**

The newest football state banner hangs high on the gym wall.

The **Best Team Ever?**

Varsity Football (continued)

The Hawklets had their chance for revenge in the quarterfinal matchup against Blue Springs. The game was no picnic as the Blue Springs defense, led by linebackers Darius Witherspoon and Bruce Ringwood, pressured the Hawklet's offense. According to the Metro Sports announcers, the Rockhurst-Blue Springs matchup was "the true State Championship - the two best teams in Missouri battling it out for another banner on the wall." The Hawklets were victorious, 27-7.

The momentum from a well-fought quarterfinal game carried the Hawklets to a 46-13 semifinal win against Columbia Rock Bridge and a State Championship victory over Lindbergh, 41-7.

Led by seniors G.B. Klingler and Dan Boyd, the Rockhurst line was particularly fearsome with an average weight of 280 pounds.

"G.B. Klingler was the best center ever at Rockhurst," said Coach Severino.

The season was marked by a series of noteworthy achievements by an array of players. Senior James Griffin was announced as one of the top 200 players in the nation and was selected to play in the high school all-star game televised on ESPN in December. Junior Tony Temple was named player of the year in the metro area having rushed for over 2000 yards and scoring over 32 touchdowns.

Records were set by senior Kyle Teahan who broke the school record for an interception return going 105 yards. Sophomore D.J. Horde also set the record for longest reception in the Missouri state game.

"This was one of the best teams ever," said Coach Severino. "It was a great season and I'm proud of these boys."



Marcus Perry passes the ball against Columbia Rockbridge. Rockhurst went on to win 46-13.

Photo by Ted Cantor

Perfect Completions...

Opponent Score

Blue Springs South	34-7
Blue Springs	24-14
Gulf Shores Academy	42-7
Joliet Catholic	28-9
Edina, MN	35-22
Dallas Jesuit	28-9
Jefferson City	49-7
Lee's Summit	43-14
Lee's Summit North	42-7
Joplin	49-13
Blue Springs	21-7
Columbia Rock Bridge	46-13
St. Louis Lindbergh	41-7



Junior Ted Cappocia dives to make a tackle in the State Championship game.



Junior Tony Temple stiff arms a Rockbridge opponent. Temple totaled over 2,000 yards rushing for the season.

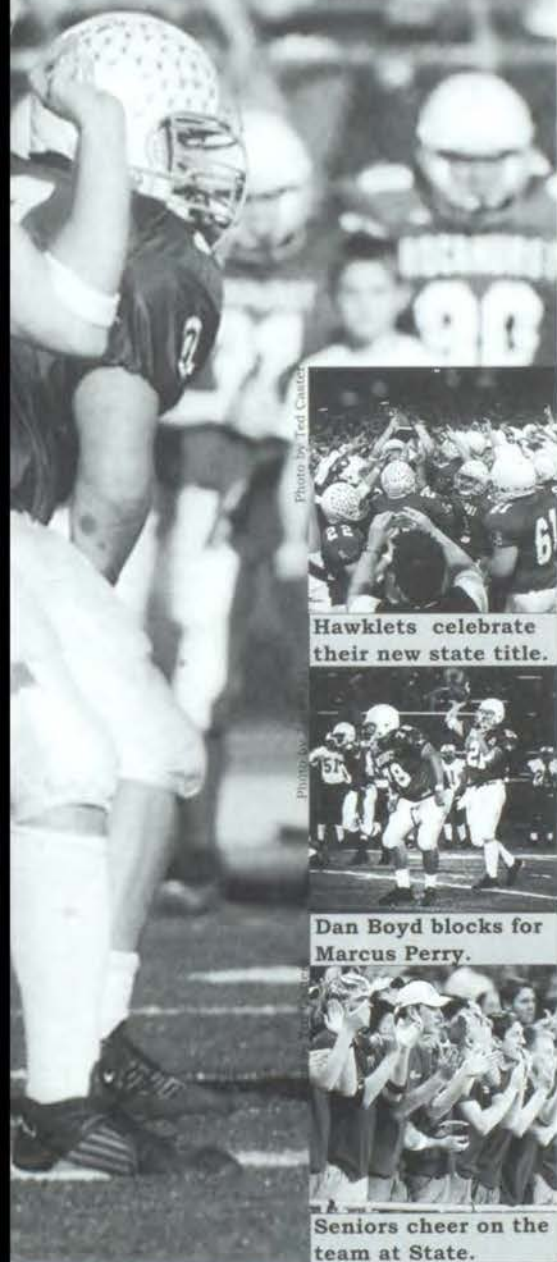


Photo by Ted Caster



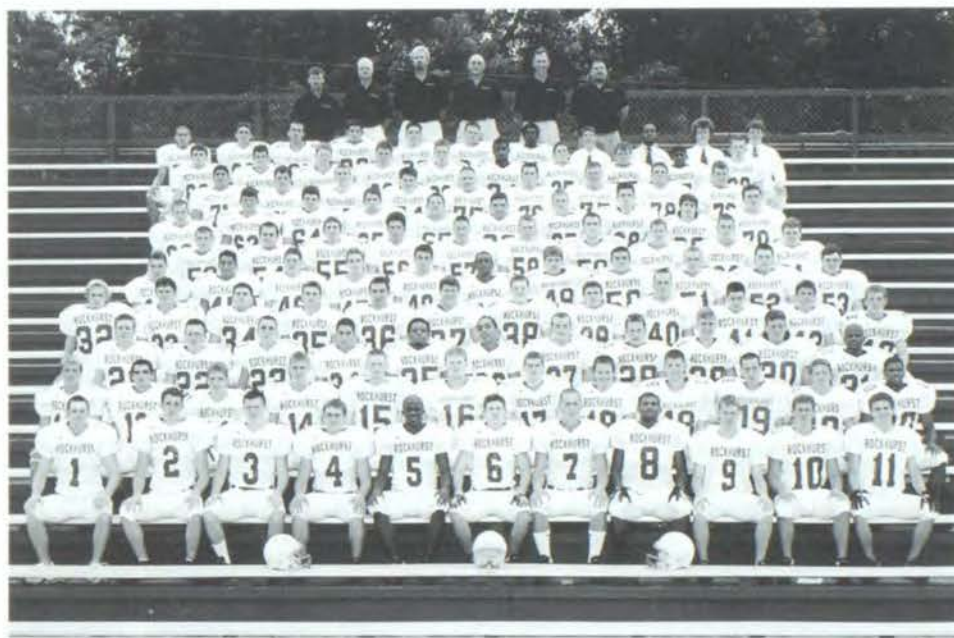
Hawkleys celebrate their new state title.



Dan Boyd blocks for Marcus Perry.



Seniors cheer on the team at State.



Varsity Football FRONT ROW: Andrew Elmer, Adam Blake, Sean Cummings, Matt Anderson, D.J. Horde, John Parsons, Terry McMahon, Steve Redmond, Mark Munninghoff, Matt Nocita, Phil Smith; ROW 2: Blake May, Adam Maib, Grant Spiking, Kyle Davis, Pat Casey, Charlie Bennett, John Reintjes, Andrew Charlton, Michael Hinek, Scott Campbell, J.T. Hand, Tony Temple; ROW 3: Marcus Perry, Jeff Koons, Pat Laughlin, Chris George, Nick Johnson, JaRon Moore, Conner Smith, Todd Whitaker, Kevin LeRoy, Kevin Sears, Jason Crain; ROW 4: Scott McCaffrey, Mike Feierabend, Alex Kopulos, Roman Minturn, Andrew Paterini, Eric Griffin, Brendan Arthur, James Griffin, Mike Adkins, Quinn Anderson, Joe Dunn; ROW 5: Larson Carter, Joel Rosas, Ben Hodes, Brady Poskin, Tray Sifers, Justin McDonald, David Poppe, Dan Howard, Jim Eftink, T.J. O'Connor, Phil Connealy; ROW 6: Taylor Moore, Mike D'Agostino, G.B. Klingler, Mike Kelly, Tyler Reed, Brad Long, Scott Cummings, Tommy Condon, Kevin Morris; ROW 7: Brian Hanrahan, Craig Young, Bryan Murphy, Trey Sabates, Mike Waleczuk, Jacob Johnston, John Garlich, Matt Nagle, Ted Capocchia, Brian Koenen; ROW 8: Mike Amini, Joe Geisel, John Wilson, Jeff Smith, Jeff Caldwell, Joe Hager, Brian Trowman, Dan Boyd, Blake Patti; ROW 9: Steve Welsh, Brian Betterman, Zach McCracken, Josh Karlin, Kyle Teahan, Allan Smith, Jordan Bastable, Kyle Hunt, Jason Tomlin, John Nagle; ROW 10: John Strobl, Colin Schaible, Aaron Stupica, Sal Marsalla, Devin Fuchs, Brian Kelly, Tyrone Perkins, Andrew Melion, Zach Shelton, Adam Taylor, Kevin Reardon; ROW 11: Coach Frank Lyngar, Coach Fred Campisano, Coach John Morris, Coach Tony Severino, Coach Eric Berg, Coach Matt Nolen.

Fruits of Labor

Junior Varsity Football

Story by Ryan Pruitt

Junior Varsity gains experience while having its usual success

Led by veteran coaches John Morris and Eric Berg, the Junior Varsity Football Team posted a perfect 6-0 record including a 38-14 win over its biggest rival, Jeff City. With its latest loss dating back to 1996 against Lawrence, 36-0, the team continued an undefeated tradition.

"The team's structure opened up many opportunities for players to grow," said Coach Eric Berg. "Unfortunately, because of the large number of players on the team, some players didn't get to play as much as they would have liked to."

This opportunity to grow opened up space for junior quarterback Sean Cummings.

"Sean was a great leader, he grew and improved throughout the season," said Coach Berg.

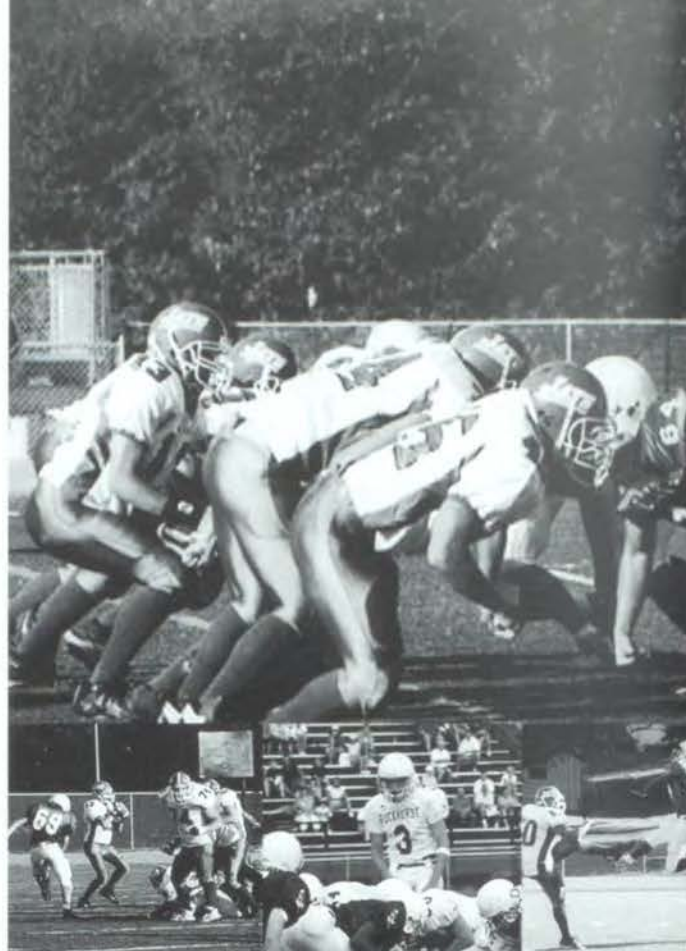
Running back Larson Carter had a notable season, stepping up to make big plays when the team needed them.

"The JV experience really helped players get noticed. That will hopefully pay off for next year's varsity team," said Carter.

Sophomore middle linebacker Taylor Moore always seemed to be near the football, according to the coaches.

The season's record didn't indicate it, but the team had some shortcomings.

"Although we won every game, we made some crucial mistakes," said Coach Berg. What made the season different was the team's ability to correct their mistakes and learn from them. I am excited to see what next year's team brings to the table."



Ted Cappocia aims for a crushing hit on Liberty quarterback.

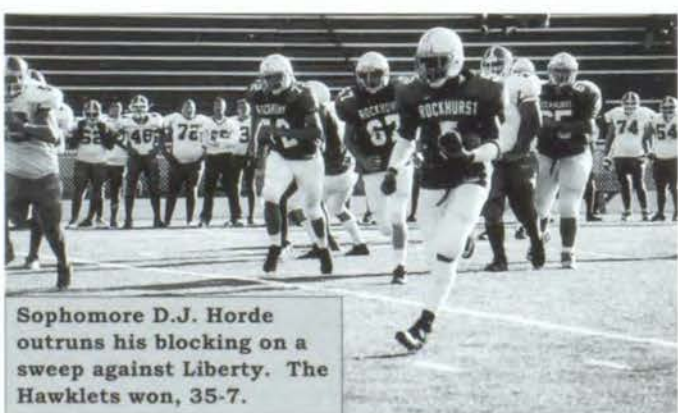
Sean Cummings approaches the line of scrimmage.

Allen Smith attempts to block a punt against Liberty.

Cut Back Lane...

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs South	35-6
Blue Springs	7-7
Ruskin	49-0
Olathe East	20-13
University Academy	46-6
Pius	42-6
Liberty	21-0
St. Thomas Aquinas	14-10
Lee's Summit	26-0
Lee's Summit North	32-6

Sophomore Michael Moore jukes out his Aquinas defender. The Hawklets won, 14-0.



Sophomore D.J. Horde outruns his blocking on a sweep against Liberty. The Hawklets won, 35-7.

Drew Mirocke sacks the Blue Springs quarterback.

Coach Kreikemeier and Coach Crowe study a defense.



Back to

Perfect

Sophomore

Football

Story by John Krebs

Sophomores scramble to post another undefeated season

The sophomores were proud as they walked off the field at Lee's Summit North High School after a 32-6 win over the Broncos because it insured yet another undefeated season.

Despite injuries early on, the Hawklets recovered and posted a 9-0-1 record. But the taste of a tie to a much larger Blue Springs squad is still sour in the mouths of many players.

"We went into that game with a 'can't-lose' mentality," said center/linebacker Drew Mirocke. "We were pleased with our performance but we deserved to win."

The fun-loving atmosphere of sophomore football continued as learning fundamentals was still a primary goal.

"Sophomore football is the stage when we still want them to have fun," commented Coach Mike Sullivan. "But our main focus is teaching the intricacies of the game."

Halfback Michael Moore was a cornerstone on offense, finishing with nine touchdowns, including the tying score against Blue Springs. Michael Pernice was another pleasant surprise, according to the coaches, as he was switched from a strictly defensive role last year to running back.

"We are anticipating next year as we have many talented freshmen," said Coach Sullivan.

Off the Ball...

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs South	42-7
Blue Springs	27-26
Liberty	31-14
Jefferson City	38-14
Lee's Summit	35-14
Lee's Summit North	28-7

The Hawklets explode off the line into the Liberty offense. RHS romped, 35-0.



Sophomore Football FRONT ROW: Michael Pernice, Kelly Quirk, Joe Pete Christiano, Tommy Palmer, Matt Leigh, Alex Mincher, Jesse Dull, Adam French; ROW 2: Chris Barton, Mark Davidson, Dane Cousins, Frank Allen, Tom Staab, Brian Connell, Brian Euston; ROW 3: John LeRoy, Jon Palmer, Grant Harrison, Terris Purse, Bill Keith, Mike Trabon, Brian Mulcahy, Michael Moore; ROW 4: David Price, Jon Higgins, Jason Samayoa, Drew Mirocke, Hamid Shea, Tyler Sifers, Chris Rhoades; ROW 5: Allen Fletcher, Tom Godsey, Joe Manzo, Ryan Elder, Max Zollicker, Danny Shearman, Brian Meyer, Eric Meyers; ROW 6: Adam Fulks, Damon McKinney, Andrew McRae, Matt Switzer, Connor McDonough, Sean Kane, Brett Barton; ROW 7: Ben Fraser, Jack Shuler, Coach Jeff Crowe, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Coach Mike Sullivan, Steve Martinat, Steven Thill.

The First

Level

Freshman

Football

Story by Bryan Murphy

Freshmen develop foundations for excellence and friendships

The **Freshman A Football Team** recorded a solid 6-1 record with big wins against Blue Springs South, Blue Springs, and Jeff City, losing only to Lawrence South Junior High, 16-7.

"Lawrence called and wanted to play our team this year and we obliged," said Head Coach Frank Griffin. "They had a good team and in the end proved to be too tough."

Due to rain, the Hawklets were unable to play the Aquinas game, a big event for incoming Freshmen.

"After the poor weather, we offered to host the game, but Aquinas declined," said Coach Griffin.

The key offensive and defensive players were Sal Capra, David Belfonte, Derek Hall, Joss Tillard and Sam Tapko. Linemen Michael Duschen, Corey Murphy, Nick Holtgrieve and Sean Kitts were core contributors.

"The A Team had a particularly large line this year," said Coach Griffin. "If they work in the weight room, many of them could have bright futures."

Besides developing their athletic abilities, the members of the team gained many friendships.

"I really enjoyed the camaraderie that I developed with my teammates over the course of the season," said Capra.

"Overall, the team had a successful season, but they are only freshmen and have much to learn," Coach Griffin said.

The **Freshman B Team** was led by Head Coach Jim DeGraw to a 5-3 season while playing a number of A teams. The Hawklets beat Liberty, Blue Springs, Shawnee Mission South, Aquinas, and the St. Pius X A team.

"This was one of our better B Teams," said Coach Jay Coleman. "We stepped it up after our first loss and won five consecutive games."

Players Mark Olshefski, Kyle Pierson, Anthony Accurso, Spencer Walsh, and Brian Chalmers proved to be emotional leaders on the team.

"My favorite part of the year was when we beat Aquinas," said Chalmers.

"The players really had fun this year," concluded Coach DeGraw. "They really came together to form a team."



David Belfonte breaks for a long gain against Liberty.

The team takes a break from their game for water.

Nick Kirkman the ball away.

Off the Line...

Freshmen linemen await the snap of the ball during a game vs St Pius X.

Opponent

Score

B Team

Lee's Summit North A.	6-12
Liberty	25-20
Blue Springs	13-0
Shawnee Mission South	13-12
Saint Thomas Aquinas	14-0
Saint Pius X A	14-0
Bishop Miege A	14-28
Lee's Summit A	0-34

C Team

Blue Springs South B	0-37
Ruskin	0-36
Shawnee Mission South	12-0
University Academy A	14-6
Bishop Meige B	12-0
Lee's Summit B	0-28

A Great

Effort

Freshman

Football

Story by Bryan Murphy

Precision is Key....

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs South	19-13
Lees Summit	7-0
Blue Springs	14-0
Shawnee Mission South	44-0
Lawrence Junior High	7-16
Jefferson City	22-0
St. Thomas Aquinas	Cancelled
Frontier Trails	14-6

Coach Frank Griffin encourages the team in a huddle before the game.

Spencer Walsh runs the ball against Blue Springs South.



Quarterback Michael Stingo scrambles away from a defender.



The **Freshman C Team** had a slow start, with a combined loss of 73-0 in its first two games, and a tough finish, a 28-0 loss to the Lee's Summit B Team, to conclude a 3-3 season.

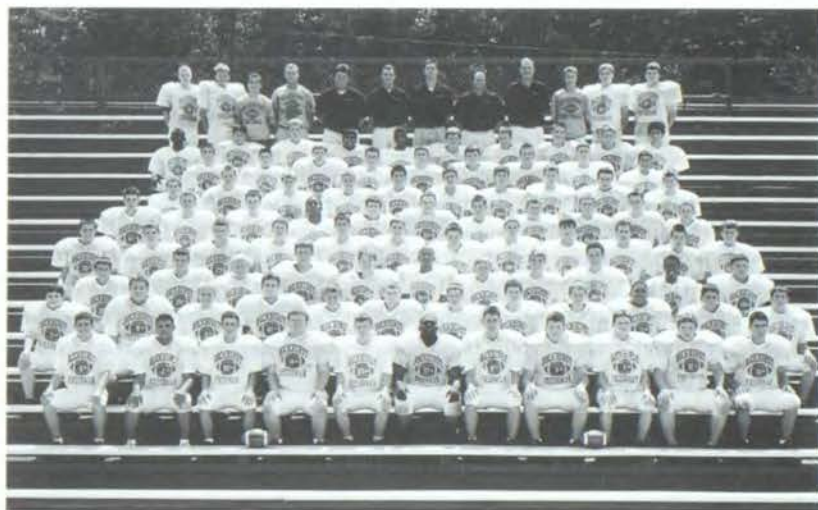
The team beat the SM South C team, the University Academy A team, and the Bishop Meige B team.

"It was great to see these former eighth graders grow," said Coach Mick Swanson. "They really bonded."

This was largely due to the leadership of backs Jack Hodes, Michael Stingo, Jake Lyssy, Derek Sisel, and Jack Schleicher at middle linebacker.

"I know we all learned little more about what means to go to Rockhurst," said Jack Hodes.

"Many of guys the really stepped it up," Coach Swanson said.



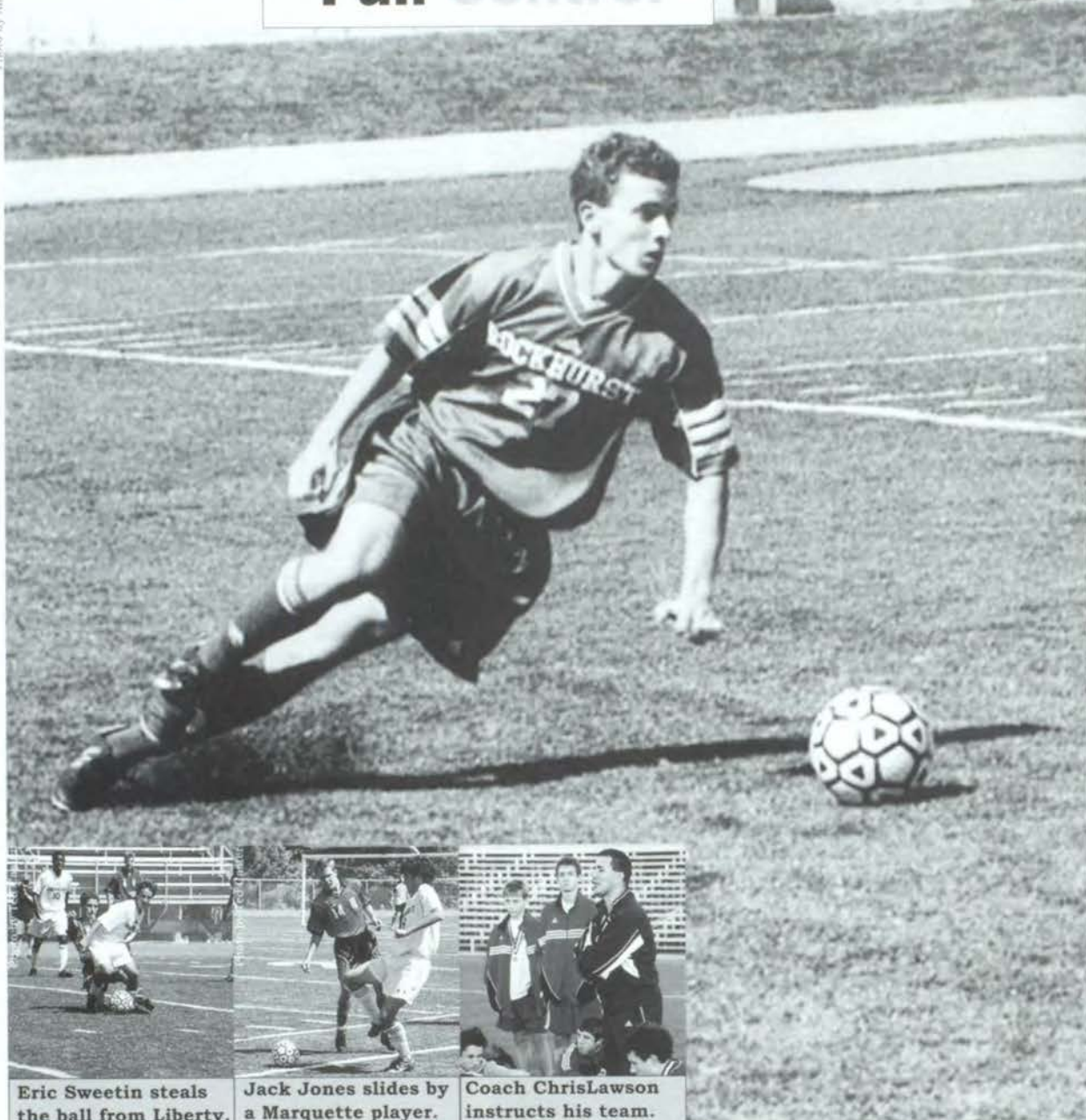
Freshman Football FRONT ROW: Anthony Accurso, Chad Baker, David Belfonte, Andrew Bianco, Chris Brewer, Maurice Brewer, Jonathan Brocato, Andrew Brooks, Anthony Bruno, Barrett Campbell, Sal Capra; ROW 2: Thomas Carlin, Corey Carr, Brian Chalmers, Bradley Chapman, Andrew Chase, Tim Connor, Chris Corless, Patrick Cullinen, Alex Dreiling, Michael Duschen, Spencer DuVall, Jacob Fogle, Steve Fessler; ROW 3: Sean French, Jacob Frey, James Fitzpatrick, Chris Gard, Nick Holtgrieve, Derek Hall, Matt Hanrahan, John Hodes, Jerome Jackson, Travis Johnston; ROW 4: Matthew Jones, David Kaufman, Nick Kirkman, Sean Kitts, Brian Knop, Matthew Kueser, Kirk Lakebrink, John Laughlin, Michael Link, Anthony Lolli, Joel Lyngar, Jacob Lyssy; ROW 5: Earnest McCoy, Daniel McCracken, Michael McInerney, Taylor Mallon, Ryan Mandl, Max Maple, William Meiners, Ryan Mueller, Corey Murphy, Matt Murphy, Jack Naylor; ROW 6: James Oades, Mark Olshefski, Billy Orscheln, Alex Peebles, Kyle Pierson, Joseph Privitera, Colin Quinn, Charlie Regan, James Risalvato, Sam Sabaugh; ROW 7: George Sand, Jack Schleicher, Ben Short, Jake Silva, Derek Sisel, Jeff Smith, Alex Soloducha, Justin Steele, Michael Stingo; ROW 8: Phillip Strozier, Robert Tait, Samuel Tapko, Henry Thomas, Josh Tillard, Matt Trofholz, Nic Vignatelli, Eric Vogel, Spencer Walsh, Taylor Ward; ROW 9: James Whitaker, Andrew Whitehead, Adam Mehl, Coach Mick Swanson, Coach Paul Beirne, Coach Jim DeGraw, Coach Ed Hendry, Coach Jay Coleman, Coach Frank Griffin, Jeremiah Reardon, Andrew Wickman, Alex Wilson.

On the Ball

Kerry Bowen slides to regain ball control. He was one of the few junior varsity players to gain varsity experience.

Full Control

Photo by Alan Elliott



Tyler Atha dribbles past an Oak Park midfielder. Rockhurst won 1-0.



Photo by Matt Turley

Midfielder Will John breaks through a swarm of Charminade defenders in the State Championship game. John shattered the school record for goals by five with 36 total.



Eric Sweetin steals the ball from Liberty.



Jack Jones slides by a Marquette player.



Coach Chris Lawson instructs his team.

Mark Keleher defends the ball from a Jeff City forward.



Photo by Brian Kelly



Photo by Ted Carter

When Goals Are Achieved

**Team finishes second place at State.
Work ethic and leadership pave the way.**

Story by Mike Adkins

Story:

After months of hard work and preparation, the Varsity Soccer Team peaked at the right times during the season, but St. Louis Chaminade was too tough for the title hungry Hawklets, beating them 3-0 in the State Championship game.

"Chaminade just proved they were a better team in the title game," said Head Coach Chris Lawson. "They outperformed us. They exploited our weaknesses. We did not score and our defense did not stop them."

This season cannot be summed up in this single game, according to Coach Lawson, who noted that the team accomplished many goals established at the beginning of the season.

"We decided to break the year into thirds," he said. "First, we wanted to win the Jesuit Invitational and the Top Dawg Tournament. We then wanted to do well at State. Looking back, we accomplished all of those things."

The Hawklets swept the Jesuit Invitational, defeating Xavier High School from Manhattan, NY, and long-time rival Marquette High School from Milwaukee. Canisius High School from Buffalo, NY, also participated.

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Sophomore Seth Sinovic runs past a Regis defender. Rockhurst won 6-1.



Alex Nordholm clears the ball against Ray-Pec.



Scott Ferguson, Will John, and Mike Comiski show their awards.



Will John blows past an O'Hara defender.

Photo by Zach Apple

Great **Pride** and Leadership

Varsity Soccer (continued)

"This was the first year Xavier and Canisius attended," said Coach Lawson. "The Rockhurst community was exceptional. The teams were given the opportunity to learn about each other. It was a great experience for everyone."

At the Top Dawg Tournament, the Hawklets defeated interstate rivals St. Thomas Aquinas, Blue Valley Northwest, and Olathe East to win first place.

"The maturity level of this particular group is evident," said Coach Lawson. "Over the years, their physical, mental, and technical experience has grown tremendously. Most of these guys used to have trouble reacting to bad calls. In fact, yellow cards are not an issue this year."

According to coaches, maturity and leadership sprung from a few key seniors including Will John, Jack Jones, Mike Comisky, Scott Ferguson and Alex Nordholm.

Jones, the Hawklets' assist leader, created offensive opportunities. Alex Nordholm was a key defender and was strong when the ball was in the air. John scored 36 goals during the season, breaking the school record by five.

Comiskey received the Solid as a Rock Award for consistent leadership and his team play on defense.

Ferguson was awarded the Bryan R. Bolden Award, given to the role player on the team. John won the Golden Boot, given to the most talented player.

Underclassmen who contributed and will assume leading roles include juniors Seamus McLaughlin and Robby Borchardt, and sophomores Seth Sinovic and Eric Sweetin.



Junior Seamus McLaughlin controls the ball against his Blue Springs opponent.

Stealing the Show...

Opponent	Score
Shawnee Mission West	2-1
Bishop Meige	3-0
Regis Jesuit	6-1
Blue Springs	4-3
Lee's Summit	5-1
Raytown South	7-0
St. Joseph Central	1-2
New York Xavier	9-1
Marquette	4-2
Blue Valley Northwest	3-1
St. Thomas Aquinas	2-0
Olathe East	3-0
Shawnee Mission Northwest	5-2
Blue Springs	2-0
Jefferson City	2-1
Blue Valley North	4-1
Lee's Summit North	0-2
Pembroke Hill	6-3
Chaminade	1-2
Christian Brothers	2-0
O'Hara	3-0
Oak Park	1-0
Raymore-Peculiar	4-0
Liberty	4-1
Raytown	7-0
Raytown South	5-1
Lee's Summit	3-1
St. Joseph Central	3-1



Coach Chris Lawson encourages Tyler Atha during a Meige game.



Mike Comiski leaps for a header in the Chaminade game.



Varsity Soccer FRONT ROW: Seth Sinovic, Dylan Ford, Joey Williams, Jimmy Chalmers; ROW 2: Eric Sweetin, Darren Smith, Tim Sullivan, Cole Mayer, Robby Borchardt, Seamus McLaughlin, Tyler Atha; ROW 3: Brad Weishar, James Lee, Coach Michael Wickenhauser, Fr. Mark Daues, SJ, Coach Chris Lawson, Coach Paul Ptashnik, Michael Farrell; ROW 4: Will John, Tom Dougherty, Michael Comiskey, Alex Nordholm, Jack Jones, Scott Ferguson, Mark Keleher.



Eric Sweetin, Jack Jones, Mark Keleher, Seth Sinovic, and Cole Mayer celebrate after the Liberty game.



Will John runs onto the field after being introduced before the game.



Cole Mayer tip toews the sideline.

**Defense
is**

Key

Junior Varsity

Soccer

Story by Nick Befort

Junior Varsity's stingy defense proves too tough for opponents

With eight returning players, the Junior Varsity Soccer Team had played together quite a bit before the season. Posting a record of 13-1-3, only being scored on six times, and never being scored on in the first six games, it proved to be one of Rockhurst's most successful JV teams ever.

"This was a great year. I've played with most of the guys before, and we are able to work well together," junior Rory Valliere said. "It was great not being scored on the first six games. We really felt like a force to be reckoned with."

The team's only loss was to long-time Rockhurst rival St. Thomas Aquinas.

"I really felt we should have won that game," junior Adam Kovac said. "We were close the whole game, but they pulled ahead near the end."

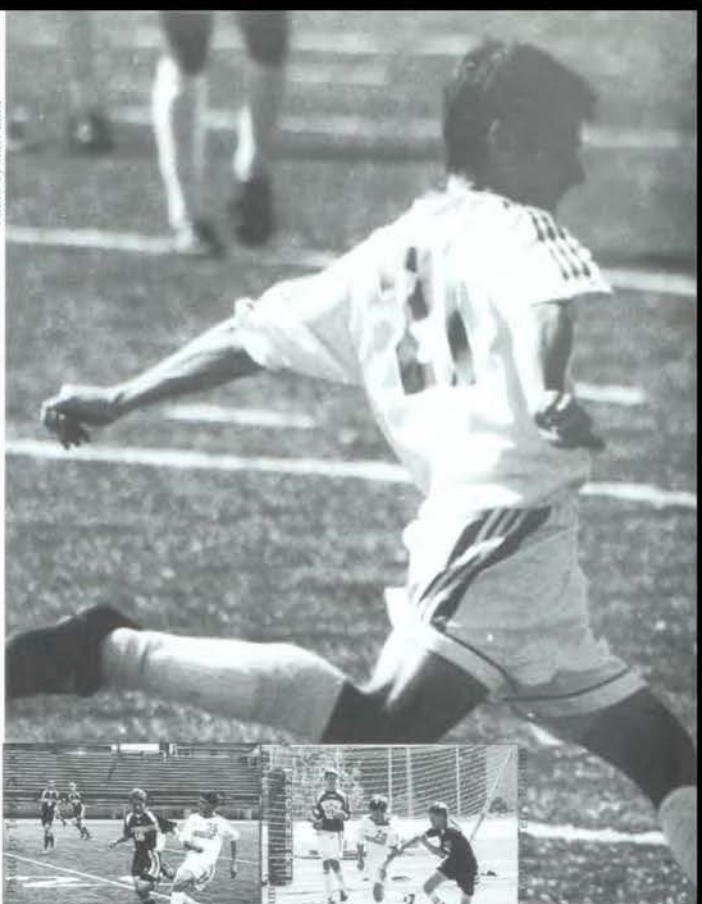
Coach Paul Ptasnik for three years has seen a lot of the players mature into better soccer players.

"This year's team really worked well together," Coach Ptasnik said. "There has been such a growth and maturity in their playing, I'm very proud of them."

The last time a JV team was this successful, the following year the Varsity team won state.



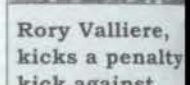
JV Soccer ROW 1: Jordan Raybould, Jonathan Vigliaturo, Rory Valliere, Mike Tabory, Daniel Kerley, Sam Woodell, Joe Madden; ROW 2: Coach Chris Lawson, Adam Kovac, Miguel Mejia, Sam Klos, Spencer Martens, Cullen Roberts, Coach Paul Ptasnik; ROW 3: Michael Wiggins, Matt Betterman, Marc Albers, Kerry Bowen.



Spencer Martens rescues the ball from a Meige opponent.



Adam Kovac helps goalie Mike Tabory defend.



Rory Valliere, kicks a penalty kick against Bishop Meige. Hawklets won't game 4-0.

Shot on Goal....

Michael Nouri brings the ball up the field during a game against Blue Valley Northwest.

Opponent	Score
Shawnee Mission West	3-0
Shawnee Mission South	9-0
Raytown Tournament	1st
Park Hill South	8-1
Blue Valley Northwest	5-0
Liberty	11-1
Blue Valley North West	
Little Dawg Tournament	1st
Lee's Summit	12-0
Olathe North	15-0
Liberty	7-0
Blue Valley Northwest	5-0
Park Hill South	7-0
St. Thomas Aquinas	8-0
Columbia Hickman	7-1
Aquinas Tournament	1st
Shawnee Mission West	6-2
Blue Springs	7-1
Oak Park	10-3

James Wagner passes the ball up the field against Liberty.

Cory Owens makes a clearing pass to Jeff Poskin.



Photo by Karl Lind

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Great Balls of

Fire

Sophomore

Soccer

Story by John Krebs

Pulling Away...

Opponent	Score
Olathe North	2-0
Miege	4-0
Shawnee Mission East	1-0
Rock Ridge	2-0
St. Joe Central	1-0
Blue Valley North West	6-0
St. Thomas Aquinas	1-3
Shawnee Mission North West	1-1
Blue Springs	5-0
Jeff City	3-0
Lee's Summit	1-1
Pembroke	6-0
Columbia Hickman Mills	0-0
O'Hara	3-0
Ray Pec	6-1
Liberty	2-2

Team unites to produce a successful season

With a record of 19-1-2, the Sophomore Soccer Team had one of its best years ever, making third-year Head Coach Jeremy McElduff extremely pleased with the performance of his squad.

"The whole team was a surprise," he said.

With more than 100 goals scored and only 10 given up, the Hawklets have a reason to be proud.

For the first time ever, RHS won all three of the tournaments it participated in, including the Blue Valley Northwest Little Dawg, Raytown, and Saint Thomas Aquinas Tournaments.

"I was especially pleased with our performance at the Raytown tourney," said Coach McElduff. "We played very well as a team and everything just clicked."

The team was almost a true sophomore team, with the exception of freshmen Dan Kovac and Drew Pavlovich. Major contributors were Anthony Altomare, Peter Reintjes, and Jeff Poskin.

"We really worked well together," said Altomare. "Everyone respected each other and we had a great season."

"This was one of the best seasons I have ever had," said Coach McElduff, "I am incredibly proud to have been able to work with these kids."



Sophomore Soccer FRONT ROW: Anthony Altomare, Jeff Poskin, Kian Byrne, Jeff Herrera, Michael Camacho, Cary Silverman, Mark Thompson; ROW 2: Bryan Smith, Cameron Webb, Peter Reintjes, Coach Jeremy McElduff, Cory Owens, James Wagner, Phillip Scovill; ROW 3: Daniel Salzman, Nathan Ryan, Michael Nouri, Ryan Nugent, Christopher Crawford.



Photo by Adam Davis
Scott Kelly jukes out an opponent.



Photo by Adam Davis
P.J. Thomson prepares to shoot a goal.



Photo by Andy Woods
Scott Kelly tries to get around a defender.

Gaining valuable Experience

Despite 6-7-1 season, frosh gain experience, develop skill

Despite a rough 6-7-1 season, the Freshman Soccer Team acquired the skills essential to the sport, according to Head Coach Phil Baker.

The Hawklets started out the season strong with four consecutive victories and a hard-fought 1-1 tie against Columbia Rockbridge, the first time RHS has played them on the freshman level.

After losing in the RHS Freshman Tournament, the team posted only two more victories, ending the season with a loss to Shawnee Mission East.

"They fought right down to the end," Coach Baker said.

Only two players were moved up to the sophomore team, Drew Pavlovich and Daniel Kovac, because there were not enough players on the roster to afford to move others up.

"Our main objective was to grow as a team and have fun," Coach Baker said. "We met that objective."

An addition to the coaching staff, Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, volunteered his time to help the veteran Coach Baker, after having been away from the game since his high school years.

"I really loved being with the team. I found it to be a great experience and really learned a lot," said Mr. Lan Tran. "The boys played as well as we could ask all season."

Despite being disappointed with the record, Coach Baker feels strongly about the team and looks for them to do well in following years.

"They learned the style of soccer we like to play at the varsity level," he stated. "I think they've got a very good pool of talent to build upon." Story by Adam Davis



Ben Davis sends the ball to the goal with a corner kick.

Fire in the Goal...

Opponent	Score
Lee's Summit	3-2
Bishop Miege	7-0
Olathe East	7-2
Blue Springs South	7-0
Columbia Rock	
Bridge	1-1
Blue Valley	
Northwest	1-3
St. Joseph Central	1-3
Olathe East	0-3
Shawnee Mission	
Northwest	6-1
Jefferson City	1-3
Blue Valley	
Northwest	3-1
Blue Valley North	1-3
Blue Springs South	0-1
Shawnee Mission	
East	1-3

Photo by Alan Elliot



Danny Dougherty passes the ball downfield between two Olathe East defenders.

Photo by Alan Elliot



In the Bishop Meige game, Kevin Schwartze puts the ball in play with a corner kick.



Freshman Soccer FRONT ROW: Alex Higbie, Nick Simcox, Chris Shaw, Nathan Hickey, Patrick Camacho, Drew Pavlovich, Scott Kelly, Daniel Durie; ROW 2: Daniel Kovac, Martin Cummings, Tyler Czinege, Coach Phil Baker, Ryan Lincoln, P.J. Thompson, Ben Davis; ROW 3: Joel Hamilton, Sean Bucklew, Kevin Schwartze, Gallagher Ring, Danny Dougherty, Zac Schulte, Sam Monsees.

Photo by Alan Elliot



Nathan Hickey, Patrick Camacho, Sam Monsees, Joel Hamilton, Nick Simcox, and Danny Durie watch their teammates play.

Photo by Adam Davan



Coach Phil Baker describes the battle plan during halftime.

Senior Kevin Sears rebounds against Wyandotte.



Photo by Rick Johnson



Photo by Jed Burres

Kyle Teahan soars over a Blue Springs defender to finger roll a layup.

Photo by Patrick O'Leary



A Time to Fly

Senior Eric Burtin jumps for the opening tip against North Kansas City. Rockhurst won in overtime 63-62.

And One

Adrian Carson leaps over a Raytown center.

Adrian Carson dunks against Westport.

Photo by Ben Sturwey

On the move, Kyle Teahan beats his Blue Springs South opponent to the baseline.



Photo by Adam Taylor



Supreme Court Justice

**Varsity team falls short of state goal.
Team lacked size and true point guard.**

Story by Charlie Stoops

Story:

The finish was not picture perfect for the Varsity Basketball Team as it lost 50-39 in district competition against Hickman Mills, but few would count the season as a failure.

"We won 19 games this year without a true ball handler or a true five man," said Head Coach Mark Nusbaum.

Contributing to the lack of a natural one man (point guard), and five man (center), was an overall lack of size. This was partially compensated for by overall team quickness and the number of players who could score.

"There were always four or five guys out there who could hurt you in different ways, so we made up for our deficiencies by committee," said Coach Nusbaum.

Seniors Adrian Carson, Kyle Teahan, Eric Burtin, Kevin Sears, James Griffin Andrew Bradshaw and T.J. Kratofil contributed with added experience and skill. Also contributing significantly were sophomore D.J. Hord and juniors Steve Redmond and John Parsons.

"DJ and John split time at first, but as they spent more time on varsity, they really developed," said Burtin.

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Coach Mark Nusbaum explains the game plan to the team.



James Griffin shoots after sending a Lee's Summit defender tumbling.



Junior Steve Redmond drives against the Wyandotte defense.



Sophomore D.J. Horde shoots a three-pointer.

Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose

Built to Play

Varsity Basketball (continued)

Helping the team develop was an outstanding practice squad which kept practices competitive and pushed everyone. Vocal leadership from older players like Sears and Burtin kept the team motivated.

The team won the William Jewell Tournament by soundly defeating Blue Springs, 53-31, and there the team began to really click. Later, the Hawklets beat traditional arch-rival St. Thomas Aquinas, 48-30, and went on to beat others like St. Pius and Jefferson City.

The Hawklets also won their first game against Liberty at Liberty in a strong showing for both Teahan and Carson who scored 22 and 16 points respectively. This was important for Coach Nusbaum as it was his first return there since he left five years ago.

More important to Coach Nusbaum was the fact that this was the first group of players that he had coached for an entire four years.

"They were my babies, my first batch of freshman, so they are pretty special," he said.

Despite the disappointing finish, that group of players won 81 games and made Coach Nusbaum proud.

"There were times when we could do no wrong and times when we could do no right," Sears said.



Senior Adrian Carson splits the Blue Springs South defense to lay in a finger roll in a game the Hawklets won 44-42.



Flying High...

Opponent	Score
Lee's Summit	52-59
Washington	36-26
Shawnee-Mission North	63-60
Tulsa Central	60-69
Leavenworth	43-61
Hickman Mills	57-53
St. Joe Central	60-59
Westport	53-48
Blue Springs	53-31
St. Thomas Aquinas	48-30
Blue Springs South	52-49
Kansas City Central	68-52
CBC	49-63
Webster Groves	52-39
Chaminade	52-47
Bishop Meigs	48-50
Bishop Carrol	51-46
Shawnee Mission East	59-51
O'Hara	68-82
Wyandotte	57-33
Liberty	48-37
St. Pius X	58-54
Creighton Prep	canceled
Kansas City Northeast	60-44
Jeff City	44-42
North Kansas City	63-63
Hickman Mills	39-50

Photo by Patrick O'Leary



Senior leader Kyle Teahan gives junior John Parsons some advice before a game.



Adrian Carson slices through the Jefferson City defense to throw one down.



Varsity Basketball FRONT ROW: Zach Sheridan, Steve Redmond, Marcus Perry, Allan Smith, Andrew Bradshaw, DJ Hord, John Parsons, Derrick McKinney; ROW 2: Harrison Dean, Daniel Zinser, Coach John Morris, Coach Mark Nusbaum, Coach Paul Beirne, Coach Pete Campbell, Mike Pine, Danny White; ROW 3: Kevin Sears, Kyle Teahan, Eric Burtin, James Griffin, Matt Nagle, Adrian Carson, TJ Kratofil.

Photo by John Quinn



Seniors Eric Burtin and T.J. Kratofil jump for the ball in the Blue-White scrimmage.

Photo by John Wingert



Kyle Teahan shoots a three-pointer over a Lee Summit defender.



Sophomore Alan Smith scores two points with a layup over the Wyandotte defense.

Just One Short

Junior Varsity Basketball

Story by Ted Caster

Single loss to Aquinas mars JV's almost perfect season

With a 14-1 record the Junior Varsity Basketball Team displayed unprecedented skills and teamwork.

"The players worked and played well as a team, and they were very unselfish," said Head Coach John Morris.

The high points of the season came with wins against Liberty and Jeff City.

"At the game in Liberty, there was a very hostile crowd and it came down to a one-point game, and we won," Coach Morris said.

The Jeff City match also proved to be a gut-wrenching game for the team.

"Jeff City was ahead at the half and we came back to beat them," Coach Morris said.

Standout players were Jeff Owsley, Jed Burey, Tom Farmer, and Jeff Barnhouse, according to Coach Morris who was assisted by Coach Pete Campbell.

One of the biggest disappointments came with the loss to Aquinas, the only loss of the season.

"We just couldn't shoot free throws," Coach Morris said. "Our shooting percentage was terrible. We put up the shots, but they just weren't getting in."

Despite the Aquinas game the JV team considered it an overall successful season.

"Our team had great continuity," Burey said.



JV Basketball FRONT ROW: Coach John Morris, Pat Befort, John Parsons, D.J. Hord, Jeff Barnhouse, Derrick McKinney, Zach Sheridan, Coach Pete Campbell; ROW 2: Linds Prestia, Terry McMahan, Steve Welsh, Jeff Owsley, Jed Burey, Allan Smith, Tom Farmer, Steve Martinat.

Photo by Kyle Hunt



Zach Sheridan guards a Tigers player.

Jeff Owsley finger rolls a layup

Coach John Morris talks at halftime

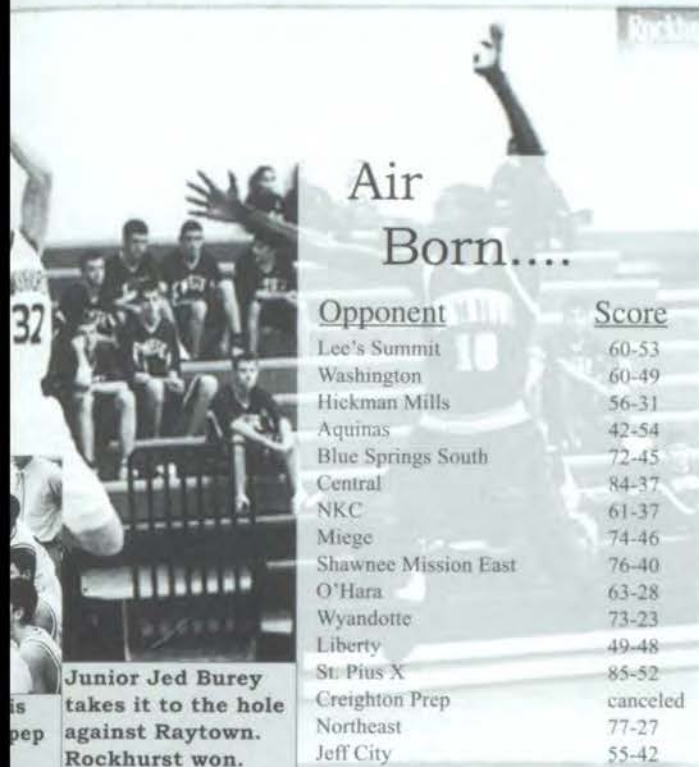
Lay it Up...

Opponent	Score
Belton	83-17
Blue Valley Northwest	73-44
Blue Springs	56-52
St. Thomas Aquinas	57-44
Shawnee Mission East	60-43
St. Thomas Aquinas	51-44
Grandview	68-58
Blue Springs South	73-41
Raytown	64-21
Blue Valley	73-29
Blue Springs	60-51
Lee's Summit	68-54
Blue Valley North	69-55
Raytown South	57-40
Lee's Summit North	55-28
Bishop Miege	59-29
Hickman Mills	67-38
Olathe North	71-31
Blue Valley Northwest	64-62
Lawrence	71-69
Ruskin	68-55
Shawnee Mission East	50-31

Jeff Barnhouse splits the defense for two points.

Photo by Adrian Carson





Air Born....

Opponent	Score
Lee's Summit	60-53
Washington	60-49
Hickman Mills	56-31
Aquinas	42-54
Blue Springs South	72-45
Central	84-37
NKC	61-37
Miege	74-46
Shawnee Mission East	76-40
O'Hara	63-28
Wyandotte	73-23
Liberty	49-48
St. Pius X	85-52
Creighton Prep	canceled
Northeast	77-27
Jeff City	55-42

Junior Jed Burey takes it to the hole against Raytown. Rockhurst won.

McMahon finishes strong layup.



Steve Martinat goes up strong.



Jeff Barthouse breaks away for a layup.



Too Tough To Lose

Sophomore Basketball

Story by Zack Appl

Team's tough mindset paves the way for a flawless 22-0 season

The Sophomore Basketball Team ended the season with two close wins to finish with a perfect 22-0 record. Led by Head Coach Paul Beirne, the team finished with the best record in sophomore basketball history.

"They weren't the most talented team, but they improved so much defensively as the season progressed," said Coach Beirne. "They got the mindset that they were going to win no matter what."

The team cruised early in the season with the closest wins over Blue Springs, 56-52, and St. Thomas Aquinas, 57-54. The Hawklets had few other scares until the Olathe East Tournament, where in back-to-back games RHS won in overtime against Blue Valley Northwest, 64-62, on their way to the championship. The next day they beat Lawrence, 71-69, in regular season play.

"The team deserves a lot of credit for winning six straight games in six straight days," said Coach Beirne.

Against Lawrence the Hawklets were down seven when the defense took over. With 40 seconds left, three straight steals and two quick lay-ins followed by a three from Frank Allen sent the game to overtime where the Hawklets went on to win.

Coach Beirne named Allen and Cole Mayer as his team leaders. He said that Allen showed a lot of team leadership from the point guard position while Mayer led the team in scoring and in defense.



Sophomore Basketball FRONT ROW: Nathan Ryan, Cole Mayer, Zach Frisch, Coach Paul Beirne, Tom Staab, Frank Allen, Spencer Martens; ROW 2: David Willis, Ian Edwards, John Nagle, Matt Switzer, Alex Mincher, Jeff Caldwell; NOT PICTURED: Steve Martinat.

Back to the

Basics

Freshman A

Basketball

Story by Jim Baruta

Team's hard work and leadership pave way for solid 18-1 season

Head Coach Scott Duschen and assistant Ed Hendry were impressed with the Freshmen A Team after its 18-1 season.

Even though they didn't go undefeated, the Hawklets played as a team right from the start. Team leaders Sal Capra, Phil Strozier, and Ryan Mandl helped unite the team and played hard during the games and throughout practice.

"They led by example," Coach Duschen said. "All pieces of the team fit together nicely throughout the entire season."

Big wins included beating Aquinas once, Blue Springs twice, and Raytown to win the Rockhurst Freshman Tourney.

Malcom Harrison was the best shooter on the team and Sal Capra scored the most points in one game, 32, against Shawnee Mission East.

After the Hawklets only loss to Raytown South, they were eager to avenge the loss. The only way to play them again was to reach the championship game of the Raytown Tournament where the Hawklets defeated the Cardinals by two points in overtime.

"The loss to Raytown South gave us the extra push to win the Raytown Tournament," Mandl said.

One problem was finding playing time for everyone with 12 players on the team, instead of the usual 10-11.

"The season went quickly compared to other years because the players were unselfish and demonstrated great team unity," Coach Duschen said.



Freshman A Basketball FRONT ROW: Drew Pavlovich, Jerome Jackson, Jeremiah Reardon, Coach Ed Hendry, David Brinker, Coach Scott Duschen, Ryan Mandl, Mark Olshefski, Malcom Harrison; ROW 2: Ben Wickman, Derek Hall, Eric Vogel, Max Ward, Sal Capra, Sean Kitts, Phillip Strozier.

Photo by Matt Elserle



Adam Mehl takes a jump shot against Blue Valley Northwest. The Hawklets won 61-32.

From the Key...

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs	39-36
St. Thomas Aquinas	46-32
Blue Valley North West	61-32
Shawnee Mission East	41-49
Raytown South	51-38
Blue Springs	42-55
O'Hara	38-40
Blue Springs South	56-35
Blue Valley	54-39
Raytown	46-31
Grandview	54-39
Blue Springs South	53-29
Lee's Summit	37-42
Fort Osage	48-21
Park Hill	32-39
Miege	62-35
Shawnee Mission East	48-40

Coach Ed Hendry calls for a zone defense during halftime.

Adam Mehl shoots over the Blue Valley Northwest defense.

Sean Kitts shoots a baseline jump.



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Coach Scott Duschen
reviews a play
against Bishop Miege.

Alex Potts wins the
jump ball against his
opponent.



Adam Mehl shoots
over the Blue Valley
Northwest defense

Tough Defense....

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs	57-44
St. Thomas Aquinas	59-43
William Chrisman	71-11
Raytown	51-32
Blue Valley Northwest	59-39
Shawnee Mission East	67-57
Raytown South	54-63
Blue Springs	55-47
O'Hara	57-39
Blue Springs South	56-25
Raytown	48-37
Grandview	49-20
Blue Valley North	54-49
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Shawnee Mission East	55-44

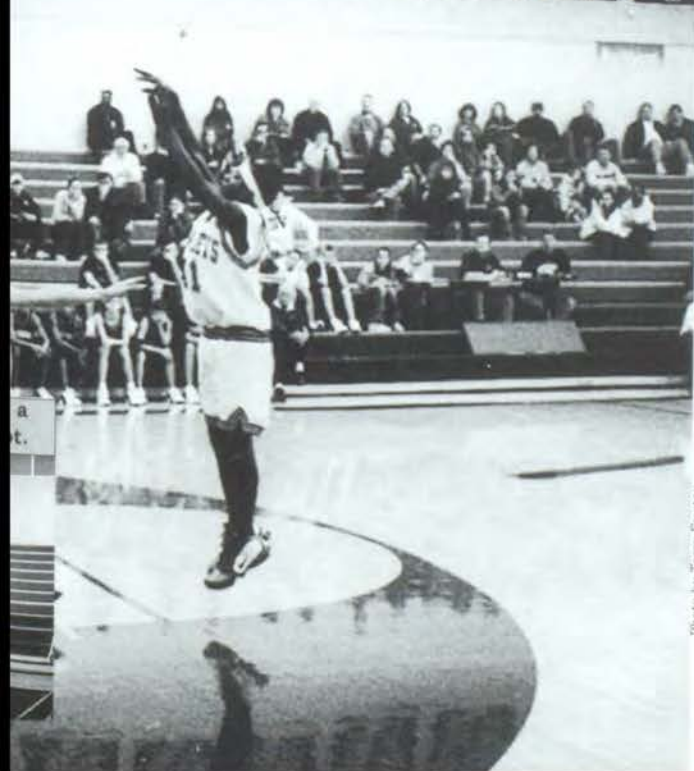


Photo by Terry Euston

New and Improved

Freshman B Basketball

Story by Nick Belfort

Rookie players and coach progress throughout season

"One word to sum up the season would be learning," said Head Coach Ed Hendry. "This wasn't only the team's first year playing basketball at Rockhurst, it was my first year coaching basketball."

The Freshman B Basketball Team started slowly, but as the season pushed along, players began working as a team and getting the big wins against rivals like St. Thomas Aquinas, Miege, and Shawnee Mission East on their way to a 12-5 record.

In the first game of the season the team was down by 18 in the second quarter against Blue Springs but came back and won by three.

"Once the season got going they did an excellent job playing as a team, which they suffered from during the start of their season," said Coach Hendry. "The players really stuck with it and starting pulling ahead with the wins."

The most disappointing defeat was against O'Hara where the Hawklets had a chance to win, but lost in the end with two missed free throws.

"We really worked hard to win that game, but at least we know we gave our all," said point guard Dan Kovac. "Coach Hendry really got us through some tough times, making sure we played our hardest and never gave up," he said.



Freshman B Basketball FRONT ROW: Jordan Raybould, Bryant Harris, Alex Peebles, Coach Ed Hendry, David Brinker, Coach Scott Duschen, Joss Tillard, Adam Mehl, Daniel Kovac; ROW 2: John Kimminau, Jon Goff, Justin Steele, Alex Potts, Jonathan Brocato, Alex Soloducha, Jimmy Whitaker.

Puck Meets Ice

David Gorosh rips a shot against Blue Valley West. Rockhurst lost the game 7-5.

Slap Shot

Photo by Joe McAdam



David Ward makes a great defensive play against Olathe South.



Photo by Steve Welch



Photo by Philip Nofre

David Gorosh takes the face off against Lee's Summit North center.



Photo by Bruce Moore

Colin Groves dumps the puck to set up the power play.



Photo by Matt Turley

Mitch McMonigle rushes to stop the Pembroke forward.



Coach Corey Quinn calms the team before third period.

Cam McCulley takes the face-off against a DeSmet center.



Photo by Eamon Deude



Photo by Matt Turley

Icing on the Cake

Despite a few losses, team executes and finishes strong with a solid 12-5-2 record.

Story by Carl Lind

Story:

The Rockhurst Hockey squad hit the ice again under the leadership of Head Coach Corey Quinn and assistant coaches Tom Labarge, Jonathan Johnson, and Chris Wirken. After losing three players during the season due to injury or team transfers, the **Varsity Hockey Team** went on to achieve a 12-5-2 record.

Newcomers Robert Kuhn and David Gorosh contributed to the overall success of the team.

The Hawklets had arguably the best game of the season against their biggest rival, Blue Valley Northwest. The team kept the score close until losing in the very last minutes of the game. Returning seniors included Tim Fitzgerald, Colin Groves, and B.J. Fagan.

"I really appreciate the seniors who stuck with us, gave four years of their high school career, and finished off with us," said Coach Quinn.

"I'm really proud of them."

Under the leadership of returning coaches Johnson and Wirken, **The Junior Varsity Hockey Team** posted a 14-3-1 season, concluding with a close loss in the championship game.

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Mitch McMonigle
jukes his defender for
the easy shot.



Photo by Nick Marave

Sophomore Cam McCulley rips a wrist shot at an Olathe South goalie.



The Ice-Hawklets gather for a cheer after the warm-up, a Rockhurst tradition.



Photo by Steve Welch

Coaches Corey Quinn and Tommy Labarge give the Hawklets a pep-talk in between periods.

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Cold As

Ice

Varsity Cross Hockey (continued)

"I was thoroughly impressed with the playing ability of these guys; they did very well," said Coach Wirken.

The Ice Hawklets skated three times per week with the team and played a 20-game season, including one playoff game.

The Hawklets took their first trip to east of St. Louis, to play in a tournament hosted in Alton, IL, taking home second place as well as pride and recognition.

"We played a few of the middle tier teams in St. Louis and did really well," said Coach Quinn. "It was a big thrill."

In addition to traveling, the team also hosted a tournament for the first time in October at the Pepsi Ice Center, inviting teams such as Dallas Jesuit and multiple St. Louis DeSmet teams, and took 3rd in the competition.

Coach Quinn stated he is losing some good players as seniors graduate, and he anticipates a smaller program next season.

"I think as the program shrinks a little we'll have some more cross-over players from JV to Varsity, but I am confident that returning players will step up to provide more leadership."



Senior Colin Groves skates the puck across center ice for a shot.

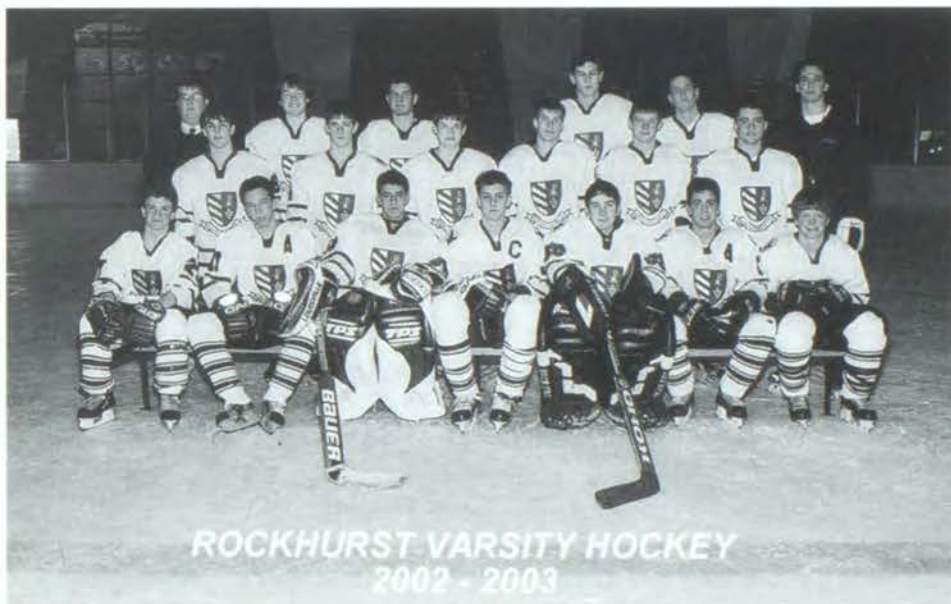


Brian Ward walks down the hall of Pepsi Ice Center before a game against Olathe South.



The Ice Hawklets ready themselves before another grueling shift.

Photo by Nick Maese



**ROCKHURST VARSITY HOCKEY
2002 - 2003**

Varsity Hockey FRONT ROW: David Gorosh, Tim Fitzgerald, Brian Ward, David Ward, Brian Proulx, Colin Groves, Mitch McMonigle ROW 2: Cameron McCauley, Stephen Estrada, Colin Davis, Cameron Tusken, Jake Leper, Michael Surface ROW 3: Ian Marx, Matt Kuhn, Patrick Walker, Dennis Sullivan, B.J. Fagan, Coach Tom LaBarge NOT PICTURED: Coach Corey Quinn, Andrew McCrae.



Photo by Nick Kinney

Sophomore Cameron Tusken shoots a high snap-shot past his defender.



Coach Corey Quinn promotes the upcoming hockey game.



Photo by Nick Kinney

Sophomore Cam McCulley knocks the puck away from an Olathe South center. Cam was a defensive force throughout the season.

Photo by Brian Aylward

In the Fast Lane

Thomas Robinson comes up for air in the 200-meter individual medley. He was one of several freshmen to step up.

Breath Deep

Coach Paul Winkeler discusses strategy with Coach Mike Brockland.



Photo by Gladys Mabry



Photo by Kathy Clement

Senior Andrew Clement holds up his first place trophy at the Independence Invitational.

Senior Nick Mabry swims backstroke in Senior the 200-meter individual medley.



Photo by Gladys Mabry



Setting New Standards

The young team dazzles as it places higher than ever in RHS history at State meet.

Story by Ted Caster

Story:

Both the Varsity Swimming Team and its coach exceeded the norm, as the team placed fourth at State, its highest finish ever, and Head Coach Paul Winkeler was selected the Missouri High School Swimming Coach of the Year.

"I was very proud of it because it was not only for me but more so for the team," Coach Winkeler said.

There were 13 freshmen on the team, seven of whom competed on the varsity level.

"This year's freshmen have performed above and beyond my expectations," Coach Winkeler said.

One of the problems with having a young team is the lack of experience and lack of working together as a team.

"They had to find a way to come together as a team," Mr. Winkeler said. "It took a while for them to do so, but when they did they came together to perform very well."

The team did finally come together, and when they did, they performed well.

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Alex Zasadny explodes off the blocks at the beginning of the 200-meter free style relay.



Photo by Gladys Mabry
Patrick Allegri comes up for air in the 50 meter fly.



Photo by Gladys Mabry
At the Blue Springs meet, Thomas Robinson swims the 100-meter freestyle.



Photo by Gladys Mabry
Patrick Laughlin swims the 100-meter breaststroke.

The Ability to Win

Varsity Swimming (continued)

"I feel that this year was a major advancement for the whole team," junior Ben Morrison said. Leadership sprouted everywhere and after a session of "team healing" we were unstoppable.

When the team lost cohesiveness, it started to have problems.

"We went through a rough period of bickering and forming cliques," Morrison said. "One day after school Mr. Winkeler locked us in his room and we spent over two hours venting and figuring things out. That night's practice was a revelation in our year, and after that, everything fit in place and we began to excel."

One of the strongest finishes of the year came at the annual MO-KAN swim meet where the Aquahawks finished second, the highest ever at the meet.

"It was one of the first times as a team we dominated from top to bottom," Mr. Winkeler said. "It was fantastic."

The swimmers are also optimistic for next year's Aquahawks.

"I think I did well, but of course I feel I could have done better," Morrison said. "For next year I will leave it all in the pool and take home no regrets."

The varsity swim team gathers behind Coach Paul Winkeler and the second place state trophy. Coach Winkeler was the Missouri High School Swimming Coach of the Year.



Photo by Gladys Mabry
Jason Benson competes in the 50-meter backstroke.

The Longest Stroke...

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs	1st
South Invitational	1st
Shawnee Mission	1st
East Invitational	1st
Springfield	1st
Invitational	1st
Park Hill	1st
Invitational	1st
MO-KAN	2nd
Invitational	1st
Truman Invitational	1st
Glendale Invitational	1st
Missouri State	4th
Championship	4th



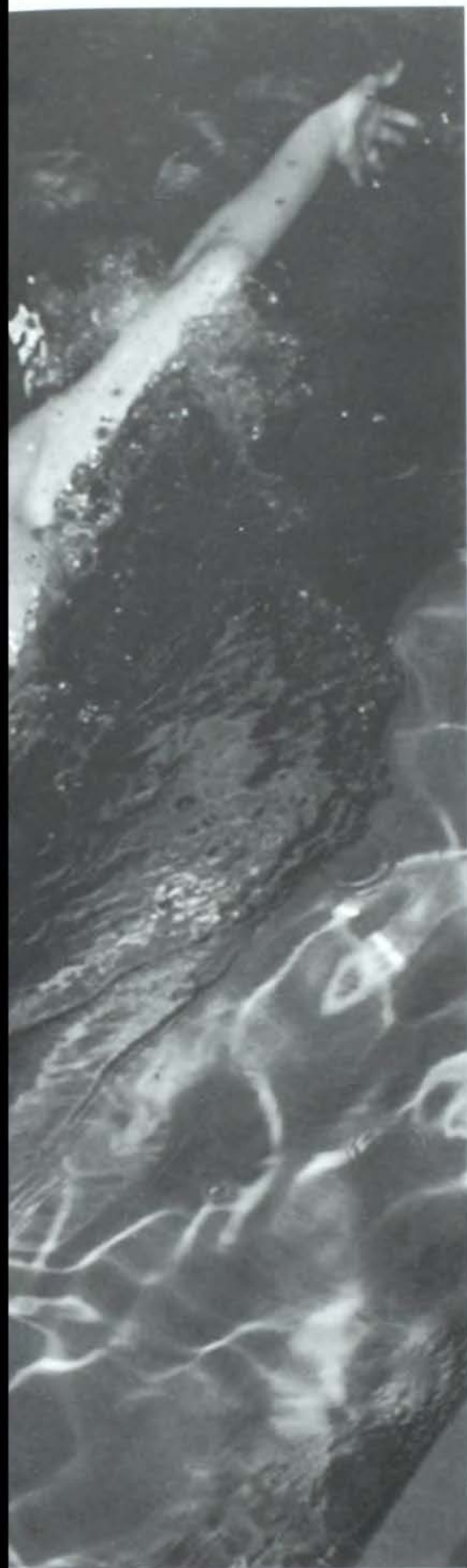


Photo by Andrew Paterniti

Trey Sabates asks Coach Paul Winkler about his freestyle form.



Photo by Gladys Mabry

Nick Mabry breathes deep during the 50 meter breaststroke.



Varsity Swimming FRONT ROW: Coach Mike Brockland, Kevin Campbell, Matt Jones, Nick Vignatelli, Jesse Shalley, Jack Keenan, Johnny Laughlin, Danny O'Connor, Trey Sifers, Coach Paul Winkler; ROW 2: Jack Naylor, Austin Siebert, Jesse Dull, Bill Unwin, Scott Campbell, Chris Crawford, Nick Mabry, Ben Morrison, Matt Sweeny, Eric Laney; ROW 3: Michael Wirtz, Doug Heden, Patrick Hawkoette, Phil Linville, Andrew Clement, Jason Benson; Ryan Vickers, Patrick Lansey, Justin Brown, Joey Caudle; ROW 4: Ross Renne, Michael Farrell, Patrick Laughlin, Chris Kearney, Alex Zasadny, Trey Sabates, Pat Allegri, Thomas Wytock, Rehan Nana.



Photo by Ross Renne

Alex Zasadny displays his third place medal at state.



Photo by Ross Renne

Andrew Clement placed seventh at state.



Photo by Trey Thomas

Ben Morrison competes in the butterfly.

Straining to Escape

Junior Joel Hodes reverses a hold against a Blue Springs opponent. Joel wrestled in the 130-pound weight division.

Fierce Struggle

Junior Tom Carmody strains to escape a hold.



Photo by Alan Elliot



Alex Altomare lifts his opponent for a take down.

Photo by Alan Elliot

Junior Greg Ford grapples with his opponent. He finished with a 79% winning percentage.



Photo by Alan Elliot



Photo by Alan Elliot

Always Pushing the Limits

Team sends more athletes to state due to hard work, dedication, and solid leadership.

Story by Joel Hodes

Story:

The Varsity Wrestling Team sent three athletes to State, the most in recent history. Junior Greg Ford finished the highest with a third place in the 145-lbs. weight class. Sophomore Michael Moore finished fifth in the 160-lbs. class. Sophomore Taylor Moore, Michael's twin, qualified for state in the 189-lbs. weight class.

Led by Head Coach Rich Wikiera and assistant coaches Justin Rogers, Richard Wikiera, Coach Wikiera's son, Dorian Debois, and Robert Webb, the team posted an 8-2 dual record with several top finishes in tournaments.

The team began the season by losing a dual meet to Liberty and to Lee's Summit in a double dual against Lee's Summit and Lee's Summit North, but the Hawklets went on to win every dual after that.

The team had seven wrestlers qualify for Sectionals including sophomores Vince Ismert who qualified at 103 lbs., Zach Boland, 119 lbs., Michael Moore, 160 lbs., and Taylor Moore, 189 lbs. Ford, the only junior, qualified at 145 lbs., Seniors Brady O'Halloran qualified at 125 lbs., and Brady Poskin at 152 lbs.

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**Chris Kennaley
struggles to escape
a choke hold.**



Anthony Altomare dives for his opponents feet.



Brady O'Halloran works to avoid being turned on his back.



Junior Joel Hodes sizes up his opponent.

Photo by Kyle Hunt

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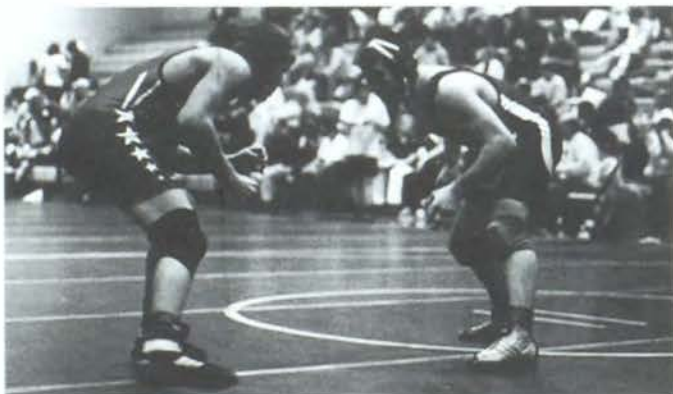
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Varsity Wrestling (continued)

O'Halloran, Poskin and Altomare were key contributors and will leave the team with holes to fill.

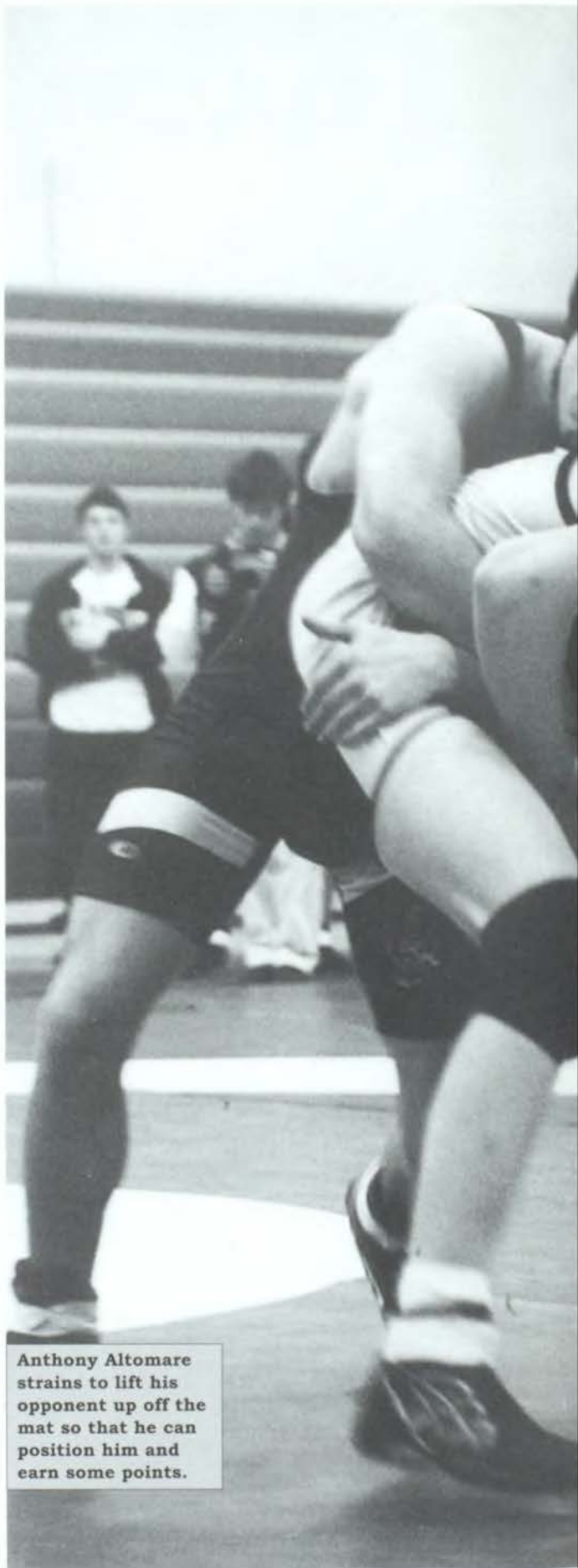
"Losing three very important seniors is hard, but I feel we have many young wrestlers that will work hard to fill those spots," said Coach Wikiera.

The team has high expectations for next year even with a harder dual schedule, and adding Ray-Pec High School, a traditionally strong wrestling team, and competing in a new tournament in St. Louis.



Sophomore Michael Moore positions his opponent so that he can pin him quickly.

Photo by Joe Calhoun



Anthony Altomare strains to lift his opponent up off the mat so that he can position him and earn some points.



Taylor Moore struggles to turn his opponent for a pin.

Photo by Stephen Hoefler



Sophomore Adam Fulks stands victorious over his opponent.



Varsity Wrestling FRONT ROW: Jeff Poskin, Michael Moore, Greg Ford, Nathan Brown, Jon Adrian, Tom Carmody, Taylor Moore, Zach Anderson-Boland; ROW 2: Vince Ismert, Alex Altomare, Coach Justin Rogers, Coach Rich Wikiera, Coach Rich Wikiera Jr, Anthony Altomare, Christian Scharosch; ROW 3: Chris Kennaley, Tyler Reed, Brady Poskin, Chris Muller, Adam Fulks, Joel Hodes, Peter Hannapel, Brady O'Halloran.



Sophomore Vince Ismert attempts to break a hold for an escape point.

Photo by Alan Elliot



Vince Ismert sets to grapple at the start of his match.

Photo by John Melle

**Pressed
to the**

Mat

Junior Varsity Wrestling

Story by Mitch Miguel

Team goes 9-1 with varsity experience, team leadership

After a tough loss to Liberty High School, the Junior Varsity Wrestlers were perfect as they posted a 9-1 record and placed third at the Blue Springs South Tournament.

Experience was key to the team's success as the Hawklets had 13 with varsity wrestling experience, and the team was consistent in its performance despite the continual shifts in the line-ups.

According to Coach Justin Rogers, contributing wrestlers were sophomore Christian Scharosch, who led the team with 52 takedowns, and freshmen Taylor Mallon and Derek Sisel who had the most reversals, 14 each. Sisel also had the most pins with 13 and most wins with 23. Sophomore John Bickimer and junior Tony Neff lead the team with 14 escapes each. Sophomore Jeff Poskin went undefeated with a record of 19-0, and Scharosch was close with a record of 19-1.

Leaders included Steve Yanda, Peter Hannapel and Joel Hodes, according to Coach Rogers.

"Steve served as the leader of the team and was the most consistent," he said.

"We had a good solid year, and we'll be a pretty unstoppable team next year," said Coach Rogers.



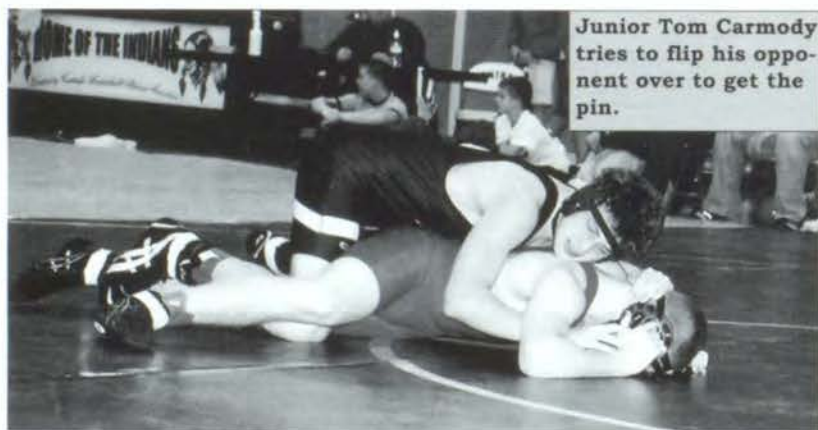
Steve Thill grapples with an opponent.



Sean French and his opponent struggle on the mat.



The referee gives a point to freshman Jacob Frey as he attempts to maintain a hold.



Junior Tom Carmody tries to flip his opponent over to get the pin.

Time to

Work

Freshman

Wrestling

Story by Bryan Murphy

Freshmen win big matches, produce junior varsity athletes

"Wrestling was a really great way for me to get in shape, make friends and train for next year," said freshman Robert Tait Jr.

The Freshman Wrestling Team had several memorable moments, including winning the freshman Rockhurst Tournament and traveling to state to see many of the varsity wrestlers in action.

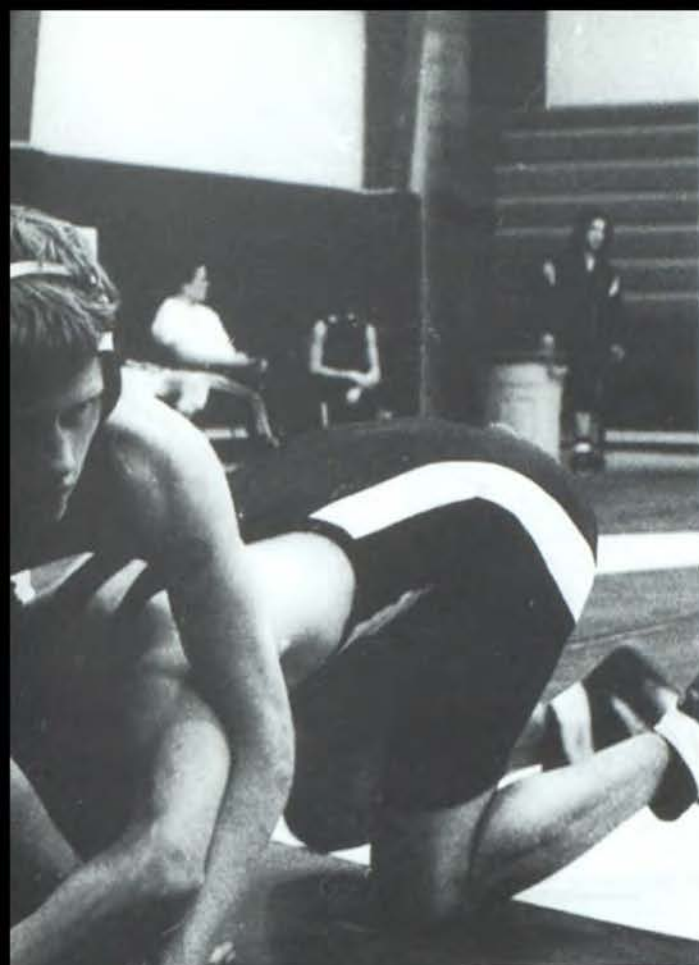
"Freshman wrestling helped newcomers to the sport get acquainted with the rules and work ethic required to be successful in the sport," said coach Justin Rogers. "It's at this level where freshmen learn what it takes.

The team boasted solid leaders including Chris Brewer, Derek Sisel, Tayler Mallon and Dan Barth.

"The whole team had a great work ethic but these guys really stepped up and served as leaders for the others," said Coach Rogers.

The freshman team was constantly changing throughout the season as it was common for freshmen to move up to and down from junior varsity."

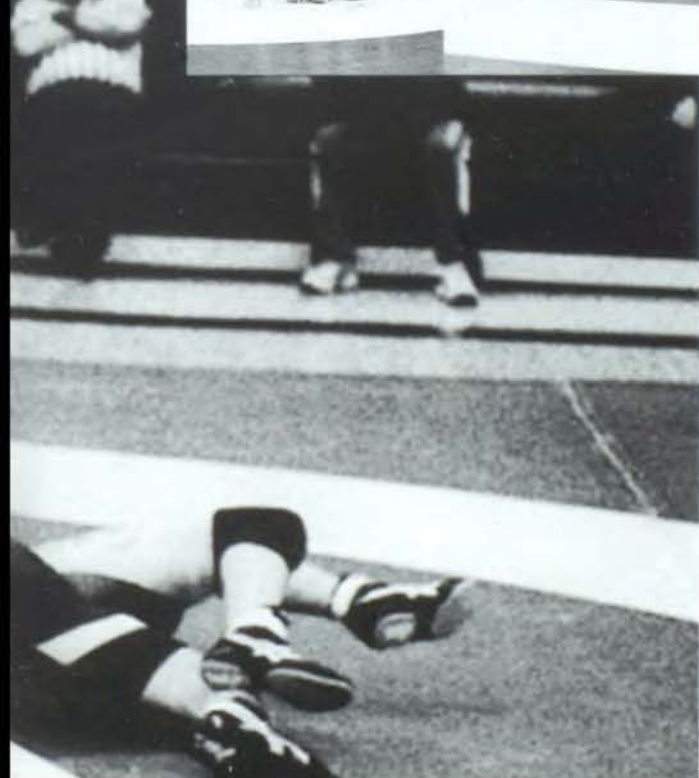
"Overall, the season was very successful," said Coach Rogers. "We had a small team from the beginning so watching these guys grow and bond really made the season great."



Joel Hamilton finds himself in a tough spot.

Taylor Mallon tries to prevent an escape.

Derek Sisel tries to pin an opponent.



Freshman / JV Wrestling FRONT ROW: Robert Tait, Tony Neff, Derek Sisel, Christopher Nausser, John Bickimer, Daniel Barth, Paul South, Brian Knop; ROW 2: Coach Justin Rogers, Christian Scharosch, Jake Frey, Joel Hamilton, Sean French, Jeff Poskin, Steve Yanda, Pete Hannapel, Coach Rich Wikiera; ROW 3: Steve Thill, Taylor Mallon, Christopher Brewer, Cameron Korte, Ryan Elder, Maurice Brewer, Eric Washburn.

Over the Plate

Linds Prestia throws a fastball against Washington. His left hand pitching was a weapon for the Hawks.

Fast Ball

Tim Allen hits a line drive to third base against Bishop Ward. Rockhurst won 9-3.

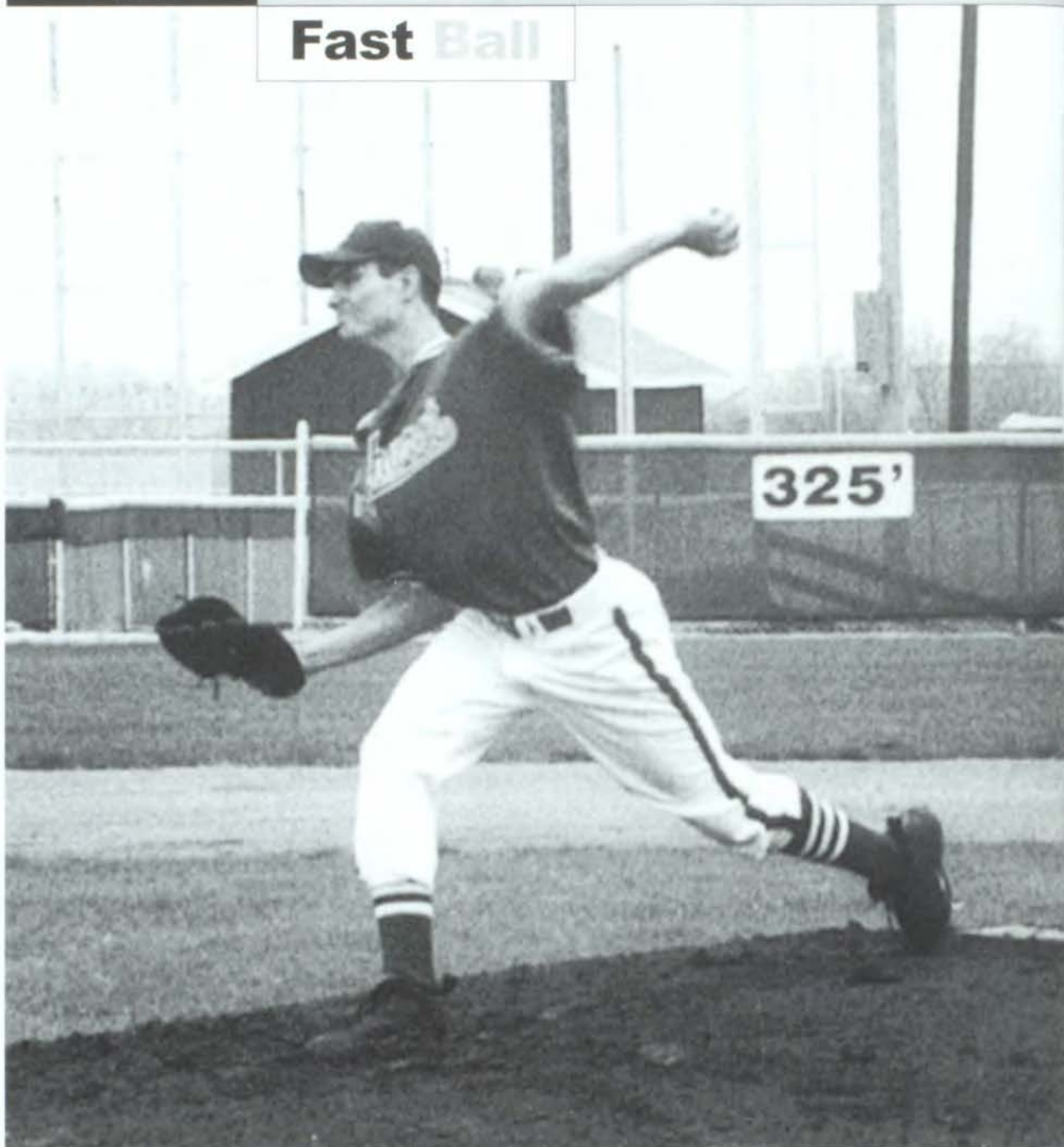


Photo by Joe Calhoun



Photo by Jim Ezrunk

Coach Jim McGraw walks to the dugout after talking to pitcher Derek McKinny.



Nate Ney gets back to first base to avoid the pickoff attempts after leading off against the Wildcats.



Photo by Joe Calhoun

Overcoming Poor Circumstance

Team rebounds from a slow start to finish strong with a respectable 18-7 record.

Story by Zack Appl

Story:

The Varsity Baseball Team started the season not knowing what to expect. Most had low expectations for the Hawklets because of the loss of so many seniors from the previous season so it looked to be a rebuilding year. However, the players rebounded from a slow 1-2 start to finish with a solid 18-7 record.

"This season was very satisfying because we (the coaches) got to watch a practically new team with low expectations grow and develop into a good winning baseball team," said Head Coach Jim DeGraw. "I had more fun with these players and watching them succeed than I had with any other team."

Besides having virtually a new team, it was also difficult for the team to overcome the lack of practice facilities which has been an ongoing problem. The Hawklets often uses the Hanna Steele property, which has no infield, no mound, and is not even a baseball field. However, work on building a baseball field for the team is expected to begin early in the summer.

Despite the many obstacles, the team finished well, but was disappointed to lose to Lee's Summit in the State Sectionals.

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Senior Nate Ney fouls off a pitch to stay alive against the Wildcats.



Senior John Stroble swings away.



Kevin Sears returns a throw after Junior Linds Prestia strikes out an Aquinas batter.

Hope for the Future

Varsity Baseball (continued)

"Losing in the sectionals had to be the biggest disappointment this year," said Coach DeGraw. "Baseball is a tough sport because if you lose one game you're out, and when we lost, it was very hard for the players because they wanted to go to State."

The team had some exciting moments, like beating Jeff City and Blue Springs back-to-back in the Jeff City Tournament, and winning the District Championship.

Next year the Hawkleets will be missing some major components such as senior catcher Kevin Sears who played in the State and Metro All Star Games, and senior pitcher/first baseman Andrew Bradshaw. They will be succeeded by an array of players who have game experience including juniors Ryan Bennett, Jeff Koons, and Brandon Doherty, and sophomores Larson Carter, Zack Sheridan, and Kelly Quirk, who all started at some point during the season.

The team was led by Bradshaw who batted .412, junior Linds Prestia who finished with an ERA of 3.70 through 47.1 innings, and junior Pat Befort who was a stellar fielder, making no errors in 20 games.

"I don't want to say how I think we will do next year, but I do think that if we enjoy each other as much as the team this year did, then that will make for a successful season by itself," said Coach DeGraw.



Catcher Kevin Sears warms up in preparation for the game against the Saints. Rockhurst won 8-2.

Highs and Lows...

Opponent	Score
Raytown	7-11
Belton	11-1
Liberty	3-14
Center	24-2
Shawnee Mission North	8-3
Bishop Ward	9-3
St Paul Central	4-2
Shawnee Mission South	3-6
McCluer North	8-4
Jefferson City	2-1
Blue Springs	5-3
O'Hara	13-3
St. Thomas Aquinas	8-2
St Thomas Aquinas	4-5
Blue Springs South	5-4
Blue Springs	1-6
Bishop Ward	3-6
Bishop Miege	18-8
Belton	8-4
Washington	11-1
Raytown	9-8
Blue Springs South	4-1
Blue Springs	2-1
Lee's Summit	0-8



Senior Andrew Bradshaw readies himself to steal second against Archbishop O'Hara.



Junior Derek McKinney pitches against Blue Springs.



Varsity Baseball FRONT ROW: Ryan Bennett, Jeff Koons, Brandon Doherty, Derrick McKinney, Pat Befort, Nate Ney, Larson Carter; ROW 2: John Strobl, Mark Crutchfield, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Coach Jim DeGraw, Coach Matt Nolen, Chris Muller, Blake Quiason; ROW 3: Andrew Bradshaw, Kelly Quirk, Kevin Sears, Tim Allen, Linds Prestia, Pat Casey.



Senior Kevin Sears hits a line drive in the Rockhurst-Aquinas matchup.

Photo by Jim Ettrak

Photo by Jim Ettrak

Up and

Coming

Junior Varsity

Baseball

Story by Dennis Sullivan

Sophmores, juniors work together, post great record

The Junior Varsity Baseball Team posted a 13-3 record despite a difficult schedule. The mix of both sophomores and juniors improved measurably throughout the season as the Hawklets managed to beat a very tough Blue Valley West team in their last game of the season after losing a double-header to them earlier in the year.

One of the highlights of the season, according to Head Coach Jim Bascom, was defeating Bishop Miege with five home runs. However, the team faced some difficult times that included splitting a double header to Miege and St. Thomas Aquinas.

"It was tough splitting with them," said junior Pat Kreikemeier. "We really wanted to sweep them."

Sophomore Mike Walczuk was the leading hitter with a .538 average and four home runs during the season. Defensively, sophomores Jeff Smith and Pete Christiano played well as did sophomore pitchers Brian Baca and Frank Allen, and junior pitchers Kreikemeier and J.D. Landrum, according to Coach Bascom.

"We worked hard, increased our understanding of the game, had a lot of fun, and everyone contributed to our season," he said.



The JV players look on from the dugout.

Frank Allen throws to Mike Walczuk.

Jeff Smith swings away against M...

To the Fence...

Chad Baker gets a hold of a pitch for a hit.

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs South	5-6
Blue Springs	9-3
Liberty	30-5
Bishop Ward	2-7
Aquinas	10-0
Aquinas	7-5
Lee's Summit North	11-1
Lee's Summit North	1-2
Park Hill South	19-5
Olathe South	13-1
Olathe South	20-10
Shawnee Mission South	9-10
Shawnee Mission South	10-7
Blue Springs	12-1
Blue Springs South	8-10
Liberty	4-12



JV Baseball FRONT ROW: Zach Sheridan, Thomas Palmer, Joe Pete Christiano, Frank Allen, Brian Euston, Mike Pernice; ROW 2: Coach Jim Bascom, Kyle Hunt, Mike Walczuk, Brian Baca, J.D. Landrum, Cory Owens; ROW 3: Drew Mirocke, Ryan Nugent, Pat Kreikemeier, Josh Karlin, Den Bischel, Ryan Smith.



Much to

Learn

Freshman

Baseball

Story by Jim Barnes

Team improves all season long, gains much experience

The Hawklets achieved their goal of improving with better hitting and more refined pitching while finishing the season on a high note.

As the 10-6 season progressed, the pitching and batting improved from freshmen David Belfonte, Ben Wickman, A.J. Lolli, Adam Mehl, and Dan Kovac.

In the Blue Springs Tournament the team was disappointed by its second place finish against a more experienced Lee's Summit team laden with sophomores, but the Hawklets improved from the experience.

"The loss brought them down a little," Head Coach Paul Winkeler said. "But they did get the benefit of playing a more experienced and better team."

Belfonte best pitching performance was a one-hitter against the Hawklet's biggest rival, St. Thomas Aquinas, as he struck out 14 in five innings on the way to a 10-0 victory.

Another highlight was with Craig Calkins pitching against Shawnee Mission. Calkins pitching had been up and down most of the game, but he asked to stay in.

"[Calkins] told me he wanted to finish the game," Coach Winkeler said. "I let him stay in and he finished it well. I was impressed."

Swinging Away....

Opponent	Score
Liberty	4-2
Bishop Ward	14-12
Central	21-1
Aquinas	3-6
Aquinas	12-8
O'Hara	7-3
Park Hill South	13-3
Bishop Ward	12-1
Meige	13-0
Meige	7-18
Shawnee Mission South	5-3
Shawnee Mission South	13-4
Washington	4-1
Washington	11-2
Blue Valley West	12-8
Blue Valley West:	9-2

Junior Kyle Hunt looks to hit a Meige fastball. The Hawklets won 13-0.

Mehl leads off with the pitch.

David Belfonte winds up for a pitch.

Coach Winkeler gives some tips to A.J. Lolli.



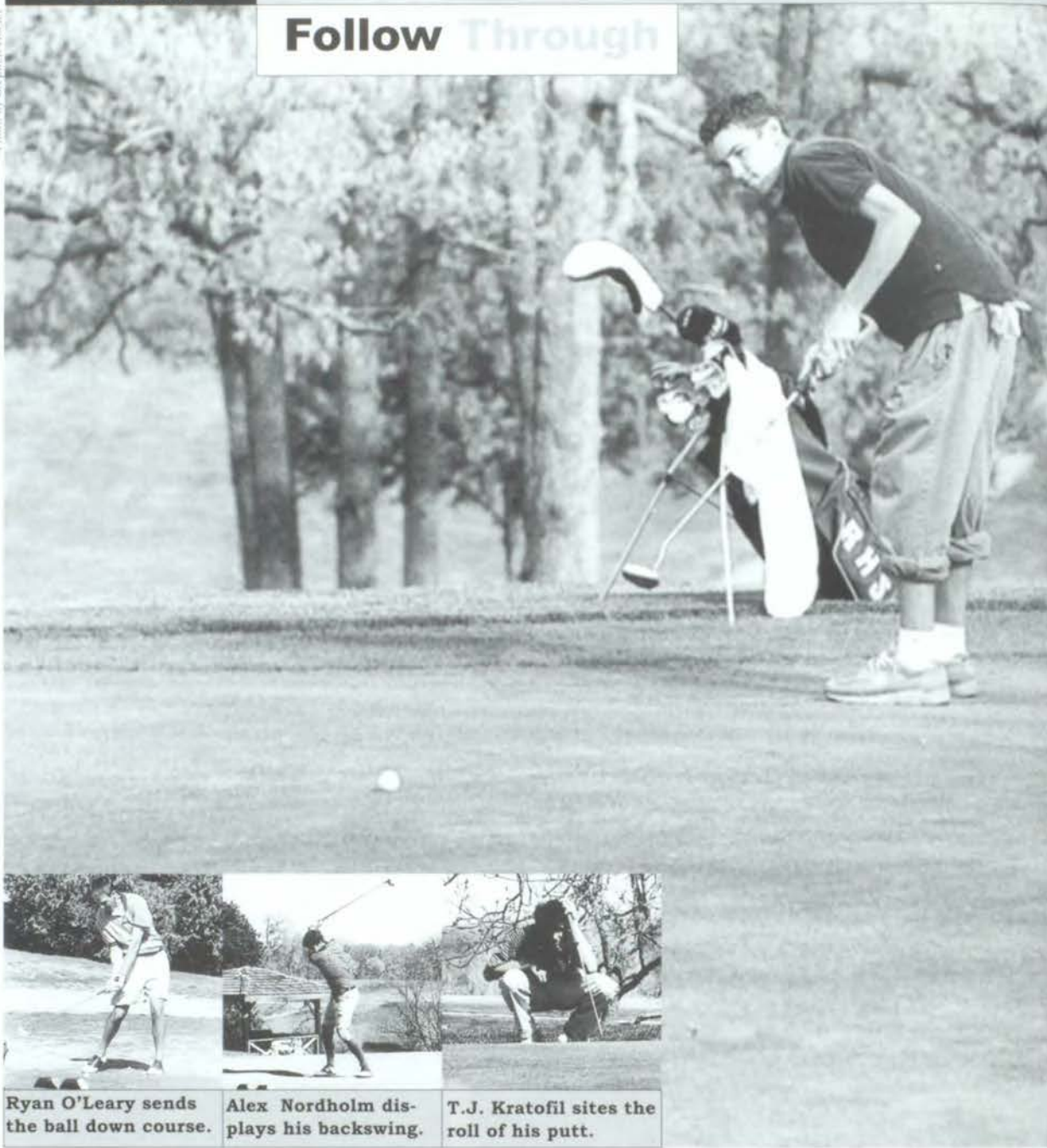
Freshman Baseball FRONT ROW: Adam Mehl, Ryan Gibson, Ryan Haultain, Chad Baker, A.J. Lolli, David Brinker, Daniel Kovac; ROW 2: Jared Concannon, Mark Alexander, Chris Corless, Coach Paul Winkeler, Drew Beinhof, Colin Quinn, David Belfonte; ROW 3: Curtis Calkins, Brad Chapman, Michael Cotter, Matt Murphy, Ben Wickman.

On The Green

Junior Sam Klos putts with a look of intense concentration and focus at the Swope Park Memorial Golf Course.

Follow Through

Photo by Stephen Hoelzer



Coach Mike O'Leary watches the golfers prepare to compete.



Photo by Stephen Hoelzer



Tyler Trout surveys the green. Trout was a senior leader for the Hawklets.



Ryan O'Leary sends the ball down course.

Alex Nordholm displays his backswing.

T.J. Kratofil sites the roll of his putt.

Sam Klos lines up a putt. He was a key player on the varsity and will return for another season.



Photo by Stephen Hoelzer



Putting For Perfection

Golf team met goal for season, earned third spot at state competition in Springfield.

Story by Matt Vaughan

Story:

Varsity Golf Coach Mr. Mike O'Leary guided the Hawklets to a third place finish at State as they shot a 320, falling behind two St. Louis teams' scores, DeSmet's 308 and Chaminade's 319, at River Cut Golf Course in Springfield, MO.

"We came in there looking for a top-three spot, but on the second day we started to fall behind," said Coach O'Leary. "The kids persevered and fought back and started to pick it up on the back-nine."

Starting off the year shooting a 285 at the Columbia Classic in April, the team finished one stroke better than DeSmet. The two-man scramble team of T.J. Kratofil and Chad Dobbs finished first with a 68 while the two-man best-ball team of Ryan Melgaard and Michael Fox finished first with a 71. Alex Nordholm finished second medalist with a two-over-par 72. Patrick Roth finished fifth medalist with a 74.

"I enjoy the young men especially because I get to know them a lot better. If you don't enjoy the company of your players, then you shouldn't be a coach," said Coach O'Leary.

At the Swope Memorial Golf Course, the team shot a 299 total to Columbia Hickman's 301. The medalist was Michael Fox with a 73.

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The team treads down course to the green.



Ryan Melfard tees off.



Zach Appl drives the ball down the fairway.

The **Desire** to **Succeed**

Varsity Golf (continued)

At Districts, the team qualified for State by placing second. Ryan Melgaard's 73 was tied for first medalist. Alex Nordholm also placed on the All-District team with a 77.

"Ryan Melgaard and Alex Nordholm really held the team together," said Coach O'Leary. "Melgaard was the most consistent player with the lowest stroke average of 75."

Story by Matt Vaughan



Patrick Roth displays excellent form as he chips onto the green.



Alex Nordholm gets himself out of a sand trap and onto the green with a wedge.

From the Tee to the Green...

Opponent	Score
LS/LSN JV Inv.	304-
Pembroke	148-174
Columbia Hickman	299-307
William Jewell	322-
Columbia Classic	285-
LS/LSN/BS	321-376
Aquinas/Miege	147-153
Ray-Pec Inv.	336-341
Blue Valley Quad	147-
Park Hill South	
Quad V & JV	310-331
SMS Relays	287-289
Gofzilla Webster Cup	326-318
Glendale Inv.	305-316
Capital City Inv.	N/A
Raytown Inv.	338-320
St. Joe/Pembroke Hill	156-168
Richmond Inv.	302-316



Sam Klos watches his ball sail high on its way to the green.



Chad Dobbs sets himself before teeing off.



Varsity Golf FRONT ROW: Coach Mike O'Leary, Jason Schulte, Ryan O'Leary, Zach Appl, Michael Fox, Colin Groves, Tyler Trout; ROW 2: Alex Nordholm, Patrick Roth, T.J. Kratofil, Chad Dobbs, Sam Klos, Ryan Melgard.



T.J. Kratofil continues down the fairway.



Patrick Roth prepares to putt.



Patrick Roth tees off.

Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose



Tom Godsey tees off.



Chris Crawford hits a ball out of the rough.

Photo by Jaramm Nabner



The

Drive to

the **Green**

Junior Varsity plays at Varsity Level, shows much potential

The Junior Varsity Golf team managed to win four out of the five tournaments it played in and defeated Pembroke Hill in both duals they played. The Hawklets came in first in every JV tournament they participated in and seventh out of 21 teams in a varsity tournament.

"The JV team did exceptionally well this year," said Coach Steve Ryan. "Every one of them played up to their potential."

The team was lead by sophomore Tom Godsey, who finished second in two big tournaments. Other leaders were junior Sam Klos and freshman Jason Schulte. Sophomore Tyler Trout shot the best nine hole score of the season, a 35. Several players moved up to varsity during the season, including Schulte, Klos, and sophomore Ryan O'Leary.

There were several cases of bad luck with some of the tournaments. A match in Jefferson City, one the team had been looking forward to, was called off because of lightning and rain. A JV tournament hosted by Blue Springs South was cancelled because South did not notify RHS of a change in schedule. When the team showed up to the tournament, they found no one there.

The golf team practiced almost every day at the Blue River driving range. The improvement in the players throughout the season was incredible, according to Coach Ryan.

"These guys are definitely an excellent group of golfers," he said. "Most of them would be playing at the varsity level at any other school." Story by Marc Eskew



Freshman Zach Dehaemers hits the ball over a sand trap.

Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose



Tom Godsey and Jason Dehaemers observe the grade of the green.

Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose



JV Golf FRONT ROW: Zach Dehaemers, Robert Johnson, Tom Godsey, Coach Steve Ryan, Chris Crawford, Jason Dehaemers, Danny Jonas.



Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose

Tom Godsey swings his three-wood.



Photo by Jesse Franke-Rose

Jason Dehaemers putts the ball into the hole.



The members of the Magis Golf Team are: John Kimminau, Ryan Elder, Coach Rob Herald, Alex Peebles and Ian Edwards. The squad did not compete on a varsity level, but instead gained experience.

Drive to State

Kyle Van Buskirk outruns a CBC defender. He played offensive midfielder for the Hawklets.

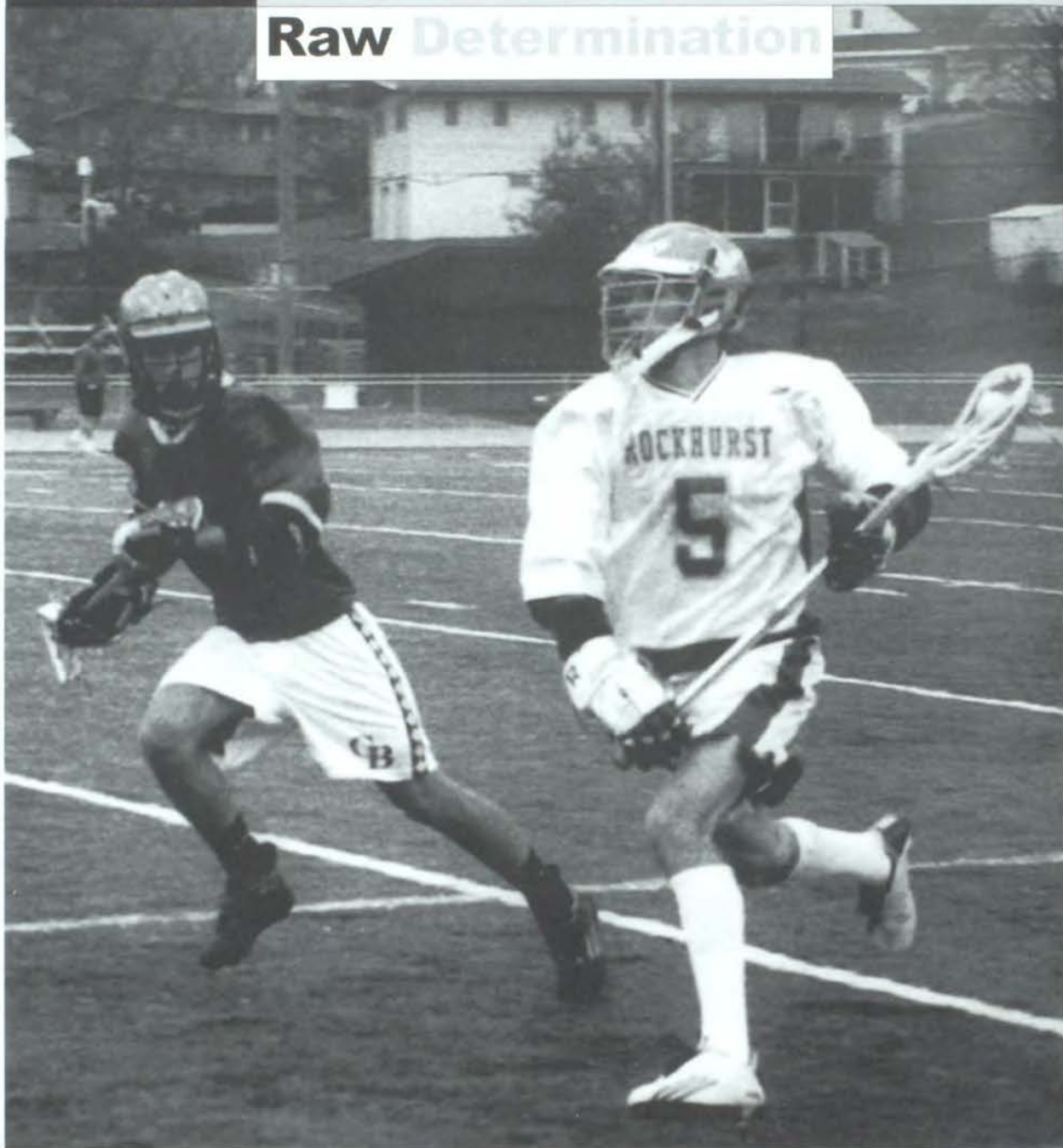
Raw Determination

Corey VanDyke stops a CBC pass.



Photo by Jim Edrnek

Tim Herbers steals the ball from Vianney in a 13-3 victory.



Coaches Jay Coleman, Dave Stefano, and Greg Simpson talk to the team at halftime.



Photo by Jim Edrnek

First State Championship

**Team topples previously unbeatable teams.
It overcame many obstacles to win it all.**

Story by Karl Lind

Story:

The Varsity Lacrosse Team reached new heights in only its seventh year of competition by winning the State Championship, beating Mary Institute Country Day School, 7-4, in the final minutes of the game.

Led by coaches Jay Coleman, Dave Stefano, Ed Hendry, and Greg Simpson, the Hawklets dominated the playoffs. Only two days earlier the squad beat longtime rival St. Louis DeSmet in the semi-finals, 9-8, in a last minute victory. The win was significant because DeSmet had beaten the Hawklets, 9-8, earlier in the season.

Tied with MICDS 1-1 at the half, the Hawklets took the lead by scoring two consecutive goals in the first 90 seconds of the third quarter, which proved to be the winning margin. The players were thrilled with the win, marking their first State Championship.

"This was most exciting moment of the year. We've never [won state] before," said junior defender Marc Eskew. "It shows we are can compete on a state and even national level."

"They knocked us out of the tournament six years in a row!" said junior goalie Mitch Miguel. "They thought they would roll right over us as they had in previous years, but we played the best game of the season against them."

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Stephen Weisa makes
a pass against Chris-
tian Brothers College.



Pat Murphy fights for control of the ball.



Eric Griffin passes the ball.

Greater Impact

Varsity Lacrosse (continued)

The Lacrosse program has grown to include nearly 100 players, 33 of whom were varsity. This year also marked the first time that cuts were made following tryouts.

Varsity players Andrew Elmer, Brendan Arthur, and Mike Adkins received All-State recognition. First Team All-Conference players included Arthur, Elmer, Adkins, Cory VanDyke, Carl Novick, Kevin Reidy, Kevin Welsh, John Siedlik, Andrew Clement, Michael Moritz, and Matt Gotschall. Second Team All-Conference players were Peter Novick, Chris Rhoades, and Tim Herbers.

Elmer and Arthur also received special honors when Arthur was named an Academic All-American and Elmer was chosen to play in the North-South All Star Game.

"I think that this was the best year to date," said senior attackman Cory VanDyke.

"We've been playing year-round and it shows in how well our team works together; it was a great year."

Future goals for the lacrosse program include increasing the playing level and receiving more recognition on a national level, especially when traveling to tournaments. The Hawkleys traveled to Washington, DC, during Spring Break to play veteran east coast teams and gain more experience.

"Our guys are good enough that they could have beaten most of the teams that we lost to, but those players on the east coast have been playing since they were ten years old," said Coach Coleman. "The more experience we gain, the greater impact we'll make on the state and national level."



Preparing to Score

Opponent	Score
Shawnee Mission South	12-0
Strake Jesuit	10-7
St. Xavier	1-7
Georgetown Prep	3-12
Gonzaga	1-10
Libertyville	7-8
Blue Valley West	28-2
Eden Prairie	11-5
Vianney	13-3
Roseville	13-6
Blue Valley	22-1
Lafayette	11-4J
DeSmet Jesuit	8-9
Christian Brothers College	6-9
MICDS	6-9
Nequa Valley	7-6
Culver Military	4-7
Pembroke	11-6
Kirkwood	6-4
Columbia	11-6
Saint Louis University High	
DeSmet Jesuit	
MICDS	7-4



Ryan VanDyke turns to watch the ball.



Marc Eskew prepares to defend the goal against an opponent.

Photo by Jim Ehrnk



Varsity Lacrosse FRONT ROW: Kevin Campbell, Brendan Arthur, Mitch Miguel, Jeff Herr, David DeWolfe, John Giunta, Jeff Herrera, Jason Coleman, Matt Powell; ROW 2: Coach Ed Hendry, Peter Hannapel, Chris Rhoades, Cory VanDyke, Stephen Weiss, Kyle VanBuskirk, Andrew Clement, Pat Murphy, Coach Jay Coleman; ROW 3: Pete Novick, Andrew Elmer, Mike Moritz, Eric Griffin, Matt Gotschall, Kevin Welsh, Ryan VanDyke, Carl Novick; ROW 4: Trey Thomas, Adam Taylor, Kevin Reidy, Dane Vrabac, Marc Eskew, Grant Keyser, Tim Herbers, Nick Lewer, John Seidlik.

Andrew Elmer prepares to dodge the defense and take a shot on the goal.



John Seidlik steals the ball.



Tim Herbers catches a pass.



Kevin Reidy runs with the ball.

Photo by Gulin Groves

Photo by Jim Ehrnk



Chris Rhoades and Dylan Aldrich chase down an Aquinas defender.



Corey Bichel looks to shoot over his defenders.

The

Comeback

Team

JV shows ability to bounce back, comes in second at State

The Junior Varsity Lacrosse team finished second at the JV State Tournament at Parkway Central High School in St. Louis, marking the third consecutive year the Hawklets have made it to the championship game. The Hawklets defeated Columbia Hickman, Chaminade, and Lafayette before losing to DeSmet, 11-6, in the final.

"We lost to DeSmet because we were just worn out," said junior captain John Krebs. "They're a good team and we played our game. We'll get them next year."

First year Head Coach Ed Hendry and Coach Mike Brockland led the Hawklets from the sidelines. The defense was lead by sophomore John Gossman and Krebs. On the offensive side contributors included sophomores Mitch McMonigle, Cameron McCulley, and Stephen Estrada.

Freshmen Jimmy Whitaker, Brent Sear, Kyle Pierson and Jason Coleman played an important role in igniting the teams spirit. The Hawklets were a second-half team consistently coming from behind to win.

"They all worked so hard and with the raw talent they had, the team was just incredible," said Coach Brockland. "What I loved about this team was its ability to come back and play hard, despite being behind by three or four goals and giving it their all." Story by Mitch Miguel



Jon Gossman looks upfield for a pass.



Jeff Herrera fights off a check from a Pembroke defender.



The team gathers at halftime to cheer themselves into a frenzy.

Photo by Adam Taylor



JV Lacrosse FRONT ROW: Anthony Modica, Kyle Pierson, Mark Thompson, John Cullan, John Gossman, Jimmy Oades, Peter Reintjes, Jason Morgan; ROW 2: Stephen Estrada, Cam McCulley, David Gorash, Jamie Maggard, David Kaufman, Mitch McMonigle, Jason Coleman, Coach Mike Brookland; ROW 3: Dylan Aldrich, Jacob Weber, Jimmy Whitaker, Sean Hennessey, Brent Sear, John Krebs, Ryan Sellers; ROW 4: Cory Bischel, Patrick Walker, Jimmy VanDyke, Tommy Whitehead, Andrew Milbourn.



John Krebs fights for a face-off.



Tom Whitehead surveys the field.



Schaffer Degen reaches for a long pass.



George Sand looks to scoop up a stray pass.



Brian Chalmers races past his opponent.

The Strength of Unity

Defense and unity pave way for State Championship win

For the second year in a row the Freshman Lacrosse Team cruised through the Freshman State Tournament to claim another State Championship

“Winning the freshman tournament was a huge thing,” said Coach Corey Quinn. “These guys played their hearts out and proved that they were number one.”

The freshman lacrosse program has developed a lot in just a few years. Most players came in having already played before. With the growing popularity of lacrosse in the area, more camps and recreational leagues are available to prospective players.

“The stick skills of the freshman were very good even when they started,” said Coach Quinn. “For the most part they needed to improve their team play, which continually got better during the season.”

The team was lead this year by a strong defense lead by Spencer Walsh, Michael Stingo, and Stephen Fessler. Jason Coleman protected the goal, helping the defense keep opponents scores low. On the offensive side of the field, Shafer Deagan led the attack.

The coaching staff, including coaches Tom Laughlin, Tim Hannan, Paul Muller, and Coach Quinn, instructed the team through drills and exercises to help them develop stick skills and team play.

“The freshman grew as a team steadily and progressively throughout the season,” said Coach Quinn. “Their game peaked at just the right moment, and that’s why they’re champions.”

Story by Marc Eskew



Freshman George Sand looks to scoop up the ball on the run.



James Oades passes the ball upfield after a steal.



Coach Corey Quinn and listens to Coach Tom Laughlin's ideas on game strategy.



Freshman LaCrosse FRONT ROW: Jarrod Williams, Kevin Jakopchek, James Tilson, Alex Jantsch, Sean Eskew, Schaffer Degen, Ryan Brennemman, Neil O'Connor, Eric Krugh; ROW 2: Charlie Doolittle, Steve Fessler, Joe Kerbawy, Brian Knop, Coach Hannen, Coach Cory Quinn, Coach Muller, Brian Knop, Brian Chalmers, Jason Coleman; ROW 3: Danny Doughert, Charlie Regan, Jon Goff, Gallagher Ring, Brian Strickland, Ben Short, Josh Hubbard.

Making the Save...

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Blue Valley West (Junior Varsity)	8-9
Blue Valley (Junior Varsity)	14-1
Saint Thomas Aquinas (Varsity)	5-4
Lansing	6-5
Shawnee Mission South	5-2
Saint Thomas Aquinas (Varsity)	3-0
Columbia Rockbridge	7-0
Parkway South	5-3
Christian Brothers College	6-5
Columbia Hickman	9-8



Gallagher Ring looks to make a pass downfield.



Jon Goff passes the ball upfield and away from opponents.



Freshman James Tilson attempts to shoot over two defenders.

Getting in Position

Jose Querre nails his running forehand for the winner against Pembroke Hill. The Hawkslets won 11-1.

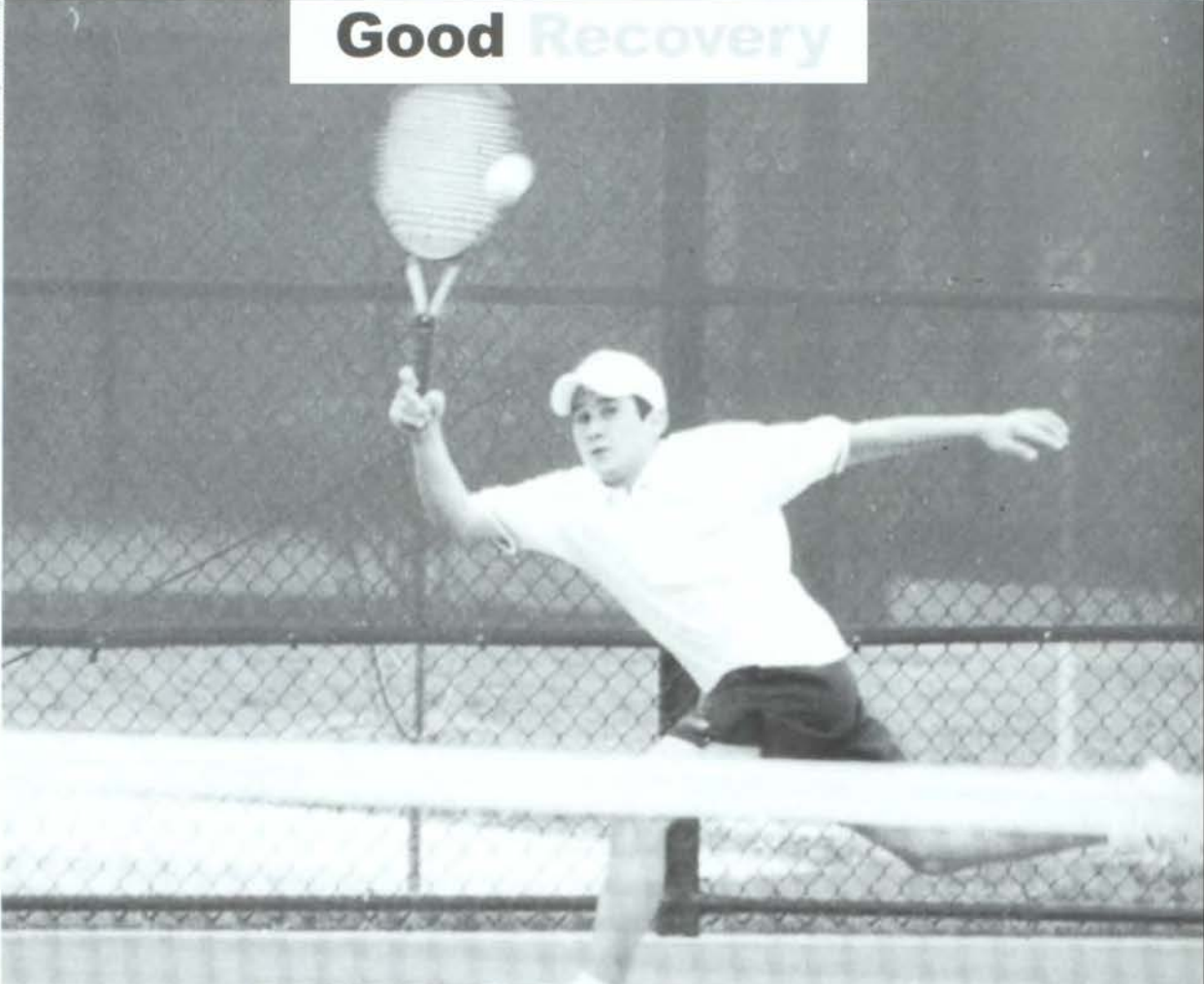
Good Recovery

Michael Feierabend prepares to hit an ace.

Photo by Nick Kimmy



Photo by Nick Kimmy



Pat Cohen returns a serve against a Blue Springs South opponent.



Sophomore Zach Frisch hits a forehand.



Pat Cohen rips a winning point.



Zach Frisch hits a forehand cross court.

Reid Martin tries to lob his opponent who foolishly came too close to the net.



A State of Perfection

**Team wins eighth consecutive state title.
Undefeated record result of year-round training.**

Story by Dennis Sullivan

Story:

Led by senior Ryan Reid, the Hawklets flew through Districts and Sectionals to capture their eighth consecutive State Championship. Shattering their previous season record of 18-2, the Hawklets went undefeated despite a difficult schedule which included Pembroke Hill and St. Joseph's Central.

Freshman Malcom Harrison and sophomore Guerin Smith defeated sophomore Zach Frisch and two-time State Champion Reid in the doubles State Championship.

Despite the disappointing loss of Reid to a knee injury early in the season the team managed to lose only three individual matches and won all of its team matches. Reid returned in April to continue his success in doubles despite having to change partners.

"Ryan Reid is the team leader. He picks everyone up and makes them better players with his great attitude," said Head Coach Ron Geldhof who was honored for his 30 years of coaching during an all-school assembly.

Team leader Ryan Reid returns a lobbed hit for a point.

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Photo by Nick Kimmy



Reid Martin hits a defensive shot against his opponent.



Photo by Nick Kimmy

Jose Guerra returns a serve.

Serving the Team

Varsity Tennis (continued)

The younger players also contributed talent to the team. With only one player, Harrison, who had never won a State Championship, the team was comprised of young but seasoned veterans. Sophomores Smith, Reid Martin, Jose Guerra, Frisch, and Pat Cohen repeated their success from the previous year.

Team highlights included a victory over rival Pembroke Hill, and the winning of the Tournament of Champions in St. Louis where RHS defeated top teams from all over Missouri.



Coach Ron Geldhof celebrates his 30th year of coaching tennis with both his former and current players.



Pat Cohen takes his opponent out wide for an easy ace.

Oh for the Love...

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Blue Valley NW	8-1
Blue Springs South	9-0
Blue Valley West	9-0
Liberty	9-0
St. Joe Central	7-2
Shawnee Mission East	9-3
Blue Valley North	9-0
Shawnee Mission NW	8-1
Aquinas	9-0
Pembroke Hill	7-2



Guerin Smith hits a smashing forehand down the line for a win.



Reid Martin returns a lob against Liberty. Rockhurst won 12-0.



Varsity Junior Varsity Tennis FRONT ROW: Mychal Cascio, David Sherwood, Malcolm Harrison, Noah Besheer, Reid Martin, Jose Guerra, Spencer Jones, Anthony Dayrit; ROW 2: Coach Ron Gelfhof, Guerin Smith, Sean Rielley, Pat Cohen, Tom Wiedeman, Ryan Reid, Coach Bill Munninghoff; ROW 3: Zach Frisch, Andrew Wank, Jack Connor, Dennis Sullivan, Michael Feierabend, Joe Benetz.



Mike Michael Feierabend steadies himself to nail a forehand.



Ryan Reid returns an overhead with a blistering backhand.



Michael Feierabend guards the baseline.

Photo by Nick Kinney



Junior Anthony Dayrit strokes it smoothly to a Blue Valley Northwest opponent.



Coach Bill Munninghoff watches sophomore Andrew Wank's match against Shawnee Mission East.



Junior Dennis Sullivan uses a backhand to return.

Always Swinging to Win

Team swamps rivals, goes undefeated in dual play

The JV Tennis Team, using its depth, experience and dedication, went undefeated in dual play and won over 100 matches while losing only five. The team also soundly defeated its two closest rivals, Shawnee Mission East and Pembroke Hill and took first out of 18 in the Lee's Summit tournament.

"I was very proud when we beat Pembroke and won every match but one," said JV Coach Bill Munninghoff.

"The depth of the team really set this year apart," said junior Tom Wiedeman, who play #1 most of the season.

Adding to the overall depth were the team's best players, Wiedeman, Andrew Wank, Sean Riley, and Noah Basheer. Also contributing were freshmen Dan Sherwood, Mychal Cascio and Spencer Jones, who will add experience in coming years.

"We are one of the few teams that practices year-round," said junior Anthony Dayrit.

Though the team was successful, the players maintained a business-as-usual demeanor.

"We maintained a quiet confidence even though our competition may not have been up to par," said Dayrit. "We never let up."

It was this attitude that characterized the season which was without any major disappointments. Though the year had many highlights, something more significant than any match or duel stood out to Coach Munninghoff.

"The biggest highlight for me was seeing players work hard and improve all season," he said. "Hopefully in the future, a lot of these guys will be moving up to Varsity."

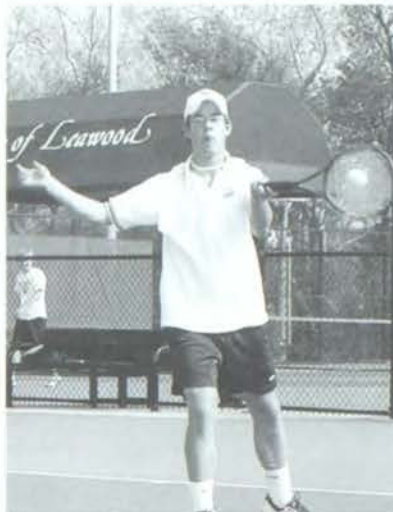
Story by Charlie Stoops

Stroking for Love...

Opponent	Score
Blue Valley Northwest	13-0
Maranatha Academy	9-0
Blue Springs South	9-0
Blue Valley West	9-0
Shawnee Mission Northwest	9-0
Liberty	9-0
Pembroke Hill	9-1
Shawnee Mission East	6-3
St. Thomas Aquinas	9-0
Blue Valley North	9-3



Junior Tommy Weideman lobs the ball against a Shawnee Mission South opponent.



Sophomore Andrew Wank steps up to a kill shot against Shawnee Mission East.



Junior Joe Benetz rips a winner in a singles match against Blue Valley West.

Photo by Andre McIntosh



Junior Anthony Dayrit hits a second serve ace against a Shawnee Mission East opponent.

Photo by Andre McIntosh



Freshman Spencer Jones strokes a mean forehand against Blue Valley North.

Photo by Andre McIntosh



Coach Bill Munninghoff keeps stats on the JV team serves.

Reid Martin returns a serve against Pembroke.

Photo by Andre McIntosh

Battle of Wills

Senior Brennan Metzler runs in the distance medley relay during the Rockhurst Relays.

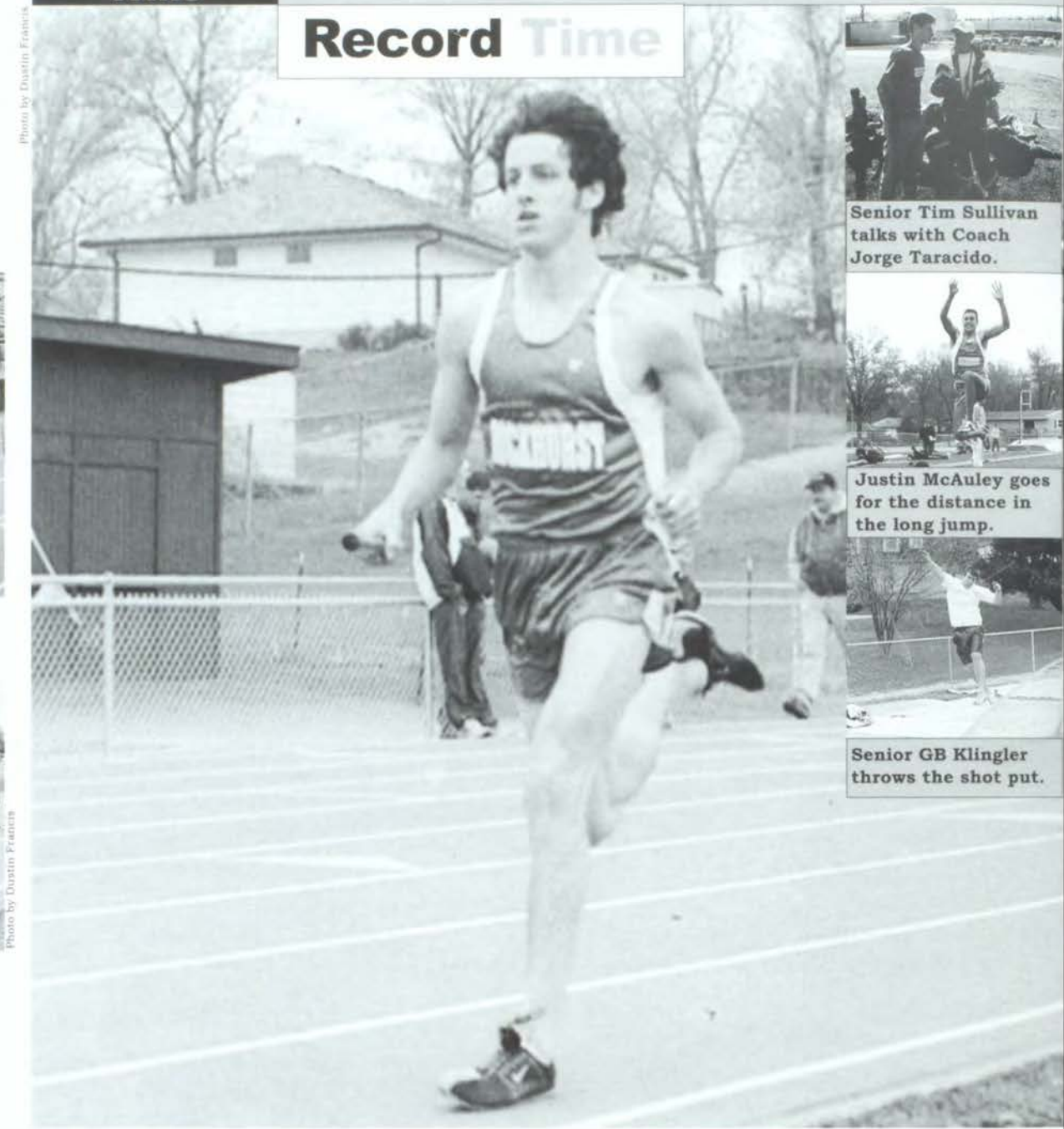
Record Time

Head Coach Michael Dierks sizes up the field for junior Jed Burey and senior Brad Long.



Senior Brennan Metzler hands the baton off to junior Jed Burey.

Photo by Dustin Francis



Senior Tim Sullivan talks with Coach Jorge Taracido.



Justin McAuley goes for the distance in the long jump.



Senior GB Klingler throws the shot put.

Senior Mark Mattione attempts to clear the bar in the high jump.



Photo by Dustin Francis

Record Shattering Speed

Despite setting several new RHS school records, Hawklets falls short at state meet.

Story:

Surging towards the finish line, Varsity Track broke five school records including four in districts and sectionals. Sophomore D.J. Hord led the way in the sprints, breaking both the 100-meter dash record with a time of 10.53, and the 200-meter dash mark with a time of 21.17 and finishing first and second at the sectional championships, qualifying him for state. The old records stood since 1984. Narrowly missing qualifying for the state meet was the 4x800-meter relay team of seniors Brennan Metzler and Brian Graham and juniors Pat Tweedy and Chris Fencl which broke the school record by five seconds in a time of 7:51.58.

"Five teams ran within a second of each other with all of them running top 20 times in the nation," said Head Coach Michael Dierks. We were leaned out for fifth place but the kids ran such a phenomenal race. I have never been more proud of a relay team.

Continuing with its string of finishing fifth at sectionals the 4x200-meter relay team of Hord, junior Chris George, and seniors Eric Burtin and Jack Jones also broke the school record running a time of 1:29.54.

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Junior Chris Fencl leads the pack in the final leg of the 4x800 meter relay.



Senior Alex Altomare pole vaults during the Rockhurst Relays.



Senior Donald Brain sits with Coach Mick Swanson.



Junior Chris Fencil catches a runner at the Rockhurst Relays.

Photo by Dustin Francis

The Rewards of Effort

Varsity Track (continued)

At State, Hord was barely edged out at the finish line for second in the 100-meter dash, requiring a photo finish. In the 200-meter dash he finished fourth. Overall RHS placed 21st as a team, scoring in both its events.

The last record was broken earlier in the season at the Blue Springs Relays by the shuttle hurdles team of seniors Dan Cooper and Marcus Perry, junior Jim Barnes and sophomore Jason Crain who broke the school record with a time of 1:06.03.

Other highlights of the season included a second place finish at the rejuvenated Al Davis/Mike Lillis Rockhurst Relays. 16 teams competed at the new facilities, including powerhouses Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit North, DeSmet and others.

"The new facilities are incredible when hosting a track meet. So many schools are simply in awe with the surface and how fast it is," Coach Dierks said.

The new Mondo track was used in four meets and all track and field athletes are getting the benefits of hard work and quality facilities.

"Our program is really headed in the right direction. As long as kids give their best effort and we can be competitive in our meets and train consistently we should continue to improve." Coach Dierks said.



Senior Marcus Perry runs the 110 meter high hurdle race.

Striding for Success...

Opponent	Place
Blue Springs Dual	N/TS
Ron Ives Relays	4th of 11
Blue Valley Northwest	N/TS
Shawnee Mission South	N/TS
Grandview	5th of 10
A.D./M.L. RHS Relays	2nd of 16
Blue Springs	6th of 16
Liberty, Lee's Summit	
North Triangular	N/TS
Lee's Summit/LSN	10th of 10
Districts	3rd of 11
Sectionals	N/TS
State	21st of 51



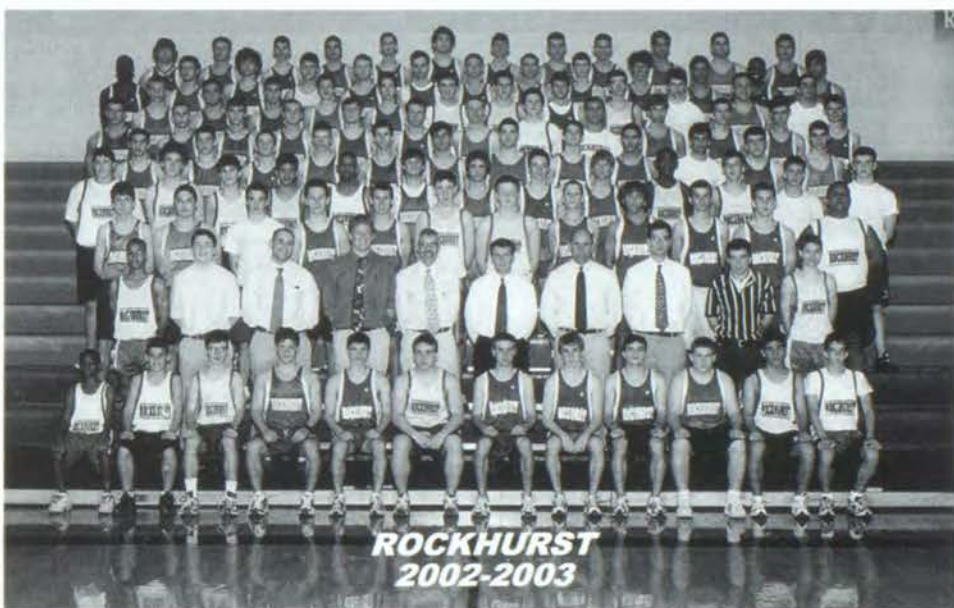
Senior Justin McAuley soars above the high jump bar.



Juniors Pat Tweedy and Chris Fencel exchange the baton in the distance medley relay.



Photo by Matt Turrely



Track FRONT ROW: Lyndon Gray, Gary O'Donnell, Ernest Davis, Alex Attomare, Anthony Altomare, Max Zollicker, Patrick Tweedy, Matt Clifford, Josh Erwin, Ryan Mueller, Nick Simcox, Michael Paradise; ROW 2: Jace Henderson, Steve Isom, Coach Mick Swanson, Coach Kevin Holland, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Michael Dierks, Coach Mike Sullivan, Coach Chris Bosco, Greg Sullivan, Drew Latenser; ROW 3: Graham Rolston, Andrew Holcomb, Nick Becker, Scott Paradise, Andrew Langford, Bobby Tonnie, Andris Trautmanis, William Webster, Carl Kline, Andrew O'Donnell, Joe Dunn, Michael Duschon; ROW 4: Robert Tait, John Mahoney, Christian Liddeke, Chris Balmaceda, Joss Tillard, Adam Kovac, Sam Nachbar, Michael Guerin, Scott Orscheln, Phillip Strozer, Sam Sabaugh, Max Hanger, Max Maple; ROW 5: Phillip Scovill, Jesse Dull, Chris Barton, Dane Cousins, Michael Timberlake, Trey Sifers, Joe Marsh, Stephen Hinck, Chris George, Scott Clark, Connor Byrnes, Andrew Bly; ROW 6: Tommy Condon, Adam French, Mark Mattione, Tom Dougherty, Blake Heatwole, Matt Leigh, E.E. Keenen, Patrick Cullinan, Blake May, Dan Cooper, Jared Meadows, Don Brain, Tim Sullivan; ROW 7: Chris Fencel, Dan Howard, Grant Spiking, Andrew Dahmer, Tyler Kunce, Pat Stoops, Chris Kearney, John Reintjes, Jack Keenan, Connor McDonough, Jeff Caldwell, G.B. Kingler; ROW 8: D.J. Hord, Beau McDill, Jack Jones, Nick Kirkman, Charlie Bennett, Jimmy Barnes, Matt Walczuk, Brad Long, Jay Howell, Brennan Metzler, David Graham, Steven Baugh, Michael Nouri; ROW 9: Craig Young, Marcus Perry, Jeff Barnhouse, Justin McAuley, Mark Davidson, James Griffin, Jed Burey, Jacob Fogle, Jason Switzer, Brian Graham, Bryan Murphy, Mike Kincaid.

Overcoming Obstacles

Sophomore runner Stephen Hinck clears a hurdle on the way to winning his heat at the Rockhurst Relays.

Flying High

Sophomore Jason Crain resumes running after clearing a hurdle.



Photo by Josh Egan

Sophomore long jumper Graham Rolston tries to stay in the air.



Senior Mark Mattione easily clears the bar in a long jump



Back On Track

Freshman and Junior Varsity fill gaps in the Varsity roster, while they refine abilities.

Story by Matt Vaughan

Story:

The Junior Varsity and Freshman Track team had over 70 athletes, several of whom took the opportunity to prepare for one day replacing seniors on the varsity.

The JV was often called upon by coaches to fill gaps in the Varsity line-up when varsity players were ineligible or competing in another event. Freshman Phil Strozier, Nick Simcox, Jerome Jackson, and Michael Duschen took the challenge and competed in varsity player's places.

"I had a great time in track. The coaches helped me excel and showed me how to harness my abilities," said Strozier.

Both the JV and freshman teams did well in their own events including a first place finish at the Raytown Invitational by the JV and a first place finish at the Shawnee Mission Northwest Invitational by the freshmen.

"Both teams did very well," said Head Coach Mike Dierks. "Although they are not the fastest group, they made it up in the jumps and shot-put."

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**Sophomore
Scott Paradise
leaps for a
long jump.**



Freshman Max Maple runs the distance.



Nick Kirkman long jumps at the Rockhurst Relays.

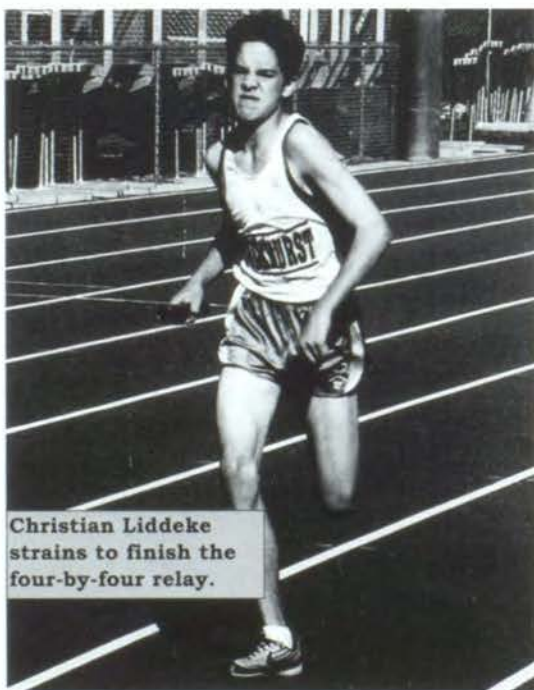
Training to Succeed

Junior Varsity/Freshman Track (continued)

In his second year as head coach, Coach Dierks was assisted by former long-time head coach Dr. Jorge Taracido, Mr. Chris Bosco, who coached the long and triple jump, Mr. Mick Swanson, who coached pole vault, and Mr. Kevin Holland, who coached hurdles.

With the completion of the new track and the soon-to-be departing seniors, many athletes saw this as their time to shine.

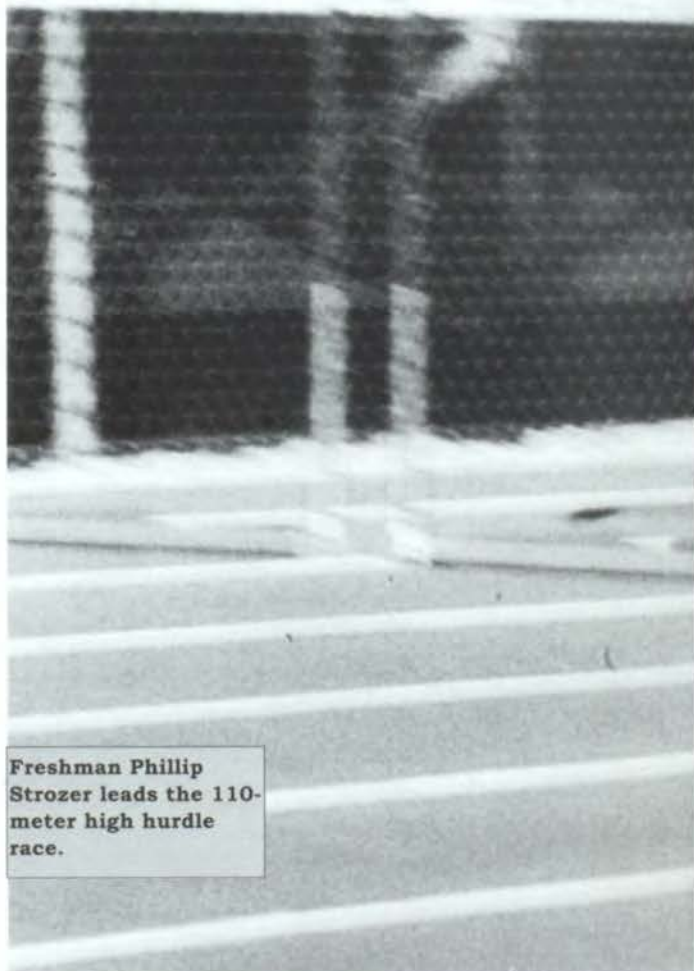
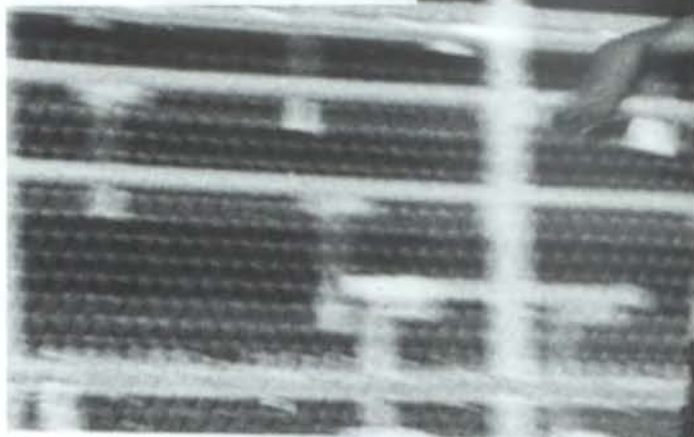
"On the JV team we look to further develop their ability as runners, sprinters, jumpers and throwers," said Coach Dierks. "Every player has a chance to excel in the sport and truly show their talents."



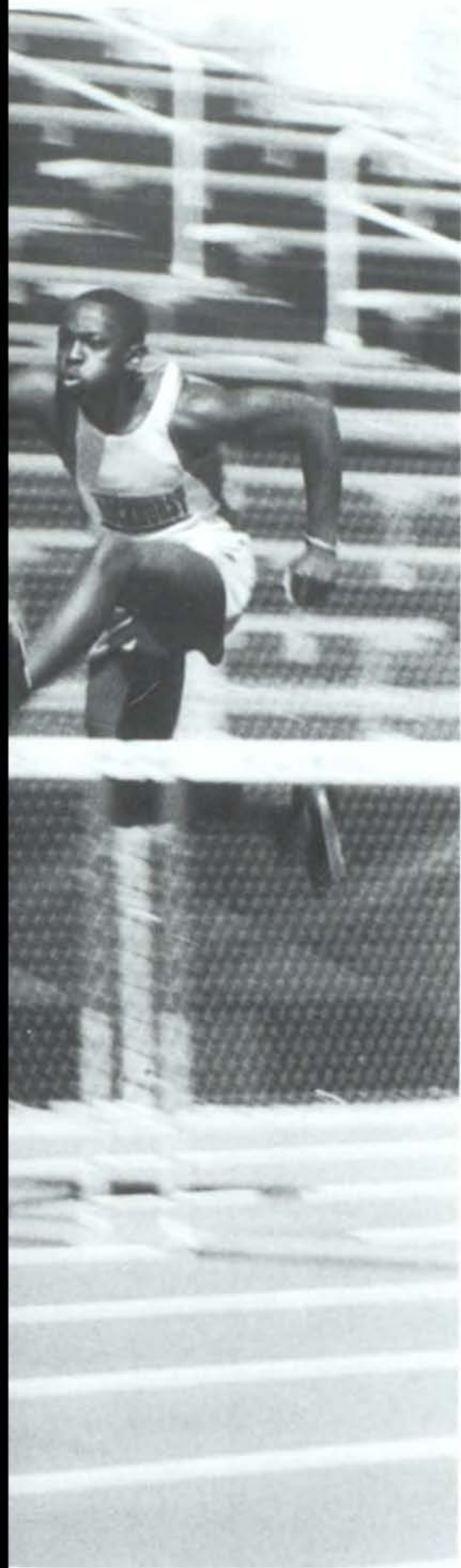
Christian Liddeke strains to finish the four-by-four relay.

Pump the Arms...

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs Dual	N/TS
Arrowhead Inv.	N/TS
Liberty, Lee's Summit	
Triangular	N/TS
North Kansas City	3rd of 10



Freshman Phillip Strozer leads the 110-meter high hurdle race.



Pat Stoops leads going into his second lap in the two-mile run.



Jacob Fogle fronts out to finish his third and final throw in the Rockhurst Relays.



Distance runner Drew Latenser tries to gain ground on an opponent.



Chris Balmaceda runs the 1600-meter race.



Nick Simcox starts a 400-meter dash.



Junior Eric Griffin tries to block the ball.



David Ward takes a jump shot.



Jason Tomlin and Bobby Provost chase the ball.

The Beauty of

Competition

Intramurals provide students opportunity to relax, compete

"It's nice to get up and run around sometime during the day," said Junior Michael D'Agostino. "For example, if you just had a bad test or are just having a bad day, playing basketball or volleyball gets your mind off it."

Intramurals give students the opportunity to take the field and compete against classmates in football, basketball, and volleyball.

Nearly 54 teams competed for the Intramural Basketball Championship in the winter. The finals featured a junior team of Pat Tweedy, David Ward, Tyler Pierce, Drew Walsh, and a senior team of Adam Webb, Zach White, Justin McAuley, and Derrick Hardin, who emerged victorious to claim first place.

"You really got to know some of these guys in a different setting than in the classroom," said Junior Matt Gotschall. "Even the quiet guys got fired up and you see a completely different side of the people. It is really cool."

Although football was an option, not enough players signed up to have an organized league.

"The football games were awesome," said junior Jon Adrian. "Playing on the new field was a ton of fun."

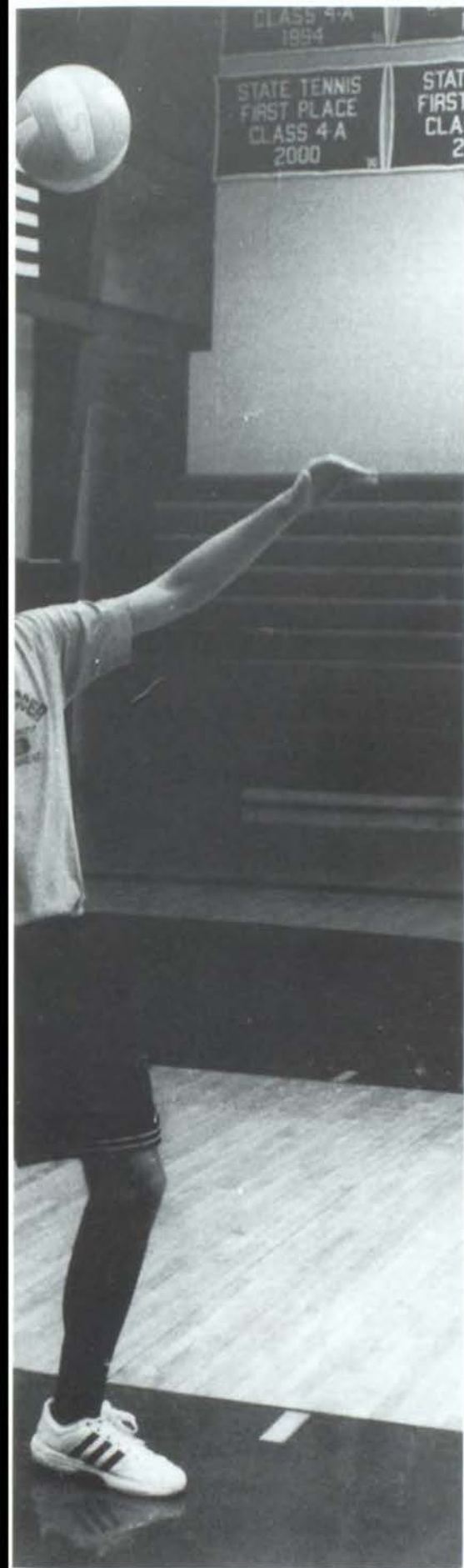
43 volleyball teams took part in the first season completed in a couple of years. "Kyle Davis' Team," a sophomore team, beat the junior team the "Volley Ballers" in a close final game, claiming the championship.

"The games became a lot more skilled as the season went on," said senior Kevin Lenihan. "Teams were actually setting up plays."

"Students develop their competitive edge when playing intramurals," said Coach Tony Severino, who organized and supervised the intramural program. "They can use that edge throughout their life." Story by Mike Adkins



Alex Nordholm serves in an intramural volleyball game. Volleyball was the second most popular sport.



Photos by Jason Ashner

Sophomore Kian Byrne dribbles by his opponent for a layup.



Junior Marc Albers goes to the hole against David Ward.



Photo by Colin McDaniell

Alan Smith, using suspect technique, blocks a spike attempt by Eric Griffin.



Junior John Garlich displays his sense of style in a game.



Photo by Nick Johnson

Sam Klos pulls up for a jump shot.



Photo by Dylan Aldrich

Eric Burton jumps to dunk the ball during warmups.



The people of Rockhurst are what define the school, and the people of Rockhurst are constantly in motion. Without the commitment and dedication of its individuals, Rockhurst would not be what it is as a whole. This cast of characters are the players in the seemingly endless action at RHS.



People

Section by Adam Davis
Zach Appl
Dennis Sullivan

President's office and Trustees work toward change of command

One of the Board of Trustees' most important tasks during the 2002-03 academic year was to search for and select a new president to replace The Reverend Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, who will conclude his service after a 10-year stint as head of the Rockhurst High School community.

During this 18-month process, referred to as an Executive Search, members of the board approached 35 to 40 individuals about the position and selected Fr. Terrence A. Baum, SJ, Principal at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL. Fr. Pesci will stay at RHS until February 1, 2004.

The Trustees are the keepers of the vision and oversee the strategic planning and financial operations of the school, according to Fr. Pesci.

One of the Board's duties include the support for the Capital Campaign. In its final phase, the project's only remaining objective is the development of the Southland property, which will include a baseball and soccer complex as well as revised school entrances and exits.

Chairman Mr. David M. Knopke, RHS Class of 1966, who assumed the role in August 2002, heads the Board.



The Reverend Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, will step down as Rockhurst President and will be replaced by The Reverend Terrence A. Baum, SJ.

President's Office

Working in Fr. Pesci's office are Mr. Laurence Freeman, RHS Class of 1982, who serves as Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Assistant to the President, Mr. Randall Hallett, Director of Development; Ms. Nancy Wormington, Associate Director of Development and Director of Annual Giving; Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Director; Ms. Julie Koppen, Director of Communications and Marketing; Mr. Kevin Campbell, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Richard Bishop, RHS Class of 1979, Database Coordinator; Mrs. Joanne Comiskey, Development Assistant, and Mr. Robert Kelly, Administrative Assistant. Story by John Krebs



Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, confers with Mr. Larry Ruby about the academic needs of the upcoming school year. Mr. Rick Bishop updates the database. Mr. Larry Freeman, Ms. Nancy Wormington and Mr. Randall Hallett are links to the Rockhurst community outside. Mrs. Joanne Comiskey receives a FAX from an alum. Mr. Bob Kelly update information about a recent graduate.





Members of the 2002-2003 Rockhurst High School Board of Trustees are: FRONT ROW: David M. Knopke, Chairman, Rev. Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, RHS President. ROW 2: Alice J. Munninghoff, Michael J. VanDyke, Louise McCants Barry, Ph.D, John W. Whitaker, Kevin F.

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Thomas Pesci, SJ



Rick Bishop



Kevin Campbell



JoAnne Comiskey



Laurence Freeman



Randall Hallett



Bob Kelly



Julie Koppen



Judie Scanlon



Nancy Wormington

Principal's team sets the tone and pace for faculty and students to follow

The administrative staff works hard behind the scenes to keep Rockhurst running smoothly. While its impact may not be as visible as a teacher's, its effect on the school is just as important.

"The staff enables different offices of the school to run well," said Mr. David Laughlin, Principal. "Which in turn enables the whole school to run well."

Mr. Laughlin was assisted by Mrs. Renee Smith who helped keep schedules, make appointments and relay messages.

Mrs. Deloris Weist helped in the main office when not taking calls and directing visitors throughout the building. Mrs. Theresa Fessler served as Registrar maintaining and administering the academics records.

Mr. Dana Brack is the Chief Financial Officer. Working with the financial department, Ms. Kelly Siercks, Business and Finance Assistant, issues payments and logs in receipts. Librarians Mrs. Melody Degnan and Mrs. Kelli Reidy administer the library and help students find the resources they need to further their studies. Mrs. Cheryl Cavlovich, assistant to Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, keeps students out of trouble by administering admit slips,



Cheryl Cavlovich



Theresa Fessler



Renee Smith



Principal's Office

keeping track of absences, and managing the lost and found, to name a few of her several hundred duties.

"The administrative staff is comprised of a great group of people," said Mr. Laughlin. "Our jobs would be much more difficult without their vital work."

Story by Marc Eskew

Mrs. Renee Smith is assistant to Mr. David Laughlin, Principal. Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, Assistant Dean of Students, Mr. David Laughlin, and Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students enjoy a light moment between classes in the front hallway. Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, celebrated the Freshman Mass in his capacity as Director of Pastoral Ministry.



David Laughlin
Principal



David Alvey
Dean of Students



Mike Heringer
Assistant Principal
for Student Affairs



Larry Ruby
Assistant Principal
for Academic Affairs



Gary Menard, SJ
Director of Pastoral Ministry



Bernie Kreikemeier
Assistant Dean of Students



Members of the Administrative Team are: Mrs. Annie Riggs, Mr. Doug Bruce, Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, Mr. David Alvey, Mr. Larry Ruby, Mr. Mike Heringer, Mr. Rob Herald, Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, Mr. Jack Reichmeier, Mr. David Laughlin.



Mr. Michael Heringer discusses SGA issues with junior Patrick Kreikemeier. Mrs. Cheryl Cavlovich gives an admit pass to senior Russell Dugan. Mrs. Theresa Fessler, Registrar, kept working while she recovered from her foot surgery. Mrs. Deloris Weist is usually the first person one sees or hears when contacting Rockhurst.

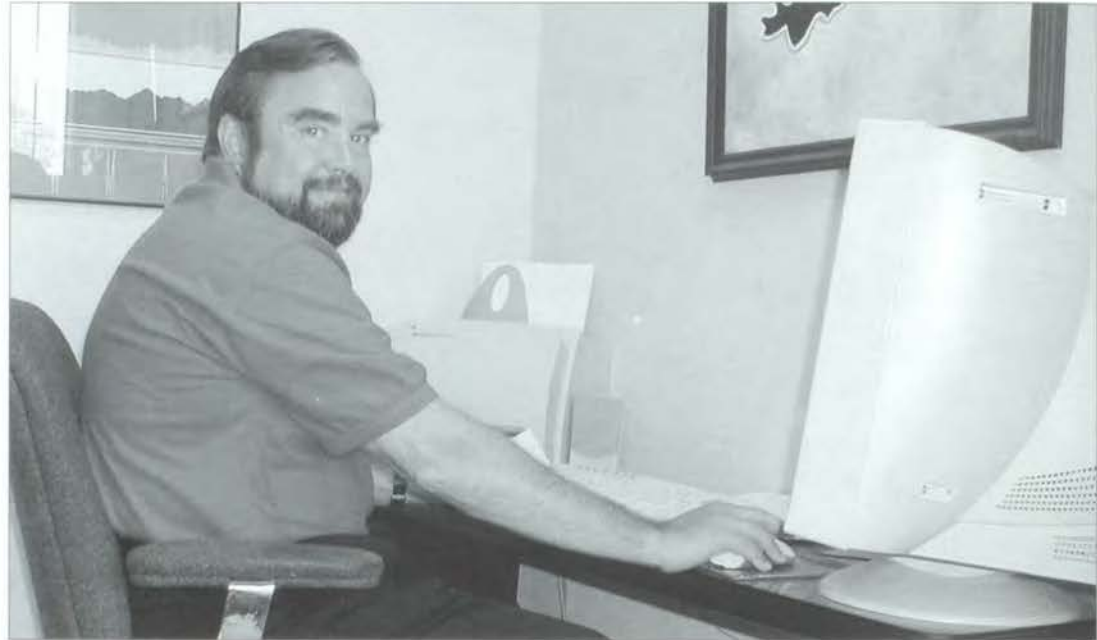
Administration, support
are invaluable, and in
constant motion, too



Doug Bruce
Director of Athletics



Jean Barnhart
Cafeteria Manager



Mr. Dana Brack, Chief
Financial Officer, is re-
sponsible for all aspects
of the business end of
Rockhurst High School.

Principal's Offices



Dana Brack
Chief Financial Officer



Kelly Siercks
Assistant to the
Business Office



Ms. Kelly Siercks
shreds old student
files as one of her
responsibilities in the
Business Office.



Coach Doug Bruce is a 1967 graduate of Rockhurst, has won two State Championships as Head Basketball Coach, teaches AP Calculus and serves as Athletic Director. National Merit Finalist senior Jimmy Utley checks out "A New World Order" from Mrs. Melody Degnan in the library.



Deloris Weist
Receptionist



Melody Degnan
Librarian



Kelly Reidy
Librarian



Mrs. Melody Degnan and Mrs. Kelly Reidy provide an invaluable service to students and staff as librarians. Mrs. Deloris Weist is the first contact most people have in her job as receptionist.

Talented, versatile work force keeps Rockhurst running smoothly

Working behind the scene day and night, the Maintenance Department labors to make the physical facilities at Rockhurst the best it can be.

Mr. J.W. DeCamp, Director of Physical Activities for 10 years, along with Mr. Artie Vielhauer, Supervisor of Building and Grounds for eight years, work together to direct the staff in not only the day-to-day operations but the preparation of every event or situation that may take place at RHS.

Preparations for the following school year begin in May. All through the summer, the staff keeps all the facilities clean, paints the walls, and finishes any other job that may need to be done. The crew tries to work out any problems that may become big issues during the school year and attempts to stay at least one month ahead of itself.

Once the school year starts, the staff begins every morning at 7 a.m. They give assignments to the Work Grant students and keep close watch over the facilities all day, fixing any problem that may arise.

"The work grant students are very helpful. Without them the school wouldn't look half as good as it does now," said Mr. Vielhauer.

Maintenance employees include Paco Cabezas, Ricky Juarez, Deng Khammanivong, Rudy Rodriguez, Ben Sabido, Langley Thatsanithome and Harry Ward.

Like the day staff, the night staff labors until midnight to keep the restrooms, hall-



Maintenance

ways, offices, floors, the commons and cafeteria clean. They make sure every door and window is closed and locked. To clean the entire facility each night takes approximately 40-man hours.

"The school always looks clean. I appreciate all the work that the maintenance staff does for us," said junior Justin Landrum. Story by Matt Vaughan

Members of the housekeeping crew, including Emmanuel Martinez, Abraham Aguilar, Angel Sandoval and Jose Latin, work until midnight preparing the building for the next day.



Angel Sandoval cleans the carpet in the McGee Hall. Mary Hartsock of the Housekeeping staff stops in the hall for a picture. Ben Sabido attaches metal siding to a pillar in the annex. Langley Thatsanithome takes a break from his assignment. Paco Cabezas replaces a burned out light bulb in a classroom.



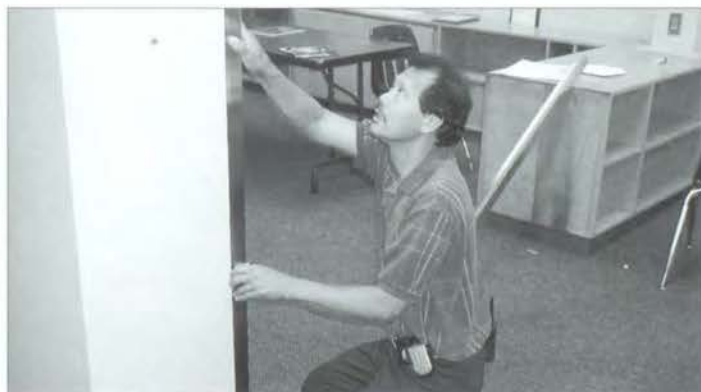
J.W. DeCamp



Paco Cabezas



Artie Vielhauer, Deng Khammanivong, Lang Thatsanithone and Paco Cabezas work to set up decorations for the Spectacular Auction. Below: Harry Ward smiles for the camera as he rides back on his tractor after mowing the grass. Deng Khammanivong parks a Gator after working in the fieldhouse all day.



Mary Hartsock

Enrique Juarez

Deng Khammanivong

Rudy Rodriguez

Ben Sabido

Angel Sandoval

Luis Sandoval

Langley Thatsanithone

Artie Vielhauer

Harry Ward

Counseling Department helps students temper their hectic daily pace

In addition to assisting students one-on-one and administering virtually all of Rockhurst's standardized test programs, the Counseling Department members sponsor several school-wide events and organizations.

Mr. Bill Munninghoff, Department Chairman, moderated Senior Service, and was the Junior Varsity Tennis Coach.

Mr. Eric Berg runs Career Day, and moderated the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also was an assistant varsity football coach.

Mrs. Carol Dougherty was the faculty sponsor for the Multi-Ethnic Enrichment Team, or MEET Club.

Mr. Joe Delehunt was RHS's Emergency Services Manager, where he wrote and continues to maintain the school's response plan that provides for training of the faculty and staff with both CPR and the Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED), and for procedures to be followed in an emergency situation.

Mrs. Gerri VanMeter runs the Student Success Center, which has

Counseling Department Chairman Mr. Bill Munninghoff discusses course selection with a parent at Back-to-School night in September.



Counselors

been a major program in helping students with homework questions. The Center was recognized as an official national tutoring center.

Mr. Mike Heringer runs the Student Government Association as part of his duties as the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs.

"We work in a very supportive and constructive environment," Mr. Munninghoff said. "We meet every Monday during second hour. Communication is key to our success."

Mr. Berg, Mr. Heringer, and Mr. Munninghoff have been together at Rockhurst for nearly 20 years, making it a comfortable environment to work in.

"The purpose of the Counseling Department centers around two things. First, we primarily give academic counseling, and second we also give personal/social counseling," Mr. Munninghoff said. "We would like to keep building our tutoring program with the Student Success Center, and help students to develop their learning strategies. Story By Ted Caster



Photo by Trey Thomax

The Counseling Department starts their year-end debriefing with a lunch in the principal's conference room. Mrs. Carol Dougherty works on a student's schedules at her computer. Mrs. Gerri VanMeter and Mrs. Laurie Prater show off the 2002-2003 spirit shirts. Mr. Eric Berg laughs with Mr. David Alvey during activity period in the Barry Commons.



Mr. Joe Delehunt looks over students' grades before they go out at the end of the first semester. Mr. Eric Berg talks with junior Joe Whitaker about how Joe's classes have been going.



Photo by Zack Appel



Photo by Adam Taylor

Member of the Counseling Department are: Joe Delehunt, Michael Heringer, William Munninghoff, Chairman, Gerri VanMeter, Eric Berg, and Carol Dougherty.



Photo by Joel Hodges



Eric Berg Joe Delehunt Carol Dougherty Michael Heringer Mary Kay Hiatt William Munninghoff Gerri VanMeter

Admissions endeavors to admit students who will carry on traditions

The Rockhurst High School Admissions Department is dedicated to serving the students and their families who seek acceptance into Rockhurst, and administers scholarships, financial aid, and Work Grant.

Mr. Jack Reichmeier, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, and Mrs. Amanda Quinn, Assistant Admission Director, run the annual Open House, High School Placement Test, the Shadow Program, Freshman Interviews, and Freshman Orientation so that new students and parents may learn of the workings of Rockhurst. They also host several other events which promote the school and its reputation.

With nearly one third of the Rockhurst student body requiring financial aid to afford the \$7850 tuition, their requests also fall in the hands of Mr. Reichmeier and Mrs. Quinn. With an increasing number of students applying each year, the task of the Admission Office is hectic.

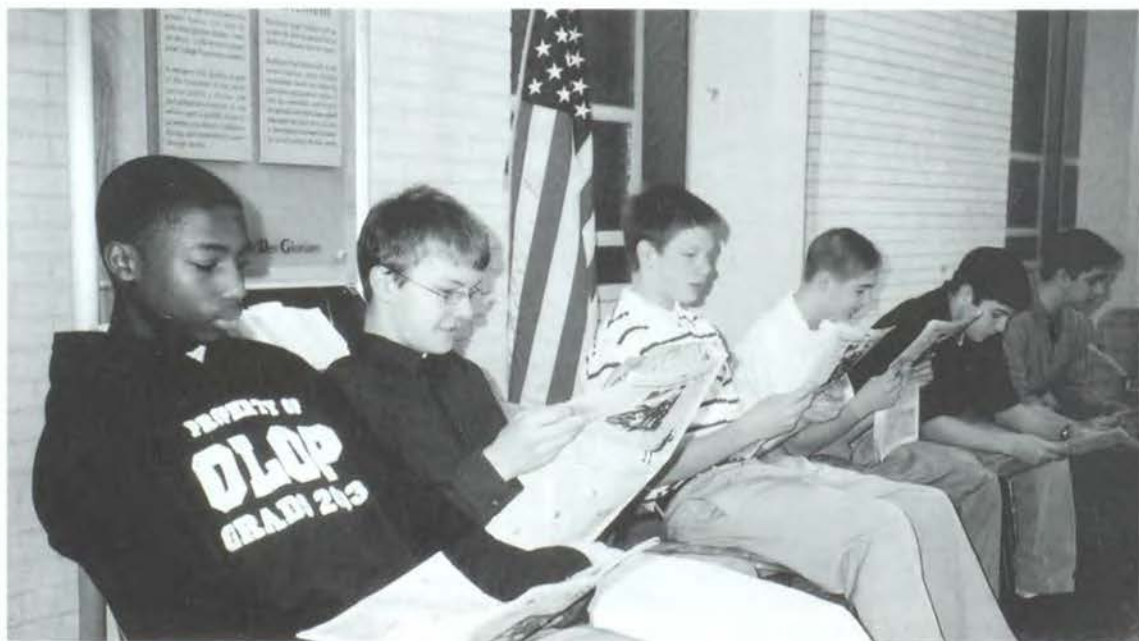
"Among the classes, there seem to be only a handful more freshman that apply for financial aid, but it is usually pretty even throughout," said Mrs. Quinn.

Story by Ryan Pruitt



Admissions

Shadow Visitors wait for their freshman tour guide who they will follow throughout the day to experience what it's like to be a Rockhurst student.



Mr. Michael Brockland explains the English Department curriculum to interested parents and possible Rockhurst students at the annual Open House sponsored by the Admissions Department. Mr. Jack Reichmeier and Mrs. Amanda Quinn stop for a picture in the Commons during Freshmen Orientation.



Photo by Adam Taylor



Photo by Joel Hodson



Amanda Quinn



Jack Reichmeier

Mrs. Amanda Quinn talks about the Rockhurst environment to parents and potential incoming freshman during Open House. Mr. Jack Reichmeier directs a family and a wary eighth graders to the line for tours during Open House.

Team of three facilitates sometimes daunting application process

The College Placement Offices worked hard to get students into the colleges of their choice by facilitating the communication between students, parents and colleges.

"Our job is to be a liaison officer between schools, parents, and students," said Mrs. Catherine Kelsey, College Counselor. "We are an information source, a resource, for the students so that they can find the school that is right for them."

Many students find the decision as to what college they attend to be a difficult one, and especially so this year as the class of 2003 was very competitive across the nation.

"The admissions process, in general, has become more competitive in recent years," said Mr. Rob Herald, Director of College Placement. "We help students with exploration, application and matriculation."

"This was a tough year with a lot of surprising decisions," said Ms. Kelsey. "The number of students with perfect test scores that Stanford rejected was just phenomenal. Other kids are intimidated when they think about applying to such schools."

The office was surprised by some of the decisions regarding students who would normally have gained entry to highly selective schools, but pleased by the decisions that came through for mid-range students, or students who applied to less selective



College Placement

but still very good schools.

Matching students to schools that are right for them is not an easy task, though, and requires more work than most would think. The work does not wane as fall ends and winter approaches even though students have already sent out their applications.

"The work is year-round," said Mrs. Kelsey. "It's like the movie *Groundhog's Day*, there is a definite cycle."

"The College Placement Office helped me to understand what it takes to get into colleges and also helped me evaluate my options," said junior Anthony Dayrit.

The office welcomed a new assistant in Mrs. Linda Rixson to aid paperwork and exchanging information between the office and colleges.

"In my opinion, we are the luckiest department," said Ms. Kelsey. "Mrs. Rixson is a Godsend and we have received numerous accolades about her."

Story by Charlie Stoops



Photo by Andrew Paterniti

Students huddle around tables in the Commons to talk to representatives during the annual Catholic College Night.

Mr. Rob Herald, Director of College Placement, talks to members of the Junior Class as they begin the process of looking at colleges. Mrs. Linda Rixson is hard at work at her desk maintaining order in the office. A college representative talks to students during activity period, which became a common occurrence and provided an opportunity for students to learn about colleges and to broaden their perspectives.



Photo by Andrew Paterniti

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Ms. Mary Catherine Kelsey marks the location of the colleges that the Class of '03 will be attending. Mrs. Linda Rixson facilitates all of the many activities of the college placement process.

Photo by Andrew Paterniti



Rob Herald Mary Catherine Kelsey Linda Rixson

New curriculum working well to prepare students for the rigors of college

The English Department completed its second year with a new curriculum. In 2000-2001 the changes affected only sophomores and juniors, as sophomores concentrated on short stories and juniors focused on drama, all in addition to the core curriculum in writing and reading offered to all. Poetry

was added to the senior curriculum in 2001-2002.

English Department Awards
Freshman - Michael Judge '06
Sophomore - John Marrin '05
Junior - Christopher Fencel '04
Senior - Jeff Nagy '03

"The feedback I am getting from the teachers indicates that the improved curriculum is doing

well," said Mr. Andy Hagedorn, Department Chairman.

The department continued to emphasize grammar, structure and coherence for incoming freshmen with various educational backgrounds. For sophomores, progressive and sequential writing curriculum encouraged students to attain increasingly higher standards of essay work. During junior

Members of the English Department are: Chris Bosco, Andrew Hagedorn, Department Chairman, James Bascom, Annie Riggs, Chris Jensen, Justin Rogers, Laurie Prater, Mike Brockland, Mike Wickenhauser, Frank Griffin.



English

and senior years students wrote an increasing number of in-class essays and gained experience in writing the researched essays and argumentative papers like those they will encounter in college.

"Our goal in the English department is to prepare the Rockhurst student for the challenges of college," said Mr. Hagedorn. "In this regard, the department is doing very well."

"I am happy with where the department is and I look forward to its continued improvement," Mr. Hagedorn concluded.

Mr. Justin Rogers, Rockhurst Class of '96, joined the department to teach Freshman English. He received his degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland.

"Teaching freshmen is a lot of fun," Mr. Rogers said. "The learning curve is truly amazing." Story by Bryan Murphy

Mr. Mike Wickenhauser goes over an essay with John Matthews. Mr. Michael Brockland tells one of his students to sit down so he can help junior Eric Snyder understand a novel. Senior Adam Wesley tries to negotiate his essay grade with Mr. Chris Jensen. Department Chairman Mr. Andrew Hagedorn, gives a small smirk for the camera, showing his laid back nature.





Mr. Justin Rogers answers a question for one of his students while he monitors the hall during activity period. Junior Ted Capoccia and Mrs. Laurie Prater have a little fun during class.



Photo by Dustin Francis



Photo by Steve Welsh



Photo by Anthony Trakas



Photo by Clint Dunsworth



Photo by Adam Davis



James Bascom

Chris Bosco

Mike Brockland

Frank Griffin

Andrew Hagedorn

Chris Jensen

Laurie Prater

Annie Riggs

Justin Rogers

Mike Wickenhauser

Math scholars thrive due to experienced staff and a solid curriculum

For the first time in several years, the Math Department maintained the status quo, taking pride in its well-developed curriculum. Led by Department Chairman Mr. Paul Ptasnik, the department gained one new teacher, Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, who taught Freshmen Algebra.

"Mr. Tran knows his subject well and enjoys working with the young men," Mr. Ptasnik said. "He sets high goals for them, and his classes are doing really well."

The department provides an opportunity for students to grow, while challenging each student as much as he wishes. While all students begin at the same level freshman year, by senior year students are in one of five different math courses.

"We hope to make it possible for each student to rise to his individual level," Mr. Ptasnik said.

Some minor changes for next year include plans to

Mrs. Peggy Ehrhardt explains a problem to her trigonometry class. Mrs. Peggy Ehrhardt and Mrs. Martin explain a moment between classes to compare notes. Fr. Mark Daues, SJ, helps Nick Johnson and John Strobl with their college algebra homework. Inset: Fr. Daues, makes a point to his algebra class.



Photo by Matthew Eberle



Photo by B.J. Pagan

Math

change class names and update textbooks, but no curriculum changes are anticipated.

"If we make any major changes or add any classes next year, it will be dependent on space," said Mr. Ptasnik. "Right now, though, I am pleased with the courses we currently offer." Story by Adam Davis

Math Department Awards

Freshman - Jordan Jurcyk
Sophomore - Jeff Poskin
Senior AP Calculus II - Jeff Nagy
The Gary Batz Memorial Mathematics Award - Sean Plott and his teacher Mr. Doug Bruce '67

Mr. Peter Campbell assists Justin McDonald. Mr Paul Ptasnik smiles in anticipation of sophomore Pat Hawkette finishing a test. Math instructor Mr. Phillip Baker samples the food at the dinner provided by parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Mr. Scott Duschen and senior Ryan Reid spend time working on algebra homework after school.



Photo by Adrian Carson



Phillip Baker

Doug Bruce



Members of the Mathematics Department are: Doug Bruce, Frank Lyngar, Scott Duschen, Mark Nusbaum, Peter Campbell, Fr. Mark Daues, SJ, Phillip Baker, Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, Paul Ptasnik, Peggy Martin, John Lan Tran, SJ, Peggy Ehrhardt.



Photo by Dominic Herrera



Photo by Clint Dunsworth



Peter Campbell Mark Daues, SJ Scott Duschen Peggy Ehrhardt Frank Lyngar Peggy Martin Gary Menard, SJ Mark Nusbaum Paul Ptasnik John Lan Tran, SJ

Roster of experienced science teachers results in best scores ever

The Science Department has continued its stellar achievements by posting higher Advanced Placement test scores every year. Some attribute this to the department being armed with the most experienced staff to date.

"The instructors are very experienced," said Department Chairman Mr. Ron Geldhof. "Not just in subject matter but also in the Rockhurst atmosphere. The department is very strong."

No new texts were added but a few changes have been planned in the AP biology and honors biology courses.

"We are planning to update the AP and honors books in the future, specifically the lab manuals, so as to better prepare students for the AP exam," said Mr. Michael O'Leary.

High test scores can also be attributed to the multitude of available science classes. With three levels each of biology, chemistry and physics, students are better able to understand concepts with reinforced teaching.



Members of the Science Department are: Ron Geldhof, Chairman, Paul Winkeler, Mike Sullivan, Brother Brian Mackey, SJ, Rich Wikiera, Cathy Geisel, Steve Ryan. Not Pictured: Fred Campisano and Michael O'Leary.

Science

"The young men have to learn the scope of the information and I believe this system enables them to do so," said Mr. O'Leary.

With over 100 cumulative years of experience in the department, Rockhurst students have a significant edge in learning and studying for the AP exams. Story by Karl Lind

Mr. Mike Sullivan helps Luke Clarkson with the dissecting of a rat. Mr. Rich Wikiera shows off his corn snake.



Photo by Brian Murphy

Science Dept. Awards

- Applied Science -**
Anthony Accurso '06
- Biology -** Jeff Poskin '05
- Chemistry -**
Thomas Wytock '04
- Physics -** Jeff Nagy '03

Dr. Fred Campisano helps seniors Chase Johnson and Matt Nocita with Physics homework.



Photo by Zack Appel



Mr. Steve Ryan helps AP Biology students while working in the lab. Mr. Michael O'Leary demonstrates the effect of heating a chemical in the lab to juniors Nick Befort, Craig Young, Tanner White, and senior Nick Callegeri.



Photo by Alan Elliott



Photo by Terry Eastman



Photo by Derrick McKinney



Photo by Brian Trueman



Fred Campisano Cathy Geisel Ron Geldhof Brian Mackey, SJ Michael O'Leary Steve Ryan Mike Sullivan Rich Wikiera Paul Winkeler

Mr. Ron Geldhof passes back a quiz. Junior Derrick McKinney gets help on his chemistry homework from Mr. Paul Winkeler.

World religions find their way into the tried and true curriculum

The Theology Department added a World Religions course to the junior curriculum in hopes of broadening the horizons of students about different religious and cultures.

The course was added after the department viewed other Jesuit high schools and discovered similar classes that helped students to understand other religions. The course included guest speakers from a few of the major religions practiced in the Kansas City Area, including Mr. Arvind Ketia representing Hinduism, Lama Chuck Stanford representing Buddhism, and Mrs. Mahnaz Shabbir representing Islam.

Theology Department Awards
Freshman - Mike Judge '06
Sophomore - John Marrin '05
Junior - Nick Lewer '04
Senior - Andrew Turner '03
Liturgy & Worship
- John-Paul Nigro '03

"The response has been very positive," said Department Chairman Mr. Jay Coleman. "Most students look at the class as 'something new' and seems to keep interest among the students."

The added class was the final stage of a three-year curriculum update. After dropping Church History, classes were shifted around to better fit the students' lifestyle. Morality was shifted to the freshman level and revamped to educate the new students during their first high school by instilling moral values which will



Theology

affect decision making.

"The first summer of high school is critical because these young men make some difficult choices," said Mr. Coleman. "We hope this will help their decisions."

On the sophomore level, both scripture classes were made part of the curriculum after being moved from the junior curriculum.

"Because scripture is the foundation of the Roman Catholic Church, scripture was moved in order to help the study of Catholicism and other religions in the following two years," said Mr. Coleman.

As for senior classes, Faith and Justice, Liturgy and Worship, and Christian Lifestyles remained the three options.

Story by Mike Adkins

Mrs. Molly Reardon shows her usual classroom demeanor with a huge smile. Junior Theology teacher Mr. Sean Agniel helps C.J. Cornwell better understand world religions. Mr. Thomas Norman and Mr. Agniel stand with representatives of world religions, including Lama Chuck Stanford representing Buddhism, and Mrs. Mahnaz Shabbir representing Islam, who came to speak to the junior theology classes.



Photo by Trey Thomas



Members of the Theology Department are: Thomas Norman, Valerie Davis, Sean Agniel, John Morris, Molly Reardon, Corey Quinn, Jay Coleman, Chairman, Jerry Featherston, Matt Stewart, and David Alvey.

Freshman Phillip Strozier tries to explain why he doesn't have his homework to Mr. Corey Quinn. Mr. John Morris flashes a rare lunchroom smile while performing his long time monitoring duties.



Photo by Zack April



Photo by Adam Taylor



Photo by Joel Hodges



Sean Agniel David Alvey Jay Coleman Valerie Davis Jerry Featherston John Morris Thomas Norman Corey Quinn Molly Reardon Matt Stewart

Cultures as well as languages emphasized in course curriculum

The Foreign Language Department, headed by Dr. Jorge Taracido, continued the tradition of cultural enlightenment while gaining two Spanish teachers, Mr. Kevin Holland, RHS '97, and Mr. Ed Hendry, a member of the Alumni Service Corps.

The curriculum remained the same as Dr. Michael Cusick taught

Foreign Language Awards

Greek - Zach Cofran '03
Jimmy Utley '03
Latin - Jeff Nagy '03
French - Andrew Turner '03
Duo Yang '03
Spanish - Jason Sabaugh '03
Tim Sullivan '03

Latin and Greek courses, Madame Sabina Akes-Mills taught all the French courses, and Dr. Taracido, Mr. Jeremy McElduff, Mrs. Annie Riggs, Mr. Bert Roney and Mr. Rick Staihr taught Spanish.

The department focuses on not only the language, but incorporates the culture of the language into the learning. This is done by reading books written in the language as Latin classes did with Caesar's *Gallic Wars*.

The department also sponsored a trip to Spain during the summer to teach the students to use the language in real life settings, and to learn more about the culture of the country.

Mrs. Annie Otto reconciles senior Clint Dunsworth's Spanish grade after school.



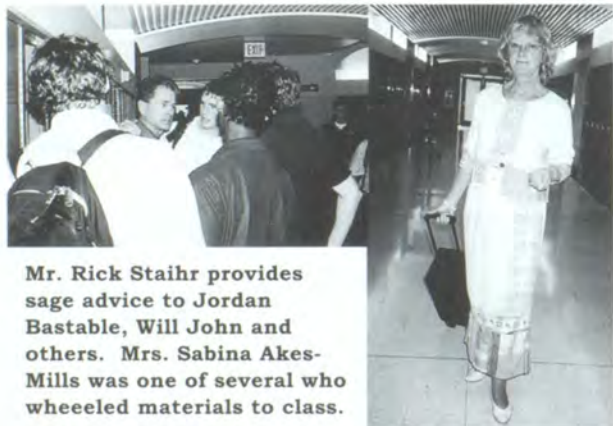
Photo by Kyle Trehan

Foreign Language

"The department does a great job of combining the culture of the language into studying," said junior Ryan Summers. "The opportunity to go to Spain has increased my interest in Spanish."

Over Spring Break, the department sponsored a trip to Italy, where students and faculty visited Rome as well as the Vatican.

Story by Dennis Sullivan



Mr. Rick Staihr provides sage advice to Jordan Bastable, Will John and others. Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mills was one of several who wheeled materials to class.

Mr. Michael Cusick shows his laid back style of teaching and fun-loving attitude as he poses with junior Matthew Jianas. Mr. Kevin Holland helps sophomore Brian McGannon with his Spanish homework after school. Mr. Jeremy McElduff laughs with freshman Josh Tillard during a break from class work.



Photo by Mark Crutchfield

Doctor uses personality, heritage to convey his message

He came from an upper-middle class family in Cuba. His father put him and his brothers on a plane in 1961 to escape from the newly-installed Communist regime, leaving parents and all of their possessions behind.

He lived several months in Spanish Harlem in New York City with his aunt and after a short stay in Miami was reunited with his parents and his sister in Springfield, MO. He went to Pennsylvania for college at the age of 17, continued on to the University of Missouri where he completed his masters and doctorate degrees and he came to Kansas City where he answered a small ad in the classified section of the *Kansas City Star* that read "Teachers Wanted."

And so began the 18-year career at Rockhurst of "Doctor" Jorge Taracido.

While at RHS, Dr. Taracido has not only taught all levels of Spanish, but has coached Varsity Cross Country and Track for 15 years before stepping down at the end of the 2002 season and taking a position as an assistant coach. Rockhurst has been a perennial power in both sports,



The highlight of the Faculty Reflection Day was Dr. Jorge Taracido assuming the role of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



much due to his work. He says his most memorable coaching moment was during the 2001 Rockhurst Relays on the old cinder track, the last races run in the old stadium.

"I have always loved coaching, but I was ready to give up being head coach," he said.

"Doctor's Spanish class is challenging but fun," said junior Mitch Miguel. "Esta muy bien!"

Most students describe Doctor as fun-loving and intuitive, and some say that he is the best teacher at the Rock. Walking down the halls, Dr. Taracido is greeted by calls of "Viva Cuba" by those who know him best, and even by some who don't.



"He's hilarious!" exclaimed Jimmy Barnes when reminded of Dr. Taracido's antics and the infamous quote of "Don't touch my Durango!"

Doctor has described the Rockhurst community as being "a definite positive" in his new life in America. Teachers, students, and friends have all been extremely supportive throughout his career.

He maintains connections with Cuba, as an aunt and an uncle still live there, and he has traveled back to his homeland twice, in the summer of 1999 and again in this past summer.

"I do foresee Cuba returning to capitalism but, from what I have seen, it will not be peaceful," concluded Doctor Taracido.

Story by John Krebs



The Foreign Language Department: Bert Roney, Jeremy McElduff, Sabina Akes-Mills, Dr. Jorge Taracido, Dr. Michael Cusick, Annie Riggs, Richard Staihr. Not Pictured: Kevin Holland and Ed Hendry.



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Photo by Trey Thomas



Sabina Akes-Mills

Michael Cusick

Ed Hendry

Kevin Holland

Jeremy McElduff

Annie Riggs

Bert Roney

Rick Staihr

Jorge Taracido

Department makes do first semester without its leader Dr. Goben

The Social Studies Department continued to thrive despite Dr. Jerry Goben's semester-long absence following a near fatal stroke.

During the first week of the school year, Dr. Goben suffered from a brain-stem stroke and was forced to miss one full semester of teaching. Only ten

percent of all strokes take place in the brain-stem. Of this ten percent, six percent die, two percent are paralyzed and only two percent have an 85% to 90% recovery rate. Dr. Goben is part of the latter. With no visible scars, he still has the lasting memory and some disabilities.

Social Studies Department Awards	
Humanities	- James Koppen '06
	James Mavec '06
World History	- John Nantz '05
	Steve Yanda '05
American History	- James Chalmers '04
	Thomas Wytock '04
Economics	- Mark Munninghoff '03
	Matt Nocita '03
American Government	- E.E. Keenan '03
	Braud Long '03
Contemporary World Problems	- Matt Judge '03
Modern European World History	- E.E. Keenan '03

While Dr. Goben was away, his position was filled by both Mr. Larry Ruby and Mr. Jerry Stabenow. During the first semester, the two replacements kept the class curriculum the same as to not disrupt the year's goals. At the beginning of the second semester, Dr. Goben returned and began teaching his classes full-time.



Members of the Social Studies Department are: Chris Elmore, Paul Beirne, Chris Lawson, Dr. Jerry Goben, Chairman, Jeff Crowe, Jim DeGraw, Rich Sullivan, Mick Swanson. Not Pictured: Larry Ruby, Jerry Stabenow.

Social Studies

"The stroke has changed my teaching methods because I am not able to go as strong as I have in the past," said Dr. Goben. "I am getting better every day and my unlucky students next year will see how I was before the stroke."

Mr. Mick Swanson, the only new teacher in the department, came from Chicago to teach World History and US History.

For the 2003-2004 school year, the department plans to add one Advanced Placement (AP) History class and one AP Government class, two advanced World History classes, and one Honors US History class. Story by Ryan Pruitt

Mr. Mick Swanson exhorts his sophomores to listen carefully to his lesson. Mr. Chris Elmore shows his pleasure with the answer junior Nik Lewer gave. Mr. Jeff Crowe grins his business savvy with his economics students. Mr. Rich Sullivan grins at the argument senior Mike Finn makes about his homework.



Photo by Steve Welsh



Photo by Andre McIntosh



Dr. Jerry Goben emphasizes a point to his junior class following his return second semester. Left center: Mr. Jim DeGraw reviews an assignment with juniors Ryan Bennett and Derrick McKinney. Below Left: Mr. Chris Lawson reviews a civic experience with senior David Graham. Below: Mr. Jerry Stabenow listens to junior Mike Schuckman defend his essay. Mr. Larry Ruby explains the Civil War to juniors Sean Fitzpatrick and Mike Wiggins.

Photo by Joe Callison



Photo by Brian Townsend



Photo by Matt Turley



Photo by Marc Albers



Photo by Trey Thomas



Photo by Joe McKinley



Paul Beirne Jeff Crowe Jim DeGraw Chris Elmore Jerry Goben Chris Lawson Larry Ruby Jerry Stabenow Rich Sullivan Mike Swanson

Arts adds diversity, creativity to students' rigorous daily schedule

The Communication Arts Department boasted of the success of a new theater teacher and drama director.

Mrs. Kathy Kane was a late-summer addition to the Rockhurst staff to replace Dr. Tom Gamble who resigned. Mrs. Kane, who brought enthusiasm and creativity to the department, taught Theater 1 and 2, Stage Design and Public Speaking, and directed the fall play "Broadway Bound," and the spring musical "Chorus Line."

"She is a blessing and we were extremely lucky to get her," said Department Chairman Mr. Michael Dierks.

Other department teachers include Mr. Dierks who teaches Journalism and Newspaper 1 and 2. Mr. Don Ramsey teaches Public Speaking, Speech and Debate and Forensics 1, 2, 3. Mr. Joe Fleming teaches Yearbook and Photography. Mr. Bill Murphy teaches Art and Architecture, and Theater Technology. Mrs. Connie Greany teaches Advanced Drawing, Painting, Hand and Wheel Pottery, and Advanced Hand Pottery. Mr. Mike Kern teaches Concert Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Introduction to Jazz Band, and Jazz Ensemble. Mr. James Bowyer teaches Men's Choir, Chamber Choir, Honors

Mr. Donald Ramsey talks with junior Chris George while walking through the hall to class. Mr. Joe Fleming goes over a photography project with junior Steve Welsh. Mr. James Bowyer celebrates with his first hour class after bringing in the most goods during the Harvest Food Drive.



Photo by John Winget



Photo by Adam Taylor



Photo by Adrian Carson

The Arts

Choir, Music Theory, Music Humanities, and Music Theater. Theater workshop and music theory were added to the choir classes this year.

Mr. Ramsey is considered the "Dean" of the department with over 25 years of continued service. Story by Joel Hodes

Arts Department Awards

Music Awards

National School Orchestra Award - Tyler True
National School Choral Award - Vincent Wagner
Woody Herman Jazz Improvisation Award - Karl Lind
John Phillips Sousa Band Award - Greg Duncan
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award - Nick Rawlings
The Chopin Piano Award - Chris Able

Studio Art Awards

Visual Arts Award - Grant Gates, Matt Judge
Ceramic Arts Awards - Sean Heiman, Phil Steed, Terry Euston

Journalism Awards

The 2003 Michael and Ilene Drape Journalism Award - Patrick Allegri
Journalism I - Tom Wiedeman
Newspaper I - Dan Cooper
Newspaper II - Nick Kinney, Mike Stacey

Speech Communication Awards

Freshman - Patrick Camacho
Sophomore - Andrew Blackwell
Junior - Brian Cotroneo
Senior E.E. Keenan

Drama Awards

Theater Award - Roy Lightner
Technical Theater Award - Tim Hanna

Mr. Michael Kern conducts the Rockhurst Orchestra at the Fall Sampler Concert. Mr. Bill Murphy helps senior Derrick Hardin with woodworking during stage design class. Missouri Arts Teacher of the Year Mrs. Connie Greany prepares to fire the kiln. Mr. Michael Dierks outlines his expectations to parents at Back-to-School Night.



Photo by Mike Staab



Mrs. Connie Greany, junior Alex Fontana, and Mr. Bill Murphy await the parents who will tour the art facilities at Open House. Mrs. Kathy Kane laughs about a script with John Dandurand, Roy Lightner, Julian Rivera and Vince Wagner. Members of the Arts Department are: Mrs. Kathy Kane, Mr. Don Ramsey, Mrs. Connie Greany Mr. Michael Kern, Mr. Michael Dierks, Chairman, and Mr. Joe Fleming. Not Pictured: Mr. James Bowyer, Mr. Bill Murphy and Mr. Matt Stewart.



Photo by Andy Woods



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Photo by Nick Kinnery



James Bowyer Michael Dierks Joe Fleming Connie Greany Kathy Kane Michael Kern William Murphy Donald Ramsey

Classes provide students with skills required for a technology-based society

The Computer Education Department achieved its goals with cutting-edge technology. The department received two new on-screen projectors, which enabled teachers to project their lessons without the use of a TV. The department also added a

smart board, which is basically an electronic chalkboard.

New to the department was Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, a Jesuit scholastic who taught Computer Applications 1 and Algebra 1.

"Mr. Lan Tran has very good people skills and is an extremely hard worker," said Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, who added duties

in the Dean's Office to his department chairmanship.

Mr. Kreikemeier, who has been at Rockhurst for 14 years,



Mr. John McEniry teaches Visual Basic technique to senior Brendan Wilson as Adam McGovern, Kevin Lenihan and Andy Elmer listen intently.

Photo by Josh Erwin

Computer Education

teaches Automated Accounting and Computer Applications I. Mr. John McEniry, completing his 24th year, teaches Visual Basics I and II and C++, and Mr. Kevin Miller has been teaching Computer Applications I and II for three years.

The department was involved with peer instruction, where teachers taught other teachers how to use programs like Microsoft Word, Gradequick, Power Point, and Excel.

"Teachers will work with the administration toward the development of a modern technology plan to help faculty and students develop their skills using the best available technology," said Mr. Kreikemeier. Story By Mitch Miguel

Freshman Joe Lyngar discusses his grade with Mr. Kevin Miller. Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, assists a freshman with Computer Aps I.



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Photo by Anthony Trabian



Photo by Clint Dunsworth



Photo by Matt Grassmuhl



Mr. John McEniry helps Mrs. Jerry Featherston with power point. Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, challenges freshman Travis Johnson. Below Left: Sophomore Joe Madden is assisted by Mr. McEniry with his computer project. Bottom: Senior Dan Boyd receives a lesson from Mr. McEniry during a Visual Basic class. Below: Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier and Mr. Lan Tran, SJ, discuss and compare future lesson plans.



Photo by Zack Appel



Photo by Eduardo Paz



Photo by Eamon Durde



Members of the Computer Education Department are: Kevin Miller, John Lan Tran, SJ, Bernie Kreikemeier, and John McEniry.



Bernie Kreikemeier John McEniry Kevin Miller John Lan Tran, SJ

P.E. adds teamwork and physical fitness to day's hectic schedule

Physical Education students continued to work and play hard competing against each other but had the added benefit of the new track and field with which to work.

"The track allowed us to do some more fitness training and get some timings done," said Coach Tony Severino, Department Chair-

Physical Education Awards
Freshman - David Belfonte '06
Sophomore - Michael Pernice '05
Junior - Ted Capoccia '04
Senior - Kevin Welsh '03

man. "But what really helped us out was the field which gave us a lot of extra space and freedom for games."

The extra space became important as there were so

many students to accommodate in PE. Some periods had up to 40 students in them.

Helping Coach Severino was Coach Matt Nolen, who taught physical Fitness classes and supervised the weight room.

Seniors Alex Ernst and T.J. O'Connor practice tee shots during Lifetime Sports.



Photo by Adam Taylor

Physical Education

As always, though, the most popular class was Lifetime Sports, which filled up the first day it was available. In Lifetime Sports, students leave campus to golf, bowl, or play tennis, which they will be able to play when they can no longer participate in more strenuous games.

"Lifetime teaches the kids the etiquette of each game so that when someone asks them to play the game years from now, they can jump in and at least know what they are doing," said Coach Severino.

Lifetime Sports is the last class in the department curriculum and is available only to those who have fulfilled the requirements of PE and Physical Fitness.

"The purpose of PE is two-fold," said Coach Severino. "First, it teaches kids how to compete and, second, it gives kids a chance to blow off some steam during the day. They come back to class refreshed and ready to go."

Story by Charlie Stoops

Senior G.B. Klingler works to finish his set of squats in physical fitness.



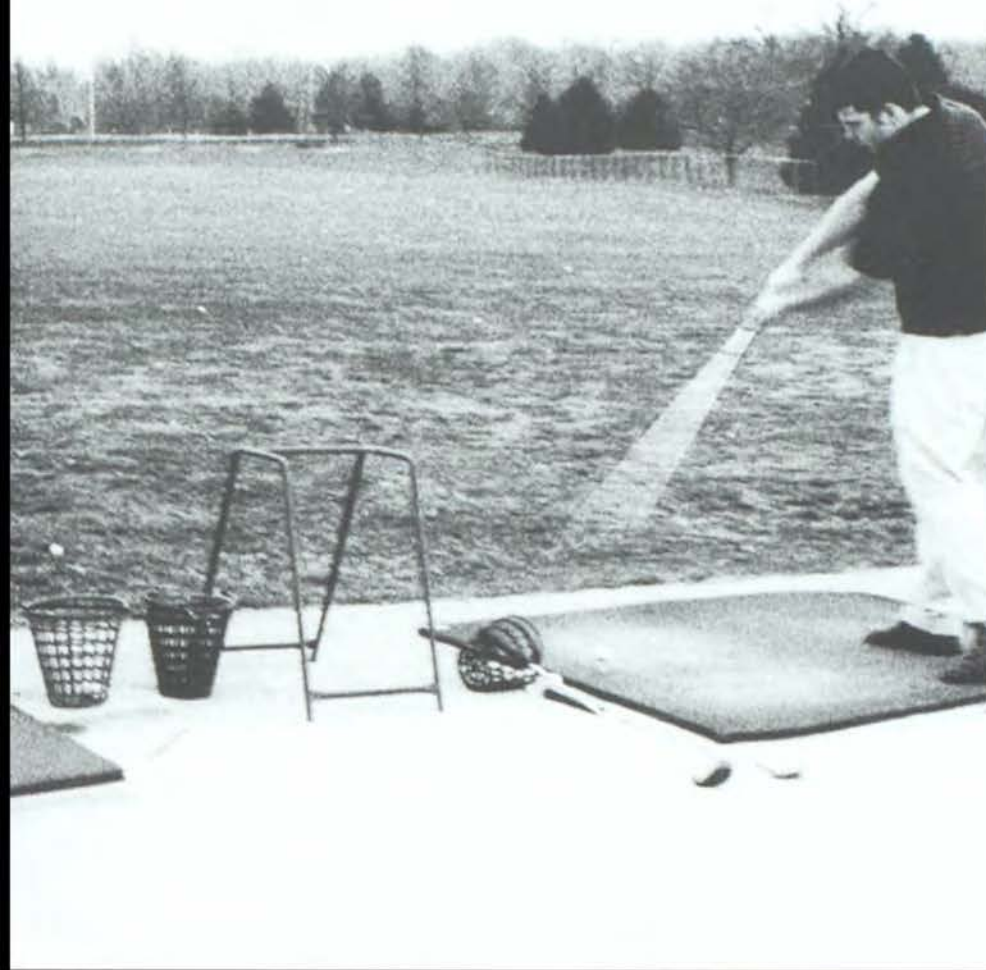
Junior Mike Adkins streaks past a shoeless Zack Shelton. The new field gave students more athletic opportunities. Coach Tony Severino takes a break from his physical education class to set up for the Rockfest Basketball Tournament.



Photo by Dylan Albrecht



Photo by Joe Callison



Physical Education teacher Mr. Matt Nolen is flanked by Mr. Pete Campbell and Mr. Michael Kern as they take a break from Open House. Senior B.J. King focuses before rolling a strike during Lifetime Sports.



Matt Nolen

Tony Severino



Photo by Adam Taylor

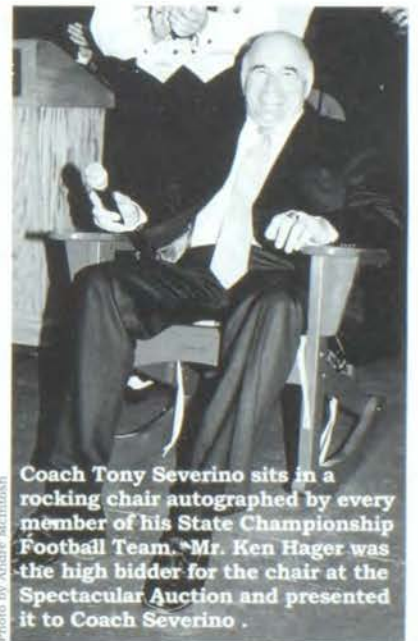
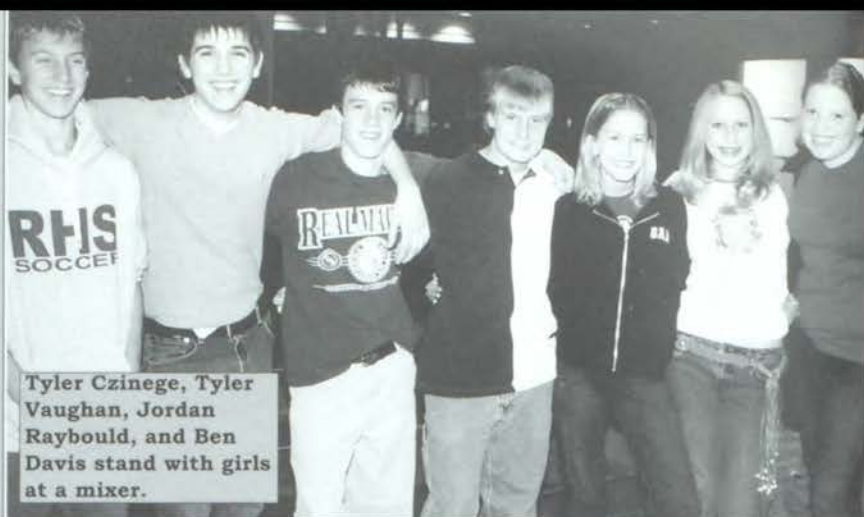


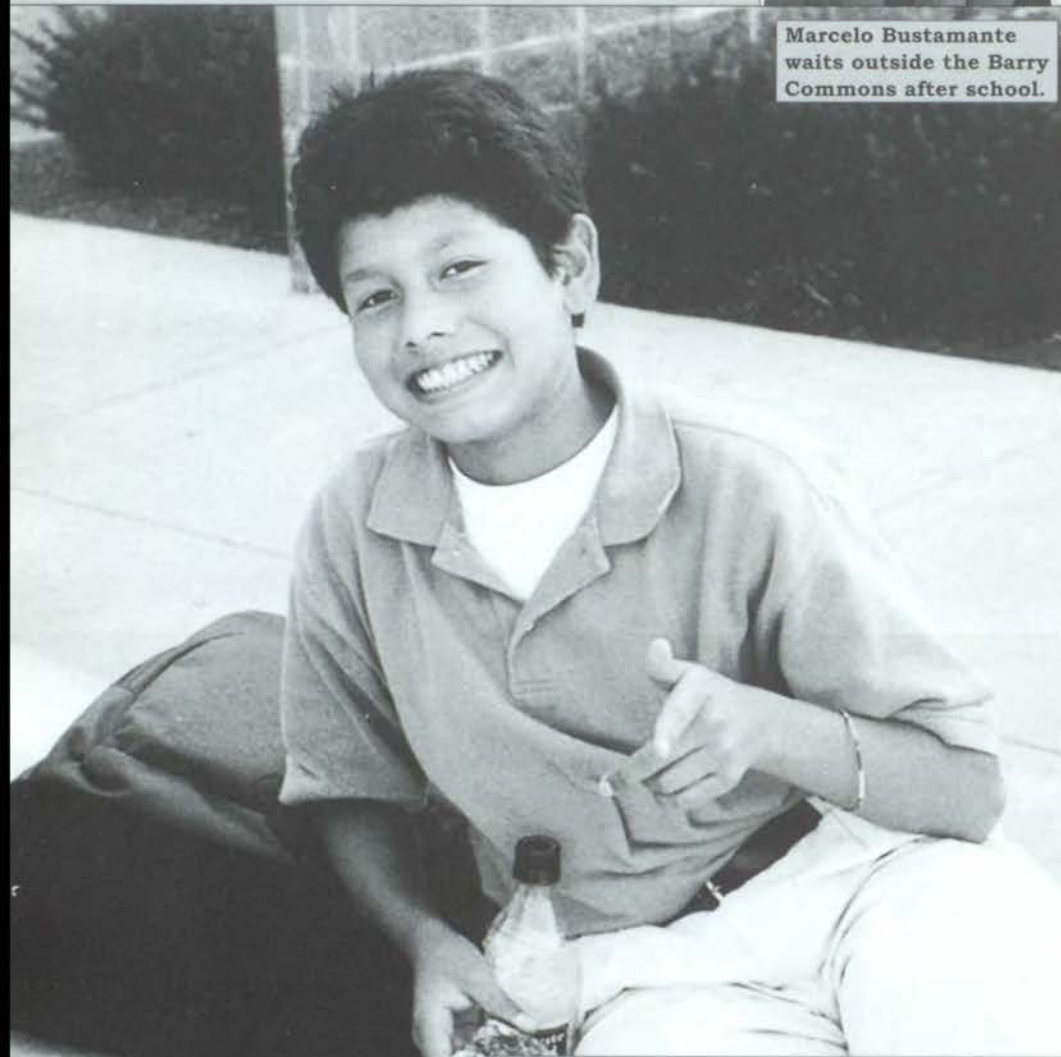
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Coach Tony Severino sits in a rocking chair autographed by every member of his State Championship Football Team. Mr. Ken Hager was the high bidder for the chair at the Spectacular Auction and presented it to Coach Severino.

freshmen



Tyler Czinege, Tyler Vaughan, Jordan Raybould, and Ben Davis stand with girls at a mixer.



Marcelo Bustamante waits outside the Barry Commons after school.

The class of 2006 left an overall exceptional impression as a Freshmen Class.

With the newly reformed Freshmen Retreat the class was united in a unique way. Using activities such as the witness talks and small group discussions, which let the freshmen speak freely about various subjects, the retreat brought the class closer by letting members tell others how they felt and what they have experienced.

The Freshmen Class showed their leadership by designing and carrying out the inaugural Freshman Mixer which was scheduled because they were excluded from the Homecoming dance.

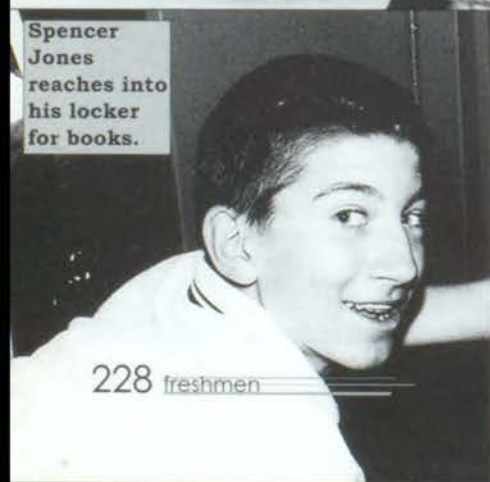
The Freshmen Class Moderator Mrs. Amanda Quinn worked with the Freshmen Class President Corey Carr and Vice-President Henry Thomas along with Freshmen Representatives Brian Chalmers, Stephen Fessler, Jake Lyssy, and Sam Sabaugh.

"They're a good group of young men," Mr. Mike Heringer said. "They seem to be energetic about school programs."

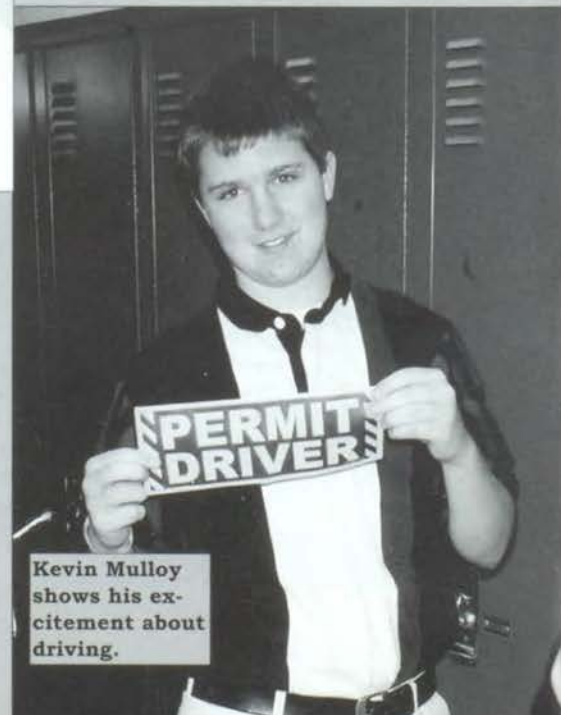
The 262 students in the Freshmen class earned a grade point average of 3.3, higher than any other class. Story by Jim Barnes

freshman, n.

a novice in the rudiments of knowledge; the beginner; temporarily a follower; one still unsure but on the right path



Spencer Jones reaches into his locker for books.



Kevin Mulloy shows his excitement about driving.



SGA Representatives Jacob Lyssy, Sam Sabaugh, Brian Chalmers, Freshman Vice-President Henry Thomas, Stephen Fessler, President Corey Carr.

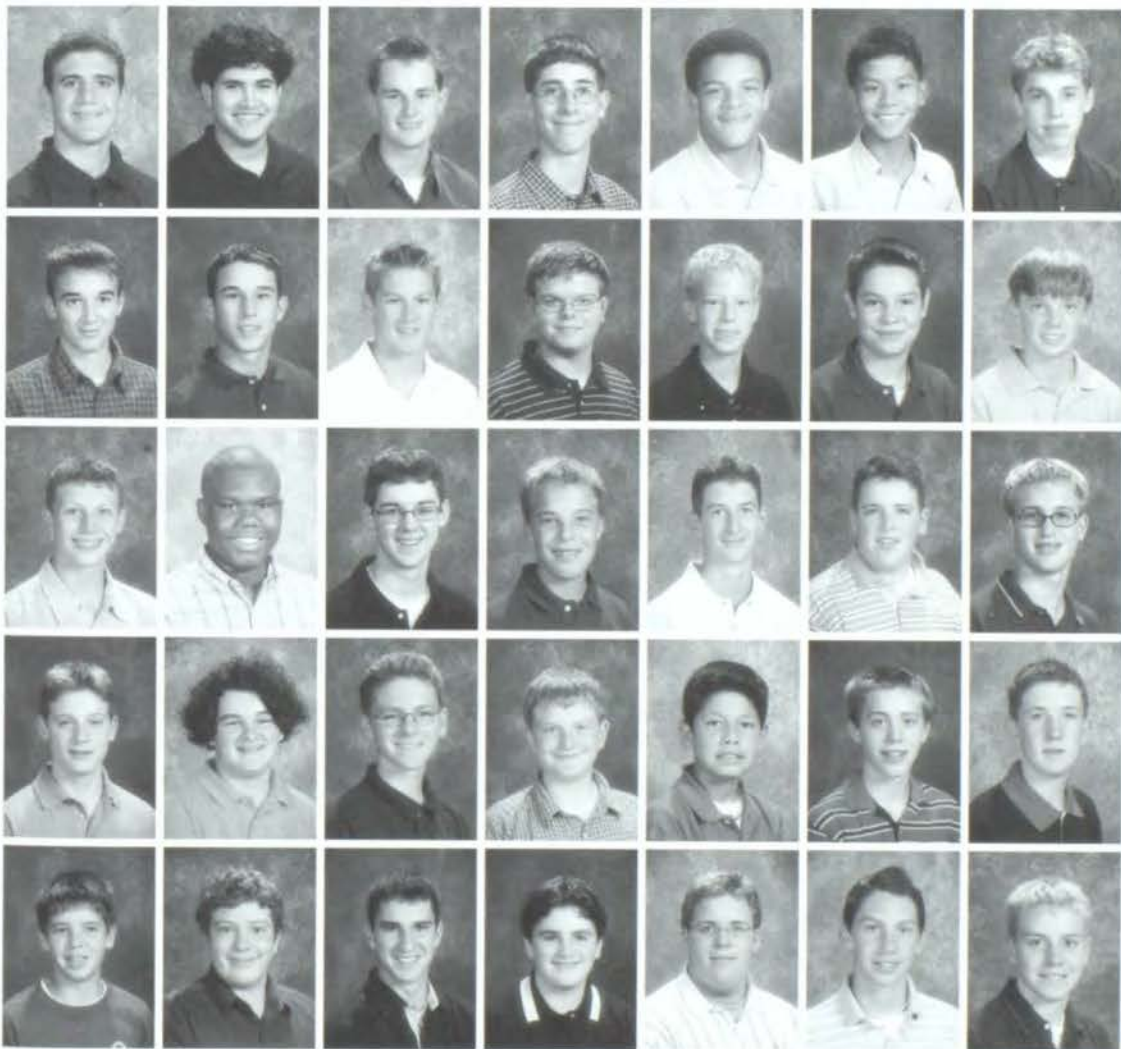


Freshman Joe Burnett waits for a ride after school. Doctor Jorge Taracido advises freshmen cross country runners.



Photo by Brennan Metzler

freshmen



Anthony Accurso
Isaac Ah-Loe
Mark Alexander
Mark Anton
Chad Baker
Chris Balmaceda
Daniel Barth

Nicholas Becker
David John Belfonte
Jason Benson
Andrew Bianco
Drew Bienhoff
Graham Bode
Ryan Brenneman

Chris Brewer
Maurice Brewer
Peter Brewer
David Brinker
Jonathan Brocato
Andrew Brooks
Justin Brown

Anthony Bruno
Sean Bucklew
Scot Buckley
Joe Burnett
Marcelo Bustamante
Craig Calkins
Kyle Callahan

Patrick Camacho
Barrett Campbell
Sal Capra
Thomas Carlin
Corey Carr
Mychal Cascio
Brian Chalmers

Class of 2006

Brad Chapman
Andrew Chase
Jacob Christian
Daniel Close
Jason Coleman
Jared Concannon
Tim Connor



Chris Corless
Michael Cotter
Patrick Cullinan
Marty Cummings
Tyler Czinege
Kevin Dalton
Ben Davis



Colin Davis
Ernie Davis
Hunt Davis
Matt Decapo
Schaeffer Degen
Zach Dehaemers
Willie Dobbels



Charlie Doolittle
Danny Dougherty
Alex Dreiling
Alex Dunsford
Daniel Durie
Michael Duschen
Spencer Duvall



Wes Ellwood
Sean Eskew
Chris Fakoury
Stephen Fessler
Colin Fewell
Jamie Fitzpatrick
Jacob Fogle



Conor Foley
Mike Franke-Rose
Sean French
Jacob Frey
Chris Gard
Andrew Garton
Ryan Gibson



Zach Glimcher
Jon Goff
David Gorosh
Paul Gottsch
Lyndon Gray
Brian Gutek
Doug Haden



Derek Hall
Joel Hamilton
Andrew Hamline
Max Hanger
Matt Hanrahan
Michael Hanson
Bryant Harris



Malcolm Harrison
Ryan Haultain
Jace Henderson
Mike Henehan
Austin Hertell
Nathan Hickey
Alex Higbie





The Blue and White Mixer drew a large crowd, allowing freshmen to mingle at their first Rockhurst social event.

Featuring music, dancing, the necessary air band contest, and, of course, ladies, the Blue and White Mixer was the first official Rockhurst sponsored event to kick off a new school year.

The evening began with the annual Blue/White football game, which introduces the fledgling varsity squad to competitive playing time. Subsequently, the students, predominantly freshman but a smattering of upperclassmen, partook in the over 20-year-old tradition.

"The Blue/White Mixer offered freshmen the opportunity to meet with other students and bond with their classmates," said Mr. Mike Heringer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs.

"The mixer gave me the chance to make new friends and hang out with new people," said freshman Jack Hodes.

Over a thousand attended the event.

"The mixer turned out a large crowd — more girls attended than Rockhurst guys," said Mr. Heringer. "We had to place our entrance tables outside to accommodate the number of students this year."

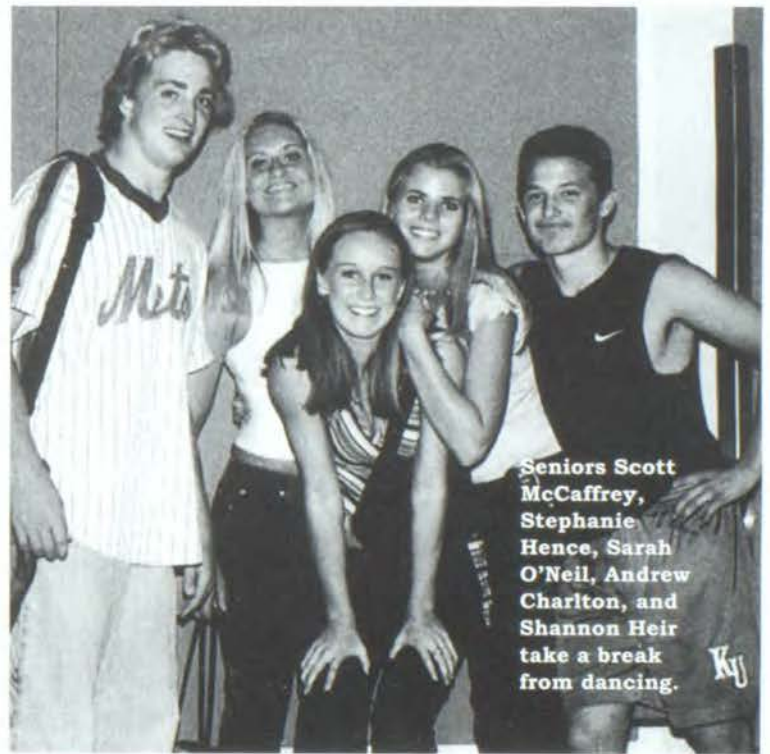
Blue White MIXER

"The Blue/White Mixer was a blast," said junior John Parsons. "It was fun to hang out with different girls."

The annual air band competition was the highlight of the night. The winning 5 Cagis, made up of Matt Sweeney, Joe Hager, BJ Fagan, TJ Kratofil, and Mike Comiskey obliged to an encore presentation. The band went all out, including using synchronized dance moves in their performance and making sure they were accompanied by body guard Kyle Teahan.

Besides serving as an RHS social event, the Blue/White Mixer provided funds for the Student Government Scholarship Program.

Story by Bryan Murphy



Seniors Scott McCaffrey, Stephanie Hence, Sarah O'Neil, Andrew Charlton, and Shannon Heir take a break from dancing.



Freshmen Katie Adair, Catherine Shilling, senior Jackie Gahn, freshman Carlie Toma-Perry, senior Beth Toma-Perry, and senior Jessie Fox pose with seniors Mike McShane, Matt Sweeney, and Kevin Lenihan.

NEW FACULTY JOIN THE RHS COMMUNITY

This year the Rockhurst community grew with the addition of eight new teachers. Coming from different backgrounds and with different experiences, they each bring new perspective to the RHS viewpoint.

Mr. Ed Hendry comes here for his first teaching experience in the Alumni Service Corps from Wittenburg University. After graduating in May 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Business Management, Mr. Hendry taught Spanish II and coached Freshman Basketball and Varsity Lacrosse.

"High schoolers are the same all over the world," said Mr. Hendry. "But the values of RHS will help create better men for others."

Also new to RHS is **Mr. Kevin Holland**, who taught Spanish I and II. He graduated from MU-Columbia with a BA in History and Latin American Studies and is currently working on his Masters in Secondary Education at UMKC.

"This first year has been very exciting," said Mr. Holland, who is a 1997 graduate of RHS. "I am really enjoying making new friends."

New to the Arts Department is **Mrs. Kathy Kane**. She has a Bachelor of Science in Communication/Theater/English which she used when teaching literature and speech at St. Therese Middle School in Parkville and speech/debate and theater at St. Pius X High School. She currently teaches Public Speaking, Theater I and II, and Stage Design at RHS.

Mrs. Kane decided to come to



New faculty and staff are: 1st Row: Lyn Rixon, Kathy Kane, John Lan Tran, SJ, 2nd Row: Ed Hendry, Mick Swanson, 3rd Row: Kevin Holland, Justin Rogers, Matt Stewart.

RHS after her experience of putting two sons through the school.

"It was a tremendously challenging school for my two sons, Patrick and Kevin," said Mrs. Kane. "And I have always been impressed with the teaching philosophy."

New to the administrative staff this year is **Mrs. Lyn Rixon**. Secretary in the College Placement Office Mrs. Rixon worked for the East African newspaper director in Kenya. After returning from Africa, she worked for six years with the Shawnee Mission School District and won "Employee of the Year" in 2001.

"Rockhurst has a very good reputation for being a fine school," said Mrs. Rixon. "I wanted to be a part of that environment."

Mr. Justin Rogers started here teaching Freshman English. Previously, he taught at Shawnee Mission West for one year and worked as a

paraprofessional in the Learning Center. He has BA in Philosophy and a minor in Art History from John Carroll University.

"So far my first year has gone very well," said Mr. Rogers. "The classroom, faculty, and students are great, but grading essays is challenging."

Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, is getting his first teaching experience this year, after getting a BS from Rockhurst University in 1991 and MA from Loyola University in Chicago in 2003. He taught Algebra I and Computer Applications I, and felt that he has learned something from teaching as well.

"I have really enjoyed being here," said Mr. Tran. "I have learned to be kind and firm from the students here."

In charge of the Rock Shop is **Mrs. Melissa Reichmeier**, wife of Mr. Jack Reichmeier, Director of Admissions. Her background is in business as she formerly worked in retail at Calico Corners, a home decorating store.

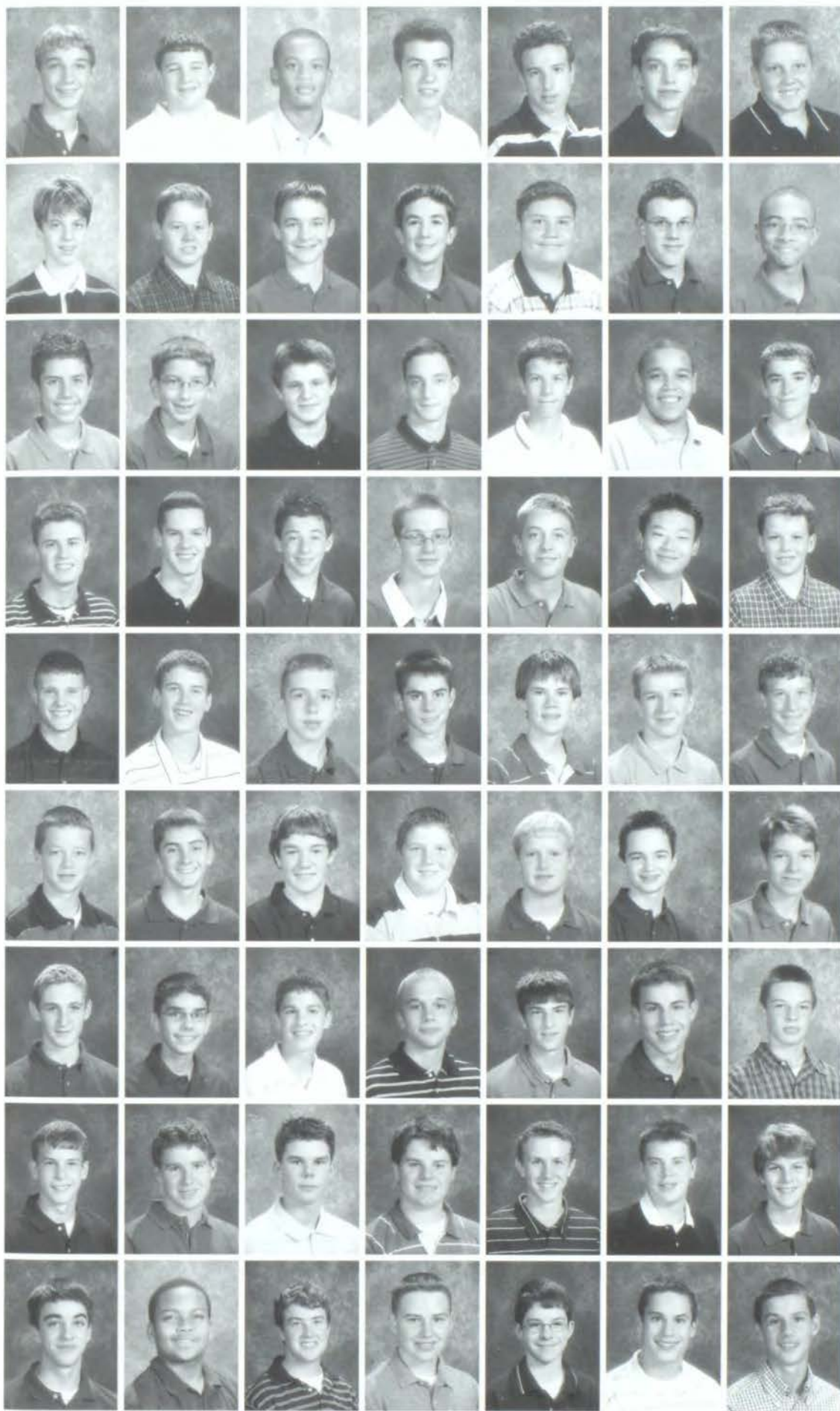
"It has been a really fun first year," said Mrs. Reichmeier. "The students and parents are really nice."

The Theology Department gained **Mr. Matt Stewart**, another member of the Alumni Service Corps. With his BA from Saint Louis University, he taught Hebrew and Christian Scriptures and assisted extensively with the choir.

"Teaching is a great opportunity to be creative and assertive," said Mr. Stewart. "This year has gone very well and was a lot of fun."

Story by Marc Eskew

freshmen



Jack Hodes
Sam Hoffmeier
Bryan Hogan
Nick Holderness
Nick Holtgrieve
Josh Hubbard
Scott Huffman

Chris Immele
James Ismert
Kevin Jakopchek
Alex Jantsch
Travis Johnston
Alex Jones
Khalil-Ghibran Jones

Matt Jones
Spencer Jones
Michael Judge
Nate Judy
Jordan Jurcyk
Steven Kamara
David Kaufman

Matt Kaufmann
Chris Kearney
Scott Kelly
Joseph Kerbawy
John Kimminau
David King
John King

Nick Kirkman
Sean Kitts
Patrick Knight
Brian Knop
Bobby Koerper
Jimmy Koppen
Daniel Kovac

Eric Krugh
Matthew Kueser
Robert Kuhn
Kirk Lakebrink
Patrick Lancey
Jim Langworthy
Drew Latenser

John Laughlin
Ian Lewis
Christian Liddeke
Ryan Lincoln
Mike Link
Anthony Lolli
Joel Lyngar

Jake Lyssy
John Mahoney
Taylor Mallon
Dan Mallot
Ryan Mandl
Max Maple
Tim Martin

James Mavec
Earnest McCoy
Dan McCracken
Mike McNerney
Pat McShane
Adam Mehl
Billy Meiners

Classes of 2006

Adam Mitchell
John Moffitt
Sam Monsees
Ryan Mueller
Kevin Mulloy
Corey Murphy
Matthew Murphy



Christopher Nauser
Jack Naylor
Nat Nimley
Brian Noland
Gary O'Donnell
James O'Malley
Kevin O'Sullivan



James Oades
Mark Olshefski
Nick Omland
Billy Orscheln
Mike Paradise
Drew Pavlovich
Alex Peeples



Larry Pfeffer
Tim Pickert
Kyle Pierson
Alex Potts
Joseph Privitera
Colin Quinn
Donnie Quinn



Ryan Quinn
Jordan Raybould
Jeremiah Reardon
Charlie Ryan Regan
Charlie Reichmeier
Gallagher Ring
Brady Risalvato



Jonathon Roberts
Calvin Robertson
Thomas Robinson
Kevin Ruprecht
Sam Sabaugh
Eric Sack
George Sand



Michael Sandridge
Joe Scaglia
Phil Schapker
Jack Schleicher
Jason Schulte
Zac Schulte
Zach Schuote



Kevin Schwartze
Brent Sear
Jesse Shalley
Chris Shaw
Colin Shea
David Sherwood
Ben Short



Jake Silva
Nicholas Simcox
Derek Sisel
Bobby Smith
Jeff Smith
Alex Soloducha
Michael Spero



FRESHMAN New look taps into BROTHERS roots to revive old spirit

Many traditions separate Rockhurst from other schools, including excellence in sports, its high standard of education and possibly most important, its renewed care for incoming freshmen.

At Rockhurst, freshmen are not "freshmeat," but are students, like the more than 750 others, only brand new, inexperienced, and needing help. The Brother Program was revamped after consideration by faculty and staff.

Formally called the Senior Brother Program, the Brother Program has existed in its 15-year history. The original intent was to provide mentors for incoming freshman, but it gradually became a means of legal hazing and was abandoned. Under Mr. Larry Ruby, then a theology teacher, the program was revived.

"We needed the students, both upper and underclassmen, to get more out of the program," said Mr. Ruby. "The staff honestly believes these changes will drastically aid the experiences of all those involved."

The new program stresses stronger brother relations and an improved freshman retreat, to instill a sense of belonging in the freshman.

"This new and improved program ideally makes the transition for all Rockhurst students a positive experience," said Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Mr. Mike Heringer, who presently administers the program.

Originally a two day affair, the Senior Brother Program was shortened to one-day during Mr. Ruby's time in the pastoral office and before he assumed his new position as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

"There was little interaction between brothers," said Mr. Ruby. "Obviously, this needed to change, not only for the experiences of the freshman but also for the upperclassmen."

Within the last two academic school years, the program shifted into a new direction. Changes included reviving the Brothers' conversations, which is the initial contact of the freshmen with the upperclassmen. Changes were made in orientation, the Freshmen Retreat, and by making the Brother position available to juniors as well as seniors.

The Freshman Retreat changed dramatically in 2001-02 after

Photo by Mike Adkins



theology instructor Mr. Sean Agniel, junior Adam Davis and senior Jason Sabaugh visited Jesuit high school Creighton Prep in Omaha to get ideas on how the retreat could be operated.

From that experience, CORE group, the student designers of the retreat, decided the retreat would include an overnight stay at Rockhurst, an enormous bonfire, prayer, and reflection to provide an opportunity to get to know fellow classmates and upperclassmen.

"90% of all those involved last year liked it, according to a survey given after the retreat," said Mr. Agniel. "We hope that this year 100% will truly enjoy it."

Prior to these changes, some students thought of the Big Brother program as a waste of time moderated by seniors who were half-hearted in their intentions.

"I got nothing out of the Big Brothers Program," said junior John Adrian. "It had no impact on me whatsoever. It was pointless."

After hearing responses like these, Mr. Mike Heringer and the pastoral staff knew changes must take place.

What about the new Brother-Freshman relations? In the past, freshmen brothers were often ignored and a brother position was seen as just an item on a college resume. This, according to those presently designated Big Brothers, was going to change.

"I still say 'Hi' to my freshmen brothers and ask them how things are going," said senior Kevin Reidy.

"I usually give my freshman brothers advice if they need it and give them tips in certain classes that I have had," said junior John Krebs.

Changes in form of the Brother Program has helped in the experiences of both the upperclassman and the freshman, according to freshman and their mentors.

"The Freshman Retreat was really cool," said freshman Zach Dehaemers. "I especially liked when the girls came in and talked."

The first few weeks are crucial to the rest of that student's high school career," said Mr. Agniel. "I just hope the changes made in the program give freshman the opportunity for a great start and fruitful career at Rockhurst." Story by Mike Adkins

Junior Stephen Weiss poses behind freshmen Willie Dobbels, Gary O'Donnell, Bobby Smith, Taylor Mallon, and David Brinker during the Freshman Retreat.



Brian Proulx instructs and encourages his freshmen brothers Ryan Mueller, Danny Doherty, and Isaac Ah-loe.



Photo by Andre McIntosh



Junior Joey Williams gets close to freshmen Mikey Franke-Rose and Ben Davis.

Eagle Scouts stand out among Hawklets

Approximately 50 Rockhurst students and six faculty members have earned the rank of Eagle Scout within the Boy Scouts, making up 6% of the school's community, a large percentage for one community since, on average, only 2% of those who enter Boy Scouts ever reach the rank of Eagle.

"I think that achieving the rank of Eagle shows what type of person you are - diligent, hardworking and motivated," said senior Alex Singleton, who earned 41 merit badges before being awarded his Eagle in March, 2002.

Several Rockhurst Eagle Scouts believe that part of what being a Scout means is developing skills to help them aid others.

"Earning Eagle shows that you have a lot of people skills and an ability to help the needy," sophomore Drew Mirocke said.

Most believe that being a Scout also indicates that you have demonstrated the ability to stick with a program to the end.

"I think that it taught me a lot of things crucial to life; it is something that shows that I have determination," said sophomore Michael Guerin.

Eagle Scouts are typically not quitters but are, by definition, achievers. There is nothing inherently difficult about achieving the rank of Eagle. The skills that must be mastered are ones that any teenager can master. However, it takes sustained effort for nearly two years. The rank must also be achieved before a Scout turns eighteen, showing that the rank of Eagle Scout demands persistence.

"It was important for me to earn the Eagle Badge because the journey there represented a great challenge, and taught me to reach for goals that require a great amount of effort," said senior E.E. Keenan.

Many Scouts received constant pressure from their parents to acquire their Eagle.

"My father and his brother were Eagle Scouts and my dad wanted me to receive the award," said sophomore Ryan Smith. "He helped me with my project and gave me inspiration to

keep advancing in Scouts." Other students felt as if their parents had rushed them to achieve the award.

"[They] warned me that if I didn't get it done before high school I would be caught up with high school and never get it done," said senior Andrew Paterini, who received his Eagle during eighth grade.

Many claim that being an Eagle Scout has already been very beneficial to them. On employment applications and college applications, many included their Eagle rank. Scouts realize that adults who do the hiring seem to like the fact that their prospective employee is an Eagle Scout.

"[Earning my Eagle] is important because many people hold you in a higher respect," said sophomore Vince Ismert. "I am very glad I did it because it was challenging, and I learned a lot."

Scouts realize that doors have opened because of their accomplishment.

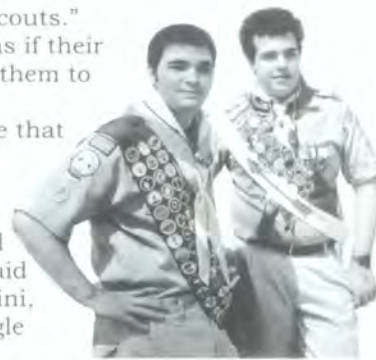
"It will help me get into West Point so I am very glad that I did it," said sophomore Tyler Reed. "I think it definitely helped me get a job, because adults think very highly of guys that have achieved the rank of Eagle."

Eight Rockhurst Scouts came from two troops, three Scouts from Troop 30 at Christ the King Church, and five from Troop 84 at Country Club Christian Church. Several members of the RHS faculty and administration are Eagle Scouts, including the Rev. Thomas Pesci, SJ, President, Spanish instructor Mr. Rick Staihr, photography instructor Mr. Joe Fleming, biology instructor Mr. Mike O'Leary, and journalism instructor Mr. Michael Dierks.

"It is a sense of pride and with it came experiences of both a general understanding of the proper priorities in life and the details of how to do things." Mr. Dierks said. "I was expected to complete this task but I'm appreciative about that now."

Most students and teachers agree that being an Eagle Scout has made them a better person. The technical skills that they acquired on the journey — learning to be an accomplished camper, knowing something about first aid — are all nice things and a great side benefit of scouting. But many have also learned to be someone who respects and cares for the environment, community and individuals.

"Scouts have helped me to grow in admiration and respect of the individuals who shaped my life and how I treat the environment," said junior Charlie Caffrey. Story by Karl Lind



Ross DeSalvo and Anthony Ishmael display their many merit badges at the Eagle Scout Memorial.

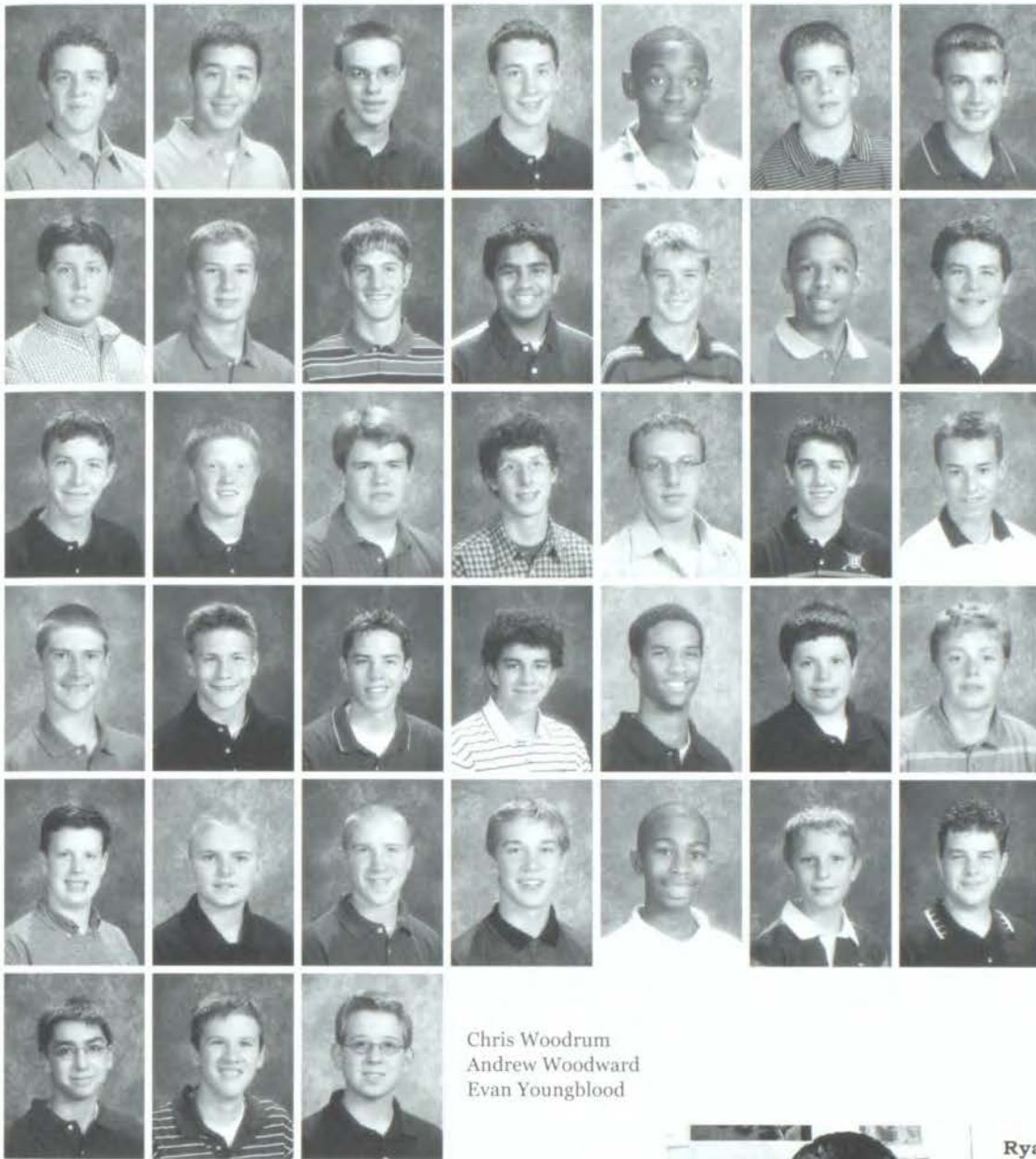


Eagle Scouts are:
Row 1: Michael Guerin, John-Paul Nigro, Ryan Smith, Cary Silverman, ROW 2: Sean Flanagan, Mark Crutchfield, Adam Kovac, Joe DeCapo, JD Corless, Carl Kline, ROW 3: Ben Morrison, Chris Kennaley, ROW 4: Nik Shuetz, Jack Jones, Brennan Metzler.



Eagle Scouts are: From right: Ted Caster, Jacob Christian, Mr. Joe Fleming, Sean Owens, Jimmy Barnes, Matt Turley, Colin McDaniel, Vince Ismert, Joe LaScala, Ryan Sellers, Eric Lancey, Joey Caudle, Justin Rethmeyer, Joe Sturgeon, Anthony Ishmael, Pat Lancey, Dylan Aldrich, Tim Hanna, Andrew Shepard. Not pictured: Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, Mr. Michael Dierks, Mr. Rick Staihr, Mr. Mike O'Leary.

freshmen



Justin Steele
Michael Stingo
Patrick Stoops
Brian Strickland
Phillip Strozier
Keegan Surface
J.C. Sutherlin

Robbie Tait
Sam Tapko
Beau Thomas
Henry Thomas
P.J. Thompson
Joss Tillard-Gates
James Tilson

Bobby Tonnies
Andris Trautmanis
Matt Trofholz
Bill Unwin
Paul Varner
Tyler Vaughan
Nick Vignatelli

Eric Vogel
Spencer Walsh
Max Ward
Taylor Ward
Christian Warren
Eric Washburn
Jimmy Whitaker

John White
Richard White
Andy Whitehead
Ben Wickman
Eddie Williams
Jarod Williams
Alexander Wilson

Chris Woodrum
Andrew Woodward
Evan Youngblood

Ryan Gibson
pauses after his
theology class.
Brian Noland,
Conor Foley,
and Isaac Ah-
Loe wait for the
morning bell
with sophomore
Cameron Sum-
mers.



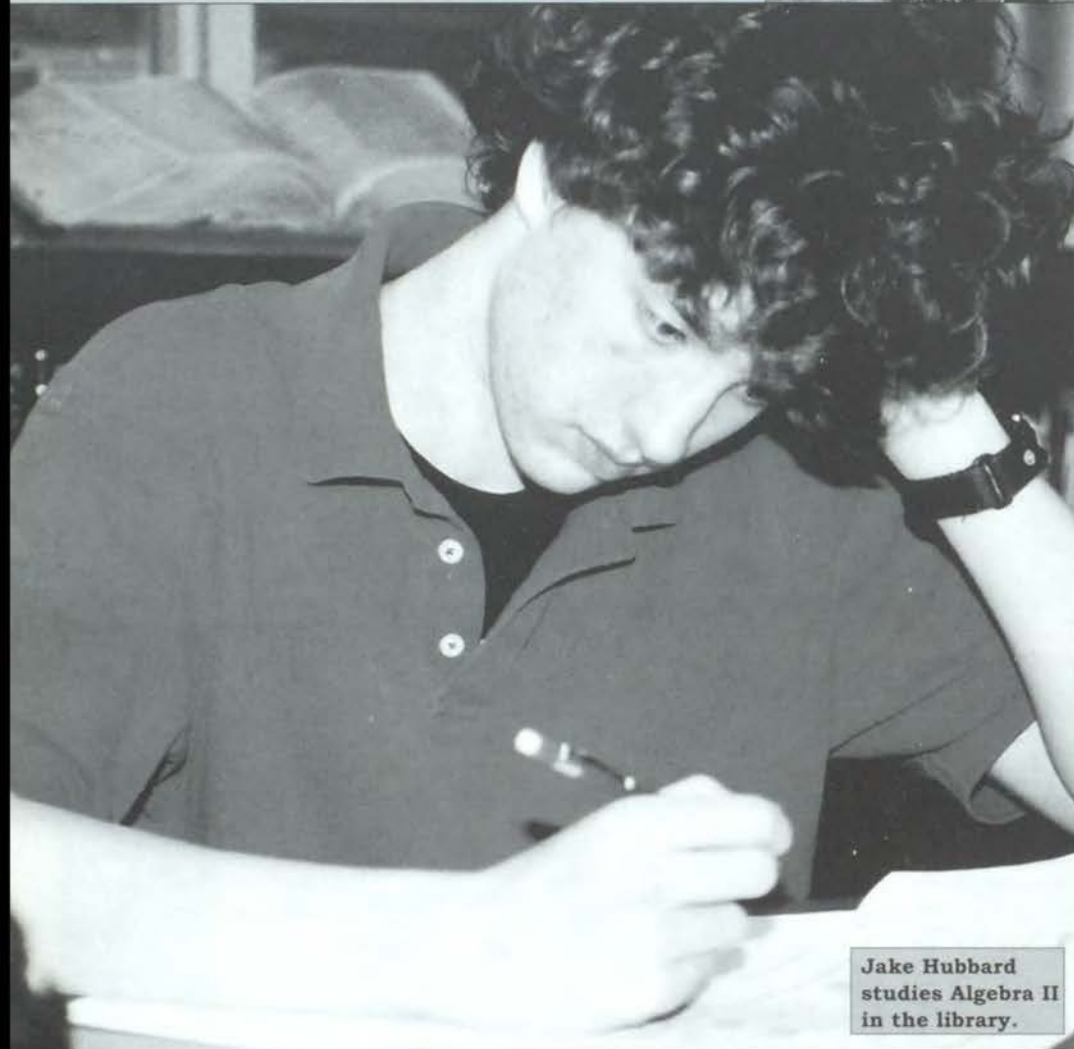
Marcelo Bustamante, Patrick Camacho, Paul Gottsch, Spencer Walsh, and John Laughlin wait for their parents after school. Chris Shaw and Alex Higby play chess during Activity Period.



2005 sophomores



One homeroom prepares to take canned goods to the Barry Commons for the Harvest Food Drive.



Jake Hubbard studies Algebra II in the library.

The Sophomore Class of 2005, currently the largest class at RHS, worked hard on its path to one day becoming RHS leaders.

Class president Michael Love (otherwise known as the scan-tran man), and class vice-president Jeff Herrera did their best working hard to better the school. They organized the first Sophomore Bowling Tournament with Mrs. Nancy Wormington won by Team Faucets with an average team score of 161.

At the Sophomore Retreat at Adventure Woods class members worked together to get tasks done as quickly and efficiently as possible while working together to be closer friends.

"The sophomore retreat was a lot of fun," said Conor Loftus. "I had a great time working with my classmates." Story by Nick Befort



Alex You pauses from a game on Sophomore Bowling Night.

sophomore, n.

Sophos - wise; moros - fool; no longer inexperienced; not yet upperclass; one who is in-between and awkward but finally finding a place

Scott Paradise, Mitch McMonigle, and Stephen Estrada wait in the hall before class.





SGA Representative Jon Dandurand, Vice-President Jeff Herrera, President Michael Love, and Rep. Brian Euston. Not Pictured: Reps Matt Betterman and Pat Cohen.

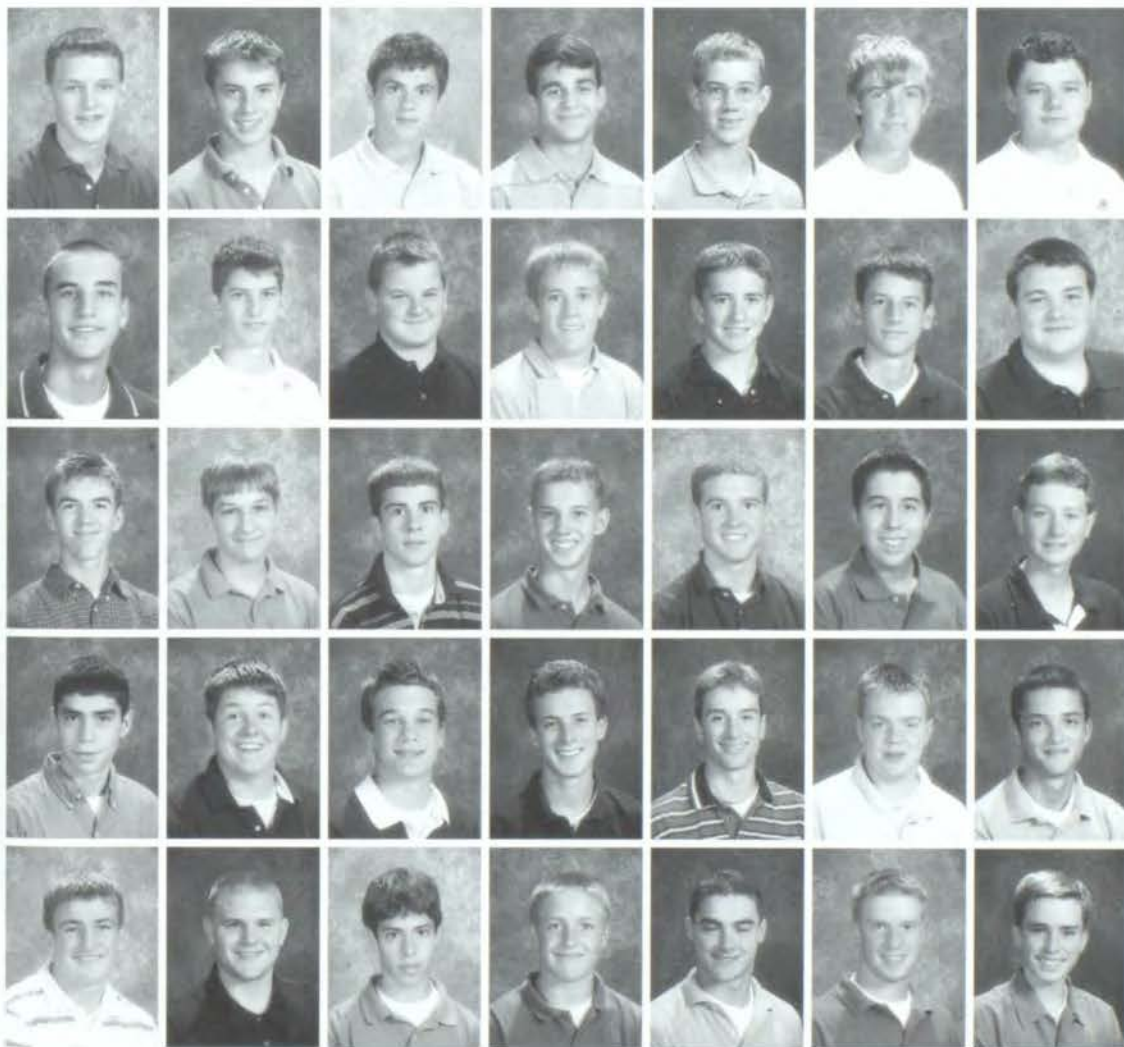
Chris Oldenberg uses the elevator to transfer between floors while on crutches.



Jon DiGiacinto helps other members of the Regis Club landscape a house for Habitat for Humanity.



Photo by Charlie Stroup



Luke Aggeler
Frank Allen
Anthony Altomare
Zach Anderson-Boland
Danny Anthony
Tyler Atha
Michael Aylward

Brian Baca
Jeff Barnthouse
Michael Barry
Brett Barton
Chris Barton
Andy Beal
Tyler Beaven

Ben Becker
Ben Beisser
Matt Betterman
Corey Bichel
John Bickimer
Steven Bisson
Andrew Blackwell

Andrew Bly
Gene Bode
Andrew Boos
Kerry Bowen
Taylor Briggs
Derek Brown
Kian Byrne

Connor Byrnes
Jeff Caldwell
Michael Camacho
Kevin Campbell
Larson Carter
Patrick Casey
Joey Caudle

Sophomores

Classes of 2005

Joe Pete Christiano
 Scott Clark
 Billy Clarkson
 Luke Clarkson
 Matthew Clifford
 Patrick Cohen
 Sean Comiskey



Tommy Condon
 Bryan Connell
 Dane Cousins
 Jason Crain
 Christopher Crawford
 John Cullen
 Patrick Curran



Andrew Dahmer
 Jon Dandurand
 Mark Davidson
 Kyle Davis
 T.C. DeBacco
 Jason Dehaemers
 Stephen DeWolfe



Ricky Dierks
 Jonathan Digiacinto
 Phil Dimartino
 Chad Dobbs
 Anthony Dominick
 Ryan Donohue
 Gerard Donovan



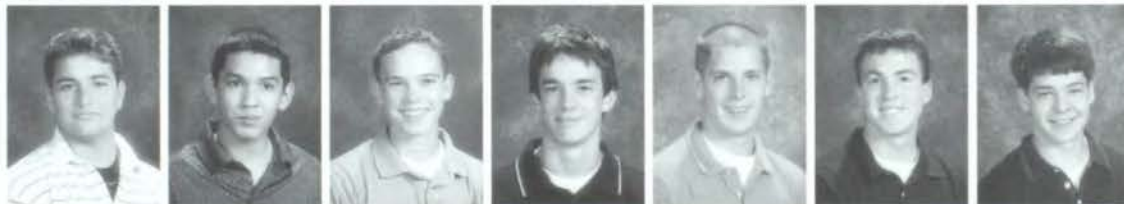
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 Greg Earl
 Ian Edwards
 Ryan Elder
 Stephen Estrada
 Brian Euston
 Tom Farmar



Zachary Fietsch
 Allen Fletcher
 Dylan Ford
 Chad Francis
 Ben Fraser
 Adam French
 Zach Frisch



Adam Fulks
 Dimitri Gamez
 Danny Gaughan
 Ted Ginder
 Tom Godsey
 Jon Gossman
 Travis Gratton



John Graves
 Michael Guerin
 Jose Guerra
 Chris Gurba
 Shea Hamid
 Peter Hannapel
 Scott Hanson



Ryan Harris
 Grant Harrison
 Patrick Hawekotte
 Blake Heatwote
 Sean Hennessey
 Jeff Herrera
 John Hicks





Junior Stephen Weiss takes a jump shot over his defender to try to win the game. Above Coach Tony Severino runs the check-in desk and calls the next teams to play as he has done for the past several years.



Teams were made up of three to four players with three on the court at a time. One person had to be under six feet on the court for each team at all times. The event not only included basketball, but also food, music, and lots of fun. Story by Zack Appl

Junior Stephen Weiss takes a jump shot over his defender to try to win the game. Above Coach Tony Severino runs the check-in desk and calls the next teams to play as he has done for the past several years.

Rockfest, the annual three-on-three Rockhurst basketball tournament, had another successful year. Rockfest was set up as a fundraiser to earn money for student scholarships. Headed by Mr. Randall Hallett, Rockfest brought in approximately \$17,000, helping the scholarship fund reach about \$220,000.

Along with Mr. Hallett, there was a student committee with six member executive committee and a 30-student general committee. Student officers were seniors Matt Sweeney and Scott Ferguson, juniors Seamus McLaughlin and Brian Illig, and sophomores Stephen Isom and Peter Reintjes.

"I felt as though Rockfest had a successful year and I was happy to be able to be the head of the committee," said Mr. Hallett.

The 111 teams were separated into three divisions: 8-9 grades, 10-11 grades, and 12-alumni. The winner of the divisions were Justin McAuley, Zack White, and James Griffin in the 12-alumni division, Mike Hinck, Jeff Owsley, and Jed Burey in the 10-11 division, and Sal Capra, Henry Thomas, Ryan Mendl, and Jeremiah Reardon in the 8-9 division.



Junior Tony Temple goes for a rebound against junior Derrick McKinney during their matchup at Rockfest.

Rockfest

Basketball tournament raises money for student scholarships



Senior James Griffin drives hard on senior Adam Blake during a win that took his team to the championship.

The atmosphere is tense in the room. The only sound is the scribbling of pencils on paper. An announcement is made for students to put down their pencils. The test is over. Jeff Nagy, whether he knows it or not, has just completed a test on which he will receive a perfect score.

Is it the PSAT? The ACT? Or how about the SAT? Well, the fact of the matter is that it doesn't really matter which one it is because Jeff Nagy scored perfect on all three.

In his sophomore year, Jeff registered a perfect score on the PSAT and he followed that up with perfect scores on the ACT and SAT the following year.

Jeff's claim to fame does not end there. He has also tested out of math at Rockhurst and so takes Calculus III, in which he has not missed a point, at Johnson County Community College at night. As if these achievements were not enough, he has a 4.7 cumulative GPA.

These incredible and rare achievements are pretty much standard procedure for Jeff.

"Jeff comes in and he knows everything because he works hard and he loves to learn," said senior Chase Johnson. "Sometimes, though, I think he doesn't work and just knows everything."

Mr. Ron Geldhof, who taught Honors and AP chemistry to Jeff, mirrored this sentiment.

"Given how excited he is about learning, his test scores do not surprise me at all," he said. "He is one of the best, if not *the* best student I've had in 31 years."

Few people are surprised by Jeff's success because they know that he loves to learn, but he also works hard to make sure that he does learn, and success comes as a result.

Jeff Nagy IS SMARTER THAN YOU



"My success is really a byproduct of my work in my classes and my love for learning," he said.

Jeff's achievements at Rockhurst will translate into opportunities for him later on. He will attend Harvard and hopes to study mathematics, linguistics, or psychology.

"I don't know what I would do with a degree in one of those, though," he said. "I'll probably end up washing carpets... very precisely."

Jeff works hard, but not to do well on what he almost contemptuously calls "those tests" or to maintain his GPA, or to get into the right college. He works hard to learn and improve. Not only does he not work to do well on the tests, he almost resents the attention they bring upon him.

"The tests single me out unfairly. Many brilliant students like E.E. Keenan don't get the attention they deserve because they didn't score perfectly," Nagy said.

He is also quick to point out that his teachers also do not get enough credit, especially for being what he calls the main reasons for his success.

"The teachers here are passionate and they instill their passion on the students they teach, which makes it easy to learn."

Learning isn't the only thing that Jeff enjoys though. Jeff is also in a band, The Uprights. They are being offered money to record. As with his other achievements, Jeff is not in his band to be recognized.

"It's a release from my classes... and it's fun," he said.

For Jeff, it is not a chore to achieve so much, but actually quite enjoyable. Recognition is not his goal. Learning is, and great achievement is the result. Mr. Andy Hagedorn, Jeff's AP English IV instructor, said "Jeff thinks, he reads, he examines, he analyzes, he challenges, he enjoys ideas. He is a student."

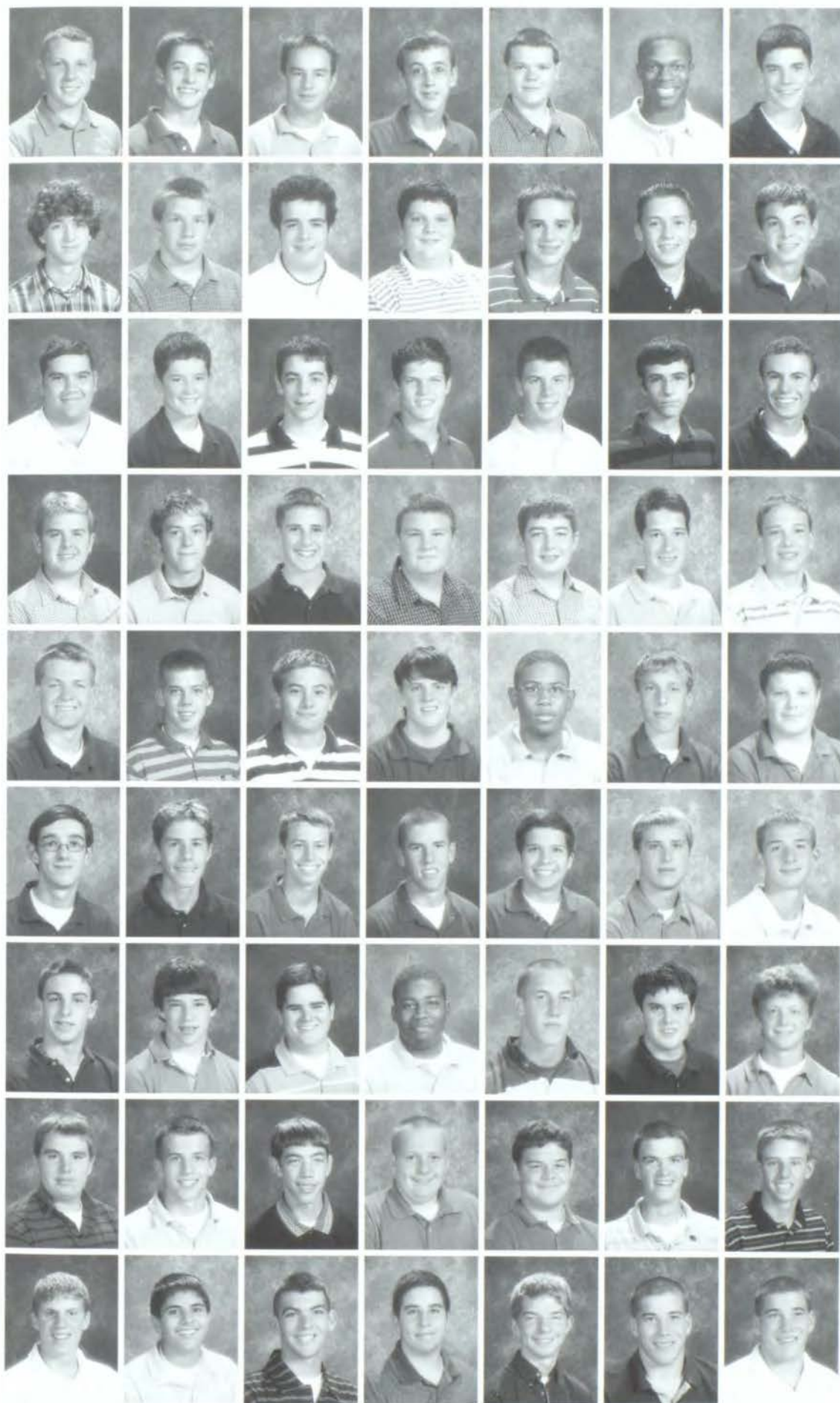
Story by Charlie Stoops



Jeff Nagy volunteers to move chairs for Mrs. Quinn.



Dr. Cusick and Nagy review Italian. The two learned the language together.



Jon Higgins
 Stephen Hinek
 Mark Hindman
 Scott Hoefer
 Shawn Holloway
 Donald Hord
 Jay Howell

Jake Hubbard
 Andy Huffman
 Anthony Ishmael
 Kevin Ismert
 Vince Ismert
 Stephen Isom
 Robert Johnson

Jacob Johnston
 Danny Jonas
 Jimmy Jordan
 Sean Kane
 Josh Karlin
 Jack Keenan
 Andrew Kellerman

Matthew Kenney
 Daniel Kerley
 Steven Kilgore
 Cameron Korte
 John Koster
 Tyler Kunce
 Erik Lapointe

Matthew Leigh
 John Leroy
 Phillip Linville
 Conor Loftus
 Michael Love
 Joe Madden
 Joe Manzo

John Marrin
 Spencer Martens
 Reid Martin
 Stevie Martinat
 Billy Martucci
 Blake May
 Cole Mayer

Cam McCulley
 Connor McDonough
 Brian McGannon
 Damon McKinney
 Terry McMabon
 Tim McManus
 Mitch McMonigle

Andrew McRae
 Jared Meadows
 Andrew Medlin
 Brian Meyer
 Eric Meyers
 Andrew Milbourn
 Mike Miller

Alex Mincher
 Devin Mirfasihi
 Drew Mirocke
 Anthony Modica
 Ben Molini
 Michael Moore
 Taylor Moore

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2005

Jason Morgan
Jonathan Morrard
Brian Mulcahy
Patrick Murphy
Peter Murray
John Nagle
John Nantz



Matt Neff
Long Nguyen
Michael Nouri
Carl Novick
Ryan Nugent
Kyle O'Brien
Daniel O'Connor



Andy O'Donnell
Ryan O'Leary
Chris Oldenburg
Bobby Orr
Scott Orscheln
Cory Owens
Jon Palmer



Tommy Palmer
Scott Paradise
Andrew Paredes
Drew Parrin
Christopher Peakes
Mike Pernice
Michael Pine



Brian Pink
Jeff Poskin
David Price
Carl Privitera
Ryan Ptomey
Terris Purse
Jimmy Quinn



Kelly Quirk
Tom Redmond
Tyler Reed
Peter Reintjes
Patrick Rhea
Chris Rhoades
Julian Rivera



Lionel Rodriguez
Graham Rolston
Jim Rosenthal
Patrick Roth
Nathan Ryan
Daniel Salzman
Jason Samayoa



Nick Sanders
Christian Scharosch
Adam Schleicher
Trey Schorgl
Tommy Schrader
Phillip Scovill
Ryan Sellers



Danny Shearman
Andrew Shepard
Zach Sheridan
Jack Shuler
Austin Siebert
Tyler Sifers
Cary Silverman



The Alumni Service Corps continues to provide Rockhurst with dedicated and supportive teachers who volunteer one school year out of their lives to educate RHS students.

The Very Rev. Frank Reale, SJ, Provincial of the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus, started the Alumni Service Corps in 1990 to offer alumni of the four Jesuit high schools in the province an opportunity to volunteer one year of their time to reciprocate for their Jesuit education. Mr. Matt Stewart and Mr. Ed Hendry served at RHS during the 2002-2003 school year.

For Mr. Stewart, a theology teacher, joining the ASC was a matter of giving back.

"I had ASC teachers in high school that I learned a lot from. I got a lot out of my Jesuit education and I wanted to be part of it from a different end," he said.

Mr. Stewart, who attended St. Louis University High School and St. Louis University, has been enjoying his time at RHS. Besides teaching theology, and working in the pastoral office, he has assisted Mr. James Bowyer and the Choral Music Program.

"I have been having a great experi-

ence here," Mr. Stewart said. "Everybody has been great to work with all the way from Fr. Peci down to the last freshman. All of the teachers are very open and supportive."

There is no telling what the future holds for Mr. Stewart.

"As far as next year, I am keeping my options open; however, I see myself teaching in some capacity," Mr. Stewart said.

Mr. Hendry graduated from DeSmet High School in St. Louis and attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH.

"I sought this opportunity to work with my Spanish and to work with kids," Mr. Hendry said.

Mr. Hendry taught Spanish II, and he also was an assistant freshmen football coach.

"I joined ASC this year because I wanted to test out the right career field for me. I am taking this year to figure it out," he said.

Ideally, Mr. Hendry would like to get involved with the Foreign Service Corps, which provides the opportunity for individuals to work for US embassies abroad, specifically those in Central America.

"My time here has been great," Mr. Hendry said. "An energetic administration and

faculty made it easy for me to have a good time."

Mr. David Laughlin, principal, administers the ASC both on a local and regional level. There is an extensive screening process in the selection of the ASC members. Mr. Laughlin helps with the lodging, and in making the participants feel welcomed.

"I work with the Rev. Chris Pinné to coordinate the program for the province. We try to match up an alum with a need a certain school has," Mr. Laughlin said.

"Although I never expected to be in a college-like dorm room again, I enjoy the 30-second commute, and I enjoy being right here at school," Mr. Stewart said.

Mr. Laughlin is very enthusiastic about the contribution of past ASC members including, Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, Mr. Sean Agniel, and Mr. Mike Brockland.

"In the past three years, I have been extremely blessed with the ASC members," Mr. Laughlin said. "Maybe one way to look at how impressed I have been is to look at how many teachers I have hired back for subsequent years at RHS."

Story by Ted Caster

ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS



Photo by Ted Caster



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Mr. Ed Hendry grades papers in his room on the second floor of Xavier Hall. Mr. Matt Stewart advises junior John Wilson on a vocal piece.



Photo by Ted Caster



Mr. Matt Stewart poses with Father General and the other ASC members in Missouri Province. Fr. Chris Pinné, SJ, left, is in charge of the ASC program for the Missouri Province of Jesuits..

John Friend

fencing

his way forward

John Friend is not a great scholar. He is not involved in student government. He has no letter in a varsity sport. His name is heard over the announcements only when he has a message in the office. But in certain circles he is a leader and an athlete. John Friend is a fencer. And in the world of fencing, he is much harder to miss.

Friend ranked 9th in the nation in the Cadet Sabre Division last year. He placed in the top three in several prestigious tournaments, including the Junior Olympic Championship in Columbus, OH, and placed 12th at The World Cup Championship in Louisville. This year, he moved up a level and so faced a more difficult round of tournaments and opponents. He placed 66th in the world for his division. He competed in two World Cups, one in Frascati, Italy, and another in Logrono, Spain. He has won three gold medals. Fencing is based entirely on points gained from winning tournaments, so Friend was forced to participate in as many as he could in order to place as high this year as he did last year in order to impress college coaches.

"All the travel can be tough," Friend said. "But I've been to some interesting cities and been able to see things I wouldn't have otherwise."

He plans to attend the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he will major in business. He hopes that while in college he will be invited to play on the United States Olympic Fencing Team, a squad which is quickly gaining respect from the European teams which have always dominated the sport.

Friend began his fencing career inadvertently in the 4th grade when he was late turning in an application for the baseball team that most of his friends were on and so was unable to play. Instead, his parents, encouraged by a friend who had been a fencer, placed him in a fencing class for beginners. Friend found that he was good at this sport.

"In my first tournament, I came in 3rd place," he said. "There were only four fencers competing, but it was still exciting."

After that first year, Friend decided to stay with fencing. His family supported him and his fencing until the beginning of his 8th grade year, when he was forced to make a decision. He could either come to Rockhurst, a high quality school with tuition in the thousands of dollars, or he could continue with fencing, an expensive sport. The family did not have the money for both. He chose a good high school education.

"It wasn't an easy decision," he explains. "I knew that school had to be my first priority, though."

For a time, it seemed Friend and competitive fencing had parted ways. But late in his fresh-



man year, he made a deal with his fencing coach, agreeing to teach classes for the fencing club every week. In exchange, the club would waive the fees he owed.

But he would still have to pay for all his own travel. And in fencing, there is a lot of traveling in order to compete in the tournaments held every month all over the US. In order to cover these costs, he got a job working for his father's bakery. Every Saturday or Sunday as early as 3 a.m. he is out in a delivery truck. Friend looks at it positively.

"It seems like a bad time to be working," he said. "But it fits into my schedule with my weekday afternoons being taken up by practices. I don't have a lot of free time. I hate having to cut my weekends short to go to bed so I can get up early."

Friend's first coach was Vladimir Nazlymov, the head fencing coach at Ohio State University, and Friend hopes eventually to fence under his former coach again. He is currently coached by four-time national champion, Kelly Williams.

Friend is a hard worker. He has had some tough choices to make, though. He spends up to 20 hours a week with fencing and so has little time for many extracurricular school activities and has even had to drop honors classes because he lacked the time.

Friend finds some free time, though, to spend with his friends. He is a member of the Disc Golf Club and was a section editor of the 2002 *Quarry Yearbook*. He does not want to let fencing take over his whole life.

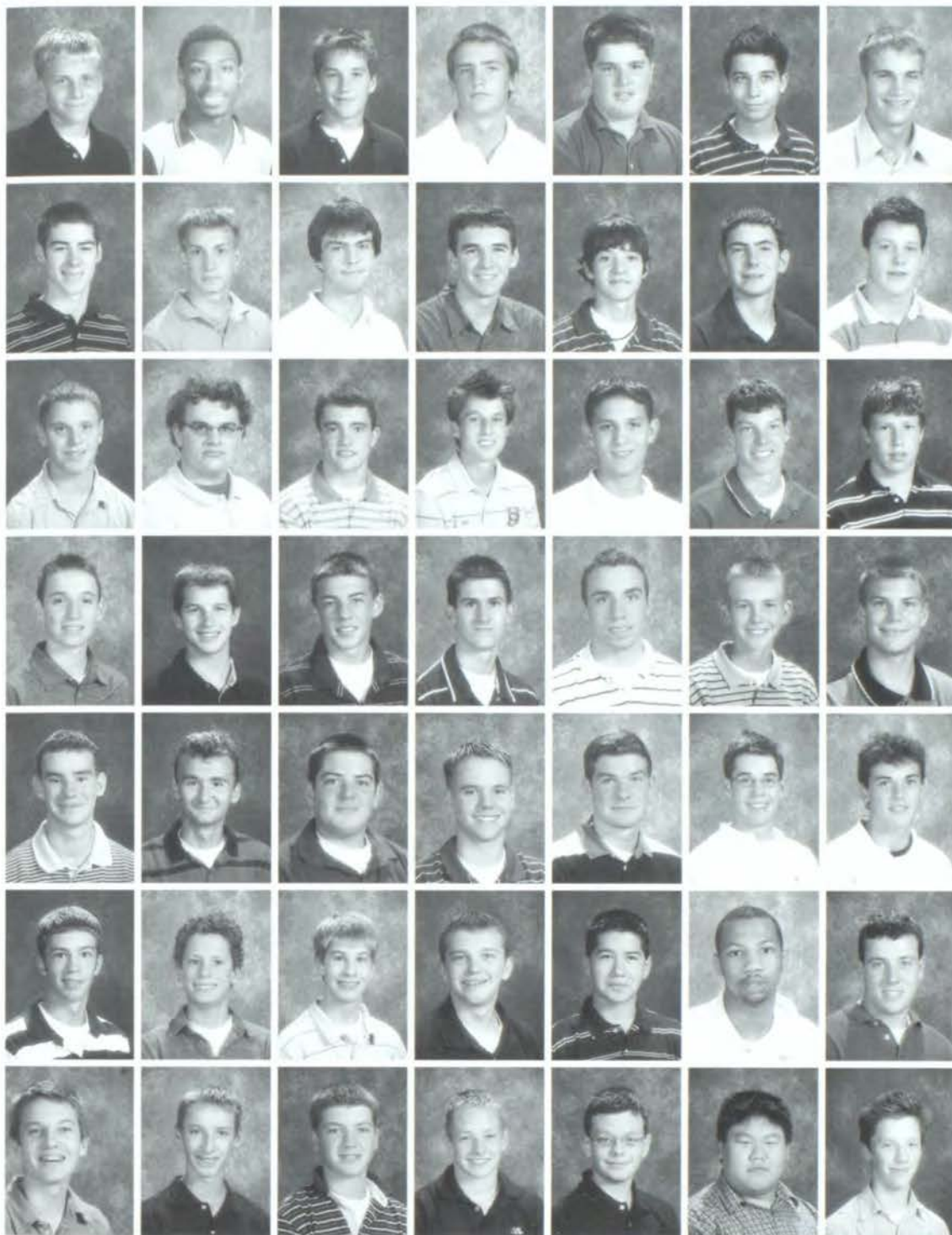
Despite the stresses, though, Friend has a lot going for him. He is a graduate of a prestigious high school and a renowned fencer. Slowly, he is becoming noticed in the country for his dedication to his goals and talent for his sport. Story by Adam Davis

John Friend takes a break from practice to smile for the camera. Below, Friend thrusts at a competition in Dallas, Texas.



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Sophomores



Seth Sinovic
Allan Smith
Bryan Smith
Guerin Smith
Jeff Smith
Ryan Smith
Joe Spaniol

Jordan Spaulding
Thomas Staab
Cody Stabler
David Stamm
Daniel Stanley
Stephen Stinger
Kevin Stone

Joe Sturgeon
Cameron Summers
Michael Surface
Eric Sweetin
Jason Switzer
Matt Switzer
Mike Tabory

Anthony Tade
Steven Thill
Mark Thompson
Michael Timberlake
Mike Trabon
Tyler Trout
Cam Tusken

Jimmy Van Dyke
James Wagner
Mike Walczuk
Jake Walker
Patrick Walker
Andrew Wank
Cameron Webb

Jacob Weber
William Webster
Tyler Whetstone
Matt Wiber
Andrew Williams
David Willis
Mike Wirtz

Jeff Witcher
Alex Wood
Cam Woods
Steve Yanda
Nick Yeates
Alex You
Ryan Zimmer

Max Zollicker



Sophomores pose with their dates during Homecoming. Michael Camacho plays his guitar during the Jazz Concert.



Photo by Eric Burtin



2004 juniors

Photo by Mark Crutchfield

Ryan Bennet, Adam Kovac, and Joey Williams relax during lunch.



The Class of 2004, as juniors, started its advancement to the college level.

At the Battle of the Bands, only the Hymns of Saturn and their mix of melodic hardcore music represented the Junior Class. Although they lost to their senior rivals, the Uprights, the band got to express their vibes to a new audience.

The Student Government Association played a vital role in the junior year. Junior Class President Seamus McLaughlin and Vice-President Mike Adkins were instrumental in planning the Junior Iron Man.

The Junior Iron Man set homerooms against each other in battle. The winner was Mr. Scott Duschen's "Veto #1," which was awarded lunch from Gates Barbecue.

The Junior Retreats were held at Conception Abbey and the Savior Pastoral Center. The retreats lasted three days and focused on class bonding and mature spiritual advancement.

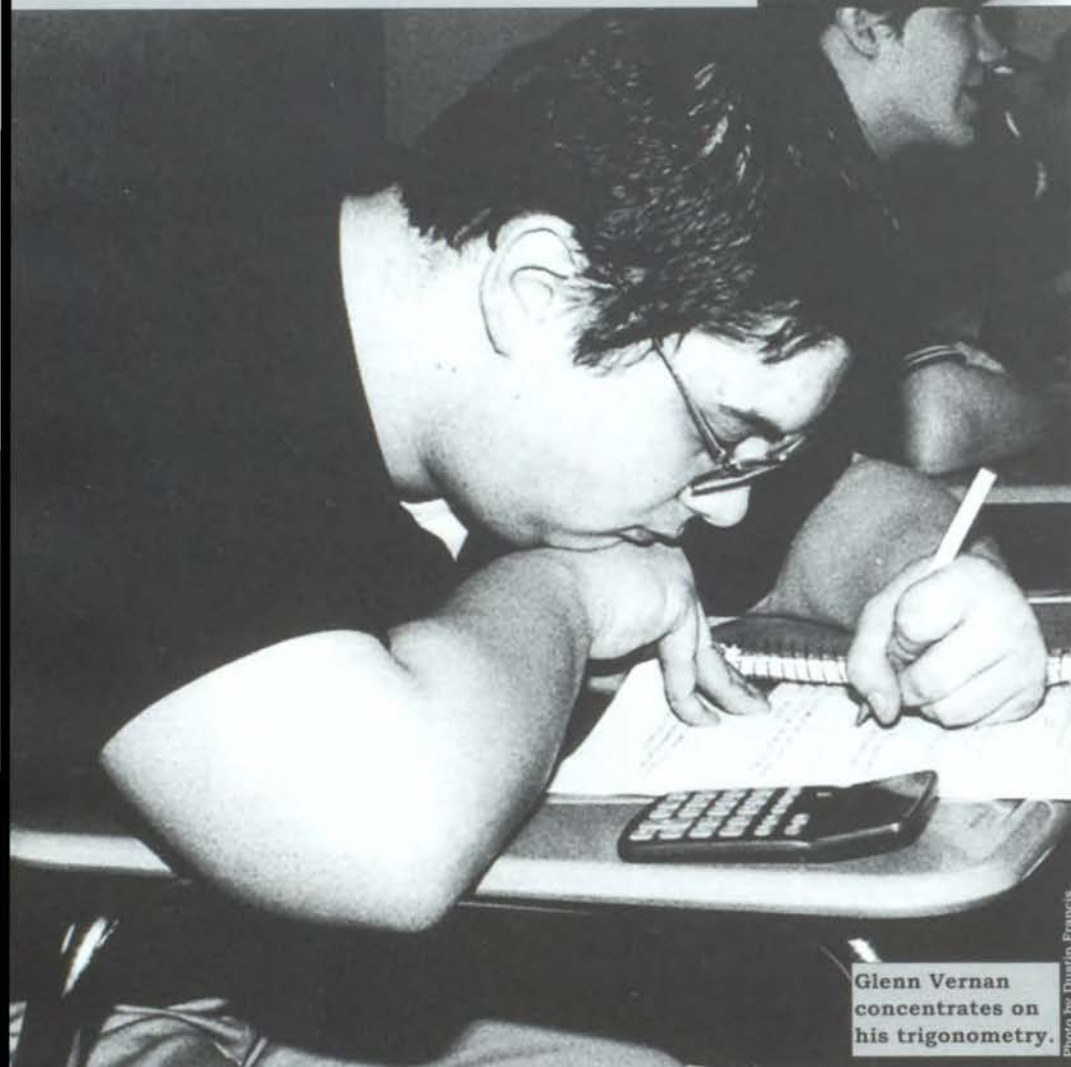
In April, some juniors wrote an essay to apply for Junior Kairos.

The Junior Leadership Dance and Mass marked the juniors as the new student body leaders. The next evening, the juniors attended the Leadership Dance at the Ritz Charles.

In April, Anthony Dayrit and Jimmy Chalmers were elected Student Body President and Vice President for the 2003-04 school year. Story By Matt Vaughan

Glenn Vernan concentrates on his trigonometry.

Photo by Dustin Francis

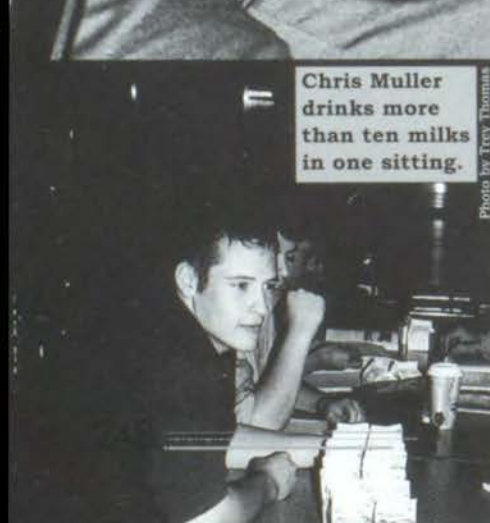


junior, n.

The lesser upperclassman; the stressed; the busy; the man of tomorrow only beginning to realize potential and take on the challenge of leadership

Chris Muller drinks more than ten milks in one sitting.

Photo by Trey Thomas



Matt Eberle shows off his new class ring at the Leadership Mass.

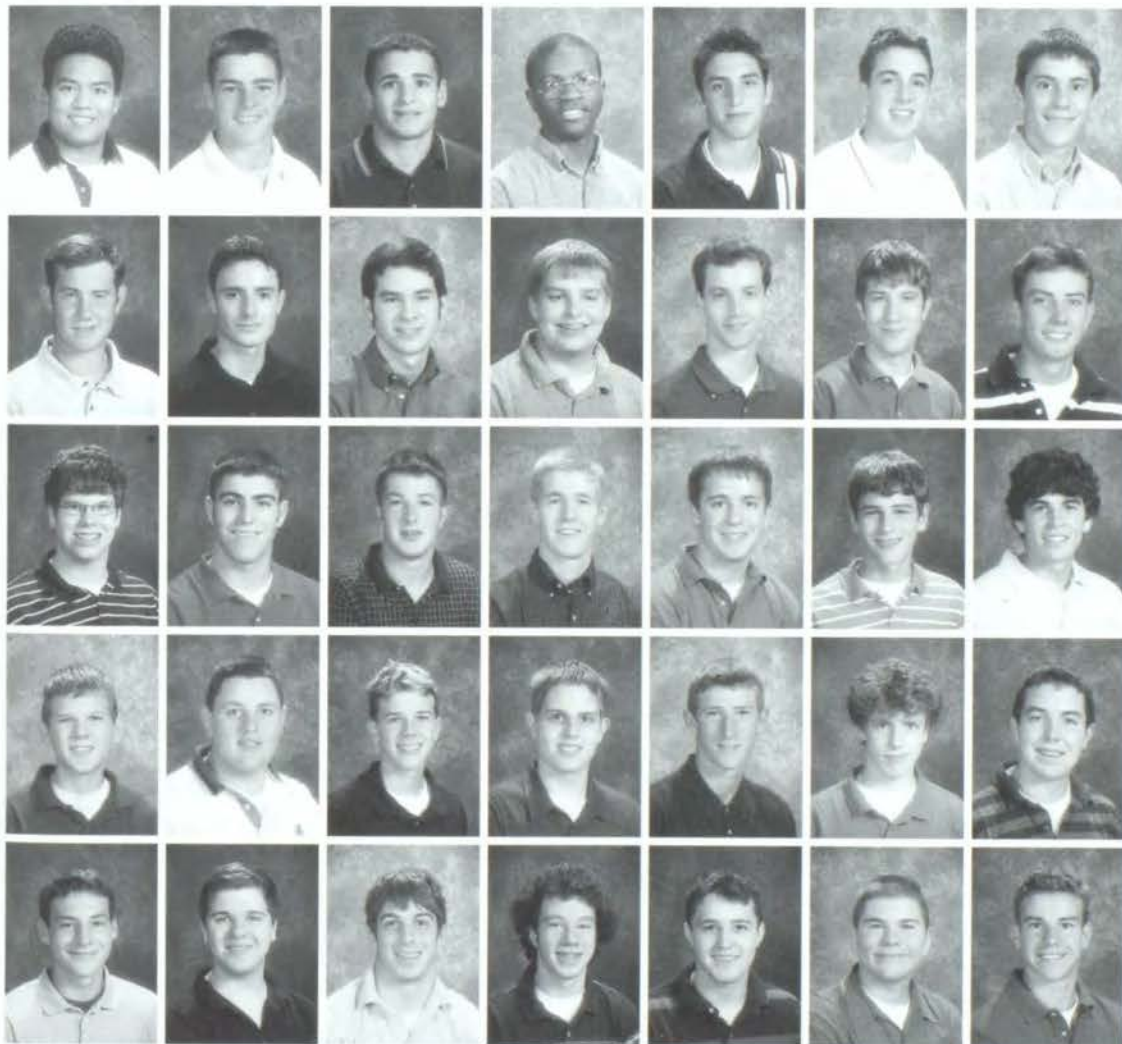




SGA Representative Mike Kelly, Junior Vice-President Mike Adkins, Rep. Anthony Dayrit, President Seamus McLaughlin, Rep. Jimmy Chalmers, Rep. Jamie Maggard



Paul South examines the results of a chemistry experiment. Matt Sirna finishes homework in the hall before school starts.



R. J. Abella
Michael Adkins
Jon Adrian
Donald Aduba
Marc Albers
Dylan Aldrich
Quinn Anderson

Joe Anwander
Jason Ashner
Matt Baker
Daniel Ballew
Jimmy Barnes
Nick Befort
Patrick Befort

Joe Benetz
Ryan Bennett
Noah Besheer
Dennis Bichsel
David Blake
Matt Bohnert
Robby Borchardt

Stephen Bowers
Nick Bromberg
Nathan Brown
Adam Bruetsch
Jed Burey
Charlie Caffrey
Joe Calhoun

Christopher Camarena
David Campfield
Ted Capoccia
Michael Cappo
Tom Carmody
Ted Caster
Jimmy Chalmers

juniors

Class of 2004

Benji Clarke
 Jack Connor
 Derek Cooke
 J.D. Corless
 C.J. Cornwell
 Seth Correa
 Brian Cotroneo



Mark Crutchfield
 Scott Cummings
 Sean Cummings
 Jack Cupples
 Mike D'Agostino
 Henry Danaher
 Adam Davis



Anthony Dayrit
 Joe De Capo
 Justin De Negri
 Harrison Dean
 Louis Disney
 Joe Dobbie
 Brandon Doherty



Rory Donohue
 Pat Doohan
 Mike Dow
 Mark Drummond
 Joe Dunn
 Matt Eberle
 Brian Eller



Alan Elliot
 Marc Eskew
 Nathan Everly
 Michael Feierabend
 Chris Fencl
 Sean Fitzpatrick
 Sean Flanagan



Alex Fontana
 Andrew Ford
 Greg Ford
 Michael Fox
 Dustin Francis
 David Franklin
 Devin Fuchs



John Garlich
 Joey Geisel
 Chris George
 John Giunta
 Mark Goede
 Drew Goodwin
 William Goodwin



Matt Gotschall
 Brian Gramlich
 Eric Griffin
 Pat Hagerty
 Jimmy Hamilton
 J.T. Hand
 Brian Hanrahan



Lewis Heacker
 Tim Herbers
 Michael Hinck
 Ben Hodes
 Joel Hodes
 Stephen Hoefler
 Max Hoffmeier





Liam Porter looks on as Stephen Hoefler smashes a serve.



Mr. Mike Heringer keeps the time during basketball games.

JUNIORS BATTLE IT OUT TO PROVE THEIR METTLE Junior Iron Man



Bobby Murphy duels Grant Spiking in Mario Kart, one of five competitions.



Joey Williams goes up for a spike in a volleyball game.

The annual Junior Iron Man competition again came down to the wire as two teams battled in a tug-of-war tie breaker to determine a champion.

Events such as basketball, volleyball, Trivial Pursuit, Mario Kart, and washers pitted junior homerooms against each other. Despite the number of events, the competition was forced into a playoff with Mr. Scott Duschen's "Veto #1," and Mrs. Laurie Prater's "Joe's Links" tying for first with 134 points each. The teams duked it out in a tug-of-war battled at the following week's pep rally. Mr. Duschen's homeroom won the tie breaker and in turn won the coveted Gates BBQ lunch.

"We clearly had the advantage," said a 350-pound junior Brian Trowman. "I knew we had it before we even started, even after the stupid 1500 pound weight limit was established. The best homeroom won."

Winners and losers aside, all those who participated had a good time.

"We got our butts kicked," said junior Pat McCann, "but we had fun."

"It was incredible," said junior Steven Hoefler. "We didn't win, but we came close. I wish I could do it all over again."

Not only did the students have fun, but the teachers did as well.

"It was great seeing these boys compete in a healthy manner," said Mr. Mike Sullivan.

"This year was my first Iron Man," said Mr. Ed Hendry. "It was a lot of fun. I even snuck into a few games."

Without many problems, the Junior Iron Man competition was successful in providing a good time but increasing bonding with classmates.

"Junior year is one that is remembered," said Mr. Mike Heringer, "and Junior Iron Man is one of the most remembered events All have a good time and grow with each other." Story by Mike Adkins

The future is now

RING



Photo by Barb Wiggins
David Ward and Ashley Preston

Photo by Barb Wiggins
Miguel Mejia and Theresa Vandenberg

Photo by Barb Wiggins
Pat Tweedy and Sarah Peters

To formally show the transition for the Class of 2004 from juniors into seniors, a Junior Leadership Mass allowed the students to reflect on their growth. A slide show of pictures of the entire Class of 2004 as freshmen as was incorporated into the Mass.

"It was really surprising to see just how much we grew as individuals and as a class," said Eric Snyder.

Near the end of the Mass, the Reverend Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, RHS President, blessed and distributed the class rings and lapel pins.

The blessing of the rings reminded the seniors of their role of leadership at Rockhurst. In addition to their responsibility at school, they are expected to be role models in the world.

After the Mass, the seniors and their parents shared refreshments and snacks.

The following evening, the seniors continued the celebration at the Junior Ring Dance at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park.

"The Ritz Charles was a great place to hold the dance," said junior Stephen Hoefler. "It was a big room and was still really crowded. I think everyone had a really great time."

Months before the dance, the junior members of the Student Government Association began planning. They scouted locations, selected music for the dance, sold tickets and worked out the finer details.

"At the dance, everyone knew everyone else," said junior Joe Knackstedt. "Being able to share time with people you know made it a much better experience." Story by Ryan Pruitt



Father Pesci hands out rings during the ring ceremony. LEFT: and Mr. David Laughlin admire their new class rings. ABOVE: Rings and lapel pins about to be passed out.



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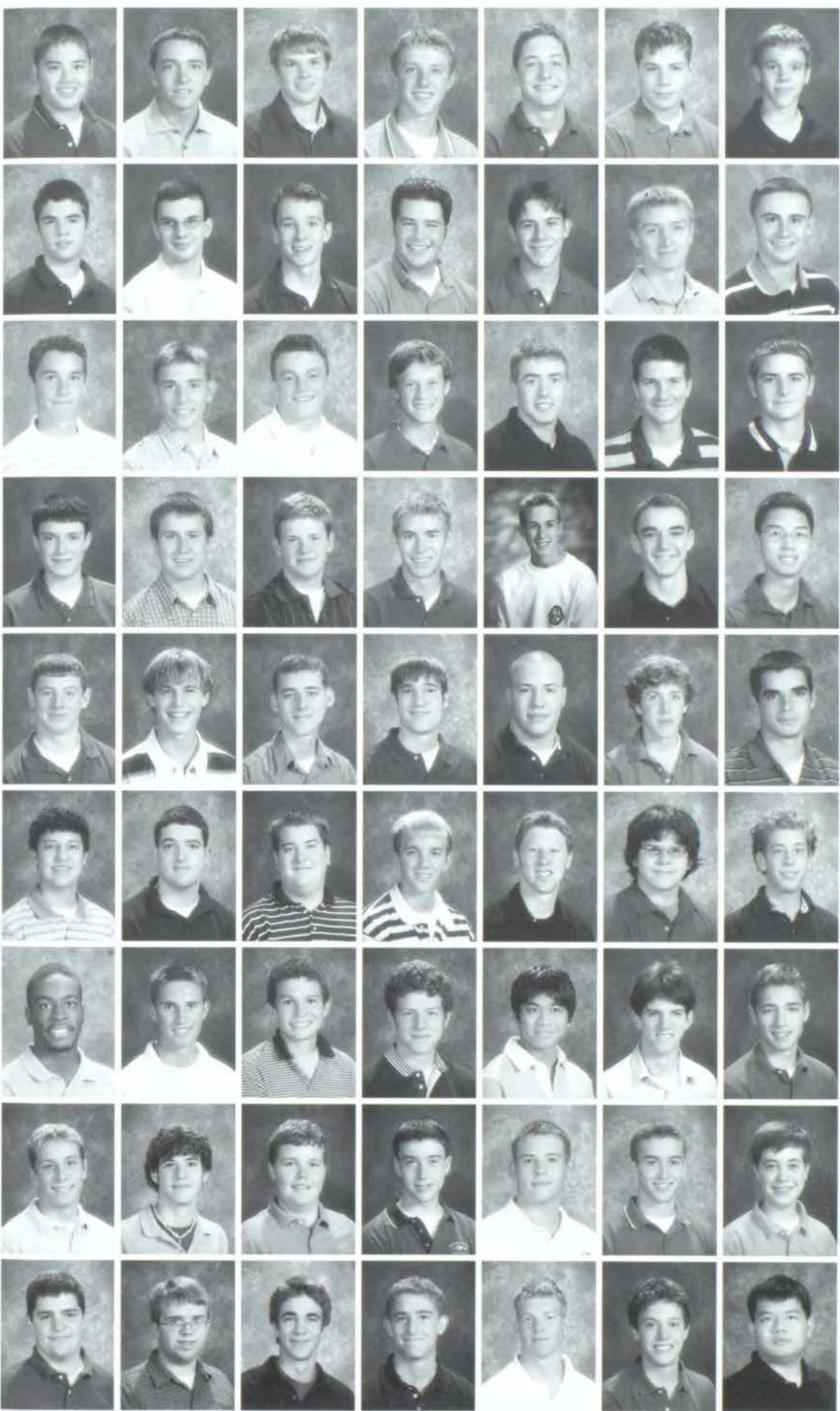


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Juniors and their dates pause for a picture before the Leadership Dance. RIGHT: A display demonstrating the diverse Rockhurst life was made for the Junior Ring Ceremony.



juniors



Andrew Holcomb
Steve Huffman
Kyle Hunt
James Ice
Brian Illig
Tim Ismert
Nick Jackson

Matt Janas
Nick Jones
Jeff Keeling
Mike Kelly
Chris Kennaley
Matthew Kincaid
Brett King

Sam Klos
Joey Knackstedt
Jeff Koons
Adam Kovac
John Krebs
Patrick Kreikemeier
Jake Krouse

Eric Lancey
J.D. Landrum
Stewart Lane
Andrew Langford
Chris Lappold
Pat Laughlin
Joe Le

Jake Leeper
Nik Lewer
Joe Lindgren
Joe Link
Nick Maese
Jamie Maggard
Adam Maib

Michael Manes
Joe Marsh
Ian Marx
Pat McCann
Zack McCracken
Andre McIntosh
Matt McKibbin

Derrick McKinney
Seamus McLaughlin
Miguel Mejia
Adam Meyers
Mitch Miguel
Jimmy Miller
Matt Moderson

John Molner
Kevin Moore
Kevin Morris
Ben Morrison
Christopher Muller
John Mumford
Bobby Murphy

Bryan Murphy
Joe Myers
Sam Nachbar
Ben Neenan
Tony Neff
Dane Nelson
Thien-An Nguyen-Vu

Class of 2004

Phil Nolte
Mike O'Brien
Sean Owens
Jeff Owsley
John Parsons
Matt Paschang
Blake Patti



Paul Pena
Montae Perkins
Loren Peters
Clinton Phillips
Tyler Pierce
Sean Plott
David Poppe



Liam Porter
Matt Powell
Linds Prestia
Brian Proulx
Bobby Provost
Ryan Pruitt
Matt Quijas



Mark Rachel
Steven Redmond
John Reintjes
Justin Rethmeyer
Sean Rielley
Cullen Roberts
Brian Sack



Bobby Sauder
Collin Schaible
Alex Schieber
Martin Schneider
Michael Schuckner
Nik Schuetz
John Schumacher



Dayne Sharbel-Phillips
Kevin Shea
Zach Shelton
John Siedlik
Andre' Silvers
Matt Sirna
David Smith



Eric Snyder
Paul South
Grant Spiking
Matt Stadler
Charlie Stoops
Joey Strain
Aaron Stupica



Dennis Sullivan
Ryan Summers
Tony Temple
Trey Thomas
Jason Tomlin
Matt Towner
Anthony Trakas



David Trotter
Brian Trowman
Patrick Tweedy
Rory Valliere
Kyle Van Buskirk
Matt Vaughan
Glenn Vernon





Brian Walden and Sophomore Jon Dandurand after performing in the choir concert. NEXT: Walden and Joe Hager after the 2002 spring musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. NEXT: Walden sings with the Men's Choir. NEXT: Walden's mother Joann has always supported Brian's Rockhurst efforts.

Students and teachers who walk through the halls take notice of a unique and friendly person whose smile always attracts attention, a student who is respected and well known. Junior Brian Walden is a highly-skilled choir member and honor roll student. Anywhere you go, someone knows "Walden."

He is known to most Rockhurst students because of his comical personality and his fun-loving nature. Many recognize his humorous impressions and nicknames, others his intelligence and brilliance, still others his singing skill.

During his three years at RHS, Walden has become an accomplished chamber choir singer, served as a basketball manager, and participated in many clubs and plays.

"Brian is a very neat person," said junior Matt Paschang. "He has skill in many different activities other than singing."

Walden has been given many nicknames over the years. While attending Curé of Ars for middle school, he acquired his first one, "the Waldenator", from two friends, juniors Brian Hanrahan and Michael D'Agostino. While in Señor Jeremy McElduff's freshman Spanish class, he became known as Mario because of his Super Mario impressions. His choir friends call him Wally or Waldo, instead of his last name.

Born in Kansas City, MO, Walden watches over his Berkshire neighborhood pool in Leawood as an attendant during the summer.

"God makes everyone unique," Walden said. "It is foolish to throw that away to be like everyone else."

In his limited time away from school, he enjoys listening to various genres of music and loves playing basketball with friends. His favorite movie is *Tommy Boy*, and his favorite television programs are *My Wife and Kids* and *The King of Queens*. He loves to eat pizza and spaghetti, as long as they are without spinach or anchovies.

During his sophomore year, Walden participated in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* as a chorus member. Because of his singing talent, he was selected for the first-ever RHS Chamber Choir. He enjoys singing so much that he participates in nearly everything the Music Department does.

"Walden is a cool guy to be around. He shows respect to everyone and helps them when they need it," said sophomore Andrew Boos. "He is a goofy guy, looking to make everything enjoyable."

He has been on the honor roll for the past three years and has a cumulative GPA of 3.5. He is very cooperative when asked for help, becoming early on a man for others.

"Brian is a wonderful person to have in class, he always has his hand raised and seems eager to learn every day," said Mr. Tom Norman.

Future plans are not yet a big issue for Walden. He knows that he wants to major in a foreign language or computing but does not know which college he wants to attend. He does look forward to having his own family.

"Well, it is every man's dream to have a family," he said. "Why should I be different from anyone else?" Story by Matt Vaughan

THE MAN BEHIND THE SMILE



BRIAN WALDEN

Fifteen Rockhurst seniors were recognized as National Merit Finalists in early March, as determined by scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) given to the juniors.

Finalists were Tim Sullivan, Mark Mattione, Nick Mabry, Steven Baugh, Alex Nordholm, Brian Koenen, Mike Moritz, Michael Stacy, Tim Hannah, Duo Yang, E.E. Keenan, Matt Judge, Tyler True, Jimmy Utley, and Jeff Nagy. Jory Hansen was a semi-finalist.

While the requirement to be a commended student was scoring a 199-214 on the PSAT, the semifinalists and finalists needed a 215 or above.

"It really shows they have great potential and a natural testing ability," said Mr. Rob Herald, Director of College Counseling.

Offering a PSAT prep class for the Class of 2003 may have had an impact on the students who achieved National Merit status.

"The PSAT prep class helped by familiarizing me with the exam," Koenen said. "This made me comfortable while taking the test."

Other than looking great on a college resume, National Merit status gave students a chance to receive scholarship money.

"It has opened up many opportunities for me, perhaps even more than I can keep up with," Mattione said.

But the semi-finalists had to work to become one of the 8,000 finalists. They had to turn in their SAT I scores as well as other academic information, including an essay about major contributions to the school and community, personal characteristics, activities, plans, and goals.

All the students who achieved National Merit status were active in a variety of extra-curricular activities ranging from newspaper to football to debate.

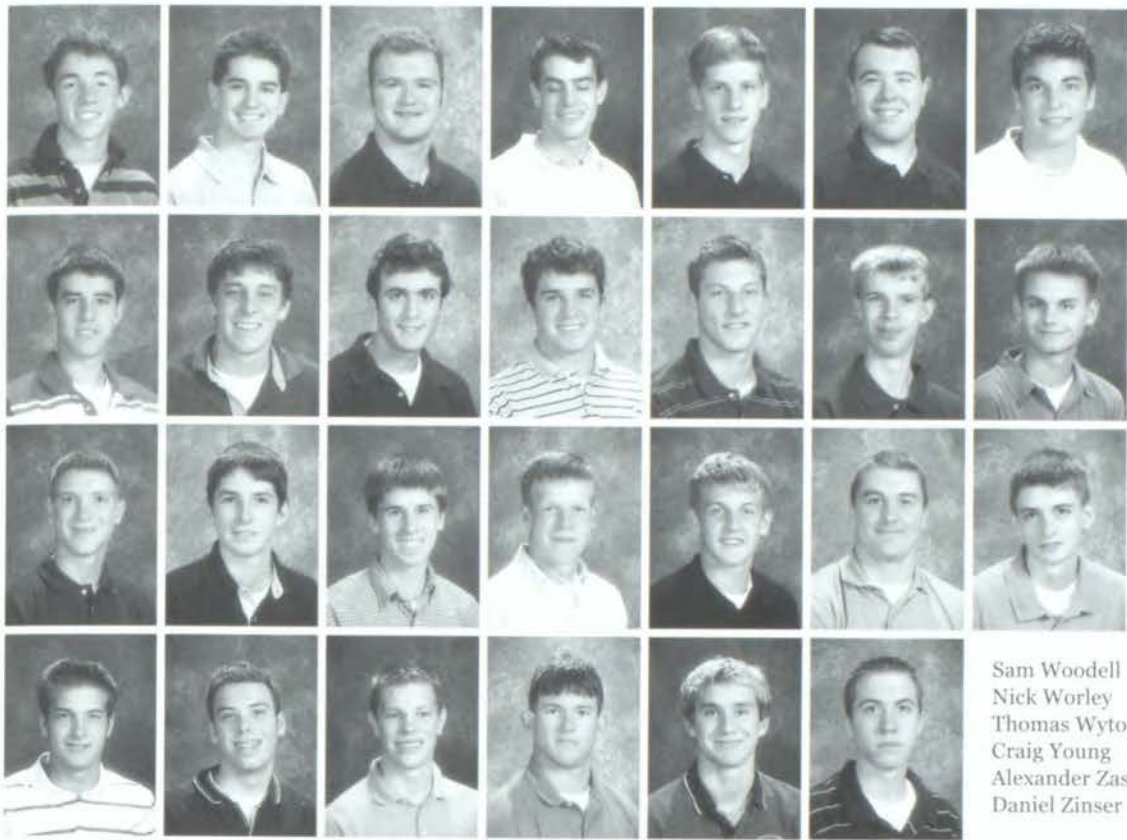
In addition to the semi-finalists, there were the 17 Rockhurst commended students including Patrick

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NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS



National Merit Semi-Finalists. FRONT ROW: Tim Sullivan, Mark Mattione, Nick Mabry, Steven Baugh, SECOND ROW: Alex Nordholm, Brian Koenen, Mike Moritz, Jory Hansen, Michael Stacy, THIRD ROW: Tim Hanna, Duo Yang, E.E. Keenan, Matthew Judge, FOURTH ROW: Tyler True, Jimmy Utley. NOT PICTURED: Jeff Nagy



Jonathan Vigliaturo
 Lucas Villanueva
 Joey Wagner
 Max Wagner
 Vince Wagner
 Brian Walden
 Drew Walsh

Brian Ward
 David Ward
 Stephen Weiss
 Steve Welsh
 Todd Whitaker
 Danny White
 Tanner White

Tommy Whitehead
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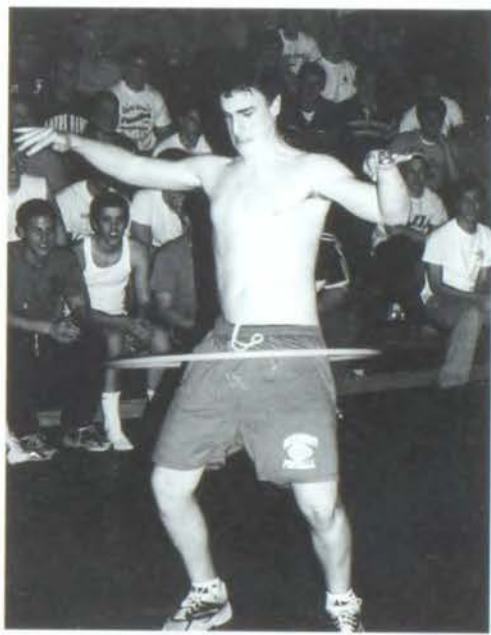
juniors

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Thien-An Nguyen-Vu expresses his annoyance during Latin class. Junior members of SADD, Jimmy Chalmers, Andrew Ford, and Sam Klos, take a break from selling drinks at a mixer.

Photo by Brian Kelly



Drew Goodwin competes in the hula hoop competition during the Mission Week pep rally. Vince Wagner and Mike Dow discuss the schedule of an upcoming play.

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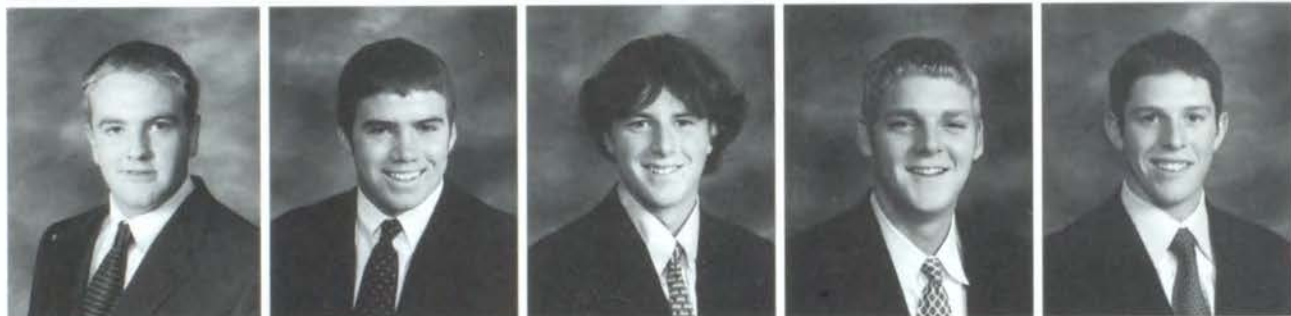
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David Bangert
Jordan Bastable



Steven Baugh
Noah Beach
John Becker
Andy Beisser
Charles Bennett



Brian Betterman
Adam Blake
Josh Boesen
Danny Boyd
Andrew Bradshaw



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Kevin Brown
Eric Burtin
Nick Callegari



Scott Campbell
Adrian Carson
David Cascio
Andrew Charleton
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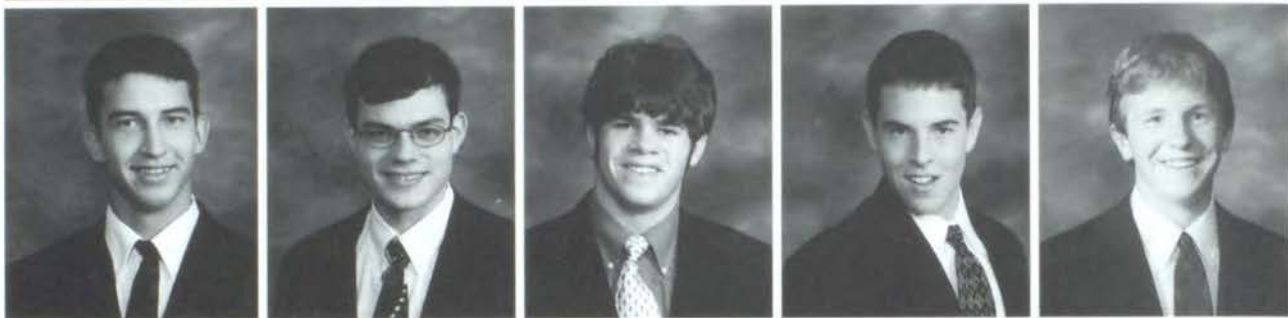
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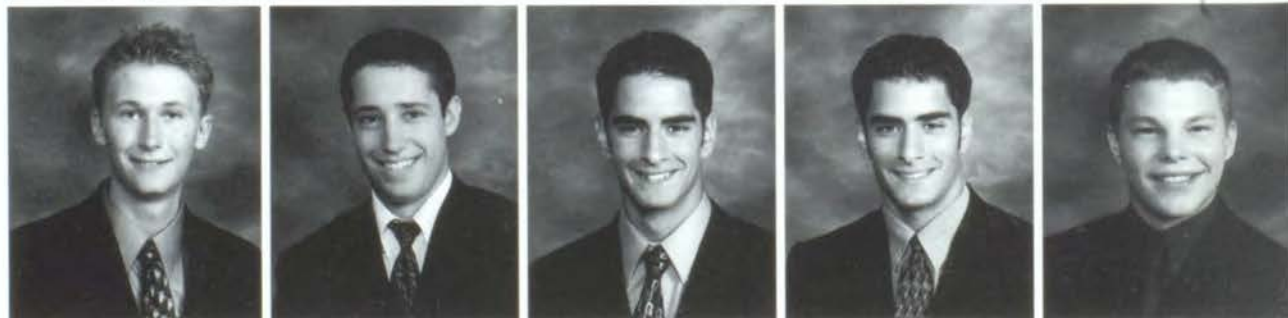
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Brian Graham
David Graham
Jack Grate



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John Hackman
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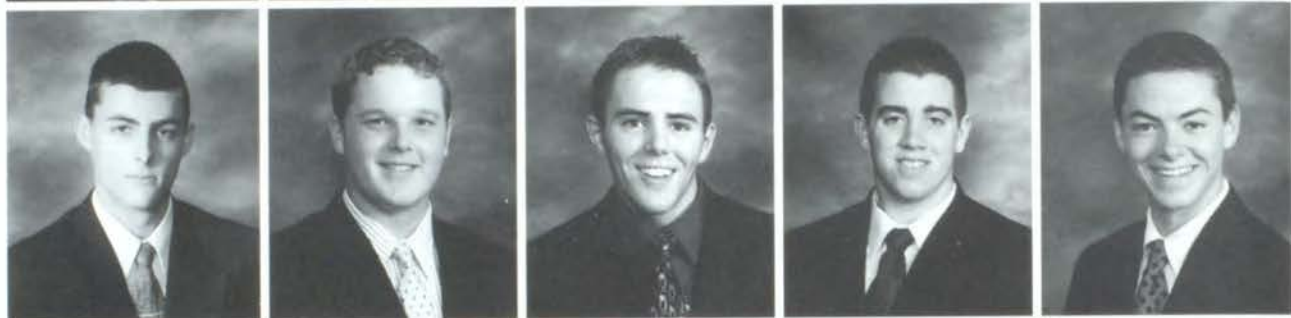
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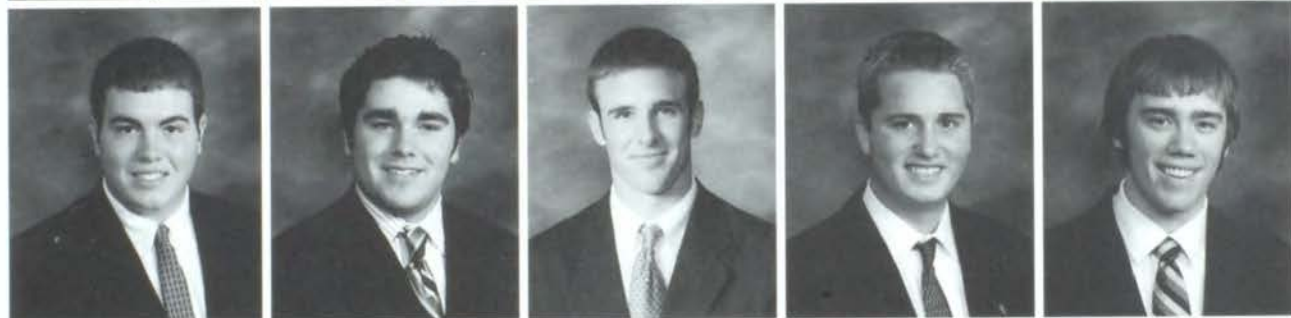
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 Roy Lightner
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Justin McAuley
Scottie McCaffrey



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Colin McDaniel
Robert McDill
Justin McDonald



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Dan McGuire
Ryan McHugh
Brice McKinley



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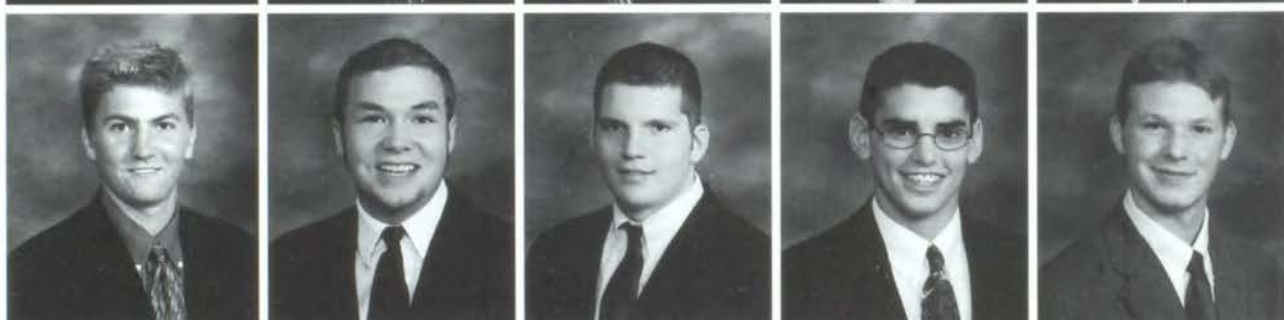
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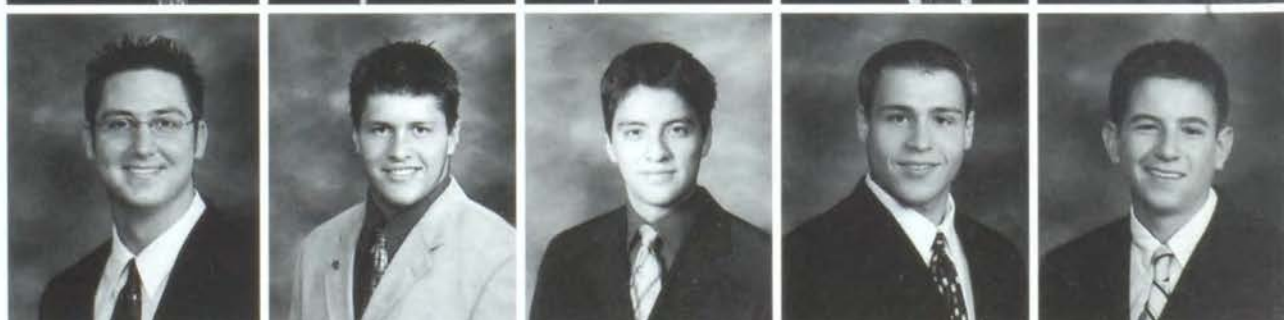
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 Matthew Reinsel



Ross Renne
 Stéphane Roque
 Joel Rosas
 Zachary Royer
 Trey Sabates



Jason Sabaugh
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 Kevin Sears
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 Alex Singleton

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Conner Smith
Darren Smith
Philip Smith
Michael Staab
Michael Stacy



Nick Starke
Phil Steed
Greg Steffens
John Strobl
Ben Stueve



Greg Sullivan
Timothy Sullivan
Ben Summers
Matthew Sweeney
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James Utley
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Ryan VanDyke
Ryan Vickers



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Jon Wachtel
Matthew Walczuk
Adam Webb
Brad Weishar



Kevin Welsh
Adam Wesley
Richard White
Zach White
Brendan Wilson



Matt Wimsett
Andrew Woods
Duo Yang
Kit Zecy

Not Pictured:
Jaron Moore
Tyrone Perkins

Seniors

Christopher Able—Golf Club 1, Secretary 2; Flying Club 3; Freshman Retreat Group Leader 3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3, President 4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track & Field 1,3; 2nd Honors 3,4; "Cowards often run into the very danger they seek to avert. Don't run from anything but sin, sir, and you will be alright." -Stonewall Jackson.

Chris Adair—NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 4; Ecology Club 4; Quarry Yearbook Club/Index Editor 3; Intramurals 2,3,4; SGA Social Athletic Committee 4; Freshman Retreat Leader 4; Kairos Leader 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; Senior Brother 4; Bowling Club 3; Football 1; 2nd Honors 2,3; 1st Honors 1,4; "The future is no place to place your better days." -Dave Matthews

Patrick Allegrì—Prep News 2,3,4, Co-Editor-in-Chief 4; Freshman Retreat Small Group Leader 3; Kairos 4; Speech/Debate 1; Mock Trial Team 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4; 1st Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; "Good, Better, Best. Never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best."

Tim Allen—Spanish Club 3; Regis Club 1,2; BBQ Club 2; Baseball 2,3,4; "If it's true that God is inside each and every one of us, I hope he likes enchiladas, because that is what he's getting." -Jack Handey.

Will Allen—Yahtzee Club 1; Track & Field 2,3; Rugby 4; "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work." -Thomas Edison.

Alex Altomare—Freshman Retreat small group leader 3; Herpetology Club 4; Racquetball Club 3,4; Chapel Choir 3,4; Pep Band 2; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Art Club 1; Soccer 1,2; Wrestling 1,3,4; Track 2,3,4; NHS 4; Honor Roll 1,3,4.

Matt Anderson—Fellowship of Christian Athlete 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; 1st Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4.

Eric Andrew—Lacrosse 1,2,3; Honors 1,2,3,4; "I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." -Thomas Jefferson

Zack Appl—Quarry Yearbook, Academics Editor 4; Intramurals 4; Football 1; Basketball 1,2; Golf 1,2,3; Second Honors 1,2; "Don't treat every situation like a life or death matter because you'll die a lot of times."

Brendan Arthur—Regis Club 2,3; Ultimate Frisbee Club 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3; "You're the man now, dog."

Brian Aylward—Disk Golf Club 3,4; Rugby 3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "No one gets too old to learn a new way of being stupid; We often meet destiny on the road we avoid it."

David Bangert—Ultimate Frisbee Club 1; Football 1,2; 2nd Honors 1,4; "If you're going through hell, keep going."

Jordan Bastable—FCA 1,2,3, President 4;

Frisbee Club 3,4; Finance & Investment Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Rugby 3,4; Honors 1,2,3,4; "I can do all things through God who gives me strength." -Phillipians

Steven Baugh—NHS 3, Officer 4; Student Success Center 3, Co-Director 4; Varsity Singers 4; Choir 1,2,4; Student Life Committee 4; Freshman Retreat 4; Soccer 1; Track & Field 1,2,3; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; R-Award 3; Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award; National High School Tutor of the Year. Carl G. Kloster, SJ. Special R Award. Commencement Speaker. "Practice makes Permanent."

Noah Beach—Football 1,2; Track & Field 1,2,3; 2nd Honors 1.

John Becker—Pep Band 1,2,3; Debate Team 1; Pastoral Department 1,2,3,4; Freshman Retreat Group Leader 3,4; Kairos 41 Leader; Theater 3; Ultimate Frisbee 4; "It is easy to say I'm sorry but it takes courage to ask for forgiveness."

Andrew Beisser—Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Studio Theater Council 2,3,4; Classics Club 1,2,3; Ignatian Honors 1,2,4; 1st Honors 3; "Be who you are and say what you will, because those who care don't matter, and those who matter don't care." -Dr. Seuss

Charles Bennett—Regis Club 2, Officer 3, Co-President 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 3; Theology 3; National Merit Commended 3; "What I gave I have, what I didn't give, I have lost forever."

Adam Blake—Finance & Investment Club 3, Officer 4; Spirit Club 3,4; Regis Club 1,2,3; Senior Brother 4; Football 1,2,3,4; 1st Honors 1,2,3,4; "In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But, in practice, there is."

Josh Boesen—Quarry Yearbook Organizations Editor 3; Bowling Club 3; Spanish Club 3; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3; Football 1; Lacrosse 1; 1st Honors 1,2,3,4; "Brothers don't shake hands. Brothers gotta hug!" -Tommy Callahan

Danny Boyd—Spirit Club 3,4; Regis Club 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Track & Field 1,2,3,4; 1st Honors 1,2,3; "If I could be any TV character, I would be a Teletubbie because everyone would want to hug me."

Andrew Bradshaw—Regis Club 1,2; Prep News 4; Frisbee Club 1; Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,4; "Who is your daddy, and what does he do?" -Arnold Schwarzenager

Donald Brain—SPA 3,4 Vice President 4; Track 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "We did not seek the role of leadership that has been thrust upon us. But whether we like it or not, the events of our time demand America's participation." -Ronald Reagan

Colin Bridgham—Prep News 3,4 Features

Editor 4; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Tech Theater 1,2; Kairos 42, Leader 43; Lacrosse 1; 1st Honors 1,2,3; 2nd Honors 4; "Life is a storm, my young friend. You will bask in the sunlight one moment, be smashed into the rocks the next. You must look into the storm and say 'do your worst, for I will do mine'." -The Count of Monte Cristo

Eric Burtin—MEET Group 1,2,3,4; FCA 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,4; Football 1; "Play hard, work harder."

Scott Campbell—Go Chicken Go Club 1; Disc Golf 3,4; Football 1,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Journalism Award 3; Second Honors 1,2,3; "Dan Latham's in the bathroom still."

Adrian Carson—SGA 1,2; MEET Group, Vice President 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Track & Field 1,2; "It's not what you say, it's how you say it. No matter what, make sure it sounds good."

David Cascio—Latin Club 1,2; Financial Club 3; Paintball Club 2,3; Tennis 1; "Porsche, there's no substitute."

Andrew Charlton—Go Chicken Go Club 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Rugby 4; Track 2,3; Lacrosse 1; Honors 1,2,3,4; "Many of life's circumstances are created by three basic choices: The disciplines you choose to keep, the people you choose to be with, and, the laws you choose to obey." -Charles Millhuff

Darren Chiao—Spanish 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Kairos 44; Tennis 1,2,3,4; First Honors 1,3,4; "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." -Confucius

Andrew Clement—NHS 3, Secretary 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3,4; Kairos 41; Football 1,2,3; Swimming 1,2,3, Captain 4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; National Merit Commended Scholar 4; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; "Give me a fish; I eat for the day. Teach me to fish; I eat for a lifetime."

Zach Cofran—Theater 2,3,4; Greek Club 3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Magis Award 1,2,3,4; National Latin Exam Gold/Silver 1,2; State Latin Exam Gold/Bronze 1,2; "Difficult are the beautiful." -Anonymous

Michael Comiskey—SGA Senior Class Rep; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1; Solid As A Rock 4; "There is more to life than being really really ridiculously good looking!" -Zoolander

Dan Cooper—Prep News 3,4; SGA Senior Class Rep; Spanish Club 2,3; Photo Club 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Cross Country 3; 1st Honors 1,2,3,4; "Just do it."

Andrew Crutchfield—Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3, President 4; Freshman Retreat Group Leader 3. Core Team 4; Students for

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Political Action 1,2,3,4; Regis Club; Wrestling 1,2; Track 2; Cross Country 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 3,4; NHS 3; II rating at State Solo Competition; "Greatly blessed are those who hear the call of the Lord. Still more greatly blessed are those who seek to do so."

Drew Davidson—NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Students for Political Action 2,3,4; Freshman Retreat Leader 4; Big Brother 4; Golf Club 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2,3,4; Regis Club 1,2,3; Football 1; Lacrosse 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; Golf 3; Perfect Attendance 1; First Honors 1,2,3,4; "If you want the rainbow, first you must put up with the rain."

David DeWolfe—Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Hockey 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

Aaron Dias—Bowling Club 3,4; Art Club 4; MEET Club 4; Ignatian Award 1,2,3,4; NHS 4; "To take risks and chances is to live life."

Ross DiSalvo—Art Club 1,2,3; "Don't be anything you're not. Find something you're good at and stick with it. It's your life, not theirs!"

Chris Donnelly—Flying Club 1,2, President 3,4; Regis Club 1; Speech & Debate 1; Quarry Yearbook Co-Editor in Chief 3; Intramurals 1,2,3; Who's Who among high school students 3,4; "If you want it you can have it, but you've got to learn to reach out there and grab it. If you blew it don't reject it, just keep drawing up the plans and re-erect it."-Weezer

Tom Dougherty—Bowling Club 3; Homeroom Rep 3; Yahtzee Club 2; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

Eamon Duede—Chess Club 1,2, President 3;

gone insane, and that your methods were unsound. Are my methods unsound? I've seen no methods whatsoever, sir. Are you an assassin? I'm a soldier, sir. You're neither. You're an errand boy sent by grocery clerks to collect their bills."

James Eftink—Spirit Club 3,4; NHS 3,4; Rockfest 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4 "Desire is defined by how hard someone is willing to fight for something."

Hani El-Haliwany—Quarry Yearbook Co-Editor-in-Chief 3; Basketball Manager 2,3; Track 1; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,3; "He who kneels down to God can stand up to anything."

Andy Elmer—Spirit Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "Its only when you learn how to struggle and survive that you discover who you really are. You learn lessons in life when you have to feel it in your heart the hard way, as opposed to not really knowing pain or not knowing embarrassment or disaster."

Alexander Ernst—NHS 3,4; French Club 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Tennis 1,2,3; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4.

Joshua Erwin—Chess Club 1; MEET Group 4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; "I'm a lover and a fighter."

Terry Euston—Disc Golf Club 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee Club 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Go Chicken Go Club 1; Battle of the Bands 4; Ceramics Arts Award 4; "Alive with Pleasure"-The

Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who among High School Students 3,4; "Hay problemas"-Señor Stair

Mike Finn—SADD 1,2,3, President 4; Spanish Club 2,3, President 4; Yahtzee Club President 1; SGA 1,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Honor roll 2,3,4; R-Award 1; "Everything that happens, happens as it should, and if you observe carefully you will find this to be so."-Marcus Aurelius

Tim Fitzgerald—Ice Hockey 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1; Golf 2,3; Honor Roll 1,4.

Johnny Francoviglia—Theater Council 4; Chamber Choir 4; R-Award 3; National Thespian Society 1,2,3,4; Outstanding Junior Choir Member; "I wanted to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what."-Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Jesse Franke-Rose—Art Club 4; Disc Golf 4; Hockey 2; Rugby 4; Football 1; Basketball 1; "Live life to the fullest, take risks and have fun."

John Friend—Disc Golf Club 3,4; Go Chicken Go Club 1; Regis Club 2; Fencing Club 3; Football 1; Honor Roll 1,2; KSHB High School Athlete of the Week 3; Quarry Yearbook People Editor 3; "Could Jesus microwave a burrito so hot that he himself could not eat it."-Homer Simpson

Chris Gabhart—Bowling Club 2,3,4; Yahtzee Club 1; Regis Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Golf Club 2,3; Football 1,2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "If you had one moment to seize everything you



Science Club Treasurer/Secretary 4; Honors 1,2,3,4; "It takes more than combat gear to make a man, and it takes more than a license for a gun. Confront your enemies, avoid them when you can. A gentleman will walk but never run. It takes a man to suffer ignorance and smile. Be yourself no matter what they say."

Gregory Duncan—Chapel Choir 1,2,3,4; State Music Festival 2,3,4; All Metro Band 3; "If you have walked all these days with ear closed and mind asleep, wake up now."

Clint Dunsworth—Chess 1,2,3; Forensics 3; "Did they tell you why? Why they wish to terminate my command? They told me that you had

Texas Instruments.

B. J. Fagan—Regis Club 2,3; FCA 4; Spirit Club 4; Hockey 1,2,3,4; Rockfest 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2; "Here I go again on my own...going down the only road I've ever known."-Whitesnake

Michael Farrell—Ultimate Frisbee 1; Rockfest 1,2,3; Prep News 2,3, Co-Head Copy Editor 4; Football 1; Swimming/Diving 2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2; Soccer Mgr. 1, 2,3,4; 1st Honors 1; 2nd Honors 2,3,4; "The old do I have to be before I'm a Dude?"-Dennis the Menace

Scott Ferguson—NHS 3,4; SGA Vice President 3; Student Body Vice President 4; Prep News 3; Regis Club 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4; R-Award 2,3;

ever wanted, would you capture it or let it slip?"-Eminem

Brett Gamso—Ecology Club 3, Vice President 4; Regis Club 2,3; Bowling Club Co-President 3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 4; Pep Band 1; Soccer 1,2,3; "There is no tomorrow if you don't live for today."

Grant Gates—Kairos 40; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "Be excellent to each other."-Bill and Ted

Jared Glimcher—Drama Club 2,3,4; Theater 2,3; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Prep News 3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; "A child's rhyme stuck in my head. It said that life is but a dream. I've spent



so many years in question to find I've known this all along...Prying open my third eye."-Tool.
"Third Eye"

Brian Graham—Golf Club 1; Spanish Club 4; Prep News 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "You can't lose what you don't put in the middle...but you can't win either."-Mike McDermik

David Graham—Regis Club 1; Football 1; Track & Field 2,3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."-Steve Prefontaine

Jake Grate—SGA Class Representative 1,2; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Cross Country 4; Wrestling 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Theater 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "All you have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to you."

Thomas Graves—Spirit Club 3,4; FCA 4; SGA 1,2,4; Football 1,2; Wrestling 1; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; R-Award 1; "Be original and no one can say you are wrong."

Colin Groves—Hockey 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Disc Golf Club 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "When the roosters are crowin' and the cows are spinnin' circles in the pasture...ducks fly together."

Ryan Gound—Spirit Club 4; Intramurals 1,2,3; Football 1; 2nd Honor 1,2,3,4; "The harder you work, the better your luck is."

Joe Hager—SGA 1,2,3; Student Life Committee 1,2,3,4; Theater 1,2,3,4; Outstanding Actor 3; Choir 1,2,3,4; 1st Place District Music Competition, 2nd Place State 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,4; BBQ Club; "I gotta pee."-Forrest Gump

Matthew Hall—SADD 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; GO-Chicken-GO Club 1; Golf Club 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 2; Kairos 41; "Turkey is simply the leftovers from the Ottoman Empire."-Mr. Chris Elmore

Tim Hanna-SADD 1; Science Club 4; Drama 1,2,3,4; Forensics 3; Model UN 2,3,4; "The secret to life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you have got it made."-Groucho Marx

Jory Hanson—"Sometimes I wish that train hadn't crushed my legs."

John Derek Hardin—Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2; Honor Roll 2,4; "JEVUM started as an idea, now it has formed into a state of being made up of SUDY, SAGY, SALL, SUTIWAS, SURKIN, SUT, YEE, COAL and TANX. It's an idea most people cannot grasp, most can only try."

John Hawley-- Yahtzee Club 1; Film-Video Club 1,2; Bowling Club 2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3; "There is pleasure, sure, in being mad, in which none but madmen know."-John Dryden

Logan Heatwole-- Football 1,2,3; Track & Field 2,3; Honor Roll 1,4; Rockfest 2,3,4; "It's alright to feel good. It's alright for nothing to be wrong. The deepest dream that we have could be tomorrow's song."-311

Sean Heiman--Art Club 2,3; Lacrosse 1,2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "Celebrate, we will. 'cuz life is short but sweet for certain."-Dave Matthew's Band

Jeffrey Herr—Golf Club 1; Film-Video Club 1; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; NHS 3; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; "Anything is possible. If you don't know what you are talking about."

Daniel Hindman—Honor Roll 1,2; "Strive for your best, and live every day to the fullest because you only live once."-anonymous

Thomas Houlehan—Ultimate Frisbee 1,2; Pro-Life Club 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Football 1; "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."-John F. Kennedy

Dan Howard—Photography Club 4; Spanish Club 1; Regis Club 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Track & Field 2,3,4; It's when things seem worst, that you must not quit."

William John—Soccer 1,2,3,4; All-American 4; Missouri State Player of the year 02-03; Single Season goal record (36 goals) 4; "Don't be so humble. You are not that great. And if Pele hadn't been born a man he would have been born a ball."-Golda Meir/ Armando Nogueira

Chase Johnson—SGA Student Life Committee Co-Chairman 4; NHS 3,4; Regis Club 1; Football 1; Spanish Club 1; Senior Brother/Freshman Retreat 4; First Honors 2,3,4; Second Honors 1; "In no way does your argument even resemble an acceptable view. Right. In fact, the book directly states the exact opposite. Right."-4th Hour Honors Government

Nick Johnson—MEET Group 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1; Track 2,3; 2nd Honors 1,2,4; "Don't you ever let no one tell you to grow up, and give up on your dreams."

Jack Jones—Regis Club 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; All-State Track 2; All-District 3,4; All-State HM 4; All Metro HM; "Northland baby, picture me rollin'."

Matt Judge—Art Club 1; Rock Collection 1,2,3,4; Battle of the Bands 3,4; Debate 1; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3; National Merit Semifinalist 4; English Dept. Award 2; Latin Metal 1
Tucker Keatley — NHS 3,4; Freshman Retreat 3,4; Theater 1,2,4; 1st Honors 1,2,3,4; "The thing about ADD is... HEY LOOK A SQUIRREL!"

Logan Keech—Yahtzee Club 1; Bowling 3; Regis Club 2; Book of the Month Club 3; Football 1,2; 2nd Honors 3; NHS 4; "I'm afraid I can't save your son, but I can dance the robot."

E.E. Keenan — Speech and Debate 2,3,4; Justice Committee Chairman 3,4; Amnesty International 2,3. Vice-president 4; SPA/ Model UN 2,3, President 4; Classics Club 1,2,3; NHS 3,4; Math Club 3,4; Track and Field 2,3,4; National Merit Finalist 4; Ignatian Honors 2,3,4; U.S. History Award 3; U. of Rochester Humanities and Social Sciences Award 3; Forensics Award 2; "We must strive to guarantee the

equal dignity of all human beings."

Mark Keleher — Ecology Club 3,4; Regis Club 2,3; Soccer 2,3,4; Track 1; Rugby 4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Freshman Retreat 4; Kairos 40; "Get to know everyone because everyone is interesting."

Brian Kelly SADD 2,3,4; Chapel Choir 4; Drama 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Wrestling 1,2; Second Honors 3,4; "It is not the size of the dog in the fight that matters; it is the size of the fight in the dog."

Grant Keyser — BBQ Club 2; Kairos Leader 4; Football 1,2,3; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "In each of us, two natures are at war, the good and the evil."

Mike Kincaid — Spanish Club 2,3; Finance and Investment Club 3; Ecology Club 4; Lacrosse 1; Football 1; Hockey 1,2,3,4; Track 4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; NHS 4; "Why does Blake ALWAYS want to go to Town Center?"

B.J. King — Regis Club 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3; Football 1,2; "You might be headed down the right path, but if you just stand you will get run over."

Nicholas Kinney — Bowling Club co-president 2,3,4; Prep News 3,4; Yahtzee Club 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; "Forget it, man. Let's go bowling."

Carl Kline — Go-Chicken-Go 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1; Speech and Debate 1; Prep News 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Golf Club 1; Senior Brother/Freshman Retreat 4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track and Field 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Ignatian Honors 1; Second Honors 2,3,4.

Garrett Klingler —Latin Club; Regis Club; Go-Chicken-Go Club; Football 1,2,3,4; Track and Field 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll.

David Koehler — Personal Finance and Investment Club 3; Second Honors 1,2,3,4; "Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo."-H.G Wells

Brian Koehn — Personal Finance and Investment Club 3; Student Life Committee 4; NHS 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Scholarship 1; Silver Medal National Latin Exam 1,2; National Merit Semifinalist 3; First Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; "Knowledge can be communicated, but wisdom cannot. A man can find it, he can live it, he can be filled and sustained by it, but he cannot utter or teach it."-Hermann Hesse

Alex Kopulos - Spirit Club 3,4; Baseball 1; Rugby 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; 600% weight club; 1000 pound club; "It's all about the chick's." Jeff Fahey

T.J. Kratofil — NHS 3,4; Rockfest committee 2; Football 1; Golf 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Second Honors 1,2,4; First Honors 1, 3; Ignatian Honors 3; "I know my calculus. It says You + Me = US" -Together

Colin Krug—French Club 1,2,3; Treasurer 4; NHS 3,4; Art Club 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Tennis 2,3; Basketball Statistician 1; Honors 1,2,3,4; "What is Tucker doing??!!"

Jacob Kruger — Yahtzee Club 1; Rock Collec-



tion 3,4; Disc Golf Club; Book of the Month president 3; Drama Club 2,3,4; Battle of the Bands 4; Football 1; "so it goes."

Mark Keleher—Ecology Club 3,4; Regis Club 2,3; Freshman Retreat Group Leader 4; Kairos 40 3; Soccer 2,3,4; Track 1; Rugby 4; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "Get to know everyone because everyone is interesting."

Joe LaScala—Pastoral Council Founder 4; Technology Committee 4; Freshman Retreat Leader 3; Technical Advisor 4; Sacristan 1,2,3,4; SGA Pastoral Activities Chair 4; Wrestling 1,2; Football 1; R-Award 2,3; "Yealm! Yealm toast!"

Kevin LeRoy—Freshman Retreat 4; Football 1,3,4; Honor Roll 1,4; "No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great, duty first."-Motto of the Big Red 1

Bradford Long—NHS 3,4; SPA 1, Election Co-Chair 2,3, JCCC Model UN Chair 4; Rockfest Committee 2,3,4; Kairos 4; Golf Club 1, Historian 2; SGA Homeroom Rep. 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track & Field 4; Intramurals 1,2; Basketball Statistician 1; 1st Honors 1,3; 2nd Honors 2; Ignatian Honors 4; Theology Award 3; Xavier University Book Award 3; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; "I am proud of my country and its flag. I will try to make the people of this nation proud of the service I represent, for I am an American soldier."-Soldier's Creed

Terry Lord—Book Club 3, Co-President 4; Disc Golf Club, Viceroy 4; The Great Outdoors Club 4; Regis Club 1; Soccer 1; JV Tennis 1; Honors 1,2,3,4.

Nicholas Mabry—Ultimate Frisbee 1,2; SADD 2,3, Secretary 4; Science Club 1,2; Debate 1; Swim Team 1,2,3,4; 1st Honors 1,2,3; National Merit Hispanic Scholar 4; National Merit Finalist 4; "[Forget] it, Dude. Let's go bowling"-Walter Soppke (Big Lebowing 1999)

Jimmy Maliszewski—Debate 1; Latin Club 1,2; Freshman Retreat 3,4; Pro-life Club 1,2,3,4; Kairos Group Leader 4; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2; Track 3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "A smart man once explained to me that the more educated a person is, the more liberal they are. I guess that just shows you how stupid 'smart people' really are." -Me

Sal Marsalla—Regis Club 1,2; Speech and Debate 1; BBQ Club 3; Go-Chicken-Go Club 2; Spanish Club 4; Paintball Club 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2; "One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his greatest surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do." -Henry Ford

Mark Mattione—Spanish Club 4; Go-Chicken-Go Club 1; Photo Club 2; Prep News 2,3, Managing Editor 4; Track & Field 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; National Merit Finalist 4; "If you pile up enough tomorrows, you'll end up with a bunch of empty yesterdays."

Joseph McAdam—Book of the Month Club 3,4; Speech and Debate 1; Yahtzee Club 1; Disc Golf 4; Football 1; Honor Roll 1,2; "If it's gonna

be that kind of party..."-Beastie Boys

Justin McAuley—Regis Club 1,2; Ecology Club 3,4; NHS 4; Football 1,2; Track & Field 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3; 1st Honors 4; "Michaeel Pharreeel"

Scott McCaffrey—Spirit Club 3,4; SGA Class Representative 2,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Wrestling 1,2; 1st Honors 1,2,3; 2nd Honors 4; Runner-Up Air Band Contest 4; "When I read about the evils of partying, I gave up reading."

Logan McCoy—Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Amnesty International 2,3,4; SADD 2; NHS 3; Theater 1,2,3,4; Varsity Singers 4; Studio Theater Council 4; 1st Honors 1; 2nd Honors 2,3,4; Most Improved Actor Award 3; "In emptiness there is good but no evil. Wisdom exists, logic exists, the Way exists, mind is empty."-Miyamoto Musashi

Colin McDaniel—Pep Band 1,2; Music Guild Archivist 3, 4; Paintball Club 4; Photo Club 4; Fencing Club 2; Lacrosse 1; Missouri District Music Award (Solo & Small Ensembles) 1,2,3.

Justin "Jmac" McDonald—SGA 1; REP Program Counselor 2,3,4; MEET Group 2,3,4; Football 3,4; Track 2,3; Wrestling 2; Perfect Attendance 2,3,4; Honor Roll 3,4; "If it's not the best, I don't want it."

Adam McGovern—Bowling Club 3; Lacrosse 1,2; "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer."

Ryan McHugh—Cross Country 1; Tennis 3; "Look on today for tomorrow will have its own troubles."

Justin McGrew—French Club 1,2; SADD 1; Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Freshman Retreat 4; Kairos 42 4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."-Samuel Johnson

Dan McGuire—Chapel Choir 1,2; Rock Collection 2; Book of the Month Club 1,2,3, President 4; Great Outdoors Club 4; Disc Golf Club 4;

Brice McKinley—MEET 1,2,3, President 4; Forensics Award 3; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; PE Award; "Get it while you can get it."

Matt McMurtry—Homeroom Rep 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Golf Club 1; Rugby 2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,4; "You got to just keep on keepin' on, Thank ya Aaaaaa Thank ya."

Mark McNeal—Regis Club 3; Flying Club 4; Chapel Choir 2; Theater 4; Forensics 1; French Club 2; R Award 4; "A leader is just a follower who puts on a cup when balls are to the wall."

Mike McShane—SGA Soph. Class President, Freshman Class Coordinator 3, Secretary/Treasurer 4; Freshman Retreat Grounds Crew Foreman 3, Co-Chairman 4; NHS 3,4; Pep Band 1; Concert Band 1; Jazz Ensemble 2,3,4; Intramural Basketball 3,4; 1st Honors 1,2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; Fairfield Book Award 3; R-Award 2,3,4; National Merit Commended Student 4; "Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds, have no

fear for atomic energy, 'cause none of them can stop the time. How long shall they kill our prophets while we stand aside and look? Some say it's just a part of it, we've got to fulfill the book."-Bob Marley 'Redemption'

Ryan Melgaard—SADD 4; Soccer 1,2,3; Golf 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "Nothing so conclusively proves a man's ability to lead others as what he does from day to day to lead himself."

Brennan Metzler—NHS 3,4; Prep News 3, Co-Editor in Chief 4; Cross-Country 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track & Field 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 3,4; 1st Honors 1,2; Golden Spike Award 4; R-Award 3; National Merit Commended Student 3; "The capacity to dream is a gift which must be protected, cherished and, most importantly, utilized; so that the impossible becomes routine and the unthinkable becomes the standard."

Roman Minturn—Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; 2nd Honors 1,4.

James Mitchell—Book of the Month Club 2,3, Co-President 4; Video Club 1; Frisbee Club 4; Hockey 1; Football 1; "To da moon Jack, to da moon."

Pat Mohart—Golf Club 1,2; Spanish Club 4; Cross Country 3,4; Lacrosse 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "I remember that one fateful day when Coach took me aside. I knew what was coming. 'You don't have to tell me,' I said. 'I'm off the team, aren't I?' 'Well,' said Coach, 'you were never really ON the team. You made that uniform you're wearing out of rags and towels, and your helmet is a toy space helmet. You show up at practice and then either steal the ball and make us chase you to get it back, or you try to tackle people at inappropriate times.' It was all true what he was saying. And yet, I thought something is brewing inside the head of this Coach. He sees something in me, some kind of raw talent that he can mold. But that's when I felt the handcuffs go on."

-Author unknown

William Monsees—Yahtzee Club 1; Disc Golf Club 3,4; "Calmer than you are, Dude."

JaRon Moor—MEET Group 2,3, Media Advisor 4; Football 1,2,3,4; "Get rich or die trying."-50 Cent

Ryan Mulloy—Regis Club 1,2; Disc Golf Club President 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Go-Chicken-Go Club 1; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "Life's like baseball. You can strike out or get on base, but the most important thing is that you swung."-Eboo Legend

Mark Munninghoff—NHS 3,4; TIE 4; Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Scholar-Athlete Award 4; "Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today."-Robert J. Hastings

Matt Nagle—Pro-Life Club 1, 2; Model U.N. 1, 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track and Field 1; "You are not finished until you say that you are finished."

Jeff Nagy—Science Knowledge Bowl 1,2,3,4; Math Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4;



Battle of the Bands Chairman 4; Student Success Center 3, Chairman 4; Classics Club 1, Quaestor 2, Senatus 3, Consul 4; Intramural Basketball 4; Ultimate Frisbee 3, 4; Top Math Student 1, 2, 3; Top Science Student 1, 2, 3; Top English Student 1, 3; *"I say to you: one must still have chaos in oneself to give birth to a dancing star."*-F. Nietzsche

Rehan Nana—SADD 3, Vice President 4; Paintball Club Vice President 3; Football 1; Lacrosse 1, 2; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Second Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"No mas tiempo."*-Doctor Taracido

Danny Neenan—Disc Golf 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 1, 2; Football 1; Rugby 2, 3, 4; *"I like half of you as much as I should like, and the other half I like as much as they deserve."*-J.R.R. Tolkien

Rick Nelson—Jazz Band 3, 4; Football 1; Wrestling 1; Second Honors 1, 2, 3, 4

Nathan J. Ney—Spirit Club 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Intramural Volleyball 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Second Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Life is about turning the things you really want to do into the things you've done."*

Noah Ney—Spirit Club 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Class Representative 3; Football 1; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Knock Knock...who's there?... Nothing."*-Dave Tiehen

David Nguyen—French Club 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; MEET Group 3, 4; Ignatian Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."*

Truong Nguyen—Spanish Club 3, 4; French 4; MEET Group 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Cross Country 1; R Award 3; Ignatian Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"There's more to life than being really, really, really ridiculously good looking (like what?) Like helping people. (What people?)"*-Zoolander

John-Paul Nigro—SGA Class Vice-president 1, 2, Class President 3, SGA President 4; Regis Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2; Lacrosse 1, 2; R Award 1, 2, 3; Jesuit Secondary Education Association Award 4; Who's Who Among High School Students 4; Liturgy and Worship Award 4; *"Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought show itself more in deeds than in words."*

Matt Nocita—SGA 2, 3, 4; Student Life Committee 4; Personal Finance and Investment Club 4; Debate and Forensics 1; Mock Trial 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Baseball 1; Academic Award in Theology 1; Ignatian Honors 3, 4; First Honors 1, 2; *"Dreams and ambitions are precisely what give people the faith to undertake projects which rational calculation or common sense would reject."*-Thomas L. Friedman

Alex Nordholm—Regis Club 1, 2; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 1; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 All District 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Golf 2, 3, 4; *"I don't know where I am or what product I'm endorsing, but I'm here and I'm gonna give it my best shot."*-Hansel (Zoolander)

Pete Novick—French Club 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Regis Club 1; Freshman Retreat Group Leader 3, 4; Kairos-41 4; Big Brother 4; Soccer 1; Basketball 1, 2; Lacrosse 1, 2, 3, 4; First Honors 2; Ignatian Honors 1, 3, 4; *"Don't give up. Don't ever give up."*-Jimmy Valvano

Patrick O'Brien—*"Some have been thought brave because they were afraid to run away. What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger."*

T.J. O'Connor—Spirit Club 1; Disc Golf 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising everytime we fall."*

Brady O'Halloran—NHS 3, 4; Regis Club 1, 2, 3; Go-Chicken-Go 1; Football 1; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; First Honors 1; Ignatian Honors 2, 3, 4; Commended National Merit Scholar 4; *"You can't always look at situations as life or death. If you do, you will dies many times."*-Van Wilder

Patrick O'Leary—Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Lacrosse Mgr 2, 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2; *"Wisdom will come not with age, but with experience and serious reflection. And, those who have true wisdom are neither pessimistic nor optimistic, but love life for all that it is."*

John Olshefski—Regis Club 1, 2, 3; Go-Chicken-Go 1; NHS 3, 4; Basketball 1; Football 1, 2, 3; World History Award 2; First Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"What we do in life echos in eternity."*—Maximus Areluis

Andrew Paterini—NHS 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Lacrosse 1, 2, 3, 4; First Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Dreaming big isn't sitting, thinking; it's running, striving."*

Eduardo Paz—Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; *"The best time in my life."* "Viva Mexico." "Love my parents."

Anthony Pereira—French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech and Debate 4; Pro-Life 4; Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2; NHS 3, 4; *"We came, we saw, we conquered, stuck together and survived the Rock."*

Kyle Perez—Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Barbeque Club 3; Football 1; Second Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; *"I live my life a quarter mile at a time."*

Andrew Perry—Amnesty International 3, 4; Rock Collection 3, 4; *"I wish I could have a real tragic love affair and get so bummed out that I'd just quit my job and become a bum for a few years, because I was thinking about doing that anyway."*

Marcus Alan Perry—NHS 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball; 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Bukaty Award 4; Ignatian Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Speak quietly and carry a big stick."*

Collin R. Pierson—Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Photography Club 3; Regis Club 1, 2, 3; Prep News 2, 3, Senior Editor 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Football 1; Golf 2; Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."*-Robert Frost

Nick Plott—French Club 3, 4; Chess Club 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Starcraft ruined my life."*

Bradford Poskin—Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, Captain 4; Baseball 1; Track & Field 2; 1st Honors 1, 2; Ignatian Honors 3, 4; Who's Who among American High School Students 3; *"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."*-Mahatma Gandhi

Blake Quaison—Finance and Investment Club 4; FCA 3, 4; Football 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Second Honors 1, 2; Ignatian Honors 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; *"Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."*

John Quinn—SADD 1; Paintball 2, 3; Ultimate Frisbee 1; Football 1; *"Even though I have made mistakes, my hard work and dedication will pay off in the end."*

Anthony Quirarte—Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; *"No statue has ever been erected for a critic."*

Nick Rada—Bowling Club 2, Viceroy 3, 4; Prolife Club 4; Homeroom Rep 2; Soccer 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; *"Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?"*-George W. Bush

Nick Rawlings—Book of the Month Club 3, Co-President 4; Pep Band 3; Senior Jazz Band 4; Chapel Choir 3, 4; 1st Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; All District Jazz Band 4; *"Don't forget me!"*-Danny Glover

Kevin Reardon—Regis Club 2; Racquetball Club 3, President 4; Football mgr. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Mgr. 1; 2nd Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime, we'll take the best, forget the rest and someday we'll find...these were the best of times."*-Styx

Chris Reichmeier—Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Pit Orchestra 1, 2, 3; *"It could always be worse."*

Ryan Reid—Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; 1st Team All Metro 2, 3; 1st Honors 1, 2, 3, 4; *"Quality, not Quantity"*—Jeff Benson

Kevin Reidy—Spanish Club 3, 4; FCA 3; Go Chicken-Go Club 1; Football 1; Lacrosse 1, 2, 3, 4; Second Honors 1, 2, 3; *"Jevum—a state of being beyond what the mind can conceive"*

Matthew Reinsel—Chess Club 1, 2, 3; Science Club 4; *"Neither in French nor in English, nor in Mexican."*—George W. Bush's April 21, 2001 response when asked to answer a reporter's question at the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, Canada.

Ross Renne—Paintball Club 2, President 3; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Football 1.

Stéphane Roque—President; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Swimming 1; *"Only God can judge me."*

Joel Rosas—Regis Club 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Spanish Club 4; Go Chicken Go Club 1; NFL Speech and Debate 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track and Field 1, 2; Computer Applications II Award 3.

Zachary Royer—Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4; NHS 3, 4; Soccer



1,2; 1st honors 1,2,3; Ignatian Honors 3,4; R-Award 3; *"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."* - Albert Einstein

Trey Sabates - Disc Golf Club 4; Regis Club 1; Wrestling 1; Football 1,2,3; Swimming 2,3,4; Rugby 1,2,3,4; *"The difference between a champ and chump is you."*

Jason Sabaugh - SGA 3,4; Photography Club 3; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Debate 1; Football 1; Track 2,3; Cross Country 3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Why don't they make the whole plane out of that black box stuff?"* - Steve Santacruz

Matthew Schleicher - Regis Club 1; NHS 3,4; Soccer 1; First Honors 1,2,3,4; *"If something looks good, you'll see it, if it sounds good, you'll hear it; however, if it is REAL you will feel it."*

Kevin Sears - FCA 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Magis Award 1,2,3,4; *"Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records."* - William A Ward
Tray Sifers - Football 1,2,3,4; Diving 4; Lacrosse 1; NHS 3; *"Those who find comfort in uncomfortable comforts are in turn uncomfortable..."*

Conner Smith - SGA 2,3; Spirit Club 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4; Rugby 1,2,3,4; *"Keep on Keepin' on."*

Darren Smith - Soccer 1,2,3,4; Honors 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; *"I think it might be time for another tent meeting."*

Philip Smith - FCA 3,4; Prolife Club 2,3,4; Track and Field 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; 1st Honors 1; 2nd Honors 2,3,4; Freshman Retreat group leader.

Michael Stacy - Prep News 3,4; NHS 3,4; TIE 4; Senior Brother 4; Rockfest 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; Journalism I Award; National Merit Finalist; *"If a man does his best, what else is there?"* - Gen. George S. Patton.

Nick Starke - Classics Club; Debate 1; Basketball Statistician 1; Pep Band 1; Lacrosse 1;

Philip Steed - Disc Golf Club 3,4; Football 1; Wrestling 1; Magis Award 1,2,3,4; Rugby 3,4; *"I'd rather be disc golfing."*

Greg Steffens - Golf Club 1; Regis Club 1; Lacrosse 1; Ignatian Honors 3,4; First Honors 1,2; *"Sweet future."*

John Strobl - MEET Group 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

Greg Sullivan - Golf Club 1; Regis Club 2,3; Spanish Club 4; Go-Chicken-Go Club 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Second Honors 1,2; First Honors 3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; *"Don't worry about what will happen, just deal with it when it does."*

Timothy Sullivan - Regis Club 1,2,3; Co-President 4; Bowling Club 2,3,4; Flying Club 4; NHS 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4.

Ben Summers - Amnesty International 1,2; President 3,4; Rock Collection 2,3,4; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Model U.N. 2; Book Club 2,4; Pit Orchestra 3; R-Award 3; Honors 1,2,3,4; *"It's better to die on your feet than live a life on your knees."* - Emiliano Zapata

Matthew Sweeney - SGA 4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2; Diving 4; R-Award 2; NHS 3,4; *"Far better to dare mighty thing, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer because they live in the grey twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."* - Theodore Roosevelt

Adam Taylor - Intramurals 3,4; Spirit Club 4; Yahtzee Club 1; Regis Club 2; Go-Chicken-Go Club 1; Chess Club 3; Football Mgr. 1,2,3,4; Hockey 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,3,4; *"Eight year old dude."* - Walter Sopchek, The Big Lebowski

Kyle Teahan - Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; Team Captain 4; *"Some succeed because they are destined to. But most succeed because they are determined to."*

Dave Tiehen - Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Flying Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Rugby 4; *"As teenagers we travel many roads. These roads can often be very dark and windy...But it's ok because they are illuminated by street lights"* - "Sweet Jim!"

Tyler True - Math Club 1,2,3; President 4; French Club 1,2; Secretary 3, 4; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Music Guild Vice President 4; Pastoral Council 4; Geography Award 1; *"Beauty is truth, truth is beauty - that is all ye need to know on earth, and all ye need to know."* - John Keats, Ode on a Grecian Urn

Matt Turley - SADD 1; Theater 1; Photo Club 4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4.

Andrew Turner - NHS 3,4; French Club 1,2,3; President 4; MEET Club 3,4; Bowling Club 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3; Track 1; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; Columbia Book Award 3; *"When you say you are going to do something...make sure you do it."*

Jimmy Utley - Amnesty International 1,2,3,4; Urgent Action Coordinator 4; Theater 2,3,4; Speech and Debate 2; History Academic Award 2; *"It is sad and difficult to leave this place. It seems like life is a constant dying for the birth of new things. Remember this place--but don't linger here. For your life isn't ending; it's just beginning."*

Cory VanDyke - NHS 3,4; Rockfest 2,3,4; Go-Chicken-Go Club 1; FCA 3,4; Kairos 4; Prep News 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Captain 4; Who's Who in American High School Students 4; 1st Honors 1,2; 2nd Honors 3,4; National Society of High School Scholars 4; Boys State 3; *"Kyle, it's supposed to be hard. It's a short cut. If it were easy it would just be*

the way." - Road Trip

Ryan VanDyke - NHS 3,4; Rockfest 2,3,4; Prep News 3,4; Kairos Leader 4; Photo Club 1; Football 1,2,3; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Who's Who in American High Schools 4; National Society of High School Scholars 4; 1st Honors 1,2; 2nd Honors 3,4; *"I firmly believe a man's finest hour is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle-victorious."* - Vince Lombardi

Ryan Vickers - Golf 3; Diving 4 *"Every day is a challenge, so you just have to keep on keepin' on."*
Dane Vrabac - Flying Club 3; President 4; NHS 3; Vice President 4; Spirit Club 3; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Hockey 1,2; R-Award 3; 2nd Honors 1, 1st Honors 2; Ignatian Honors 3,4; *"No bird soars too high if it soars with its own wings."*

Jon Wachtel - Regis Club 1,2; Bowling Club 3; Ecology Club 3; President 4; Cross Country 2,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3; R-Award 3; *"Never be afraid to stand up for what you believe in, or else you might regret it forever"*

Matthew Walczuk - Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Model United Nations 3; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 3; *"What does not kill you, will only make you stronger."*

Adam Webb - NHS 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Karlos 42 4; Student Success Center 3; Football 1,2; 1st Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Unger Lunch, ya know I see your lips moving but I'm not hearing anything come out of your mouth."* - Mr. Kreikemeier
"Uhhhh...the Basques" - Mike Stacy

Brad Weishar - Spanish Club 2,3; Bowling Club 3,4; Pro-Life Club 4; Regis Club 1,2; Yahtzee Club 1; Soccer 1,2; Manager 3,4; Lacrosse 1; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; *"If there is one thing we can learn, it's that we too can't not die in a freak gasoline fight accident."* - Derek Zoolander

Kevin Welsh - Golf Club 1,2; Rockfest Committee 2,3; Go-Chicken-Go 1; Intramurals 2; Kairos-41 4; Chamber Choir 4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Show me a man that is afraid to look bad and I'll show you someone you can beat."*

Adam Wesley - Pep Band 1,2,3; Yahtzee 1; Theater 3,4; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4; *"I'm not a bad driver, I just know my limits."*

Zach White - Football 1; Baseball 1,2.
Brendan Wilson - Football 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Rugby 4; 2nd Honors 3,4; *"Goouundd!!!"* *"mmmuurrtte."*

Matt Wimsett - Go-Chicken-Go Club 1; Paintball Club 2,3; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2; Golf 1. *"It's a jeep thing...you wouldn't understand."*

Duo Yang - Science Club 1,2,3,4; Math Club 1,2,3,4; Theater 2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; *"Life is a bad joke."*

Kit Zecy - Disc Golf Club 3,4; Football 1; 1st Honors 1; 2nd Honors 2,3.

Children at All Saints School surround James Griffin. Griffin worked as an aid to the teachers. Scott Campbell and Chris Reichmeier help Joe with his swim lessons.



The sophomores and juniors raise their hands to bless the seniors who left RHS for three weeks to work in the community. Adam Taylor gets put into a choke hold by Annie. He did his service at Shawnee Mission Northwest. Brennan Metzler and Charlie Bennett raise their hands to lead RHS in the song "Go Make a Difference."



Seniors concentrate on others in service projects

Rockhurst Senior Service originally began in 1972 with Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the former head of all Jesuit schools. The program he created was intended to give the senior class a chance to face the realities of the disadvantaged and to recognize its calling to help them.

For the 31st year, Rockhurst seniors dedicated part of their high school career to repaying the community by volunteering at day care centers, nursing homes, and grade schools.

"I learned a lesson about the value of children and how their education shapes their future," stated Jimmy Malezewski. "It really opened my eyes to the disadvantages many children face."

Directed by Mr. Frank Griffin and Mr. William Munninghoff, the seniors were excused from their classes to spend time working with those in need. They completed just over 70 hours of service in 12 days, a reduction from 15 hours from past years because of senior teacher's concerns about class time.

"It was a compromise between our department and the teachers concerned about class time," said Mr. Munninghoff. "But I feel we have reached an agreeable solution to the time spent away from school."

The seniors' experiences varied widely as almost 90 agencies were served. B.J. Fagan went to Don Bosco Senior Center where he assisted the elderly with daily activities including recreation and dining.

"At first I thought it would be an exercise in physical assistance," Fagan said. "But it turned out they needed someone to talk to."

Many agency directors were impressed with the students. Mrs. Marie Helen, an assistant principal at Christ the King Grade School, was greatly impressed with the seniors.

"The students are more helpful every year," she said. "The seniors showed a great dedication to helping others and made a huge impact on the students. They were very popular."

The program's smoothness has varied from year to year. Some organizations had seniors doing more paperwork than people interaction, but there were no major problems.

"There were a few brushfires, guys needing to make up time and such," said Mr. Griffin. "But overall it went by the Senior Service Handbook—very smoothly. I also give credit to our seniors' maturity and a sense of continuing the tradition."

Upon completion of the project, the seniors returned to school to reflect in small group discussion. Most of the students reported having very positive experiences and stated that they had a new view of what it means to dedicate oneself to helping others.

"It went very smoothly," said Mr. Munninghoff. "The seniors were very hard working and responsible, and did a great job connecting with individuals."

Story by Karl Lind



Scott Campbell watches over Brian Bell as he eats at Shawnee Mission West Special Education Center. Adam Taylor and Campbell escorts Joe down the hall to his classroom during their Senior Service project, TOP: Chris Reichmeier worked with Joe at Shawnee Mission West.

Families of students gather in the Rose Theater as the dates are presented on stage. Matt Nocita with date Rachel O'Brien, Will Allen with date Ashley Reagan, Jason Sabaugh with date Rebecca Griffiths, Marcus Perry with date Lindsey Ferguson, David Koehler with date Aubry Ray, David Graham with date Sarah Cubly and Dan Howard with date Mandy Freeman.



Phil Steed with date Lauren Towle and Dominic Hoferer with date Sarah Peters pose for a picture. Sean Heiman poses outside the Rose Theater with Kristen Paine. FAR RIGHT: Adam Blake and his date Laura Dosier exit the bus to enter the Doubletree Hotel for Senior Prom.



Class of 2003 marks last social event at Senior Prom

The Class of 2003 gathered May 2 at the Doubletree Hotel at what would be its last dance. Festivities included a slew of pre-prom activities including the introduction of couples on the stage of the Rose Theater, followed by formal pictures and socializing in the McGee Hall.

"I really enjoyed all of the pre-prom activities," said Breck Mundis. "They provide our prom with a certain atmosphere that other schools don't have."

The Doubletree Hotel has been used for several years to host Senior Prom because of its size and atmosphere.

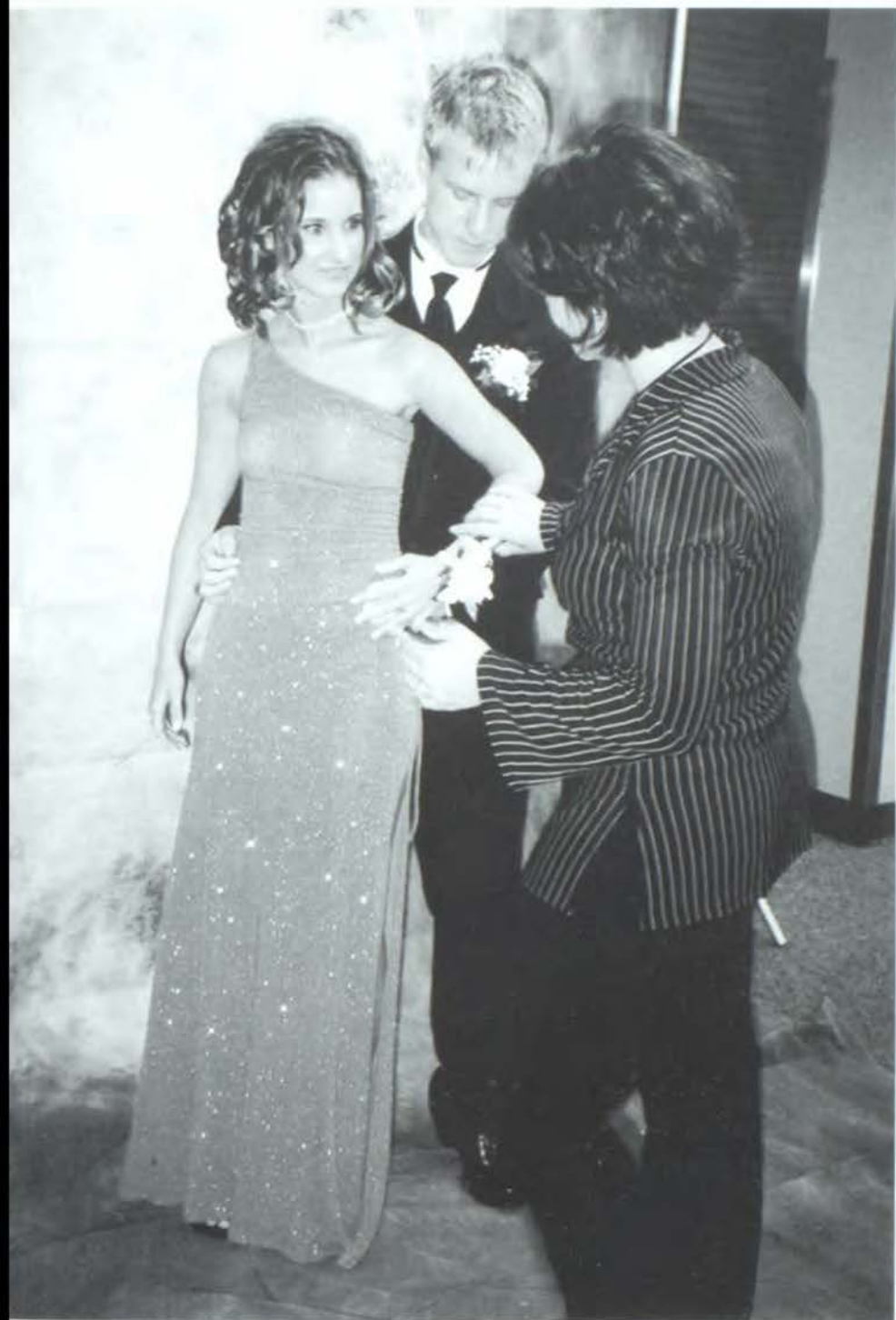
Seniors and their dates enjoyed a buffet dinner followed by dancing to a DJ who provided entertainment for the dance floor until 1:00. Most seniors could be seen on the floor long after the 12:01 early dismissal.

The goals of this year's organizers was to make sure the attendees had fun, had plenty of food, and had adequate space.

"We had over 200 couples attending this year so we debated going larger with the building," said Mr. Mike Herringer. "But the next size up would be Bartle Hall, and I think the class enjoyed the smaller atmosphere and had a great time. We had many compliments on the quality of the food."

The pre-prom activities, food and dancing all added up to what was described by many as a wonderful night.

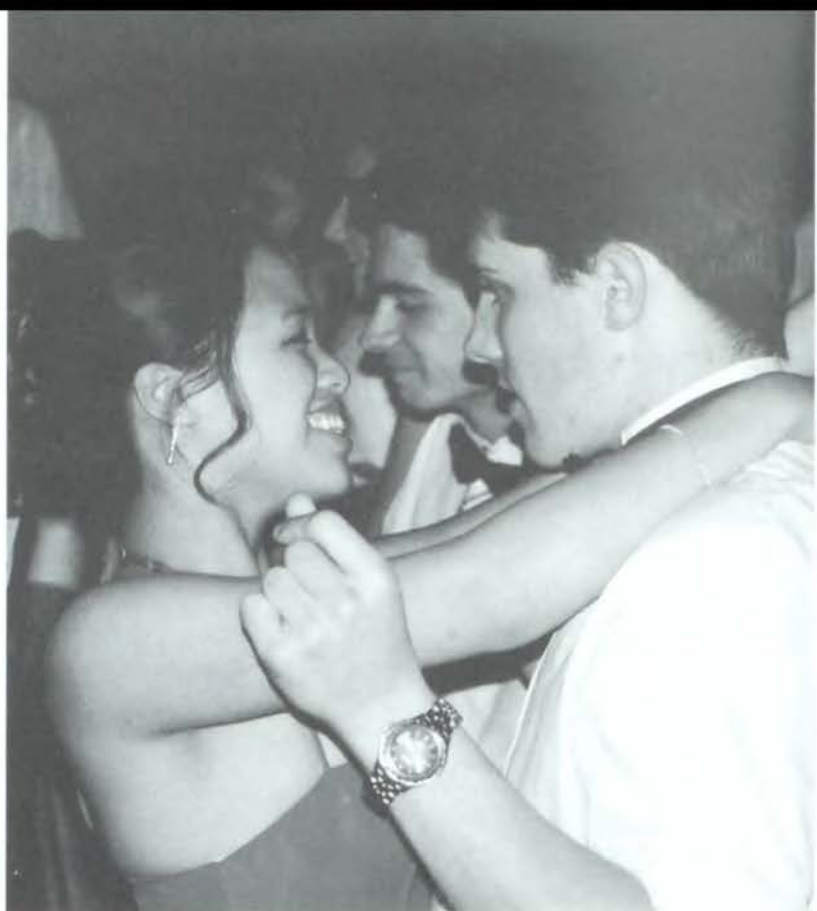
"It was the last time our class was able to be together at a dance," said Nick Kinney. "It is a night that will be remembered by everyone for the rest of their lives." Story by Karl Lind



Jimmy Maliszewski prepares for his picture with his date Megan Albers. Drew Davison pays for his prom pictures in the McGee Hall.

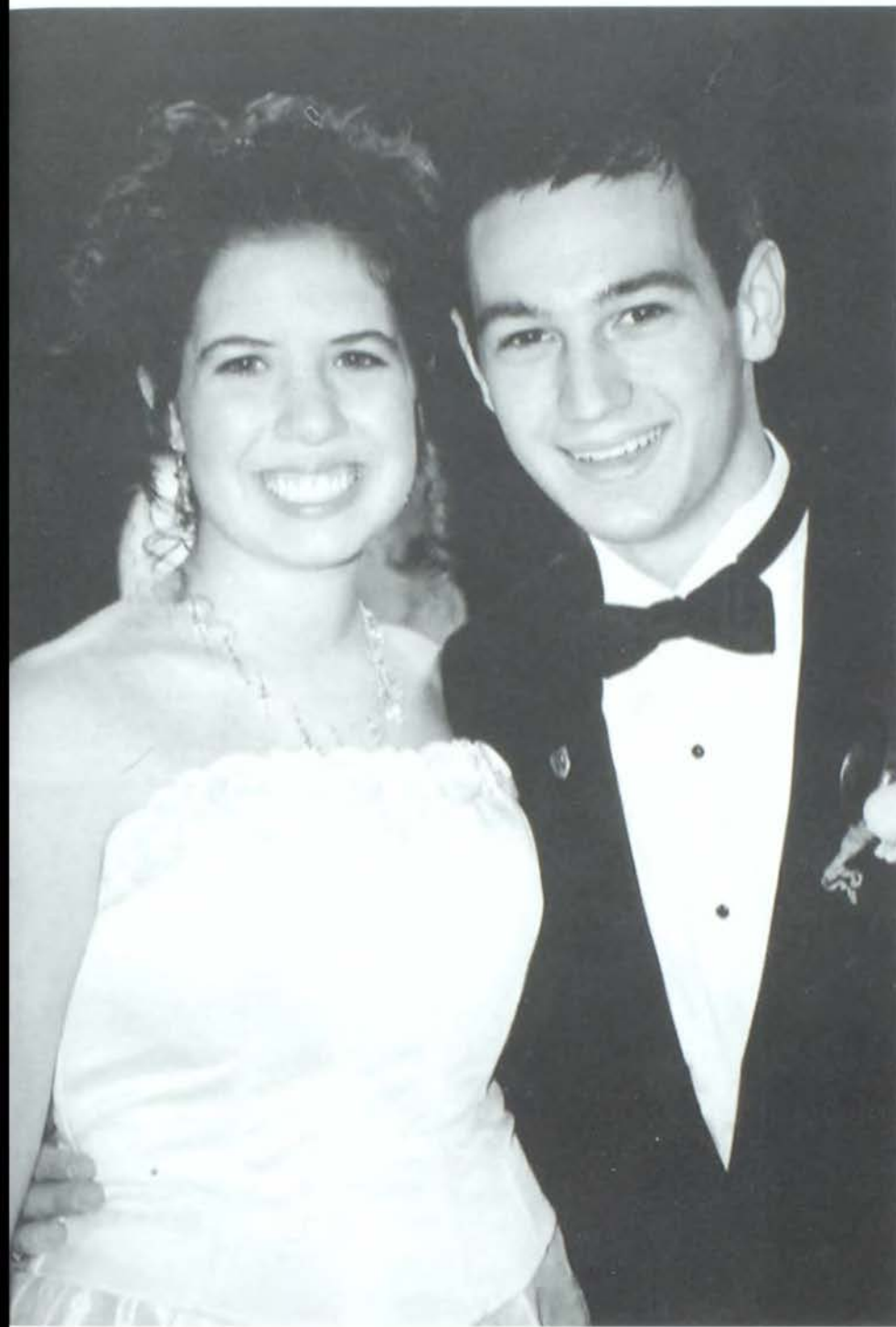
The Class of 2003 leaves a legacy that other's will hopefully emulate

Dave Tiehan sits with his date Grace Barry of St. Theresa Academy. Logan Keech dances with his date Jenni Tangpuz, an STA senior. **BELOW:** Eric Burtin, Justin McDonald, Jaron Moore, Nick Johnson and Tyrone Perkins sit with their dates.



Joe McAdam walks into the Doubletree with his date Melissa Byers. Mark Keleher with his date Erica Meyers and Joel Rosas with Elisa Hund pose for a picture. **FAR RIGHT:** Ryan Vickers sports his shades while dancing with his date.





John-Paul Nigro poses with his date from STA. T.J. Kratofil dances with Whitney Springs, a BVN junior, while Conner Smith dances with Laura Weinski of Aquinas. BELOW: Rehan Nana, Matt Wimsett, and David Cascio enjoy their dinner with their dates.

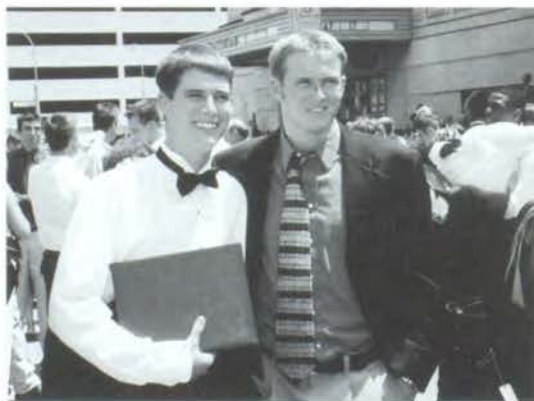


Dan Neenan and Matt Wimsett start the buffet line. FAR LEFT: Chris Donnelly sits with his date Audra Loose. Trey Sifers poses with his date Kelly Pietsy. Rehan Nana prepares to enter the dance with Shannon Ehre. Striking a pose, Mark McNeal clowns around with his date Elizabeth Brand.

Andrew Bradshaw and T.J. Kratofil pose, after receiving their diplomas, outside the Municipal Auditorium. Super "R" Award winner Stephen Baugh gives his speech at the Commencement Exercises. RIGHT: Charlie Bennett carries the cross in to Mass. BOTTOM: Ryan Gound, John Hardin, Kevin Welsh, and Jim Eftink display their diplomas.



Municipal Auditorium served as the setting for Rockhurst's Class of 2003. Scott Ferguson joined his brother Matthew, who graduated in 2002, as alums. Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, gives his final advice ever to the Class of 2003.



Class of 2003 can anticipate the next phase as RHS alums

Two hundred and forty three seniors gathered at Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, May 18th, for their grand finale as a Rockhurst Senior Class. When Kit Zecy walked across the stage with his diploma, the Class of 2003 went from students to Rockhurst High School Alumni.

At the Baccalaureate Mass preceding the commencement Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, spoke during his homily about Rockhurst being the vine and the senior class being the branches. He complimented the class on its four years and finished by saying that to whom much has been given much is expected, referring to the senior class being expected to serve others.

"I was honored to do the homily since this was the class that was freshmen when I first started. I feel close to them and it was a privledge," said Fr. Menard.

Following the Mass, the seniors and their families

made their way to Bartle Hall for brunch, which gave the families time to relax, eat and visit one last time before the final ceremony.

At noon, the seniors and families returned to the Auditorium for the Commencement Ceremony where Stephen Baugh, recipient of the Carl G. Kloster, SJ, Special-R Award, spoke to the class about the four years at Rockhurst and how the class really did seem to come together. He talked about the achievements the Class of 2003 had and how special a class it was.

After the speeches and after the last diploma was handed out, the Class of 2003 made its way to the front hallway of Municipal Auditorium for one last class cheer, led by Kevin Lenihan, which has become a custom. Classmates shook hands and congratulated one another and parted ways as the Senior Class for the last time. Story by Zack Appl



Stephen Baugh and Christopher Able lead the graduation procession at Municipal Auditorium. Pat Mohart and his family enjoy the brunch before the commencement ceremonies. FAR LEFT: Charlie Bennett poses with his little brother Simon before receiving his diploma. Bennett went on to college at the University of San Diego. UPPER LEFT: Greg Duncan receives his diploma from Fr. Pesci. Tim Allen, Matt Nagle, and Drew Davison show off their diplomas outside of the Municipal Auditorium.

Seniors display their diplomas in a roar of excitement. Mr. Kern conducts the Wind Ensemble. This would be the last time for the seniors to hear the Rockhurst musicians. **BOTTOM:** Mr. David Alvey makes one last demand of the seniors before they graduate.



John Olshefski and Matt Nocita process into the hall for their graduation.



Clint Dunsworth, Nate Ney, Adam McGovern, Eamon Duede and Chris Reichmeier break most of the rules of photography.

Hani El-Halawany receives his diploma from Rev. Thomas Pesci, SJ. He went on to college at the UMKC School of Dentistry.

Most agree that RHS will truly miss the Class of 2003 as off they go

Kevin Lenihan leads the class in its last cheer. Nick Kinney and Brian Koenan are RHS alums now.



Mr. David Laughlin, Principal, tells the graduates that they will be missed. Matt Judge and Andrew Paterini await the graduation. FAR LEFT: Mr. Tom Norman sets up for the Baccalaureate Mass with NHS juniors. The Tiehens cheer for Dave as he receives his diploma.

Three seniors receive coveted awards



Charlie Bennett
Senior Class Award of Excellence
and Achievement



John-Paul V. Nigro
Jesuit Secondary Education
Association Award



Steven M. Baugh
Carl G. Kloster, SJ, Award



John-Paul Nigro, Steven Baugh and Charlie Bennett pose with their families after receiving prestigious awards.

Perfect Attendance all four years!



T.J. Kratofil, Mike McShane, Charlie Bennett, Kyle Perez, John Strobl, Brad Long and Mark McNeal all had perfect attendance for four years.

Freshman R-Award winners



Kevin Dalton, Jimmy Koppen, Anthony Accurso, Mike Henehan, Drew Bienhoff, Tim Martin, David Belfonte, Cory Carr, Henry Thomas.

Sophomore R-Award winners



Matt Neff, Pat Curran, Chad Dobbs, Michael Love, Mike Pernice, Jeff Herrera, Matt Kenney, John Marrin, John Nantz, Stephen Stinger, Jon Dandurand.

Class of 2003 was in constant motion



Awards Day recognizes non-stop activities of exceptional students

Junior-R Award Winners

Senior R-Award Winners



Pat Hagarty, Cullen Roberts, Alex Fontana, Joe Myers, Ian Marx, Seamus McLaughlin, Jeff Owsley, Jimmy Chalmers, Mike Adkins, Adam Davis, Eric Snyder.

KNEELING: Scott Ferguson, Matt Sweeney, Jason Sabaugh, Jim Maliszewski, Chris Adair, John-Paul Nigro, Zack Royer. **STANDING:** Ben Summers, Brad Long, Dan Cooper, Mark Keleher, Mike Finn, Joe LaScala, Mike McShane, Charlie Bennett, Tim Hanna, Jim Utley, Matt Nocita, Karl Lind, Steven Baugh, Andy Crutchfield.

Conner Edward Smith



Bucket Head
 "Little Buddy"
 Corn Nut
 We love you Conner Ed
 Mom & Dad

Nicholas S. Starke

Nick,
 From the cute little guy you
 were, to the wonderful
 young man you are, we
 have always been
 soooooo proud of you!
 We love you,
 Mom & Dad



Chris Adair



For what it's worth, it was worth all the while,
 It's something unpredictable, but in the end is right,
 I hope you had the time of your life.

- Green Day

With All Our Love,
 Mom, Dad, Katie

Andrew Perry



We're so proud of you.
 Good luck on your journey through college.
 Love,
 Mom, Dad, and Alex

The Guys



See, you and me
 Have a better time than most can dream
 Have it better than the best
 So can pull on through
 Whatever tears at us
 Whatever holds us down
 And if nothing can be done
 We'll make thee best of what's around

Adam McGovern



Adam,
God made the sunshine in our
home the day you were born!
Congrats on your hard work!
We are proud of you!
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Schad,
Loretta and Maggie

Alexander Carr Altomare



Dear Alex,
Congratulations on your graduation!
You are very special to all of us.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Anthony, Frank & Ellie

Brian and David Graham



Congratulations!!!!
We are so proud of you both.
Best of luck in the future.
Love, Dad, Mom and Stephanie

Patrick Joseph Allegri



Dear Patrick,
Congratulations on your graduation from the Rock.
We are so proud of you. Your hard work and dedication have
brought you much success. Continue to live your dreams.
The possibilities are endless.
With Much Love,
Dad, Mom, & Megan

Eric Paul Andrew



Dear Eric,
We are so proud of you and all
your accomplishments.
God truly blessed us when you
came into our lives!
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Lauren

Matthew Turley



Matt,
We've always loved your smile.
We hope you find as much
happiness as you have brought
us. We are very proud of you.
Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Andy '97

Joel Dennis Thorman

Congratulations, Joel!
It seems like just yesterday
we left you in the hands of
your kindergarten teacher.
The days continued and we
watched you grow and meet
every challenge you faced.
We wish you the lifetime of
happiness that you deserve.
Love, Mom, Dad, Christopher



Brice Jason McKinley



God blessed us when he gave us you, son.
May all your dreams and goals be achieved.
And remember your family
loves you ever so much!
Mom, Dad, and Brett

Justin Kenneth McDonald



Justin,
We are very proud of you!
Be strong and pursue
your dreams.

Love,
The Family

Trey Sabates



Ad Astra per Aspera.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Roland, and John

Karl Axel Lind



Karl,
We are very proud of you!
We wish you happiness and success
in all your endeavors.
You are very special to us and
we are always there for you.
Enjoy your college years.

Love,
Mom and Dad

David Tiehen

YeeHA! You did it!!
We are so proud of you.
Now you are really begin-
ning your journey. Keep
your nose to the wind and
follow the buffalo!

We love you,
Mom and Dad,
Mike, Andy and Laura



Thomas William Houlehan



Benjamin Joseph Stueve



We are so proud of you!
Work hard and the
Luck of the Irish
will follow.
We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Kate, Gabe and Ollie

You always strive to be the best...
as a son, brother and coach
you stand out from the rest.
Always work hard... Hold on to your beliefs
and your dreams and accomplishments
will surely be blessed!
Congratulations!
We love you, Tommy!
Dad, Mom, Maria-Victoria,
Patrick, Brendan, Elisa and Sean

Jason Sabaugh



Congratulations! We are proud of you
and your many accomplishments.
Follow your dreams, Jason, and remember
we will always be here for you.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Alicia, Sammy & Lucy

Michal A. Enlow



Michael,
Another milestone along the
path of life completes.
May they all be blessed.
Love,
Mom & Dad
(Bubbles & Heidi, too.)

Scott Campbell

Scott, You've done an
outstanding job filling
those shoes. Now go out
there and stand tall as a
man for others.
We are so proud of you
and love you lots.
Mom and Dad



Eduardo Paz Loyola



Felicidades!
Nos sentimos orgullosos de ti.
Te queremos, tu papá,
mamá y tus hermanos.
Sssssssaaaaaa!

Kevin Brown



From a superboy
to a superman...
Up, up, and away!

JaRon Eugene Moore

JaRon, It looks like you were always
suited for "The Rock."
You've shown you are not afraid
to push the envelope.
May this success be but a small pebble.
We are extremely proud of you.
Congratulations!
Love, Mom & Dad.



Love,
Mom and Dad
Chris, Meaghan, Allison,
Scott, and Matthew



Alex Weston Nordholm



It's been just a moment from
precious cherub to handsome young man.
Our pride in you is
unbounded and eternal.
On your way!...
with love,
Mom and Dad

Clint Dunsworth



Clint, CONGRATULATIONS on four great years at the ROCK!
Now you are ready to blast off and conquer your dreams.
Set high goals,
knowing that you can do anything!
As you journey onward and upward, keep God and
loved ones (especially me) close to your heart.
I am so proud of you.
Love, MOM

Andrew Charlton

Andrew,
Keep up the good work in college.
Ashley and Alex are very proud
of their Big Brother.
Love, Mom and Dad



Andrew Elmer



Andrew, When four years become forty,
you will look back and realize
just how much you accomplished.
Always remember how proud we are of you.
Be strong, be patient, and
hold on to your dreams.
Love, Dad, Mom and Ethan

Darren Smith

"Daremore"-
Congratulations on a job well done-
we're all very proud of you!
Remember- this isn't a dress
rehearsal, it's the real gig.
Give life all you've got, everyday,
and you'll get much in return.
Love, Mom, Dad,
Jeff and Terry



Roy Lightner



Roy, We are so proud of who you are!
You've chosen to use your talents not just to
entertain us, but to make the world a kinder place.
You make other people feel good about
themselves. Your dedication & hard work
will be rewarded with
contentment & success beyond your dreams!
Love always, Mom, Dad, & Missy
P.S. We'll be sitting in the front row!

Brian Randall Kelly



Brian, time to let go and make
your "SPLASH" into the world!
Don't forget we are
always here for you.
We love you!
Mom and Dad.

Rehan Nana

Dear Rehan,
The world awaits you!
Always keep your great
attitude, humor and confidence.
Remember how very much we love and
support you- You're the BEST!
Pop, Mom,
Taimoor and Sacha



Brady O'Halloran



Dear Brady,

We are so proud of everything that you have accomplished at Rockhurst. May you treasure your wonderful experiences and friends, as they are forever a part of you. Take the gifts that God has bestowed upon you - intelligence, perseverance, leadership, humility, compassion, and that zany sense of humor, to guide you. Remember what is truly important in life, and be true to yourself.

You have become such a responsible and caring young man who is ready to meet his future. We wish you a wonderful and exciting journey. Now crank it up and fly!!!

We love you.

Mom, Dad,

Courtney, Brent and Kathleen

Kevin J. Le Roy



Kevin,

We are so proud of you
and love you very much!
May you reel in all the good
things that life has to offer!

Love, Mother & Dad, John,
Anne, James, Mary & Paul

Salvatore Joseph Marsalla I



Believe in yourself, for,
"BELIEFS ARE THE SEEDS THAT
WILL ONE DAY FLOWER
INTO REALITIES."

Only you can make it happen..

We are very proud of you.
God Bless and Good Luck!

We Love You,

Dad, Mom, Eric and Josephine

Michael Kincaid

Michael,

"Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path and
leave a trail!"

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are so very proud of you, Michael.

Love and God Bless,
Mom and Dad



Michael Farrell

As one door in your life
closes, a multitude of
challenges and opportunities
await you, but remember all
roads lead back home.

We are so proud of you!
All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Brian, Ritchey,
Jenny and Krueger



Jordan "Tiger" Bastable



Just like that...
You graduated from high school.
You are a special young man,
Jordan Jacob, a real gentleman.
Love,
Mom and Der

Matthew John Schleicher



Matthew,
We love you today
as we did from the start.
We will love you forever
with all of our heart!
Pursue your dreams
and follow your heart.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Adam, Katelyn and Abby

T. J. O'Connor



How quick the time has gone by
Our baby is all grown up.
We all love you and
wish you the very best!

Love,
Mom and Dad,
P.J., Stacy, Jason,
Angie, Joe and
Johnny.



Kevin Patrick Reardon



Requesting permission to
board your boat Kevin.
Congratulations,
Dad, Mom,
Courtney and Frank

Scott Ferguson

We are so proud you!
You and your ever-present
smile have brought such joy to
us. We wish you the best.
Continue to live with your
great positive attitude and you
will find that life will hold
countless treasures for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Matt



Matt Nagle



May the roads rise to meet you,
May the wind be always
at your back,
May the sun shine warmly
on your face,
And may God hold you
in the palm of his hand.
Love, Mom, Dad, John and Kelly

Patrick S. O'Brien



Pat,
We are very proud of you.
You have brought so much
happiness and excitement into our lives.
We are always here for you.
We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Paul, Kevin and Meghan

Kyle Perez

Kyle,
Your smile lights up our hearts.
We are so proud of you!
We love you!
Mom & Dad



Pete Novick



Thanks for all you give.
We are so proud of you and
we know you will have a life you love and live.
You are a joy and we love you.
Mom, Dad, Carl & Cassie

Chris Reichmeier



Chris,
We are proud of you.
We wish you luck in pursuing your dream.
We know you have the talent and tools to catch
what you want out of life.
We love you, Mom, Dad & Charlie

Brady Poskin



Brady,
We wish you a very sweet future!
All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Jamie, Becky and Tommy

Logan Wayne Heatwole



Logan,
In our hearts
you'll be forever young!
We love you.
Mom, Dad, & Blake

Colin McDaniel



Colin,
Congratulations!
We are very proud of the
wonderful, talented, courageous
young man you have become.
Thank you for being you.
May God bless you and
be with you always.
Love,
Mom & Dad

James Michael Stacy Jr.

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.
-Mencius



Michael,
You are a great man of whom we are very proud!
Love, Mom, Dad, Katie and Ann

Nicholas Andrew Mabry



Nick,
Our wish for you is that
someday you will be rewarded
with a child like you.
You are truly a
"Gift" that keeps on giving
We are proud to be your family
Love you always.
Mom, Dad and Meagan

David DeWolfe

David:
No shoes too big
for you to fill!
Love you,
Mom and Dad
Stephen,
Tommy, and Elizabeth



Zachary L. Royer



Zach,
We are so proud of you.
Good Luck.
We love you.
Mom, Dad and Zoe

Ross Anthony DiSalvo



The journeys have not been easy,
You have struggled along the way,
Yet you've managed to keep your head above water,
And succeed somehow, some way.

You entered the journey solo,
And left your really close friends behind,
To join the Rockhurst family,
The mission which seemed like a lifetime.

Four years have passed and you believe you're at the end,
But your whole life's ahead of you; it is now time to begin.

The lessons you've learned were not just for school,
They are the teachings you'll live with as life's Golden Rule.

Although you already know this, we're so proud of you,
A Rockhurst Man For Others, that's what's become of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Tommy, John and Nikki

Adam Webb

Freshman '99-'00 Y2K
Sophomore '00-'01 George Bush President
Junior '01-'02 9/11
Senior '02-'03 Graduation



You have lived through a lot so far...
but there is much more to come...

You are the best, Adam...
Always be a "Man for Others."
Love, Mom, Dad, Lauren & Cameron

Timothy Schepers Hanna



"Live a balanced life-Learn some and think some,
and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work
every day some."

-Robert Fulghum, author

May you continue to find balance in your life.
Congratulations, Tim! We are proud of you!

-- Mom, Dad, Genevieve, your grandparents and the kitties

Daniel Stephen Howard



Dan-

God truly blessed us when
He brought you into our lives.

We are so proud of the young man you have become.
Thank you for sharing these 18 special years with us.

We will miss you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Andrew Clement

Andrew,

What a wonderful son you are—
We are very proud of you
and your accomplishments.
Continue to grow, keep your faith
and enjoy your journey through life.
We love you!

Mom, Dad, & Chris



Good Luck at Boston College!

John Paul Nigro



Dear John-Paul,
These four years have seasoned
you as a caring, compassionate
man for others.

May your love for God and your fellow man
inspire others to embrace your vision of changing the
world, one person at a time.

We are proud of your commitment,
and celebrate the person you are.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Michael and Marisa



Scott McCaffrey

Thank you
for filling our lives
with
love, laughter and joy.

Mom and Dad



We are proud of your commitment,
and celebrate the person you are.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Michael and Marisa



Adam Blake



Going off to college...

This day marks a great achievement for you,
but it's only the beginning.

Just follow your heart
and do your best,
and all the potential within you
is sure to be realized
and bring you happiness.

With love and pride,
Mom and Dad

Grant William Gates



"May the Grace of God
accompany you everyday."
—Pope John Paul II

Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Amy, Catherine, Christopher,
and Mary Margaret

Matthew Thomas Nocita

Matt—
As you look to the future,
May you keep your
feet on the ground
And your eyes on the stars.
We are so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Ryan Gound



Ryan, Be bold. Do not be afraid of the unknown,
but live life to the fullest and meet each new experience
with joy and anticipation.

We love you!
Mom, Dad and Matt

Mark Munninghoff

Congratulations on your many
successes at Rockhurst.
Good luck next year
and beyond.
We are proud of you.
God Bless...
Love Mom, Dad and Eric



Josh Boesen



Josh,
We are so proud of you and
know you will have more success
in college and beyond!

Love, Mom, Dad
and all your family

Alexander Joseph Singleton



Alex, may love, happiness and prosperity flourish within your *sea cup* of life.
Happy Graduation!! Love, Mom and Dad

Cory and Ryan Van Dyke

A.K.A. Shorty and Dr. Jones



It has been our pleasure to watch your growth and your adventures.

You were Kings



and Cowboys



Swimmers



and Scholars



And now thanks to the Rockhurst Family, you have become "Men For Others".



We love and admire you, and anxiously look forward to your next adventures.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, Lauren & Rocky

Dan Cooper



"Nothing is so strong as gentleness
and nothing is so gentle as strength."

Dan, After four wonderful years at
RHS we hope you also embrace the
next four. Never forget the way home!
We are so proud of you and
we love you always.
Mom, Dad, Ellie & Sarah Rose

Thomas Patrick Graves

Thomas,
May the good saints protect you,
And bless you each day,
And may trouble ignore you
Each step of the way.
From your first steps
we've been proud of you.
God bless you.
Dad, Mom, John, Ori and Ryan



Duo Yang



Duo, You have gone a long way.
We are very proud of you!
Go pursue your dreams, Duo!
Wherever you go,
whatever you do, we have faith in you.

Love you always.
Mom, Dad, and Susan

Joseph William Hager



Joseph,
We are so proud of
the young man you
have become. We hope
that you can take
what you have learned
at Rockhurst and use
it to help you in
college and beyond.
May God be with
you always.
We love you.
Mom Dad and
Christina

Logan P. Keech



We love you from your ego to your id.
You're really a thoughtful and loving kid,
But you've psyched us both out,
And we're aFreud there's no doubt,
When you try skiing you'll land on your lid!

Good luck @CSU-

Love,
Mom, Dad & Corbin

Nick Johnson



Dear Nick,
We are so proud of you.
With your determination
and drive,
the best is yet to come.

Love Mom & Dad
Marcus, Tony & Angela

Jesse Franke - Rose



Jesse

Congratulations! You rock!
Your foundation is strong
so build without fear.
May you find deep friendships
and true happiness.
Your smile lights up our lives.
Never forget that you are loved forever.
Mom, Dad, Mikey, Angie and all the OFRG's

Adam Taylor



Adam,
You did it! You followed your dream
to Rockhurst. Congratulations, Son!
Just remember
"We love you, yeah, yeah yeah"
"All you need is love"
Continue to follow your dreams.
May your life be full of love,
happiness and success!
We are so proud of you!
We love you!
Dad, Mom and Laura

Ryan Mulloy



Ryan—
You "ROCK!"
Love you—
Dad, Mom, Molly, Emily,
Kevin, Tom & Keith

Christopher Matthew Able



"Hitch your wagon to a star."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Christopher,
You have made us very proud.
We are behind you all the way
Remember, you've got the music in you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Allison,
Sarah Jane and Travis

Gregory Walter Duncan

And the OSCAR goes to . . .
GREGORY WALTER DUNCAN
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jamie



Timothy Sullivan



Tim,
We are so proud of all you have accomplished these last four years at RHS. Keep up the good work. You have grown up to be a fine young man- you are truly a "Man for Others."
We will miss your smiling face next year.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Matt

Bradford Haig Long

Brad-
Oh, but grow up you did!!
We are all so very proud of you and all that you have achieved!!
We all look forward to what lay ahead.
Hoo-ah!!
Love-
Dad, Mom, Chris and Doug



Andrew Bradshaw



Andrew,
You've made us so proud over the past 18 years.
Enjoy college and work hard.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Stephanie

Johnny Francoviglia



"Its time to start living the life you've imagined"
-Henry James

Johnny, you are the light of our lives. We have been blessed with your smile, charm, and fun-living spirit. As you go forward in life, never change- believe in yourself- and your dreams will come true. Congratulations on your graduation
All our love,
Mom, Dad & Laura

John Michael Quinn



Success...
To laugh often and much,
to win the respect
of intelligent people
and affection of children...
to leave the world a bit better...
to know even one life has
breathed easier because
you've lived,
this is to have succeeded.

Love, Mom & Dad
Ryan, Colleen,
Maureen and Devin

Michael Quentin McShane

Mike,
We love you and are so
proud of you.
Dad, Mom, Maggie & Pat



Alex Ernst



Alex:
You were always ready for the beach and now you are
ready for Miami (or whatever call you answer).
You have had many good fortunes and we hope that those
good fortunes will only increase and richen as time goes on.
We wish that all your dreams come true.
Mom, Dad, Amy & Max – and Dorothy, too

Jeff Herr

Jeff,
We are very proud of you
for what all you have
accomplished and as you climb
the ladder of success,
we are behind you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Melissa & Marcia



Timothy Lee Allen



You've made us laugh and you've made us cry.
But our love for you has never wavered.
We will always be there for you.
Congratulations on your accomplishments at Rockhurst.
As you go forward, strive for success
and learn from your mistakes.
Finally, always remember this:
Wherever you go, there you are!

We love you, Mom & Dad

Terry Euston

Terry Euston
Class of 200

Terry, your hard work paid off!
Congratulations!
Thank you to Rockhurst High
School for your dedication
to Jesuit education!

Tom '69, Tommy '97, Tim '01,
Terry '0



Blake Allen Quiason

Blake,
We are so proud of
your accomplishments and
the man you have grown to be.
May you always meet life's
challenges in grand style.
May God Bless you always.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Brian and Brett



Brian Joseph Fagan

B.J.,



Did we tell you the challenge
of being a man?...
the challenge of balancing your worlds...
the need to achieve and
the need to nurture...
the need to be strong and
the need to be tender...
the need to meet the tests that life brings
yet always keep love at the center...
letting it be the star by which
you set your sail.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Robert Roy McDill IV



Beau,

You were born to go places!
Follow your heart.
Love Mom & Dad Ryan and Allison



Jim Eftink

WAY TO GO, JIM!!

We love you.
Mom, Dad, & Rachel

Breck Mundis



Breck, always the musician!!

Keep reminding yourself that
"you have to put down the duckie before you can play the saxophone."
Blessings on you, Breck!
You are- have always been, will always be- the great joy of my life.
Love, Mom

Joel Anthony Rosas



JOEL,

You have always given us joy and pride,
And we thank you for the happiness you bring to our family.
We wish you all the success in life
and always remember, we love you so much.

Mom, Dad, Gary and Jessica

Derek Hardin

Good Friends,
Great Memories
and New Challenges.

Congratulations on 4 great
years at the Rock.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad and Erin



Chris Donnelly



Chris,
We are so proud of
all you've accomplished!
You are the capstone of a family tradition at Rockhurst.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Dave, Kev

Kit Zecy

"Baby Owl"

Now that it's time for you
to take flight, we hope you
soar like an eagle,
and only look back
to remember your
family that loves
you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Conner & Cameron



Andrew Michael Paterini



Andrew, continue to set your goals high
and work hard to achieve them. Keep your faith
We love you,
Mom and Dad



Kevin Reidy

Never lose your enthusiasm
for life! Thanks for all the love and
laughter you bring to our lives. We
love you and are so proud of you.

Dad, Mom, Dan,
Meaghan and Tim

Brendan Arthur

Follow your dreams, Bren.
We are so very proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Rob



Alexander Gregory Kopulos



Who is it that says most? Which can say more
than this rich praise, that you alone are you?

-William Shakespeare

Love- Mom, Dad,
Evan and Allegri

Matthew Ryan Walczuk

All the things we dreamed you'd
be are all the things you are...
Once you were our little boy, now
you're our shining star...

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike and Mary



Ryan David Reid



Ryan,
You are a very special person.
We are very proud of you.
Enjoy the next four years.
May all your dreams come true.
Love, Mom & Dad

James Patrick Griffin



May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
And the sun shine warm on your face...
Mom & Dad

Jeff Nagy



Since you were born, our lives have been enriched
and filled with immeasurable joy.
Your accomplishments have far exceeded any of our expectations.
May your passion for learning continue to be fueled
by your search for the truth and meaning of life.

"Perge modo, et, qua te ducit via, dirige gressum."
-Virgil
Amore, J.Dawg,
Mom & Dad, Bry & Matt

Sean Heiman

Congratulations, Sean!
We are proud of you.
Good Luck!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin & Ian



Brennan Metzler

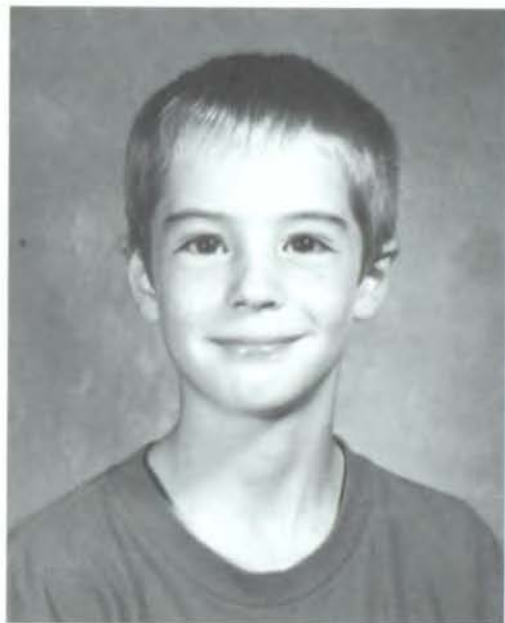
"Take care to do what you like or you
will be forced to like what you do."

-Follow your passions the next 4 years.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Andrew, Ryan & Robin



Matthew Michael Sweeny



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands
in times of comfort and convenience, but where he stands
at times of challenge and controversy."

We wish you much success in reaching your goals.

Much love,
Mom and Dad

Patrick Mohart



Patrick, we are very proud of you!
Good luck in the future. We are behind you all the way!
Love,

Mom, Grandma, Chris, Molly & Burt

Brian Alexander Koenen



Brian,
You have given us joy, laughter
and wonderful memories. We are
very proud of your many
accomplishments and of the young
man you have become.
We wish you continued success and
happiness in college and always.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Kristen

Christopher Gabhart

Christopher,
Our little tow-head is all
grown up! We're so proud of
everything you accomplished at
the Rock. Cherish the memories
and welcome the future.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Teresa and Carrie



William Olurémi John



Wow! William,

When they knock on your door and
Speak of life and living, you can say-
I have been nurtured by the love of
Supporting partents. I have been
Encouraged by the wise words of
Devoted educators. And I have been
Blessed by the spirit of God.

You are on your way!
More personal and academic success
Awaits your arrival

We love you.
Mom & Dad

Brett Gamso

Cost of Raising a Child
Housing: \$9,180
Food: \$ 6,780
Transportaton: \$,000
Clothing \$1 ,5 0
Health: \$1 ,980
Child care/Education: \$27,960
Miscellaneous: \$ 0,750
Total: \$249,18

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Value of Brett's Mind, Body and Soul?



Priceless

Nate Ney & Noah Ney



To Our Double Trouble Buds!
Thanks for all the awesome memories!
You've got the world at your fingertips...
go for it and live life to the fullest!
We love you and are so blessed to have you
as the center of our family!
Love, Dad, Mom, Nicolette, and Natalie

Colin Philip Groves

You have brought
smiles to our faces,
warmth to our hearts,
and pride to our family.

Continue to set your sights
high, and follow your
dreams. You will achieve
what you commit to.

We love you.
Mom & Dad



Ross Renne



Your strong determination will help you achieve your goals.
You have brought much happiness into our lives.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

Jake Grate

We know you'll
pick well among
life's many choices.
We'll always be
here for you.
Proudly and with
Much Love,
Dad, Mom,
Colleen, Patrick
and Martha





Zackary Keith Appl

We Are So Very Proud of You!

The future is yours
to make
your dreams come true.

Keep God in your heart
and you will succeed!

Hugs and Kisses-
Mom-Dad-Zim

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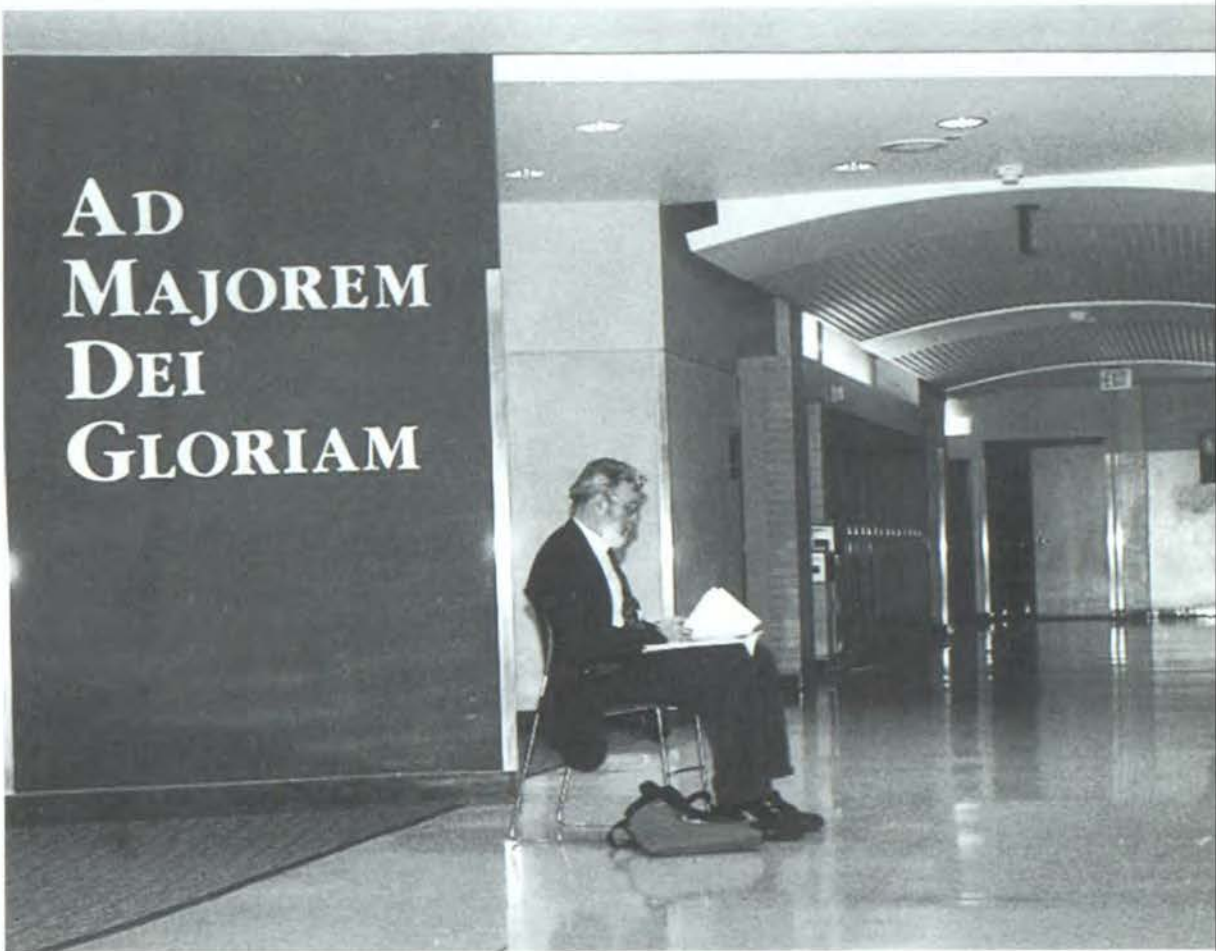
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Even when the academic year comes to a close, the motion continues. Students stay active during the summer. Thousands of lawns must be mowed. Cars must be washed. Sandwiches must be made. Tables must be bussed. Most students have jobs and work hard at them all summer long.

There is the summer weights program that many students get up early to attend while other others begin running for cross country. There is football camp and soccer camp for future Rockhurst athletes, and music camps and drama and tech camps and, by the way, the yearbook staff is working nine hours a day until June 14th.

Others still have schoolwork to do. Students who hope to take AP Calculus must complete 40 hours of work over the summer while some prospective freshman must prepare for the rigors of the academic environment at Rockhurst. Everyone starting school in August will have read a couple of books over the summer.

With all that work, and after four years of continuous activity, RHS graduates will be disciplined to work hard anywhere and on anything. And as they leave home for college, another class will be photographed for senior portraits and the pace will slowly begin to gear up for another full-blown Rockhurst school year where things hardly ever slow down.

