

2003-2004 Quarry



Coach Tony Severino gives his traditional and famous annual talk to the incoming freshmen following their entrance exam, exhorting them to reach their full potential as Rockhurst men.

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Individual Potential

Our unique struggle for success

"No matter what the level of your ability, you have more potential than you can ever develop in a lifetime." -James T. McCay

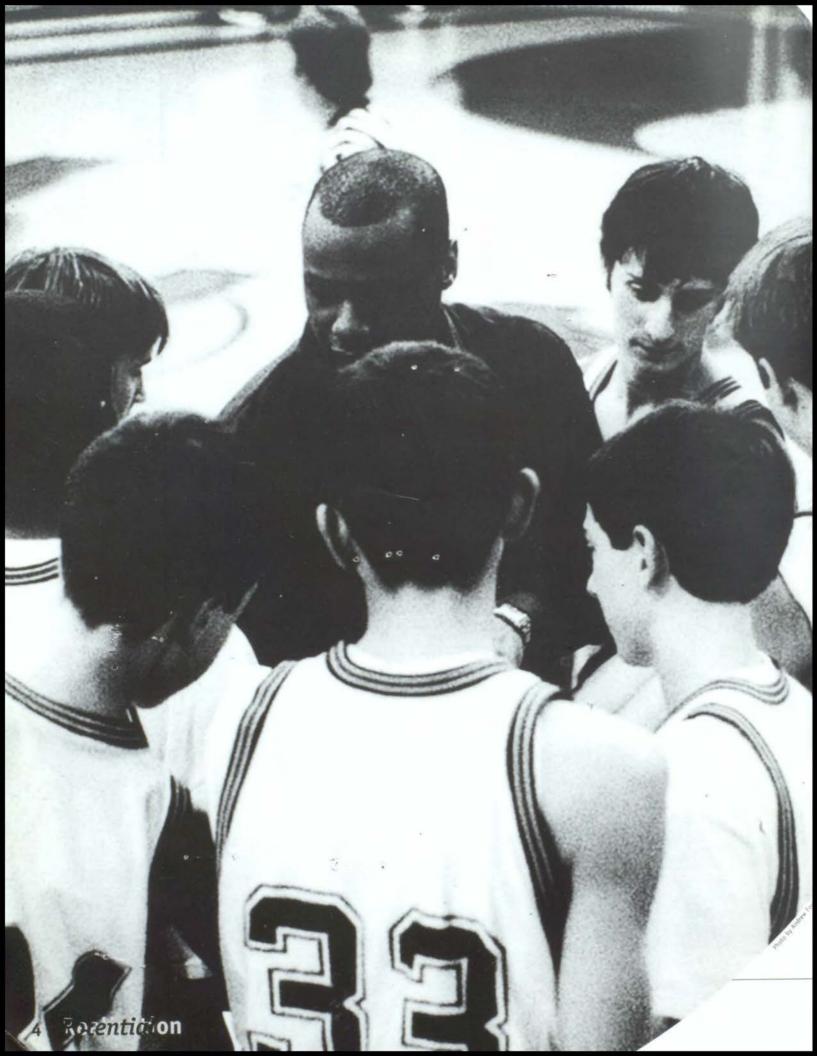
Everyone brings a certain potential to the table, but it takes more than just fate to develop it. The Rockhurst student has shown the desire to unlock his potential by striving for the Magis, thus setting forth on the path to bringing potential to light. Whether it be by taking standard or advanced courses, leading or just participating in clubs, acting or applauding plays, focusing lights, adjusting sound, playing, managing, and even watching sports, performing vocally or instrumentally, both in and out of school, it all demands working to ones full potential. No one can expect any more than that. It's what we're told from day one, isn't it? To do our best?

However, dedication, commitment, and time are not all it takes. What distinguishes the Rockhurst student is ability. Through strenuous testing, rigorous schedules, and high expectations, not to mention that head start from home, Rockhurst shapes raw ability into confidence and skill. Preparation, and execution, is why the Rockhurst student excels.

A young man is attracted to Rockhurst for help in reaching his own unique potential, and it is what Rockhurst does to develop his understanding of potential and success that makes it unique. Story by Ted Ginder and Matt Stadler



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Rockhurst's Potential

Success with the help of those around us

"The greatest enemy of best is good. If you're willing to accept good you'll never be the best." -Charles Kaiser, Jr.

Rockhurst doesn't settle for being good, but rather seeks to be the best. - Teachers, coaches, counselors, administration, parents, and the community itself all help make Rockhurst all that it can potentially be. While it's said that anyone can grow up to be the President of the United States, it's more realistic to assume that most won't, nor will they even ascribe to it. They can, however, potentially be the best math student, the most influential club member, the most recognized musician, the best wide receiver, high hurdler or most versatile actor. Maybe one aspires to be the best brother, son, friend or person overall. Whatever the goal may be, it is within reach for those in the right environment, the type of environment that Rockhurst provides. Being open to growth encompasses the essence of the RHS "grad at grad." Whether or not potential is realized, one still fights to grow and change. That's the true meaning of being open to growth. As men open to growth, we realize that reaching our potential is the best anyone can expect of us, and the goal for which we should all aim. At some schools, potential is limited for those motivated and enabled; at Rockhurst the environment reinforces the potential. We are lucky. Teachers make themselves available past regular school hours, and the counseling center, college placement office and student success center and many others, help students to succeed, though it ultimately comes down to the student. The sky's the limit. Story by Matt Stadler and Ted Ginder



Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, left a new tabernacle in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart as a parting addition to Rockhurst.



Archbishop James Keleher and Bishop Raymond Boland shared thoughts about the job ahead for Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, as he assumed the leadership of Rockhurst High School.

"Take Lord, and receive all my liberties, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and call and call my own. You have given all to me; to you Lord, I return it."

This prayer, the "Suscipe," was woven into the heart of the Installation Mass of The Reverend Terrence Baum, SJ, who became the 16th president of Rockhurst High School on Ash Wednesday in the gymnasium.

Surrounded by the Rockhurst community, the Board of Trustees, Jesuit and diocesan leaders, including The Most Reverend Raymond Boland, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and The Most Reverend James Patrick Keleher, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and local media, Fr. Baum presided over the Mass marking the beginning of the Lenten season and his tenure at RHS.

Both Bishop Boland and Archbishop Keleher, who were present at the installment nine years earlier of The Reverend Thomas Pesci, SJ, former Rockhurst President, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to again be part of such an event.

In his homily Fr. Baum addressed his new responsibilities, calling on the Rockhurst community to see every day, especially during Lent, as another chance to devote themselves to a greater cause.

"Lent is a time to reflect on Jesus' offering, as well as our own offerings back to God. I just hope I can be as generous to Rockhurst as Jesus was to us," Fr. Baum said.

Using his own life as an example, Fr. Baum discussed the impact that a Catholic education can have on a youth's life, and reminded Rockhurst students to cherish the wonderful school and opportunities they have.

"A Catholic education is an incredible period of time for a young person's formation. We should all be thankful for a school that has a firm enough financial footing that all students can have a promising future," he said.

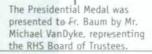
The installation featured three gifts presented to the new president. Bishop Boland bestowed upon Fr. Baum a copy of the Liturgical Book of the Gospels. The Reverend Timothy McMahon, SJ, leader of the Missouri Jesuit Province, presented Fr. Baum with the book What Makes a Jesuit High School Jesuit. Representing the Board of Trustees, Mr. Michael VanDyke, RHS Class of '66, placed the President's Medal around Fr. Baum's neck.

Fr. Baum thanked Rockhurst for welcoming him with open arms and promised to devote himself to making Rockhurst a success for the next 90 years.

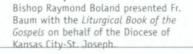
"Many people have helped make this school what it is today. A lot of people, including me, will have to work just as hard to ensure it remains that way," Fr. Baum said. Story courtesy of Frank Allen of The Prep News



Father Terrence Baum, SJ, sings Canadian national anthem at Royals-Toronto Blue Jays game at Kaufman Stadium.



An outline of Jesuit educational values was presented by The Reverend Timothy McMahon, SJ, representing the Jesuits of the Missouri Province.











Bishop Boland talks with Fr. Baum prior to the installation ceremony. Adam Bruetsch and Rory Valliere share their pizza with a grateful Fr. Baum.



CAMPUS NEARS COMPLETION

Teacher parking and baseball field finished

The final stages of construction completed in November 2003, as Rockhurst spent nearly \$1,300,000 improving sports facilities, and parking lots.

The "Defining Moment Capital Campaign," was a three-phase project aimed at improving all aspects of Rockhurst, including sports facilities, parking lots, and building improvements.

"This phase of construction was set into motion long ago," said Mr. Delbert Conrad, Director of Facilities. "The entire scope of the project was all part of the big 'master plan' for Rockhurst."

According to Mr. Conrad, five major phases occurred within the project. The north parking lot was extended, and the north entrance of the parking lot was widened to accommodate the increased flow of traffic in the mornings and afternoons.

The circle drive in front of the building was changed to a cul-desac. The east training field was extended to 100 yards, and a retaining wall was constructed. The south field became a baseball field, which will double as a soccer field.

The faculty received a new 141-car parking lot, located below and adjacent to the Baseball field. This addition opened up additional parking for students in the north lot, which now has 354 spaces.

Companies involved in the construction included Audrie Seeley & Company, Gould Evans Goodman Associates, PC, K.C. Fence Contractors, and Superior Bowen Asphalt.

Money raised for the project came from pledges from alumni and friends of Rockhurst. In total, \$5,632,236 was received in unrestricted written pledges. \$623,021 were received from several restricted endowment pledges.

Left to be accomplished in the near future is an additional gymnasium, slated to be constructed when funds are available, to the south of the cafeteria.

Story by Luke Clarkson



A retaining wall is being painstakingly rebuilt after imperfections in the original construction caused concern about safety.

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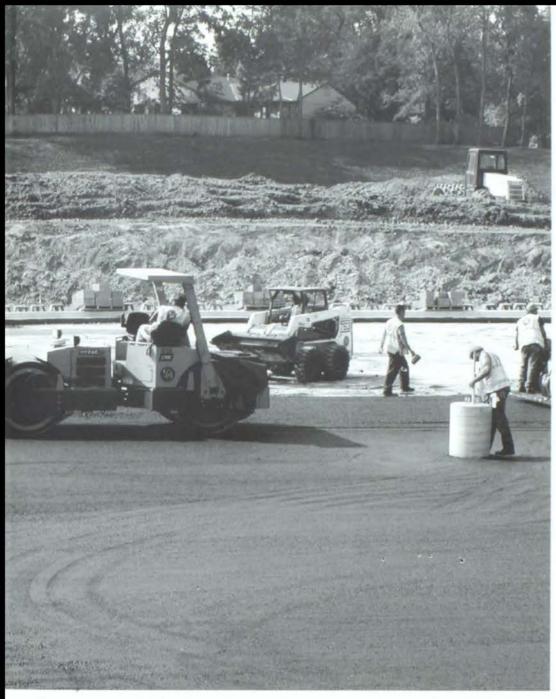






A worker carefully lays out the field's framework.

Fences are put up along State Line and on the north end of the field to protect parked and passing cars from Hawklet homeruns. Fresh lines define the parking spaces in the new lot which will new used mainly by faculty.





Mr. Harry Ward helps the contractors lay cement borders. A steamroller levels the new teacher parking lot as bulldozers work on the playing field in the background.





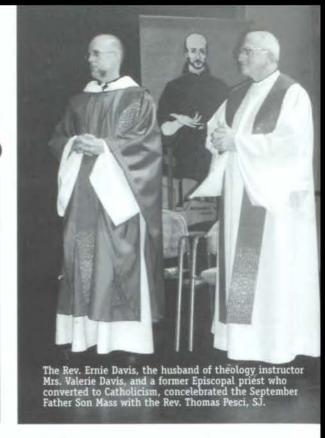
Millions of tons of dirt were moved to make way for the state-of-the-art baseball diamond. Gardeners landscape the parking lot with trees, shrubs and grass.

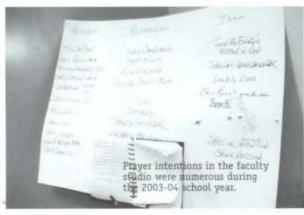


2003-2004 MILESTONES











There was an epidemic of injuries and surgeries that required the use of crutches or wheelchairs.







Richie Restivo, RHS Class of 2002, was stabbed to death February 6, in the Rockhurst parking lot during a fight.



Saddam Hussein was captured, but the Iraq War dragged on though the year with loss of almost 1000 American lives.









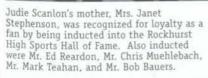










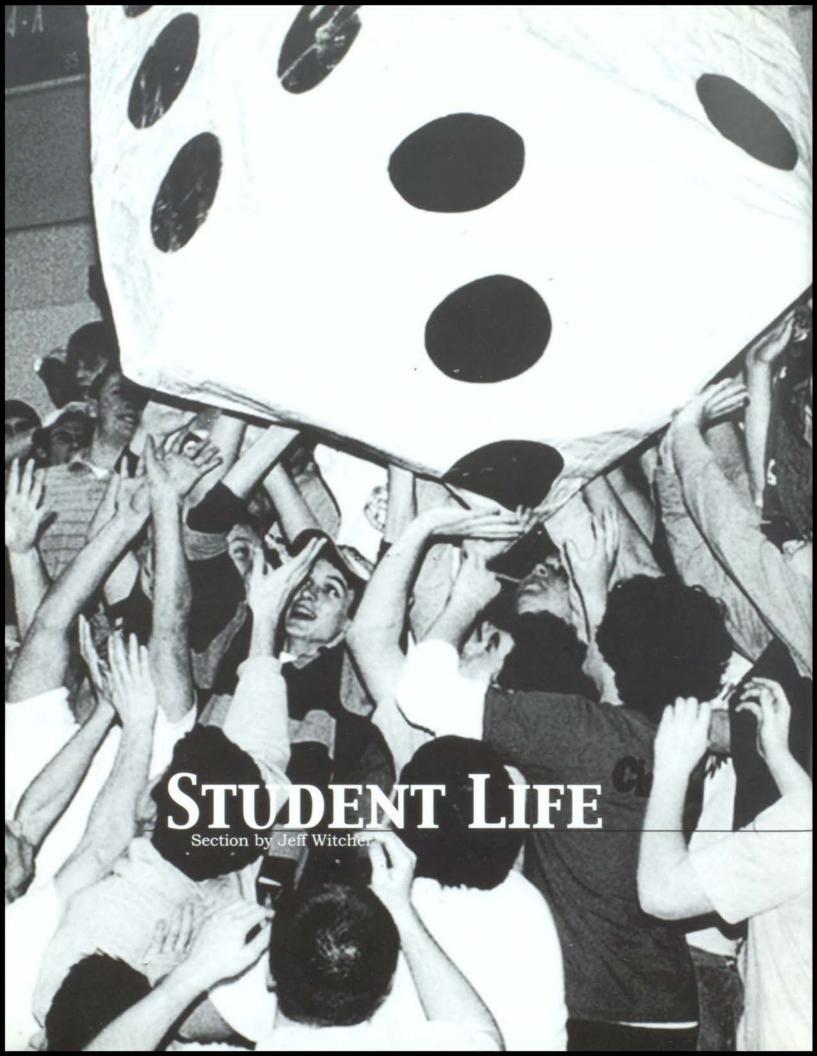


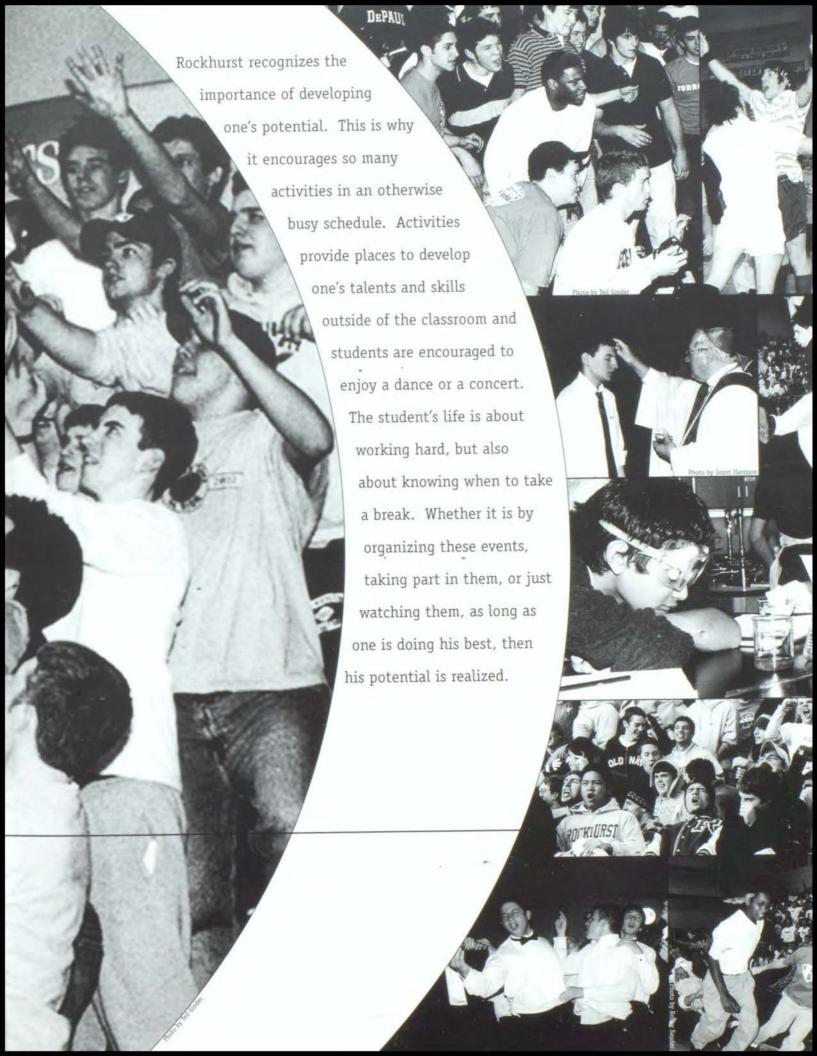




Milestones 11

the last day.









Queen tradition rides off into the sunset during week of spirit and celebration

Senior quarterback Sean Cummings passes between two Gulf Shores defenders.

Rockhurst Homecoming 2003 rode off into the sunset, spelling the end of a long-time tradition and portending new customs for the years to come.

The Student Government Association decided to discontinue the Homecoming Queen tradition in part because it was seen as an archaic tradition.

"I saw it as extremely sexist," said St. Teresa's junior Katie Murray. "All that the Rockhurst students do is vote for the girl they think is the hottest. They can't make any judgments on the girls' character because they don't even speak to them."

Homecoming Week opened with a Mass presided over by The Rev. Luke Byrne, SJ, former President of RHS, and a member of the Class of 1952. Fr. Byrne spoke of the RHS traditions that are long-standing and of the new traditions that were being created by current students. He concluded by calling the students to action.

Later in the week, Mr. Jeff McCaffrey, RHS Class of '01, and Mr. Mark Henke, RHS Class of 1972, Executive Director of Catholic Charities

for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas spoke about the impact that Rockhurst had on their lives.

Mr. McCaffrey, who was paralyzed in a car accident in Colorado Springs in early 2002, told of his experiences in the hospital and about "The Spirit of Rockhurst."

Mr. Henke related his experiences in working with the underprivileged of the area. He told of the role that Rockhurst students play in the community and of the charitable acts that make Rockhurst proud. He spoke of the philosophy of being truly "men for others" and how students must strive to treat that philosophy as "more than just a motto, something to be pursued with the heart as well as the mind."

A "western" pep assembly Thursday included a virtual shootout won by Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, over senior Seth Correa.

> On Friday students and faculty dressed in western attire and challenged each other to duels in the halls.

> "The Western Day was really great," said junior Phil Linville. "It was a lot of fun to wear cowboy hats and boots to school for a change."

> In the Homecoming Game, played during the day for the first time in recent memory, the Hawklets crushed Houston's Gulf Shores High School, 42-6, boosting their record to 2-1.

> At halftime, the last Homecoming Queen candidates walked out onto the field with their fathers and escorts, the first chance that the alumni and parents had to see the candidates.

> The final Homecoming dance carried a western motif, as couples wore hightopped boots and cowgirl dresses. Bails

of hay and wagon wheels decorated the stage as senior Anthony Dayrit, SGA President, announced that Aguinas senior Brittany Jeter, escorted by senior Robby Borchardt, was the winner. Other candidates were Aguinas senior Caitlin Healy, escorted by senior Jason Ashner, Notre Dame De Sion senior Erin Donnely escorted by senior Brian Trowman, St. Teresa's Academy senior Andrea Martin, escorted by senior Mike Adkins, and Shawnee Mission South senior Katie Douglas, escorted by senior John Molner.

FUN TO WEAR COWBOY HATS AND BOOTS TO SCHOOL. -Phil Linville

IT WAS A LOT OF

Story by Jeff Witcher



Junior Cameron McCullough, and seniors David Ward and Jacob Leeper represent the past at the Homecoming Mass.





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Mr. Matt Nolen and freshman Jeffrey Huggins enjoy the Pep Rally. Mr. Jeff McCaffrey, RHS '01, speaks about The Spirit of Rockhurst at the Homecoming Assembly. Mr. Mark Henke, RHS '72, speaks to students about being Men for Others at the Homecoming Spirit Assembly. Seniors Liam Porter, John Krebs, and CJ Cornwell show off their western attire outside the Admission Office. The Rev. Luke Byrne, SJ, former President of RHS, and member of the Class of '52, presides over the Homecoming Mass. Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, competes in the electronic shootout at the Pep Assembly. The Hawklet sits proudly on his horse in the Barry Commons. Senior Seth Correa celebrates his supposed victory in the electronic shootout.











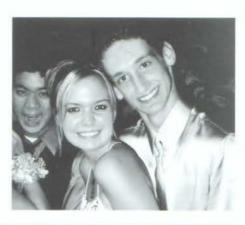






Khalil-Ghibran Jones and his date Lauren Fitzpatrick break it down on the dance floor.

Senior Mark Eskew and Sarah Toull pose at the Homecoming Dance.





Homecoming king and queen candidates. Mike Adkins and Andrea Martin, Jason Ashner and Caitlin Healy, Bobby Borchardt and Brittany Jeter, Erin Donnely and Brian Trowman, Katie Douglas and John Mulner.



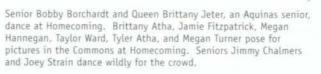
Senior John Mumford and St. Teresa's senior Sarah Playne dance during Homecoming.













Mallory Helton and Nick Befort







Carly McClelland and Derrick McKinney



Kim Haake and Anthony Dayrit







Dylan Aldrich helps two young children with their crafts.



Joey Geisel helps with legos at the Francis Child Development Institute.



Photo by Matt Stad



Joey Geisel compares muscles with those of a boy at FCDI. Scott Cummings wrestles with the children of FCDI. Joey Geisel peels a child off of his leg at the end of the day. A young boy celebrates as he finishes a puzzle. Sean Cummings helps figure out a puzzle.



Photo by Matt Stadle



Photo by Matt Stadle





Ted Capoccia reads to the students of the Francis Child Development Institute.

Class of '04 learns about themselves while helping the city's less fortunate



Cullen Roberts enjoys snack time with a young girl at the Kansas State School for the Blind.

Senior Service was an opportunity for 248 Rockhurst seniors to give back to the community during the first two and a half weeks of January, as students dispersed to 85 different agencies around the city.

"I think senior service is one of the more significant experiences that one takes from RHS," said the program's co-moderator, Mr. William Munninghoff. "It will have a lasting impact."

Mr. Frank Griffin, the other moderator, thinks the program is worthwhile because it's good for seniors to be assisting others in any way.

"It is beneficial for our seniors to go out into the world and see how the other half lives," said Mr. Griffin.

Seniors had a wide variety of agency choices, from grade schools, to hospitals and nursing homes, and even a thrift store.

"Every year, a few agencies are removed from the list and a few are added," said Mr. Munninghoff. "This is done to spread our guys out a little bit more."

New additions include St. Ann's in Prairie Village, St. Michael the Archangel, and Lee Ann Britain CDC.

The agencies that filled up the fastest were Operation Breakthrough and Sion Lower School.

"I chose to work at Operation Breakthrough because Mr. Munninghoff recommended it to me," said senior Noah Besheer. "I'm glad I worked there. It made me feel good to work with the poorest in the city." According to Mr. Munninghoff, a very challenging place to work was Trails West.

"Trails West is home to students with severe disabilities," he said. "Many students cannot talk while others can not feed themselves."

"Working at Trails West made me feel lucky for having my physical health," said senior Joe DeCapo. "It also tested my patience. I would teach the kids something, then the next day they would

forget it."

Rockhurst has offered the Senior Service Program for 32 years, since 1972. Mr. Munninghoff has been on board for 10 years; Mr. Griffin for 18.

"This was one of the smoothest years in memory," said Mr. Munninghoff. "Everyone did a stellar job. There were no major problems. All the agencies gave glowing reports."

Mr. Griffin has similar comments.

"This year was very quiet. There was no brushfires, no major problems," said

Mr. Griffin.

-Mr. Bill Munninghoff

IT WILL HAVE A

LASTING IMPACT.

"Time and time again, the teachers would come up and thank me for having the boys work in their classroom," said John Teasdale, RHS class of 1998, development coordinator at DeLaSalle Education Center. "They are very hard workers, and (as I know) a lot can be said about the value of the senior service projects, both for the students and the organization."

"I think the goal is to live the motto of being a man for others," said Mr. Munninghoff. "Students get to touch other's lives and get their lives touched in the process. It's a two way street."

Story by Sean Owens



Brother Pachomius of Conception Abbey speaks to Rockhurst students about the joys of the Franciscan Brotherhood.



Juniors Taylor Briggs and Jon Gossman take a break from the group discussions to play a quick game of football. Tyler Kunce takes a few moments to write in his journal.



Juniors take time to examine spirituality and each other

The Class of 2005 experienced its final required retreat at Rockhurst with the Junior Retreat, held at Sav-

ior Pastoral Center in Wyandotte County, or Conception Abbey, in Conception, MO.

"My favorite part was the group skits of the moral dilemmas," said Daniel Kerley. "Retreat was also a good time to connect with ourselves and fellow classmates."

Thirty juniors spend two days and nights together with three faculty members to prepare for spiritual advancement and personal growth.

"I am grateful to the 30 RHS teachers who share their faith with

the juniors," said Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, Rockhurst Pastoral Director. "They make the junior retreat the memo-

rable experience it is."

While on retreat, juniors who went to Conception Ab-

bey were able to learn about the monk's way of life while going to evening prayer and reconciliation. Retreatants also had free time where they could play basketball, football, and racquetball. Faculty members facilitated group discussions where students discussed personal issues, learned about themselves, family and friends, and about God.

"The theme for the junior retreat is leadership, which was emphasized much more this year," said Fr. Menard. "One of the goals

is to help students reflect on Christian leadership as they prepare to become leaders at RHS." Story by Ryan O'Leary

THEY MAKE JUNIOR

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EXPERIENCE IT IS.

-Fr. Gary Menard, SJ



Junior Cameron Webb relaxes in his room at Conception Abbey on a break discussing the retreat with his roommates.



Cohen and Kerry Bowen laugh during a group discussion.

Juniors Patrick



Juniors Drew Parrin and Scott Hansen reflect quietly during a group discussion. Juniors Gene Bode and Connor Burns get to know each other during a small group discussion.



Photo by Jimmy Jordan

phomore Retreat

Sophomores learn values of teamwork and dedication

At Adventure Woods, several groups of treat went on." sophomores gathered to overcome physical and mental obstacles by using teamwork and trust in each other.

"Any time you get away from school and get outside and have some fun you

learn that all of that unity and that brotherhood comes from God," said Mr. Thomas Norman. "From what I saw it looked like the sophomores developed a lot of unity on the retreat."

The retreat took place over a period of two days as the class was divided into halves. Students were guided by staff members of Adventure

Woods through several team-building challenges.

fun," said Nick Kirkman. "I really came to trust the people in my group as the re-

Difficult exercises included a wallclimbing challenge where students had to find a way to climb a bare wall with nothing but each other to work with. In another exercise, the students had to get

> their entire group across a "river" without actually touching the ground.

> "It was really nice to get outside for a change," said Kyle Callahan. "It wasn't just a time for us to talk. We actually went out and did something."

> The retreat concluded each day with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, RHS Pastoral Director, who spoke to the students about the importance of trust in each

other and development of friendships at Rockhurst. Fr. Menard also spoke of "The outdoor activities were a lot of the importance of using hard work and determination to overcome obstacles.

Story by Tom Redmond

BELOW: Another group heads off towards Adventure Woods. The sophomores board the bus at the end of a tiring sophomore retreat.





LEFT: Sophomores attempt to make their way across a gap by using ropes and teamwork. They carry their coolers and supplies down towards a new adventure on the retreat. Students hold up their retreat bottles at the end of a successful day.





IRFALLY

CAME TO

TRUST MY

-Nick Kirkman

GROUP.





Half of the the Sophomore Class stands in the Barry Commons before boarding the bus for Adventure Woods. RIGHT: Students plot out a plan to cross a gap using blocks.















A sophomore pulls a teammate over the giant wall. They board the bus at the end of a very physical retreat. Students discuss the plans for the retreat. An "ice breaker" game builds teamwork. Sophomores discuss a strategy for the task at hand. Students head towards the main building at Adventure Woods.





The other half of the Sophomore Class wait their turn to head towards $A\overline{d}$ venture Woods. Students maintain balance on the \log as a trust exercise.





Junior Pat Roth speaks out to his small group at Freshmen Retreat, Leaders performed skits before the entire class. Seniors Matt Stadler and Phillip Nolte play card games with their small group. Freshmen relax in their room after seeing "Ground Hogs Day".





Freshmen retreat teaches unity to first year students

"It's always a new experience," said Mr. Sean Agniel. An experienced student Core Team headed up the 11month planning process under the supervision of threeyear veterans Mr. Agniel, Mr. Chris Bosco, Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, and first year advisor Mr. Jeremy McElduff.

Returning grounds crew foremen, seniors Adam Davis and Eric Snyder, took chairman seats and returning leaders Bob Murphy and Alan Elliot rounded out the senior portion of the Core Team. The junior portion consisted of the two grounds crew foremen Pat Curran and Mike Camacho, assisted by John Marrin and Patrick Rhea.

"The guys on the Core Team were incredible," said Mr. Agniel. "We had fewer problems than ever before."

"Before the retreat I was unsure," said Davis. "But, as the group leaders charged into the Rose, I experienced all the energy and excitement filling the theater. Everyone was excited. I suddenly knew all of the work everyone had put into it would pay off."

The retreat started Thursday after school as group lead-

ers decorated their classrooms in preparation for the overnight stay. When the freshmen arrived, they were greeted with an opening ceremony consisting of a video slideshow. Following that, groups of six or seven went to the classrooms with their leaders for icebreakers and discussions.

After going home Thursday, the freshmen returned early Friday morning for activities. They also enjoyed a movie, skits and more reflective conversations focusing on the theme of the retreat, "This Undiscovered Moment."

"It was definitely a success," said Elliot. "The retreat went off practically without a hitch."

From the feedback, it is appar-

ent that, for many of them, this was an important time to find friends and, ultimately, a home at Rockhurst," said Mr. Agniel. "It's rewarding to work on a project for 11 months and then watch it all come together. The hard work and creativity of the upperclassmen, along with the willingness of the freshmen to give themselves to the experience, make the Freshman Retreat a powerful event." Story by Matt Stadler

IT'S ALWAYS A NEW

EXPERIENCE

-Mr. Sean Agniel







Independent Mainstream performs for the Freshmen Class at the retreat. Mr. Jeremy McElduff stands before the class to open the retreat. Senior Paul Pena sits outside his tent and talks to his small group. Gregory DeFeo journals in his small group room. Senior Collin Schaible listens during a group discussion. Senior Phillip Nolte plays poker with the freshmen of his small group. Mr. Chris Bosco scribbles a small note to himself in the commons. Group leaders perform a comical skit for the retreatants.















Mission Week





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Senior John Guinta celebrates his hand as Mr. Mick Swanson deals at the annual Mission Week Casino Night. Mr. Peter Campbell and Mr. Chris Dawson battle for a rebound with senior David Ward at the student-faculty basketball game. Students roll the giant die at the board game. Brett King and Kyle Van Buskirk sell raffle tickets in the Barry Commons before school.

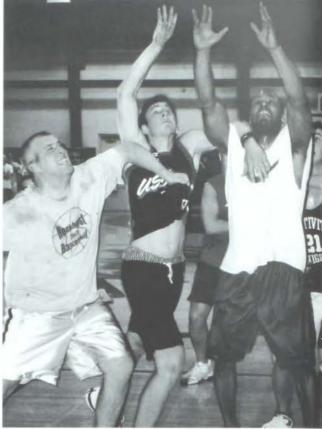


Photo by Matt









ABOVE AND CLOCKWISE: Junior Jeff Caldwell and senior Eric Griffin arm wrestle during the board game. Sophomore Lyndon Gray backflips at the dice game. Mr. Artie Vielhauer shaves Mr. Mike Heringer's moustache at the student-faculty basketball game. Juniors Reid Martin and Patrick Cohen distribute sample CD's after a stellar performance at Battle of the Bands.







spikes the ball over St. Teresa's senior Maggie Triano. Seniors Tony Temple and Steve Welsh pull during

Students donate money, time to the less fortunate

The Student Government Association raised \$15,204.18 during the week and \$4,914.47 at Battle of the Bands for the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota, making Mission Week 2004 a suc-

cess. Designed more to be in the spirit of giving, the second year of the new competition was a fun week for students, as many during-school and after-school events gave students an opportunity to give to the poor while having a good time.

"Well, I think that people were able to give money not only for Spirit Points, but to help other people," said Mr. Michael Heringer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs. "That's really the reason why we were able to do it."

At the Mission Casino Night Monday in the Barry Commons, tables for blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps were set up, with all proceeds going to the effort.

The following Tuesday, the Mission Week Prayer Service focused on the spirit of giving and on the many less fortunate

peoples in the world. A large cloth with a picture of Carlitos adorned the gym, reminding students of what Mission Week was all about. Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, invited students who participated in Books For Peace to speak of the many lessons they learned during their trip to El Salvador.

"The most important idea we wanted to convey in the prayer service was that we have an obligation to help our brothers and

sisters," said Mr. Thomas Norman, Liturgy and Worship Class instructor. "More particularly the needy and less fortunate," The students won the annual student-faculty basketball game

on Wednesday, 21-20, ending a 4-year winning streak by the faculty. Mr. Bernie Kreikmeier, and Mr. Frank Griffin again refereed the contest.

On Thursday Sion won the second annual Rockhurst, Sion, and St. Teresa's co-ed vollevball. Several Rockhurst teams played the two all-girls schools, cheered on by a raucous crowd. Both Sion and St. Teresa's won their two matches against Rockhurst. Sion then defeated St Teresa's, 2-1 for the title.

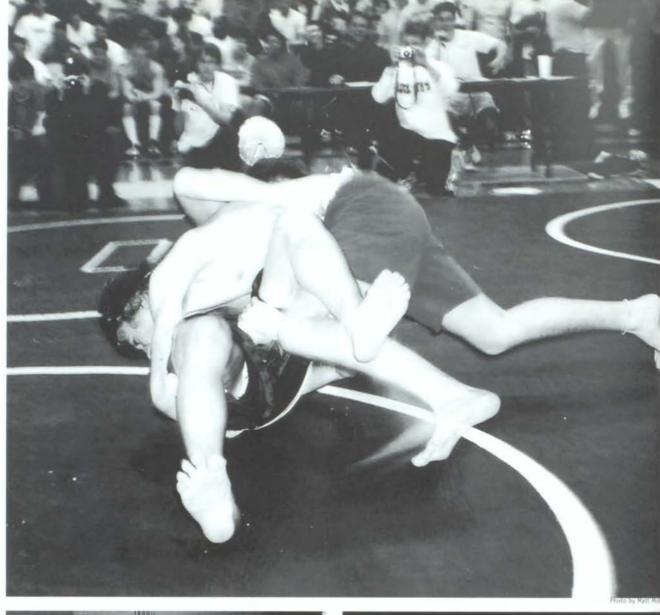
On Friday the Dice Game, featured competitive events such as arm wrestling, dancing, and tug of war. The game included a 5 cubic foot square die, which was thrown into each separate class section. The "game pieces" walked around on a life-sized board and landed on certain challenges, either physical or mental, with questions about the

popular 90's show Saved By The Bell.

Students raised money in their homerooms, passing around a large manila folder to fill with donations. Raffle tickets were sold every morning in the commons, which featured prizes such as a \$100 Best Buy Gift Certificate, a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Rock Shop and Book Store, and tickets to Prom 2004 and Homecoming Story by Jeff Witcher 2004.

-Mr. Michael Heringer

Mission Week/Battle of the Bands





Mr. David Laughlin, principal, defends against senior David Ward. TOP: Senior Nathan Brown pins freshman David Hicks in the wrestling competition at the Mission Week dice game. Brown and junior Vince Ismert face off in the wrestling competition.





The Faculty Mission Week Basketball team. KNEELING: Mr. Eric Berg, Mr. Jim DeGraw, Mr. Brian Henry, Mr. Paul Brockland, Mr. Pete Campbell, Col. Paul Ptasnick, Mr. Kevin Holland; STANDING: Mr. Jeff Crowe, Mr. Chris Dawson, Principal David Laughlin, Mr. John Morris, Dean David Alvey.

Gifted musicians shine brightly at Carlitos Battle of the Bands

Carlito's Battle of the Bands brought a successful close to Mission Week, while providing an entertaining evening to the student body of Rockhurst.

The bands of the annual event helped raise a total of \$4914.47, about the same as raised in previous years. The preparations began in early December. When a committee previewed and narrowed 16 bands, who submitted demos to a final six.

The committee of the Battle of the Bands included seniors Nik Schuetz, Nick Lewer and juniors Drew Parrin and Matt Leigh. Mrs. Molly Reardon supervised the committee and Mr. Tom Norman helped organize the events. The bands included Sappho's Comet,

Sentence of Deception, Independent Mainstream, Brush- and the entire band was excited."

fire, Sonic Revelations, and Metropolis.

"It was a most enjoyable night," said Mr. Norman, who

retired as National Honors Society sponsor at the end of the year. "No damage was done and everyone involved seemed to have a great time."

The top band was Independent Mainstream, with Reid Martin on vocals and quitar, Jason Samayoa, bass, Patrick Cohen, drums, Chad Dobbs, guitar, and Bobby Tonnies, keyboard, quitar, and vocals. The band is focused on songwriting, and a few cover songs in between.

"It was a big shock to win it," said Martin. "I'm happy with the results

Story by Jason Switzer

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- Mr. Tom Norman

Brushfire Brushfire Sentence of Deception Sappho's Comet Brushfire





Brushfire's Joe Dunn, Joe Calhoun, and Sammy Nachbar excite the crowd with their vocal performance. Sonic Revelation's Tim Herbers, Nick Lewer and Joe DiCappo. Metropolis' Matt Leigh and John Wald. Independent Mainstream's Reid Martin, Jason Samayoa, and Chad Dobbs. Sentence of Deception.

Pep Rallies

Assemblies deemed 'greatest ever'

IT GAVE STUDENTS A

FUNNY WAY TO SHOW

REALLY APPRECIATES

THE TEACHERS.

HOW MUCH THE SCHOOL

-Dylan Aldrich

The Spirit Club, under the supervision of Coach Tony Severino, ulty and students alike. Senior Jimmy Chalmers, playing staged some of the most well-received pep rallies in memory, based on the reception of the Rockhurst community. From spoofs of faculty to feats of skill, the events dazzled the audience.

At the first pep assembly in September the Men in Black agents captured participants from each class at random.

As the fall sports teams were introduced, DJ's staged a music contest where a member of each class had to sing and dance for one minute. Freshmen Tom Dewolf won the dance contest by

stripping and dancing wildly to the music to the delight of the audience.

A relay race between each class entailed a slip'n side covered in vegetable oil and a pogo stick relay. The seniors came away with the win.

At the western-themed Homecoming Week Pep Rally, guns were drawn and reputations were on the line. Quick Draw David Alvey battled senior Seth Correa and was the surprise winner.

As each class participated in the quick draw contest the seniors came out victorious. The ever-present agents were in attendance, dressed as cowboys.

A western dodge ball game between students and faculty

slowly eliminated all but the victorious students.

At the October pep rally, students dressed as faculty to perform their best impersonations of Rockhurst's favorite teachers.

As "teachers" were introduced, the gym erupted in laughter. Senior Drew Goodwin played Mr. Kevin Miller, and Mr. John Morris. Drew's portrayal of Mr. Miller got a huge response from fac-

Mr. Frank Lyngar, taught the school a quick calculus lesson and told everyone how smart he truly was.

This pep rally was considered by many students to be the most hilarious assembly of the year.

"It gave the students a funny way to show how much the school really appreciates the teachers at RHS," said senior Dylan Aldrich, who played Mr. Mick Swanson. "The pep rally was hilarious. Everyone had great acting skills."

> At the December pep assembly, Christmas spirits were in the air as students from each class were decorated as Christmas trees. After fellow students dressed each class member, a panel of judges graded them. Wrapping paper, toilet paper, flour, syrup and other items were used as ornaments. The judges declared senior Andre McIntosh the best-dressed Christmas tree.

> The basketball team was introduced at the December rally by senior captain Steve Redmond who announced each player's nickname, such as Jeff "Head- fake-till-myhead-break" Barnthouse

At the February pep rally

the traditional board game brought an end to a successful Mission Week.

At the March pep rally, after the spring sports teams were introduced, a quick student/faculty volleyball game was contested, with the students coming out on top.

Story by Chris Crawford





Seniors Dylan Aldrich and Brandon Doherty decorate the senior christmas tree with a leaf blower and toilet paper, Junior Allan Smith fights as the "agents" pull him out of the crowd.

















A pep rally took a sudden turn for the *worst* as a human foozball game erupted into a tangled mess. Mr. Tom Norman laughs as senior Joe Calhoun enters the gym dressed as him. Junior Jeff Caldwell holds on to his sled as his two freshmen reindeer attempt to pull him to the finish line.



Pep Rallies



FRONT ROW: The Rockhurst Hawklet, Ryan Bennett. MIDDLE ROW: 'Adam Maib, Brandon Doherty, Brian Hanrahan. BACK ROW: Quinn Anderson, Mike Adkins, John Adrian, RJ Abella, Dylan Aldrich, Kevin Morris, Mike Kelly.



Senior Joey Geisel attempts to pogo across the gym. Seniors wave and sing along as performers sing. Freshman Tommy DeWolfe dances before the agents during a pep assembly. Judges rate underclassmen on their dancing performances.





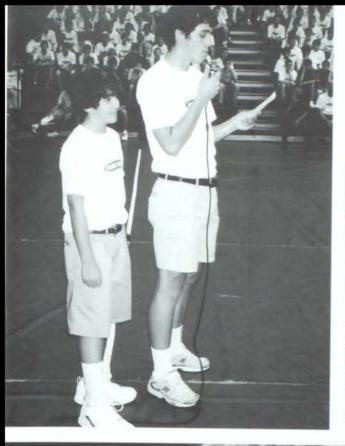






"Agent" senior Quinn Anderson hunts down underclassmen at a pep assembly. Freshman Marcello Bustamante serenades the audience in the gym. Junior John Donovan becomes a Christmas tree at the December pep rally. Seniors RJ Abella, Dylan Aldrich, and John Adrian mix up the records.







Senior Jimmy Chalmers kicks a goal during the human foozball contest. Senior Stephen Hoefer and his clone, Mini Me, address the assembly. Senior Andre McIntosh tries to keep the powder out of his eyes while being decorate serenades the crowd. Senior swimmers Ben Morrison and Pat Laughlin tell about their season. Junior Mike Walzcuk attempts to untangle himself from the rest of the human foozball players. Senior Brian Hanrahan and the Hawklet mascot watch as the underclassmen dance. Two senior "Agents" escort Joe D'Agostino to the gym floor.









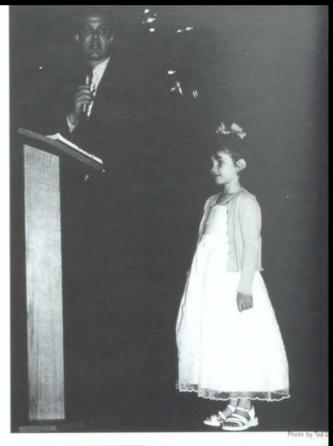




Rallies



Derrick and Jeff Poskin take a break from dinner and dancing to pose for a picture with their mother Joan. Mr. David Laughlin, principal, describes the importance of Motherhood, as his daughter Jackie looks on. Senior Jamie Maggard dances with his mother Kathy after the Rose Ceremony at the Mother-Son Dance. Senior Dylan Aldrich dances with his mother Ann. Senior Michael Adkins addresses the crowd with his mother by his side.



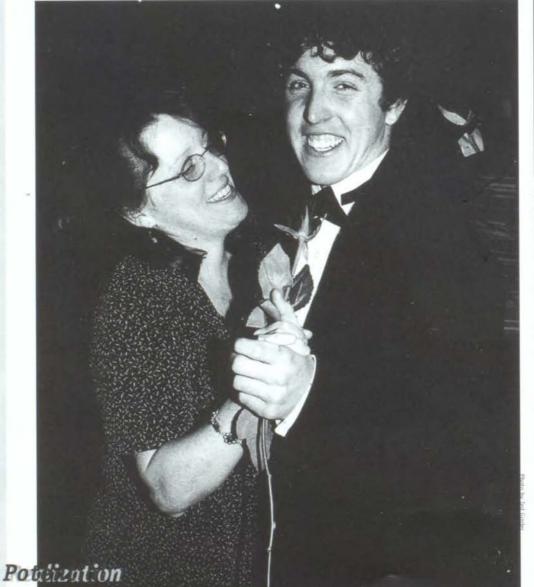




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Seniors serenade their mothers one last time. Senior Sam Woodell poses with his mother Kathy for a quick picture. Senior Jimmy Chalmers poses with his mother Leslie during the dance. Seniors select their roses before they dance with and serenade their mothers. Seniors show pride and gratitude for the efforts of their mothers to get them through Rockhurst. Seniors Todd Whittaker and Brian Trowman pose with their mothers after the rose ceremony. Seniors Mike Kelly and Jeff Koons award their mothers with roses.

Importance of mothers realized at annual night out with sons

I COULDN'T WAIT

FOR THE [MOM]

PROM THIS YEAR.

-Mrs. Lucinda Kennaley -Mother of Chris Kennaley

There are few events that set the halls ablaze with the doors opened for seating. plans like Mom Prom. At the end of the year, Rockhurst's Mother-Son dance is one of the most popular social events followed by chicken, and ending with chocolate cake and of the year. A night to kick back, dance, talk, and just

spend time with your mother, Mom Prom attracts a large population of the school, and delivers an evening of fun for moms.

"I couldn't wait for the [Mom] Prom this year," said Mrs. Lucinda Kennaley, mother of senior Chris Kennaley. "I couldn't wait to spend a nice evening with my son before he left for college."

Sons in their tuxes or suits, and moms in their finest arrived at the Overland Park Convention Center ready to participate in the evening's first event, the social hour. Most couples stood in line

for pictures, but absolutely everybody was talking. Whether meeting their son's friends or talking about old "I-remember-when-he-was-this-big..." stories, the mom's and their sons had plenty to talk about. After pictures,

Dinner was a three-course meal starting with salad. strawberries. After the meal, Principal David Laughlin

> gave a toast commemorating the mothers, and opening the dance.

The Rose Ceremony kicked off the evening activities. Seniors selected and presented their mom's with a single red rose, a symbol of their love and appreciation. This was followed by the first dance for seniors and moms. The dance floor was soon filled with all of the classes. Many mothers left their heels behind so they could swing and bop all night. As the first few notes of the classic

"You've Lost that Loving Feelin" began, the seniors rushed the stage, and proceeded to sing to their mothers.

The rest of the evening was spent dancing and enjoying each other's company. Story by Joe Myers









Participants enjoyed many different ethnic foods at the festival. The choice was extensive, as more than eight different cultures were represented.



Nik Schuetz, Ben Morrison, and Mallory Flora were among those who enjoyed sampling the food, and working, at the Heritage Festival.



Hispanic cultural representatives perform a dance.



Mothers stand in front of the French



A young performer in her traditional Meyican dress

FROM THE FOOD

TO THE MUSIC TO

WAS ALL TERRIFIC.

-Dayne Sharbel-Philips

THE CRAFTS IT



Audience members dance in tune with



Parent volunteers pose at the Italian

Community celebrates unique cultural, ethnic backgrounds

The sound of music and the smell of food filled the especially love to see what other cultures have to offer crowded cafeteria on October 19th for the 14th Annual in jewelry and decorations."

Heritage Festival. The event pro-

vided an opportunity for the Rockhurst community to showcase its diversities through food, music and craft from Africa, France, Asia, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the Middle East.

"Everything was wonderful, but the food is the best part," said Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator. "It does a whole lot to show the different cultures in our Rockhurst community."

The food was the main attraction but for those who wanted

something more there were ethnic crafts in the Barry Commons, including jewelry, herbs and art.

"Everyone loves the food but the crafts offer another way to show one's culture," said Mrs. Scanlon. "The women

The RHS Jazz Band, and Mr. Bert Roney's band, The Andean Express, pleased the crowd with South American folk music. The group has produced its first CD which is for sale.

"From the food to the music to the crafts, it was all terrific," said senior Dayne Sharbel-Phillips. "It allowed everyone to taste foods they might not yet have had and to experience others' cultures."

Mrs. Scanlon was the coordinator of the event with the help of mother's Mrs. Nina Marsh, Mrs. Chelly Scarbrough, Mrs. Mary Sharbell, the Parents Club, student workers and the

maintenance staff.

"The festival helps us to finally gain a realization of what real diversity is like in today's society," said Phillips. Story by Matt Eberle





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Senior Thien-An Nguyen Vu and his mother, Thu, stand and enjoy the cultural festivities. Mr. Bert Roney and his band, the *Andean Express*, performed at the Heritage Festival. The German cultural representatives cooked food and posed for pictures at the festival. Mr. Roney performs on his guitar at the festival. Spanish performers danced and posed for pictures in their traditional Spanish dresses. A cultural performing group sings and dances for the audience. The Mexican representatives at the festival pose in the hallway before dancing in the cafeteria for the attendees. The women performed several Mexican songs and dances at the festival.















ABOVE AND CLOCKWISE: The student auction volunteers line up on the staircase in the Barry Commons in anticipation of a night of hard work. A caterer and a student volunteer cross paths in the Barry Commons. An auctioneer acknowledges a bid at the auction as others look on. Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, President of Rockhurst High School, takes a moment to admire Mr. Mick Swanson's tie.











ABOVE AND CLOCKWISE: Mr. Michael Kern and the Rockhurst Jazz Band performed. Former President Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, spoke with Mr. John Bowen. Juniors Pat Cohen and Chris Barton, whose parents co-chaired the event, stand before the Mustang which was up for bid.. Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, leads the





Junior Chris Barton holds a dog that was auctioned off at the Rockhurst Spectacular.

Patrons enjoy Road to Morocco on the way to raising record funds

"The Road To Morocco" was paved in gold as for third year in a row, the Spectacular Auction set a new record in total money raised (Over \$450,000), and in tickets sold (1144).

The gymnasium was transformed into a middle eastern bazaar, with intoxicating music, beautiful arches decorated with Moorish

art in every doorway, rich fabrics hanging from the ceiling, and tables covered in goodies.

Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, newly inaugurated Rockhurst President, and talented vocalist, joined the Chamber Choir in singing "God Bless America," before dinner.

"It was a lot of fun," said Fr. Baum. "It compared very favorably to the auctions I worked at Loyola. We made a little more money at Loyola, but we also had twice as many students, so I would say it compares very favorably. It was definitely a more lively event, though."

Major auction items like 2.5 karat (each) earrings, singing waiters (Fr. Baum, Mr. David Laughlin, Principal, and Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, Director of Pastoral Ministry), and a two-year lease on a hot new Mustang convertible, stole the show. The pur-

pose of the auction, to pay the difference between what it costs to educate students and what they pay in tuition each year, was not forgotten.

"Every student gets a \$1400 scholarship every year whether they

know it or not," said Mr. Randall Hallett, Director of Development. "Many students get more. Work Grant is a major part of many Rockhurst students lives, and it is the auction that makes attending this school possible for some of our students."

The pamphlets every auction attendee received included vi-

gnettes from students and alumni explaining how the auction affected them personally, the first time such a thing had been done.

"It puts a face on the charity people are subscribing to," said Hallett. "It lets people know that students are directly benefiting from their contributions, and that their money is appreciated. It reminded people why and to who they were giving money."

The Auction was Co-Chaired by Bruce and Dianne Barton and Joy and Ken Cohen. Major helpers included Mrs. Cathy McCoy, decorations chairwoman; Bruce McKibbin and Gary Barton, chairs of the car raffle; Brad and Mary Vignatelli, chairs of the cleanup crew; Jo Gratton, chair of the mailing committee; Wendy Zecy and Mary Thomson,

chairs of the silent Auction, and Julie Crawford and Elaine Maib. chairs of the oral auction

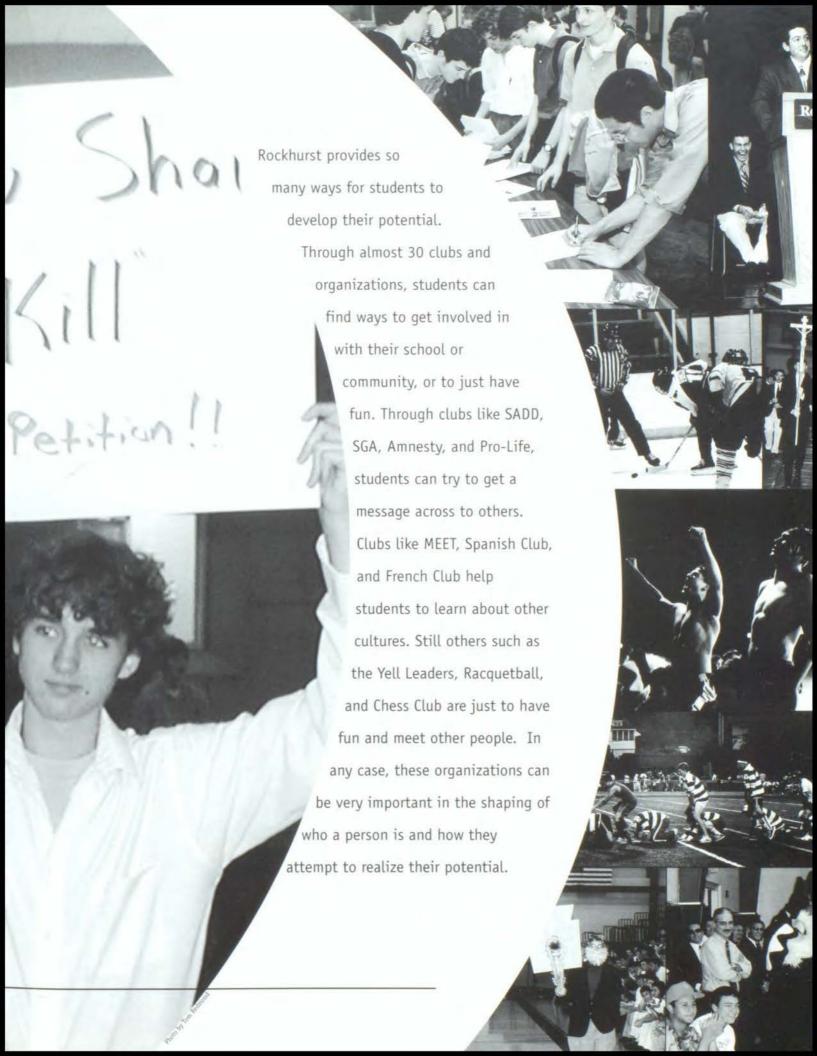
-Mr. Randall Hallet

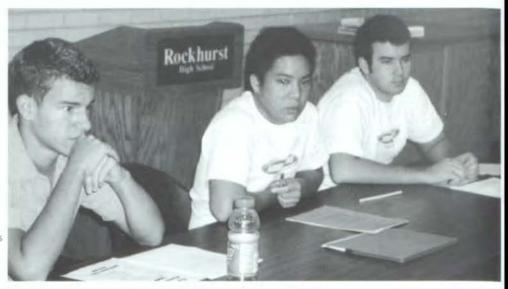
Over 400 volunteers on 39 committees and subcommittees worked behind the scenes to make it happen.

Story by Matt McKibbin

IT LETS PEOPLE KNOW THAT STUDENTS ARE DIRECTLY BENEFITING FROM THE PARENTS' CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Jimmy Chalmers, Anthony, Dayrit, and Jon Dandurand discuss upcoming events at the monthly SGA Meeting

Anthony Dayrit leads SGA with his organizational skills and personality

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Led by President Anthony Dayrit, and Vice-president Jimmy Chalmers, The Student Government Association

sponsored Freshmen Orientation, Blue White Mixer, Homecoming Week, Harvest Food Drive, Freshmen Dance (since they are no longer admitted to homecoming), Junior Iron Man, Casino Night, Mission Week, elections, class speeches, Senior Prom, Sophomore Bowling Night, Winter Dance, Junior Leadership Mass and Leadership Dance.

The SGA finalized its plans for eliminating Homecoming Queens. Mr. Michael Heringer, moderator of SGA, allowed students to voice their opinions, and SGA members suggested

that having a queen was purely a beauty contest and people were voting for the wrong reasons so the issue was talked about numerous times.

"We just felt that it was solely based on beauty and

that is totally against what we are trying to teach here at Rockhurst," said Mr. Heringer.

Mr. Heringer believes that a hair proposal like last year's braids proposal will be coming his way.

"This is the first time in recent memory that we have not had an issue brought up by the students to this date for the student life committee," said Mr. Heringer.

The SGA met every first Thursday of the month at 7:03 a.m. in the McGee Hall. Each week an agenda was posted and given to each representative to provide guidance and organization, Mr. Heringer said.

Class Presidents included senior

Mike Adkins; junior Jeff Herrera; sophomore Corey Carr, and freshman Ryan Coughlin. Story by Chris Crawford



Mike Adkins, Seamus McLaughlin, and Jimmy Chalmers perform as an air band at the Blue/White Mixer.



Senior Jimmy Chalmers decorates the Christmas tree for the Toy Drive.



-- Mr. Michael Heringer

Mr. Heringer sits down with SGA members to discuss upcoming events.



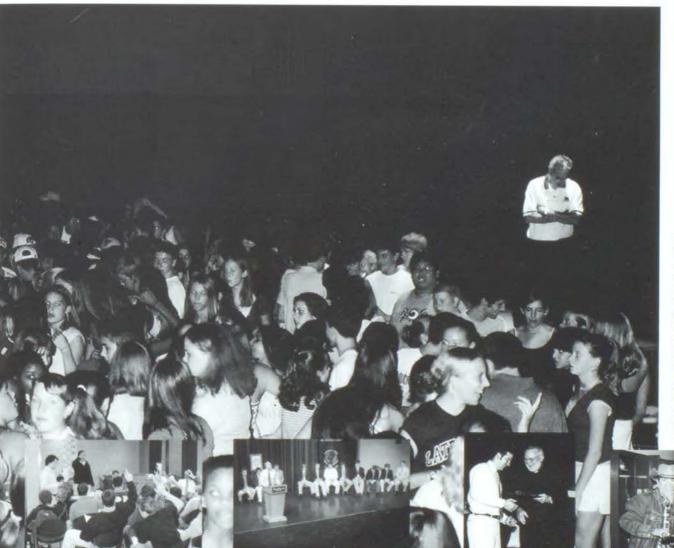
Homecoming Queen candidates stand with their dates and fathers on the 50-yard line during the Homecoming football game.



Mr. Michael Heringer helps sort through the cans during Harvest Food Drive. A total of nine cans per student were donated.



FRONT ROW: Joe Estes, Charlie Smith, Ryan Coughlin, Corbin Kline, Mark Towler; ROW 2: Tim Martin, Corey Carr, Stephen Fessler, Mike Walczuk, Sam Sabaugh, John Moffitt, Brian Chalmers, John Bickimer, Pat McShane, Patrick Curran, Jeff Herrera; ROW 3: Mr. Mike Heringer, Justin Rethmeyer, Stephen Hoefer, Mike Kelly, Jamie Maggard, Jon Dandurand, Anthony Dayrit, C.J. Cornwell, Jimmy Chalmers, Brian Cotroneo, Michael Adkins, Kevin Morris, Sheamus McLaughlin, Charlie Stoops, Mrs. Nancy Wormington.



Students dance the night away during the Blue/ White mixer, sponsored by SGA.

Students sit down during a meeting to come up with new ideas for next year.
Mr. David Alvey introduces the candidates during the election speeches. Jon Dandurand receives his gavel from Fr. Terrence Baum. Sean Rielley and Cullen Roberts show off their cowboy outfits during Homecoming Week.

SGA 43

Chris Oldenburg and Jason Morgan carry boxes for the Toy Drive. Freshmen hold up a sign to remind students of the upcoming Toy Drive.







Regis Club helps out local community with Toy Drive, Uplift, and Habitat

THE POINT IS TO

DO COMMUNITY

Led by senior President Ryan Bennett and senior Vice President John Reintjes, the Regis Club helped the com-

munity with activities such as Uplift, Toys-for-Tots, and Habitat for Humanity.

In his second year at Rockhurst, Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, took the responsibility of sponsoring the club.

"The point is to do community service, serve the poor, and continue the progress of the club" Mr. Tran said. "I was very hopeful for the ability of this club, and it was another great year."

provide food to the less fortunate in Kansas City.

Through Habitat for Humanity, students helped build or restore houses for the poor.

The annual Toy Drive brought in over 250 toys for the

less fortunate children in the area.

"You don't know how much it means to the chil-

dren to have at least one toy," junior Chris Oldenberg said.

Besides the major activities, the club did other things that benefited the community, including gathering clothes in October for people who might not have warm clothes for the winter.

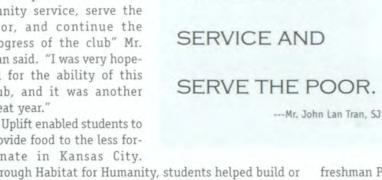
Upperclassmen who are not officers, but who help the club make it what it was, were juniors Jon DiGiacinto, Sean Hennessy, and Chris Oldenberg.

The club features a strong group of underclassmen who should be there for years to come.

"I like getting together with friends to help the community,"

freshman Phill Helt said. "I hope to be in the club throughout the rest of my Rockhurst career."

Story by Scott Clark

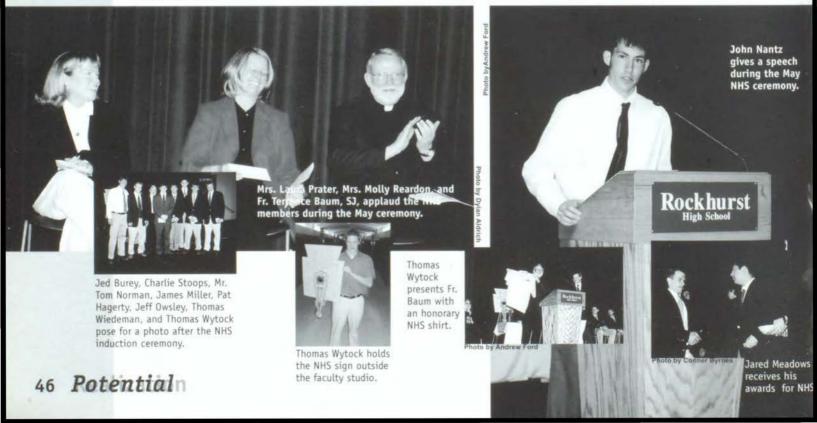




The Regis Club meets in the Computer Lab to discuss upcoming events. The club sponsored Uplift, the Toy Drive, and Habitat for Humanity.

National Honors Society





Student Success Center, Battle of the Bands are only a few of NHS success stories

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-Mrs. Molly Reardon

THE STUDENTS.

The National Honor Society keeps the gears turning at Rockhurst.

Of all the events that NHS sponsors the Student Success Center and the Battle of the Bands are two of the better

known. Others sponsorships included the Open House, the Honduran Mission donut sales, the Heritage Food Festival, the Spectacular Auction, Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, the placement test and the Battle of the Bands. "The battle maintains a high standard of musical and entertainment quality, while raising good money for the missions that need it," said Mr. Thomas Norman, the group's moderator.

Mrs. Molly Reardon, theology teacher, spent her spare time helping to plan and produce the Battle, in preparation to lead the NHS.

"I am continually amazed with the artistry, talent, and creativity of the students," said Mrs. Reardon.

Seniors served in all officers positions. Charlie Stoops

served as president; Jimmy Miller, vice-president; Pat Hagerty, secretary; Thomas Wiedeman, treasurer, and Thomas Wytock, the sergeant, at, arms.

"This year, under Charlie and his team, we have an abun-

dance of help and leadership," said Mr. Norman. "This is one of the best executive staffs I've ever worked with."

"It's was a really challenging year as far as NHS is concerned," said Stoops. "Either nothing happened, or everything happened all at once. Luckily I had a lot of great help."

The National Honor Society is a society of scholars in the top of their respective classes. As part of the requirements for admission, candidates must secure four faculty recommendations, perform 15 hours of community service in school, three of which must be in the student success center, 15 hours out of school, and they must write an essay on leadership.

Once they join, members are expected to hold fast to the four keystones of NHS: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Story by Joe Myers



Members of the National Honors Society, too numerous to mention, pose at the Annual Induction Ceremony in May.



Jack Cupples and James Miller assist Mrs. Rixson during the Parent, Teacher Conferences.



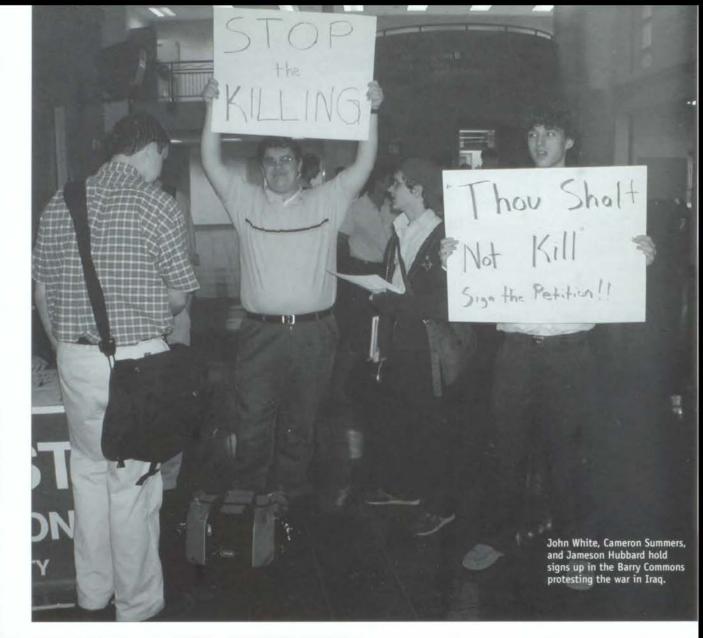
Mr. Tom Norman speaks as Jed Burey, Charlie Stoops, James Miller, Jeff Owsley, Pat Hagerty, and Thomas Wytock listen.



Cam McCulley directs a mom at Parent/ Teacher Conferences.

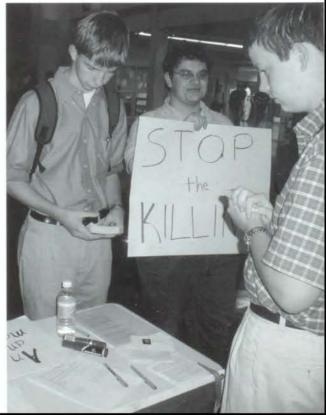
Photo by Andrew Ford

Amnesty International





Mr. Sean Agniel, Isaac Ah-Loe, Phil Schapker, Tim Martin, Brian Noland, Nick Befort, John White, Peter Brewer, Jameson Hubbard, Cameron Summers, Nick Yates.



Hoping to make a difference, group educates students about human rights

Amnesty International, through petitions, protests, letters, and generally spreading information, has stood up for human rights in hopes of making a difference in

the Rockhurst community. The club claims to be driven by its members because of their dedication and commitment to making a difference.

"I am lucky to work with compassionate and committed students," said Mr. Sean Agniel, sponsor of the group. "They truly exemplify what it means to be committed to doing justice."

Members, including President Nick Befort, Vice President Cameron Summers, and Secretary Brian Noland, could be seen, on occasion, in the Barry Commons before and after school, protesting war, the death penalty, or informing on other important issues.

"I like how they get so involved here," said sophomore James Ismert. "It shows how committed they are to the club and to what they believe in." The members tried to make a difference and enlisted the help of Rockhurst students and faculty, by encouraging the signing of petitions and standing up for hu-

man rights.

"It is important for other people to get involved in certain causes," said Summers. "We need the help of everyone otherwise, it would just be our small group which just is not enough."

In club meetings, on Thursdays during activity period, members debated and discussed issues such as the war in Iraq, to homophobia, to get different perspectives. This also helped non-club members to get information on current events like war and the new laws to help them take a stance on them.

"I like going to the meetings," said junior Jay Howell. "It fills

me in on recent political issues and lets me put in my opinion on the topics like the death penalty."

Story by Tom Redmond

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--Mr. Sean Agniel



Phil Schapker and Brian Noland try to get Seth Correa and Jay Howell to sign a petition for peace. Ben Molini, Cameron Summers, and John White prepare their Amnesty table in front of the Barry Commons.



Fr. Gary Menard, S J, signs a petition for peace.



Front ROW: Philip Helt, Jamie Maggard, Frank Reardon, Stephen Hinck, John Moffit, Mark Davidson, Matt Leigh; ROW 2: Adam Faulks, Cameron Korte, Jimmy Chalmers, Patrick Stoops, Peter Reintjes, Matt Clifford, Ted Ginder; ROW 3: Van Pine, Kevin Morris, Mrs. Jerry Featherston, Tim McManus.

SADD achieves goals to increase its membership and act as role models

The Students Against Destructive Decision's goal was twofold, to increase SADD membership at Tuesday meetings, where students could discuss problems, and to get

students out on the weekend scenes to act as good role mod-

"In past years, members had been students who were less social than this year," said Mrs. Jerry Featherston, SADD sponsor. "This year's students are active in and out of school and can play a role in leading the way in good decision making."

In October, members placed ribbons on Rockhurst cars to remind students of the choices they could make when it comes to driv-

"The ribbons serve as a reminder to students that the choices they make could affect

the rest of their lives and the lives of others," said senior Jimmy Chalmers, SADD President.

During the week before prom a wrecked car was put on display in the student parking lot. Members also put notes on the table at prom reminding students to stay safe.

"Our hope was that the car would be a symbol for

avoiding decisions that could be harmful to our students and others," said Mrs. Featherston.

During the summer the organization painted the speed bumps in the parking lot to help students realize the consequences that can come from the choices they make when driving.

"Our goal is not to be seen but to make students more aware of actions," said Mrs. Featherston. "The speed bumps serve as a very good symbolic reminder because students must drive over them to enter school."

"The informal atmosphere of the meetings encouraged students to come and talk about concerns at

Rockhurst they were having dealing with alcohol and other things," Mrs. Featherston said. "Many students still drink but through these meetings have made strides in thinking about the decisions they make." Story by Matt Eberle

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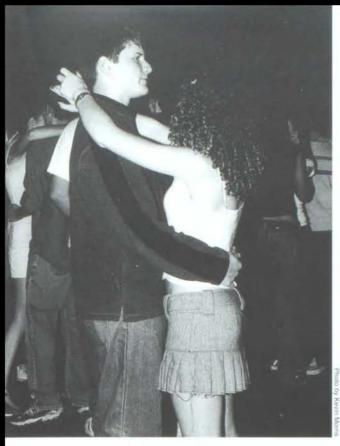
Freshman relax at the SADD mixer.



A wrecked car was used to remind students to make good decisions.



Frank Reardon and Jimmy Chalmers lead a SADD meeting.



Aaron Carter and his date slow dance at the SADD Mixer.



Sion students dance to the beat at the SADD mixer



Adam Faulks, Van Pine, Mrs. Jerry Featherston, SADD moderator, Matt Leigh, and Frank Reardon stand by the totaled car in front of the Barry Commons. The car served as a reminder to students of the dangers of drunk driving.

New Orleans trip caps busy year of sharing diversity with students

MEET, or Multi Ethnic Enrichment Team, is orga-

nized to explore diversity in all walks of life. The club goes to different harmony meetings and discusses topics on diversity and racial harmony with other schools in the Kansas City area. Members took a trip to New Orleans in March, held their annual Winter Dance, and helped in the Heritage Festival.

"The club is organized to get us to learn about different cultures," said junior President Jason Crain. "We have a lot of fun at the same time."

Proceeds from the dance go to developing a minority scholarship for incoming freshmen, which will be available next year.

In February the group celebrated Black History

Month with a soul food lunch, a bulletin board with

pictures of past and current African American heroes and clothes from Africa.

In March, the club went to New Orleans to learn about the city and how it has changed. They took a tour of the Laura Plantation, and a Creole-farming plantation that had slaves and was open during planting through harvesting season. The members also took a walking tour of an active cemetery and learned about the mixture of nationalities.

"The New Orleans trip was very educational," said club moderator Mrs. Carol Dougherty. "The

students all enjoyed it." Story by Danny White

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-Junior Jason Crane

FRONT ROW: Spencer Hardwick, Chris Silvers, Terris Purse, Thomas Clarke, Harrison Dean, Montae Perkins, Lyndon Gray; ROW 2: Mrs. Carol Dougherty, Michael Love, Chad Baker, Jason Crain, Larry Hayes; ROW 3: Bryant Harris, Michael Duschen, Joss Tillard-Gates, Jason Tomlin, Andre Silvers.



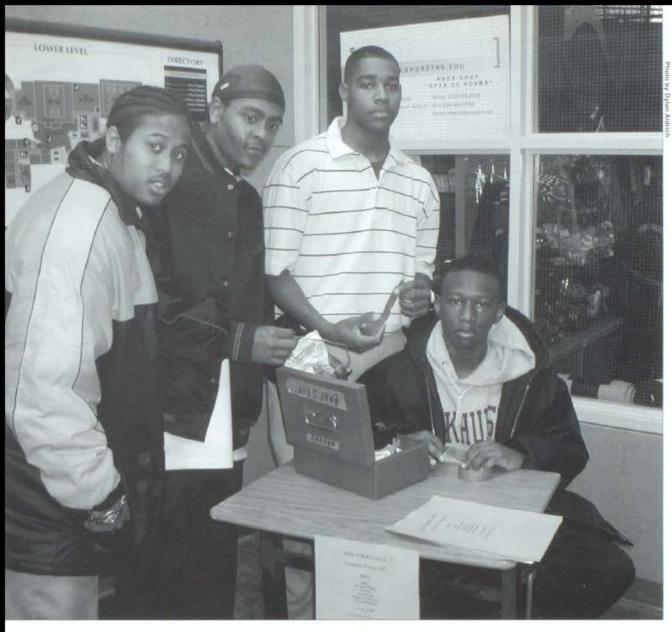
Montae Perkins, Andre Silvers, Bryant Harris, Thomas Clarke, and Larry Hayes listen to the details of the upcoming MEET trip.



MEET members listen to a guest speaker.

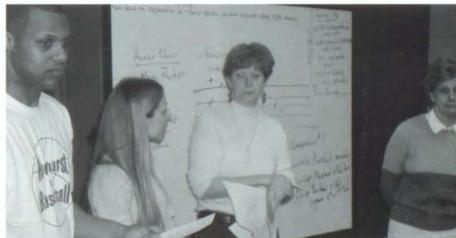


MEET Club members visit a chapel during their tour of New Orleans.



Thomas Clarke,
Andre Silvers,
Ronald Roglin, and
Larry Hayes sell
tickets for the
MEET winter
Dance. BELOW:
Mr. Chris Dawson
and Mrs. Carol
Dougherty lead a
meeting to plan
for the MEET trip
to New Orleans.







Mr. Chris Dawson leads a planning meeting for the New Orlean's trip.



FRONT ROW: Jeff Keeling, Alex Fontana, Sean Holloway, Joe Wagner. ROW 2: Mr. Chris Jensen, Ms. Katie Mertz, Ben Molini, John Schumacher, Jamie Maggard, Matt Stadler.



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Mr. Chris Jensen presents senior Jeff Keeling, club president, with an award honoring him for his four years of service to the Ecology Club.



Jameson Hubbard accepts a first place award for his ecology efforts.

Ecology Club



Mr. Sean Agniel rides his bike to school in support of the Ecology Club efforts to conserve energy.

Mr. Chris Jensen and Ben Morrison check the tire pressure on Ben's car for the Ecology Club contest.

Environmentalists make their presence known with expanded focus on awareness, training

THE CLUB HAD

OVER 50 STUDENTS

COMPETE IN APRIL'S

ECOLOGY CLUB

CONTEST

The leadership of senior Jeff Keeling, president, and senior Alex Fontana, vice president, took the Ecology Club in new directions.

Members spent everyday after school cutting down and recycling cardboard waste. Additional red recycle bins were purchased to for the stadium, due to the large amount of sodas bought at games.

A bike rack was added to encourage conservation of energy. The club also examined the feasibility of electronic hand blow drying units for the restrooms. Members checked tire pressure on student and faculty cars to improve gas mileage.

Moderator Mr. Chris Jensen

Transportation Alternatives (ETA) team. They hope

to help others to see the value of the city's bus systems and entice RHS students to take the bus to school more

often

Mr. Mike McShane of the ATA, the Metro bus system, met with the club in December to discuss the school's transportation options. He stressed carpooling, but the main purpose of his visit was to change the school's bus stop station. Keeling and others were concerned that it is dangerously close to the road and without cover the sun inhibits ability to see oncoming traffic.

Keeling led talks with Mr. David Laughlin, principal, about getting the bus stop moved away from the street

and possibly having a shelter constructed for those waiting in the cold and rain.

joined forces with Ms. Katie Mertz from the Admission Office to create the Exploring



Ecology Club members and contestants of the ecology contest.



Joe Wagner, John Giunta, and John Krebs enjoy the rewards of recycling.



Mr. Chris Jensen sorts the recycle bins.



Devin Fuchs accepts one of the ecology contest awards from Mr. Jensen.

Spanish Club examines heritage with Chipotle lunches, pen pals

CHIPOTLE HAS

BURRITOS EVER.

THE BEST

The Spanish Club, led by President Mike Wiggins and Vice President Ryan Sellers spread the Spanish culture and heritage with events such as making the Dia de los Muertos (Day of

the Dead) altar. Club members assemble an altar in the Barry Commons to commemorate past loved ones and influential people. The altar is important to the Spanish and to club members.

"It is a great way for us to understand how other cultures celebrate their loved ones," said junior Mike Pine. "We get some real hands on experience in learning how they function."

Spearheaded by junior

Anthony Modica, the club hosted Chipotle for lunch, where members had the chance to enjoy Spanish tradition monthly while satisfying their hungers.

"Chipotle has the best burritos ever," said junior Jason Samayoa. "I am glad we get treated to it so often."

The club instituted Mexican pen pals to help

club members better understand the culture, gain experience in the Spanish language, and to meet a person in Mexico through letters.

"I am glad I have a Mexican pen pal," said junior Max Zollicker. "I am actually learning a lot about him."

At the annual foreign language bowling tournament, the Spanish club came in second to the French Club.

"I had a great time,"

said Zollicker. "I am mad that we came in second, but I'm still glad I went."

Story by Tom Redmond



Photo by Tom Redr

FRONT ROW: Ryan Smith, Van Pine, Max Zollicker, Anthony Modica, Brian Walden, Rich Dierks, Joe Madden, Andrew Paredes; ROW 2: Jay Howell, Ted Ginder, Ryan Donohue, Nathan Everly, Sean Hennessey, Pat Hagerty, Miguel Mejia, Mike Wiggins, Dan Close; ROW 3: Andrew Kellerman, Jason Samayoa, Matt Leigh, John Marrin, Mr. Bert Roney; ROW 4: Tyler Kunce, Pat Casey, Josh Karlin, Matt Stadler, Andrew Boos, Jonathan Morrand, Ryan Sellers.



-Junior Jason Samayoa

Van Pine, Max Zollicker, Anthony Modica, and Peter Murray discuss an upcoming event.



Peter Murray sets up the Day of the Dead altar.



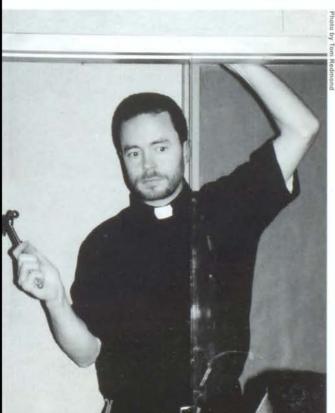
Mr. Bert Roney and Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, set up for Day of the Dead in the commons.



Mr. Roney tells Spanish Club members where to place things for the Day of the Dead table.



Mr. Bert Roney plays with his band, The Andean Express, at the Sion Fiesta.



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Catherine Schario and Andrea Fulks get tacos at the Sion Fiesta. Fr. Gary Menard sets up The Day of the Dead table.



Club captures bowling crown; enjoys meals with Sion women

The French Club is organized to celebrate the French Rockhurst French Club, which featured pastries and culture. Meeting during activity period on Tuesdays, the club planned a French breakfast with Notre Dame

de Sion, participated in the annual foreign language club bowling night, and created shirts.

"We were able to get a lot accomplished this year," said Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mills. "It was very enjoyable."

Early in December, the members collected money to buy presents for less fortunate children of the Kansas City area. They raised \$750 for the presents and had them delivered before Christ-

On a late start in December, Notre Dame de Sion's French Club came over for a breakfast with the

orange juice for the participants.

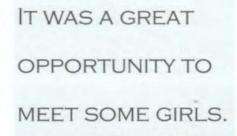
"I really enjoyed the breakfast," said sophomore

Pat McShane. "It was a great opportunity to meet some girls."

The club won the annual Foreign Language-Bowling Tournament in February. The tournament matches up the French, Spanish and Classics Clubs every year with a trophy and respect at stake.

"We want to celebrate the French culture in all aspectsmovies, food, games and more," said senior Jack Cupples, who served as presi-

dent of the group. Story by Danny White



-Sophomore Pat McShane



Patrick McShane, Steven Kamara, Patrick Lancey, and Jake Fogel socialize with Sion girls at the annual foriegn language club joint meeting.



Mike Wiggins introduces himself to a Sion senior at the French Club breakfast.



reshman Michael Lisman visits with members of the Notre Dame de ion French Club at the annual joint breakfast.



FRONT ROW: Patrick McShane, William Dobbels, Andrew Hamline, Patrick Lancey, Christopher Nauser, Madame Sabina Akes-Mills, Jack Cupples, Mark Anton, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, and Christopher Accurso.



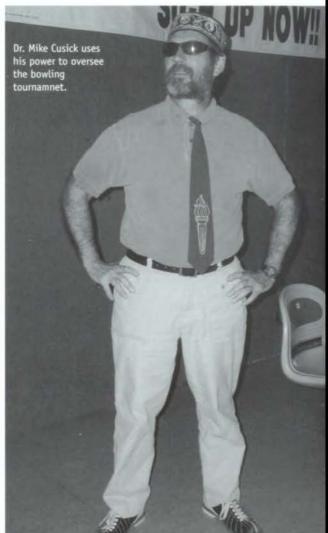
The French Club celebrates its victory at the bowling tournament.



Classics Club members take a break at the Certamen Contest. They won eight gold and 10 silver medals at the tournament.



FRONT ROW: Clint Phillips, Alex Fontana, Corey Beisser, John Campbell, Jason Coleman, Austin Molina, Matt Friedrichsen. SECOND ROW: Tyler Kunce, Ben Beisser, Patrick Rhea, Charles Caffrey, Paul South, Kevin Dalton, Ryan Koster, Conner Foley. THIRD ROW: Jimmy Jordan, Michael Dow, Jack Keenan, Jamie Maggard, Mr. Mike Cusick, Andrew Robinson.



Classics Club faces tough competition at Certamen but fares well in Latin exams

AN OPPORTUNITY

TO LEARN ABOUT

OF CIVILIZATION.

THE FOUNDATIONS

The Classics club faced a tough defeat in this year's Certamen contest, with the seniors, juniors, and sophomores being elimi-

nated in the first round of competition, and the freshmen eliminated in the second round. The students were tested in areas such as Latin grammar, vocabulary, mythology and reading comprehension. The contest was held April 16th at the annual State Latin Convention.

Tryouts for the Certamen team began in early February, with Latin Club members meeting in room 213 during activity period to test their Latin and Greek knowledge and vocabulary.

"Classics club is a great opportunity to learn about the culture and foundations of civilization", said Vice President

Junior Patrick Rhea, " It really brings us closer to our Roman and Greek roots."

Divided up between Latin and Greek club, and both moderated by Dr. Cusick, the Classics club's goal is to give students cultural exposure to

> their ancient classical heritage and make clearer the roots of Democracy and Western civilization and how they tie into the current age.

> The Classics Club also fared well in the Latin exams, with freshmen Matt Friedrichson, Tyler Kaplan, and Adam Hare taking the top 3 spots in Vocabulary and seniors Alex Fontana and Mark Rachel taking the top two spots in vocabulary for seniors. Sophomores Conor Foley and Jason Coleman took the first and third spots in the grammar competition. Rachel also took second place in Latin derivatives and Coleman took second in Reading Comprehension.

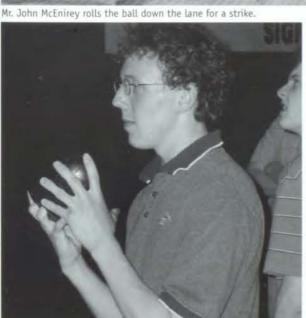
> Led by President Senior Alex Fontana and Vice President Junior Patrick Rhea, the group placed

3rd overall in the language club bowling tournament. They placed behind the French and Spanish clubs in the competition.

Story by Jeff Witcher

- Junior Patrick Rhea





Clint Phillips prepares to roll the bowling ball down the lane.



Classic Club members take a break during the Certamen Contest.



The Classics Club takes a break from the annual language bowling tournament at Ward Parkway Lanes. They finished third place at the end of the day.

Science Club dominates at Knowledge Bowl with three of top eight places

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-Mr. Mike O'Leary

WERE

For the first time since Rockhurst has competed in the Science Knowledge Bowl, it was able to place three different teams in the top eight of its respective division, an especially impressive feat as there were 85 teams

from all over the United States, the most ever.

"These kids were extremely competitive," said Mr. Mike O'Leary, club moderator. "It just shows how good of a job our Science Department does in preparing them."

Seniors Tom Wytock, Marc Eskew, and Cullen Roberts and juniors Jeff Poskin, and

Dan Anthony finished third out of 43 teams in their division to help the Hawklets.

"The team was very close to making the finals in Washington, D.C.," said Eskew. "It was disappointing that we did not make it but we still felt that we did well."

The club also participated in several Science Olympiads, placing four students in

the top five out of 15 teams at the Winnetonka Olympiad. It also participated in the K.C. Regional Olympiad in March. Sophomores Mike Stingo and Brian Strickland finished third in their robot rambler event and senior Joe Le took third place in a chemistry lab.

"These guys exceeded all my expectations and had fun while

doing it," said Mr. O'Leary. "It shows how intelligent and successful they were."

Story by Andrew Boos



Science Knowledge Bowl C-Team Ryan Sellers, Rico Van Buskirk, Joseph Le, Michael Stingo, and Mr. Steve Ryan, adviser.



Science Knowledge Bowl D-Team KNEELING: Joe Knackstedt, Joey Caudle. STANDING Mr. Ray Lash, adviser, Robert Murphy, Zach Fietsch, Jimmy Koppen.



Science Knowledge Bowl E-Team Mr. Paul Ptasnik, adviser, Sean Holloway, Steven Kamara, Larry Pfeffer, Brian Strickland.



Science Knowledge Bowl Ron's Team Mr. Ron Geldhof, John Krebs, Sean Plott, Thien-An-Nguyen-Vu, Sean Eskew, Kevin Dalton.



FRONT ROW: Shawn Holloway, Zach Fietsch, Larry Pfeffer, Rico Van Buskirk; ROW 2: Mike Stingo, Joe Knackstedt, Bobby Murphy, Alex You; ROW 3: Ryan Donohue, Jim Koppen, Kevin Dalton, Steve Kamara; ROW 4: Sean Eskew, Cullen Roberts, Joe Le, Sean Plot; ROW 5: Brian Strickland, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu; ROW 6: Mark Eskew, John Krebs, Mr. Mike O'Leary.



Jimmy Koppen, Robert Murphy, Joe Knackstedt, Zach Fietsch accept fourth place award at the Science Knowledge Bowl.

Cullen Roberts, Danny Anthony, Thomas Wytock, Marc Eskew, Jeff Poskin accept the third place award at the Science Knowledge Bowl.



Hawklets place in almost all tourneys, Danaher and Plott qualify for State

Led by Moderator Mr. Scott Duschen, senior Sean Plott, president, and junior Jason Dehaemers, vice president, the Math Club provided an opportunity to place in several competitions in the Kansas City Area.

The Hawklets placed third overall at the Johnson County

Community College tournament in December. In the freshman competition, Jacob Bayer placed second, and in the sophomore competition Kevin Dalton placed second and Jordan Jurcyck placed third. Bayer also qualified for the state competition

"Math Club is all about having a good time, improving your math skills, and hanging out with Mr. Duschen," said Plott.

At the Great Plains Math League in February at Pembroke Hill, the Hawklets placed third overall with Dalton and Jurcyck tying for first in the 10th grade target round, Jeff Poskin placing second in the 11th grade target round, Jurcyck and

Dalton placing second and third in the 10th grade sprint round, and Plott and Henry Danaher placing first and sec-

ond in the 12th grade sprint round. In the relay round, Danaher, Dehaemers, and Poskin placed first as a team.

Plott and Danaher qualified for the state competition, along with juniors Joey Caudle, Ryan Sellers, Dehaemers, and Poskin.

At the Kansas City Association of Teaching Math competition, the Hawklets placed third overall with Jurcyck and Poskin placing first in Algebra, Dalton placing second in 10th grade geometry, Poskin placing third in 11th grade trigonometry. Plott placed second in 12th grade trigonometry.

Poskin also placed first in 11th grade word problems, Jurcyck placed second in the 10th grade graphing competition, Poskin placed first in the 11th grade graphing competition, and Plott placed third in the 12th grade calculus competition.

Poskin was the top junior in the city and Jurcyk was the top sophomore in the city at the KCATM. The Advanced Math Team of Plott, Poskin, and Jurcyk placed

first. The team of Plott, Poskin and Sellers placed third.

Story by Jeff Witcher

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FRONT ROW: Drew Bienhoff, Jacob Christian, Jeff Poskin, Mr. Scott Duschen. SECOND ROW: Kevin Dalton, Ryan Sellers, Joey Caudle. THIRD ROW: Jordan Jurcyk, and Sean Plott.



Jeff Poskin and Joey Caudle work through problems during a tournament.



Math Club members use great strategies to solve the problems.



Ryan Sellers, Joey Caudle, Jeff Poskin, and Jason Dehamers discuss ways to improve their technique.

Total Ignatian Experience

Jimmy Hamilton carries light bulbs back to the Upper Room.



Alan Elliot helps a child with reading at St. Louis Parish.







Jimmy Hamilton, Tom Carmody, Alan Elliot, Matt Baker, Adam Kovac, and Mark Crutchfield eat dinner with kids from St. Louis Parish.

Students experience different lifestyle while living and working at St. Louis Parish

TIE, the Total Ignatian Experience, was an opportunity for a group of 13 upcoming seniors to learn more about the poor and vulnerable in their own city. For a week in the summer the students lived in a house next to the Saint Louis Parish at 60th and Swope Parkway.

"My hope is to give the students a different perspective," said Mr. Chris Elmore, RHS history teacher and TIE director. "TIE helps to show different views on poverty, from the point of view of the kids they help, to the directors of the programs we visit."

Assisted by Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, RHS Pastoral Director, students were given a better understanding of how stereotypes about the homeless and less privileged are false. Working mainly with those children who attend the summer literacy program at the Upper Room of Saint Louis Parish, the students taught reading with a new program used in summer schools throughout the Kansas City School District. They joined the children on field trips to places like Forty Acres and a Mule, and Super Splash in Grandview.

"Going to Super Splash was a real blast," said Adam Kovac.
"Each of us was assigned a few kids to watch and, with all of

them running around, it was a little chaotic."

They also worked in homeless shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens to give them a chance to interact with the people who they were trying to help. After directing TIE for four years Mr. Elmore knew a lot of the people who ran the programs and was able

to get them to share experiences with the students, including Councilman Alvin Brooks.

"Getting to hear from the people who have dedicated their lives to the service of others was interesting," said Tom Carmody. "It gave us the opportunity to learn about ways we can help those who are less fortunate in our city."

In its fifth year, the TIE program has continued to grow and change as a whole. It is more laid back now and is thought of more as a learning experience. As a part of the experience the group took a trip to the Peach Tree Soul-Food Buffet after the three-hour service at the Missionary Baptist Church. Participants also visited the Negro League Baseball Museum where they watched movies and even ran the bases to learn more about black history, and

later that night stopped at the Satchel Paige Baseball Park to watch a high school contest. Story by Mark Crutchfield

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-Tom Carmody



Tom Carmody sits with a child on the playground,



Mark Crutchfield reads with two children at St. Louis Parish.



Adam Kovac plays baseball with the kids during recess.



Jonathon Vigliaturo reads with a girl in the Upper Room.

SPA places higher than ever at the Georgetown Model UN

Students for Political Action placed higher than ever at SPA competed in the Metro Kansas City Model UN, at the Georgetown Model UN in Washington D.C., finishing a Johnson County Community College, where Casey served history-making third overall.

"I'm proud of the hard work we put in at the Model UN," said club moderator Mr. Chris Elmore. "It's a reflection of the dedication the team put forward."

Led by senior Jon Vigliaturo, who chaired the event, the Hawklets won Honorable School Designation.

Individual awards were given to juniors Pat Casey and John Nantz as Best Delegation, representing Iran. Juniors Andrew Blackwell and Joe Knackstedt earned Honorable Delegation representing Iran. Juniors Alex You and Danny Anthony also won Honorable Delegation for representing Haiti.

Senior leadership included Tom Wiedeman who served as president, David Smith, vice president, and Cullen Roberts, who was in charge of Voter Regis- eryone contributed a great deal and it showed at the tration.

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MODEL UN.

-Mr. Chris Elmore

as the overall chairman. The team represented Iran again, and received Best Delegation, Best General Assembly Delegation. and Best Position Paper. Casey, You, junior William Webster, and Anthony were recognized as Best Delegates.

The main goal of SPA is to give students a chance to participate and develop their understandings of politics.

In addition to registering more than 100 voters, 50 students took a trip to the Iowa Caucuses. The club hosted two open forums, which allowed discussion on Affirmative Action and the Death Penalty.

"I am proud of our accomplishments," said You. "Ev-Model UN." Story by Jason Switzer



FRONT ROW: Jimmy Miller, Mr. Chris Elmore, Cullen Roberts, David Smith; ROW 2: Alex You, Joe Knackstedt, Jonathan Vigliaturo, Tommy Wiedeman; ROW 3: Pat Casey, William Webster, Matt Baker, Pat Hagerty, JD Corless; ROW 4: Andrew Blackwell, Marc Eskew, Tim Martin, Jack Connor, Peter Reintjes, Phil Linville.

Members of Students for Political Action express their views on politics while at the Iowa Caucuses.

SPA members, including Mr. Chris Elmore, adviser, get a bite to eat while in Washington, DC, at the Geargetown Model UN..









Chess Club named co-champs at National Tournament in Dallas

The fact that, the Chess Club finished in the top five in every tournament of more than a dozen teams is surprising because of its youth and that it had only one senior.

"We set high goals," Dr. Michael Cusick, club modera-

tor said. "The goals will only be met depending on participation."

President Brian Eller, the only senior, was a major contributor as he was believed to be the best player on a team made up primarily of freshmen and sophomores. Freshman Michael Esposito was considered a top chess player for the club, finishing eighth in the Missouri High School Scholastic Chess Tournament.

"The purpose of this club is to give students a chance to compete at a higher level," Eller said. "We have fun and are a serious contender at every tournament."

The club met every day during activity period and after school. Dr. Cusick and Mrs. Valerie Davis moderated the club.

The club competed in 10 tournaments where they had several first place finishes, including the Blue Valley Invitational and at Wellesville. The club also placed in the Onaga Tournaments as they finished second and third in the competitions.

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- Brian Eller

The club was named cochamps in the 1200 Division at the National Scholastic Chess Association Tournament in Dallas. Eller took fourth in the nation with six wins; sophomores Phil Shapker took 15th and Nathan Judy 22nd. Junior John Hicks and freshmen Michael Esposito and David Hicks also competed.

The club had hoped to host its own tournament, featuring area high schools, but time and money proved to be a problem

"It is too bad we couldn't get a tournament organized at Rockhurst," Mrs. Davis said. "With the money the tourna-

ment would have brought in, it could have doubled the money it would have cost to put it together."

Story by Jason Switzer.



FRONT ROW: Alex Soloducha, Michael Esposito, Brian Eller, David Hicks. SECOND ROW: Adam Burke, Nate Judy, Mr. Mike Cusick, Patrick Rhea, Mrs. Valerie Davis, Chris Immele.



Chris Balmaceda and Kevin Schwartze play chess during activity period.



Adam Burke concentrates on his next move.

Group of seniors revitalize spirit and energize athletic events

Before former President Fr. Tom Pesci, SJ, left Rockhurst, he explained to the student body that hearing the students cheer, "We are Rockhurst! We are Rockhurst!" gave him a feeling like nothing else

Moderator Mr. Paul Winkeler and his group tried to instill that feeling of pride upon everyone including students, faculty, and parents.

"I am very proud of our Yell Leaders this season and the atmosphere they brought to athletic events," said Mr. Winkeler. I think they are an integral part of Rockhurst, and I hope that the program keeps improving."

With a renewal of spirit also came the renewal of an old tradi-

tion — the Hawklet mascot, which made its return after a much-needed trip to the costume repair shop. Seniors Dayne Sharbel-Phillips, Dylan Aldrich, and Joe Calhoun took turns wearing the outfit throughout the year.

"It was cool. I got to goof around and make an idiot of myself without anyone knowing it was me," said

Sharbell-Phillips.

The Yell Leaders also brought back their many themes to each sporting event. RHS students always stood out from the rest of the crowd when they dressed up for events. Some of this year's favorite themes were the Sea of Pink, Blackout, wearing visors and of course, the traditional Sea of Blue.

Senior Brandon Doherty, the spokesman for the Yell Leaders, kept the students informed on each important game throughout the year. "We had a lot of fun,"

said Dougherty. A lot of people came out to the games, had a good time, and supported the athletes."

Story by Matt Paschang

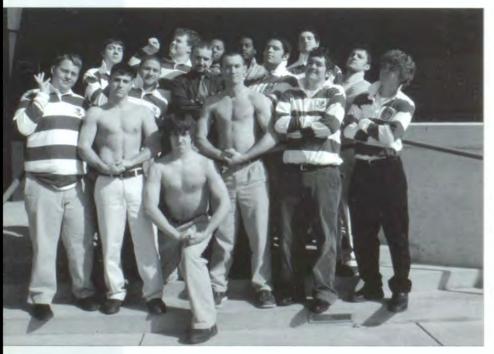
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-Dane Sharbel-Phillips



FRONT ROW: Brian Meyer, Ryan Bennett, Dylan Aldrich, Brandon Doherty, John Giunta, Mark Crutchfield. ROW 2: Dayne Sharbel-Phillips, Coach Paul Winkeler, Mike Kelly, Tom Carmody. ROW 3: Pat Hagerty, Kevin Morris, Zach Shelton, Derrick McKinney, "Country" Joe Marsh.



Yell Leaders John Giunta and Dylan Aldrich excite the crowd during a home football game.



Sophomores and seniors cheer the Hawklets on during a home game.



Senior Brandon Doherty and the rest of the Rockhurst students cheer the Hawklets on during a home football game.





Freshman football players take a break from practice with the team mascot. Seniors Ryan Bennett and Brandon Doherty do the "ROCK" cheer during a varsity football game.



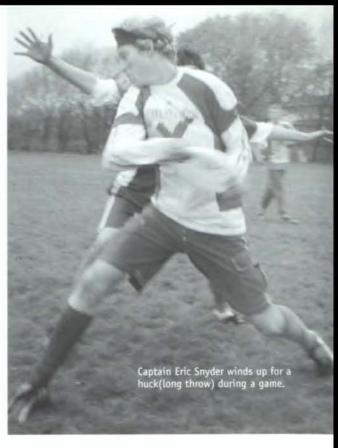
Alexander Brammer, James Ice, Justin Rethmeyer, Chris Guggisberg, Andy Huffman, and Jeff Keeling get a pep talk.



Chris Guggisberg shows off his frisbee.



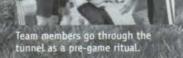
All candid photos courtesy of Mr. Sean Apple







Eric Snyder runs through the tunnel.



Coach David Schleicher and Matt Kenney watch their team during a game.





Jeff Keeling takes time out to eat.



Sean Plott carries water jug for team before a game.

The team gets pumped for

Ultimate finishes second in the midwest while playing collegiate level teams

The Rockhurst Hucklets capped off their most successful sea- ranked teams." son ever by taking first at the Missouri State Tournament and placing second at the Madison, WI, Midwestern Conference Tournament, consisting of the top 16 ranked teams in the Midwest.

"At the beginning of this season, our team knew we could earn Rockhurst Ultimate respect, not as a club, but as a team... we just weren't sure whether we were up to the task," said junior captain John Nantz. "But after taking second at Madison and beating teams that are going to nationals, there is no doubt in our minds that Rockhurst Ultimate is a real Rockhurst sport with all the work and winning that being a sport requires and deserves."

After four weeks of three-a-day practices, the team headed to McPherson, KS, for a college level tournament.

"Going to McPherson helped me see what Rockhurst Ultimate was all about," said freshman Jake Fischer. "After beating KU's B-team, 13-11, and Manhattan

High, 13-3, I knew I was part of a pretty cool group of guys."

"This year was definitely ground breaking in regards to practice and tournament intensity," said Nantz. "If you weren't exhausted after practice, you must not have been playing."

Leaving Rockhurst to continue his education at Notre Dame, Coach Sean Agniel was happy to see his last year of coaching be so successful. Beating long-time rival Midwest Express in the semi finals at Madison, 11-9, Mr. Agniel is confident he is leaving Rockhurst Ultimate in the best condition it has ever been.

"From the beginning of the season the team captains showed great leadership and were catalysts for the team's success," said Coach Agniel. "Because of this we were able to beat nationally

But before heading to Madison, the team knew that it had something to prove.

"Taking first at the Rockhurst Tournament would not have meant

anything if we would not have done well at Midwesterns in Madison," said junior Matthew Kenney.

Winning the first two games, 13-0 and 13-2, RHS lost to Cretin-Hall from Minnesota, 11-8, in a tight game. Fighting back Saturday, the squad beat St. John's, 13-6, and headed into the Sunday playoffs as fired up as ever, beating higher-ranked Marquette, 13-4, in the quarters and Midwest Express, a consistent National's contender, 9-7, in the semifinals.

"Catching the final score, I realized that our team had accomplished our main goal. We were going to the finals," said junior Andy Huffman.

Heading into the finals, the team was ready to fight for first, but with high winds and the loss of Nantz in the semi-final

game to a hand injury, the team was unable to beat Madison West, losing 11-9 in overtime.

"At first it was hard to accept the loss, but on the ride home there was no doubt that we had done something pretty incredible," said freshman Chris Guggisberg.

Taking second was a fitting end for Rockhurst's season, which also included beating three collegiate level teams, the KU B team, 13-11, Hendrix College, 13-10, and Illinois Western, 13-3.

"This season was really cool because we were able to compete at the highest level and still maintain the fun that the creators of the team intended," said senior captain Eric Snyder.

Story by Ryan O'Leary

-Junior John Nanz



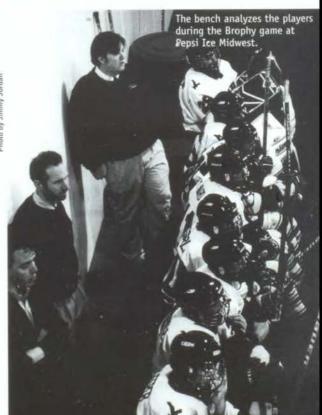
Robert Messerli faces off against Brophy. Taylor Ward is at right wing.



Junior Varsity Hockey

NT ROW: Jamie Fitzpatrick, Bobby Smith, Geoff Hightower, Tommy DeWolfe, Nick Holderness, Ryan Gibson.

OND ROW: Colin Cicchetti, Neil O'Conner, Max Hanger, Michael Aylward, Taylor Ward, Sean Fitzpatrick, Brian ek, Nick Berardi. THIRD ROW: Coaches Dan Duff, Chris Wirken, Mike Rosewell.



21-game schedule tests mettle of 'most talented' team ever

The Rockhurst Hockey Team moved to a 21 game schedule, up one from the 2002-2003 season. The team participated in two tournaments, placing third the Rockhurst Invitational and second in an Illinois

Invitational, and second in an Illinois tounament.

The Rockhurst Hawklets opened their season with two losses, including a 7-4 defeat to the team's archrival, the Blue Valley Northwest Huskies.

"Blue Valley is always our toughest opponent," said Head Coach Corey Quinn. "They have a very tight team, with lots of outstanding talent."

Following both losses, the Hawklets defeated three straight teams, including Olathe East, 5-1, Pembroke, 10-2, and Shawnee Mission Northwest, 9-2.

"The team had so many outstanding players this season, its hard to be-

lieve how much talent we had," said Coach Quinn. "Steven Estrada, Mitch McMonigle, and brothers David and Brian Ward all had the kind of impact ability that the team needed."

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Both Varsity and JV teams practiced at King Louie, located at 85th and Metcalf. Games were played at Pepsi Ice

Midwest, located at 135th and Quivira.

According to Coach Quinn, another big contributor to the Hawklets was Ryan McMonigle.

"Ryan was a crossover player, he helped both our varsity team and our JV team," he said. "He was a very young player who was capable of making a large impact."

The Ice Hawklets had arguably one of the best games ever under Coach Quinn. In their second game of the conference finals, they shut out Blue Valley Northwest 2-0, avenging the earlier loss.

"That was my proudest moment as coach of the Hawklets, bar none," said Coach Quinn. "I will remember that game forever."

Story by Luke Clarkson

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FRONT ROW: Jake Leeper, Stephen Estrada, Brian McGannon, Brian Ward, Mitch McMonigle, David Ward. SECOND ROW: Coach Colby Lysne, Nick Berardi, David Gorosh, Dylan Mesh, Ryan McMonigle, Kyle Christian, Neil O'Conner, Robbie Messerli, Spencer McCulley, Coach Corey Quinn. THIRD ROW: Trainer Ian Murphy, John King, Andrew McRae, Patrick Walker, Dennis Sullivan, Taylor Ward, Robert Kuhn, Cam McCulley, Coach Tom LaBarge.



Patrick Walker, Andrew McRae, Taylor Ward, and John King listen to Coach Cory Quinn during a pre-game talk.



Annie McBee, Abbie Cattron, and Paige Kuklenski support the Hawklets.



Coach Corey Quinn talks to his team during intermission.



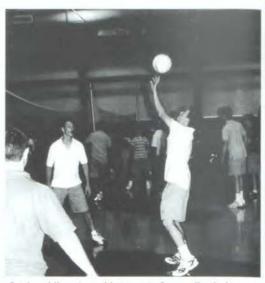
Goalie Brian McGannon rests for his next shift.



Ryan McMonigle takes a shot on goal.



Sam Klos throw a pass as Jon Adrian rushes him.



Pat Laughlin sets up his teamate for a spike during

13 teams compete for intramural football title

Thirteen teams competed this for the third

Annual Intramural Football title. The games were played in the new stadium on the new turf football field every possible activity period from September through October.

Seniors Jason Tomlin, AJ Silvers, Daniel Zinser, Joe Marsh, Derrick McKinney, Benji Clarke and Harrison Dean of MEET the Struggle put their name to use against all opponents, emerging victorious in the championship game.

"They say that we played dirty, but it's just that we're that good," said Tomlin. "In the end, they met The Struggle."

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Cry Me a River, featuring seniors John

Mumford, Nick Maese, Drew Goodwin, Stephen Hoefer, Max Hoffmeier, Luke Weideman, Alex Scheiber and Joe Calhoun, lost, 24-18, in the championship.

"We gave it our best," said Mumford. "But I still question whether [MEET the Struggle] slipped Coach Mo a twenty dollar bill before the game."

"We had a much better turnout this year than last," said Coach Morris, Intramural Moderator. "We had an

unorganized league last year. I think the full use of the new field helped." Story by Dylan Aldrich



John Kimminau guards Pat McCann during an intramural basketball game.



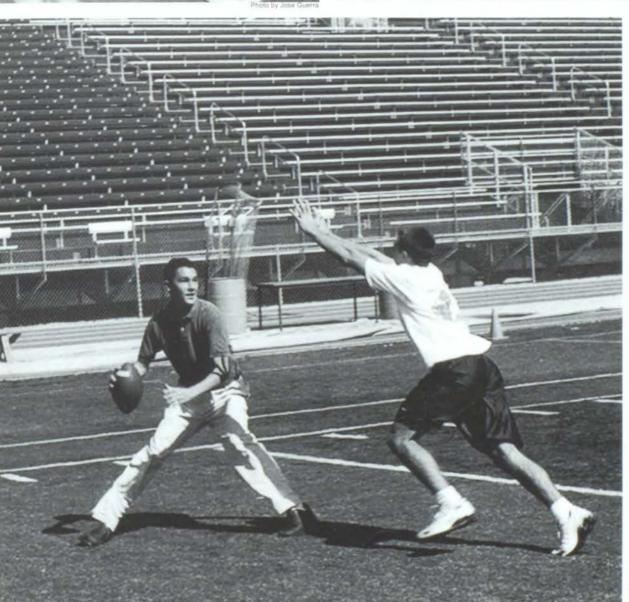
Pat Befort and Ryan Bennett spike the ball over the net during intramural volleyball.



Alex Fiorella shoots a threepointer with Danny Brogan guarding him. Marc Albers makes an amazing catch as Kyle Van Buskirk tries to guard him.



Sam Klos gets ready to throw a pass with Brandon Doherty coming after him.



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Racquetball Club

Racquetball Club has good learning experiences at YMCA tournament

Led by Mr. Jack Reichmeier, members of the Racquet-

ball Club met weekly at Prairie Village YMCA to learn basic skills of the game, get a good workout, and have fun.

Originally, the group had intended to hold a tournament in order to elect a club president. When this option fell through, sophomores Spencer Jones and Kyle Callahan took over as the unofficial leaders of the roughly 15 other members. Club members would play against each other, Mr. Reichmeier, and occasionally Mr. Dana Brack and Mr. Rich Wikiera.

"Those two were really the most dedicated to the club,"

said Mr. Reichmeier. "So you could definitely say that they were the leaders."

One activity the club members enjoyed was the addi-

tion of customized club tshirts. Students had their nicknames added to the back and would wear them during competitions.

"The shirts were a really fun and were my favorite part of the year," said Jones. "It was fun to go into the 'Y' with everyone wearing them."

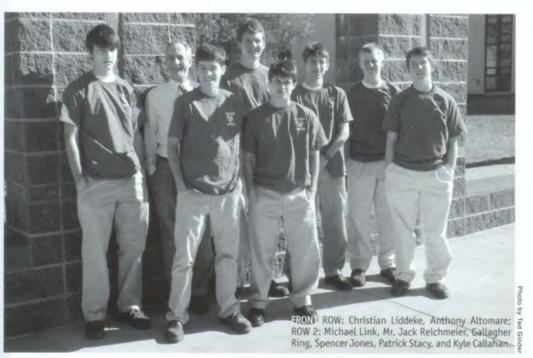
The club has been together for six years and is still going strong according to Mr. Reichmeier.

"We lost a lot of seniors from the club last year and I was a little worried in the beginning about what kind of turnout we would get," he said. "I was really glad to see that we kept

most of our old members and were able to bring in a few more." Story by Ted Ginder

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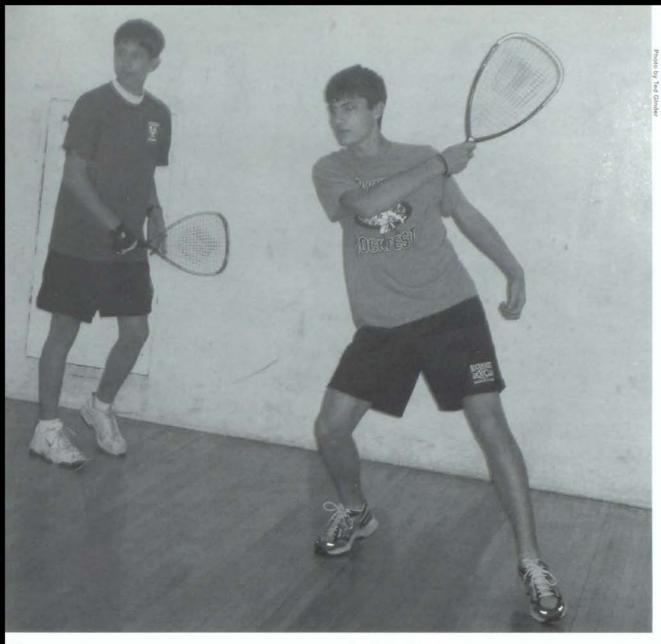




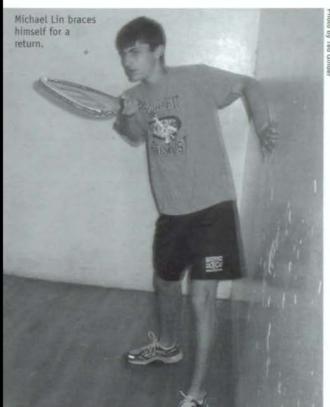
Anthony Altomare hits a forehand shot.



Gallagher Ring winds up for a return.



Spencer Jones and Michael Link play a game against each other. The team usually had their practices at the YMCA.







Spencer Jones hits a forehand while at practice.



Coach Mr. Jack Reichmeier prepares to hit a forehand.

The inside of an airplane flown by Mr. Steve Ryan.





Grant Spiking prepares to take off.



Flying CLub

Potential 78



Ian Lewis, Brad Chapman, and Josh Hubbard celebrate a successful flight in front

Students take to the skies under the watchful eye of Mr. Steve Ryan

Only one club at Rockhurst has outings 2,000 feet

above the ground, soaring at a steady 110 miles per hour. The Flying Club is unique because of that.

"It takes some courage to be in the club and actually participate," said senior Grant Spiking, club president. "Not many kids are willing to cram into a small single-prop plane and fly high over the city."

Mr. Steve Ryan, club moderator, is a licensed pilot and takes members on regular flights, showing maneuvers and ways to recover from possible flight mishaps. Under his guidance, he also allows students to take control of the plane and fly it.

and fly," said junior Cary Silverman. "I'm thankful to have

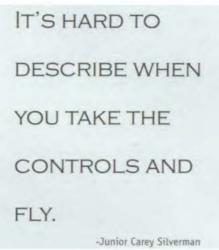
the club at Rockhurst, because usually when you fly in an airplane you're in an aisle seat eating peanuts."

Mr. Ryan is not the only one capable of legally taking the controls. Three club members are certified pilots on the same level as Mr. Rvan, including Spiking, and juniors Chris Rhoades and Jon Dandurand, who all underwent many hours of flying and testing to become certified.

"It's nothing like driving a car," said Rhoades. "There are many more controls and you can't listen to the radio while you fly."

"The Flying Club is an organization that provides people with the opportunity to learn something new and exciting," said Mr. Ryan. "It's some-

thing that few people get to experience." Story by Dylan Aldrich



"It's hard to describe when you take the controls



Josh Hubbard, Ian Lewis, and Brad Chapman prepare for flight at the airport.



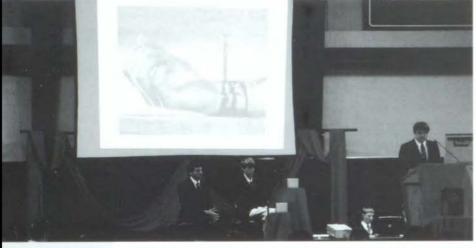
Greg Ford celebrates a successful

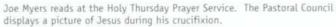


Grant Spiking checks his plane before take off.

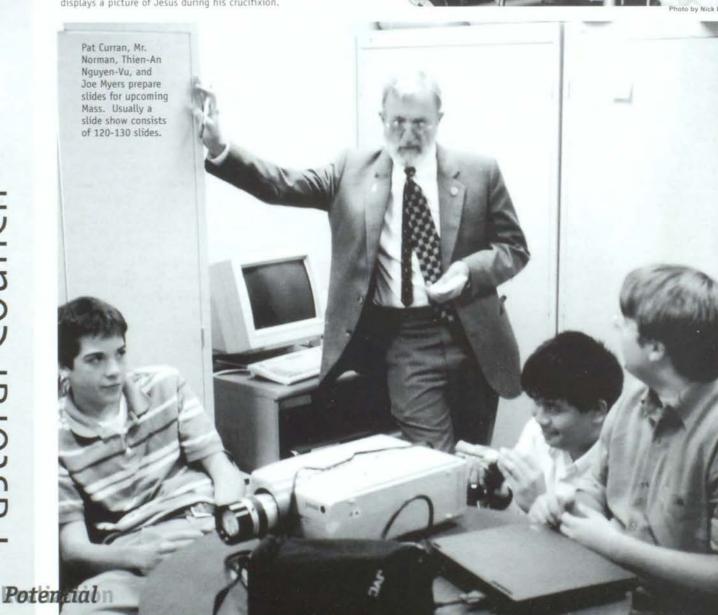
Pastoral Council

Matt Neff and Joe Myers prepare the audio equipment for the Harvest Food Drive Prayer Service.











Pastoral Council sets up for Senior Class Mass.



FRONT ROW: Colin Cicchetti, Matt Neff, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Chris Kennaley, Michael Schuckman, and Joe Myers. ROW 2: Mr. Tom Norman, Pat Curran, John Marrin, and Ryan Ptomey. Not Pictured: Timothy Lowndes.

Mr. Norman encourages full, conscious, and active participation at Masses

Masses went high tech in an effort to fully, consciously and actively engage the entire student body in worship.

The Pastoral Council with its new moderator Mr. Tom Norman, Co-presidents senior Joe Myers and junior Pat Curran, and members Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Chris Kennaley and Mike Shuckman, reorganized the Masses to fit the need for participation.

"Without this Pastoral Council, we would not have our fine Rockhurst liturgies," said Mr. Norman

Not only does the Council plan the prayers, readings, songs, and order of the mass, but also the lights, music, stage set-up, and PowerPoint presentations.

The newly instituted PowerPoint presentations were important to the evolution of the

Rockhurst Mass. They project the prayers and lyrics onto the

wall or screen allowing not only savings on paper, but they have also begun to allow color pictures to be pro-

jected, which enhance the themes and moods of the liturgies.

The members met every Monday and Wednesday after school to organize Friday class masses, Ash Wednesday Mass and the Mission Week Prayer Service. They also banded together with the Liturgy and Worship classes to help reinvent a sense of Mass participation in the students with a "Liturgy Practice" Assembly and to configure a student-led prayer service for the Holy Thursday reading of the Passion according to John.

All this work does not go unnoticed as the budget does leave room for two barbeque lunches a year.

"We facilitate worship by creating a positive environment for stu-

dents and faculty," said Curran. Story by Matt Stadler

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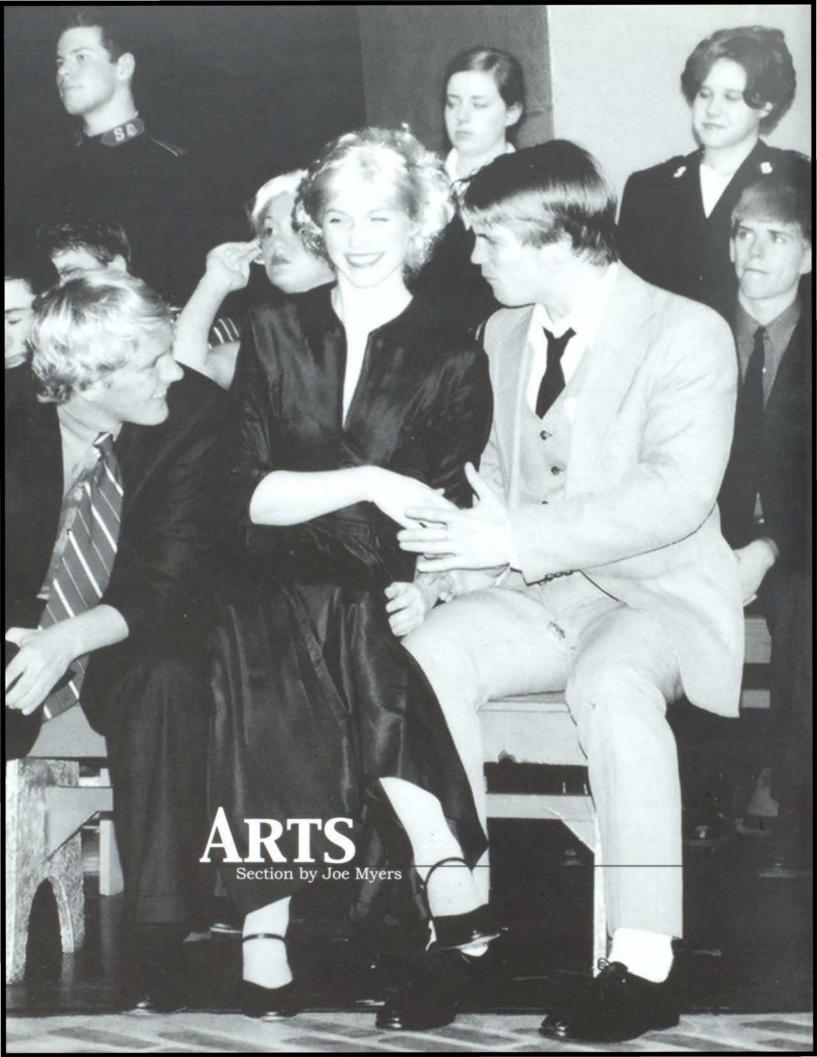
Mr. Norman and Joe Myers sit down to talk about an upcoming liturgy.

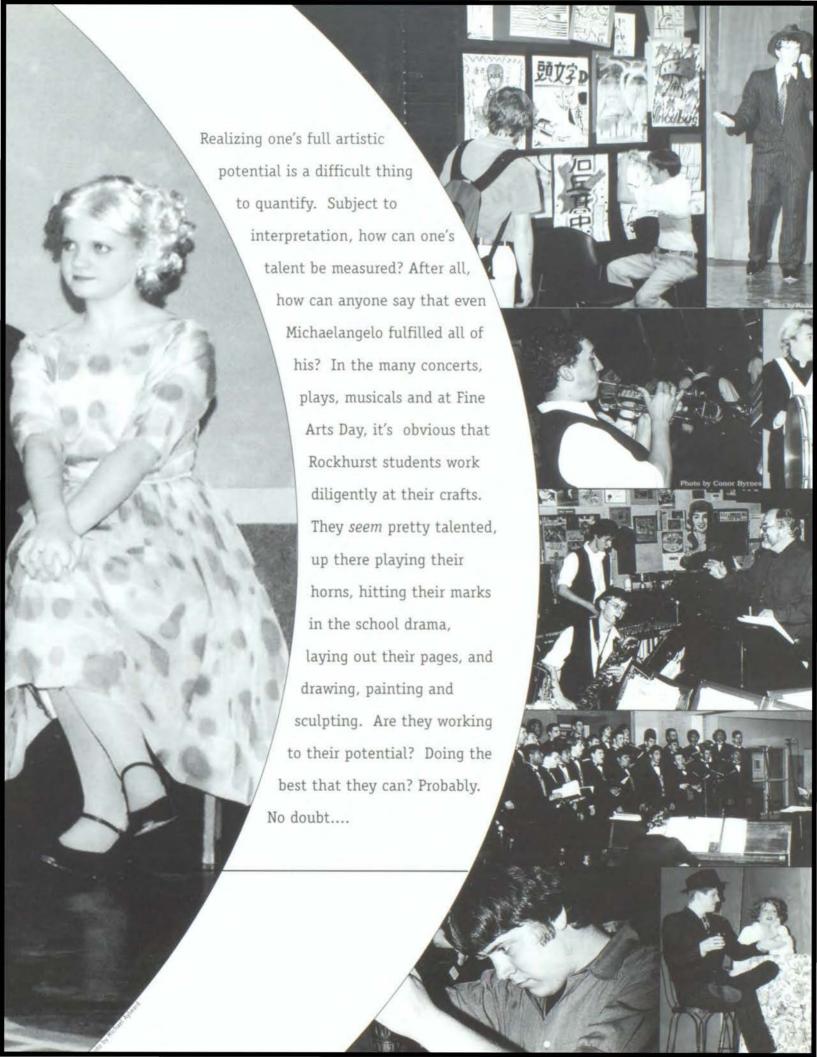


The Pastoral Council sets up for Sophomore Mass.



John Marrin puts the cross in place.









Speech and Debate

While many might consider Speech and Debate something for those kids that like to argue and that have no athletic ability, junior Andrew Blackwell had a reason to refer to it as an academic-sport.

"Most people don't take into account the physical toll that a tournament takes," said Blackwell. "I wouldn't say it's harder than playing a sport, but it's just as taxing. You can't be actively debating from 8 a.m. to well into the early morning hours of the next day without it taking a huge emotional, physical, and mental toll."

"Participation is definitely more important then actually winning," said Mr. Donald Ramsey, Speech and Debate Coach. "Trophies aren't proper indicators of real personal growth, and that's what speech and debate is all about, growth."

At the Blue Springs Invitational, Connor Keenan and Joseph Roh took first place in Policy Debate, Phillip Helt took second place in Original Oratory, Carson Monetti took second place in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Scott Barton took third place in Dramatic Interpretation. The squad finished fourth, and placed four other members of the squad into the semi finals.

At the Park Hill Invitational, the team won it's second straight sweepstakes, placing in eight events. Justin Brown and Marcello Bustamante took first place in Public Forum Debates with Keegan Zuk taking the teams other first place finish in Lincoln Douglas Debate. Colin Fewell took home sixth place in Humorous

Interp to add to his second place finish in Prose. Matt Moderson also took home two awards, a fourth place finish in Lincoln Douglass and a sixth place finish in Oratory.

At the Oak Park Invitational personal success added up to a fourth place overall finish. First place finishes went to Team Captains Andrew Blackwell and Anthony Dominick, Jack Connor, and Joe Knackstedt in Ted Turner Debate, and Anthony Dominick and Zachary Fietsch in Duo Interpretation. Second Place finishes went to Justin Rethmeyer and Alexander You for Policy Debate. Dominick and Blackwell added thirds in International Extemporaneous Speaking and Congress to their other first place finishes.

At the North Kansas City Invitational, Monetti took first place in Extemporaneous, Anthony Badami won first place in Oratory and Colton Stock took third, to help the team win the overall sweepstakes.

At the Central Hillcrest Invitational, Phillip Helt won first place in Novice Oratory, Keenan and Roh won second place in Novice Policy Debate, Blackwell (who was a semi finalist in Varsity Congress) and You took third in Varsity Public Forum Debate. Monetti took fourth in Lincoln Douglas and was a semi finalist in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking.

At the Chrisman High School Novice Tournament, Helt took first in Oratory, Monetti took second in Extemporaneous Speaking, Ben Strauss took third in Oratory and Kirby Campbell took third in Dramatic Interp.

At the Raytown South tournament, Fewell took second in Prose and Kevin Kosby and Nick Lindgren took first in novice public forum.

At the Nevada Tournament Andrew Blackwell took second in Congress, and Badami and Helt took first and second

ond, respectively, in Oratory. Monetti also took third in novice Extemporaneous Speaking.

At the Liberty Tournament, Blackwell and Dominick took first in Public Forum. Blackwell also took home a second place finish in Oratory.

At the Novice Tournament at Winnetonka, Helt took first in oratory while Lindgren and Kevin Looley took second in Public Forum.

At the Barstow Tournament, the teams of Blackwell and Dominick, and Knackstedt and Anthony Badami finished one-two In Public Forum.

At Show-Me District Congress, Blackwell, Knackstedt, and You re-

ceived Outstanding Representative Awards.

At the District Tournament, Blackwell and Knackstedt took home first in Public forum, advancing to Nationals in Salt Lake City on June 13. Dominick was a finalist in Duo and Extemporaneous Interp.

At the MSHSAA State Speech Tournament in Columbia, Fewell took third in Poetry Reading.

At the Catholic Forensic League National Tournament in Boston, Dominick and Fietsch were Octa-finalists in Duo Interpretation. As Octa-finalists, they finished in the top 48 out of 250 competetors.

At the National Forensic League National Tournament in Salt Lake City., in June, Blackwell and Knackstedt won 13th Place (Octa-finalists) in Ted Turner-Public Forum Debate 182 teams competed in the week long tournament representing 50 states and eight foreign countries. Story by Matt McKibbin

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-Mr. Don Ramsey

ticipant



SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM: FRONT ROW: Philip Helt, Nathan Everly, Zachary Fietsch, Carson Monetti; ROW 2: Michael Sizemore, JD Corless, Anthony Dominick, Keegan Zuk, Alex You, Nick Lundgren; ROW 3: Justin Rethmeyer, Tim Martin, Patrick Camacho, Shawn Holloway, Gibran Chavez; ROW 4: Coach Kevin Fewell, Colin Fewell, Andrew Blackwell, Coach Don Ramsey, Connor Keenan.





MOCK TRIAL TEAM: FRONT ROW, Rico VanBuskirk, Alex You, Carson Monetti, Henry Thomas; SECOND ROW: Mr. Terry Sexton, Coach, Anthony Badami, Jacob Lyssy; THIRD ROW: Anthony Dominick, Gibran Chavez, Anthony Modica, Andrew Blackwell, Mr. Don Ramsey, Coach, Nicholas Rellihan.



NFL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT COMPETITORS, PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: Joe Knackstedt and Andrew Blackwell.



NFL DISTRICT FINALISTS: Anthony Dominick, Zach Fietsch, Joe Knackstedt, Anthony Badami, Andrew Blackwell.



FRESHMEN LETTERMEN: Nick Rellihan, Connor Keenan, Nick Lundgren, Anthony Badami, Chris Frantze, Phili Hert, Gibran Chavez, Carson Monetti, Not pictured: Keegan Zuk,

Rico Van Buskirk rons the spotlight. was ge Manager.

Senior Thien-An Nguyen-Vu sets the light for the fall production of Guys and Dolls. The production was the first fall musical in Rockhurst history. Thien-An worked on the light board for the show with sophomore Brian Hogan, and also worked on video and audio design for other school productions. Jimmy Barnes familiarizes himself with the pace of the show, You Can't Take it with You, while Sean Comiskey takes some time to review the script. This was the first time Sean worked sound for a school production. Jimmy also broke out of his norm by working sound as well. Kyle Van Buskirk cuts some wood to make the scenery for Macbeth. Without the tech crew, productions from Guys and Dolls to The Twelth Man require full and experienced crews in order to run smoothly.











Theater tech takes school productions to the next level



Photo by Nik Schuetz



Tech Theater

Have you ever wondered how each scene in a play is set to perfection and how it got that way? Even before the curtain opens and the lights go on, several students are hard at work behind the scenes making sure that all goes well.

Each production needs a set, precise lighting, stage hands, and a manager, and this is where the theater tech crew comes in. The students in Theater Tech also have to know the plays so that they can make adjustments if mistakes happen.

Mr. Bill Murphy, Theater Tech instructor teaches how to build sets, hang and focus lights, and change the set for different scenes.

"These kids have a tough job," said Mr. Murphy. "I had to guide them in coordinating the audio, lights, and scenery and make sure it looks and moves well."

Senior Jim Barnes was considered crucial to the success of many plays due to his experience and knowledge of all aspects of tech.

"Jim knows the most about lighting. He can read a plot and know the quality different instruments have," said Mr. Murphy. "So making changes to the designer's plot without alternating the look is something I trust him to do. His knowledge of wiring and instrument repairs make him a pretty good electrician for his age."

Senior Joe Myers also helped a lot on sounds for the plays, utilizing experience gained as a member of the Pastoral Council which provides all tech for liturgies.

"The preparation for each play took about six to eight weeks of hard work but once we got all the props and everything placed it was easy after that," said Joe.

Along with Barnes and Myers, senior Thien-An Nguyen-Vu (video, audio), junior Matt Neff (lighting, audio), and sophomore Bryan Hogan (lighting) were key in setting up the technical and physical aspects of the stage.

Other students who spent a lot of time involved in tech were seniors Nik Schuetz, Matt Paschang, junior Tyler Whetstone, and sophomores Bobby Koerper and Kevin Dalton.

"I feel good knowing we have this group of guys working on the set," said Mrs. Kathy Kane, Drama Director. "Mr. Murphy has done

a great job in guiding these kids to manage a successful set.

"Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Kane really did a good job of helping us," said Paschang. "There is so much to do in theater tech and it's really cool when it's all done and we can see it come together."

Story by Andrew Boos

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-Mrs. Kathy Kane



The cast of Boys Next Door. FRONT ROW: Travis Gratton, Margaret Davis, Caitlin Burkee, Vince Wagner; SECOND ROW: John Wagner, Julian Rivera, Ian Merrigan, CJ Corwell, Seth Correa, Greg Duncan.

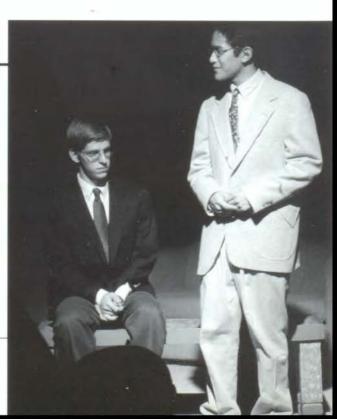


John Moffitt, Isaac Ah-Loe, Michael

The cast of *Twelve Angry Men*. Eric LaPointe, Adam Meyers, Mitch McCoy, Chris Gard, Shawn Holloway, Tim Martin, Ryan Ptomey, Ben Mollini, Mr. Kevin Holland, Chris Nauser, Tom Jullian, Julian Rivera, John Williams.



The cast of *Lysistrata* listens as their director and co-actor, senior Derek Cooke describes how the scene is to be run. The show opened after only three weeks of rehearsal. Senior Vince Wagner and junior Julian Rivera share a moment in the institue. They both were major components in all of the theater productions, as both actors and directors.



Student Productions

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-Seth Correa

HIGHLIGHT.

The Rockhurst Drama Department Student Productions debuted with Ian Merrigan, Class of 2001, coming back to direct **Boys Next Door.**

"The whole alumni idea was Mr. Murphy's doing," said senior Seth Correa.

Students practiced for only four weeks before opening to three sellouts in the studio theater in late August.

The play depicts mentally challenged adults and their unknow-

ingly humorous actions while trying to live together in a group home. Junior Julian Rivera's character, Lucien, evoked emotion from the audience and portrayed how hard life is for a mentally ill person.

"Working on this play was an experience," said Rivera. "I wasn't going to be involved but Mrs. Kane persuaded me. Having an alum direct was great because he understands what it's like."

"Four weeks was the fastest I have ever pulled off a show," said Correa. "The fact that we could do it was the biggest highlight."

Senior Jimmy Barnes served as stage manager and senior Sean Fitzpatrick assisted him with sound.

After only three weeks of practice, *Lysistrata* opened to a full house in the Black Box Theater. The play, controversial in schools back in the 60's for its sexual content, was approved with little modification as it was also taught as part of our English department's curriculum.

"We were only asked to tone it down a bit," said senior director

Derek Cooke. "We didn't have to make any changes to the script."

Cooke had help from juniors Cameron Summers and Sean Holloway with the Greek comedy which sold out for all three of its showings.

"After reading this play in English class junior year, I thought it would be a really fun one to do," said Cooke. "The guys liked it too. It just had a lot of potential."

Other key contributors to the production were Mr. Kevin Holland,

students from Saint Teresa's Academy, Notre Dame de Sion, Bishop Miege, and the Tech Theater Class, which provided the set.

"I'm so glad we pulled it off," said Cooke.
"Some of the actors had trouble getting the lines memorized, but it was still really fun. And, with student productions, that is what really counts."

Spoon River Anthologies, directed by Senior Vince Wagner, tells the story of many different characters.

Its cast, Brett King, Julian Rivera, Sean Fitzpatrick, Margaret Davis, and Rosie Lynwood, depicted many characters whose lives were affected by Spoon River, a fictional town.

The tech was managed by seniors Thien-An Nguyen-Vu and Mark Rachel.

Twelve Angry Men, the final production, was directed by junior Tim Martin.

The drama opened to a packed house and was enjoyed by many audiences.

"I loved it," said senior Lucas Villanueva. "It was an exciting show."

Story by Sean Owens

Students just let their hair hang down, and their talents soar







The Arts Department experienced major changes as the traditional spring musical was moved to the fall and Mr. Ryan Olsen took over as musical director. The result was several sell outs of *Guys and Dolls*.

"I wanted to be able to give everyone a chance to participate in the musical," said Mrs. Kathy Kane, Drama Director. "Everyone is so busy with other activities in the spring."

The Damon Runyon musical went into production in late August and opened in November. A cast and crew of 28 RHS men and 14 women from local area schools worked to bring the story to life. Everyone from the technical crew to the lighting crew worked and rehearsed for three hours every day after school.

"I was impressed with the amount of unity among everyone in the show," said Mr. Olsen. "Ev-

eryone managed to pull together and make this a beautiful show."

Guys and Dolls is the story of a mission working hard to convert the ways of local gamblers in 1950's New York.

Nathan Detroit, played by junior Andrew Milbourn, faces pressures from his girlfriend Adelaide, Sion junior Ivy Gagnon, about marriage while trying to keep his crap game

running. Hotshot gambler Sky Masterson played by, Vince Wagner, comes to town to win the heart of mission worker Sarah Brown, Sion junior Colleen Grate. The story ends with a town being brought together and the conversion of hearts and old habits

The show marked the first time Mr. Olsen served as a pit orchestra director, and marked the debut of choreographer Mrs. Janelle Salembo.

The complicated and extensive set was created by Mr. Bill Murphy's tech theatre class that worked not only during class hours but on weekends. Mr. Murphy had some problems when it came to building the set.

"It was very hard to create the movable buildings," he said. "Every-

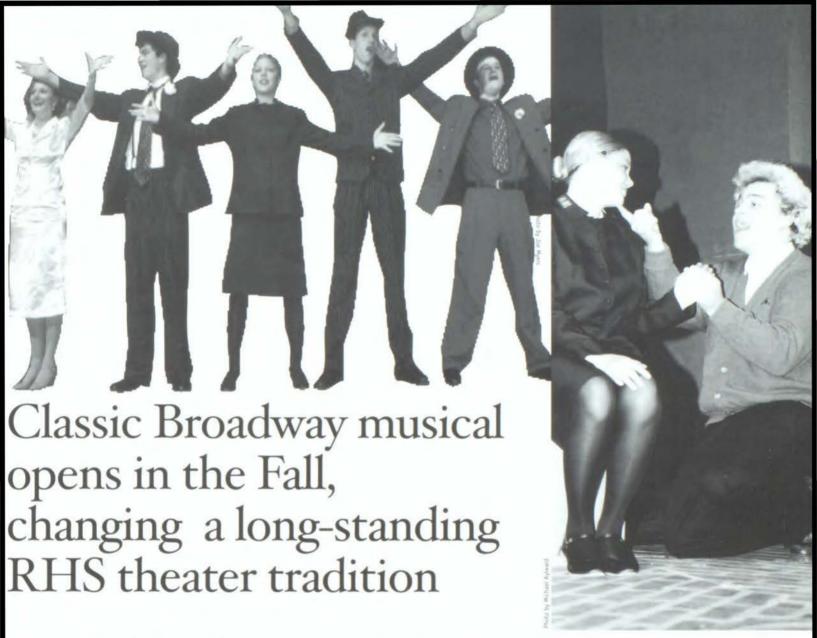
thing had to be put together just right in order to give the wheels enough room to turn."

Problems or no, the musical opened to much acclaim and several happy audiences. Story by Seth Correa

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FRONT ROW: Mr. Mike Kern, David Stamm, Matt Baker, Greg Ford, Pat McShane, Kevin Ruprecht, Joe Lindgren, Peter Brewer, Brian Proulx, Tim Connor, Dustin Baker, Micheal Guerin; ROW 2: Joe Myers, Tyler Whetstone, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Mark Rachel, Maggie Haden, Bobby Koerper, Brian Logan, Andrew Whittaker, Rico Van Buskirk, Tim Lowndes, Michael Dow; ROW 3: Jenny Wise, Gina Malone, Emily Likins, Tera Ruder, Michelle LeCluyse, Mary Martha Donaldson, Katherine Gleeson, Allie Chalfant, Molly O'Neill, Matt Pashang, Matt Neff; ROW 4: Eddie Williams, Chris Nauser, Anna Comiskey, Charlie Reichmeier, Catlin Burge, Laura Brewer, Mark Davis, Colin Fewell, Julian Rivera, C.J. Cornwell, Chad Francis, Jon Dandurand, Alex Jaros; ROW 5: Janelle Salembo, Mr. Ryan Olsen, Marsha Canaday, Scott Hanson, Travis Gratton, Kyle Watson, Joe Spaniol, Brian Walden, Ryan Ptomey, Terry Beth Barnes, Ivy Gagnon, Andrew Milbourne, Coleen Grate, Mrs. Kathy Kane, Vince Wagner, Brett King, Mitchelle McCoy, Sean Fitzpatrick, Eric Lapointe, Tyler Kaplan, Lucas Villanueva, Joe Burnett, Zach McCracken.







Junior Ivy Gagnon, junior Andrew Milbourn, junior Colleen Grate, senior Vince Wagner, and senior CJ Cornwall bring the show to a dramatic end. Seth Correa sings an inspiring song about dreams to Colleen. Wagner sings a romantic duet with his co-star Colleen. Senior Brian Walden and junior Ryan Ptomey catch Nathan Detroit, played by Milbourn, with his girlfriend Adelade, played by junior Ivy Grate.



FRONT ROW: Joe Spaniol, Emily Dobson, Emily Cooke, Stephanie Lican; SECOND ROW: Chris Kennaley, Matt Neff, Caitlin Burgis, Margaret Davis, Lucas Villanueva, Lauren Simmons, Rose Gillar, Gillian Barber, Joe Burnett, Derek Cooke, Donny Harold, Seth Correa; THIRD ROW: Joe Myers, Alexander Harris, Stephen Jones, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Bobby Koerper, Collin Fewell, Stacy Chavarez, Alex Lucas, Ben Mollini, Tim Martin, Thomas Henessy

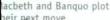
Photo by Joe Myers

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-Mrs. Bernie FitzPatrick

AND SKILL.















The contemporary form utilized by Mr. Bill Murphy brought Shakespeare's *Macbeth* to the twentieth century, live and in Technicolor. Set in the 1950's, Macbeth (Lucas Villanueva) works for a large corporation. Along with the era change, the TV became a medium to tell the story.

"I wanted to experiment with video," said Mr. Murphy. "It's a very powerful medium to tell the story through."

Visuals were projected on two different television screens at specific points of the play beginning with the dagger and ending with a dramatic fight sequence.

Along with the new additions, the old art of acting was very much alive.

"When I saw Lucas and Margaret [Davis] (Lady Macbeth) on stage," said Mr. Murphy, "I saw Macbeth and Lady Macbeth."

"I was absolutely amazed by the talent and skill that was involved in the production," said Ms. Bernadette FitzPatrick, mother of senior Joe Myers. "There was a vitality that is often missed in high school Shakespeare."

"It was the role of a lifetime," said Villanueva, "I had

always wanted to play Macbeth. Being able to play [him] my senior year is a dream come true. It was one of the most challenging roles I have ever played."

Audience turnout in the Studio Theater, which holds

80, was low the first two nights, but business picked up at the end of the week as word spread about the unique show.

Senior Seth Correa, who played MacDuff, junior Joe Spaniol, who played Banquo, and senior Derek Cooke, who played the murderer, rounded out the supporting leads, while Sion junior Alex Lucas played the doctor, Sion junior Catherine Gleeson, the page, and Sion sophomore Gillian Barber, Hecetate.

The set was built by seniors Jimmy Barnes and Nik Schutz, junior Matt Neff ran lights, and sophomore Bobby Koerper ran sound as senior Joe Myers

served as Technical Assistant. Seniors Chris Kennaley and Thien-An Nguyen-Vu headed the running crew.

"I didn't think I would be able to make it," said senior Michael Schuckman. "With everything going on, I was worn out, but I'm glad I went." Story by Joe Myers



Theater twists Shakespeare for a modern audience

Banquo, played by junior Joe Spaniol, attempts to form a plan to assist Macbeth with regicide. Joe has performed in several different productions, but this was his first lead role in a major production. Joe also plays piano and guitar. This year he received a one at Districts and State for his skills as a pianist.



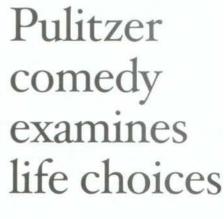


Plagued with doubt, Banqo visits the weird sisters. They tell him that he will be the father of kings, and plant within Macbeth the doubt which would lead him to kill his oldest and most loyal friend. Macbeth (Lucas Villanueva) and Lady Macbeth (Margaret Davis) plot to kill the king. The two have been in several school productions before, but this is the first lead roles they both held during a major production at Rockhurst. Lucas had a lead role his junior year in the production of Get Smart. They both have received acclaim for their acting ability and display of raw emotion. They plan to continue their acting careers after graduation.

Photo by Pat Doohar





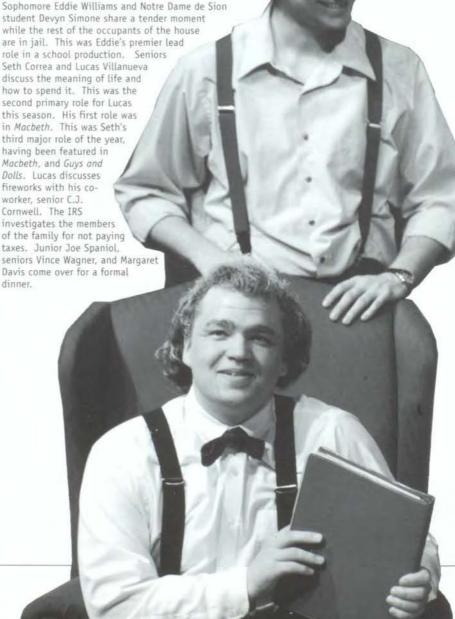














FRONT ROW: Brian Hogan, Katherine Gleeson, Colin Cichetti, Joe Spaniol, Mary Martha Donaldson, Julian Rivera, Mrs. Kathy Kane, Seth Correa, Lucas Villanueva, C.J. Cornwell, Alexandera Lucas; ROW 2: Bobby Koerper, Kevin Dalton, Matt Neff, Sam Weideman, Andrew Paredes, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Vince Wagner, Sean Fitzpatrick, Margaret Davis, Erik Lapointe, Eddie Williams, Devyn Simone, Zach Rau, Colin Fewell, Molly O'Neill, Chad Francis, Brett King, Rose Dillon, Jimmy Barnes; ROW 3: Mr. Frank Griffin, Chris Nauser, Sean Comiskey, Derek Brown.



You Can't Take It With You

SPRING PLAY

Directed by Mrs. Kathleen Kane, the Spring production of You Can't Take it With You challenged the cast to comprehend the acting style of the 1930's as the play is set during that period.

"This was a Pulrtzer Prize-winning comedy production in the

1930s," said Mrs. Kane. "The style was different and the actors had to do research and work hard to understand their character's roles and the comedy of that time period, but everyone did a great job."

Everyone involved agreed that it was a fine performance and the hard work of all, from actors to technical crew, paid off when it came showtime.

"The acting, the set, and all aspects of the play were phenomenal," said Mrs. Kane. "I only wish more people had been there to see it."

The story is about a dysfunctional family trying to overcome the pressures of

money and staying together. It teaches that money is not as important as a family relationship and that one must forget about the groups that society places on people based on wealth. We need to live each moment of life to the fullest. In the end the importance of the family relationship shines through.

Lead roles were played by Seth Correa, who played Martin Vanderhoff; Lucas Villanueva, who played Paul Sycamore; Joe Spaniol, who played Tony; Mary Donaldson, who played Alice; Caitlin Buerge, who played Penny Sycamore; Molly O'Neill, who played

Essie; Devyn Simone, who played Rheba; C.J. Cornwell, who played Mr. DePenna; Colin Fewell, who played Ed; Brett King, who played Boris Kolenkhov; and Vince Wagner, who played Mr. Kirby.

The set, one of the most extensive and complicated ever built on the Rose Theater stage, was designed by Mr. Bill Murphy, created the environment and helped to make the play work.

"It was a beautiful and functional set," said Mrs. Kane. "It did exactly what a set design should do, create the environment for the play."

"The people loved the show,' said junior Eric LaPointe. "Many of them thought it was better than the last production, A Chorus Line.

"One great thing about this play was that everyone involved was extremely competent, down the smallest role," said Mrs. Kane. "I have been an actor and a director for You Can't Take it With You, and this is one of the best productions of it I have ever been involved in."

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-Mrs. Kathy Kane



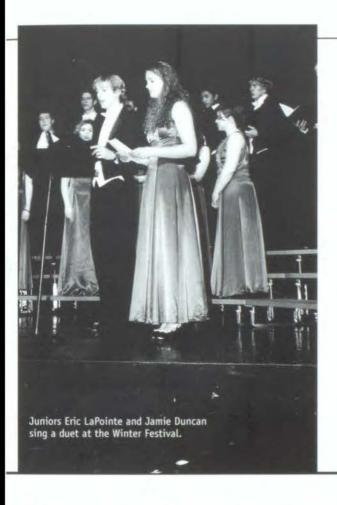


The orchestra and choir performed together in the Winter Concert.





Varsity Singers



Varsity Singers, the co-ed extracurricular choir that includes women from surrounding schools and Rockhurst's most experienced singers, performed in 10 concerts throughout the year.

The twoyear-old ens e m b l e, featured 15 men and 15 women, who practiced once a week for two hours in the evenings.

Their season consisted of nine concerts in which they performed with other groups and one solo

concert. Men wore distinct tuxedos and the women wore evening gowns.

"It was a lot like prom, with singing," said conductor Mr. Ryan Olsen.

Auditions required that the hopeful bring a prepared solo, and also sight read a song. The pieces the ensemble sang ranged from classic madrigals, some Broadway show tunes, and vocal jazz.

> The highlights of he year included The Full Varsity Singers' Concert, and singing with the Jazz Band at Jazzfest.

The difficulty was working with everyone's schedule.

"Everyone is so talented, and we want to use all their tal-

ents," said Mr. Olsen. "I'm just proud that I was able to influence their diverse talents for singing to make beautiful music." Story by Joe Myers

PROM...WITH

SINGING.

IT'S LIKE

-Mr. Ryan Olsen

Varsity Singers thrive with the inspiration of a new conductor







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-Mr. Ryan Olsen

Vocal Music MR. RYAN OLSEN

Mr. Olsen was the only teacher involved with the vocal music program this year, but still managed to conduct a strong choir. The choir, led by seniors Vince Wagner, Brian Walden, and CJ Cornwell had a strong showing at the district festival, with six groups receiving top marks.

"The district festival was among the highlights of the year," said Mr. Olsen. "I was really proud of the students to be able to showcase their ability in a more competitive setting."

This student success was all the more impressive in that it came under the leadership of a teacher who was brand new to Rockhurst. Mr. Ryan Olsen, in his first year, had no problem with making his mark.

"Really, there was guite

a bit new with the program this year," said Mr. Olsen. "Seeing that the students had a new teacher, I think we really took it in a new direction."

One thing that Mr. Olsen and the choir concentrated

on was having better publicized performances, and performing with members of other choirs. In March, the choir performed a choral festival with members of the St. Teresa's and Notre Dame de Sion choirs. Students practiced all day, and then performed at night.

> "It was a really great experience for the students," Mr. Olsen said. "It gave us a chance to really get Rockhurst out into the music community, and that was a big goal."

The choral program was run mostly from the McGee Hall, a situation which caused a few problems throughout the year. The choir class would sometimes need to be moved based on the needs of other organizations who needed the McGee, and there were many more class visitors than there would have been if the class had been in a normal classroom. Still, Mr. Olsen was not too bothered.

"While the McGee may not be the ideal classroom, it wasn't the worst thing I could imagine," he said, "Although it did cause a few small problems, it was still a very workable place to conduct the Story by Ted Ginder choirs."



New director collaborates with local women's schools for performances



FRONT ROW: CJ Cornwell, Chris Gard; SECOND ROW: Daniel Close, Julian Rivera, Matthew Kenney, Thanh-Long Nguyen; THIRD ROW: Erik LaPointe, Sean Rielley, Eric Snyder, Brett King, Phillip Nolte, and Ryan Ptomey.







Mr. Ryan Olsen takes a bow after his first Rockhurst concert. He accepted the job after three years of conducting a choir at a local grade school. Mr. Olsen's ensembles can be seen around the school and heard at all hours of the day drifting from the McGee Hall. Six of Mr. Olsen's ensembles were sent to State. Two of the six received a One ranking. Senior year was a year to shine for Brian Walden, who led the choir, and an ensemble to Districts and State. Brian is a four-year choir member, and has performed in many different venues, from theater to chorus.



Chapel Choir leads school in worship and praise



Chapel Choir

Directed by Mr. Ryan Olsen & Mr. Mike Kern, the Chapel Choir is the musical heart of the liturgy, and neo-

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TO PRAISE GOD.

GENDER.

NO MATTER WHAT

-Mr. Mike Kern

gospel hits sung by students are the staple of the Chapel Choir.

Mr. Kern has been a large proponent of the modern youth liturgy movement. makes sure to plan music that fits the liturgy, is fun to sing, and can get the

congregation involved in the song through singing or clapping.

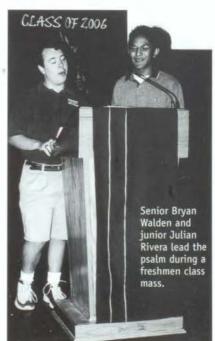
"The trouble today is that kids think they are too cool to sing," said Mr. Kern. "I don't know why, but somehow they got the idea that singing is something only girls do. Singing is a way to praise God no matter

what gender."

Over the vear, students have sung at every class Mass, many all-school Masses as well as prayer services. Chapel Choir also sings at the father-son Masses on the first Tuesday every month.

Chapel Choir provides a good basis for chorus members to assist in liturgy and help the students worship. Chapel Choir is the heart and soul of student worship.





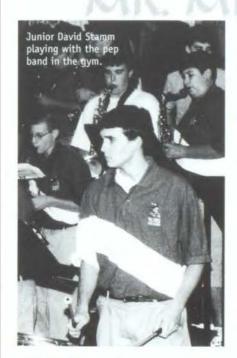


FRONT ROW: Mr. Michael Kern, Brian Vaughn, Robert Kuhn, Tony Neff, Danny White, Brian Proulx, Travis Yuille, Michael Sizemore, John Hicks, Joe Lindgren, Richard White; SECOND ROW: James Risavato, Adam Burke, Andrew Bly, Stephen Stinger, David Hicks, Chris Tait, Hunter Burke, Rich Dierks, Sean Noack, Tim Connor; THTRD ROW: Stuart McCausland, Will Tarr, Matt Baker, Michael Guerin, Matt Sirna, Nick Yeates, Matt Neff, David Magruder, John Shealy, Michael Stingo, Colin Shea, Kevin Webster, Tim Martin, Nathan Miller; FOURTH ROW: Colin Fewell, Willie Dobbels, Drew Latenser, David Stamm, Kevin Ruprecht, Ryan Donohue; Andrew Ford, Matt Towner, Brian Strickland; FIFTH ROW: Ian Lewis, John Marrin, Cam Korte, Luke Clarkson.

Musicians' commitment enlivens RHS spirit









Who can be heard at varsity football and basketball games as well as pep rallies? The Pep Band of course.

Led by Mr. Michael Kern, the Pep

Band is a group of student instrumentalists who play to enhance the enthusiasm and excitement of sporting events and pep rallies.

The Pep Band is made up of all classes, from freshmen to

seniors. Since strings aren't used in the band, most of the instrumentalists are woodwinds, brass, and percussion players.

The Pep Band practiced two times

a week for a half an hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There would also be an impromptu rehearsal every so often on Wednesdays.

OF FUN... IT WAS
AWESOME!

-Brian Proulx

Pep Band has been a staple for instrumentalists over the years. Seniors Joe Lindgren and Brian Proulx have played in the band for four years straight.

"It was a good source for music points," said Proulx. "It

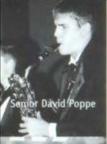
was also a lot of fun. We would get to go to the games for free, have dinner, free drinks and be receiving points while enjoying ourselves. It was awesome!"



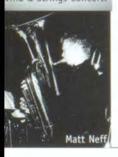
Andrew Hamline and Dustin Bashler play cello for the Orchestra. The Orchestra sent a substantally larger group of instrumentalists to State and they received more Ones than ever before. Junior John Koster and his freshman brother, Ryan Koster both went to State. Both recieved Ones for their solos and ensembles, adding four medals to their jackets, as well as a white letter.











Mr. Michael Kern incorporated visual productions into each Wind Ensemble Concert. They included scenes from The Grinch, Pirates of the Caribbean, Zorro, Independence Day, James Bond, Jesus of Nazareth, and many other visual landscapes. The Christmas Concert, In Search of Christmas, was visually inspiring, following the journey of the three kings.



Instrumental music scores best ever at State contest





Orchestra & Wind Ensemble

MR. MICHAEL KERN

At the MSHAA All District Competition, where small ensemble groups and soloists competed for a chance to go to the MSHAA State Music Competition, 23 Rockhurst groups and soloists qualified for the State Music Competition.

"More small ensembles went to State this year than soloists," said Mr. Michael Kern, Instrumental Music Director.

"That was very odd because that has generally not been the case in the past."

Students earned a ranking from one to five, with one being the best, and five being the worst. There were 13 first place medals, and 18 second place medals awarded at the competition.

Instrumental Music at the Rock provides a student with many choices, from concert band to senior jazz ensemble. There are eight groups to choose from, including Orchestra, Jazz Lab Band, Intro to Jazz, Senior Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Chapel Choir, and Drumworks.

Orchestra is primarily a string ensemble, but does include some traditional band instruments. Junior John Koster and freshman Ryan Koster qualified for the All-District Orchestra in the fall. John Koster also qualified for the All-State Orchestra.

"Orchestra is generally a very advanced class," said Mr. Michael Kern. "Oftentimes freshman players who enter it are in over

their heads, but we try to work with them so they don't become too intimidated by the literature."

Wind Ensemble is an intermediate to advanced class that deals with a variety of music styles. It is primarily a class for upper level students who perform four concerts, including the Fall Sampler, the Christmas concert, The Pre-Festival Concert, and the Spring Concert. They also combined with all other bands to play at graduation.

Pep Band, Chapel Choir, and the Drumworks, an elite drumline of pep band, are all extra curricular options for students. The Pep Band played at all pep rallies, and

at football and basketball games. The Chapel Choir performed at all school Masses, as well as class Masses.

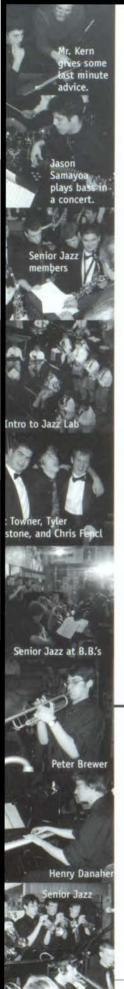
Story By Luke Clarkson

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-Mr. Mike Kern











Freshmen Michael Thompson and Patrick Shilling play bass in the Jazz Lab ensemble. Started this year, Jazz Lab is a chance for incoming freshmen to learn the basics of jazz and improvisation. Sophomore Michael Stingo is a percussion player and fledgling audio technician. Michael can also play drums and bells. His percussion ensemble took a One at Districts and a Two at State. Senior Chris Fencl plays the drums at the opening night of the Jazz season. Chris is the lead percussionist in the Senior Jazz Ensemble. Junior Ryan Donohue plays alto saxophone in the Senior Jazz ensemble. He received a one for his solo at Districts and a Two at State with his saxophone ensemble.



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Band, Intro to Jazz, Senior Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Chapel Choir, and Drumworks.

"The Concert Band is really the defining class for freshmen," said Mr. Michael Kern, Instrumental Music instructor. "It provides a means to bring students from all over the Kansas City area and join them together in one band to equalize ability."

For the 2003-04 school year, Concert Band became known as the Jazz Lab Band. While still a class predominately for freshmen, it focused on jazz technique development instead of the traditional concert band music, especially since the instrumentation supported such a move.

"The Jazz Lab Band was created to give freshman another choice of music," said Mr. Kern. "It served to broaden the

freshman's music perspective, and give him a firm base on which to expand."

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THE ... MUSIC

PERSPECTIVE...

-Mr. Mike Kern

Jazz Improvisation is an intermediate class that offers students a chance to become familiar with jazz improvisation and ear training.

Senior Jazz is the premier jazz ensemble, reserved for junior and senior students who want to expand their understanding of jazz improvisation. They performed at the National Science Convention, the Hail and Farewell for Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, former president of RHS, the Alumni Weekend Dinner and Dance, and at BB's Lawnside Barbecue.

Senior jazz members Peter Brewer, Bobby Tonnies, Mike Judge, Brian Proulx, and Ryan Donohue qualified for the All-District Jazz Band in the Fall,

which performed at Lee Summit High School in early January 2004. Story By Luke Clarkson

Jazz bands lead with talent and potential



Painting & Drawing MRS. CONNIE GREA

Students in Mrs. Connie Greany's art class learn to express themselves not only by their character, but through art as well.

"I believe that we were created to be creative," said Mrs. Greany. "And that is why I give my students the opportunity they need to be

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creative."

In painting class, students learned the basics of visual communication. Hand pottery, wheel pottery, and drawing, offered as one-semester courses, provided opportunities to learn about cultures that have examples in them of the art or technique they are studying.

"I enjoy hand pottery because it's a relaxed classroom environment," said junior Jon Gossman. "It's a good break in the day because it's fun and productive."

Spiritual aspects of artwork are also

discussed in the class to spark the minds of the students. Mrs. Greany encourages her students to be open to growth and to embody the attributes of the "grad-at-grad."

"The main goal of my class is to encourage the students to incorporate

their hearts into their work," said Mrs. Greany. "The students should learn to appreciate what has gone on before them in the history of art."

Ms. Joanna Whitaker, a student- teacher from UMKC, observed, practiced her teaching skills, and was mentored by Mrs.

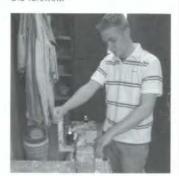
Greany second semester.

-Mrs. Connie Greany

This was Mrs. Greany's final year at Rockhurst. She moved to cental Wisconsin with her husband who will be working there. Story by Ryan O'Leary



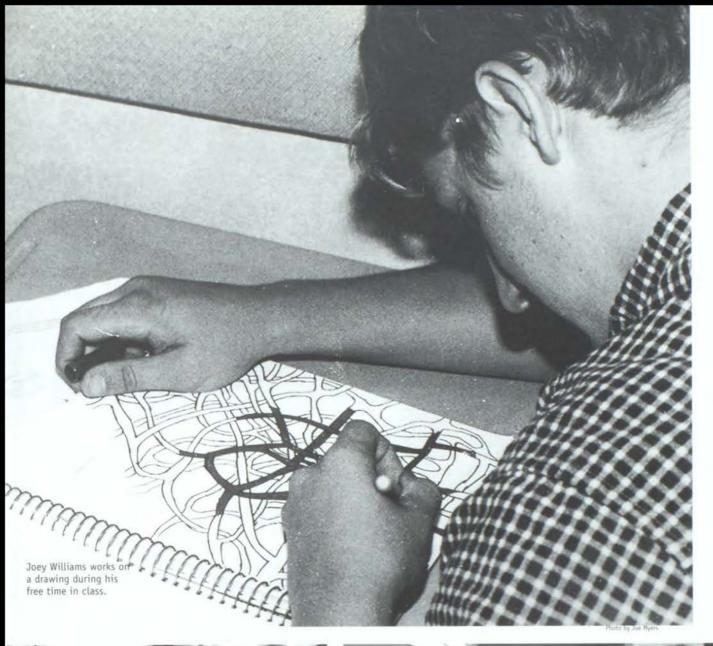
Mrs. ConnieGreany and Robert Tait bid farewell.

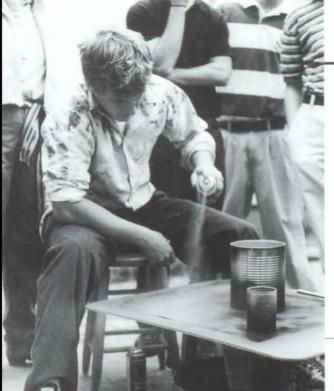


Senior Chris Lippold finishes his project before the end of school and his graduation.



An art teacher leaves her mark on the school and students







Mrs. Connie Greany and Ms. Joanne Whitaker plan the class period for the day. Ms. Whitaker is a student from UMKC learning how to teach. She worked with Mrs. Greany during the second semester. Senior Joey Williams paints a large banner for the Fine Arts Day which hung from the SGA office. They each depicted a solar system.



Pottery calls attention to student's potential to create



Pottery MRS. CONNIE GREANY

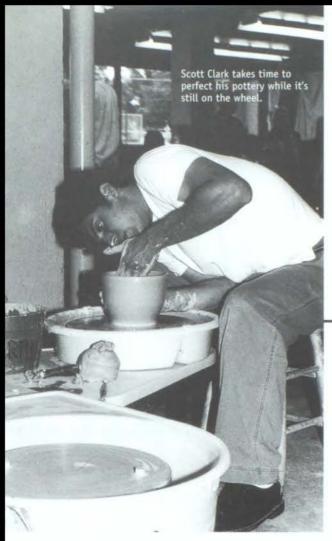


Junior Matt Wiber molds his pottery. The pottery class is consistently full and always busy. Senior Martin Schneider forms the shape of his pot. By using the spinning wheel, Schneider can get the thin yet strong pot that he wants to make. Mrs. Connie Greany's class teaches students how to sculpt, detail, and glaze their own pottery.











Senior Miguel Mejia applies the final detailing to his pottery. All details must be finalized before being put into the kiln. After firing in the kiln, the shape of the piece is final and the glaze must be applied. It is then fired the final time and, for better or worse, it is completed.

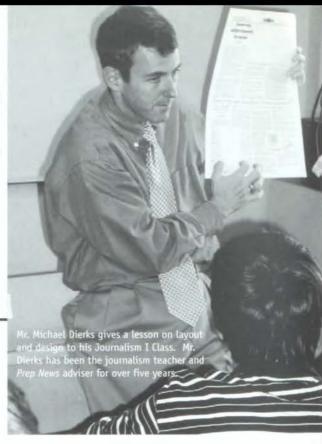






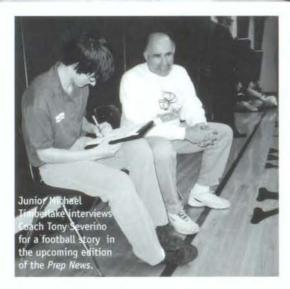
Journalism students learn about layout design and the proper methods to interview for and write a story for a newspaper. Journalism I learns the basics of design and etiquette. It spends it time reviewing layouts in professional newspapers and writing journalistic-style stories. For the January Edition, their work is published in a J-I edition. Newspaper I & II produce the monthly *Prep News* to "inform, to influence and to entertain..."



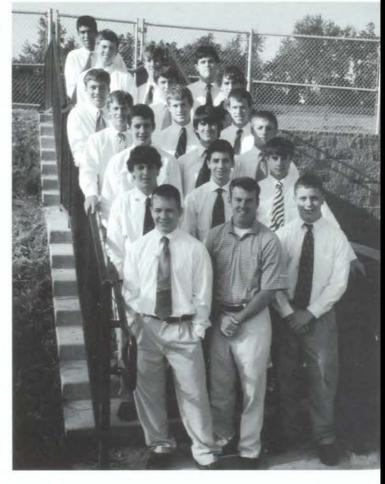




Senior Tom
Wiedeman, winner of
the Michael and
Ilene Drape
Scholarship Award,
designs his page for
the November
edition of *The Prep*News.



FRONT ROW: Steven Yanda, Mr. Michael Dierks, Joe Sturgeon; SECOND ROW: Cam McCulley, Ryan Smith, Frank Allen; THIRD ROW: John Cullen, Michael Timberlake, Kevin Campbell; FOURTH ROW: Reid Martin, Peter Reintjes, Jared Meadows; FIFTH ROW: Steve Isom, Mike Tabory, Jameson Hubbard; SIXTH ROW: Cameron Woods, Danny Anthony, Tim McManus; SEVENTH ROW: Michael Nouri.



Prep News gets All American honors, as well as state award ...again



SENIOR EDITORIAL STAFF: Michael Hinck, Joe Dunn, Ted Caster, Ryan Summers, Daniel Ballew, Anthony Dayrit, Nick Bromberg, Seamus McLaughlin, Jamie Maggard, Adam Kovac, Pat Tweedy, John Reintjes, Pat McCann, Tommy Wiedeman



Prep News MR. MICHAEL DIERKS

The Prep News continued its level of excellence winning All-American honors for 2002-03. Along with the All-American award, the Prep News has received All-State honors 18 out of the last 22 years.

This tradition of excellence became a motivation as the staff published two 20-page editions, with the additions of nine new eMac computers.

"The new eMac computers allowed more people to be on computers at the same time," said adviser Mr. Michael Dierks. "It saved valuable time for proof-reading our spreads."

Co-Editors-in-Chief Pat McCann and Jamie Maggard, headed a Newspaper II staff that included Layout Editor Patrick Tweedy, Heady Copy Editor Seamus McLaughlin, Art Editor Ted Caster, News Editor John Reintjes, Opinions Editor Michael Hinck, Features Editor Ryan Summers, A&E Editor Adam Kovac,,

Sports Editor Nick Bromberg, and Assistant Copy Editor Dan Ballen.

"All the editors were really good friends and worked very well with each other," said McCann. "The general feeling was that we had accomplished a lot, and the guys were proud of the papers they created.

The staff published nine papers that included in-depth pieces, such as Father Thomas Pesci's departure from the Rockhurst presidency and the arrival of his replacement, Father Terrence Baum, SJ. The newspaper also had compelling center spread features, such as how Rockhurst students are perceived as arrogant, or the

> experience of Rockhurst athletes with CYO basketball.

> "I always read the Prep News anyway," said junior Billy Clarkson. "But the CYO spread was really cool because it was something that really interested me at the time. It also gave the people who play CYO a big lift because we knew people knew about us."

Always trying to get better, the Prep News tried to get more feedback from students about events that have happened in the year.

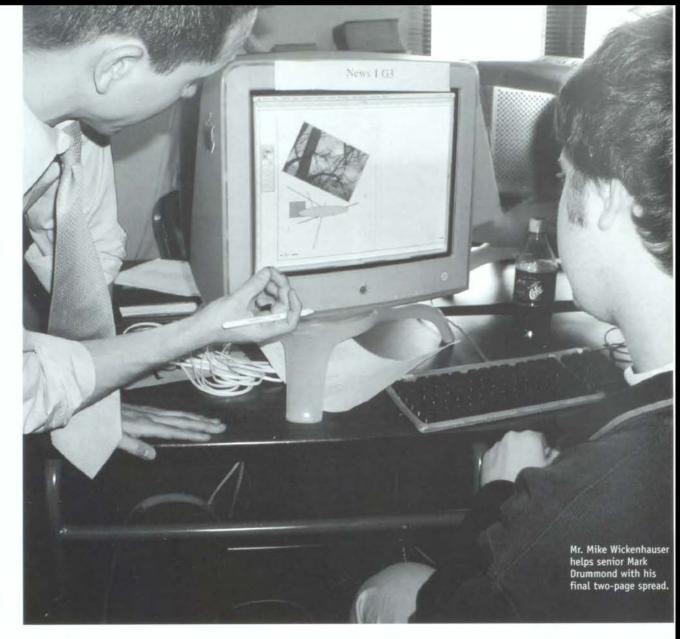
While the seniors were away on service project in January, the juniors of Newspaper I took the editorial responsibilities and the students of Journalism I took on the responsibilities of reporters to produce their "Journalism-I edition." Story by Scott Clark

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A LOT... THE GUYS

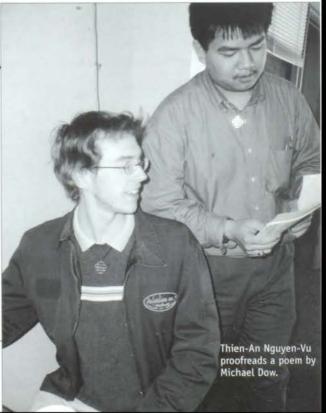
WERE PROUD.

-Pat McCann





FRONT ROW: Drew Perrin, Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, Alan Elliot, Nick Worley, Mrs. Anne Riggs; SECOND ROW: Jimmy Jordan, Adam Davis, Conor Foley, Andrew Blackwell, Mark Drummond; THIRD ROW: Joey Caudle, Ben Beisser, Adam Meyers, and John Marrin.



The Rock Collection

The Rock Collection offered students the opportunity to express themselves by publishing samples of their artwork, photographs, prose and poetry, and other forms of art.

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-Mr. Wickenhauser

ING AND ART.

let for creative writing and visual art," said Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, who, along with Mrs. Annie Riggs, moderates the student publication. "It also exposes individuals who usually do not get a chance to appreciate artwork."

In the past, a few students, usually more seniors than underclassmen, published the magazine, but this issue had wider representations of underclass-

and Mrs. Riggs.

The staff was led by seniors Alan Elliot, Adam Davis, Adam Meyers, Michael Dow and

Mark Drummond. Others included senior Nick Worley, juniors Jimmy Jordan, John Marrin, Michael Camacho, Drew Parrin, Danny Anthony, Joey Caudle and sophomore Conor Foley.

Getting people to make submissions is al-

ways the most difficult part of the process, so the staff posted flyers and made announcements before and after school.

"It is always a great struggle to get submissions," said Mr. Wickenhauser. "We cut about 20 percent of the submissions but I wish we had more to choose from."

"The Rock Collection gives many students who feel they can't express themselves an opportunity to do just that,"

men according to moderators Mr. Wickenhauser said Elliot. "It also lets the whole Rockhurst community see all the talented students that never get the credit they deserve."

Story by Matt Eberle



Senior Michael Dow at work



Senior Alan Elliot finishes a spread on the computer right before the deadline.

Student literary magazine brings talent and vision to the forefront





Quarry Yearbook

Editors redefined their positions as a rookie staff, hoping to be remembered as at least the "fifth best ever," came into its own and published arguably one of the better yearbook in the history of Rockhurst.

Led by junior Ted Ginder, and senior Joe Myers, coeditors, the staff examined the theme of "potential" as it

relates to the Rockhurst student throughout the 320-page book.

"Ted Ginder and Joe Myers showed me a lot about total dedication," said Mr. Joe Fleming, Quarry adviser. "Others did some good work, too."

Students from the Yearbook Class applied for editorial positions at the end of the first semester, and began actual work on their sections of the book. Work continued for up to eight hours per day following the end of the school year until June 15, when a digital file is delivered to the printer. This deadline enables the entire year to be bound inside a single cover.

Besides Ginder, who was assisted by senior Matt Stadler, Myers was instrumental in not only producing the entire Arts section, but became the Index Editor as well. His technical expertise proved invaluable, and he was named co-editor-in-chief midway through the project.

Junior Jeff Witcher, Student Life Editor, showcased the

events that had meaning for the Rockhurst community throughout the year.

Senior Matt Paschang, Academic Editor, focused on covering all employees, including faculty, adminstration and staff.

Junior Scott Clark produced the ad section.

Juniors Chris Crawford and Tom Redmond worked on most of the Sports section of the book.

Junior Andrew Boos, took care of the underclassmen portrait pages and the feature pages that accompanied them.

Senior Matt McKibbin designed the senior portrait section, including prom and graduation.

The lengthy time following the end of the school year took its toll on the schedules of several staff members, who dropped off after early good work. According to Mr. Joe Fleming, Quarry Adviser, it was crucial that the editors stay until the end, to keep their editorial positions. "Those who were there every day,

learned so much about responsibility," he said. "I was pleased with those who had their grades already, or who had graduated, and kept at it."

Ginder, who was once wary of the amount of work ahead, quickly learned to lead and, along with Myers, virtually took the book to completion when others let down.

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-- Mr. Joe Fleming, Quarry adviser

THOSE WHO WERE

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Hundreds of man-hours later, potential was realized by a few stalwarts



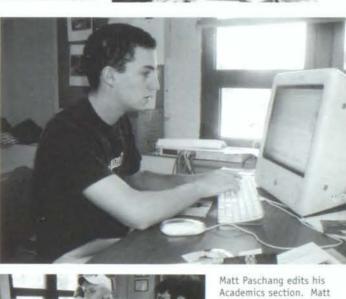
Editor-in-Chief Ted Ginder was the last man around as he checks and gathers the final material to take to the printer. INSETS: Joe Myers, Ted Ginder and Matt McKibbin work to finish before the June 11 deadline. Ryan O'Leary designs a spread in his Organization section. Jeff Witcher decides on a photo for Student Life,













Matt Paschang edits his Academics section. Matt Stadler and Joe Myers confer on how to place a square photo into a round area. Christopher Crawford crops a track photo. FAR LEFT: The staff members who were around until almost the end stop working to pose for a photo.



An opportunity for potential to be visualized



Fine Arts Day

What started eight years ago as an idea of a new arts teacher, Mrs. Connie Greany, has become an opportunity for students to display their artistic talents to their peers. The annual Festival of Arts, a

two-hour break from the school day, showcased the hard work and talent of students of the arts.

Walking into school on Tuesday students were welcomed by paintings, drawings and pottery sculptures displayed in the Barry Commons. The entry to the McGee Hall was filled with student photography ranging from sporting events to day-to-day activities.

"Students get an opportunity to see their own work compared with others," said Mrs. Greany. "It also shows what all the programs have been doing this year, which is sometimes surprising."

Given the opportunity to choose performances to watch, students wandered the halls in search of the most entertaining shows. Music filled the air as groups like the Percussion Ensemble and the Trumpet Trio performed on the student council perch. Students listened to the Jazz Band, Peter

Brewer Band and Dirty Joe and the Mechanics in the qym.

Classrooms were used for woodwind trios and quartets as well as the speech and debate team's orato-

ries, duo and dramatic interpretations and poetry readings. The McGee Hall showcased pianists, trumpets, clarinets and bass clarinet performances that captivated audiences. The Chamber Choir performed in the Rose Theater, and the casts of Guys & Dolls and Boys Next Door performed cuttings.

"The Festival shows a variety of talents displayed on each level, and the quality of the talents in all areas," said Mrs. Greany. "It gives students the opportunity to see their own potential through the work of others, which is being open to

growth."

Overall, the festival provided a chance for artists to not only display their talent for students and faculty, but for others to watch classmates and friends perform.

Story by Mark Crutchfield

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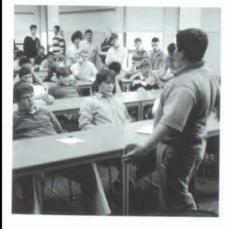


The Barry Commons was decorated and filled with students' art and music. Students and faculty walked around admiring paintings, drawings, sketches, and pottery, while a musical ensemble played on top of the Student Council perch. Students also had the opportunity to see Speech and Debate performances as well as chorus ensembles and a scene from the musical Guys and Dolls.



Biology teacher Mr. Steve Ryan admires the art of over 20 photography students. The photography class shot over 600 rolls of film this year and printed over 1000 photos.

Michael Kern, junior Ryan Donohue, senior Matt Serna, and senior Matt Towner showcased Senior Jazz in the gym.



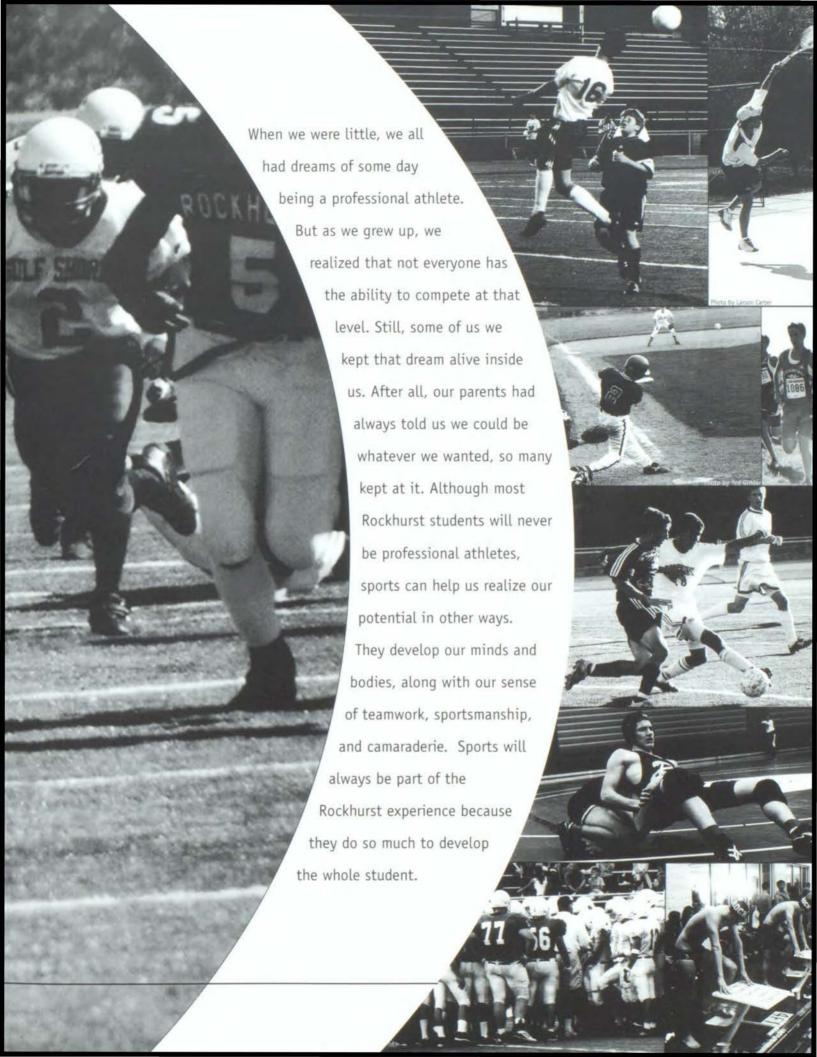
Students were given the opportunity to visit different venues of performance art. Speech and Debate viewings were popular, going from comic interpretations to debates on current events. Debate forums entertained and enlightened students. There were four rooms dedicated to speech and debate.





SPORTS

Section by Christopher Crawford and Tom Redmond



Country Varsity Cross



Hawklets run to 7th at State, the best finish in 25 years

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HAVE BEEN HERE.

-- Coach Michael Dierks



Behind strong senior leadership and close team unity, the Varsity Cross-Country team had its most successful season in over 25 years, highlighted by four individual victories for senior Patrick Tweedy, and a seventh place team finish at State.

"This was the best team we have had since I have been here," said Head Coach Michael Dierks. "It was faster than the 1985 and 2000 teams who had gone to State before them."

With first place finishes at the Truman Invitational, CMSU Mule Run, Midwest Jesuit Classic, and Kearney Invitational, Tweedy used actions to call his team to be all they could be.

"He's a great person to have on your team," said senior Jamie Maggard. "Every time he went out and had a great race, it just made all of us want to succeed more."

Another reason for the team's strong year was its sense of family. While running seven miles a day might seem like a rather tedious activity, the Hawklets had a good time doing it.

"Its amazing to see 14 guys laughing with each other while they do an activity that most athletes view as a punishment," said Coach Dierks. "But that is exactly why all 14 varsity members were so important to the team this

year. Although only seven actually run in a varsity race, the rest were always there to be a family to those who were competing."

The season started off with a fourth place finish out of 12 complete teams at the Truman Invitational at Swope Park. Along with Tweedy's victory, the day was marked by a 15th place finish by first-year runner senior Chris Fencl, who showed why he was considered to be one of the best first-year runners in school history.

"Truman was a great meet for the team be-

cause it showed that we had a lot of potential despite the loss of several seniors from last year's team," said senior Andrew Langford. "I guess their absence just forced some new people to step up and take their place."

The seniors stepped up again at the CMSU Mule Run during week two of the season. In a race with 204 runners, they finished first, sixth, 14th, 15th, and 22nd, helping the team to a second place finish out of 11 teams.

The Hawklets continued their success, finishing first as a team at the Midwest Jesuit Classic and Kearney Invitational. The victory at Kearney continued a long-standing streak, while the victory at Midwest Jesuit was a first for the program.

After Kearney, the team was ready for the

post season where it finished fourth out nine teams in the District Championship, earning a spot in the Sectional Championship.

At Sectionals, the runners had to beat at least one of the teams that had beaten them at Districts, and beat any competing teams entering from the other district. Over 150 RHS

fans showed up for the meet, and the fan support propelled the Hawklets to a state qualifying fourth place.

"Its so easy to give up out there when your body is hurting so bad, but when the course is lined with fans, you tend to find a way to go on," said Coach Dierks. "The fans pushed David Smith to have the greatest race of his career, and that's what provided us with just enough points to make it in to State."

"Cross-country is pushing your body's limits as much as possible," said Coach Dierks. "This team did that better than any other team I have ever coached." Story by Ted Ginder.



Junior Andrew Bly rides the stationary bike. Seniors relax after the awards banquet. The varsity runners display their medals after the District Meet.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Truman Varsity	4th
CMSU Mule Run	2nd
Ray Pec	3rd
Rim Rock	8th
K.C. Metro Champ.	3rd
Jesuit Invitational	1st
Kearney Invitational	1st
District	4th
Sectional	4th
State	7th

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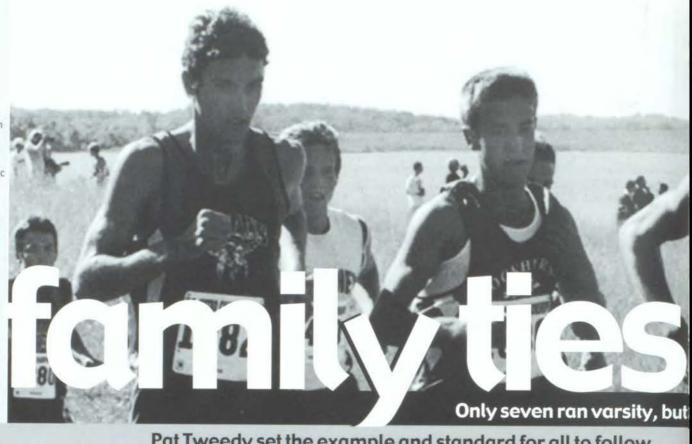
The Cross Country Team explodes off the start of the District meet





Pat Tweedy receives the keychain given to all cross country captains from Dr. Jorge Taracido. Junior Steve Isom and the rest of the coaches hang out before the sectional meet.

Sernior Captain Pat Tweedy fights for position against Ray-Pec and Liberty runners.



Pat Tweedy set the example and standard for all to follow



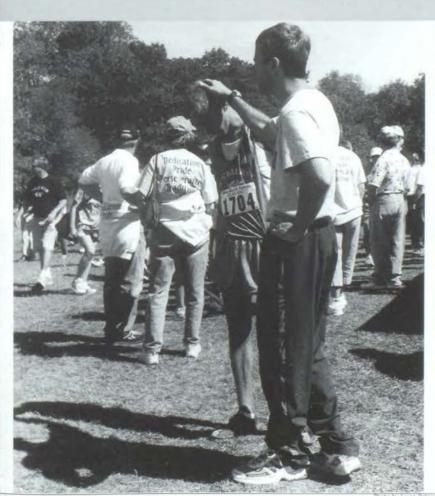


Senior captain Pat Tweedy holds up the Golden Spike Award given to the person who shows all characteristics of a cross country leader.



FRONT ROW: Jeff Poskin, David Smith, Andrew Langford, Chris Fencl, Steve Isom, Patrick Tweedy; ROW 2: Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Scott Reagan, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Michael Dierks.

he rest were there for moral support





Coach Mike Dierks comforts senior captain Pat Tweedy after his 27th place finish at Ramrock. The Varsity team gathers for a photograph.

JV Cross Country

Runners push varsity for the entire season



FRONT ROW: Ernest Davis, Ryan Smith, Matthew Clifford, Joel Hamilton, Zach Dehaemers, Matt DeCapo, Jason Coleman; ROW 2: Spencer Jones, Nick Becker, Joe DeCapo, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Scott Reagan, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Michael Dierks, Christian Liddeke, Chris Balmaceda, Jim Langworthy; ROW 3: Nick Jackson, David Trotter, Joel Hodes, Cullen Roberts, Michael Timberlake, Ted Ginder, John Cullen, William Webster, Kevin O'Sullivan, J.D. Corless, Michael Spero; ROW 4: Josh Hubbard, Jake Hubbard, Sean Eskew, John Mahoney, Brent Sear, Jason Dehaemers, Bobby Tonnies, Charlie Doolittle, Andrew Bly, Jared Meadows; ROW 5: Pat Stoops, Tyler Kunce, Kevin Shea, Michael Link, Gallagher Ring, Michael Nouri, Bobby Sauder, Danny Anthony, Andrew

The Junior Varsity Cross Country team placed first at two meets, Shawnee Mission North and Kearney Invitational due in large part to senior leadership, according to Coach Rich Sullivan.

"These guys defined the concept of team," according to Coach Sullivan. "They enjoyed each other and pushed each other."

Outstanding runners included seniors Cullen Roberts, David Trotter, and Bobby Sauder, and juniors Matt Clifford, Ted Ginder, Michael Timberlake, Andrew Bly, and Jason Dehaemers to name a few.

"These guys really pushed the varsity," said Coach Sullivan. "Now they need to get to varsity next year." Story by Sean Owens



Spencer Jones and Cameron Fiser run side at the Kearney Invitational.



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Christian Liddeke pushes to finish at the All Metro Championships

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Location	Finis
JV XC	
Truman	2nd
RayPec	1st
Metro Championship	3rd
Midwest Jesuit	4th
Grandview	8th
Kearney	1st

The Junior Varsity takes off at the All-Metro

Championship at Smithville Lake,

FRONT ROW: Charlie Smith, Derek Poskin, Corbin Kline, Michael O'Bryan, Cory Beisser, Spencer, Nelson, Tim Lapping; ROW 2: Gerrit Smith, George Noth, Jake Fischer, Nicholas Liddeke, Adam Bellinder, Jack Barker, An Pham, Sam Wiedeman, Joe Kruger; ROW 3: Jeff Huggins. David Cotter, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Scott Reagan, Coach Rich Sullivan, Coach Michael Dierks, Alex Berry, Patrick Grate; ROW 4: Andrew Leis, Thomas Cotter, Kevin Looby, James Meines, Cameron Fiser, Will, Tarr, Colin Looby, Nick Cowing, Griffin Foley.



Jim Langworthy runs on to the finish line at the All-Metro Tournament.

Most ever try cross country

"Team above individual" was the motto for all the cross-country teams, according to **Freshman** Coach Jorge Taracido. The team of 29 runners, the largest ever, had some of the highest finishes by freshmen in history.

Wins included first place finishes at Ray-Pec and Kearney Invitationals. The Hawklets also did well at the Truman Invitational and All Metro meet, placing second at both.

"Lee's Summit North was our biggest rival this year," said Coach Taracido. "When we didn't get first, they did."

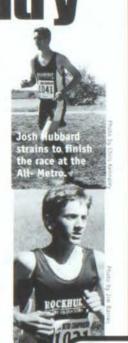
The top runner was Will Tarr, who eventually moved up to varsity. Other standouts included Nick Cowing, Corbin Kline, Kevin Looby, Jack Barker, and the Cotter twins, Thomas and David. David Cotter broke his foot at the All Metro Meet and couldn't run the second half of the season.

The **Sophomore Cross Country** placed first at the All Metro Meet, and selected runners traveled to the Jesuit Invitational in Saint Louis, where the team placed third.

"Pace, perseverance, and passion is the slogan for the year," said Head Coach Scott Reagan, who ran for Coaches Dierks and Taracido when he was a student at Rockhurst. "That phrase really embodies the team's spirit."

The best runner was Christian Liddeke who earned a provisional varsity letter.

"He really rose to the top," said CoachReagan. "He came out of nowhere and blew us all away."



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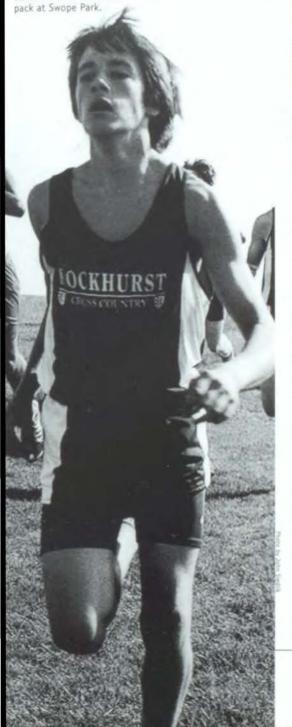
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Freshmen XC
Truman 2nd
RayPec 1st
Metro Championship 2nd

Metro Championship 2nd Midwest Jesuit 2nd Grandview 4th Kearney 1st

Sophomore XC

Truman 6th Metro Championship 1st



Derek Poskin leads the

Footbal



Scoreboard

Varsity

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs South	42-35
Blue Springs	31-37
Gulf Shores Academy	48-6
Evangel Christian	19-20
Liberty	52-6
Dallas Jesuit	45-23
Jefferson City	21-7
Lee's Summit	24-0
Lee's Summit North	47-0
Districts	
Joplin	37-16
State Quarterfinals	
Blue Springs	7-24



Junior Thomas Staab runs through two Gulf Shores defenders as junior Jason Crain blocks.

Senior quarterback Sean Cummings looks downfield for an open receiver in the second Blue Springs game.

<u>Grueling schedule</u> tests Hawklet mettle

Despite tremendous talent and strong performances from several key players, the Hawklets fell short of repeating as State Champions in a season which the team traveled over 3,600 miles.

"The team had a good season overall," said Head Coach Tony Severino. "We beat some good teams and we lost to just two good teams, and I'm still proud of our guys."

The Hawklets faced two strong Blue Springs

teams the first two weeks of the season, beating Blue Springs South, 42-35 before hosting archrival Blue Springs.

With senior Jeff Koons at tailback, RHS took an early 17-0 lead, but the Wildcats stormed back, giving fans a taste of some of the most exciting high school football ever. The team turned to DJ Hord for big plays, and relied on defensive stars Allan Smith, Koons, and offensive linemen Bryan Murphy, and

Brian Trowman. After coming close to victory on several occasions, the Hawklets lost in overtime, 37-31.

"Towards the end, I really thought we had them," said nose guard Jeff Caldwell. "It was hard to come so close and still lose it."

After the Blue Springs game, the Hawklets played strong football, losing by only one point in Shreveport, LA, to nationally-ranked Evangel Christian of New Orleans in the final seconds of a game that the Hawklets had led throughout.

Coach Severino had a different take on the losses.

"Some teams would crumble after losing two games so closely, but I really feel it just brought these guys together. They had a lot of resolve and were able to deal with it well."

The Hawklets got back on track the rest of the season and when the playoffs came around,

beat competitive district teams to earn another shot at Blue Springs in a game that was, according to Metro-Sports, "For all the marbles," as the winner of this game had gone on to win the State Championship three years in a row. The Hawklets lost to the larger Blue Springs team, 24-7, to end the season.

Despite their three losses, the Hawklets did not go unnoticed as Temple was named a US Army All-American, and Trowman, Koons, Smith, and Murphy were recognized as All-State players.

"Those were the guys who really kept our team together during the season," said Coach Severino of the four All-State players. "They all did a great job of stepping up and having a big year for the team."

"This just gives us something to build on for next year," said backup quarterback Terry McMahon. "That's what makes us Rockhurst—the ability to come back and compete every year."

Story by Ted Ginder

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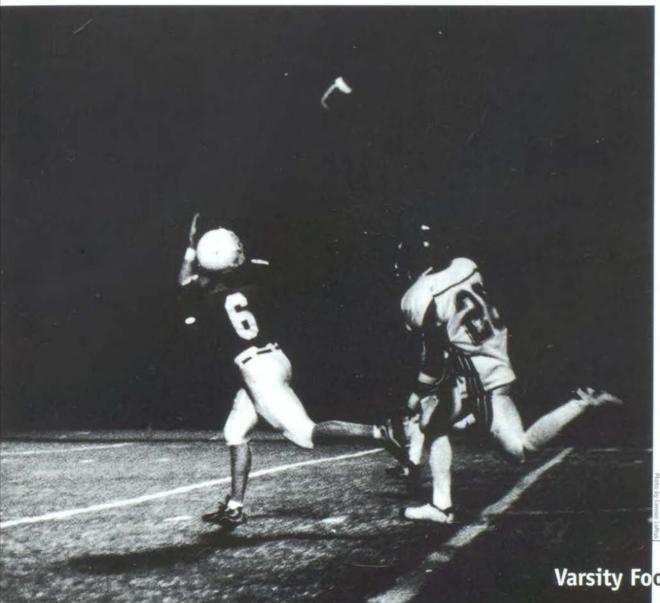
-- Coach Tony Severino



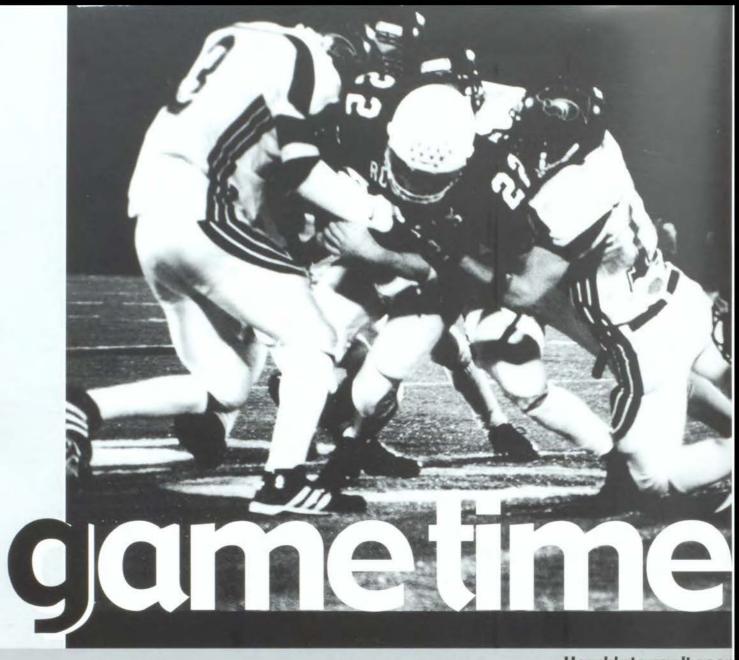
Coach Fred Campisano and the Hawklet defense look on at practice. Dr. Campisano had knee surgery early in the year and was forced to coach from a gator. Senior running back Jeff Koons escapes a tackle from a Gulf Shores defender. The Hawklets went on to win, 64-7.



Photo by Ted Caste



Senior wide receiver John Parsons hauls in a pass, burning a Wildcat defender. Rockhurst lost to Blue Springs, 31-37 in overtime.



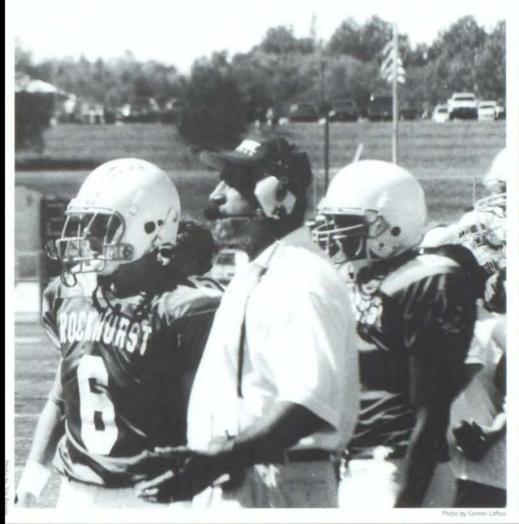
Hawklets can't seen



Sal Capra and Chris George tackle a Lee's Summit runningback in a 32-7 victory. Senior Jeff Koons lays a block for Larson Carter as he runs away from a Gulf Shores defender. Rockhurst won the Homecoming game, 64-7.



Senior running back Jeff Koons scampers through a gang of Wildcat defenders.



Coach Tony Severino and senior John Parsons look on at The Gulf Shores game which Rockhurst won, 64-7. DJ Hord trys to escape two Wildcat defenders as Brian Trowman looks for someone to crush. The Hawklets lost, 24-7.



Photo by Stephen DeWolfe

Jeff Koons is recognized as Rockhurst's Top Scholar Athlete

to get by Wildcats, but beat almost everyone else



Varsity Football

FRONT ROW: Michael Pernice, David Belfonte, Sean Cummings, Phil Strozier, D.J. Hord, John Parsons, Terry McMahon, Steve Redmond, Pat Laughlin, Joe Pete Christiano; ROW 2: Frank Allen, Blake May, Adam Maib, Kyle Davis, Anthony Accurso, Joss Tillard, John Reintjes, Michael Hinck, Matt Leigh, Tony Temple, Tom Staab; ROW 3: Jeff Koons, Jerome Jackson, Chris George, Chris Barton, John LeRoy, Jeff Herrera, Todd Whitaker, Adam French, Nick Kirkman, Jason Crain, Jesse Dull, Joe Williams, ROW 4: Phil DiMartino, Tom Condon, Chris Rhoades, Jon Higgins, Eric Griffin, Joe Manzo, Connor McDonough, Dane Cousins, Quinn Anderson, Brian Euston, Larson Carter, Ben Wickman, Ben Hodes; ROW 5: Grant Harrison, Mark Davidson, Jason Switzer, Corey Murphy, Justin Steele, Drew Mirocke, Michael Duschen, Mike D'Agostino, Jon Palmer, Mike Kelly, Tyler Reed, Andy Bianco, Scott Cummings, Tom Godsey; ROW 6: Kevin Morris, Craig Young, Adam Fulks, Bryan Murphy, Mike Walczuk, Jacob Johnston, John Garlich, Damon McKinney, Ted Capoccia, Jacob Fogle, Andrew Brooks, Joe Geisel, Eric Meyers, Jeff Smith, Jeff Caldwell; ROW 7: Barrett Campbell, Brian Trowman, Corey Carr, Josh Karlin, Steve Welsh, Kelly Quirk, Matt Switzer, Alex Mincher, Allan Smith, Sal Capra, Kyle Hunt, John Nagle, Steve Martinat, Jack Shuler, Sean Kitts, Bryan Connell; ROW 8: Brian Meyer, Kevin Campbell, Derek Hall, Eric Vogel, Allen Fletcher, Ryan Elder, Kyle Pearson, Sam Tapko, Zach Shelton; ROW 9: Coach Eric Berg, Coach John Morris, Coach Tony Severino, Coach Matt Nolen, Coach Frank Lyngar, Coach Fred Campisano.

Longtime victory streak continues



Thomas Staab outruns his opponents on his way to a touchdown.

Perfection continued for the 6-0 Junior Varsity Football Team. During an 11-year span, coaches John Morris and Eric Berg have led JV teams to a 66-0 record.

The 2003 squad's only close call was a 9-0 victory over Blue Springs. The game was scoreless at halftime, but the Hawklets managed to sneak in a touchdown, followed by a safety.

"We had a feeling that the Blue Springs game wasn't going to be a cakewalk," said junior Kevin Campbell. "It was a lot closer than we would have liked."

Despite having nearly 70 players, consisting of sophomores and juniors, Coach Morris and Coach Berg did not have trouble substituting and many played on both sides of the ball.

The season was a good opportunity for junior Terry McMahon to get in some reps in the backfield. As next year's varsity heir apparent quarterback, McMahon feels prepared for what's ahead because of his exposure to the teams he will face in the 2004 season.

"I've run a few plays in each varsity game this year," said McMahon. "But it's the reps that I got on JV that have prepared me."

Because the varsity squad faced tough opponents, JV athletes rarely saw playing time at the varsity games, but managed to maintain the 11-year perfect record.

"The JV squad was a unique one compared to years past," said Coach Berg. "Even without gaining some varsity playing time, they still managed to hold onto the undefeated record."

Story by Dylan Aldrich



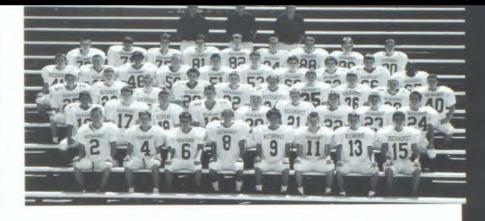
Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Blue Springs South	28-14
Blue Springs	9-0
Liberty	30-6
Jefferson City	47-6
Lee's Summit	21-7
Lee's Summit North	42-14

Coach John Morris talks to his team after another win, this one against Lee's Summit, 21-7.



FRONT ROW: Nick Vignatelli, Jack Naylor, Sean French, John Laughlin, Joey Privitera, Sam Sabaugh, Jake Lyssy, Anthony Accurso ROW 2: Michael Stingo, Max Maple, Colin Quinn, Jon Brocato, James Fitzpatrick, Jeremiah Reardon, Jack Hodes, Andrew Chase, Adam Mehl; ROW 3: Matt Hanrahan, Anthony Bruno, David Kaufman, Jake Silva, Derek Sisel, Jim Whitaker, Chris Brewer, Spencer Walsh, Brian Chalmers, Jacob Frey; ROW 4: Antohny Lolli, Steve Fessler, Kyle Pierson, Alex Soloducha, Jack Schleicher, Taylor Mallon, Thomas Carlin, Dan McCracken, James Risalvato, Earnest McCoy; ROW 5: Michael McInerney, Robert Tait, Alex Wilson, Chris Kearney, Charlie Regan, Matt Kueser, Ben Short, Chris Gard, Patrick Cullinan ROW 6: Coach Mike Sullivan, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Coach Jeff Crowe.



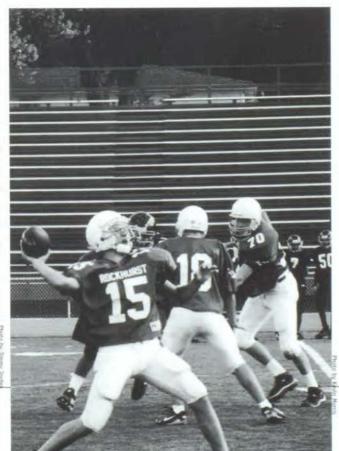
Sophomores dominate in final games; end up at 6-3

The Sophomore Football Team opened the season with a 42-15 loss to Blue Springs South, but quickly rebounded with three straight wins, topping University Academy, 47-0, St. Mary's JV, 14-6, and St. Pius X JV, 14-7.

"This sophomore team is a real nice group of kids," said Head Coach Bernie Kreikemeier. "They just weren't as aggressive as I would have liked them to have been."

The team displayed flexibility throughout the season, according to Coach Kreikemeier. Kick returner David Kaufman, known as "Dante" to the team, was instrumental in several victories.

"Kaufman was known for his excellent return ability,



which really gave us great field position," according to Coach Kreikemeier.

The three-game winning streak ended as Liberty shut out the Hawklets, 14-0. RHS then returned to post a 30-24 victory over the team's biggest rival, St. Thomas Aquinas, before losing to Lee's Summit, 20-12.

"When Anthony Accurso was injured during the last part of the season, it really affected the team," said Coach Kreikemeier. "Colin Quinn stepped up and made the kind of plays that we needed during the final games."

RHS ended the season with two straight victories, topping Ruskin, 21-0, and Lee's Summit North, 34-8, finishing 6-3.

"Sophomore football differs from freshman football because we focus more on skill and technique development," said Andrew Chase. "Coach Kreikemeier was really great, and he helped us improve a lot."

"A lot of players stepped up at the end of the season and really helped the team out," said Coach Kreikemeier. "This team improved the most from beginning to end of any team I have ever coached." Story by Luke Clarkson



Colin Quinn gets knocked out of bounds just before he reaches the end zone. Anthony Accurso throws downfield, while his blockers give him protection.

Scoreboard

Sophomore

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Opponent	Score
A Team	
Blue Springs South	0-10
Liberty	0-20
Blue Springs	13-12
Lawrence South 42-6	
Ray Pec 42-41	
Jefferson City	0-28
Aquinas 12-19	
Frontier Trails	20-7
B Team	
Lee's Summit North	6-26
Liberty	36-0
Blue Springs	34-6
SM South	0-28
Aquinas 24-8	
St. Pius X	7-6
Bishop Miege	20-14
Lee's Summit	41-0
C Team	
Blue Springs South	0-24
SM South	14-14
University Academy	0-40
Bishop Miege	0-14
Lee's Summit	14-7



Coach Jay Coleman and Coach Jim De graw congratulate the team after a big win.

Conner Teahan takes on two tacklers as he pushes his way upfield.

Frosh display potential for future stardom

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-- Coach Frank Griffin

FOR TEAM GOALS.

The Freshman A Team started slowly, losing 2-3 against those teams, beating Bishop Miege its first two games to Blue Springs South and Lib- and St. Pius X. erty, but finished strong, winning the season finale against Frontier Trials, 20-7. The team also beating Miege's A Team in overtime," said Coach

posted wins against Blue Springs, Raymore-Peculiar, and Lawrence South.

"The biggest disappointment was the four losses," said Coach Frank Griffin. "This is only the beginning."

Key players according to the coaches, were Conner Teahan, Nathan Karlin, Steve Jones, Henry Belfonte, Josh Walker, Luke Betterman, and Matt Mooreman.

"In the Ray-Pec game we kicked the extra point to win," said Coach Griffin. "Against Blue Springs we

stopped them on the winning two-point conversion late to win."

"They must be willing to sacrifice individual accomplishments for team goals," said Coach Griffin. "This is only the beginning.

5-3 is a good record, and when you consider that the Freshman B Team played five schools' A the season was good," said Coach Mick Swanson. team, it is even more impressive. The team went

"The biggest win of the season for us was

Jim DeGraw, " The biggest disappointment was losing the final game to Lee's Summit."

The team went 5-2 after losing the first game and had a three game winning streak, beating St. Thomas Aguinas, St. Pius X, and Bishop Miege.

"This team was a pleasant surprise and made it a lot of fun," said Coach DeGraw. "They displayed the true meaning of 'bandit' football."

The Freshman C Team went 1-3-1 play-

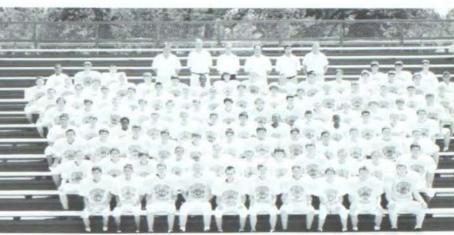
ing other schools' A and B Teams but lots of positives came from the experience, including beating Lee's Summit B Team to win the season finale, 14-7, and tying Shawnee Mission South's B Team, 14-14.

"Despite a canceled game and limited space, "We finished with a win." Story by Danny White

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FRONT ROW: Chris Accurso, Anthony Badami, Blaine Balderston, Chris Barry, Scott Barton, Jacob Bayer, Evan Beasley, Josh Becker, Henry Belefonte, Luke Betterman; ROW 2: Mark Bissler, Dan Brogan, Andrew Bush, Kirby Campbell, Mark Campbell, Sean Carter, Matt Connell, Ryan Coughlin, Joe D'Agostino, Tommy Dailey, Kyle Davis; ROW 3: Dominic DeFeo, Patrick DeNegri, George Diab, Paul Dominick, Andy Doohan, Jacob Dull, Alex Fiorella, Chris Fisher, Michael Flanigan, Mark Fowler, Pat Franke; ROW 4: Mike Garza, Lou Groff, Spencer Hardwick, Jack Hasty, Tom Herring, Patrick Houlehan, Travis Hunt, Matthew Jenkins, Michael Jianas, Steve Jones, Nathan Karlin, Alex Klinghoffer, Chase Klingler; ROW 5: Blake Kryger, Dusty Kunce, Michael Lester, Matt Lewandowski, Mike Lisman, Derek Lyssy, David Magruder, Blake Malcolm, Jeff McCorkle, Patrick McNamara, Aaron Meade, Peter Mitko, Jack Moderson, Matt Moorman; ROW 6: Frank Mulhern, Aaron Murphy, Patrick Murray, Nathan Neenan, Peter Nigh, Ryan Nigro, Kyle O'Grady, Thomas O'Laughlin, J.D. Pasternack, Michael Poppa, Brendan Quirk, Frank Reardon, Paul Reintjes, Frank Rhoades, Steven Roepke; ROW 7: Connor Ruark, Grant Russell, Ben Sauder, Christopher Schorgl, John Schuler, Keith Sears, Christopher Silvers, Donovan Stabler, Kevin Smith, Scott Smith, Andy Soloducha, Jacob Steilen, Conner Teahan, William Trakas, Kyle Tushaus, Josh Walker; ROW 8: Brian Vaughn, Adam Whitaker, Corey Wolf, Coach Paul Beirne, Coach Frank Griffin, Coach Jim DeGraw, Coach Jay Coleman, Coach Paul Brockland, Coach Mick Swanson, Conner Zecy, Keegan Zuk.



Dustin Kunce stops a runner with a great tackle. Pat Franke sets up his blockers to break into the open field.

Junior Midfielder Eric Sweetin chases down a ball against Park Hill South. Sweetin runs past a Park Hill South defender. Robby Borchardt jukes a Park Hill defender.

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Opponent	Score
SM West	4-5
Miege	1-0
Ray South	2-0
St. Joe Central	1-0
Jesuit Classic	
Marquette	1-3
Regis	4-0
St. Thomas Aquinas	0-2
SM NW	3-1
Blue Springs	3-0
Jefferson City	4-0
Blue Valley North	2-1
Lee's Summit North	1-0
Pembroke Hill	4-1
O'Hara	3-0
Liberty	3-0
Districts	3-0
State Sectional	3-2
State Quarterfinals	2-1
State Semifinals	1-3
Third Place State	1-0



Hawklets compete in 7th straight Final Four

THE CAPTAINS

THE SEASON.

GREW A LOT OVER

consecutive appearance in the State Final Four in St. Louis, losing to Chaminade in the semi-finals before defeating Cape Girardeau for third place.

This team made some of the biggest strides ever from the beginning of the season to the end, ac- School, who at the time was ranked number cording to Head Coach Chris Lawson.

"By far the greatest progress from any team in 10 years," he said. "They all made a concerted effort to get better and did."

After a season-opening loss to Shawnee Mission West, the Hawklets reeled off five straight. Led by senior Robby Borchardt and fellow captains seniors Seamus McLaughlin and Jimmy Chalmers and junior Eric Sweetin the team learned to trust one another.

"The captains grew a lot over the season," said Coach Lawson. "They tried to do too

much in the beginning but at the end did what had

Besides the four captains the team had little experience. Newcomers such as sophomores Drew Pavlovich and Jordan Raybould and juniors Dan Kerley and Tyler Atha all improved much during the season. Several players had played varsity but not together.

"Our underclassmen really stepped up this year,"

The 23-6 Varsity Soccer Team made its seventh said Borchardt. "It started off slow but all showed great improvement and helped make the push for State."

A key point in the season was the first half play against Christian Brothers College High

> three in the country. The Hawklets led the entire first half but ended up losing, 4-1.

"We lost the game but used it as a springboard to improve and win the west side of the state," said Coach Lawson.

The Hawklets rolled through Sectionals and Districts, beating the likes of Lee's Summit North and Blue Springs South before

moving on to State.

-- Coach Chris Lawson

Borchardt led the team with 24 goals and 12 assists and carried the Hawklets to their third place finish.

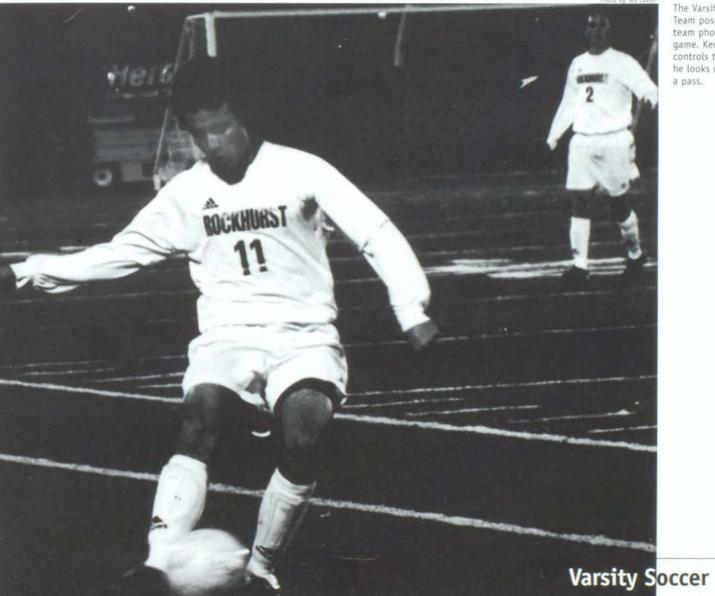
"This team played as well as any team in the Final Four I have had," said Coach Lawson. "Robby dominated the play as well at the end of the year as any player who has come through here the past ten years." Story by Matt Eberle



Daniel Kerley leaps into the air over two Park Hill defenders. Rockhurst won, 2-0.



The Varsity Soccer Team poses for a team photo before a game. Kerry Bowen controls the ball as he looks up field for a pass.





Besides the captains



Junior midfielder Eric Sweetin takes a free kick against Park Hill South. The Hawklets won, 4-0. Junior forward Tyler Atha dribbles toward the Park Hill goal.

Senior midfielder Robby Borchardt jumps into the air to win a ball as a Pembroke defender pushes on his back.

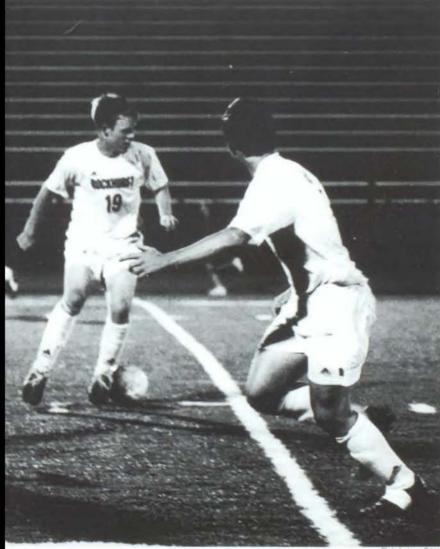




FRONT ROW: Eric Sweetin, Sam Woodell, Mike Tabory, Dylan Ford, Rory Valliere-Cunningham, Seth Sinovic; ROW 2: Rev. Mark Daues, SJ, Coach Dan Calderon, Coach Jeremy McElduff, Coach Mike Wickenhauser, Coach Chris Lawson, Coach Paul Ptasnik, Coach Phil Baker, Coach John Lan Tran. SJ; ROW 3: Joe Calhoun, Jordan Raybould, Daniel Kerley, Bryan Smith, Adam Kovac, Joe Madden, Jimmy Chalmers, Tyler Atha, Drew Pavlovich, James Ice; ROW 4: Robby Borchardt, Spencer Martens, Kerry Bowen, Michael Wiggins, Matt Betterman, Sam Klos, Cole Mayer, Miguel Mejia, Seamus McLaughlin.

orchardt led team in most categories

the team was fairly inexperienced





Junior Tyler Atha sprints downfield on a break away. Senior forward Mike Wiggins dribbles around defenders as junior midfielder Brian Smith tries to get open.

Skillfull JV wins 11 as it develops

After the Junior Varsity Soccer team won its first three games, allowing only one goal against, it promised to be a successful season as it posted a record of 11-4-3

The Hawklets had two tightly contested matches against longtime rival St. Thomas Aquinas, tying their first match, 1-1, and losing their second contest, 2-1. Despite limited practice time available, the players were able to work together and control the games.

Coach Paul Ptasnik was impressed by the way that the JV team had improved from the beginning of the year till the end.

"This is one of the best teams I have seen since coaching the JV in terms of their skills in possessing the ball," said Coach Ptasnik. "The kids really worked well together and knew each others strengths."

Returning juniors Joe Madden, Matt Betterman and Spencer Martens provided support and leadership. Their talent on the field allowed them to see varsity playing time while contributing to the JV. Story by Chris Crawford



Junior Matt Betterman squares up to boot the ball downfield.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Olathe North	8-0
Miege	4-0
Aquinas	1-1
SMS	0-2
Columbia Rockbridge	1-1
St. Joe Central	4-0
SMNW	6-0
Blue Springs	4-0
Jefferson City	1-0
Blue Valley North	1-0
Lee's Summit North	0-1
Pembroke Hill	5-0
O'Hara	6-0
Oak Park	0-1
Ray Pec	2-0
Liberty	0-0
SME	2-0



Daniel Salzman wrestles with a defender for the ball.



FRONT ROW: Scott Kelly, Michael Camacho, Chris Shaw, Patrick Camacho, Mark Thompson, Nick Simcox, ROW 2: Coach Paul Ptasnik, Daniel Kovac, James Wagner, Cameron Webb, Anthony Altomare, Joe Madden, Coach Chris Lawson; ROW 3: Peter Reinjtes, Michael Burns, Christopher Crawford, Matt Betterman, Daniel Salzman, Spencer Martens.



FRONT ROW: Patrick Topey, Nathan Hickey, Adam McCray, Daniel Durie; ROW 2: Coach Jeremy McElduff, Alex Higbie, Joey Martin, Adam Hare, Joe Kerley, Sean Siebert, Coach Jon Lan Tran, SJ; ROW 3: P.J. Thompson, Zach Schulte, Danny Schwartze, Tyler Czinege, Martin Cummings, Ben Davis.

Players adapt to circumstances as record shows

Daniel Durie breaks free from a defender in a game against Winnetonka, Zach Schulte congratulates Durie after a great play.

The Sophomore Soccer Team ended its season with an impressive 19-2-2 record including a 6-4 victory over Aguinas in the Aguinas Tournament Championship game.

Head Coach Jeremy McElduff was impressed with the team's unity and maturity.

"Each player changed his game to fit the team style and certain individuals stepped up at different times," said Coach McElduff. "Everyone stepped up when needed and their versatility made this team different from previous years."

The Hawklet posted shutout wins over Winnetonka, 7-0, Shawnee Mission West, 8-0, and Liberty, 10-0.

Alex Higbie sparked the team with 23 goals and captains Marty Cummings, P.J. Thompson, and Ben Davis provided the team with leadership. Other contributors included Nathan Hickey, Sean Siebert, and Danny Dougherty.

"Working with a group of kids who are willing to listen and work hard made this season a good one, " said Coach McElduff. "Everyone influenced the team in different ways and this team was fun to be around."

Story by Andrew Boos

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Opponent	Scor
SMW	1-2
SMS	7-1
Park Hill South	2-2
Lee's Summit North	1-1
Blue Valley	4-1
Liberty	10-0
SMS	3-0
Blue Valley NW	8-0
Aguinas	4-1
Olathe North	2-0
Lee Summit	4-0
Blue Valley NW	6-1
Park Hill South	3-0
Aquinas	4-0
Liberty	2-0
Hickman	3-1
SMNW	8-0
Aguinas	6-4
SMW	8-0
Oak Park	2-1



Freshmen Soccel

Frosh post 7-5-1 record in first Rockhurst effort

"Two laps! Two Minutes!" For freshmen soccer players, this phrase was all too familiar. Coach Phil Baker loves being the first coach

that an incoming Hawklet meets.

"This year's 7-5-1 record wasn't too bad," said Coach Baker. "We had some good games and some disappointments."

The season's highlights include the September 27 game against Rockhurst's rival Columbia Rock Bridge for the RHS Freshman Tournament Championship. A 1-1 tie forced an overtime win by Columbia.

"That game was exciting all the way through," said Coach Baker.
"We only got beat by penalty kicks."

The game against Jefferson City High School, won by Rockhurst, 2-1, broke a long losing streak against Jefferson City.

"That was the first time we beat Jeff City at Jeff City in seven years!" said Coach Baker. "That was just a great come-from-behind victory!"

The year's biggest disappointment was the 1-0 loss to Park Hill South in October.

"That was just heartbreaking," said Coach Baker. "We were the better team."

"All the players did a great job," said Coach Baker. "It's just not fair to single out a few guys. My

biggest hope is that these kids get to play soccer all four years!" Story by Sean Owens



Two Minutes!

-- Coach Phil Baker

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Lee's Summit	0-0
Miege	6-0
Lee's Summit North	2-3
Blue Valley Northwest	3-7
Blue Springs South	1-0
St. Joseph Central	5-0
Columbia Rock Bridge	1-2
Shawnee Mission Northwest	t 0-3
Jefferson City	2-1
Blue Valley Northwest	3-1
Blue Valley North	1-5
Park Hill	0-1
Blue Springs South	3-0



Coach Phil Baker talks to Reilly Hannapel in their game against Shawnee Mission West.



Brian Babin fights for the ball in the team's game against Bishop



The freshmen team rallies before playing a home game against Jefferson City. They went on to beat the Jays, 2 to 1.





FRONT ROW: Jacob Sweetnam, Rob DeGeorge, Rico VanBuskirk, Dan Wikiera, Matthew Gound, Keaton Knott, Frank Altomare; ROW 2: Jimmy Rinella, Will Borge, Michael Sizemore, Jack Fletcher, Coach Phil Baker. Michael "Kelly" Mercer, Brian Babin, Will Flanigan, Bryant Purse; ROW 3: Michael Gude, Conor Lewis, Patrick Schilling, Nate Apathy, Travis Yuille, Sean Egan, Kyle Meagher, Reilly Hannapel.

Freshman Matthew Gound breaks free from a Miege defender.

Senior Jeff Owsley pulls up for a jumper against St. Pius. Sophomore Noah Strozier shoots a jumpshot over a Washington defender. **Junior Tom Farmer** shoots a three pointer against Washington

Basketba

Hawklets overcome lack of size, experience with competitiveness

THESE KIDS GAVE

EVERYTHING THEY

HAD NO MATTER

IF THE RESULT

WAS A WIN OR A

The Varsity Basketball Team ended its sea-

North Kansas City in District Competition. Though the Hawklets did not get as far as they had hoped, Head Coach Mark Nusbaum found the season to be enjoyable and successful.

"Going into the season, it was hard to set expectations for this team," said Coach Nusbaum. "When we started to get on a roll, the team showed no fear and worked hard." The end result was not what we wanted but

Tom Farmer was the leading scorer with senior year with six letterman returning. Jeff Owsley and junior D.J. Hord also contribing depth to the team.

"We just came in and wanted to make a contrison with an 18-8 record after a 62-47 loss to bution," Barnthouse said. "I think we helped the

team in some areas and got experience."After losing the first time to arch-rival Aguinas, 52-48, Hawklets were able to avenge the loss with a 65-50 win at the Aguinas Tournament. They won the Leavenworth Tournament and also had wins over Wyandotte and Raytown.

"The Aquinas game is big every year," said Coach Nusbaum. "I was glad to see that after the first loss to them we could come back with confidence and beat them.

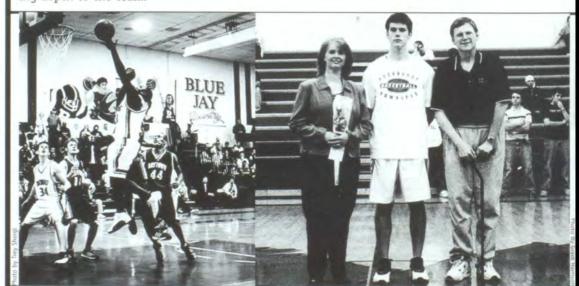
Despite the disappointing

the competitiveness of the guys was what finish, Coach Nusbaum was proud of his players happy." and said that expectations will be high for next

"These kids gave everything they had no matter uting. Newcomers like juniors Jeff Barnthouse if the result was a win or a loss," said Coach and Matt Switzer and sophomore Phillip Stozier Nusbaum. "Hopefully we can carry this seasons hard provided the team with solid minutes, bring- work into next year." Story by Andrew Boos

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Lee Summit	57-56
Washington	66-49
Bentonville	71-63
Leavenworth	65-60
Fort Smith	63-55
Hickman Mills	52-45
Winnetonka	52-31
Kearney	47-49
Liberty	60-50
St.Thomas Aquinas	48-52
Blue Springs South	59-54
Central	75-59
Jefferson City	45-48
Helias	50-47
SM NW	54-41
St. Thomas Aquinas	65-50
Washburn	48-58
SM East	43-51
O'Hara	82-77
St. Pius	54-40
Crieghton Prep	62-64
Wyandotte	53-52
Northeast	92-59



Phillip Strozier drives for a layup against Raytown.

Senior Jeff Owsley and his parents stand at mid court during senior Night.



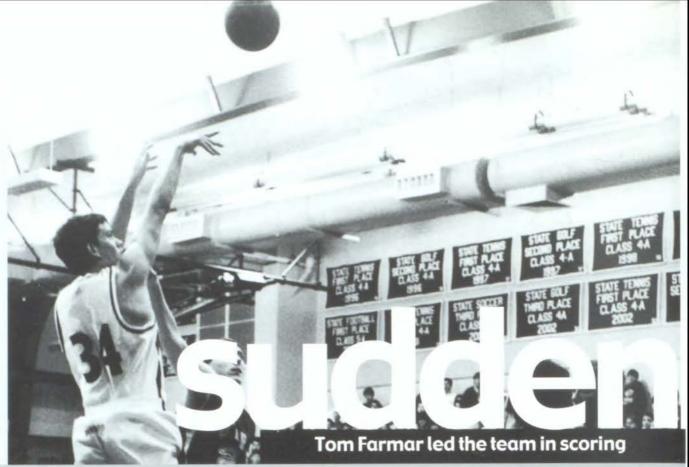
Junior Matt Switzer and senior Jed Burey sky for a rebound over an O'Hara defender.





Photo by Mike Pertice

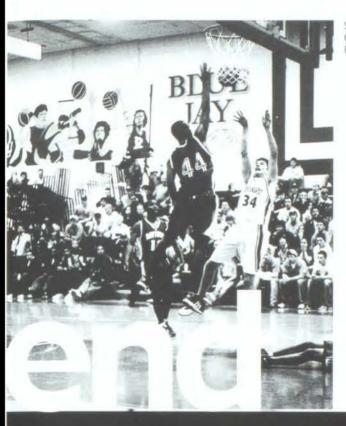
Junior Tom Farmar shoots a three pointer over an O'Hara defender. The team stretches before their game with Washington.



Six experience

Senior forward Jeff Owsley shoots over an O'Hara defender





Senior forward Jeff Owsley shoots over a Raytown defender.



FRONT ROW: Phillip Strozier, Steve Redmond, John Parsons, Zach Sheridan, Pat Befort, D.J. Hord, Derrick McKinney; ROW 2: Michael Pine, Dan Zinser, Coach John Morris; Coach Mark Nusbaum, Coach Pete Campbell, Harrison Dean, Danny White; ROW 3: Jeff Barnthouse, Jed Burey, Jeff Owsley, Tom Farmar.

lettermen will return for the 2004-05 season



Sophomore Max Ward shoots over a Raytown defender. Junior Tom Farmar dribbles past a St. Pius defender.

Photo by Trey Scharg

JV Basketball

JV wins them all

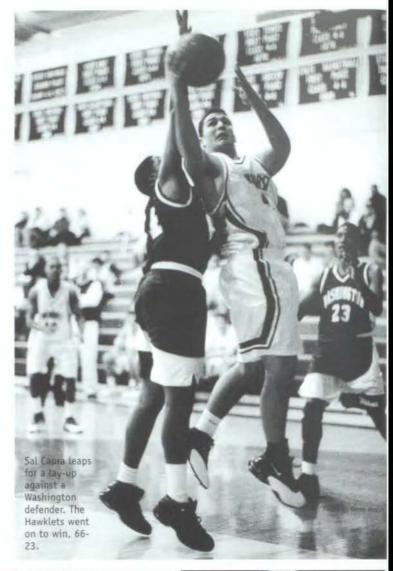
For every game, one thing was certain after a Rockhurst JV Basketball game, that they had come out with a victory. Their record was an astonishing 18-0 that was brought about by teamwork and desire.

"One thing that we struggled on were free throws," said junior forward Steven Martinat. "But other than that we played good, solid basketball."

The high point of the season that showed the never-give-up-attitude came in a game against rival school Miege. The team was down by two points at halftime but came back to win the game by an outstanding twenty points.

Standout players were Frank Allen, Sal Capra, Ryan Mandl, and Steve Martinet, according to Head Coach John Morris.

"We played our games with unselfishness and a never say die attitude," said junior Frank Allen. "And the results were a perfect season." Story by Scott Clark



Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Lee's Summit	46-28
Washington	66-23
Hickman Mills	61-23
Aquinas	50-40
Blue Springs South	67-45
Central	67-57
Jefferson City	62-49
Helias	63-44
NKC	77-51
Miege	64-41
Shawnee Mission East	67-51
O'Hara	73-41
St. Pius	61-22
Creighton Prep	55-50
Wyandotte	60-24
Northeast	81-30
Jefferson City	53-26



FRONT ROW: Ryan Mandl, Jerome Jackson, Sal Capra, Matt Switzer, Noah Strozier, Frank Allen; ROW 2: Coach John Morris, Steve Martinat, John Nagle, Max Ward, Ian Edwards, Coach Pete Campbell.



Coach John Morris looks on from the side in a game.



FRONT ROW: Daniel Kovac, Adam Kmak, John Kimminau, Alex Soloducha, Brian Barnthouse, Jeremiah Reardon, Drew Pavlovich; ROW 2: Jon Goff, Connor Teahan, Alex Potts, Coach Paul Beirne, Eric Vogel, Derek Hall, Sean Kitts.

Sophomores record third straight perfect season

The Sophomore Basketball Team finished the season with a perfect 21-0 record, the third consecutive year that Head Coach Paul Beirne's teams have gone undefeated.

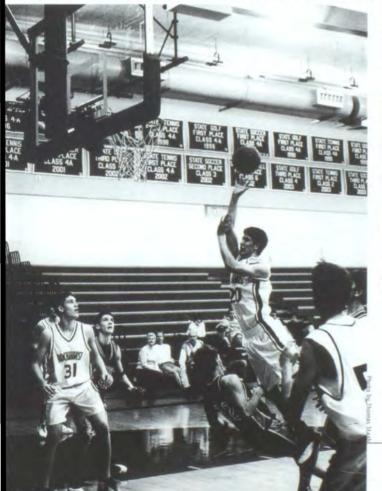
"This team could have beaten a lot of junior varsity teams," said Coach Beirne. "They were just that talented a group of basketball players. All 13 players contributed to the success of the team." Sophomore centers Derek Hall, Alex Potts and Eric Vogel provided leadership and displayed outstanding skills. Guard Drew Pavlolich led the team in assists and played outstanding defense. Freshman Brian Barnthouse and Connor Teahan were also a big part of the team's success, according to Coach Beirne.

"Our team had so many players step it up this year," said Pavlolich.

"I was glad that I could contribute."

The Hawklets cruised through their first three games, winning by a combined total of 180 points. Early in the season the squad beat its main rival Blue Springs, 47-45, and St. Thomas Aquinas, 60-22.

"This season was one of the best I have ever had," said Hall. "Thanks to Coach Beirne the whole team got a lot better." Story by Ryan O'Leary





Connor Teahan goes for a lay-up against the Panthers. Brian Barnthouse drives the lane and shoots a leaning shot. The Hawklets went on to beat the Panthers at home.

Scoreboard

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Opponent	Score
Hickman Mills	59-11
Belton	98-25
Blue Valley	75-16
Blue Springs	47-45
Shawnee Mission East	56-38
St. Thomas Aquinas	60-22
Grandview	60-30
Blue Springs South	79-27
Raytown	75-35
Blue Springs	54-33
ee's Summit	65-34
St. Thomas Aquinas	62-45
Blue Valley North	62-31
Raytown South	51-42
ee's Summit North	56-31
Miege	64-29
Olathe East	57-29
Blue Valley Northwest	56-41
Ruskin	72-36
awrence	62-39
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Sophomore Basketball

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Team wins at home

Although not posting the best record in history Coach Scott Duschen was impressed at how his 12-7 Freshman A Team played together.

Not a strong shooting team, players focused on the inside play of Matt Moorman, Michael Lester and Josh Walker.

"We had no player who could single handily take over a game," said Coach Duschen. "So we focused on the basics and that is where our success came."

The team played well at home but struggled on the road, going 2-6. Its first four losses, which came by a combined score of nine points, got the team down but the Hawklets recovered nicely, according to Coach Duschen

"Those losses were tough because we came so close," he said. "We always came back, which shows what kind of team this was."

A key moment came when the Hawklets were down one point with two seconds to go to against Lee's Summit in the semi finals of the Raytown Tournament. Lee's Summit turned the ball over and Walker hit a shot at the buzzer to win.

"We had some tough losses this season but we never gave up in any game," said Walker. "We learned to hang in there because you never know what will happen."

The team ended on a positive note beating undefeated Shawnee Mission East in the last game of the season.

"This team showed a lot of character all season," said Coach Duschen. "There were several times when they could have felt sorry for themselves but they never quit giving it their all." Story by Matt Eberle

CLASS 4-A Steve Jones lays the ball in after a fast break.

Scoreboard

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Opponent	Score
Blue Springs	40-32
W.M. Christian	56-19
Pembroke Hill	38-27
Shawnee Mission East	44-47
Raytown South	46-28
Blue Springs	42-44
O'Hara	53-32
Blue Springs South	57-48
Raytown	53-38
Grandview	59-23
St. Thomas Aquinas	40-42
Blue Valley North	51-25
Blue Springs South	36-38
Ruskin	2-0
Lee's Summit	43-42
Lee's Summit North	47-57
Blue Valley Northwest	39-49
Bishop Miege	38-48
Shawnee Mission East	40-38



Jimmy Rosenthal leaps to block a shot in the A teams game against Blue Springs.



FRONT ROW: Steve Jones, Jack Flecher, Mark Campbell, Mike Garza, Tom Cotter, Kyle Dixon; Row 2: Coach Scott Duschen, Josh Walker, Michael Lester, Matt Moorman, Jacob Steilen, Aaron Meade, Coach Chris Dawson.



FRONT ROW: Matt Lewandoski, Blake Kryger, Ronnie Raglin, Thomas Cotter, Mark Ledom, Jack Barker, Matt Gound; ROW 2: Coach Scott Duschen, Patrick Houlehan, Brendan Quirk, Michael Lawrence, George Diab, Will Tarr, Coach Chris Dawson.

Discipline key to 12-4 mark

The Freshman B Basketball Team posted a 12-4 record for the season, defeating its biggest rival, Blue Springs, 38-36.

According to Matt Gound, the team prepared for such games by spending much of their practice time scrimmaging the Freshman A team.

"That really helped us get prepared for games," said Gound. "Playing against them every day was fun, but it was also a learning experience."

"The A Team usually tried to outpower us in scrimmage, and we would usually fight back," said Patrick Houlehan. "There was some rivalry between us, but we generally enjoyed ourselves."

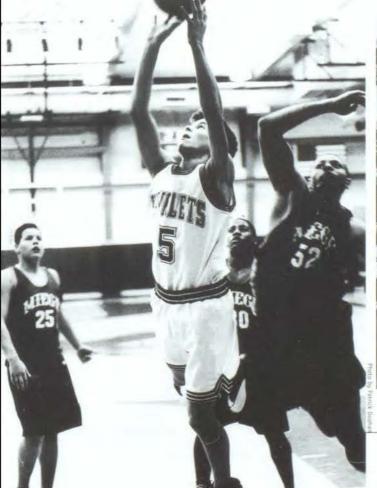
According to Houlehan, Thomas Cotter was the best player on the team.

"Thomas was outstanding during practices as well as games," said Houlehan. "He really played hard, and helped the team out a lot."

B Team Coach Chris Dawson and A Team Coach Scott Duschen were set on getting the Hawklets in the best physical shape possible. They wanted to make practice fun, but maintain a good work ethic.

"The boys have lots of potential," said Coach Duschen. "They learned a lot this year, and hopefully they will expand their talent as they progress through the program."

"The one thing we hated the most about practice was doing ladders," said Gound. "The moment Coach Duschen yelled 'ladder time!' every player thought the worst of Story by Luke Clarkson





Mark Ledom shoots a 3-pointer in the matchup against Blue Springs. Thomas Cotter goes up strong in a crowd of Miege defenders.

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Opponent	Score
Jacksboro	60-59
Blue Springs	41-49
Shawnee Mission East	48-33
Raytown South	73-39
Blue Springs	51-49
O'Hara	56-28
Blue Springs South	60-41
	46-41
Raytown	27-34
Grandview	40-53
St. Thomas Aquinas	42-41
Blue Valley South	50-40
Blue Valley Northwest	53-30
Bishop Miege	30-25
Shawnee Mission East	33-43
Lee's Summit North	37-52

Varsity Swimming







Ben Morrison looks on in astonishment at the State Swim Meet. Sophomore Jesse Shalley dives off the blocks in the 200 state free relay. Senior captain Thomas Wytock swims the breastroke leg during his 200individual medley.

Scoreboard

BSS Inv. Spingfield Inv.	1st
Spinafield Inv.	
	1st
SME Inv.	2nd
Park Hill Inv.	1st
Mo-Kan	1st
Independence	2nd
Glendale Inv.	2nd
State	5th



Phil Linville gets in the starting position at the BNVW meet.

Coach Clement, Coach Brockland, and Coach Winkeler remember the season at the Swimming Awards ceremony.

Swimmers still among the elite in Missouri

Despite great swims by everyone on the team, including Rockhurst's first- ever first place state finish in the 200- yard medley relay, (senior Pat Laughlin, sophomores Jessie Shalley, Thomas Robinson and Chris Kearney), RHS finished fifth at the Missouri State Swim Meet, the sec-

ond year in a row that the team had finished in the top five.

After the best finish in history the previous year, a fourth place at State, being beat by Blue Springs in the first meet of the year was a wake up call to the Varsity Aquahawks.

"We had no idea how good Blue Springs was going to be," said Head Coach Paul Winkeler. "It was a wake up call to the whole team when Blue Springs let us have it. I

could tell this energized the kids a great deal," he said. "They had never had this feeling and it drove them to work harder."

The season series with Blue Springs was eventually evened at 2-2. After the loss, the team

was upset because they were not used to losing against other Kansas City area teams. Practices became more effective in part because they were closer at Red Bridge YMCA instead at Paul Robisonin previous years.

"It was really nice having the pool at such a

convenient time and so close to the school," said Coach Winkeler.

The team seemed to be well on its way to competing for the State Title after winning Mo-Kan, the biggest meet of the year next to State. Team members had no expectations as to how they would finish, but after the medley relay team placed first, 13 swimmers on the team dropped time and earned spots at the State Meet in February in St. Louis.

Athletes who stepped up and gave the team the boosts

they needed were freshman Andrew Robinson, sophomores Doug Haden and Nick Vignatelli, and juniors Phil Linville and Christopher Crawford. The Hawklets looked strong on paper at State and just had to execute. Story by Christopher Crawford

IT WAS A WAKE UP

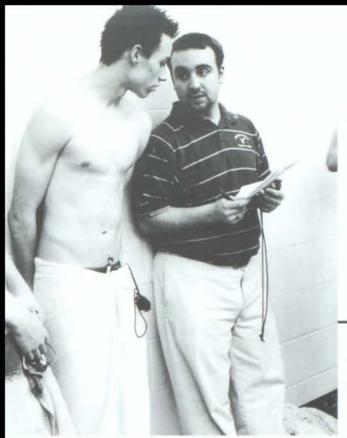
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US HAVE IT.

--Coach Paul Winkeler



Sophomore Nick Vignatelli talks to Coach Winkeler at the Blue Valley Northwest meet. The entire swim team poses before their meet at BVNW.

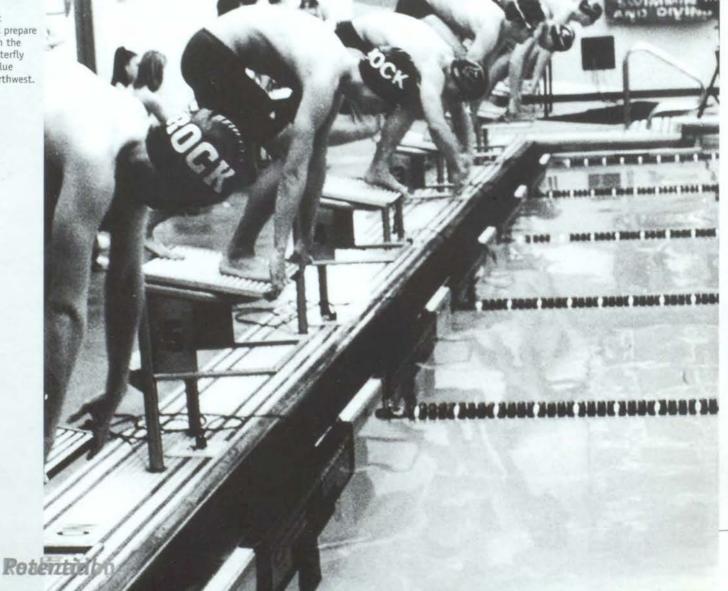


Sophomore Doug Haden and Phil Linville take off from the blocks at the dual meet with Blue Valley Northwest.

top five

Hawklet swimmers place

Rockhurst swimmers prepare to start in the 100m butterfly against Blue Valley Northwest.







FRONT ROW: Jacob Swetnam, Kevin Webster, Chris Oldenburg, Danny O'Connor, Brian Meyer, Anthony Tade, Chris Schorgl, Joseph Roh, Jacob Christian; ROW 2: Assistant Coach Mike Brockland, Jacob Dull, Ben Morrison, Joey Caudle, Michael Wietz, Justin Brown, Nick Becker, Coach Paul Winkeler; ROW 3: Bill Unwin, Eric Lancey, Stephen Hinck, Thomas Wytock, Johnny Laughlin, Andrew Robinson, Jesse Dull; ROW 4: Chris Crawford, Jack Keenan, Pat Laughlin, Nick Vignatelli, Chris Kearny, Jesse Shalley, Thomas Robinson, Pat Lancey.

A record 13 qualify for State

n the top five for the second straight year





Sophomores Doug Haden and Bill Unwin swim the 100 butterfly at Blue Valley Northwest. Sophomore Doug Haden and Coach Mike Brockland talk about his past race.

Austin Molina swims to the finish at Blue Valley Northwest. Johnny Laughlin and Danny O'Connor joke around between competitions. Jesse Dull nails a dive.

JV Swimming

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Hawklet JV swims at same level as varsities As the Junior Varsity Swim Team competed where over 15 varsity teams met. It was a suc-



As the Junior Varsity Swim Team competed against other varsity teams in almost every

major invitational it became a force to be reckoned with. The Aquahawks were considered better than most varsity teams in the Kansas City area and Coach Mike Brockland feels that they improved each day they were in the pool.

"The JV took great strides this year," said Coach Brockland. "This was a very successful season."

The Aquahawks practiced everyday with the varsity at Red Bridge YMCA right after school.

The season included a fourth place finish at The Independent League Champions Meet, where over 15 varsity teams met. It was a successful meet everybody swam their best, said junior Danny O' Connor. But we thought we could do a little bit better."

It was also a successful season for individuals as six swimmers lettered with varsity times including freshmen Jacob Sweatnem, Danny Meyer, sophomore Pat Lancey, and juniors Jack Keenan, Stephen Hinck, Patrick Hawekotte, Trey Schorgl, Anthony Tade, and O'Connor.

"We had many contributors and this is why we were so successful," Coach Brockland said. "Without these guys we

wouldn't where we are today," he said. "I'm really looking forward to next year."

Story by Christopher Crawford

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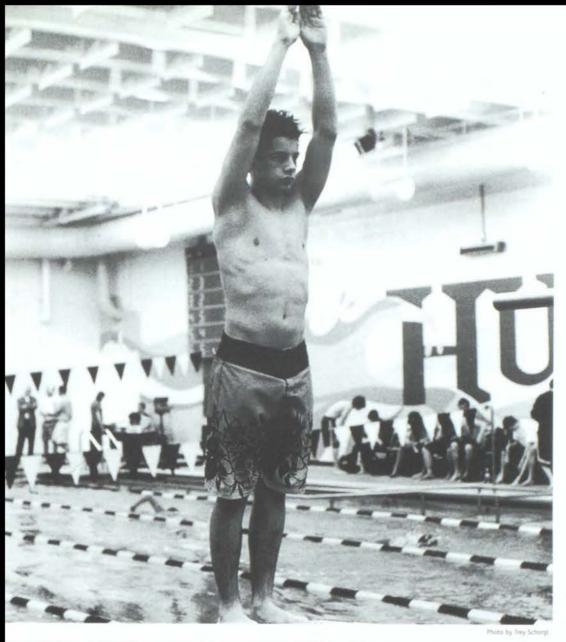
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-- Coach Mike Brockland



Coach Paul Winkeler pumps up the team before they leave for a meet.

Jesse Dull performs a dive in the Blue Valley Northwest competition.



Jake Dull sets up to pull off a dive at Blue Valley Northwest.





Coach Paul Winkeler and Coach Mike Brockland congradulate Anthony Tade at the awards ceremony. Jesse Dull straightens out for a perfect dive.

Photo by Trey Schorgi.

Varsity Wrestling

Ford, Muller, Boland lead grapplers close to reaching State

THE YOUNG MEN

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THE SPORT ITSELF.

-- Coach Rich Wikiera



Junior Stephen Thill pins his opponent. Senior Greg Ford positions himself for an escape against his Truman opponent. Sophomore Chris Nauser is awarded victory against his Truman opponent.

The Varsity Wrestling team, led by seniors Greg Ford, Chris Muller, and junior Zach Boland, ended the season with five out of 10 wins and gained some much needed

experience.

"We had a pretty good year," said Ford, "Even if we didn't send anyone to State, our team learned a lot."

"It was pretty tough," said Muller. "We almost made it to State."

Head Coach Rich Wikiera seemed to be pleased with the wrestlers' performance.

"You have to understand that we are trying to run a program with very few individuals having wrestled before they attended Rockhurst, unlike the public schools,"

said Coach Wikiera. "The team did pretty well overall, and I think that the young men learned a lot about team support and the sport itself."

The tournaments and duals which the team did win were impressive. The Hawklets won

Hickman Mills by almost doubling the other team's score and dominated the Truman Tournament, 52-15. Other victories were over

70-11, Raytown, Grandview, 57-12, and Fort Osage, 42-33, to end the year.

Ford, Muller, and Boland, who were top prospects for State, were knocked out sectionals in their last

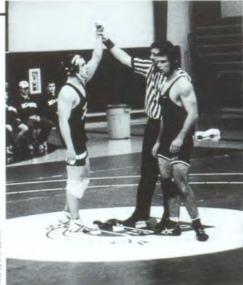
"We still have hope for the next year," said Coach Wikiera. "With Boland leading us as a senior, we will have lots of talent coming back. Steve Thill, Adam Fulks, Christian Scharosch, and

Steve Yanda are working in the off season."

"We really wanted to send someone to State this year, but it just wasn't meant to be," said Ford. "We keep telling the guys, though, that there's always next year." Story by Joe Myers

SCOREBOAR

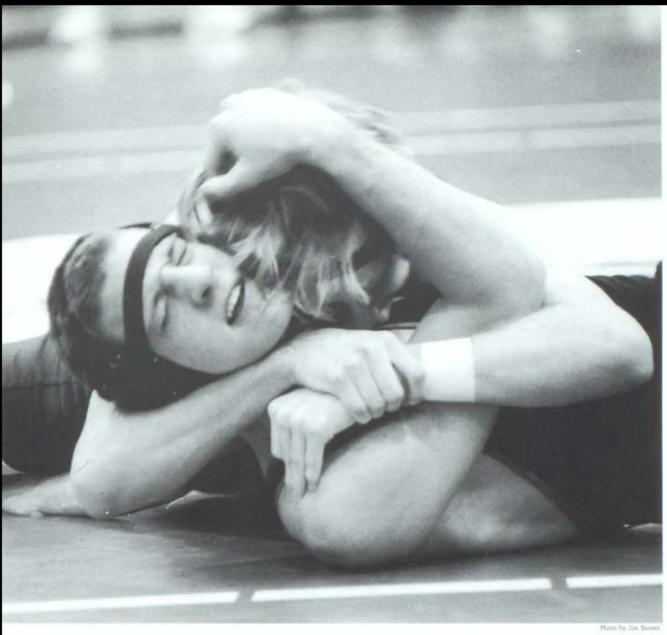
Opponent	Score
Liberty	22-42
Turner	19-43
Hickman Mills	54-18
Lee's Summit	15-61
Lee's Summit North	29-39
Truman	52-15
Raytown	11-70
Grandview	12-57
Ray Pec	24-51
Blue Springs	7-24





Senior Greg Ford is declared the winner against his Truman opponent.

Junior Stephen Thill prepares to grapple with his Truman opponent.

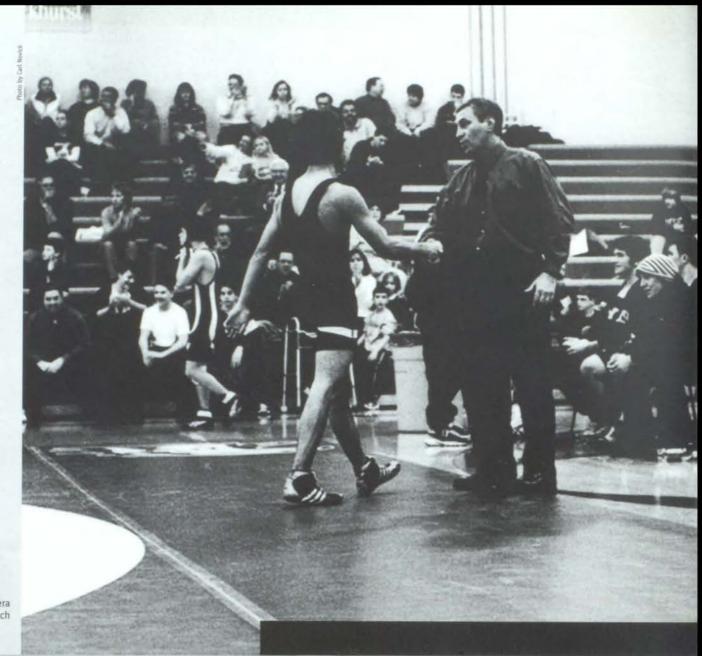


Joel Hodes pins his Raytown opponent. Rockhurst went on to win the match.



LEFT: Junior Tyler Reed moves in on his Truman opponent. ABOVE: Junior Stephen Thill stares down his opponent.

Photo by Jim Barnes

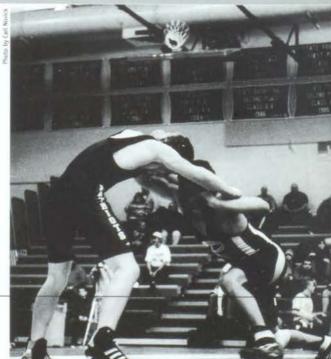


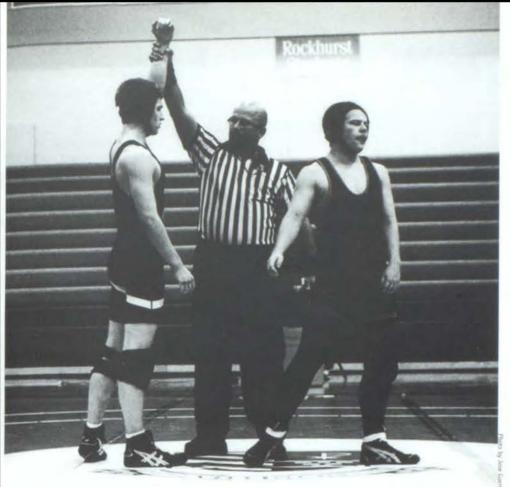
Coach Rich Wikiera congratulates Zach Boland after his match.

Coach Wikiera rebounds



Senior Greg Ford tries to pin his Truman opponent. Anthony Altomare works to get control of his Hickman Mills rival.







Sophomore Maurice Brewer discusses strategy with the coaches. Junior Stephen Thill wins against Hickman Mills.

Most of the squad had never wrestled before coming to Rockhurst.

rom surgery to lead Hawklets again



Varsity Wrestling

FRONT ROW: Derek Poskin, Zach Anderson-Boland, Jeff Poskin, Chris Kennaley, Tom Carmody, Greg Ford, Anthony Altomare, Steve Yanda; ROW 2: John Bickimer, Coach Clif Cromer, Coach Justin Rogers, Coach Rich Wikiera, Greg Oppold, Tyler Reed; ROW 3: Joel Hodes, Steve Thill, Chris Muller, Adam Fulks, Taylor Mallon.

Freshmen merge with JV team

Due to a shortage of freshmen wrestlers city wide, the Freshman Wrestling Team merged with the Junior Varsity.

"The schools are cutting back on freshman wrestling events because there is a major decline in freshmen wrestlers," said Coach Justin Rogers.

Because of the changes the freshman were at a slight disadvantage because they were wrestling experienced players who had more training. To get them ready Coach Rogers spent three weeks specifically training the JV to prepare them.

"At most duals, there was no real team score kept," said Coach Rogers. " JV is mostly meant as a training period until the wrestlers are ready for varsity."

The freshmen contributed a lot to the team. Frank Altomare lead the team with 32 take downs and 17 wins, and Lou Groff led with 13 reverses. Sophomore Derek Sisel had 16 takedowns and seven wins, and junior Ryan Elder scored 15 takedowns.

"I come from a family of wrestlers. All my brothers wrestle so it's in my blood," said Altomare. "I hope to wrestle on the varsity team in the next year or two."

"We really did do a good job this year as far as a team effort goes," said Coach Rogers.

"The most satisfying part of the season was the improvement of freshman who will be varsity some day." Story by Seth Correa



Frank Altomare is victorious in his Truman match.

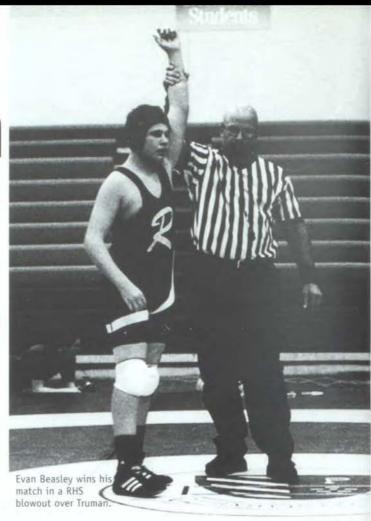
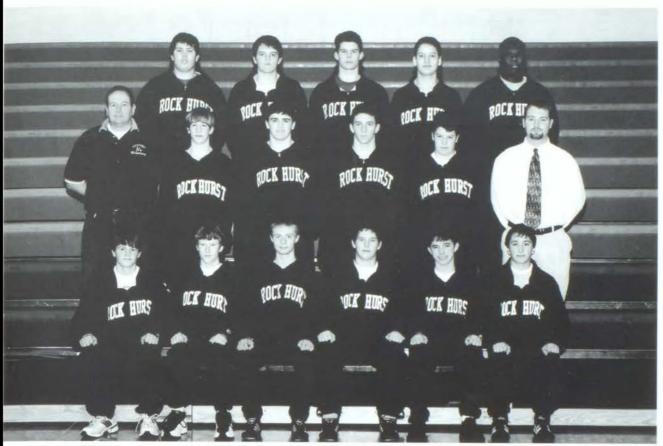


Photo by Coly Ower



Photo by Cary Ow





FRONT ROW: Frank Altomare, Nate Searle, Garrett Woodford, Evan Beasley, Spencer Nelson, Brandon Schlitzer; ROW 2: Coach Clif Cromer, Jeremy Cahill, Tom Carlin, Derek Sisel, Lou Groff, Coach Greg Oppold; ROW 3: Robert Tait, Ryan Elder, Taylor Mallon, Chris Nauser, Maurice Brewer





Junior Varsity stretches before their home dual with Truman. Chris Nauser squares off with his opponent from Truman.

Senior Chris Kennaley temporarily loses his advantage to his Liberty opponent.

Senior pitcher Pat Kreikemeier throws; a fastball against Miege. Junior Kelly Quirk takes a strike against Raytown South. Senior Pat Befort rounds third and looks for home against Aquinas.



Baseball



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Opponent	Score
Raytown	11-7
Belton	14-13
Liberty	15-3
Lee's Summit North	13-4
Lee's Summit	9-3
Bishop Ward	5-4
SM South	15-4
Raytown	8-7
Helias	3-2
Eureka	7-6
O'Hara	14-0
Aquinas	13-1
Aquinas	9-1
Bishop Ward	10-5
Blue Springs South	11-8
Miege	11-1
Miege	2-1
Raytown South	17-1
Ray-Pec	5-7
Park Hill South	12-8
Belton	14-12
Washington	16-6
Blue Springs	1-5
Raytown	10-0
Blue Springs South	5-2
Smith Cotton	15-4
Liberty	18-1
Hazelwood Cenral	6-5
Vianney	6-9

Coach DeGraw's team hangs first banner ever

The Varsity Baseball Team started the season withthe same expectations as in every previous year, winning the District Championship.

The goal quickly changed after the Hawklets won game after game for weeks, recording 18 straight wins. With many still thinking the team was rebuilding after the loss of power-house play-

ers like John Mayberry, Steve Murphy and Kevin Sears, the Varsity now had a well-deserved following of its own.

"I was surprised more by the fact that the guys always believed that they would win, no matter what the odds were," said Head Coach Jim DeGraw. "The competitive edge they brought to the game is why we were successful."

The unveiling of a new baseball field on the south side of campus put baseball front and center at

Rockhurst. Having the field, according to Coach DeGraw, was a tremendous help to the team. The attitudes of the players, their desire to practice and take care of their field, gave them a sense of pride and helped to boost morale.

"I thought the field worked out great for us," said senior Brandon Doherty. "Although we spent a lot of time getting it ready and keeping it nice we all really liked having it."

The team suffered its first defeat at the hands of Ray-Pec at Kauffman Stadium. The Hawklets didn't like the feeling so they only let it happen once more in regular season play.

After winning the District Championship and fulfilling its initial goal, the team wanted more.

In the semifinals against 21-7 Hazelwood Central, it scored three runs in the final inning to win.

"The last two games were something special." said Coach DeGraw. "It almost felt like our feet weren't even touching the ground."

Although the team lost in the championship game to Vianney, 9-6, the team was proud to bring home a first ever baseball banner to the RHS gym.

Junior Mike Walczuk led

the team in batting with a .461, five home runs, and 41 hits. Senior pitcher Derrick McKinney was 6-0 with a 2.10 ERA.

"Overall I believe that the leadership of each of the seniors was tremendous," said Coach DeGraw. "That leadership is what willed us into the championship game." Story by Mark Crutchfield

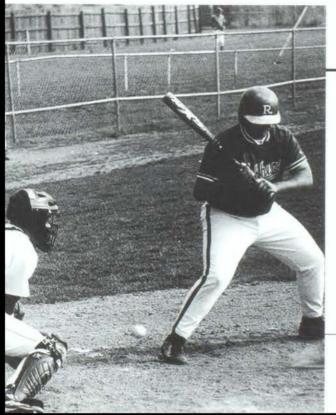


Junior catcher Drew Mirocke throws down to second base against Miege.

Sophomore David Belfonte lays down a bunt against Miege.



Brandon Doherty slides into third against Aquinas.





Junior Mike Walczuk looks at a pitch thrown in the dirt. Senior Ryan Bennett leads off first against Aquinas.

New field, best finish ever

Hawklets slip a bit in Stat



Junior first baseman Mike Walczuk catches the ball in a pick off play against Saint Thomas Aquinas.

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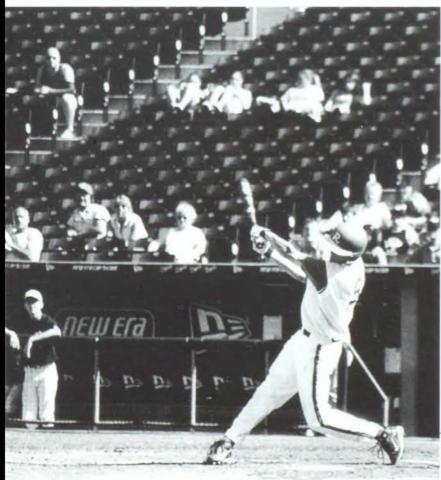
__at more could you ask?

Championship game, but realized their potential for the year





FRONT ROW: Michael Pernice, Larson Carter, David Belfonte, Zach Sheridan, Brandon Doherty, Jeff Koons, Ryan Bennet; ROW 2: Pat Befort, Cory Owens, Coach Bernie Kreikemeier, Coach Jim Degraw, Coach Matt Nolen, Derrick McKinney; ROW 3: Chris Muller, Pat Casey, Patrick Kreikemeier, Kelly Quirk, Linds Prestia, Mike Walzuk.





Junior outfielder Kelly Quirk hits a pitch against Ray Pec at Kauffman Stadium. The Hawklets lost 7-5. Juniors Mike Pernice and Zach Sheridan look on from the dugout at Kauffman Stadium.

JV Baseball

JV runs to 10 victories

With high expectations from Head Coach Jim Bascom the JV Baseball Team posted a sterling 10-3-1 record, displaying speed, good pitching, and balance offensively and defensively.

"One of the reasons my expectations were so high was because I knew the group of kids playing," said Coach Bascom. "They were a competitive team with a solid defense."

The team found the new baseball field to be a great facility, making a difference in practices and providing a sense of convenience for the team to concentrate more on their skills than on where they were playing.

"The new field gave us more opportunity for more repetitions," said sophomore Danny Kovac. "Playing on a real field provided more preparation for game situations."

One of the highlights of the season, according to Kovac and sophomore Ben Wickman, was the Aquinas double-header played at KCMO 3&2, the Hawklets' home field. The game was significant because it avenged an earlier 13-12 loss. This time the team dominated, posting a 12-6 victory over the Saints.

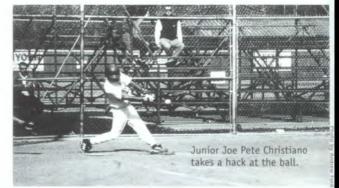
Wickman led the squad in hitting with an average of .568, 25 home runs and 21 hits. Defensively, Kovac and Adam Mehl stood out, according to Coach Bascom.

"With a record of 10-3 who can complain?" he asked.
"I am excited to see what is in store for them next year."

Story by Mark Crutchfield



Photo by Andrew For



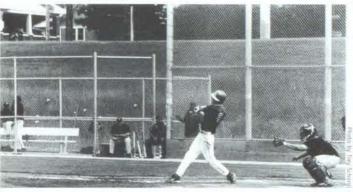
Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Bishop Ward	10-0
Belton	13-0
Aquinas	12-13
Aquinas	12-6
O'Hara	22-1
Bishop Ward	26-0
Bishop Miege	11-9
Bishop Miege	1-5
Blue Valley North	5-2
Blue Valley North	10-14
Washington	12-0
Blue Valley West	4-5
Blue Valley West	5-5



FRONT ROW: Andrew Rienhoff, Adam Mehl, A.J. Lolli, Frank Allen, Brian Mulcahy, Daniel Kovac, Coach Jim Bascom; ROW 2: Ryan Gibson, Joe Pete Christiano, Drew Mirocke, Ben Wickman, Brian Euston, Tommy Palmer; ROW 3: Brian Bach, Ryan Nugent, Mike Cotter, Josh Karlin, John Brocato, Jeff Smith.





smashes a ball down the left field line. Andy Saloduca takes a hack at a fastball.



Early struggles turn to wins

The Freshman Baseball Team started off struggling, losing its first four games, but got its season back on track, winning

"The players weren't used to playing with each other early on," said Coach Paul Winkeler. "But as the season progressed they started winning more games."

The team was led by the pitching of Kyle Kongs, Kyle James, Aaron Meid and Mike Garza. The hitting was led by Josh Walker and Garza.

The team had a great boost of confidence after beating Blue Valley North's team, which was made up primarily of sophomores. The Hawklets swept a double-header at Miege, evening their record. Coach Winkeler attributed these wins to the great pitching of Kongs

"Sweeping the double header at Miege was likely the turning point of the season," he said. "It showed the guys that they had the ability to compete at another level."

The young freshmen began to click with time and patience, and overcame several obstacles to finish with a respectable record

"The team progressed further than any team I have ever had," he said. Story by Jason Switzer Junior Chad Dobbs makes a putt at Swope Park. Senior Mike Fox chunks a shot out of the fairway. Junior Tyler Trout chips onto the green.

Varsity Golf



Photo by Thomas Staab





Junior Chad Dobbs chins onto the o



Golfers undefeated until State Final match

The Varsity Golf Team narrowly missed a State Championship, finishing five strokes behind St. Louis Chaminade, at River Cut Golf Course in Springfield, MO. This was the team's initial loss of the season, marking the first time an RHS team had gone undefeated entering the final round at State. All varsity players qualified for state individually, with junior Patrick Roth leading the team with a fifth place finish.

"The season as a whole was solid," said Roth.
"The loss at State was disappointing, but going undefeated for the season was a great accomplishment."

Rockhurst hosted its own tournament, the first ever, at Longview in March, edging Blue Springs South for the trophy. Roth was first medallist, shooting a two-under-par 70 and sophomore John Kimminau was third, at even-par 72.

"Right now we are at the top of the peak and everyone respects us," said Head Coach Mike O'Leary. "To stay at the top takes a lot of dedication, time and sacrifice."

During the season, the team continued it's winning ways in Springfield, winning a 30-team tournament. Roth was again the medallist with a two-under-par 68. Junior Chad Dobbs tied for third with a 71, and senior Michael Fox tied for fifth with a 73.

The following week the Hawklets won The Best-of-the-Best Tournament at Hickory Hills

Country Club, recording a 309, 13 strokes better than Springfield Kickapoo. Roth was the second medallist with a three-over-par 75, and Kimminau tied for third with a 77.

At Districts, the team won with a 301. Junior Tyler Trout was first place medallist with a four-under-par 68. Roth, Dobbs, Jason Schulte, and Fox all placed in the top 15.

"I think we had a great season, said Trout. "Next year our main goal is to win State."

"Next year we will have four of the five players returning from State," said Coach O'Leary. "I am looking forward to seeing what the team can accomplish." Story by Ryan O'Leary.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Triangular	309-303
Rockhurst Inv.	303-296
Blue Valley Quad	314-297
LS Quad	305-296
Lawrence Free State	355-321
Glendale Inv.	322-309
Districts	322-301
Pembroke dual	315-303
State	2nd

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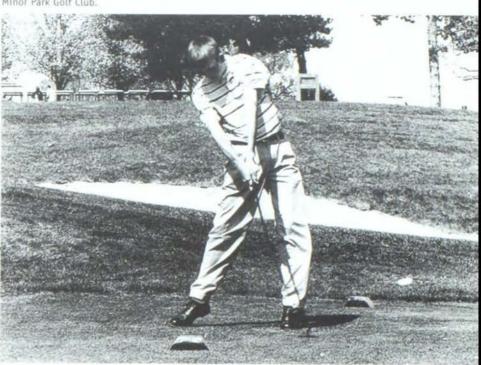
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_Coach Mike O'Leary



Junior Patrick Roth sinks a putt to win a tournament. Junior Tyler Trout tees off at Minor Park Golf Club.



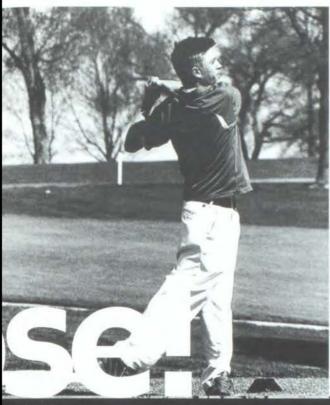
Junior Chad Dobbs makes a putt from off the green.



Hawklets win their own

Junior Patrick Roth hits off the tee at Swope Park.





Sophomore John Kimminau tees off.

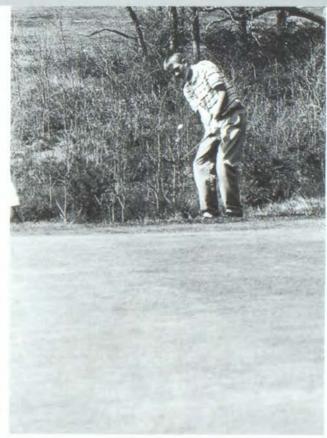


FRONT ROW: Coach Mike O'Leary, Andrew Campbell, Mark Ledom, Tyler Trout, Jason Schulte, John Scott Harrison, Coach Steve Ryan; ROW 2: Jason Dehaemers, John Kimminau, Patrick Roth, Chad Dobbs, Sam Klos, Mike Fox.

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inaugural tournament





Junior Tyler Trout chips onto the green. Junior Chad Dobbs hits out of the rough at Swope Park Golf Club.

Junior Jason makes a putt at Country Creek Golf Club. Freshman Mark Campbell hits a drive at Country Creek. Sopho-more John Kimminau makes a putt at Country Creek.



Golfers compete, win in varsity competition

FOCUSED ON

TURNING OUT

VARSITY ATHLETES.

-- Coach Steve Ryan

The Junior Varsity Golf Team had its work cut out for itself, as all but one of the tournaments it competed in was varsity level.

the Lee's Summit Tournament and shot a 38 at the Rockhurst invite. At the Blue Valley North Quad, the Hawklets

"It's really impressive that we have a team that competed at the varsity level," said Coach Steve Ryan. "What's amazing is

the fact that we sometimes pulled off a victory, and never finished last."

The team started off the season with a fourth place finish at the Lee's Summit/Lee's Summit North Tournament and continued success at the Rockhurst Invitational. taking third. Good scores were turned in by Mark Ledom, who shot 81 at the Lee Sumit and 38 at

the first ever Rockhurst Invitational Tournament, and Andrew Campbell, who shot an 84 at

beat three varsity teams to win the tourney. This would start a string of vic-LIKE MANY SPORTS. tories at Ray Pec, Blue Springs, and Park Hill. Top THE JV LEVEL IS

> who shot 77, 86, 82, and Ledom who shot 76,

> season with a win at the

"Like many sports, the JV level is focused on Junior Varsity team is al-

ready at the level of some varsity programs."

Story by Matt McKibbin







Freshman Mark Campbell chips at Country Creek Golf Club

Junior Jason Dehaemers reads a putt.

Junior Varsity Golf

personal performances came from Tony Stabler, 81.82. The team finished the

Pembroke Hill JV match.

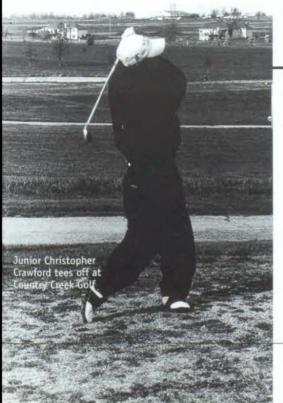
turning out Varsity athletes, said Coach Ryan. "The difference is that our



Freshmen Mark Campbell makes a long putt at Country Creek, John Kimminau hits out of the rough at Country Creek, Junior Jason Dehaemers hits out of the rough.



Photo by Cory Owens





FRONT ROW: Coach Mark Nusbaum, Trey Schorgl, Tony Stabler, Adam Kmak, Kyle Callahan, Zach Dehaemers, Coach Steve Ryan; ROW 2: Ryan O'Leary, Colin Davis, Joe Estes, Alex Peeples, Matt Hanrahan. NOT PICTURED: Mark Ledom

Lacrosse Varsity Mike Adkins runs around a defender. Jeff Herrera shoots

Hawklets quest for title falters in semi-finals

A fourth straight conference championship step up to the next the level. and seventh consecutive final four marked a successful season for the Varsity Lacrosse team.

This season was probably the most fun that I have had coaching lacrosse at Rockhurst," said Coach Jay Coleman. "We fell a little short of our goal of repeating as State Champions but I have never been more proud of the group of guys that we had."

Gotschall, Stephen Weiss, John Siedlik, and Mike Adkins, and Junior Carl Novick.

"Take charge is the best way to describe the work that the captains did this year. Whenever we asked them, they stepped up."

It paid off, as all five earned All Conference, and Novick and Gotschall were named All-State.

Junior midfielder Peter Hannapel was named

Rockhurst Player of the Year and earned both All- Conference and All-State honors. Junior defensemen Chris Rhoades was a double award winner. Juniors Tommy Schrader and Jeff Herrera earned All Conference awards. A Second Team award went to senior Tim Herbers

"It was great having the young guys step up," said Adkins. I was very impressed with Paul Reintjes, Brent Sear and Jason Coleman. I played a lot as sophomore and I know how hard it is to

Reintjes, Sear and Coleman all earned First Conference awards. Coleman led the MSLA in saves and minutes played.

In Washington, D.C. the Hawklets defeated Detroit Jesuit, 9-4, a team that has dominated Michigan lacrosse for the past decade.

The team defeated the eventual State Champions from two different states, Eden Prairie, MN, The team was led by four senior captains, Matt 7-6, in a thrilling overtime game won on a shot

> from Schrader, handing EP one of their two only losses for the season, and Culver Military Academy of Indiana, 8-4. The team also defeated Libertyville, Illinois who lost in the Illinois State Championship. Several upperclassmen were injured and sophomores Jimmy Whitaker, Schaffer Degen, Kyle Pierson and Jimmy Oades stepped up.

The downside to the season was losing three games to their closest rivals, Desmet, CBC and

MICDS. "We struggled to get over the hump against these teams said Siedlik. We dominated out of state, but had trouble here. I think that Missouri lacrosse is better then people believe."

The Hawklets defeated the six teams in their conference, winning by a combined 124-22.

In the playoffs, the Hawklet's defeated Parkway Central, 13-6, but in a rematch of last year's State Championship game, MICDS came from a three-goal deficit to defeat the Hawklet's 12-6.

THIS IS THE MOST FUN GROUP | HAVE COACHED AT ROCKHURST

-- Coach Jay Coleman

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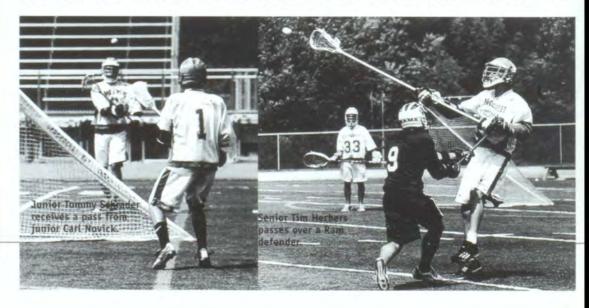
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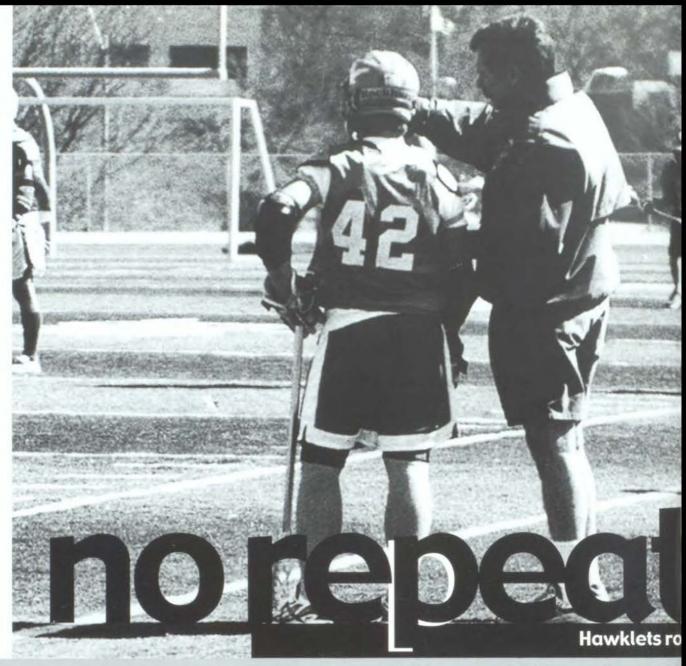
Parkway Central







Junior Jeff Herrera takes a face off.Senior Mike Adkins receives a pass from Herrera.

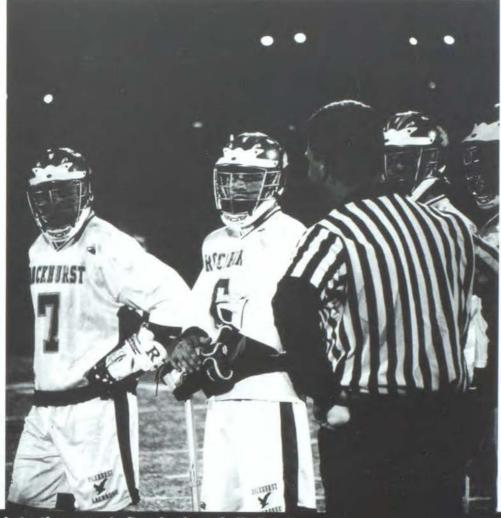


Doctor Connelly talks to Jimmy Oades on the sideline of a practice.



The lacrosse team takes a break during practice. Senior Matt Gotschall runs around a Columbia Rockbridge defender at the lacrosse jamboree.





Junior attackman Tommy Shrader checks an Aquinas player during the Lacrosse Jamboree. Seniors Mike Adkins, John Siedlik and junior Carl Novick meet before a game.



into the semi-finals, but fall short

set the tone for the entire team



Varsity Lacrosse

FRONT ROW: Jimmy Oades, Jason Coleman, Brian Chalmers, John Siedlik, Prestone Maggard, David Kaufman, Matt Powell, Trey Thomas, Jeff Herrera, Tommy Schrader; ROW 2: Sean Hennesey, Mike Brockland, Coach Jay Coleman, Coach Tim Reidy, Coach Mark Bayhlle, Anthony Modica, Mike Adkins; ROW 3: Stephen Weiss, Kevin Campbell, Spencer Walsh, John Giunta, Kyle Van Buskirk, Steve Fessler, John Krebs, Peter Reintjes, Schaeffer Degen; ROW 4: Kyle Pierson, Danny Dougherty, Chris Rhoades, Jimmy Whitaker, Paul Reintjes, Jacob Weber, Brent Sear, Peter Hannapel, Reilly Hannapel; ROW 5: Jon Gossman, John Goff, Matt Gotschall, Tim Herbers, Marc Eskew, Gallagher Ring, Nik Lewer, Carl Novick, Jimmy Van Dyke, Michael Surface.

Opponents tumble to talented JV

The JV Lacrosse Team can only be described as "dominant" according to Head Coach Mike Brockland. His team finished the season with an 18-2-1 record, arguably the best year in JV history.

The season was filled with convincing wins, often by more than 10 points. The Hawklets' two loses, against DeSmet and CBC, were hard fought battles against two of the best teams in the state.

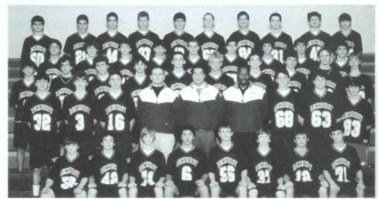
The Hawklets traveled to Culver, IN, for a tournament midway through the season, where they placed first. Coach Brockland was impressed by the team's effort and said some of its most impressive performances came along this stretch.

There were several reasons for the "supremely successful" season, according to Coach Brockland. First, the team stayed healthy throughout the year. Second, attackmen Jimmy Oads and Schafer Degan scored lots of goals. The two talented sophomores were moved up to varsity for a few games late in the season.

The JV defenders were dominant, shutting out their opponents twice and never giving up more than six goals in one game. Coach Brockland described his team as a solid squad of dedicated players, most of whom have a bright future on the varsity in the coming years. Story by Matt Paschang



Rockhurst defender Blaine Balderston scoops a ball near the sideline.



FRONT ROW: Tommy DeWolfe, Josh Becker, Corey Beisser, Michael Stingo, Dylan Mesh, Kyle Christian, David Gorosh, Wil Flanigan; Row 2: Danny Rhoades, Dan Barth, Mark Olsheski, Coach Mick Swanson, Coach Mike Brockland, Coach Tim Hannon, Michael Grude, Dan Mallot, Spencer McCully; Row 3: Ryan Brenneman, Anthony Luca, Blake Kryger, Will Trakas, Mark Fowler, Steven Roepke, Jeff Huggins, Ryan McMonigle, Mark Campbell, Truett Davis; Row 4: Adam Whittaker, Robert Kuhn, Spencer Hoad, Dusty Kunce, Tom Herring, Adam Schliecher, James Meiners, Pek Nigh, Connor Zecy; Row 5: Michael Jianas, Colin Looby, Josh Karlin, Brendon Quirk, Kevin Looby, Scott Smith, Blaine Balderston, Charlie Dolittle, Ryan Coughlin, Brain Clifton.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Blue Valley West	12-2
Aquinas	19-1
Lafayette	15-2
Eden Prairie	8-3
DeSmet	5-6
CBC	14-3
Culver Military	18-4
Bishop LeClure	22-0
Parkway South	7-5
Pembroke	12-4



Paul Reintjes scoops a ball from an opponent at the whistle.



Kyle Christian watches intently on the sideline waiting to go in.

19-game win streak ends in State Final



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For the first time in three years, the Freshmen Lacrosse Team came up short at State, losing in the finals to CBC. The loss broke a 19-game winning streak and what had been a perfect 10-0 season record.

"The game against CBC was close," said Head Coach Mike Brockland. "The guys didn't hang their heads, but gave their all. I think CBC just had a better team in the end."

Team leaders were goalies Cory Beiser and Michael Gudy, midfielders Dusty Kunce and Connor Zecy, and leading scorer attackman Kevin Looby.

"I think we came into our first practice in better shape than most local schools were at the end of the year," said team captain Josh Becker. "The average level of experience was one-and-a-half years. Most other teams have a few experienced players and a majority that don't know how to hold a stick. We didn't have to waste time learning how to catch and throw; we went straight to developing chemistry."

The team started the year by blowing out Shawnee Mission South and Blue Valley North, 16-0, and 20-0, but then ran into stiffer competition, winning a string of relatively close games until finally losing the State Championship game.

"I think we had a very successful year," said Coach Brockland, who was assisted by Coach Mick Swanson. "The purpose of freshman lacrosse is to build the Varsity Program. The players skills and understanding of the game greatly improved. We are going to have a great JV program next year"

Story by Matt McKibbin



The Freshmen Lacrosse Team gets pumped before a game. Carl Minors passes the ball to get the team in position to score.

Scoreboard

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Opponent	Score
SMS	16-0
Lansing	7-4
DeSmet	5-3
Lansing	6-3
Blue Valley	12-3
Springfield	4-4
Parkway South	8-4
Columbia Hickman	8-3
Pembroke	9-3
CBC	2-4

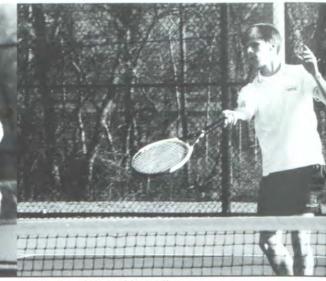
Senior Tom Wiedeman hits a backhand. Junior **Andrew Wank** concentrates as he hits a backhand winner. Junior Zach Frisch hits a forehand.

Varsity Tennis





Junior Zach Frisch hits an overhand winner.



Streak continues with ninth straight banner!

ALL PLAYERS

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THEIR POTENTIAL

THIS YEAR, ALL THE

With six returning lettermen, including the state's number-one-seeded sophomore, Malcom Harrison, the Rockhurst Hawklets swept Districts and won the State Championship for the ninth year in a row.

Highlights of the season included qualifying all four starters at the Tournament of Champions in St. Louis and sweeping Districts.

"The St. Louis Tournament of Champions was a big win for us. Everyone did amazingly well," said Head Coach Ron Geldhof. "There was no one player that stood out the most, as each player contributed in his own way."

The most improved player was junior Zach Frisch, who moved from

number seven the previous year to number two. "He really showed me something this year," said Coach Geldhof. "He worked hard and it showed

when it came time to play." Freshman Taj Harrison went undefeated in singles and was on the State Doubles Champion-

ship team with Frisch.

The team, made up of all underclassmen, expects to continue its success it had in 2004 and 2005 with the leadership from juniors Jose Guerra, Pat Cohen, Reid Martin, and Frisch.

"Things look bright for the future," said Coach Geldhof. "Four of the lettermen were juniors so we should have many leaders on the team for new varsity members next year."

Several members of All Metro selections. Harrison made first-team singles and was the Class 2 Singles Champion. Guerra made second-team singles. Harrison and Frisch made first-team doubles and won the Mis-

the team were honored as

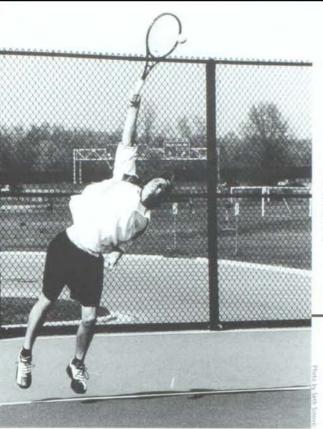
WAY THROUGH. -- Coach Ron Geldof

Scoreboard

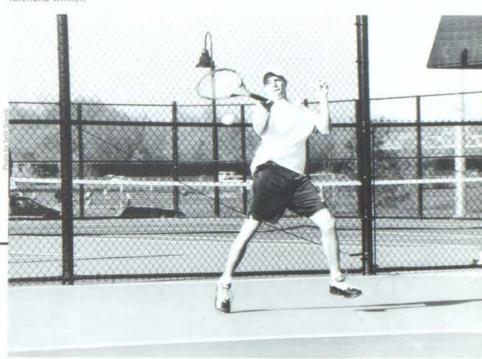
Opponent	Score
John Burroughs	12-0
Blue Springs South	9-0
Blue Valley NW	10-0
Aquinas	9-0
Shawnee Mission NW	9-0
St. Joe Central	11-0
Liberty	9-0
Blue Valley West	8-2
Shawnee Mission East	7-1
Blue Valley North	9-0
Pembroke Hill	9-0
Sectionals-North KC	6-0
Finals-Lee's Summit N	6-0

souri Class 2 title.

"All players played up to their potential this year, all the way through," said Coach Geldhof. "Everyone gave all they had, everyone had dedication, and put in all their effort to make the team successful." Story by Tom Redmond

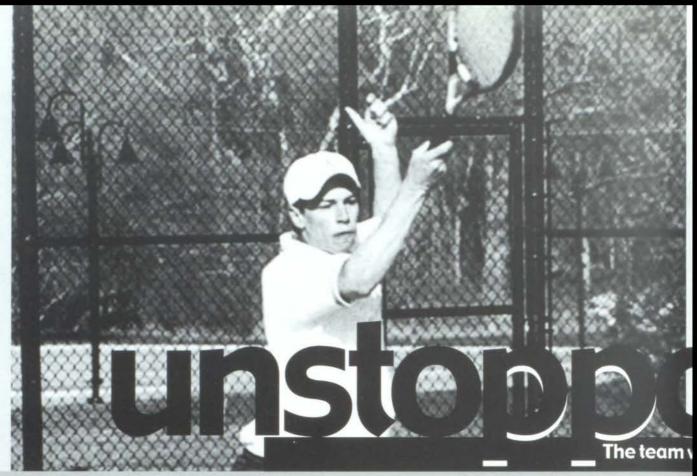


Junior Zach Frisch hits a powerful serve, Junior Reid Martin hits a forehand winner.





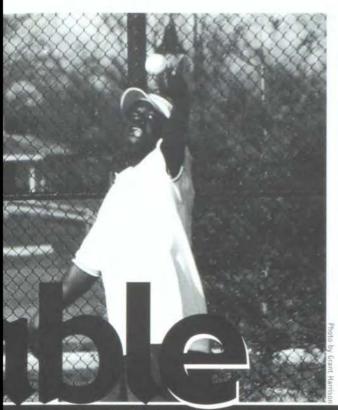
Zach Frisch hits a volley against Blue Springs South.



Harrison, Frisch and

Junior Reid Martin hits a winning forehand against his Blue Springs opponent.





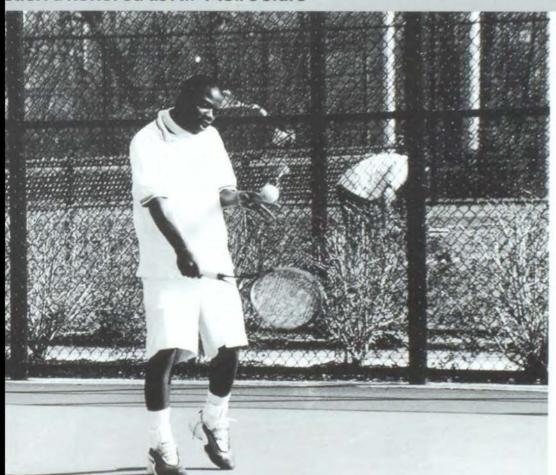
Freshman Taj Harrison serves an ace.



FRONT ROW: Michael Thompson, Jose Guerra, Reid Martin, Mychal Cascio, Jake Walker, Malcom Harrison, Pat Tooey; ROW 2: Coach Ron Geldhof, Steve Bolton, Jamie Fitzpatrick, Tom Wiedeman, Chris Lucas, Noah Besheer, Mark Anton, Coach William Munninghoff; ROW 3: David Sherwood, Taj Harrison, Pat Cohen, Zach Frisch, Andrew Wank, Guerin Smith, Spencer Jones.

is composed of all underclassmen, so when will the streak end?

Guerra honored as All-Metro stars





Freshman Taj Harrison shakes hands with his Shawnee Mission South opponent after his match. Sophomore Malcom Harrison hits a backhand.

Sophomore **Spencer Jones** gets ready to return a shot. **David Sherwood** hustles to return an opponent's volley. Mychal Cascio hits a two-handed shot down the



Tennis

Andrew Wank inspires junior varsity season

MOST OF THESE

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GUYS WOULD BE ON

-- Coach Ron Geldhof

Lead by junior Andrew Wank, the Junior Varsity Tennis Team played outstanding all year and had big wins, including a first place at the Pembroke Hill Tour-

nament.

Wank, who not only contributed the most to team wins, but was also a big inspiration.

"Andrew was a great competitor," said Coach Ron Geldhof. "His play was superb and he was ranked number one throughout almost all of the season."

Other junior varsity players who made significant contributions were sophomores David Sherwood, Mychal Cascio

and Spencer Jones, and freshman Patrick

Besides the big win at Pembroke Hill, the

Hawklets won at Shawnee Mission East, considered one of their biggest rivals over the years.

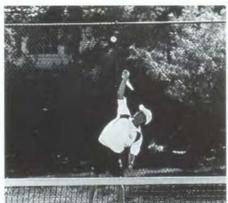
"Shawnee Mission East has always been a good

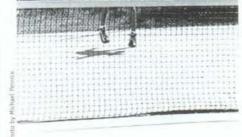
match for us," said Coach Geldhof. "It was a huge boost for us when we played so well, coming through with a win. It was easily one of the best duals we have ever had and every year seems to get more intense than the last."

"We didn't want to lose to a team that we should have beaten," said Wank. "We knew we should beat every team but never let it go to our heads, so we just played solid all the way through."

"Most of these guys would be on varsity at any other school," said Coach Geldhof.

Story by Tom Redmond





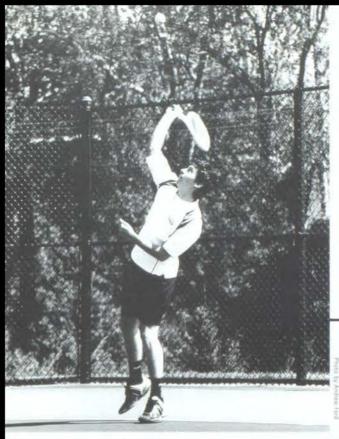
Spencer Jones hits a blistering serve against Pembroke Hill. Team leader Andrew Wank returns a serve with great precision.





Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Blue Valley NW	8-5
Maranatha Academy	11-0
Blue Springs South	10-1
Aquinas	9-0
Shawnee Mission NW	11-0
Liberty	9-0
Pembroke Hill	9-0
Blue Valley West	9-0
Shawnee Mission East	5-7
Blue Valley North	5-4



Mychal Cascio aces a serve against Shawnee Mission East. Michael Thompson returns a serve down the line.







Spencer Jones smashes a forehand at his opponent. Freshman Patrick Tooey gives his all at the Pembroke Hill Invitational.

Senior Pat Tweedy runs down the stretch. Junior Michael Guerin runs the last leg of the 400-meter relay. Freshman Will Tarr runs the 4x800 relay.



Distinction at State caps successful career of Coach Mike Dierks

Track

who participated in State medalled. Junior D.J. Hord took third and fourth in the 100m and 200m dash. respectively. Junior Connor McDonough took sixth in the discus, and the 4x800m relay team of Chris Fencl, Matthew Clifford, Patrick Tweedy, and Jed Burey took seventh.

"I was glad to be part of such a great team," Hord said. "To have people go to State is one thing, but to have everyone who went medal, that's great."

Seniors Fencl and Burey were rewarded for their outstanding leadership by receiving the Track and Field Athlete Award from the coaching staff. Other

In an emotional season which ended with Head

Coach Michael Dierks and assistant long distance

Coach Doctor Jorge Taracido stepping down, the

Track and Field Team boasted that every athlete

team leaders were seniors Craig Young and Tweedy.

"Those guys really led the team in the right direction," said sophomore Nicholas Simcox. "They were there to encourage everyone to do their best." Assisting were: Coach Kevin Holland, vertical

> jumps; Coach Mike Sullivan, throwing; Coach Chris Dawson, hurdles; Coach Scott Reagan, long distance, and Coach Chris Bosco, horizontal jump.

"This season was very challenging for the team, and it was great to see them respond in Sectionals and State," Coach Dierks said. "State capped off a roller coaster season for us all. It was such a great way to finish both as a team and for Doctor and me personally."

Coach Mike Sullivan was named Head Track and Field Coach beginning in the 2004-05 season, replacing Coach Dierks,

who will remain at Rockhurst in numerous other roles, including Cross Country Coach and Prep News adviser. Story by Scott Clark

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-- Coach Michael Dierks

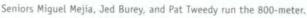
SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Opponent	Score
Ron Ives	5th
Blue Valley Inv.	7th
Bishop Miege Inv.	2nd
Bulldog Inv.	3rd
Bill Summa Relays	1st
Rockhurst Relays	3rd
Lee's Summit Inv.	9th
District	4th
State	10th

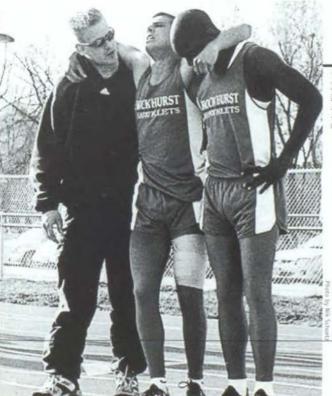


Junior DJ Hord is interviewed by Metro Sports after winning the 100.



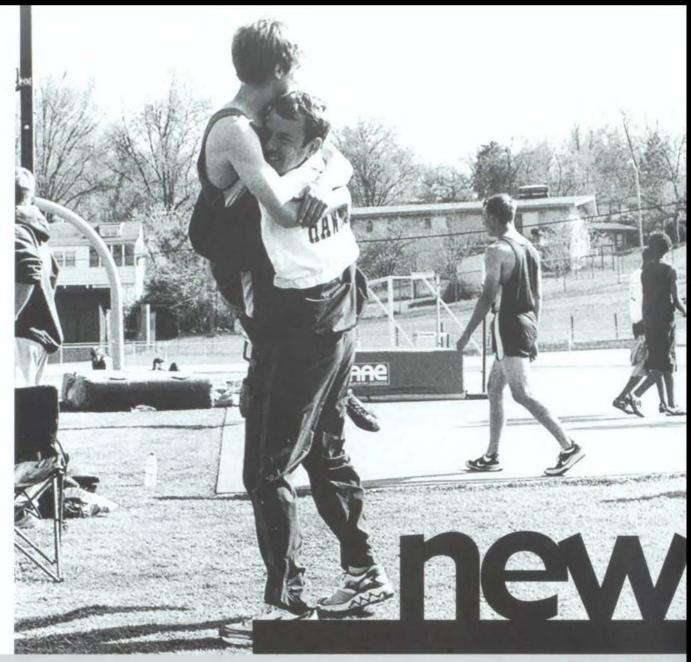


Junior Jeff Barnthouse clears the bar in his high jump attempt at the Rockhurst Relays.





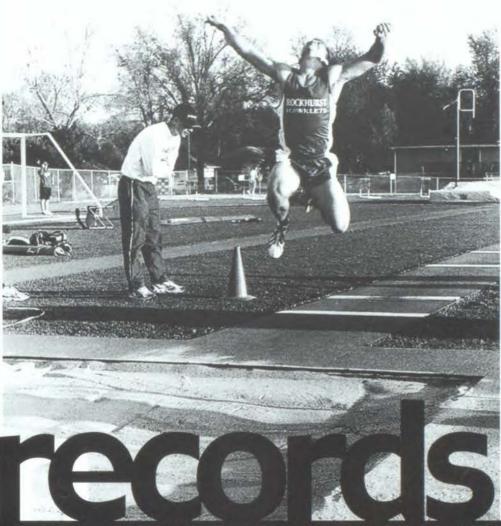
Senior Pat Tweedy runs the 800m at the Rockhurst Relays. Junior Blake May is helped off the track after pulling a muscle in the 100m at the Rockhurst Relays.



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Junior Matt Clifford passes the baton off to senior Chris Fencl.



Junior Chris Barton flys threw the air on his long jump attempt. Seniors Jed Burey and Miguel Mejia run the 800m.



Hord sets new mark in the 100m and Burey breaks 800m record

went to State medalled



Varsity Track

FRONT ROW: Minh Nguyen, Nick Simcox, Coach Scott Reagan, Coach Jorge Taracido, Coach Chris Dawson, Coach Michael Dierks, Coach Mike Sullivan, Coach Chris Bosco, Coach Kevin Holland, Spencer Hardwick, Spencer Nelson, Henry Belfonte: ROW 2: David Smith, Ernest Davis, Andrew Chase, Dan Brogan, Khalil Jones, Steve Jones, Kevin Flanagan, Matthew Clifford, Matt Connell, Grant Russel, Charlie Schorgl, Corbin Kline, Gerrit Smith, Jeff Poskin; ROW 3: Andrew Bush, Jace Henderson, Kyle O'Grady, Jack Barker, Andrew Holcomb, Max Zollicker, Calvin Robertson, Patrick Tweedy, Ryan Mueller, Derek Lyssy, Aaron Murphy, Ben Sauder, Joel Hamilton; ROW 4: Andy Doohan, Kyle Meagher, Thomas Cotter, Max Hanger, Brian Vaughn, Michael Spero, Andrew Langford, Christian Liddela, Michael Guerin, John Hicks, David Cotter, Jack Fletcher; ROW 5: Phillip Scovill, Cullen Roberts, Joe Dunn, Andrew Bianco, Michael Paradise, John Cullen, Chris Balmaceca, Michael Duschen, Adam Kovac, Mark Crutchfield, Nick Becker, Chris Barton; ROW 6: Robert Tait, Nick Cowing, Andrew Bly, Jeremiah Reardon, Dylan Aldrich, J.T. Hand, Ernest McCoy, Sam Sabaugh, William Webster, Michael Timberlake, Patrick Schilling, Alex Berry; ROW 7: Anthony Bruns, Dane Cousins, Adam French, Alex Janstch, J.D. Pasternack, Max Maple, Jerome Jackson, Chris Fencl, Matt Leigh, Bryan Hogan, Ted Ginder, Phillip Strozier; ROW 8: Will Tarr, Joe Marsh, Kerry Bowen, Larry DeVries, Jared Meadows, Jeff Caldwell, Blake Heatwole, Blake May, Ben Becker, Miguel Mejia, Bobby Tonnies, Sean Eskew; ROW 9: Andrew Pahmer, Stephen Hinck, D.J. Hord, Barrett Campbell, Pat Stoops, Daniel Salzman, Tyler Kunce, Bobby Sauder, Brian Barnthouse, Tommy Condon; ROW 10: Connor McDonough, Austin Hertell, Patrick Cullinan, Frank Reardon, Jed Burey, Mark Davidson, Jeff Barnthouse, Michael Link, Craig Young, Michael Nouri.

Jared Meadows pushes to complete a lap at the Rochurst Relays. Jed Burey starts starts the second leg of the 4x200m. Matt Clifford passes the baton to Patrick Tweedy.

IV Track



Several on JV rotate to varsity level events

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-- Coach Michael Dierks



The Junior Varsity Track team spent the season trying to send its athletes up to varsity and to mold them into potential champions. Several JV athletes responded to the challenge.

Junior Stephen Hinck, and freshmen Steve Jones and Jack Fletcher earned time on the varsity squad and, along with juniors Kerry Bowen, Andrew Bly, and Mark Davidson and sophomores Jeremiah Reardon, Jacob Fogle, and Bryan Hogan, also contributed to the JV.

"My goal was to compete the way I can and earn a varsity spot," said Hinck. "I was successful and the experience I gained will be helpful in the future."

The JV placed second at

the Bishop Miege Invitational which included teams of mainly varsity athletes. A Hawklet mix of Varsity and JV placed first at the Bill Summa Relays at William Christman, a Varsity/JV meet.

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"I was pleased with the kids especially since they did it against some very good competition," said Head Coach Mike Dierks. " It just shows what their work ethic and commitment

to the sport can do."

Several coaches assisted and the time they spent was critical to the success of the team, according to Coach Dierks. Coach Chris Bosco helped with the long and triple jump, Coach Kevin Holland coached the high jump and pole vault, Dr. Jorge Taracido coached distance running along with Coach Scott Reagan, Coach Chris Dawson coached hurdles, and Coach Mike Sullivan was in charge of the shot put.

"The coaches did a

great job of preparing us and we look forward to stepping in as varsity athletes," said Davidson. "We know that next year's JV team will do the same thing." Story by Andrew Boos

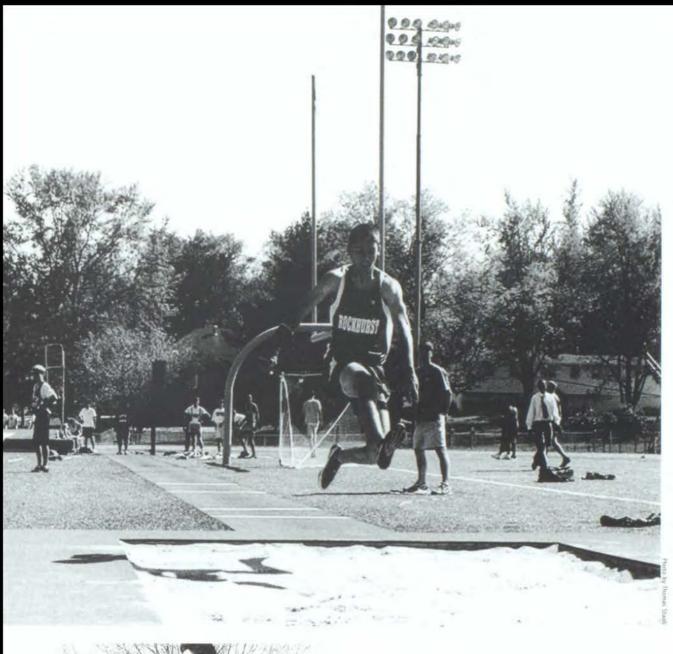
SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
JV Relays	3rd
SMS Inv.	1st
Bishop Miege Inv.	2nd
Bill Summa Relays	1st
Raytown South	2nd
Blue Springs Inv.	2nd
Quad at Rock	1st



Andrew Holcomb practices his shot put to get ready for the Rockhurst Relays.

Daniel Salsman receives a handoff from Jace Henderson in the 4x400m.



Daniel Salsman has a great leap in the long jump. Connor McDonough catches up to a Grandview runner in the Rockhurst Relays. Brian Barnthouse clears the bar in the high jump.





Talented Freshmen learn the sport, have fun and cue up for varsity

The Freshmen Track Team made giant strides towards success after a slow start to the season. With a fifth place finish out of 11 teams at the Blue Springs Freshmen Meet, things did not start of as well as had been hoped, but by the end of the year many runners had stepped up and found themselves running at the JV and varsity

"The goal of the Freshmen Team was to provide both fun and competition and to introduce the runners to the sport," said Head Coach Michael Dierks.

The Hawklets found themselves in a fun environment for the year and, under the leadership of the coaching staff, was able to improve greatly by the season's end.

The improvements were seen in standout runners Will Tarr, Steve Jones, Thomas and David Cotter, and in high jumper Brian Barnthouse. All of these athletes found themselves performing at either the JV or Varsity level. In addition to this, the freshmen also began to place better in meets and by the end of the year, had become competitors with some of the areas best teams.

Story by Ted Ginder





Matt Connell pole vaults over the bar at the Rockhurst Relays.

Will Tarr is the leader in a race at the Rockhurst Relays.

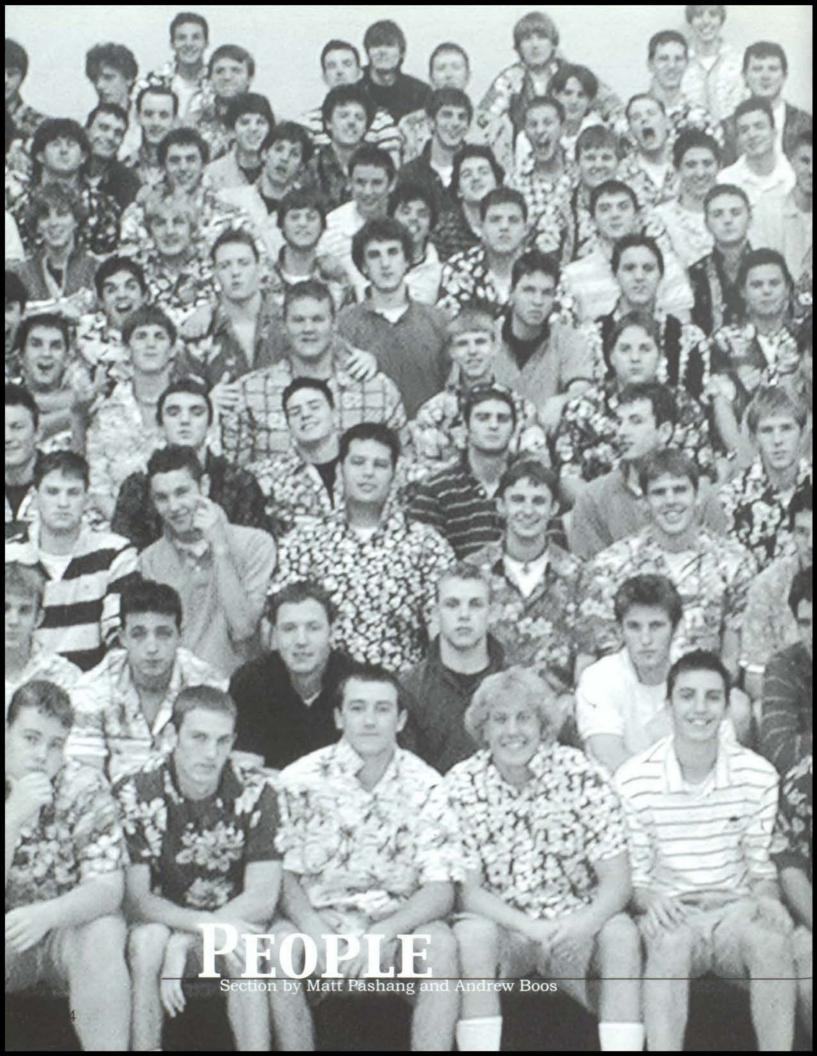


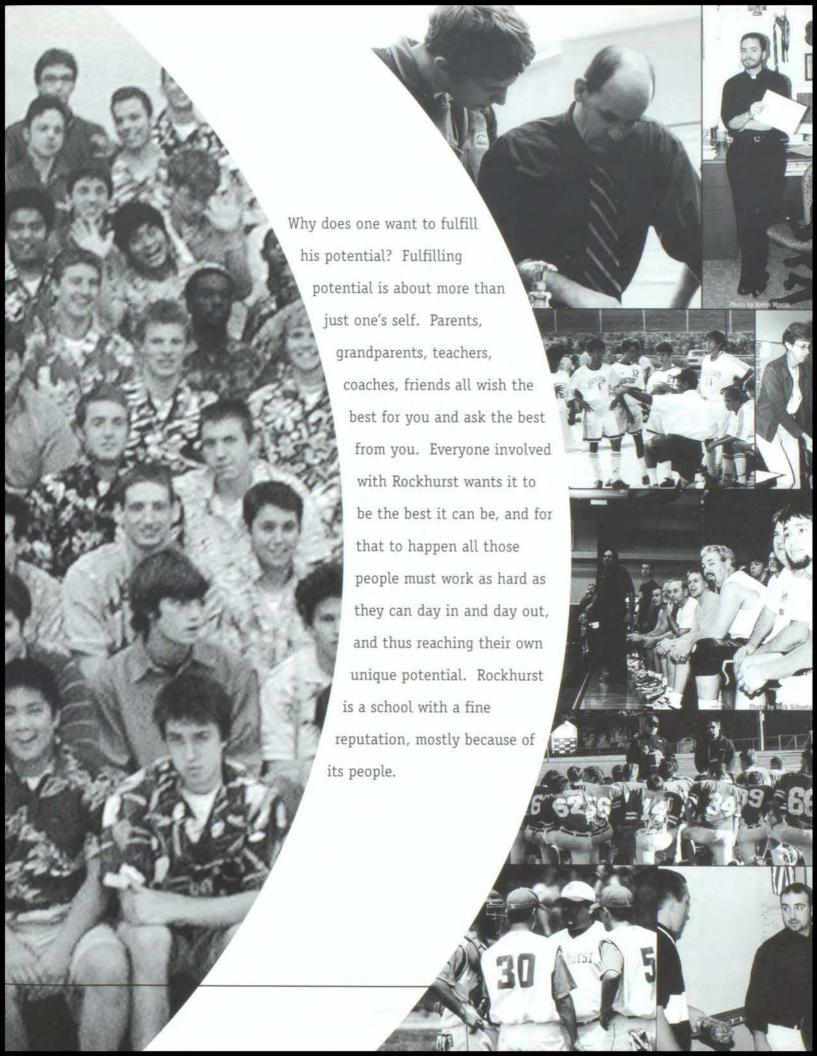
Brian Barnthouse clears the bar in the Rockhurst Relays. Junior Jared Meadows runs down the backstretch at the Rock Relays.





Andrew Bush leaps over the bar in the high jump. Brian Barnthouse, the Freshman team leader in high jump shows his perfect form.

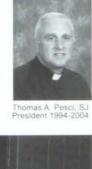














The Board of Trustees are charged with oversight of Rockhurst High School's mission and policy setting for the institution. The Board members are as follows: FRONT ROW: Jeanne Gorman-Rau, Louise McCants Barry, Alice J. Munninghoff, David M. Knopke (Chairman), Rev. Terrence A. Baum, SJ (President), Gil P. Bourk, Rev. James J. Burshek, SJ, Rev. Stephen W. Planning, SJ. SECOND ROW: John W. Whitaker, Timothy K. McNamara, Stephen M. Clifford, Allen K. Roberson, Kevin F. Cunningham, Very Rev. John J. Callahan, SJ, Scott H. Ward, Mark J. Henke. NOT PICTURED: Ray D. Evans, Daniel C. Fuhrman, Kenneth V. Hager, Stephen L. Reintjes, MD, Michael J. Van Dyke.



Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, at the Rockhurst Relays with Fr. Gary Menard, SJ.



Fr. Baum says a blessing at the Junior Ring Ceremony.



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Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, is hard at work in his new office. Senior Brandon Doherty bids farewell to Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ, after giving him a personalized Rockhurst baseball jersey. Fr. Pesci served 11 years as president, the longest tenure of any in history.

Father Baum assumes presidency as Father Pesci ends 11-year tenure

ROCKHURST

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-Rev. Terrence A. Baum, SJ

The Rev. Terrence A. Baum, SJ, assumed the Presidency at Rockhurst on February 1, excited and ready to get down to business.

"The adjustment process has taken a little while but

I can already see the commitment to excellence and some of the goals we need to accomplish," Fr. Baum said.

Fr. Baum, who replaces the Rev. Thomas A. Pesci, SJ, who served in the role for 11 years, said that some of the goals include building up financial aid, improving technology, and developing the faculty as well as the facility with a new practice gym. With the board of trustees guiding these visions, Fr. Baum believes RHS can accomplish great things.

"With the welcoming spirit and work ethic at Rockhurst we hope to improve upon some things," said Fr. Baum.

Fr. Baum has had to adapt to being a president be-

cause his former job as principal of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL, required a different set of skills. Being president requires him to raise funds, preach the school's mission, and work toward financial care of students.

"Jesuit high schools like Rockhurst prove to be valuable to the church and community by educating men for others," said Fr. Baum.

Working with Fr. Baum are Mr. Laurence Freeman, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs and Assistant to the President; Mr. Randall Hallett, Director of Development; Ms. Nancy Wormington, Associate Director of Development; Mrs. Judie Scanlon, Special Activities Coordinator; Mr. Kevin Campbell, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Ri-

chard Bishop, Database Coordinator; Mrs. Joanne Comiskey, Development Assistant, and Mr. Robert Kelly, Administrative Assistant. Story by Andrew Boos



Mrs. Judie Scanlon



Mr. Kevin Cambell and his two children





Senior Brian Walden jokes around with Mr. Larry Ruby between classes.

Mr. David Alvey's presence as Dean of Students was felt not only in school but in the stands each Friday night at the varsity football game. Mr. David Laughlin converses with sophomores Malcom Harrison and Joss Tillard-Gates during Activity Period.

Providing care and support to students and entire community is primary goal of adminstrators

The Principal's Office, under the supervision of Mr. David Laughlin, Principal, had to adapt to the arrival of The Reverend Terrence A. Baum, SJ, who replaced The Reverend Tho-

mas A. Pesci, SJ, as president. Each staff member has been instrumental in helping Fr. Baum adapt to his new environment.

"Everything the administration does for the school is for the students," said Mr. Laughlin. "They provide the structure which allows for a good environment for all."

Mr. Laughlin is assisted by Mrs. Renee Smith who keeps his schedules, appointments, and messages.

Every visitor to the main office, is greeted by Mrs. Deloris Weist who directs all calls and visitors throughout the building

All academic responsibilities like grading, scheduling and daily operations are taken care of by Mr.

Larry Ruby, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs, and Mrs. Theresa Fessler, Registrar.

Chief Financial Officer Mr. Dana Brack, assisted by Business and Finance Assistant Ms. Kelly Williams, keeps the school's budget and payroll in line.

Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier and Mrs. Cheryl Cavlovich assist Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, in keeping the student body out of trouble, in line, and accountable for their actions.

Librarians Mrs. Melody Degnan and Mrs. Kelly Reidy help students find references and useful library materials.

Mr. Laughlin is very pleased with the accomplishments of the construction of the baseball field, spirit at pep rallies, all school liturgies, and the progress that has been made by the theatre department.

"The administration truly works hard to keep the mission of the school alive," said Mr. Laughlin. "I would like

to welcome Ms. Katie Mertz and Mrs. Debbie Hudson to the staff this year." Story by Seth Correa

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-Mr. David Laughlin

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Larry Ruby Asst. Principal Academic Affairs



David Alvey Dean of Students



Asst. Principal Student Affairs



Gary Menard, SJ Director of Pastoral



Asst Dean



Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, who served as Assistant Dean of Students, greets senior Benji Clark during a visit to Mrs. Connie Greany's pottery class. Mrs. Cheryl Cavlovich updates her files

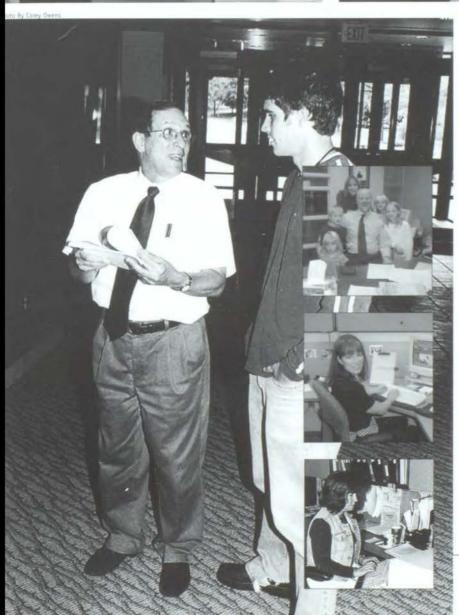














Mr. Larry Ruby visits with a former student between classes. Mr. David Laughlin and Mr. Mike Heringer show off their Western attire on the student "dress-up" day. Mr. David Alvey spends some quality time with his family. Mrs. Renee Smith, Assistant to the Principal, helps Mr. Laughlin stay organized each day. Mrs. Theresa Fessler, Registrar, is responsible for maintaining student records and transcripts.

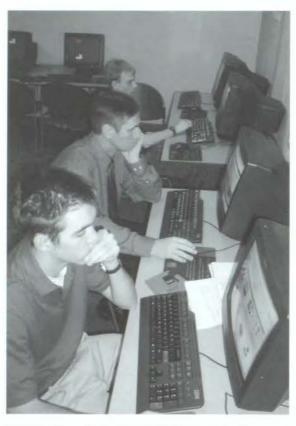


Mr. Mike Heringer convices senior Mike Wiggins to buy a few raffle tickets during Mission Week. Mr. Heringer organized the raffle and promoted it every day in the Commons.

Principal's Office

dministrative Staff

Work behind the scenes is vital to success of Rockhurst



Mr. Richard Wikiera tests out the new computers in the library. Mr. Dana Brack, Mrs. Deloris Weist, and Mrs. Kelly Williams take a break from their summer responsibilities to take a group shot. Mrs. Melody Degnan and Mr. Jim Bascom learn CPR.









Chief Financial Asst. to the Business Director of Athletics



Doug Bruce





Melody Degnan



Kelli Reidy



Jean Barnhart Cafeteria Manager



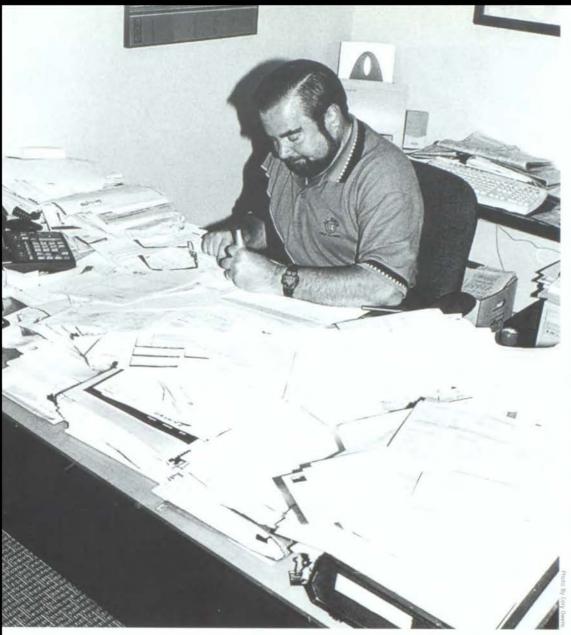
Rock Shop Manager







Mrs. Melissa Reichmeier organizes shirts in the Rock Shop. Receptionist Mrs. Deloris Weist checks her calender to respond to a caller's question. Mrs. Melody Degnan and Mr. Kevin Campbell train the rest of the faculty on the new equipment in the library computer lab. The library purchased all new computers this year, along with a hightech laser printer.



Mr. Dana Brack, Chief Financial Officer, manages the business aspect of Rockhurst. Mrs. Jean Barnhart passes out lunch cards as students exit the cafeteria. Mrs. Melody Degnan returns an encyclopedia to its correct spot on the shelf.











Mr. Preston Peine trains librarian Mrs. Kelli Reidy on the newly installed Nortel phone system. Mrs. Reidy and Mrs. Melody Degnan pose at graduation. Mrs. Kelly Williams assists Mr. Dana Brack in the Business Office. Her jobs include managing the payroll and, the faculty's favorite, distributing paychecks.



Mr. Rudy Rodriguez works high in the air to trim trees on the south



Mr. Artie Veilhauer, Maintenance Staff Supervisor, supervises the staff.



Mr. Harry Ward walks the halls armed with his cleaning supplies.

Delbert Conrad assumes duties as Director of Physical Facilities

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-Mr. Delbert Conrad

CAN BE ...

For the first time in 10 years the Maintenance Department had a new face behind it. Mr. J.W. DeCamp, the Director of Physical Facilities for 10 years, passed away October 27, 2003. Mr. Delbert Conrad replaced

him after being personally invited to apply by Mr. Decamp.

"J.W. called me and asked if I would be interested in replacing him," said Mr. Conrad who previously worked at VCI Mechanical. "He said he did not want all his hard work to be lost and asked if I would keep up his legacy."

Mr. Conrad and Mr. Artie Vielhauer,

Supervisor of Building and Grounds for the past eight years, worked along the maintenance staff of seven, which included Mr. Ricky Juarez and Mr. Harry Ward who primarily took care of the grounds, Mr. Deng Khammanivong, Mr. Rudy Rodriguez, Mr. Ben Sabido, Mr. Paco Cabezas and Mr. Lan-

gley Thatsanithome who primarily worked inside the building at a multitude of tasks.

Each staff member is cross-trained, which allows them to do various tasks such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry and mechanical.

Also, several members of the staff have additional skill-sets, such as welding and metalworking.

The housekeeping night team works until midnight each night cleaning restrooms, offices, floors and the commons. This division of the staff consists of Mr. Angel Sandoval, Supervisor, Mr. Luis Sandoval, Mrs. Mary Hartsock, Mr. Emmananuel

Martinez, Mr. Abraham Aguilar and Mr. Jose Latin.

"This school is one of the best in the city," said Mr. Conrad. "My staff and I just try make the facilities the best that they can be because of the upscale place that Rockhurst is." Story by Matt Eberle



Mr. Deng Khammanivong fixes the drapes in the McGee Hall.

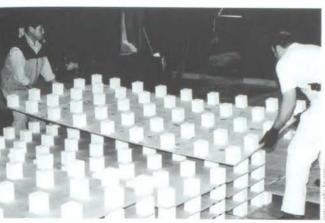


Mr. Harry Ward, Mr. Lang Thatsanithone, Mr. Deng Khammanivong, Mr. Paco Cabezas, and Mr. Rudy Rodriquez.

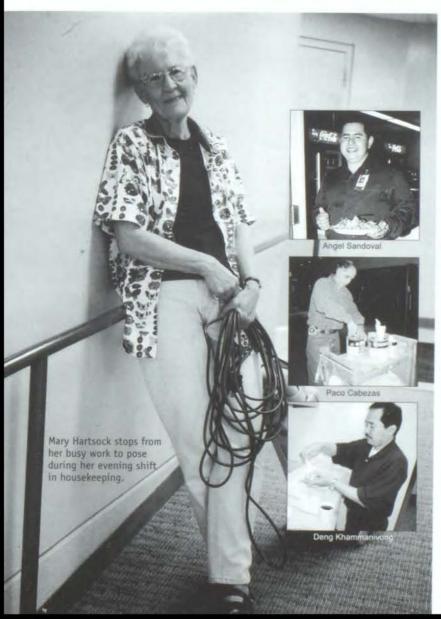




Facility Director Mr. Delbert Conrad and Mr. Artie Vielhauer clear the branches from newly pruned trees. Mr. Conrad gives direction to a member of the landscaping company by the new faculty parking lot. Mr. Lang
Thatsanithone and Mr. Conrad transport part of the foundation for the new wrestling floor.
Mr. Thatsanithone carefully welds a pipe inside the boiler as Mr. Paco Cabezas stands by for assistance.















Paco Cabezas Mary Hartsock Ricky Juarez



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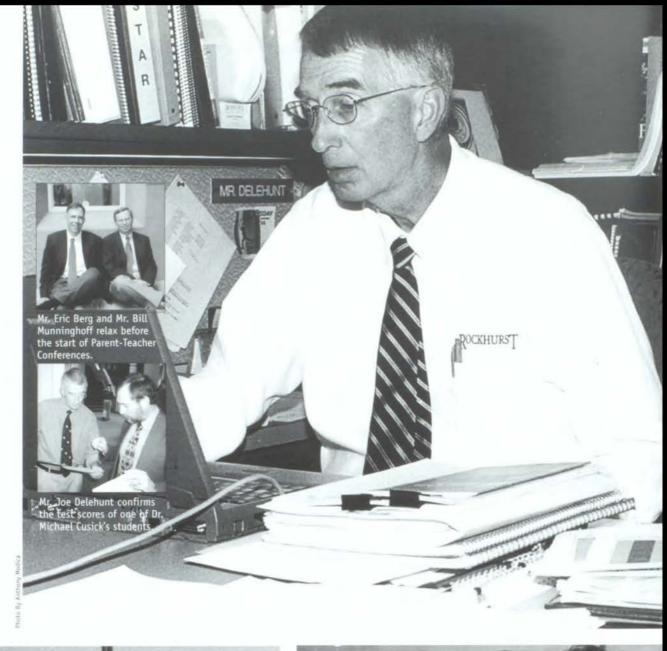


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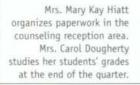


Lang Thatsanithone Harry Ward

Counselors











Multi-talented, active group stays involved in the lives of all



Mrs. Gerri Sopyla and Mr. David Alvey visit with sophomore Nat, Nimley. Nimley returned to school in a wheelchair with his left leg in a full cast after surgery.

The laborious scheduling of classes, organizing and providing standardized testing, and assisting students with their academic and daily lives are all part of the Counseling Department's job.

Mr. Bill Munninghoff, Department Chair-

man, who has worked at Rockhurst for 25 vears, moderated Senior Service and assisted in coaching the tennis team. Mr. Munninghoff administrated the testing programs like the PSAT and the TAP tests. and was also chairman of the Incentive Program.

"As a large support program for the school, our job is to be at the service of the students.

teachers, and parents," said Mr. Munninghoff, "especially in terms of scheduling, support, and day-to-day life."

Mr. Joe Delehunt taught a freshman theology class, administered the North-Central program that evaluated Rockhurst, and also was the chairman of the emergency preparedness programs.

Mr. Michael Heringer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs, participated in the National Jesuit Counseling Workshop, bringing back many lessons learned at the conference to assist the Rockhurst community, and also moder-

> ated the Student Government Association.

Mrs. Carol Dougherty attended a workshop dealing with diversity issues in Jesuit schools. She moderated the Multi Ethnic Enrichment Team, and administered a grief support team.

Mr. Eric Berg organized Career Day, moderated the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was an assistant varsity football coach.

Mrs. Gerry Sopyla moderated the Student Success Center, where students received help with homework and studies. She also assisted with the Study Skills Across the Curriculum program, which helped students learn test-taking strategies and note-taking skills.

Story by Jeff Witcher

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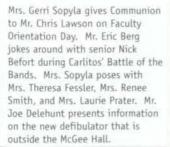






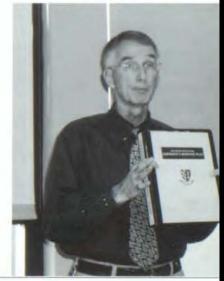






















Director of College

Mary Catherine Newman College Counselor



Juniors Chris Barton and Tyler Sifers use the resources provided by the College Placement Office. Mrs. Linda Rixson provides service as secretary for Mrs. Mary Catherine Newman and Mrs. Deborah Hudson. Mrs. Hudson discusses college plans with Pat Cohen.

Department gets new leader, goes all out with technology

WE JUST WANT TO

MAKE SURE THAT

OUR STUDENTS FIT

-Mrs. Mary Catherine Newman

IN AT A SCHOOL.

The College Placement Office underwent major changes, replacing its director and moving big time into the age of connectivity.

Mrs. Deborah Hudson, was hired to fill the position of Director of College Counseling. Previously a counse-

lor at St. Teresa's for 12 years, and having worked in admissions at the University of Tulsa, Mrs. Hudson's experience has made for an easy transition to Rockhurst.

"She is a great addition to the staff," said Mrs. Mary Catherine Newman, College Counselor. "I worked with her for years before she joined the staff. I knew how she thought, her methods of research, and what she looks for in the students and the schools they want to attend. She has made the transition seamless."

"We are a great team," said Mrs. Hudson. "Mrs. Newman and I share our students all the time. With all the changes to the department, we have really learned to rely on each other."

The office has moved into the digital realm. Utilizing the TCCi Family Connection Program, instead of handing out forms that are never returned, the office posts the

questionnaires online. The results are always available to be viewed by both the student and their counselor. Counselors can then e-mail recommendations, college stats, and acceptances without the worry of losing anything.

"It is the best investment in the office," said Mrs. Newman. "I can get more work done at home and on weekends. It also allows students to have 24-hour access to their scores and information."

The counselors visited more colleges than ever, checking the campuses, activities, student information, and fields of study to make sure that they find the school best suited to the students.

"We just want to make sure that our students fit in at a school, and the school fits them," said Mrs. Newman. Story by Joe Myers

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Mrs. Linda Rixson, Mrs. Mary Catherine Newman, and Mrs. Deborah Hudson pose at Graduation. Mrs. Hudson passes out flyers at the College Placement Night for Junior Parents.



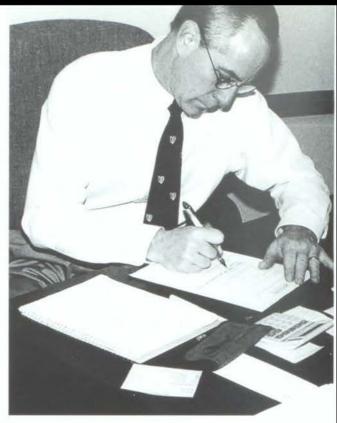


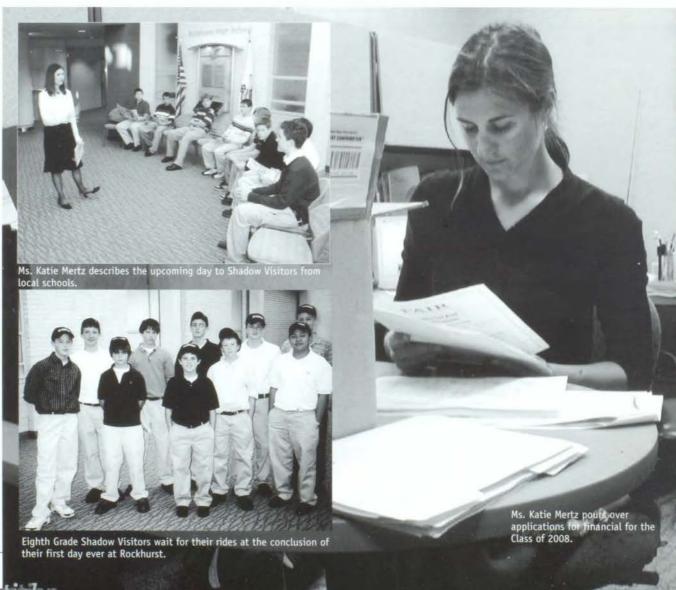
Mrs. Mary Catherine Newman hands out information to a junior parent at College Night. Senior Adam Maib submits a transcript request form to Mrs. Linda Rixson. Mrs. Newman assists Mrs. Deborah Hudson in helping juniors and seniors with their college plans, writing recommendations, and sending out transcripts. Mrs. Rixson and Mrs. Hudson review a student's records in preparation for sending out transcripts.

Senior Mike Adkins points out an incoming freshman that he knows to Mr. Jack Reichmeier. Entrance exam schedules are posted. Ms. Mertz, Mrs. Deborah Hudson, Mr. Reichmeier, Mrs. Theresa Fessler and Mrs. Renee Smith gather before graduation. Mr. Reichmeier and Ms. Mertz celebrate the conclusion of Sophomore Conversations.











Ms. Katie Mertz poses with counselor Mrs. Gerri Sopyla at the end of the day.



Mr. Jack Reichmeier and Ms. Katie Mertz greet Shadow Visitors at 7:45 am.



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Prospective students get equal opportunity to attend Rockhurst as competition increases

Admittance to Rockhurst High School has always been competitive, so programs such as the Open House, Shadowing, and Placement Test help to clarify the process and to narrow the number of students seeking acceptance. The

Office of Admission and Financial Aid works to give each prospective student an equal opportunity.

With 1,025 young men attending RHS, including 247 seniors, 256 juniors, 251 sophomores, and 271 freshmen, there are many applicants not selected for admission.

More than 400 families attended an Open House in November where all aspects of RHS were showcased.

Mr. Jack Reichmeier, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, and Miss Katie Mertz, Assistant Director of Admission, try to keep track of every student from application through graduation. The process oftentimes begins with the Shadow Program,

where eighth graders are introduced to the environment by accompanying a freshman during a normal school day.

"The Shadow Program is very effective," said Miss Mertz.

"Out of the 296 visitors we had this year, 195 have made a deposit to attend Rockhurst in the fall."

Along with the Shadow Program the Admission team has many aspects to consider when choosing the incoming stu-

dents. Every year, students from schools five minutes away to an hour away come to take the Placement Exam. By evaluating placement test scores, middle school grades, and the work completed at summer school, if necessary, the Admission Committee decides upon those students who will be offered admission to Rockhurst.

Mr. Reichmeier and Miss Mertz also coordinate the financial aid program and administer the Work Grant students' hours. They are the ones who find ways for the students to complete their hours and help them to be more aware of how many hours they have left to complete.

"Rockhurst has a big community feeling to it," said Miss Mertz. "It offers many

opportunities for alumni, parents, and anyone else in the surrounding community to get involved in the school."

Story by Mark Crutchfield

-Ms. Katie Mertz





















A few members of the English Department, consisting of Mr. Mike Brockland, Mr. Frank Griffin, Mr. Justin Rogers, Mrs. Annie Riggs, and Mrs. Laurie Prater, rejoice for the end of school at the Faculty BBQ. Mr. Mike Brockland helps junior Terry McMahon make corrections to an essay.

Test scores prove that department continues high standards of learning

were no new teachers or drastic curriculum changes, mainly because what the department has been doing for the past few years appears to be working.

"In the last four years, Rockhurst students have taken 178 AP English tests," said Mr. Andy Hagedorn, Department Chairman. "Of those, 53% have been awarded a grade of 5, compared to the national average of 7%."

The department has continued to diversify its curriculum for each grade level. Freshman are taught the basics of grammar and introduced to

classic novels. Sophomores concentrate on more ad-

The English Department boasted of another a suc- stories, which they analyze on a more symbolic level. Juniors cessful academic year for students and teachers. There are introduced to plays in the second semester of their year.

> Seniors work with poetry in their final semester of school.

> "We want to make students better analytical and critical thinkers," said Mr. Hagedorn. "We work with students differently to help develop these skills."

Mr. Hagedorn realizes the skill of his students. He enjoys seeing them grow as individuals and as students.

"I've given oodles and oodles of A's this year," he said.

And anyone who has had him for class can testify that he has to truly appreciate a student's ability to award an A.

"I have definitely seen an improvement in my reading and writing skills," said senior Matt Paschang. "I vanced writing and read more difficult novels and short think I'm going to be way ahead of the game next year."

Story by Ted Ginder

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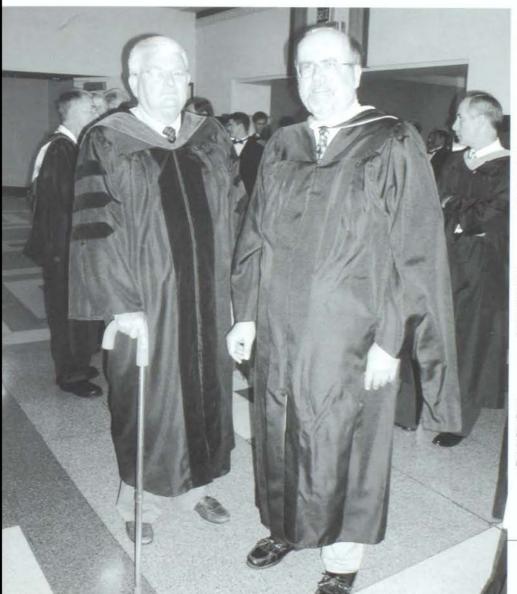
-Mr. Andy Hagedorn





Mr. Chris Bosco discusses an essay with junior Scott Paradise. Mr. Jim Bascom fiercely debates an issue with seniors Kyle VanBuskirk and Steve Welsh. Mrs. Annie Riggs explains a concept to senior Brian Ward.







Mrs. Laurie Prater grades a paper for sophomores in her English Class. Mr. Jim Bascom attempts to juggle random objects in response to a challenge made by his class. Senior Adam Kovac unsuccessfully argues a point with Mr. Chris Jensen. Mr. Chris Bosco takes time out of his Activity Period to assist senior Chris Lippold. Department Chairman Mr. Andy Hagedorn and Social Studies Department Chairman Dr. Jerry Goben pose in their gowns at Graduation.

Mr. Scott Duschen hands back a graded homework assignment to senior Joe Calhoun. An extended Parent-Teacher Conference made Mr. Phil Baker late for the dinner served for the faculty that evening. Mr. Chris Dawson displays his fashion sense with a Santa Clause hat and warms-ups as he poses with sophomore Tim Martin.







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Phil Baker Paul Brockland Doug Bruce



Peter Campbell Mark Daues, SJ Chris Dawson



Scott Duschen Frank Lyngar Peggy Martin



Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, Mr. Doug Bruce, Mr. Frank Lyngar, Mr. Scott Duschen, Mr. Phil Baker, Mr. Mark Nusbaum, Mr. Peter Campbell, Mr. Chris Dawson, Mrs. Peggy Martin, Mr. John Tran, SJ, and Mr. Paul Ptasnick.

Gary Menard, SJ Mark Nusbaum John Lan Tran, SJ



Paul Ptasnick Department Chairman

Energetic math instructors maintain the lofty status quo

MR. DAWSON

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ENERGY TO THE

-Mr. Paul Ptasnik

CLASSROOM.

The Math Department enjoyed a year of stability and little change as it took a step back to examine the curriculum.

"This was the first time in a long time that we haven't made any changes," said Mr. Paul Ptasnik, De-

partment Chairman. "We've been tweaking it for a bit, so we don't have to go crazy on the changes."

The Math Department can't add any new classes without dropping some of its current classes because of a lack of empty classrooms.

Rockhurst replaced two teachers as Mrs. Peggy Ehrhardt retired and Fr. Mark Daues left the priesthood and Rockhurst. His classes were taken over by Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ. and Mr. Peter Campbell. Mr. Chris

Dawson from Jefferson City, MO, joined the faculty to teach Algebra II, Trigonometry, and Geometry.

"Mr. Dawson adds a lot of energy to the classroom," said Mr. Ptasnik. "He really has a talent for getting the class involved."

> Mr. Dawson's previous jobs included teaching at Hickman Mills, playing basketball in Europe, and working for Sprint.

An interesting tradition within the department is the distribution of "math coins" to students who are extra achievers.

The metal coins are about the size of a silver dollar and have the Rockhurst seal on them.

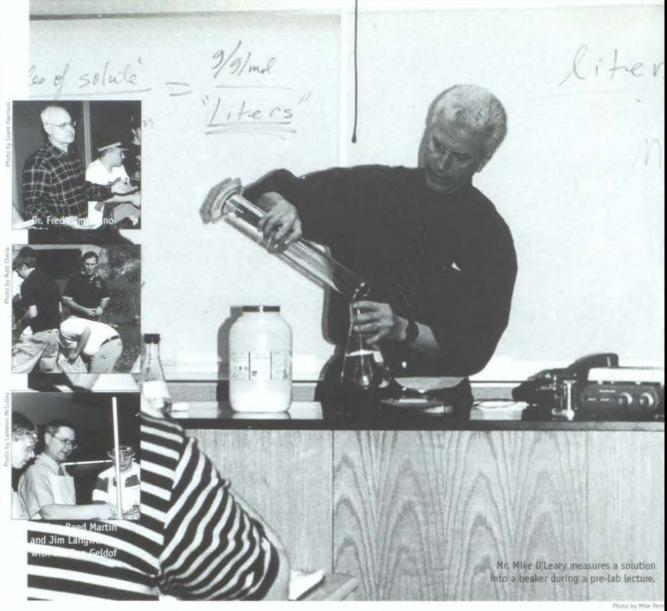
"I give away about one for every six students I have," said Mr. Ptasnik. "They are for those who do really Story by Sean Owens



Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, congratulates sophomore Corey Wolfe for outstanding math work.



Fr. Mark Daues, SJ, works a College Algebra equation for seniors Adam Kovac and John Mumford.





Mr. Steve Ryan, Dr. Fred Campisano, Mr. Mike O'Leary, Mr. Mike Sullivan, Mr. Paul Winkeler, Mr. Ron Geldof, and Mrs. Cathy Geisel.



Department filled with talented teachers and winning coaches



Mr. Mike Sullivan prepares for his pre-lab demonstration. Mr. Sullivan teaches chemistry, coaches varsity football during the first semester, and is the throwing coach for varsity track during the second semester.

The Science Department continued on the path of scientific excellence with a staff consisting of veteran teachers, who have instilled a desire in students to learn and develop their potential.

Mr. Ron Geldhof, Department Chairman,

and Mr. Steve Ryan lead the staff and the school as the teachers with the longest tenure, 32 years each. The expertise continues with Mr. Michael O'Leary, Dr. Fred Campisano, Mr. Michael Sullivan, Mr. Paul Winkeler, Mrs. Cathy Geisel, and Mr. Rich Wikiera.

These teachers dedicate themselves to more than just science. Mr. Ryan and Mr. O'Leary

both coach the Golf Team. Mr. Geldhof has led the RHS Tennis team to 15 straight Missouri State Championships. Mr. Wikiera is the RHS Varsity Wrestling Coach, and Mr. Winkeler coaches the Aquahawks swim and dive teams, as well as Freshman Baseball.

This was Mrs. Geisel's last year at RHS. She is moving on to spend more time with her

Mr. Wikiera was absent from the first semester due to his open-heart surgery, but returned fighting fit for the second semester.

> Mr. Chuck Nelson filled in for the Physiology and Environmental Science classes.

> Dr. Campisano's Fundamentals of Physics students learned from brand new books, and Honors Physics students will do the same next year.

> The Science Department maintained its reputation of achievement, posting high Advanced Placement test scores in each of the three AP courses. Mr. Geldhof does not see room for much improve-

ment, given his current resources.

"The variety of courses are more than sufficient to the student's needs," said Mr. Geldhof. "I believe they will be well-prepared for any college they may choose."

Story by Matt Paschang















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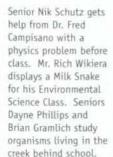
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-Mr. Ron Geldof













Study skills join learning material as top priorities in this department

The Social Studies Department is not lum. An experimental web site is being only teaching students about history and used to enable students to get research current world problem but is also trying papers from the teachers if they were sick to prepare students for the future. With or out of town. courses ranging from US and World history to Contemporary World Problems, the been four new honors and four new AP department teaches students important courses added this year including Adskills such as note-taking and reading vanced World History. textbooks.

"We're trying to not only teach the curriculum but also teach the study skills necessary for each grade level and for college, said Department Chairman Dr. Jerry Goben. "That's what its all about."

With this philosophy in mind, the department is putting together a book with the level of skills necessary for each grade. This, along with new books and field trips is going to be part of the cur-

riculum next year. Dr. Goben is also try- Sullivan's classes also visited the Truman ing to add a psychology and a Library for a field trip. Constitutional Law class to the curricu-

According to Dr. Goben, there have

"We have a lot of plans for the fu-

ture," said Dr. Goben. "Hopefully we can get a lot of new stuff for the students."

The department welcomed Mr. Scott Reagan, a member of the Alumni Service Corp who taught US History. Mr. Jeff Crowe taught an economics class on a volunteer basis for a second year.

Several of Mr. Chris Elmore and Mr.

Story by Danny White



Mr. Jim DeGraw hands out scantrons for his daily guiz during US History class. Mr. Mick Swanson kicks back after class.









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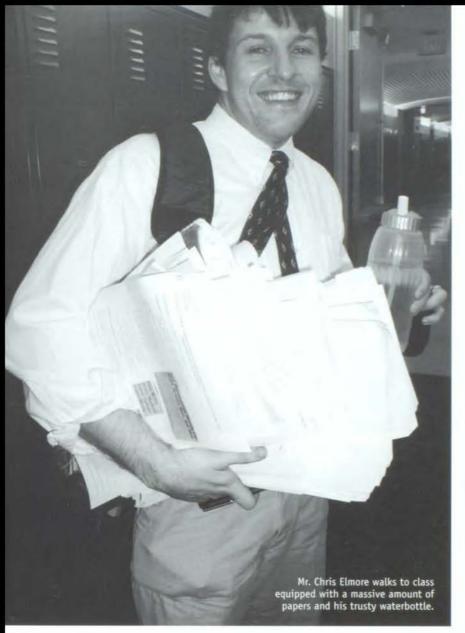








Mr. Chris Elmore returns a graded paper to junior John Nantz during Activity Period. Dr. Jerry Goben relaxes in the Faculty Studio between classes. Mr. Larry Ruby practices CRP on a dummy under the guidance of Mr. Paul Ptasnick. The entire faculty and staff was CPR certified this year as an extra safety precaution.



Mr. Elmore's class projects earn national prestige

Juniors John Marrin and Michael Camacho, traveled to Columbia, MO, in April for Missouri History Day. Representing Mr. Chris Elmore's AP US History class, the two outstanding students displayed a posterboard on "The History of Norwegian-America." Students from all over the state gathered at the University of Missouri to display similar presentations, including several other groups from Mr. Elmore's class. Out of every posterboard presented, Camacho placed first, and traveled to the national competition in Washington, DC, in June. Other presentations were submitted by juniors Joe Spaniol, Jeff Poskin, and senior Henry Danaher.







Dr. Jerry Goben jokes with junior Kevin Campbell during US History class as they discuss the juniors' summer reading, "Across Five Aprils." Guest speaker Mr. Babe Oades, a decorated World War II pilot, speaks to Mr. Mick Swanson's World History class about his experiences.































Mr. Corey Quinn explains the six stages of personal growth in Faith and Justice class. Mrs. Jerry Featherston, Sr. Mary Ann Thue, Mr. Jay Coleman, Mrs. Molly Reardon, Mr. Sean Agniel, and Mrs. Valerie Davis pose at Graduation.



Well-rounded curriculum fosters personal growth in RHS students

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-Mr. Jay Coleman on

Mr. Scott Reagan

STUDENTS.

The Theology Department provides the curriculum to expand the students mind about their religion, to help them in their spiritual growth, and to provide information about other religions around the world.

A new addition to the department was Mr. Scott Reagan, a member of the Alum Service Corps, who taught Sacraments and World Religions to jun-

"He did a great job," said Mr. Jay Coleman, Department Chairman. "He works very well with the students."

Morality and Introductory Theology, taught by Mrs. Valerie Davis, Sr. Mary Ann Thue, and Mr. Corey Quinn, introduce freshmen to how theology is viewed at Rockhurst.

Sophomores study Christian and Hebrew Scriptures, taught by Mr. Coleman, and Mrs. Molly Reardon. These classes deal with the history of the Bible in the New and Old Testaments.

Juniors take Sacraments and World Religions, taught by

Mrs. Jerry Featherston, Mr. Sean Agniel, and Mr. Scott Reagan. Sacraments covers the place of the seven sacraments in Christian tradition, and World Religions is for students to learn about other faith groups that are found

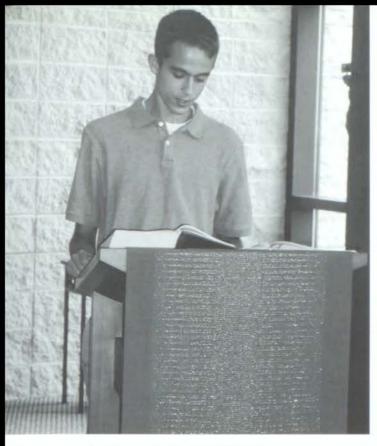
throughout the world.

Seniors study Christian Lifestyle and Faith and Justice, taught by Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Students, Mr. David Laughlin, Principal, and Mr. John Morris. Liturgy and Worship, taught by Mr. Thomas Norman, Ignatian Coordinator, are taken as part of the normal schedule open to students. Christian Lifestyle teaches students the Church's view on how to live as a Christian. Faith and Justice teaches much about philosophy.

"I had Mr. Alvey for Faith and Justice," said senior Mark Crutchfield. "He

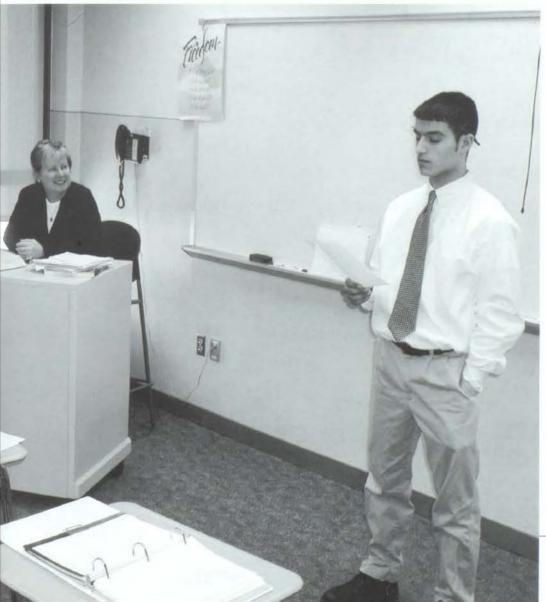
teaches a lot of philosophy, so it was fun for me."

"This was a hard year because of all that has gone on lately in the Church," said Mr. Coleman. "But, it was successful." Story by Tom Redmond



Mr. Scott Reagan gives the First Reading at the Faculty Orientation Mass. Mr. Thomas Norman, Ignatian Coordinator, explains the Graduation Ceremony in detail to Mrs. Molly Reardon, who pays careful attention.

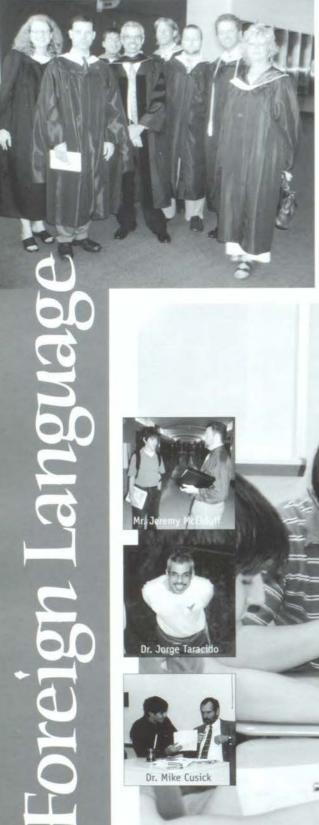




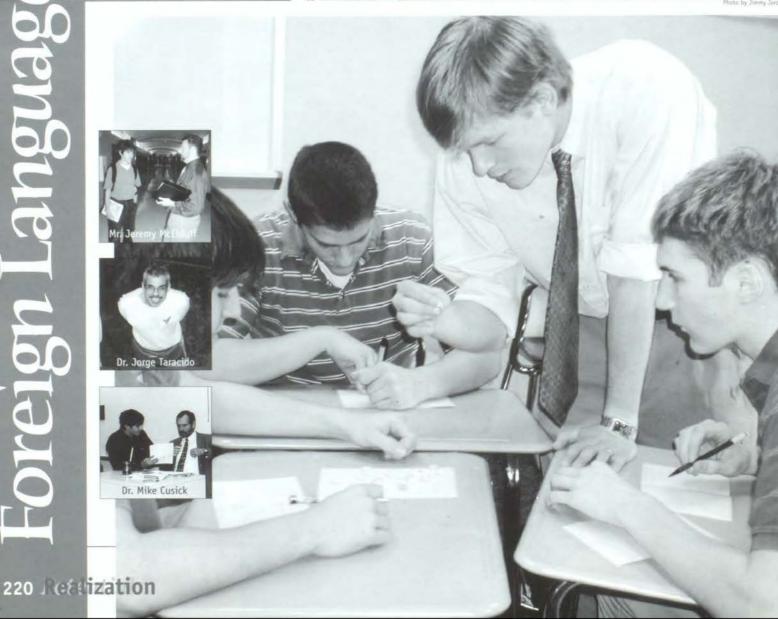


Sr. Mary Ann Thue roams the aisles to insure that her students are on task. Mr. Thomas Norman looks up from his laptop to talk to junior Pat Curran. Mr. Sean Agniel practices vocabulary with his World Religions class each day, as the terms are often plentiful and difficult to understand. Mrs. Jerry Featherston conducts a SADD meeting to plan for spring activities. SADD was one of the most active clubs throughout the year. Mike Garza gives a presenta-tion in Mrs. Valerie Davis' class.

The Foreign Language Department, Mrs. Anne Riggs, Mr. Bert Roney, Mr. Paul Brockland, Dr. Jorge Taracido, Mr. Kevin Holland, Mr. Jeremy McElduff, Mr. Rick Staihr, and Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mills, at Graduation. Dr. Mike Cusick stops in the hall to talk to Drew Parrin, Ben Beisser, and Danny O'Connor.







Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mills and sophomore Pat Lancey watch in anticipation as the French Club defends its title in the annual Foreign Language Bowling Tournament. Mr. Jeremy McElduff works on a lesson plan for his class in the Faculty Studio.



















IT WAS A GREAT

-Dr. Jorge Taracido

EXPERIENCE!







Linguists continue tradition of encouraging cultural growth





Mr. Kevin Holland

The Foreign Language Department stayed "solid" this year, according to Department Chairman Dr. Jorge Taracido. There were no changes to the curriculum, but the department continued to educate students on

languages and cultures that they normally would not have the opportunity to experience.

Mr. Paul Brockland, brother of Mr. Mike Brockland and member of the Alum Service Corps (ASC), joined the department to teach two Spanish classes. He also served as a substitute to Dr. Fred Campisano's physics classes while Dr. Campisano recovered from knee surgery.

"He's a cool quy," said senior Mike Manes. "He's obviously really smart and knows what he's doing."

The department sponsored its annual trip to Europe during spring break. Dr. Taracido, Mr. Rick Staihr, Dr. Mike Cusick, and several other faculty advisors traveled with 20 students over spring break to various parts of Greece and Italy.

The trip was delayed for several days because of a scheduling error made by the travel agency, causing

> the students and faculty to return a few days late to school. However, they still got the opportunity to see historical and cultural landmarks, including the Roman Coliseum and the Parthenon in Athens.

> "It was a great experience," said Dr. Taracido. "Everyone had a wonderful time."

> The department was busy at the end of the year making preparations for an additional teacher to be hired for next year, allowing it to add several additional Spanish classes to the curriculum. Dr. Taracido ex-

plained that he could not discuss details until the new teacher is officially announced, but he is looking forward to expanding the department.

Story by Matt Paschang

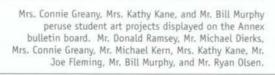
Arts

Mr. Joe Fleming critiques a photograph with senior Jimmy Barnes.











Student offerings run the gamut from music to drama to journalism

The Arts Department, including the performing, visual, and communication arts programs, provided a plethora of opportunities to experience culture in its many forms.

With mediums including The Prep News, The Quarry, The Rock

Collection, speech and debate, forensics, choral music, classical and jazz instrumental music, pottery and drawing, and drama, there really is something for everyone.

"We have an amazing chemistry in the Arts Department," said Department Chairman Mr. Michael Dierks. "It's exciting that a department has a group of people that gets along so well, and have such great respect for each other."

The addition of Mr. Ryan Olsen, who teaches Choir, Music Humanities and Music Theory, has kept vocal music up to the highest standards, as well as added an air of cheerfulness.

"He has done a great job with the faculty and students," said Mr. Dierks. "He is a pleasure to work with."

Veteran teachers include Mr. Dierks, who taught Newspaper (I&II) and Journalism (I); Mr. Joe Fleming, Yearbook and Photography; Mrs. Connie Greany, Hand, Wheel, and Advanced Hand pottery, and

Advanced Drawing; Mrs. Kathy Kane, Theater, Stage Design, and Public Speaking; Mr. Mike Kern, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Jazz, and Concert Band; Mr. William Murphy, Art& Architecture and Tech Theater, and Mr. Donald Ramsey, who has taught Public Speaking,

> Speech and Debate, and Forensics at Rockhurst for 26 years.

> The annual Arts Day in March provided a venue for students who actively participate in the Arts Department. Arts Day showcased student creative talents through choral and dramatic performances in the Rose Theater, instrumental music in the gym, a photography exhibit in the McGee, samplings of forensics in the classrooms, and exhibits of paintings, drawings, and pottery in the Barry Commons.

> "The community tends to define us by our athletics" said Mr. David Laughlin, Principal. "The Arts Day is an opportunity for the men of Rockhurst who might live in the shadow of

our athletics to have a chance to shine"

Two new classes were added, as Mr. Olsen introduced Music Humanities, and Mrs. Greany reinstated an Advanced Drawing class. Story by Matt McKibbin

THE COMMUNITY TENDS TO DEFINE US BY OUR ATHLETICS...

-Mr. David Laughlin









Kathy Kane

Senior Jimmy Hamilton proudly shows Mrs. Connie Greany his latest creation in Wheel Pottery Class. Mr. Michael Kern directs his jazz musicians as they perform at the popular BBQ restaurant BB's.













Students learn about computers from the motherboard and up

THE INTERNET

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-Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier

ITS FULL

CAPACITY.

The Computer Education Department introduced a Computers and Leadership Class taught by Department Chairman Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, which got it closer to its goals of making courses as beneficial as possible to college-

bound students.

"The computer teachers work with the administration toward the development of modern technology," said Mr. Kreikemeier. "We hope to use this technology to develop skills and give students the best possible advantages we can."

Twenty-five year veteran Mr. John McEniry taught Visual Basic classes, Mr. Kevin E.

Miller taught all Computer Essentials classes, and Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, taught Computer Management.

The department introduced HTML programming into all of its courses, installed

new programming in its two upper level classes, and added new software and a textbook for Computers and Leadership. Students built three computers from scratch, giving a hands-on practical ex-

perience.

"Building computers was fun," said junior John Nagle. "Seeing how they're put together helps you to understand what goes on inside."

Online capabilities were used in all classes as students found the research they needed on the internet and learned to use it to their advantage.

"The internet was used to its full capacity," said Mr. Kreikemeier. "We found solutions to various problems online and helped students to grow and learn valuable study skills." Story by Jason Switzer









Bernie Kreikemeier Department



John McEniry



Cavin E Milla



John Lan Tran, SJ



Mr. Kevin E. Miller explains the basics of Excel spreadsheets to a student in his Computer Essentials class. Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier found time to help Mr. David Alvey in the Dean's Office, taught several computer classes, and served as Department Chairman. ABOVE: the computer department built several computers to auction off as a fundraiser.



Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, watches the varsity soccer team practice from his vantage point on the sideline.







The Computer Education Department sponsored several faculty inservice days on technology, where every staff member and teacher were taught basic processes on the computer. Mr. Kevin Cambell stands over Mr. Jay Coleman and Mr. John McEniry. Mrs. Melody Degnan instructs Mrs. Sabina Akes-Mills and Mr. Paul Winkeler, Mr. Paul Ptasnik instructs Mr. Kevin E. Miller on how to correctly administer CPR,





Mr. John Lan Tran, SJ, greets students from his freshman computer class. Mr. Lan Tran, Mr. John McEniry, and Mr. Kevin E. Miller gather at the Graduation Ceremony.







Senior Jimmy Miller follows through beautifully after releasing the ball as seniors Ben Neenan and Sean Riley watch from the backround. The three seniors played in the Harvest Food Drive bowling tournament. Mr. Matt Nolen gives some advice on weightlifting to sophomore Robbie Tait.

Additional gymnasium will offer flexiblility in the coming years

I ESPECIALLY

ENJOY LIFE-

-Mr. Tony Severino

TIME.

Physical Education students continued to work hard and play hard, but were limited a bit due to lack of space and teachers.

"We are able to provide many activities during PE," said Coach Tony Severino, Department Nolen, who taught physical fitness classes and

Chairman. "But I feel that when we build our new gym, there will be a lot more the PE students can participate in."

All classes had the basic weight training program and teams sports, which are based on the time of year. Throughout the semester students participated in eight physical tests, including push-ups, sit-ups, bench press, and

squatting. Team sports popular with stu- merits," said Coach Severino. "I especially dents were basketball, volleyball, softball, and bombardment.

"PE is enjoyable for me because it gives me

a chance to relieve stress from other classes," said junior Tommy Condon. "I also think it is fun to compete against classmates."

Helping Coach Severino was Coach Matt

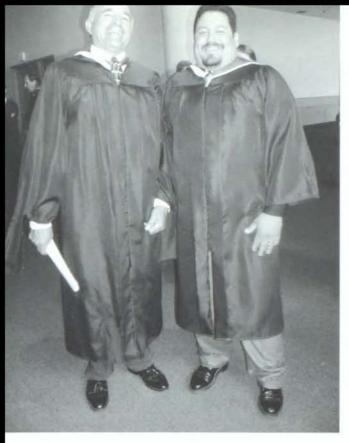
supervised the weight room.

Lifetime Sports continued to be the favorite class among seniors. In Lifetime, students got the chance to leave campus and play tennis, bowl, and golf. The purpose of Lifetime Sports is to give students the chance to become actively involved in sports that they can continue to participate in as they grow older.

"Each class has its own enjoy Lifetime because it gives me a chance to get to know seniors that I haven't taught before." Story by Ryan O'Leary







Mr. Tony Severino and Mr. Matt Nolen show off their gowns at Graduation. Mr. Nolen directs his gym class during basketball season.







Mr. Tony Severino, Head Coach of the Varsity Football Team and Chairman of the Physical Eduation Department, watches his gym class engage in heated games of basketball. Junior Eric Sweetin delivers a crisp pass as junior Andrew Kellerman takes position on the 3-point line. Senior Stewart Lane successfully squats 235 pounds with senior Brian Sach as his spotter. Sophomore Malcom Harrison keeps good form during his push-up test. Mr. Matt Nolen watches junior John Palmer complete a set on the bench press. Each gym class instructs students on the strategies and techniques of effective and safe weight lifting.

Class of 2007

Next year it's our turn. Our turn to laugh at the new freshmen at the first pep rally of the year. Yes, we will all be sophomores and sit and watch as the recent eighth graders are confused when their class name is called out. However horrible it was for us, from that moment our potential for the next few years in high school was set in stone. We could develop ourselves, at the very least, in that area and possibly grow to be one of the loudest, most-spirited classes ever. That is essentially the story of our freshmen year: potential.

As Freshmen, we no doubt have the most potential of all the classes for our high school careers. When towards the beginning of the second semester, for example, we received the choices for next year's classes, we had the most options of classes to set us on our path. We would choose those that suited us and, in doing so, would begin to pave our own individual path through Rockhurst.

We were offered countless clubs and organizations to join which would help us develop into what we will become through the people who we would associate with. There is the Regis Club for those who were dedicated to service to others; the Chess Club, for those students who had played or wanted to learn the game, and SGA for those who wanted to try to take a stand or to represent their class. In each of these clubs we encountered new things that we hadn't before and shaped ourselves.

However, it was not only within these organizations that we could demonstrate our potential. Many freshmen spread their wings through sports as well.

Freshmen of the Class of 2007 generally enhanced almost every sport at Rockhurst. Some students added to the swim team and showed that they might become a state swimmer, while others played lacrosse and again showed their potential to be a great goalie or midfielder. Potential may especially be found in those who may not have done so well. The freshmen baseball team as an example (though nothing needs to be said about their record) showed its potential and have the chance with some hard work to develop into a good team.

The year however also presented us with upperclassmen who showed us what we could do. Take the freshmen retreat. for example. The upperclassmen were there to quide us through the retreat and show us what is like to be in a place such as Rockhurst High School. We saw that we eventually could become what they were, guides to future incoming freshmen classes. Someday we will be the Big Brothers who were there to help us get situated into Rockhurst. If we live up to our potential, that is.

My freshmen year was more than I thought it would be. I believe that everyone I know shined in his own way and showed a glimpse to others of what they will become. Our potential right now is endless and we must live up to it, show our true colors and become awesome students.

Story by Joe Roh, Class of 2007



Nate Apathy, Robert DeGeorge, John Barker, and William Flanagan in the Barry Commons



Freshmen Steven Mendenhall was senior Stephen Hoefer's Mini Me during several pep rallies

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS, INCLUDING A PRESIDENT, FIND THEIR PLACE IN THE ROCKHURST COMMUNITY



Fr. Terrence A. Baum, SJ, Sr. Mary AnnThue, ASM, Mrs. Joanne Comiskey, Mrs. Debi Hudson, Mr. Chris Dawson, Ms. Katie Mertz joined the Rockhurst community during the 2003-04 school year.



Mr. Paul Brockland, Mr. Scott Reagan, Mr. Ryan Olsen, Mr. Chris Dawson were new faculty members.

Mr. Chris Dawson a Jefferson City High School graduate, teaches Algebra II, Geometry, and Trigonometry. He earned his BS in Engineering Management at the University Missouri Rolla and is currently working on his teaching certification at Avila University.

"I want to be a part of the great tradition of learning and educating," said Mr. Dawson. "This is definitely a place where both occur."

Mr. Dawson, the youngest of six children, has been an uncle since he was eight. He enjoys playing basketball and football in adult leagues.

Mr. Ryan Olsen teaches Chamber, Honors, and Men's Choir, Music in the Humanities, Music Theory, and Musical Theatre Workshop. He earned a Bachelor in Musical Education Degree from the Conservatory of Music at UMKC.

"Rockhurst has always had a tradition of excellence," said Mr. Olsen. "Recently the choir program has been growing in leaps and bounds."

Mr. Olsen's wife Erin is finishing her masters Degree in School Counseling. The oldest of three brothers, he is involved in music and theatre around Kansas City.

Ms. Katie Mertz, Assistant Director of Admissions, earned a BA in International Studies at The University of Missouri, Columbia.

"I like the atmosphere at Rockhurst," said Ms. Mertz. "Everyone is very friendly. I even feel like I am in high school again."

Ms. Mertz's mother teaches at Cure of Ars and her sister Emily is studying to be a veterinarian. In her free time Ms. Mertz likes to sleep, garden, and see movies.

Sister Mary Ann Thue, ASM teaches Freshman Theology. She attended Mercy College in Detroit and St, Louis University.

"I wanted to teach at a place where Catholic traditions were taught," said Sister Thue. "Rockhurst has a strong Catholic community working hard at all times."

Sister Thue, the youngest of four children, is currently in

Kansas City to help her sister who has eyesight problems. In her spare time Sister likes to read, learn, listen to music, and dance.

Mrs. Debi Hudson, Director of College Placement, earned her BA in communications at the University of Tulsa. She received an MA in Curriculum and Instruction in 1994 at UMKC. She worked four years at The University of Tulsa Admissions Office before spending 12 years at St. Teresa's Academy in a similar capacity.

"I value Catholic education," said Mrs. Hudson. "The college placement staff was key in my decision to work here."

Mrs. Hudson's daughter attends Cure of Ars. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, and her dog Chilly.

Mr. Scott Reagan, a member of the Alumni Service Corps and the RHS class of 1999, teaches US History. He has a BA in history and political science from The University of Missouri, Columbia" Rockhurst is a challenging place to work," said Mr. Reagan. "It is thrilling to work at my alma mater."Mr. Reagan, who graduated from RHS in 1999, enjoys running, and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Paul Brockland, a member of the Alumni Service Corps, teaches Spanish I. Mr. Brockland has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University.

"I received a great Jesuit education in St. Louis," said Mr. Brockland. "I wanted to give something back to the Jesuits." Mr. Brockland, whose brother Mr. Mike Brockland, also teaches at RHS. Likes to read, play drums, and watch sports.

Mr. Delbert Conrad is the new Director of Physical Facilities, replacing Mr. J.W. DeCamp who passed away in November after serving Rockhurst for 10 years.

"It was a good job to apply for," said Mr. Conrad. "I felt like I could put my skills to good use here."

Mr. Conrad, who spent the last 13 years at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, is married and the father of four children. In his free time he enjoys camping, fishing, and hunting with his family.

Story by Seth Correa

Freshmen

Freshmen Brothers pose with their groups during the Freshmen Retreat.

Rockhurst High School has many unique traditions that set it apart from other high schools, namely its revived treatment of incoming freshman.

At Rockhurst, freshman are not used as locker-filler, but are treated as equals in need of direction. The Freshman Brothers Program offers seniors a chance to be mentors, guides, or even a friendly face to freshmen.

Those seniors who make up the

Freshman Brothers are not told to sign up for the job, but to submit themselves. The program looks for seniors who would understand and communicate the expressed values of Rockhurst. In addition, the seniors are there to help the freshman with the challenges that come with the first year of high school.

"My senior was really helpful," said freshman Andrew Bush. "He



Cullen Roberts and Chris Fencl as group leaders during the Freshmen Retreat



Freshmen stand with their Senior Brothers



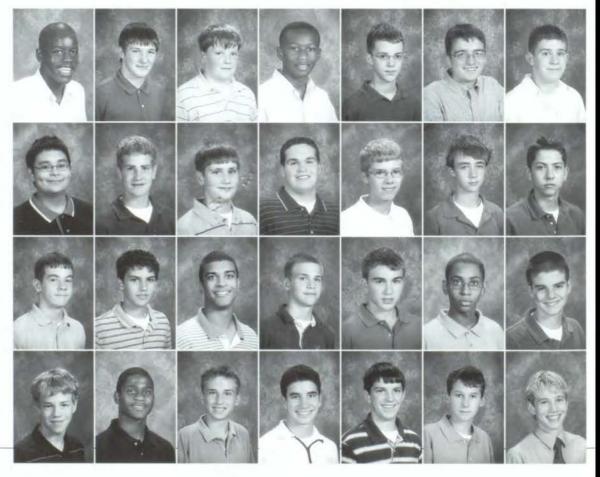
Thien-An Nguyen-Vu carries the cross in for the Senior Brothers Mass.

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Brothers program provides help for overwhelmed Freshmen Class



Mr. Mike Heringer welcomes the new freshmen and discusses the days' activities, just before handing out spirit shirts.



Jon Dandurand carries the cross during mass,



The Presentation of spirit shirts to the freshmen is about to take place.

knew my class schedule better than I did."

The seniors are encouraged to meet with their freshman outside of the structured program events in order to build the brotherly relationship.

"I went to a few football games with my Senior Brother," said freshman Steven Lorenz. "He even took me to the restaurant where he worked and gave me free pizza."

Last year, the Freshman Broth-

ers planning committee got together with the Freshman Retreat core team. They experimented by combining the Freshman Brothers Program and the retreat. This limited the number of seniors taking part in the Brothers Program because of the amount of commitment required. Thus, the 2003-04 Brothers Program returned to its original state, separate from the retreat.

The Brothers Program runs the Freshman Orientation. This is a day

for the freshman to familiarize themselves with the school, teachers and learn the basics of what goes on at Rockhurst. In addition, the program plans the Brothers Mass for the freshmen and their Senior Brothers.

"We have only had good reviews from the freshman," said Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Mr. Mike Heringer, who administers the program. "It's truly a good way for the freshman to learn the basics of high school."

Story by Dylan Aldrich



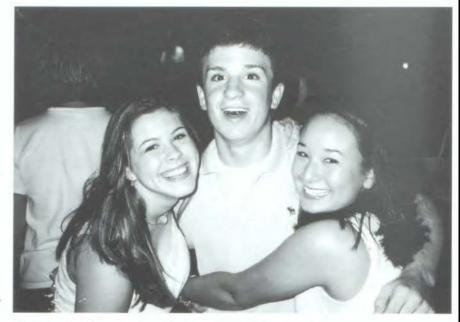
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Blue / White White Mixer the first official Ber



Sophomore David Gorosh poses with Ellen Quinn and Britney Campbell.

With the lights down low, the music going strong, and capped off by the annual Air Band Competition, the Blue White Mixer packed in nearly 1,000 people for the first official get together for freshmen.

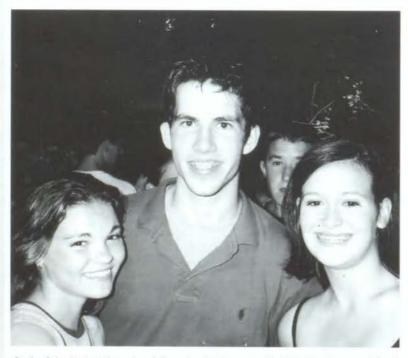
Because it is at the beginning of the school year, it provided an opportunity for the largely freshman crowd to socialize with girls for the first time as an RHS man.

"I'm really glad Rockhurst has this Blue/White Mixer," said freshman Andrew Bush. "It gave me a chance to meet new friends and, more importantly, more girls."

The mixer is not just for underclassmen, though. Upperclassmen go every year drawn by the Air Band Competition.

Seniors Mike Adkins, Jimmy Chalmers, and Seamus Mclaughlin won the annual event with their Jackson Five impression. With their big fro hair and jump suits, the trio was cheered loudly in a decisive victory.

"The Blue White mixer was a blast this year," junior Jacob Weber said. "The girls call me Super Stud because of my awesome dance moves." Story by Scott Clark



Junior John Nantz takes a break from dancing to pose with Katie Henderson and Jessie Gardner.



Sophomore Lyndon Gray looks for another girl to dance with.



Freshmen Class Vice-President Joe Estes, SGA Representatives Corbin Kline, Charlie Smith, Mark Fowler, Freshmen Class President Ryan Coughlin.





Michael Flanagin rakes leaves during the Freshmen Work Day. TOP: Marc Lyons reads a novel for English class during activity period.



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Class of 2007 Freshmen

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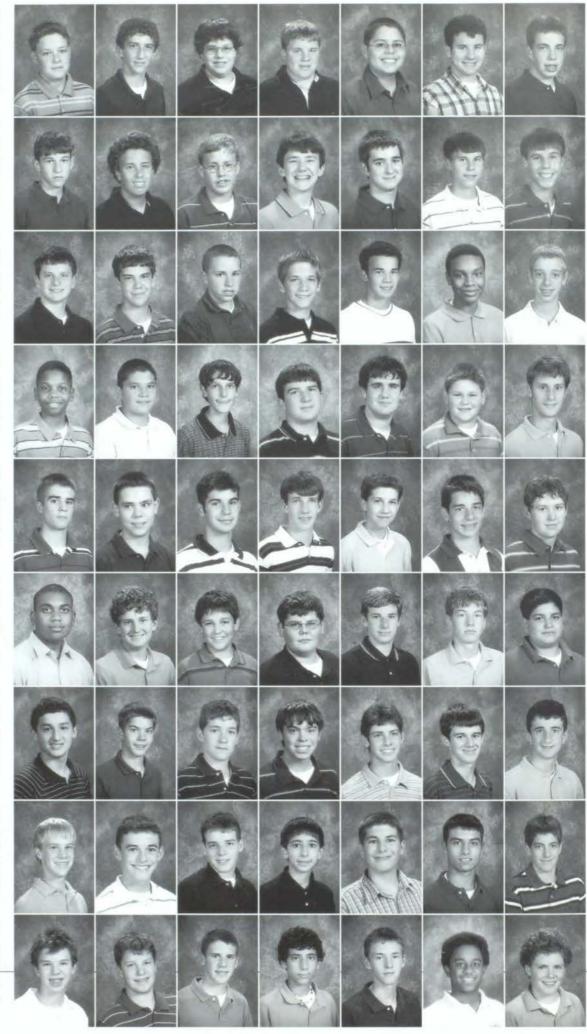
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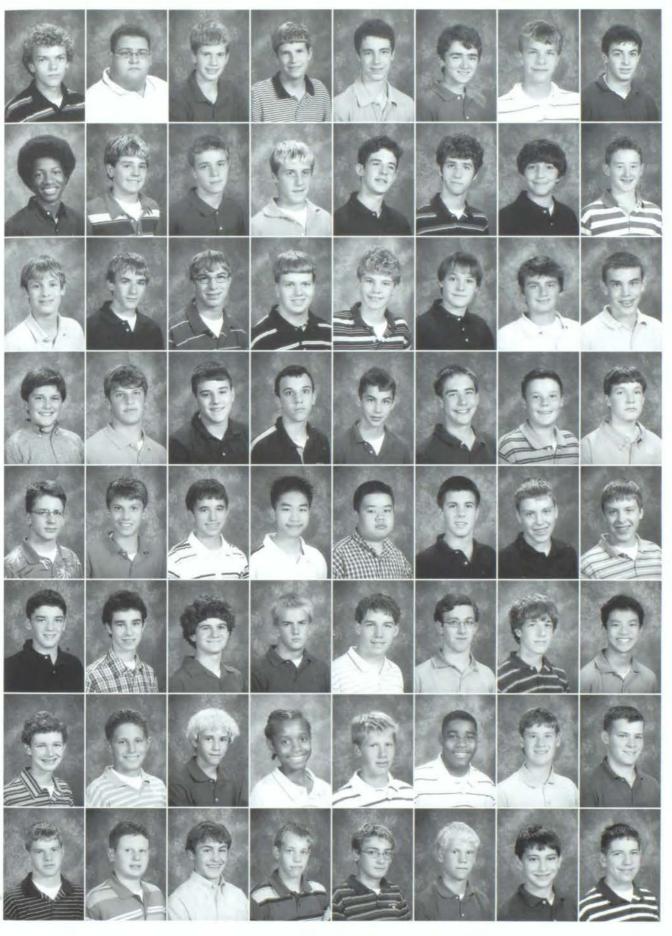
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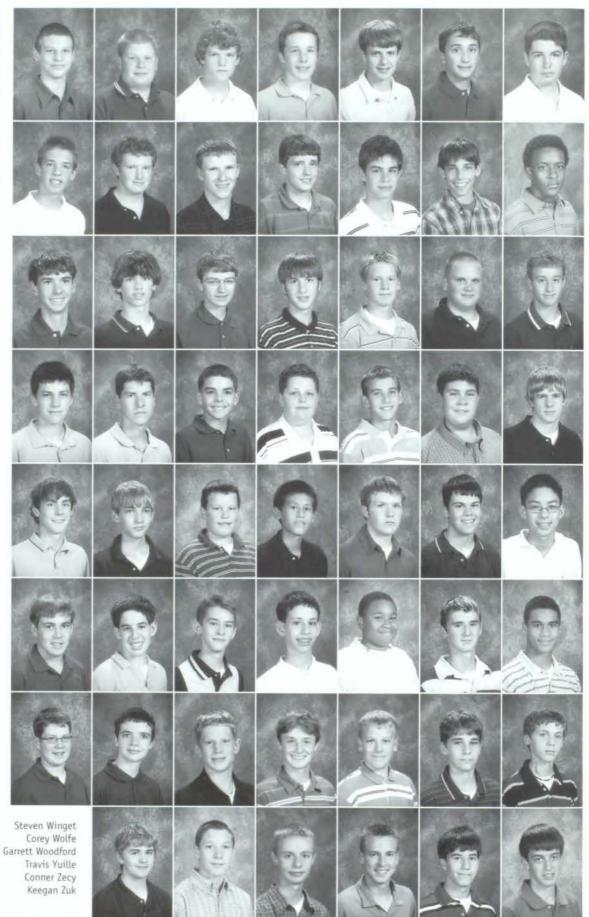
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Not Pictured: Kyle Christian

Backgrounds shape how students live



Anthony Dayrit with his grandmother during his first visit to the Phillipines in 1989.

Miguel Mejia enjoying his culture as a part of the Hispanic Dance Team.

Matt Jineas has spent time in Greece.

Rockhurst is full of tradition. Past events determine its character and help mold it into what it is today. The backgrounds of every student help shape them as Men for Others, and they, in turn, define RHS.

For several students, cultural traditions play a major role in their lives. Senior Paul Mejia, or Miguel as his friends call him, is 50 % Mexican. Senior Matt Jianas and his freshman brother Michael are 50% Greek. Senior Anthony Dayrit is 100% Filipino. All are 100% involved with their ethnicities.

Mejia has a close-knit family. His father is Mexican, and his parents' native language was Spanish. His mother, whose family is of mixed background, is fluent in Spanish and teaches it at the high school level.

The Mejia family has always been active in Mexican tradition. Their household is filled with traditional Mexican decorations, figurines, and clothing. When Miguel was four, he decided to actively participate in his heritage and joined a Hispanic dance group where, until the age of eight, he performed at events all over the city.

"My heritage is important to me because I think a person's history affects who they are as a person," Mejia said.

The Jianas family is equally involved in its heritage. Their father's side of the family is 100 percent Greek. When their parents were married, their mother converted to the Greek Orthodox religion. Each year in September, they help run the Greek Festival, a three-day party held at the church. At this event, all ethnicities are invited to eat Greek food, be entertained with mu-

sic and dance, and simply enjoy themselves. "It's a cool place," said Matt. I enjoy helping out as much as possible because the people are fun and they have the best food in Kansas City."

Not only is Matt involved with his parish, but also in the diocese. Last year, he was a finalist in an annual high school oratorical contest held by the Greek Orthodox Midwestern Diocese. Matt has visited Greece several times, including this year's Spring Break with the Foreign Language Department. "It was cool because I've listened to my grandparents tell me about Greece for years," said Matt. "I finally got to see where my ancestors were from when I visited Athens, the Parthenon, and other historical landmarks."

In 1977, when his parents were teenagers, both of their families came to the United States to escape the poverty of the Philippines and to build a better life in the United States. Anthony and his family have traveled back to the Philippines many times since then.

"I got to see Manila, the capital, and also the small villages where my parents grew up," said Dayrit. "It was really cool."

Anthony and his family continue to appreciate their heritage and remain active in it. Mrs. Dayrit is a booth leader at the annual Heritage Festival, and is active within the Filipino community in Kansas City. Anthony's parents even continue to speak Tagalog, the language of the Philippines, around the house each day.

"I can't speak much of it but I understand a lot of it now" said Dayrit. "They used to try to talk about me without me knowing, but now that I can understand most of what they are saying, it doesn't work." Story by Matt Paschang

Rockfest provides opportunity for fun while raising funds

At Rockfest 2004, 81 teams participated within three divisions. The 8th/9th division winners was the Peter-Brian-Connor team consisting of Connor Teahan, Brian Barnthouse, and Peter Nigh. The winner of the 10th/11th was BFSS consisting of Tom Farmer, Matt Switzer, Jeff Barnthouse, and Zach Sheridan.



Class of 2006

It's pretty well-known among people who have gone through it and people who soon will that sophomore year can be fairly awkward and uncomfortable. A sophomore is no longer the newest arrival at the school, and whatever ribbing one receives isn't as easy to shrug off in the face of some inevitable leeway given to those who are still learning the ropes.

At the same time, one isn't far enough along as a sophomore that the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel is close enough to run toward. This uncertainty, coupled with the sudden loss of a presence like Richie Restivo (older enough agewise to be a hero, yet close enough to be a peer) led to what I saw as two pretty clear divisions of the sophomore class. It seemed like almost everyone around me was either daring to turn inward and come face to face with some of the 'demons' inevitably brought to the surface by his fairly uneasy social standing, or eager to go as far as whatever measure of freedom he had (usually a newly acquired driver's license) could take him.

Of these two groups, the latter was far larger and more prevalent than the former, but I can say retrospectively that I was among those attempting to deal with some of life's harsher realities. Because of my membership in this minority, I was perhaps denied (or maybe, more accurately, gave up) some of the experiences that many would consider pivotal to being 16 and an American male in the Midwest. I didn't get a driver's license, didn't get confirmed as many of my classmates did, and was rarely a factor in the kaleidoscope of somehow-similar tales that would inevitably greet me every Monday. However, I think I was able to step back far enough from the whole thing that I am perhaps at least partly qualified to be among those who tell the proverbial history books what to say about it. Hopefully, my classmates would generally agree with me.

Story by Matt Judge, Class of 2006



Nick Vignatelli and Jesse Shalley work on a rat lab in biology.





Conor Foley plays his guitar during orchestra practice.



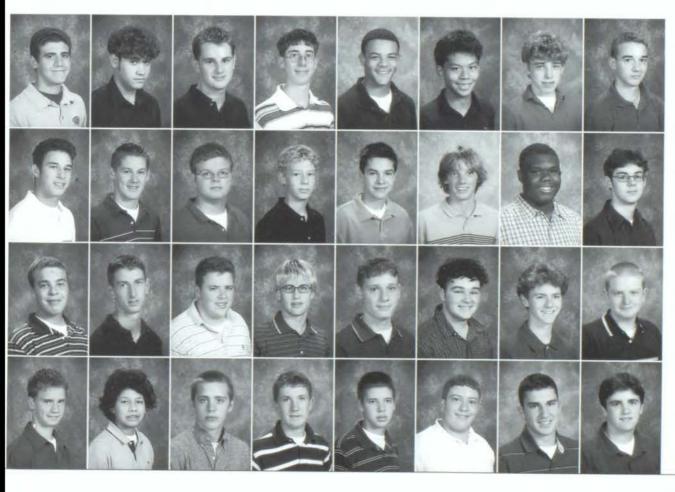
Mrs. Molly Reardon helps Sam Sabaugh understand his score on a Theology exam.



Ms. Nancy Wormington, SGA Representatives Sam Sabaugh, Steve Fessler, Brian Chalmers, John Moffitt, Sophomore Class President Corey Carr, Sophomore Class Vice-President Tim Martin.



Nick Vignatelli works with a graduated cylinder in the biology lab.



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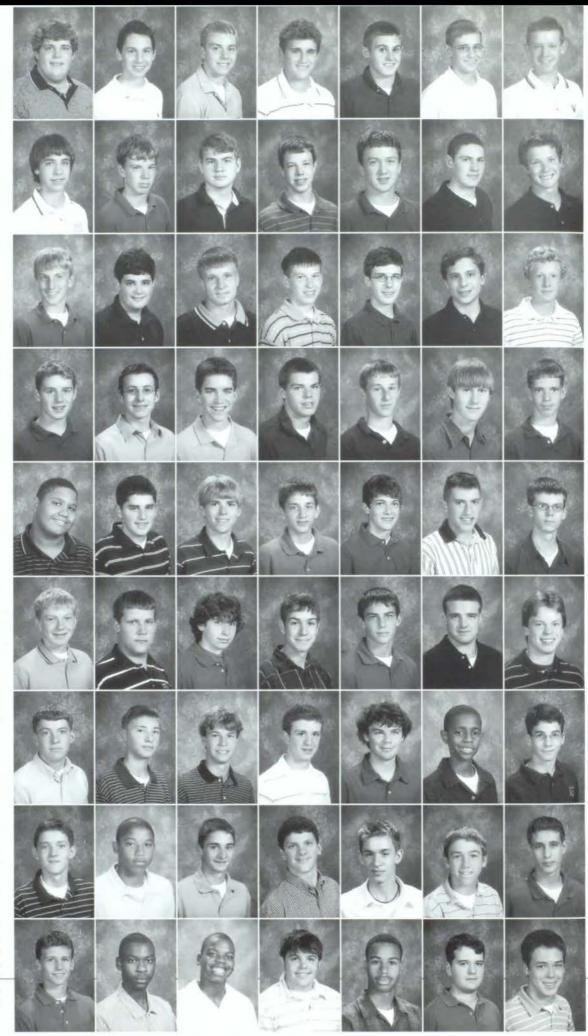
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After almost 31 years at Rockhurst, Coach Bruce continues to help others reach their full potential



Starting point guard Doug Bruce, left, stands with his 1966 Rockhurst Varsity Basketball teammates.

Coach Doug Bruce has been committed to Rockhurst for 31 years, four as a student/athlete and 27 as a coach, athletic director, and the only Calculus II teacher ever.

Coach Bruce's basketball coaching success is legendary, leading the Hawklets to two state titles before he retired to be a full time Athletic Director in 1991.

"Coach Bruce's value to the school starts



Coach Bruce and his players celebrate during the 1989 State Championship game.

with his history here and the context of many good years," said Principal David Laughlin. "He is a very principled man with a clear vision, and that is important for somebody at the top."

Born in Santa Fe, NM, Coach Bruce moved to Kansas City for his eighth grade year and graduated from RHS in the Class of '67. While a student at RHS he lettered three years in both basketball and baseball and was involved in Student Government Association as the Senior class President.

His favorite moment as a starting point guard on the basketball team was in the

1967 State Quarterfinals against Joplin. Even though the Hawklets lost, it was his only time in the state playoffs as a player.

A baseball pitcher, he was unable to compete his senior year because RHS dropped baseball as a sport for financial reasons.

Coach Bruce went to college at St. Benedicts in Atchison, KS, where he lettered in both baseball and basketball, but he cut back on his political life.

"Doing both baseball and basketball in college, you would go on three or four-day road trips and it was tough enough with the school work," he said. "I decided that continuing Student Government would be too difficult."

As a college junior he competed in the NAIA tournament, annually held in Kansas City. It was memorable because he of-



ten attended the tournaments over the years. The Ravens lost a close game in the first round to the eventual runner-up team from Central Washington.

A four-year letterman pitcher, his was the first freshman class to have baseball as a varsity sport instead of a club.

After earning his Bachelors Degree at St. Benedicts, and teaching four years at Bishop LeBlond High in St. Joseph, and three at Bishop Ward in Kansas City, KS, he earned his Masters Degree from NW Missouri State University.

Coach Bruce then went to a successful RHS coaching career. He has had his share of stars, including Harold Mitchem, who led the '85-'86 Hawklets to a second place at state. Mitchem later played division I at Southern University.

His 1987 team, which beat Springfield Kickapoo in double overtime to win the State Championship, included small forward John Cooper, who would play basketball at Division I Wichita State University and is now an assistant basketball coach at the University of Oregon. Point guard Matt Muehlebach later starred at the University of Arizona, and Chris Heller, a 6'10" sophomore, would go on to play for Missouri.

Coach Bruce said that with those standout players he had enough depth to



form two teams and be competitive.

In 1989, the Hawklets beat Raytown South in the quarterfinal with Pete Campbell, now the RHS Assistant Athletic Director, assistant basketball coach, and math teacher, hitting the winning shot with one second left.

In the semifinal game the Hawklets beat Jefferson City and in the finals beat St. Louis Vashon. Stars included Heller, Campbell, who played power forward, and point guard Matt Ecton.

"Playing for Coach Bruce was fun because he had such high expectations and paid close attention to detail," said Coach Campbell. "He did a lot with role players on the '89 team." Story by Danny White

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GETTING TO KNOW THE REAL MR. MIKE WICKENHAUSER



Mr. Mike Wickenhauser helps senior Mark Drummond finish his section in the Rock Collection. Mr. Wickenhauser enjoys working on the book even though it consumes a lot of his time.

Mr. Mike Wickenhauser, at first glance, appears a little quirky, but this is the exact reason that he has developed a cult following among Rockhurst Students. And, when looking at his past choices of where to live, one can see evidence of his eccentricity.

Those who are under the impression that they know "Wick" have seen him as English teacher, assistant varsity soccer coach, moderator of the Rock Collection, and even as St. Teresa's Academy assistant soccer coach, leading the Stars to two Missouri State Championships. But, few know about his life before settling into Kansas City, or how he came to be here, or anywhere for that matter.

Born in St. Louis on May 15, 1972, Mr. Wickenhauser attended DeSmet High School before receiving a degree in English at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

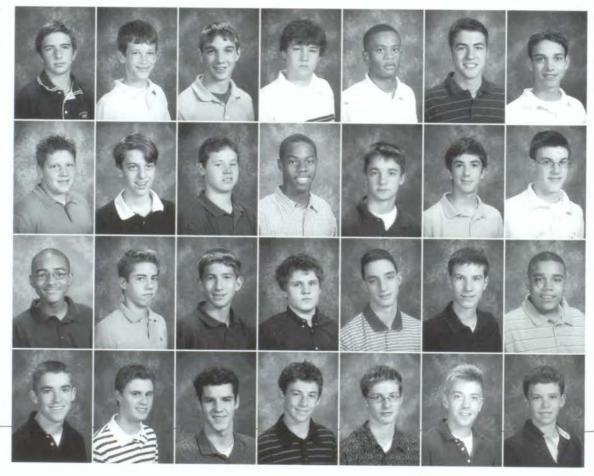
Before he graduated from college Mr. Wickenhauser was anxious to get out and see the world, so he packed up and took a threemonth tour of the western United States, sleeping in the car his sis-

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ter loaned him at rest stops along the way.

Following graduation, he still had wanderlust so he chose a state at random and moved there. His move to Macon, GA, coincided with the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta. In his six months there he did some freelance writing and managed to get an article pub-

Having done well with supplementary education in Chicago, Boston, Mississippi, and Atlantic City, he decided to test his international mettle. A teaching abroad company called Readak sent



him on a succession of trips lasting over a year. Sent to Kuwait in 1998 to teach at the American School of Kuwait, he saw tanks lined in the desert and worked amidst buildings with bites taken out by missile bombardments, remnants of the Gulf War.

"I wasn't scared," said Mr. Wickenhauser, "But, it showed me how real the dangers were and still are."

Once he returned to the States, he decided that he could live nearly anywhere but determined

he must gain real-world writing experience. To eliminate distraction, he chose a new home at two random coordinate points on the map of the United States. It turned out to be Carlsbad, NM, where he found a job managing the bookstore at the Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

He had settled in, it seemed, when he was asked to edit a book on the wildlife of the park, the writing experience he had been

looking for. More importantly, he realized that all of his experiences thus far had shown him who he was as a person and had molded his

"Regardless of what would, did, and could've happened in New Mexico," said Mr. Wickenhauser, "I think it was inevitable that I would find what I needed."

Satisfied with what had come of Carlsbad, Mr. Wickenhauser moved back to his hometown, St. Louis. With his newfound credentials, he did

a bit of editing at The River Styx, a local literary magazine.

It proved to be a good job, but not exactly what he wanted. His most fulfilling job to date had been teaching, so he decided to teach again.

He joined the Jesuit Alumni Service Corps and was commissioned to RHS. Though he is a DeSmet graduate, he was welcomed and has been happy ever since.

"I have no allegiance," jokes Mr. Wickenhauser

He continues to develop his identity, and would be surprised if

he didn't take another "fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants" vision quest in the future.

Should others take on adventures like his?

"I wouldn't recommend it. I'm definitely not embarrassed or ashamed of what I did; it helped me find who I am," he said. "But, others may not get the benefits I did. Make your own choices, and do what you Story by Matt Stadler have to do."



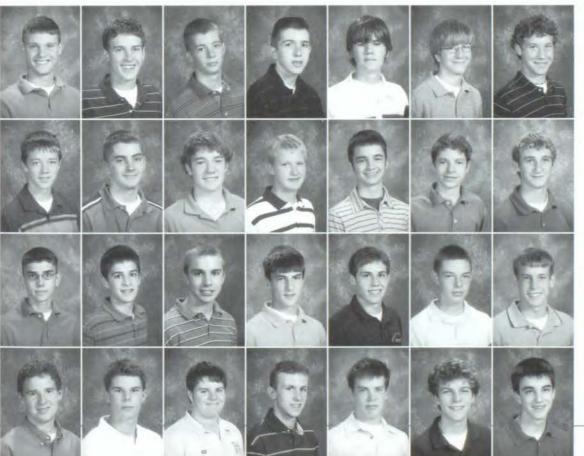
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Mr. Kevin E. Miller brings a professional approach along with hard work

Mr. Kevin E. Miller, a teacher who shows dedication to his profession, works long hours so that his students get as much quality time as they need in the computer labs. For his students it shows dedication to a job, and to them as individuals.

"Every day we hear him say the word 'professionalism," said senior Drew Goodwin. "It's funny at first but I realize he is helping us to prepare for the world of work and life."

Mr. Miller has been one of several popular teachers to be spoofed in a friendly way at pep rallies. He doesn't take it as an insult but is glad students take what he teaches to heart. Teachers in his department admire his dedication to his job and students.

"He brings a sense of professionalism each day which helps create a very good working environment," said Mr. Bernie Kreikemeier, Department Chairman and Assistant Dean of Students. "His dedication to get here early and stay late shows just how much he cares for his students."

Mr. Miller is in the computer lab at 7 am and stays until

4 pm, just to be available to his students.

'It is a habit to be here early and to help students," said Mr. Miller. "Students in my class need the extra time and I try my best to give it to them."

Mr. Miller was born and raised in Kansas City, attended St. Francis Xavier Grade School, Rockhurst High, were he was in the Class of 1972, and Rockhurst College, where he majored in Mathematics and Education. He taught in Kansas City parochial schools and served in the Shawnee Mission, Hickman Mills, Blue Springs, and Kansas City, MO, school districts as a mathematics specialist.

Rockhurst has changed a lot since I went here as a student," he said. "There was only one female teacher and the administration used corporal punishment for the students."

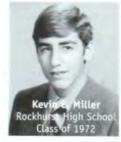
In 2000, Mr. Larry Ruby, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs needed a computer teacher and Mr. Miller jumped at the opportunity to return to his Alma Mater.

"Coming back to Rockhurst was like coming home," he said. "The last four years have felt like deja-vu, reliving my high school experience."

He was in a familiar setting but had majored in and taught math for so long and was now teaching computer courses.

"Coming back to this Jesuit environment was amazing," he said.







Mr. Miller helps freshmen Patrick Grate with his computer work during class.

Outside of teaching Mr. Miller has two hobbies that he enjoys. He has played handball competitively for 35 years and now does it for a hobby. He loves sailing and collects sailboat paintings.

Mr. Miller was a member of the American Royal Association Board of Governors from 1986 to 1999 where he was responsible for promoting the American Royal, electing the Board of Directors and officers and inspecting the facilities and activities of the American Royal competitions. He came about this through his family where his uncle and great-





Mr. Miller and junior Patrick Rhea celebrate western day during homecoming week

uncle sold cattle at the Kansas City stockyards for 50 years. "As young as five years old, I knew as much about livestock as I did about reading, writing and arithmetic."

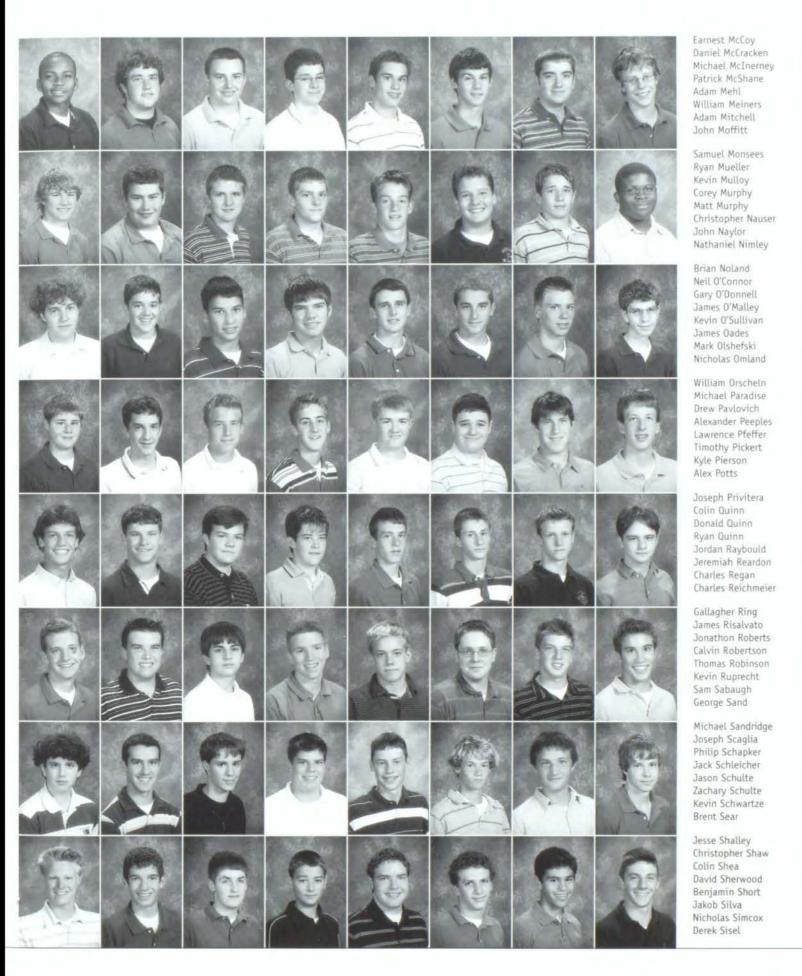
For 20 years, Mr. Miller was a volunteer instructor with the American Red Cross, where he taught candidates to be basic Red Cross instructors of water safety, lifeguarding, first aid and CPR. In 1983, he was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Every teacher has one event that stands out as most significant. To Mr. Miller, it was as a Kairos leader in February. He had begun his career at RHS when the members of the Class of 2004 were freshmen, so he felt it was appropriate for him to have that experience with them.

"I had completed my four years just like the seniors had," he said. " It felt like a completion to wrap up four years. It was just as good for me as it was for them."

"Throughout my whole teaching career I believed the best student teacher ratio is one-to-one," he said. "Coming in early to do that, or get as close as I can means the students are getting the best education they can."

Story by Matt Eberle



Class of 2006 Sophomores

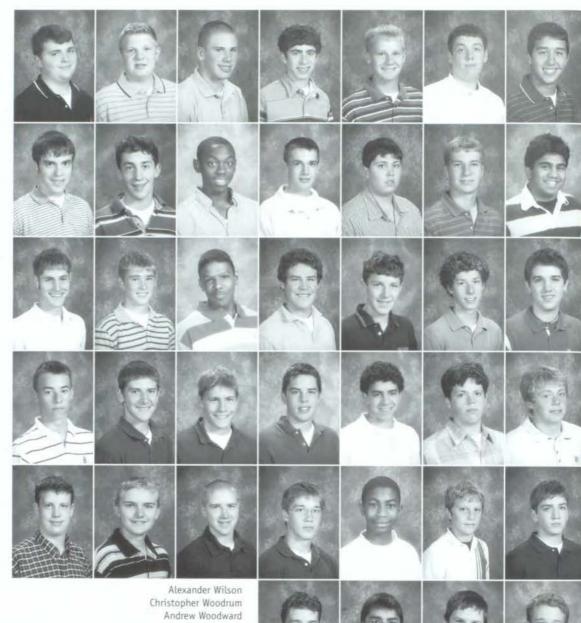
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Brian Strickland, and Phil Schapker play the trumphet during a jazz ensemble quest appearance at B.B.'s Lawnside BBO.



Ben Wickman, Andy Brooks, and Michael Duschen take part in a tug of war game during a pep rally

Mr. J.W. DeCamp's work ethic, personality made him an unforgettable character to all



The maintenance staff commemorated J.W. DeCamp.





Rockhurst lost an important member of its community when Mr. J.W. DeCamp, Director of Physical Facilities for 10 years, passed away after suffering a stroke.

Mr. DeCamp was on call at all hours of the day and night, and was instrumental in the school's design and renovation.

Utilizing his abilities and experience as a former hospital plant director, and with the guidance of The Reverend Tom Pesci, SJ, RHS President, Mr. DeCamp instituted significant changes in the ways the building was to be cared for. His efforts were considered crucial in building the projection system in the gym and in many other smaller details such as the lighting of the crucifix in the chapel.

"He had a keen eye for cleanliness and details," said Mr. Artie Vielhauer, Supervisor of Maintenance. "He always knew what had to be done and made sure it was done."

Mr. DeCamp was not just a keeper of grounds. To many, he was a good friend, man with high morals and a dry sense of humor. He often brought a smile to those around him, whether through his practical jokes or wise remarks.

"What really sticks out in my mind about J.W. is the time when he came into my office, dressed as a clown, and 'kidnapped' me and took me out to lunch," said Fr. Pesci. "He was always playing some sort of joke."

Mr. DeCamp was born June 6, 1935, in the small town of Paradise, LA, and attended Ozark Academy, a boarding school in Gentry, AK. He completed his high school GED and joined the Army in 1953.

A quiet man, he began work in a boiler room in Hinsdale Medical Center in Hinsdale, Illinois, in1961, where he used his abilities to repair and perfect the existing system. In1976, he moved to Overland Park, where he worked at Shawnee Mission Medical Center as the Director of Plant Maintenance and Services until he was hired as Director of Maintenance and Grounds for RHS in 1993.

Family and friends gathered in November in the chapel to remember Mr. DeCamp with a memorial service. Both faculty and friends recognized his dedication and hard work as many spoke of his kind heart and giving attitude.

Story by Jeff Witcher

Class of 2005

Junior year at Rockhurst High School is accompanied by a melting pot of various emotions. Anticipation, fear, anxiety, and excitement are all part of the Rockhurst experience, and these emotions seem to escalate during junior year. While it is a time full of enjoyment and fun, there will inevitably be much stress and anxiety that plaque the life of a Rockhurst junior.

Many people wonder what it is that makes junior year so different from the others. The answer is simple. It is a transition time, during which one is expected to grow into a position of full leadership. Freshman and sophomore years are there to get used to the school and the environment, and while some growing is involved, this is mainly a time to get adapted and to get ready for the role to follow. Junior year, however, is much different. It is during this particular year that the future leaders of the school are molded and grown. We have all heard the generic saying that states, "How goes the senior class, so goes the school." While we may not pay much attention to this saying now, we will inevitably realize what a significant difference we can make as future seniors. That is why it is so important that the juniors are shown and given the right tools to be future lead-

So, why are we as juniors put through this rigorous schedule and inevitable stress? The key denominator is potential. Our administrators and teachers all see that we have the potential to be great. All of us possess this potential, or we would not be at Rockhurst. We are destined to be leaders, and all of us have the ability to do so, what Rockhurst does is harvest this potential and attempt to bring it out in every one of us. While there are many challenges for us as juniors to undertake, there are times when it all seems worth it. For me personally, both the Junior Retreat and the Ring Ceremony really helped me to realize how far I, as well as the rest of my classmates, had come.

For many of us, junior year was the hardest we will encounter in our four years at Rockhurst. While it may have seemed difficult and, at times, tedious, what we must realize is that we are being made into the future leaders of Rockhurst High School. The potential is there and has been tapped, now all we must do is put it to use.

Story by Cole Mayer, Class of 2005



John Donovan takes notes during trigonometry class.



Jon Palmer and Michael Nouri examine the contents of a beaker during a chemistry lab.







Frank Allen takes a break during activity period. BELOW: Drew Mirocke discusses a chemistry exam with Mr. Mike Sullivan.



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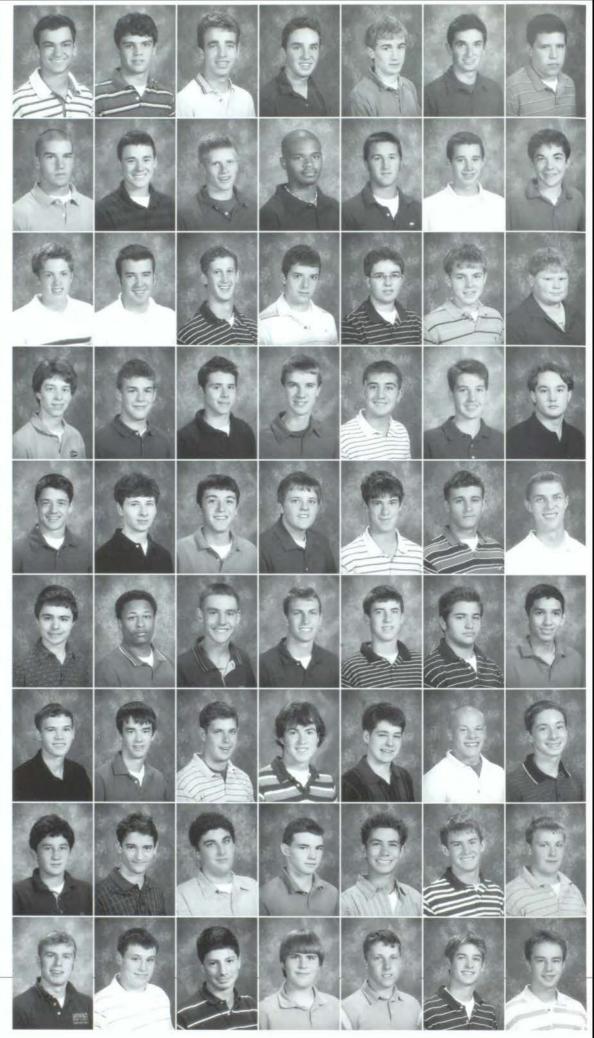
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Cameron Summers and Stephen DeWolfe answer questions during the trivia game. LEFT: Tyler Reed and Mark Davidson fight for position in a twister game. BELOW: Taylor Briggs raises his hands in triumph as he wins a twister round.



Juniors battle with fierce competitively in Iron Man contest of brain and brawl

The annual Junior Iron Man competition proved exciting as the Kern/Fleming homeroom barely stayed alive to topple Mr. Michael Dierks' homeroom and take 1^{st} place overall.

"From an organization standpoint, the officers made everything go incredibly smooth," said Mrs. Molly Reardon, theology teacher. "I see the night as nothing but fun for the boys. Twister was a new game, and I like to think the night was fun with a twist!"

Homerooms took turns battling out in the various games other than twister, such as basketball, volleyball, Trivial Pursuit, and washers.

Each homeroom team divided into small groups who competed in different games. Captains for each team were chosen, whose job it was to collect funds and organize sign-ups for the

team. The winners received a free Gates Barbecue lunch. Each homeroom played every other homeroom in at least one event. Twister was played in the commons, basketball and volleyball were contested in the gym, trivial pursuit was played in room 113, and washers was played in the hallway in front of the locker rooms.

"Demetri Gomez and I had a record-breaking 35-minute twister game," said junior Tyler Whetstone. "Gomez was the favorite going into the game, because that guy is like a ball of clay. He can twist and bend like no one I have ever seen before."

After 35 minutes of intense bodily contortions, Whetstone emerged as the winner.

"Unbelievable," he said. "This was a David vs. Goliath competition for me, and I can't believe I defeated him!"

Story By Luke Clarkson



Connor McDonough drives for a lay-up during a basketball game. Contestants take a break from playing washers to pose for a photo during Junior Iron Man.



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Juniors





ABOVE AND CLOCKWISE: Jon Dandurand and Mr. Mike Heringer distribute class rings. Mitch McGonigle poses with his parents. Items representative of the RHS experience were displayed. Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, congratulates Tom Redmond, Mr. David Laughlin discusses the transition from junior year to senior year. Sean Comiskey, Pat Cohen, Matt Clifford, and others show off their rings.





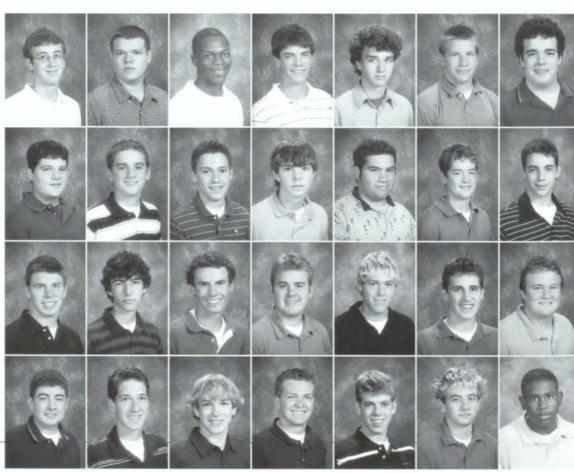




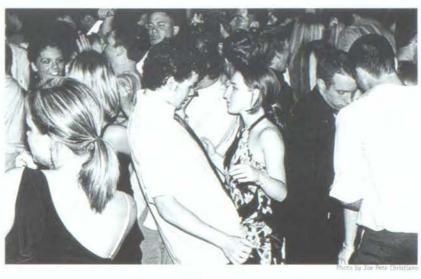
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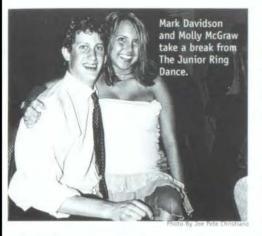
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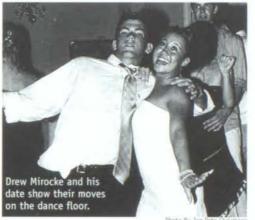
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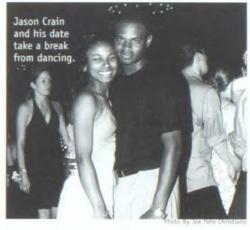


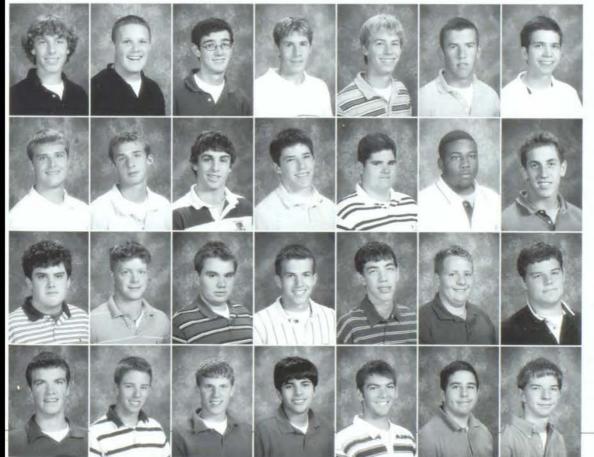
The future is now as Juniors get rings, dance, assume top spot











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Joe Lindgren is entered on three characters. Robert Grant, a detective working out of Honolulu, is heading the investigation of an LSD ring, and is also a renaissance man and an author of note

Senior Joe Lindgren looks like your average...well...Joe. Wearing the dark clothes similar to the average punk-skate boarding teen-aged boy, Joe is of an entirely different breed. He's not as openly rebellious as teens portrayed in the media, but has a nearly reverent calm presence. There is depth in his

thoughts not usually found in the age of the computer babies and "Playstation" generation. Joe is a book of an entirely different genre.

Joe has many obvious talents. Somehow, with a full class schedule containing Physics and AP English, Joe still has time to spend playing trumpet and leading many ensembles in the Rockhurst community.

"Joe epitomizes a senior at graduation," said Mr. Mike Kern. "He is openly committed to the Ignatian concept of education of the entire person in arts, science, service, leadership, and spirituality."

Whether leading the orchestra pit in the musicals, or playing first trumpet in Advanced Wind Ensemble, Joe puts his all into everything he tries.

Joe has recently been working on an art usually not attempted until later in life. He is writing a novel. This is not your average short-tempered attempt, but is a venture that he has been pouring his time into for the last five years.

"I conceptualized the story in eighth grade," he said. "I also wrote my first draft that year. My most recent draft was started in the fall of 2003.

During those years, Joe has expanded his book from 35 to 574 pages and the story has evolved recently from a "goofy" eighth grade daydream to a "darker," more serious story.

"The book started out pretty upbeat," he said, "but it's become much darker in the last year. I think for me, personally, that began to happen as my worldview became more pessimistic. It's better to say that ongoing events in my life have affected the story rather than the story influencing me. As I've changed, I've seen my story and characters change."

The main story is centered on three characters. Robing the investigation of an LSD ring, and is also investigating the abduction of two politicians. At the same time, he is struggling to solve a two-year-old case surrounding unsolved deaths that occurred off the coast of Oahu. As the book progresses, the focus shifts to Jill, Grant's 22 year-old daughter, an ambitious FBI agent in training. Mark Griffin, who is the same age as Jill, is looking for admittance to the CIA. The two are soon pulled into events surrounding Detective Grant's career.

"Griffin has a darker personality with all kinds of personal demons that he is trying to bury," said Lindgen. "Jill, despite all the problems in her life, is a kinder, more thoughtful character. She's basically the saint to Griffin's demon."

While the story involves the obvious adventures of such high-risk careers, it revolves more around the lives and the issues that they deal with everyday, such as the loss of Grant's wife and youngest daughter.

> "That's basically it. Mark Griffin is my voice in the story," said Lindgren. "When there is something that I would say in a certain situation, I have Griffin say it. He most resembles me and my worldview."

> Can we expect to see this book on shelves soon?

> "Well, to be published, you have to have a finished product," he explained. "So far I have been looking for an agent which is usually the key.

Once you have that, supposedly everything else falls into place. If everything goes according to plan, the latest I hope to be published will be in a year or so."

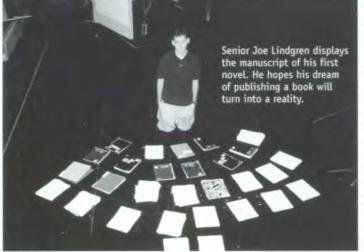
Senior John Krebs is the most influential proofreader to critique the book, and has only good things to say about it.

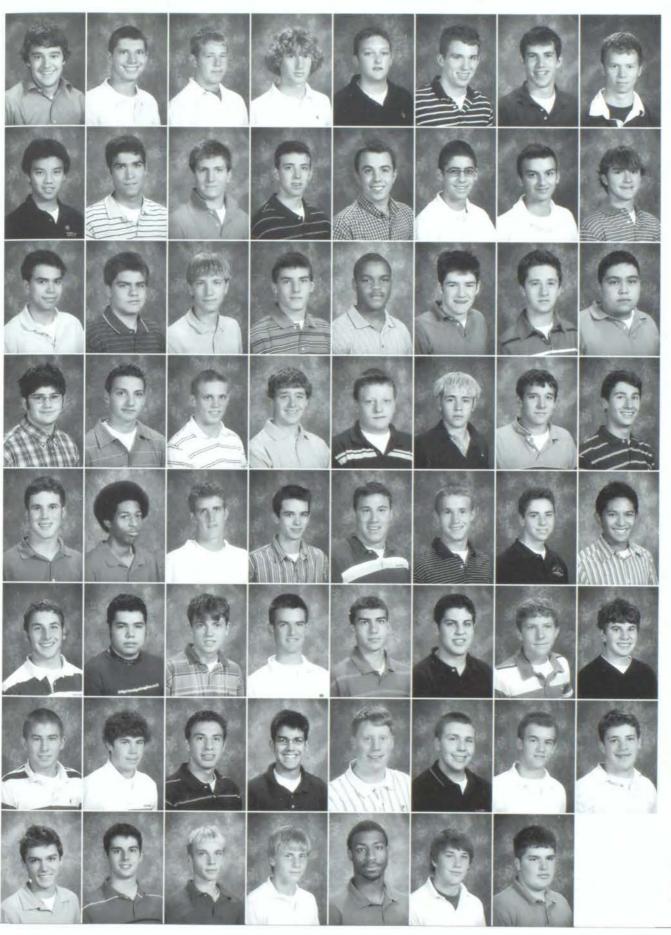
"I loved it," said Krebs. "It's sort of like a Clancey novel, but with much more character depth. Joe really gets into the hearts of his characters and makes you feel their emotions. Even after all this character exposition, he still has great action sequences."

When asked if he saw himself on Oprah's booklist in the next five years, Joe said, "No way. Oprah's going to hate it."

Joe plans to major in English at Rockhurst University. After graduation, he would like to move to Hawaii and continue his writing career.

Lindgren enjoys keeping up on foreign affairs and loves to watch suspense films. Story by Joe Myers





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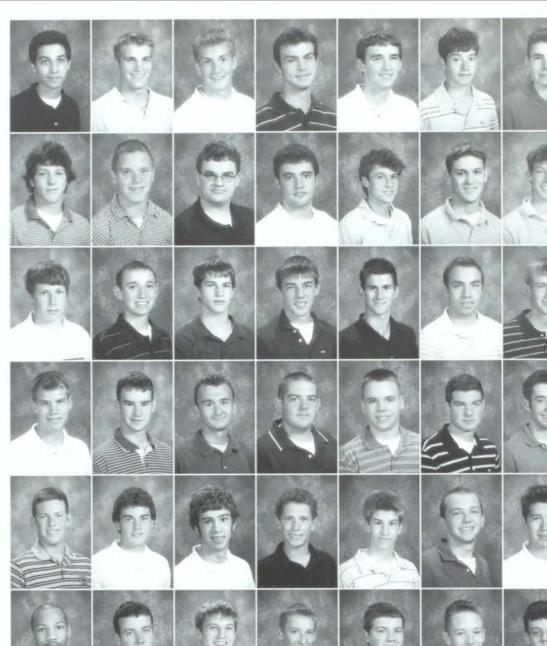
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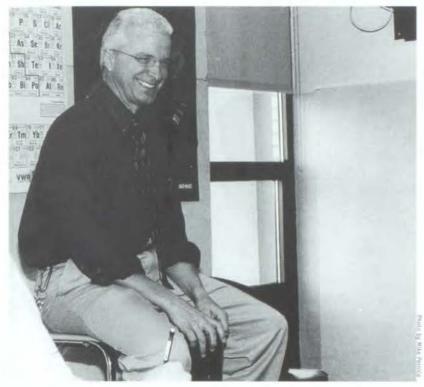


Junior Allan Smith asks Mike Walczuk for help with a math problem





Mr. Mike O' Leary's road to Rockhurst was no doubt destiny, may have been tough, but it was well worth it





Mr. Mike O'Leary's personality served him well in the classroom in 2004 and as a successful golf coach in 1987.

After teaching 26 years, Mr. Michael O'Leary took a while to figure out what he wanted to finally be. His circuitous road to Rockhurst proved to be his destiny.

Mr. O'Leary, science instructor, science club sponsor and varsity golf coach, started in guite a different direction earning a pre-ministerial degree from Kansas Wesleyan University and studied to become a minister at Southern Methodist University, Later he earned his Bachelor of Science and Master in Science Degree from Kansas State where he majored in biology education, and minored in chemistry.

After all that, he still didn't know which roads he wanted to



pursue, either as a science researcher or as an educator. After four years in a research lab at Kansas State, he came to realize that his skills were in the classroom not in the lab and decided to become a teacher.

"I wanted to have as many options as I could," he said. "I really didn't know what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Teaching at Wamego, KS, a 4A school, allowed him to do much more, including teaching chemistry, physics

and coaching men's golf, and girls basketball. It was, however, lacking in certain areas that Mr. O'Leary wanted and he soon realized that it wasn't the place where he wanted to settle down.

"I didn't really like the small- school atmosphere," he said. "I wanted to see if I could teach at a higher level."

His road to Rockhurst proved to be the turning point in his life. He was at the Kansas 4A State Golf Tournament at Dub's Dread and his top golfer was leading going into the last nine holes. He couldn't bear to watch the round because he had been trying to

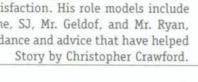
decide whether he wanted to teach at Rockhurst or Leavenworth High School. With his wife in the hospital and with practically no money, Rockhurst called him and asked if he wanted the job. With some advice from others he accepted and, 17 years later, he says that was the best day of his life. He picked the right job, his wife was diagnosed correctly in the hospital and his golfer won the state tournament.

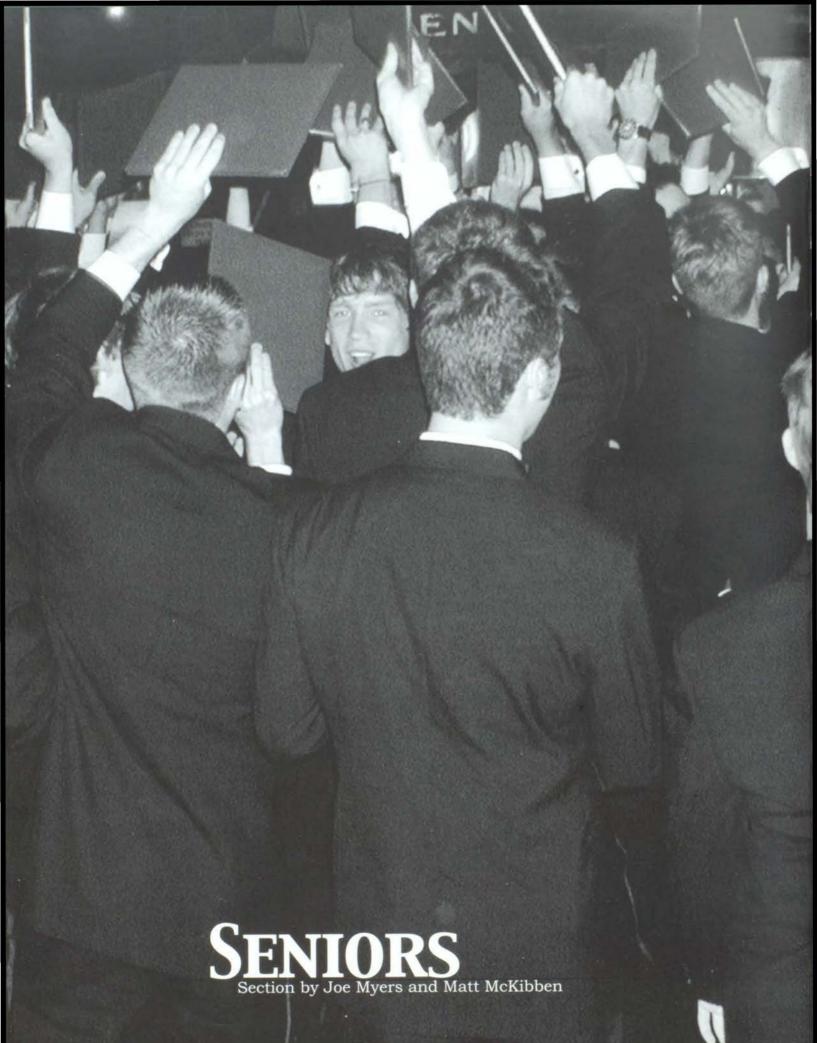


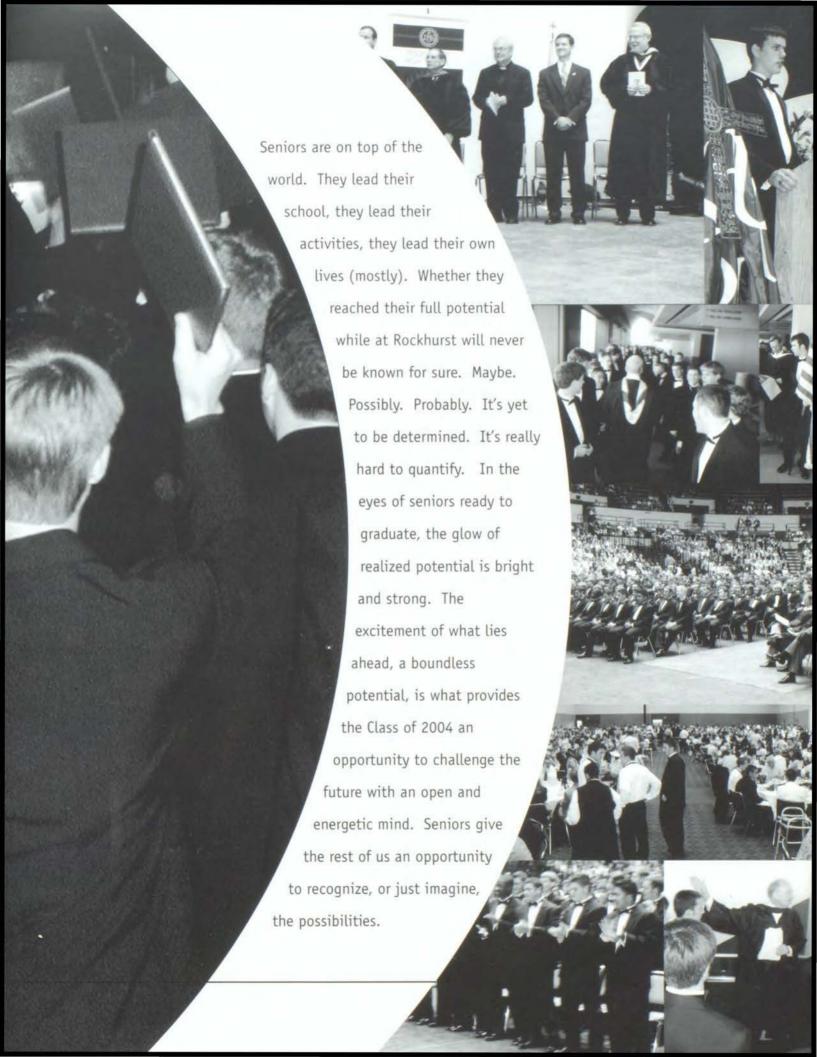
ment chairman. "He is doing what he was destined to do. He is someone I truly admire."

He took over the reigns of varsity golf coach three years ago from Mr. Steve Ryan who retired after a long, successful career. Mr. Ryan felt that it was Mr. O'Leary's time after serving as his assistant for ten years.

According to Mr. O'Leary, his happy marriage and his son Patrick, a 2003 RHS grad, is his best accomplishment to date, but his years at RHS bring him a sense of satisfaction. His role models include Mr. Tom Norman, Fr. Chris Pinne, SJ, Mr. Geldof, and Mr. Ryan, who have provided him with guidance and advice that have helped him to be the man he is today. Story by Christopher Crawford.







RJ Abella-SADD 1.3; Volleyball Club 4; Spanish Club 1; 1" Honors 1,2,3,4.

Donald Aduba -- MEET Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Student Success Center 3,4; Cycling Club 4; Intramurals 1,2,4; 1" Honors 1,2,4; 2nd Honors 3, "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be, for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."-Martha Washington

Dylan Aldrich - Spirit Club 4; SGA 4; Cycling Club 3; Regis Club 1,2,3,4; Yell Leaders 4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,4; Lacrosse 1, 2,3; Football 1, 2; Track and Field 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 2,3; Second Honors

1,2,3,4. "I think a good novel would be where a bunch of men on a ship are looking for a whale. They look and look, but you know what? They never find him. And you know why they never find him? It doesn't say. The book leaves it up to you, the reader, to decide. Then, at the very end, there's a page you can lick and it taste's like Kool-Aid." - Jack Handy

Quinn Anderson Spirit Club 3,4; Football 1.2,3,4. "Life is too short to be bitter." Jason Ashner-Football 1,2; Track 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "English- who needs that? I'm

never going to England."-Homer Simpson Matt Baker-NHS 3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; SPA 4; TIE 4; Pit Orchestra 4; Chapel Choir 3,4; Model U.N. 4; French Club 1,2; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; National Merit Commended Scholar 4; State Music Festival II's 1,2; District Music Festival 1 1,2 II 3. "Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower we will grieve not, but rather find strength in what remains behind," -William Wordsworth

Daniel Anthony Ballew-MEET Club 1; Speech & Debate 1,2; Prep News 3,4; Latin Club 1,2; Football 1; Wrestling 1; Xavier Servia Book Award 3. "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."-Forest

Jim Barnes-Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Quarry Yearbook Arts Editor 3; Track & Field 1,2,3,4. "You may forget the one with whom you have laughed, but never the one with whom you have wept."-Kahil Gibran

Nick Befort SADD 2: Amnesty International 2.3.4; Rock Collection 3.4; Football 1. "I've been knocked down but I won't die without a fight.

Pat Befort-Spanish Club 3; Yell Leader 4; NHS 3; Soccer 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Computer Applications II Most Outstanding Student Award 2: Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "If the little guy doesn't know he's little, he can do hig things.

Joe Benetz-SADD 3,4; NHS 3,4; Football 1; Tennis 2,3; Magis 1,2,3,4; NHS Induction 3,4. "If you ever crawl inside a hollow log and fall asleep and while you are in there some guys come and seal up both ends and put you in the back of a truck and take you to another city, boy I really don't know what to tell ya."

Ryan Bennett-Regis Club 1,2,3,4; FCA 2,3,4; Yell Leader 4; Wrestling 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

Seniors











RJ Abella

Michael Adkins

Jonathan Adrian

Donald Aduba, Jr.

Marc Albers













Dylan Aldrich

Quinn Anderson

Jason Ashner

Matthew Baker

Dan Ballew







Nick Befort



Pat Befort

Favorite Album

- 1. Cold Rush of Blood to the Head- Cold Play 34%
- 2. Self Titled-Blink 182 22%
- 3. The Love Below/Speaker box- Outkast 17%
- 4. Justified-Justin Timberlake 1796

Favorite Song

- 1. A Thing Called Love-The Darkness 28%
- 2. In The Club-50 Cent 21%
- 3. Seven Nation Army-White Stripes 18%
- 4. Hey Va-Outkast 17%
- 5. Rock Your Body-Justin Timberlake 17%

Out of 177 students polled



Joe Benetz



Ryan Bennett



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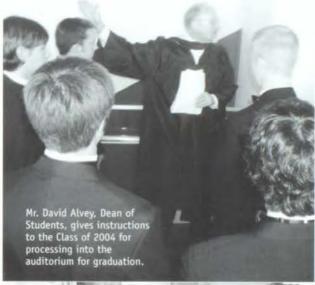
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John Burey



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David Campfield



Michael Cappo

Jimmy Chalmers, Matt McKibbin, Eric Griffen and John Mumford show their enthusiasm for getting their



Tom Carmody

"You have to treat the life you get as if it's the one you set out wanting "-David Lipsky Noah Besheer - Barbeque Club 2. Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Tennis 2,3; 2nd Honors 3,4. "Talk low, slow, and don't say too much." -John Wayne David Blake Regis Club 1.2.3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 4; Yell Leader 4; Football 1,2; Baseball 1,2. "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have

Adams Robby Borchardt-Track 1: Soccer 1.2.3.4; All-State 3.4: All-Metro 2.3.4

ended up where I intended to be. "-Douglas

Stephen Bowers-Golf Club 1; Biking Club 3; Art Club 2; Bowling Club 4; Intramurals 1.2.3.4. "If you see something screech across the room and latch onto someone's neck, and the person starts screaming. Get it off, get it off!" you can't help but laugh because - what the hell is that thing. " - Jack

Nicholas A. Bromberg II-Prep News 3,4; Football 1; Baseball 1, "Don't try to be someone you're not, you won't end up being vourself.

Adam Bruetsch-Latin Club 2, Engineering Club 3, Secretary Math Club 3,4, National Merit Semifinalist. "On the serious threeand-a-half percent tip, the second letter of the English alphabet is B. Think about it." Jed Burey-Photography Club 2,3,4; Personal Finance and Investment Club 3: NHS 3.4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track and Field 3.4: Honor Roll 1.2,3,4. "If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered to us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased. "-C.S.Lewis Charlie Caffrey-Rock Collection 3: Model U.N. 3; Regis Club 1,2; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; 'It's money time, Chacos!

Joseph Calhoun-Rugby 3,4; Spirit Club 4; Wiffle Ball Club 4: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Battle of the Bands 3,4; Football 1; Lacrosse 1.2; Soccer 4; 1st Academic Honors 3,4. "All I know, man, is that I want to have my kicks hefore everything goes up in flames." -Jim Morrison

Chris Camarena - Ultimate Frisbee 1.2,3,4; Ecology Club 4; Yell Leader 4; Football L. If you ever need me I'll be there. Friends are the best part of life; and if they are true friends, you will never have any worries. Guaranteed."

Michael Cappo-French Club 1,2,3,4; Debate/Forensics 1,2,3; Computer Award 3; National Merit Semi-Finalist 4. "The road goes on forever and the party never ends." Thomas J. Carmody-Yell-leader 4; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; "It's not how long you live, it's how well you live that matters'

Ted Caster-Photography Club 2.3.4; Newspaper II 3,4; Quarry Yearbook Photo Editor 3: Honors 1,2,3,4. "I show them the stars ain't the meaning of life, they'd shut me away, but I'd be alright. I'm just uptight." Jack Connor-Spanish Club 2,3; SPA 3,4; Speech and Debate 2,3,4; Model UN 3,4; Soccer 1: Tennis 3: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1.2,3,4 "Come writers, come critics, who prophesize with you pen, and keep your eyes, the chance won't come again, and don't speak too soon, for the wheels still in spin, and there's no telling who that it's naming, for the loser now will be later to win, for the times, they are a changing'

Derek Cooke—Theatre 1,2.3,4; Fencing Club 2; Anime Club 3,4; Pro-Life Club 4. "Peace out, man, it's all good!"

JD Corless-Flying Club 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; SPA 4; Debate 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1; Cross Country 3,4;2nd Honors 1,2; 1nd Honors 3,4. "Well... at least there was a handbasket."

CJ Cornwell-Spanish Club 1,2; Pro-Life Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Drama Club 4; Football 1; Lacrosse 1,2; Cross Country 2,3; Honors 1,2,3. "Live the Fourth!"

Seth Correa—Drama 1,2,3,4; NHS 1; International Society of Thespians 3,

Mark Crutchfield-MEET Club 1; TIE 4; Spirit Club 2,3,4; Yell Leaders 2,3,4; Football I; Baseball 1,2,3; Track 4.

Sean Cummings-Football 1.2.3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 2. "Bla, Bla Bla, look at

Scott Cummings-Football 1,2,3,4. "There are more things in life than heing incredibly good looking." -ZooLander

Jack Cupples-French Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 2.3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; FCA 1; Ecology Club 2,3; NHS 3,4; Hockey 1,2,3. "Be who you are and say what you want, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

Michael D'Agostino-Regis Club 1,2; Spirit Club 4; Football 1,2.3,4. "I am going to start carrying two bags with me so whenever someone asks me if I can give them a hand with something I can say. "Sorry, I got these bags."

Adam Davis-Spanish Club 2,3; Rock Collection 2,3,4; Freshman Retreat 3,4; Quarry Yearbook Section Editor 3; R Award 3, "My way of joking is to tell the truth."-Muhammad Ali

Seniors





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Jimmy Chalmers



Thomas Clarke



Jack Connor



Derek Cooke



James Corless



CJ Cornwell



Seth Correa



Brian Cotroneo



Mark Crutchfield



Scott Cummings



Sean Cummings



Rory Cunningham-Valliere



Jack Cupples



Michael D'Agostino











Henry Danaher



Adam Davis



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Justin Denegri



Joseph Dobbie



Brandon Doherty



Rory Donohue



Patrick Doohan



Mike Dow



Mark Drummond



Joe Dunn



Matt Eberle



Brian Eller









Anthony Dayrit—SGA 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; Regis Club 3,4; Prep News 3,4; OC Club 4; Tennis 1,2,3; Soccer 1; Intramurals 3,4; Theology Awast 2; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Scholarship 1. "We're like brothers now. If you do this for me, somewhere along the line I'll be able to do something for you. I don't know what it's going to be yet, but it's going to be awesome." Seth Cohen

Harrison Dean—MEET Club 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Award for Excellence in Mathematics 3. "A wise man once told me don't argue with fools because people from afar can't tell who is who."

Joe DeCapo—Flying Club 1,2,3; NHS 4; Cross Country 1,2,3.4; Ignatian Honors 1; 1° Honors 2,3,4. "After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."—Aldous Huxley

Joseph J. Dobbie—SADD 3; Yell Leader 4; Chamber Choir 3,4; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2; Track 1. "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

Brandon Doherty—Yell Leader 4: Spirit Club 4: Regis Club 1,2: Football 1: Baseball 1,2,3,4. "Never let the fear of striking out get in your way."—Babe Ruth

Patrick Doohan—Spanish Club 2; Regis Club 3; Football 1; Track 1,2. "I got a good edjumacation!"

Mike Dow—Classics Club 1,2,3,4; French Club 4; Cross Country 1,2; English Award 2; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; National Merit Semi-Finalist 4. "I know some things which I am no longer ready to discuss. I know that life can have only a moral purpose: intensity... we want to bring, for one brief moment, intensity into human life... The moral force of destruction alone can make us happy."—Ludwig Rubiner

Mark Drummond—Spanish Club 3; Rock Collection 4; Freshman Retreat 3.4; Freshman Brothers 3,4; National Hispanic Scholar Award 3. "That's more truth than fact."

Joseph Dunn—Prep News 4; Regis Club 2,3; Spanish Club 3,4; Battle of the Bands 4; Intramurals 2; Who's who among American High School Students 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4. "The only easy day was yesterday."

Brian Eller—Latin Club 1,2; Engineering Club 3,4; Chess Club 1,2,3,4; Debate Club 1; Computer Club 4; Chess 1,2,3,4.

Alan Elliot-Freshman Retreat 3,4; Rock Collection 4; NHS 3,4; TIE 4; Swimming 1; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "My princess is in another

Marc Eskew-Debate 1; Science Club 2,3,4; Paintball Club 3; SPA 4; Quarry Yearbook 3; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "The word "impossible" can only be found in the dictionary of fools."

Nathan Everly-Forensics 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; NHS 3,4; Ignatian Honor Roll 3,4; Principal's Honor Roll 1,2. "I am a part of all that I have met" Alfred, Lord Tennyson Chris Fencl-NHS 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Students for Political Action 4; SGA 2; Pep Band 1.2: TIE 4; Track 2,3,4; Soccer 1,2; Cross Country 4; English Award 3, "Every man dies. Not every man truly lives." -Braveheart

Sean Fitzpatrick-Drama Club 2.3.4: Chamber Choir 1,2,3,4; Varsity Singers 3,4; Football 1,2; Hockey 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4,

Sean Flanagan-Flying Club 1,2,3,4; Personal Finance and Investment Club 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; SPA 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4. "Moon talk by poets who have never been to the moon is never as interesting as war talk by men who have been to war. " - Mark Twain

Alex Fontana-Classics Club 1,2,3,4; Ecology Club 1.2.3.4; Chess Club 1.2.3; NHS 3.4;

Student Success Center 3,4; Theology Academic Award 1: World History Academic Award 2; Ignatian Honors 2,3,4; 1" Honors 1: R Award 2,3. "If homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work. 'Hello, can't work today. Still queer," -Robin Tyler Andrew Ford-SADD 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Curling 3,4; 2nd Honors 2,3,4. "We ain't stupid.

Greg Ford-Spanish Club 2,3,4; Flying Club 3,4; Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4. Michael Fox-Amnesty International 3; Art

Club 2,3,4; Soccer 1; Golf 1,2,3,4. Devin Fuchs-Flying Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Lacrosse 1; 2nd Honors 1. "Motivation alone is not enough. If you have an idiot and you motivate him, now you have a motivated idiot."

Chris George-Regis Club 1,2; SADD 3;

Spirit Club 4; Lacrosse 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3; Track school record holder 3. "Scars heal, glory fades, and all you're left with are the memories made."-Chris Cagle. Joseph S. Geisel-SADD 3; Spirit Club 4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,3. "When did I decide I wanted to be a male-model? I guess it would be the 2nd time I went through the I" grade and I saw my reflection in a spoon and realized, 'Wow, you're ridiculously good looking.""-Zoolander

Seniors









Alan Elliot

Marc Eskew

Nathan Everly

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Sean Fitzpatrick











Sean Flanagan

Alexander Fontana

Andrew Ford

Greg Ford

Michael Fox



Dustin Francis





Devin Fuchs



John Garlich

Chipotle 63% Wendy's 26%

Taco Bell 5%

Favorite Fast Food

- Backyard Burger 3%
- McDonalds 3%







Chris George



John Giunta



Joe Geisel



Mark Goede



Drew Goodwin





William Goodwin

Favorite Video Game

- Madden 2004 29%
- GTA: Vice City 26%
- NCAA Football 2004 19%
- Duck hunt 16%
- Mario Kart Double Dash

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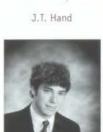


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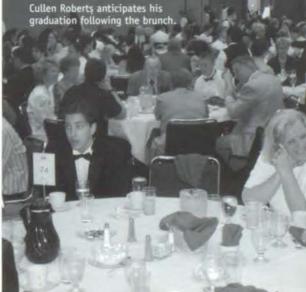
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Brian Hanrahan



Michael Hinck



Joel Hodes



Max Hoffmeier

John Giunta—Yell Leader 4, SADD 2; Football 1.2; Lacrosse 1.2,3.4. "Push yourself again and again. Don't give an inch until the final buzzer sounds."—Larry Bird

William H. Goodwin—French Club 2,3; Football 1; Perfect Attendance 2,3.

Matthew Charles Gotschall—Whiffle ball Club 4; Regis Club 1,2; Volleyball Club 4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Football 1; 2nd Team all Conference Lacrosse 2; 1nd Team All Conference Lacrosse 3. "For myself, 1 am an optimist—it does not seem to be much use being

anything else." -Winston Churchill
Brian Gramlich—Football 1: Baseball 1.

"Some days you're a bug, some days you're the windshield." Eric Griffin—Spirit Club 4; Regis Club 2;

Eric Griffin—Spirit Club 4; Regis Club 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3. "Anything less than your best is a felony."—Vanilla Ice

Pat Hagerty—SPA 3,4; SADD 3,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Personal Finance and Investment Club 2,3; Yell Leader 4; Football 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Computer Student of Year 1; R-Award 3; NHS Induction 3. "First there were two sets of footprints in the sand; now there's one set of footprints in the sand. When times get hard and stuff hits the fan, God doesn't walk with me, he carries me, man."—50 Cent.

JT Hand—Football 2.3: Track 1.2: Honor Roll 1.2. "If you work for something, it will be yours."

Brian Hanrahan—Regis Club 1; Kairos 3; Spirit Club 4; Football 1,2,3; Lacrosse 1,2. "Life is a garden with many flowers." — Michael Feierabend

Michael Hinck—Rockfest 1,2,3,4; FCA 1,2,3; Regis Club 2,3; Prep News 3,4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "We're not here to find a way to heaven. The way is heaven."—Rick Reily Ben Hodes—Spirit Club 4; Regis Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4. "I don't pretend to have all the answers. I don't pretend to even know what the questions are. Hey, where am 17"—Jack Handy

Joel Hodes—Ecology Club 4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 4; Kairos 3

Stephen Hoefer—Spirit Club 4: SGA 4; Lacrosse 1; Football 1.

Max Hoffmeier-Spirit Club 4; Intramurals 1.2,3,4; Football 1; Perfect Attendance 1,3. "The more you think about things, the weirder they seem. Take this milk. Why do we drink "cow" milk! Who was the first guy who looked at a cow and said, "I think I'll drink whatever comes out of these things when I squeeze 'em!"?" -Calvin & Hobbes

Michael Holcomb-Track 3,4; 1" Honors 1; 2nd Honors 2,3,4. "Live every day as if it were your last, because one of these days, it will be. " -Jeremy Schwartz

Stephen Huffman-Bowling Club 1; Spanish Club 3; Soccer 1; Baseball 1

Kyle Hunt-Spirit Club 4: Football 1,2,3,4: Baseball 1,3.4: 2nd Honors 3,4. "The most painful thing to experience is not defeat but

James Ice-Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee Club 3.4: Soccer 1.2.3.4: 1º Honors 1,2,3,4. "What's cooler than being cool? Ice Cold!" -Andre "Ice Cold" 3000

Brian Illig-Spirit Club 3,4. "Success is how high you bounce when you hit the bottom. Tim Ismert-French Club 1,2,3; Whiffle Ball Club 4; Lacrosse 1,2,3; Football 1; Rugby 4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; 2nd Honors 1,2,3. "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful."

Matt Jianas—Ultimate Frishee 3,4; Classics Club 1,2,3,4; Flying Club 1,2,3; Intramurals 2,3,4; Lacrosse 1; First Honors 1,2,4;Ignatian Honors 3; "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."-Mark Twam

Nick Jones-Regis Club 1, Pro-Life Club 2,3,4; Fiat Club 2,3,4; Honor Roll 1. "Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads."-Back to the Future

Jeffrey Keeling-Ecology Club 1,2,3,4; Classics Club 1; Racquetball Club 1.2; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Track 1; R Award 2. "Consistently changing the pattern."

Michael James Kelly-Spirit Club 3,4; SGA 2.3.4; Pro-Life Club 1,2.3.4; Fiat Club 2,3.4; Yell Leader 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1; Rugby 2,3,4; Rugby All American. "It's all right. We'll start tomorrow.

Chris Kennaley-Pastoral Council 2,3,4; Football 1: Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Honors 2,3,4. "For when the one great scorer comes to write against your name, he marks not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." Grantland Rice

Brett King-Chamber Choir 3,4; Drama Club 3,4; Wrestling 1; Cross Country 2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door."-Irish Prayer

Seniors





Michael Holcomb







Kyle Hunt



James Ice



Brian Illig



Tim Ismert



Nick Jackson



Matt Jianas



Nick Jones



Jeffrey Keeling



Michael Kelly



Chris Kennaley



Matt Kincaid



Brett King



Samuel Klos







Joseph Knackstedt



Jeff Koons



Adam Kovac



John Krebs



Patrick Kreikemeier



Jake Krouse



Eric Lancey



Justin Landrum



Stewart Lane



Andrew Langford



Patrick Laughlin



Joseph Le



Jacob Leeper



Nik Lewer



Joe Lindgren











Samuel Joseph Klos—SADD 2,3,4; NHS 4; Rockfest 2,3; Spanish Club 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3; All District Golfer 3. "Don't you think there is more to life than being incredibly good looking?"-Derrick Zoolander

Joseph Knackstedt—SPA 3,4; Science Club 1,2,3,4; Speech and Debate 1,2,3,4; French Club 2,3; Latin Club 1; Model UN 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Top Debater 1.

Jeff Koons—NHS 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Edward Bukaty Award 4; All State Football 4. "To be a man, you must beat men."

Adam Matthew Kovac—Regis Club 1,2,3; Disc Golf Club 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Art Club Social Chairmen 3,4; Prep News Arts & Entertainment Editor 2,3,4; Freshman Retreat 3,4; TIE 4 "(In response to what's the best thing about Rockhurst) Definitely the big soccer games or dances. Maybe the Restrooms, too—they're solid."

John Krebs—Science Club 1,2,3,4; Ecology Club 3,4; Flying Club 1,2; Photography Club 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Football 1; 2nd Honors 1,2.

Jake Krouse—Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Football 1, Lacrosse 1,2; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "Life is just a mirror, and what you see out there, you must first see inside of you."-Wally Amos

JD Landrum—SADD 4; Bike Club 3; Baseball 3. "Just be yourself. Don't listen to what people have to say. It is their own opinion. Be a leader, don't follow the same beaten path that everyone else does. Just be an individual inside a large community!"

Stewart Lane—Lacrosse 1,2; Wrestling 1; Rugby 4. "Scars heal, glory fades, and all we are left with are the memories made. Pain hurts but only for a moment. Your life is short so go on and live it."

Pat Laughlin—Regis Club 2,3,4; SADD 3,4; Spirit Club 4; NHS 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; First Honors 1,2,3,4; Rugby 4. "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Joseph Le—Science Club 1,2,3,4; Pro-Life Club 3,4; Debate 1,2; NHS 3,4; Lacrosse 1; National Commended Student 4; Physical Science Award 1. "Pain is your best friend. It lets you know you're still alive."

Nik Lewer—Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4. "It's better to burn out than to fade away:"

Seniors

Joe Lindgren-Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir 1,2,3,4; Photography Club 1; Pit Orchestra 1,2,4; R-Award 1; Honor Roll 1,2,3, "People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do

violence on their behalf."-George Orwell Joe Link-Prep News 2,3; Basketball 1,2; Football 1. "Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end.

Nicholas Maese-Football 1; Track 1; Wrestling 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "High school went by so fast it seems like one big blur.

Jamie Maggard - SGA 2.3.4; Newspaper 3.4; Ecology Club 2,3,4; SADD 3,4; Fencing Club 2. Whiffle Ball Club 4: Latin Club 1,2,3,4: Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; R-Award 2: Columbia Book Award 3. "A dishonest man you can always trust to be dishonest, honestly. It's the honest ones you have to worry about, because you never know when they are going to do something incredibly stupid."-Captain Jack Sparrow

Adam Maib-Spirit Club 1; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4. "Life is like a winding road, with a lot of turns in it."

Michael D. Manes-Art Club Vice-President 4; Football 1;

Joe Marsh-Regis Club 1; Yell Leader 4; Track 2,3,4: 2nd Honors 3.

Derrick McKinney-MEET Club 1: Yell Leader 4; Spirit Club 3,4; Football 1,2;

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4 Seamus McLaughlin-SGA Class President 1,2,3; SGA 4; Prep News 2,3,4; Rockfest 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Swimming 2; R-Award 2.3; Journalism Award 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "Hey, guys. Big gulps, huh? Well, all right. See ya later."

Miguel Mejia-Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honor Roll 1,2,3; Brian R. Bolden Soccer Award 4; National Hispanic Scholar 4.

Adam Meyers-Classics Club 1,2,3,4; Rack Collection 4: Science Club 2; National Merit Semifinalist 4; 1ª Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; "Quotes are bunk."-Mark Twain



Joe Link



Chris Lippold



Nick Maese



Jamie Maggard



Adam Maib



Michael Manes



Joseph Marsh



Pat McCann



Zack McCracken



Andre McIntosh



Matt McKibbin



Derrick McKinney





Seamus McLaughlin



Miguel Mejia



Adam Meyers



Mitchell Miguel



Jimmy Miller



Matthew Moderson



John Molner

College Choice

- Private Catholic Jesuit 23%
- State Missouri 23%
- State Kansas 16%
- 4. Private Secular 15%
- 5. State Other 15%
- 6. Private Catholic other than Jesuit 8%

Presidential Election

- 1. George Bush 49%
- 2. John Kerry 51% Out of 177 seniors polled







Kevin Morris



Ben Morrison



Chris Muller



John Mumford



Bryan Murphy



Fr. Gary Menard, SJ, encourages the Class of 2004 to leave Rockhurst as men for others, and stay that way.



Ian Murphy



Joseph Myers



Robert Murphy

Sam Nachbar



Tony Neff



Ben Neenan



Dane Nelson

Jimmy Miller—NHS 3.4; SPA 4; Art Club; Soccer 2; Track 1; High Honors 1,2,3,4.

Mathew Moderson—Speech and Debate 3.4; Freshman Retreat Leader 3.4; Academic Honors 1,2,3. "Being a true man for others requires that you have the courage to place God first, others second, and yourself last."

Kevin Moore—Art Club 4; Freshman Retreat 3.4; Soccer 1,2; Disc Golf 3.4; Magis 1,2,3.4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "It's all gravy."

Kevin Morris—Football 1,2,3,4. Spirit Club 3,4; SADD 2,3; FCA 2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4; O Regis Club 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; SGA 4. "Isn't it strange how we move out lives

Matthews Band
Chris Muller—Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 1,2,3,4; "Knowledge is power"
John Mumford—Photography Club 2; Regis
Club 3,4; Spirit Club 4; Lacrosse 1,2; Football
1; 2nd Honors 1,2,3,4; "I walk on water with
the help of Christ."-John Wilson

for another day? Like skipping a beat, what if a great wave should wash us all away?"-Dave

Bobby Murphy—Debate 1: Freshman Retreat 3,4; National Honors Society 3,4; Science Knowledge Bowl 2,4; Lacrosse 1; R-Award 1; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "I've realized that anyone can die in a freak gasoline fight accident."—Derek Zoolander

Ian Murphy—Hockey 1,2,3,4; Honors 1,2,3,4; R-Award 2,3,4. "Act as if everything depends upon you, Pray as if everything depends upon God."—St. Ignatius

Joe Myers - Theater Tech 1,2,3,4; Honors 1,2,3,4; R-Award 1,2,3,4; Freshman Retreat 2,3,4; Pastoral Council 2,3,4. Rockfest 2; Pep Band 1,2,3,4, Quarry Yearbook Co-Editor in Chief 4 "The only thing you can do is use the time that is given to you." -Tolkien

Ben Neenan—Visual Art Club 3,4; Freshman Retreat 2,3,4; Kairos 3,4; Big Brother 3,4; Lacrosse 1,2,3. "I can't believe it! Reading and writing actually paid off!" Thien-An Nguyen-Vu-Science Club 2.3,4; French Cub 2,3,4; Pastoral Council 3,4; National Honors Society 3,4; Forensics 1; Freshman Retreat 3,4; Kiss Me Kate 1; Fiddler on the Roof 2; A Chorus Line 3; Philoctetes 3; Guys & Dolls 4; Macbeth 4; National Merit Commended Student 4; Ignatian Honors 3,4; World History Award 2. "So this one time, at assassin camp...(Note to self: Get real quote)" Philip A. Nolte-Latin/Classics Club 1.2: Honors Choir 2: Chamber Choir 3,4. "I will not bond. I will not share. I refuse to nurture, "-Dennis Leary

Mike O'Brien-Art Club 4; Baseball 1. "Just go with the flow. "-Mike O'Brien

Sean Owens-Art Club 2; Photo Club 3; Rock Collection 3; Kairos Leader 4; Honor Roll 234

Jeff Owsley-Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; National Honors Society 3,4; Student Success Center 3,4; Chess Club 1; Science Club 1; Baseball 1; Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; 1st Honors 1,2; R-Award 3; Class Honors 3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3. "There is no such thing as pressure, only lack of confidence.

John Parsons-Regis Club 1; Spirit Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1. "Gentlemen, good night, ladies, good morning!"-Justin Timberlake

Matt Paschang-Spanish Club 2; Cycling Club 3, 4; Soccer 1, Who's Who Among American High School Students, 3; Quarry Yearbook Academics Editor 4.

Blake Patti-Flying Club 1,2; Paintball Club 2; Student Ambassador 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; 211 Honors 1,2; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4. "Justice is the one thing you should always find. You gotta saddle up your boys, you gotta draw a hard line."-Toby Keith

Paul P. Peña-Chamber Choir 3,4; Varsity Singers 3,4; Latin Club 1,2; Classics Club 3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; 1st Honors 2,3,4; Most Improved Choir Member 3; Magna Laude on National Latin Exam 1,2; Green Ribbon on National Greek Exam 3. "The big moments are gonna come, you can't help that. It's what you do afterwards that counts. That's when you find out who you are."

Montae Perkins-MEET Club 2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 1 "Anybody wanna buy some chicken?" Clinton Phillips-Debate 2; Photo Club 4; Latin Club 3,4; Intramural Basketball 3,4; Wrestling 2; Academic Letter 1. "...and if he only knew he was building his own house. Dayne Phillips-MEET Club 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 4; Art Club 3,4; Football 1; 2nd Honors 3,4. "You only live once - but if you work it right, once is enough."

Tyler Pierce—Cross Country 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Track 2. "The ice in my teeth keeps the crystal cold, "-Young Buck

Sean Plott-Chess Club 1,2,3; Math Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Science Club 4; Student Success Center 3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4; National Merit Semi Finalist 4; Gary Batz Mathematics Award 3. "A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him, I may think aloud."

Senior















Thien-An Nguyen-Vu

Philip Nolte

Mike O'Brien

Sean Owens

Jeff Owsley







Matt Paschang



Blake Patti







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Loren Peters



Clinton Phillips



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Matt Powell



Lindsey Prestia



Brian Proulx



Bobby Provost



Ryan Pruitt



Matt Quijas



Mark Rachel



Steve Redmond



John Reintjes



Justin Rethmeyer



Sean Rielley



Cullen Roberts



Brian Sack



Bobby Sauder





David Poppe — National Honors Society 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Swimming 1; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; 1" Honors 1,2,3, "You get on with your search and I'll get on with mine, and maybe someday we will find out that it wasn't really wasted time."-Eagles

Liam Porter—Regis Club 1; Art Club
President 2,3; Football 1; "You go... I go"
Linds Prestia—Intramural Football 3,4;
Intramural Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Intramural
Basketball 4; Kairos Retreat Leader 4;
Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball
1,2,3,4. "Friendship is the hardest thing in
the world to explain. It's not something you
learn in school. But if you haven't learned the
meaning of friendship, you really haven't
learned anything."

Bobby "The Diabetic" Provost—Ultimate Frisbee 1,2: Tech Theater 1,3; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "Must be the diabetes kicking in."

Brian Proulx—Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir brass 1,2,3,4; Pit Orchestra 4; Freshman Retreat 3,4; Freshman Orientation 3,4; Ice Hockey 1,2,3; French Award 2; Ignatian Honors 1,2,3,4; National Merit Commended Student 3; Alternate All-District Jazz Trombone 4. "Life is a lot like math in that it has both rational and irrational parts. And integers."

Mark Rachel—Latin Club 1,4; Greek Club 3,4; National Honors Society 3,4; National Latin Exam 1Gold, 1 Silver; Greek Blue Ribbon. "All I know is I know nothing."-Socrates

Steve Redmond—SADD 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4. "The greatest gifts God has given me are resilience and understanding."

John Reintjes — Regis Club 2,3,4; FCA 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; 2^{sd} Honors 1,2,3,4. "You think you're too cool for school... well I have a news flash for you Walter Cronkite... you aren't."

Justin Rethmeyer—Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Debate/ Forensics 1,2,3;4; Freshman Retreat Leader 3,4; SGA 4; Freshman Retreat Grounds Crew 2; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4; Ignatian Honors 1; First Honors 2,3,4; "Bus ride to Iowa: \$20. Dinner in Des Moines: \$10. Poster Board: \$0.99. Getting Al Sharpton in the White House: Priceless."

Sean Rielley—Pro-Life Club 2,3,4; Football 1; Tennis 2,3; Magis Award 3. "Jesus, 1 trust in you."

Cullen A. Roberts—Science Club 4; Debate Club 4; SPA 2; TIE 1; Senior Brother Program 4; Soccer 1,2; Cross Country 3; R-Award 3; Rochester Book Award for Excellence in Humanities 3. "That no book remain unwritten; that no passage written remain unread."

Brian Sack—Ultimate Frisbee Club 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Regis Club 1,2; Intramurals, 2,3,4 Freshman Retreat Groundskeeper 2; Wrestling 2; Honor Roll 2,3,4; National Merit Commended Student 3 "The more I learn, the more I realize how little I know."

Seniors

Collin Schaible-Regis Club 1; Freshman Retreat 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Lacrosse 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among High-School Students 3; "When we share our joys, they become greater, and when we share our sorrows, they become lesser."

Michael Schuckman - Freshman Retreat 3,4 Pastoral Council 4; Golf Club President 3; Intramurals 2; Lacrosse 1,2 "You know, this place isn't so bad after all... most of the time." Nik Schuetz -- Hacky-Sack 1,2,3,4; French Club 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Lacrosse 1; Ultimate Frisbee 2.3.4: "I only hate 2 things; people who hate things, and hypocrites.

Martin Schneider - Bike Club 3.4 Assistant President/Co-Founder; Art Club Secretary 3: Soccer 1; "You know what would make the drive to Colorado better? No Kansas.

John Schumacher-Golf Club V.P. 3: Ecology Club 1,2,3,4; Intramural Basketball 1.2.3,4: Rockfest 4; Lacrosse 1; "You're my Boy Blue, now give me the flu." -Will Farrell Kevin Shea-Latin Club 2; Personal Finance and Investment Club 3; Pep Band 1,2 Cross Country 3.4: Perfect Attendance 2.3 "Follow the road less traveled

John Siedlik-Soccer 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4 "Worrying is like a rocking chair. Sure it gives you something to do, but you don't go anywhere

Zachary Shelton-Basketball 1: Track 1: Football Manager 1,2,3 "The true sign of a man with class and character is not the amount of dollar bills they have at the end of the day, but the number of people that have enjoyed his company.

David Smith-SPA 4: Cross-Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,4; Ignatian Honors 3; "So Mrs. Lincoln, other then that, what did you think of the play?"

Eric Snyder-Ultimate Frisbee Captain 1,2,3,4; Co-Chairman Freshman Retreat 2,3,4; French Club 1,2; Chapel Choir 2; Varsity Singers 3,4; R-Award 3

Paul South-Latin Club 2; Pep Band 3,4; Honor Roll 3.4; Model UN 4; Perfect Attendance 2; "I've learned a few things in my life; never play cards with a man who shares a name with a city, never date a woman with a tattoo of a dagger, never make a bet with someone about time travel, because they could be from the future."



Collin Schaible



Alex Schieber



Martin Schneider



Michael Schuckman



Nik Schuetz



Dayne Sharbel-Phillips



Kevin Shea



Zach Shelton



John Shumacher



John Siedlik



Andree Silvers



Matt Sirna



David Smith-





Eric Snyder



Paul South



Noah Sparks



Grant Spiking



Matt Stadler



Charlie Stoops

Favorite Student Car

- 1. Martin Schneider-Chevy Suburban 28%
- 2. Andrew Ford-1968 Chevy Nova 24%
- 3. Chris Camarena-Acura R-Type 18%
- 4. Jason Ashner-BMW M3 18%
- Brian Illig-Denali 12%

FavoriteTV Show

- Chappelle's Show 33%
- 2. The Simpsons 30%
- 3. The O.C. 20%
- 4. The Real World 10%
- 5. South Park 7%

Out of 177 seniors polled

Class of 04







Aaron Stupica



Dennis Sullivan



Ryan Summers



Tony Temple



Richard Thomas III



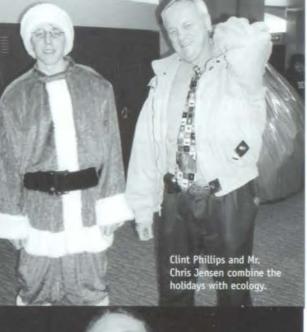
Matthew Towner

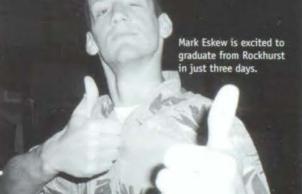


David Trotter



Pat Tweedy







Jason Tomlin



Anthony Trakas



Brian Trowman



Kyle Van Buskirk

Noah Sparks — "Once alive to see his past, now dead to see his future."

Grant Spiking — Flying Club President 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,"It's not about if you fall, it's about if you get back up."

Matthew David Stadler—Spanish Club 2,3,4; Herpetology 3; Freshman Refreat Leader 4; Quarry Yearbook Assistant Editor 4; Lacrosse 1,2; "Eagles may fly, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines."

Joseph Earl Strain—Lacrosse 1; Football 1; "I was walking down the street one day, and I ran into a wise man. He said 'Hello, young man.' Then I said, 'The diggy doggy'."

Aaron Stupica—FCA 1,2,3,4; SADD 2,3,4 Tech Crew, 3,4; NHS 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4

Dennis Sullivan—Quarry Yearbook Student Life Editor 3; Classics Club 1,2; Hockey 1,2, 3,4; Lacrosse 1; Tennis 3; Magis Honors 1,2,3,4 "Wisdom too often never comes, and so one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late."

Ryan Patrick Summers—Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3; Amnesty International 2,3; NHS 3,4; Prep News 2,3,4; Fencing Club 2,3; Paintball Club 1,2,3; Principal's Honors 1,2,3,4; Best Page award (in newspaper) 3,4 "I am the way I am because you made me that way."

Trey Thomas—Latin Club 1,2; NHS 3,4; Freshman Retreat 3; Photography Club 4; Football 1,2; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4 Cum Laude on National Latin Exam; "Yesterday everything was going too fast; today, It's moving too slow."

Matthew Towner—Pep Band 1,2,3; Senior Jazz Ensemble 2,3,4, Wrestling 1, Honor Roll 3,4; "Don't think you can. Know you can."

David Trotter—Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "David: Hey look we can see the capito!! Nick: We're not in Topeka!" David: ...of Missouri."

Brian Trowman—Football 2,3,4 "If you chase two rabbits, you will eatch none."

Patrick Tweedy—Cross Country 1,2,3,4;

Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4 "Do I know what I'm going to do today? No. But, I'm here, and I'm gonna give it my best shot." - Hansel (professional male model)

Seniors

Kyle Van Buskirk-Spirit Club 4; Yell Leader 4; Volleyball 4; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1; "We've got no food, we've got no jobs ... our pets' heads are fallin' off.

Jonathan Vigliaturo—Flying Club 1,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Paintball Club 1; Bowling Club 2; SPA 4; NHS 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3; Ignatian Honors 3,4 Matt Vaughan-Flying Club 1,2; Regis Club 3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Drama Club 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Lacrosse 1,2; 1st Honors 4; "Desire. Discipline. Dedication.

Lucas Villanueva-RHS Drama-Main stage 1.2.3.4; RHS Drama-Student Productions 1,2,3. "The measure of a man is not his accomplishments, but his attitude towards achievement of his goals

Vincent Wagner-Forensics 1,2, Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Theatre Council 2,3,4; Choir Council 3,4; Varsity Singers 3,4; District Music Competition 1,2,3; State Music Competition 3 Brian Walden-Choir 1,2,3,4; Chapel Choir 2,3,4; Varsity Singers 4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Bowling Club 2, Drama 2,4; Basketball Manager, 1,2; NHS 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Choir Spirit Award 3; "Your head has ears of logic, but your heart has ears of faith. Harness both and you will be able to get through many difficult times. Brian Ward-Spanish Club 3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Hockey 1,2,3,4 Football 1; Second Honors 3,4; "Don't let academics get in the way of your education."

David Ward-Hockey Captain 1,2,3,4; Spanish club 3,4; Football 1; Tennis 1,2

Stephen Weiss-Paintball Club President 2.3: Wiffle Ball Club Co-President 4; Freshman Retreat 3; Big Brothers 3; Volleyball Club President 4; Football 1; Lacrosse 1,2,3,4 "Respect isn't free, so don't expect not to work for it."

Todd Whitaker-Spirit Club 3,4; NHS 4; Intramural Volleyball 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Wrestling 1; Ignatian Honors 3; "Contrary to popular belief the most dangerous animal in the world is not the lion, tiger or bear. It is an elephant with a shark riding on top, trampling and eating everything in it's path. "-Crocodile Hunter















Matthew Vaughan

Jon Vigliaturo

Lucas Villanueva

Joseph Wagner

Vincent Wagner















David Ward



Stephen Weiss







Todd Whitaker



Danny White



Tanner White



Tommy Whitehead







Luke Wiedeman



Reeves Wiedeman



Michael Wiggins



Joey Williams



John Wilson



John Winget



Sam Woodell



Nick Worley



Thomas Wytock



Craig Young



Alex Zasadny



Daniel Zinser



Tom Wiedeman—SPA 3, 4; NHS 3,4; Prep News 4; Wind Ensemble 1,2; Model UN 3; Jazz Band 3; Tennis 1,2,3; Cross Country 1; National-Merit Semifinalist 4; Journalism award 3; "Remember, hope is a good thing, maybe the

best of things, and no good thing ever dies."-Andy Dufrane

Michael Wiggins — Spanish Club President 1,2,3,4; SADD 2,3,4; Regis Club 1,2; Bowling Club 2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Track 1; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Brian Bolden Memorial Soccer Award 4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4. "If the fruit tastes good but you bleed after eating it, you've got to dine elsewhere."

Joey Williams—Bowling Club 3; Art Club 4; Football 1,4 Soccer 2,3; Baseball 1; Disc Golf Club 2,3,4. "No, seriously...go back to Wyandotte."

John Wilson—Regis Club 2; Football 1,2,3
"My milkshake brings all the boys to the yard, and they're like... It's better then yours...DARN RIGHT IT'S BETTER THEN YOURS."

John Winget—Ultimate Frisbee 3,4; Classics Club 1; Photography Club 2; SADD 3; "At first the weather was fine and still."

Sam Woodell—Soccet 1,2,3,4 "There are three ingredients to the good life: learning, yearning, and earning."

Nick Worley – Regis Club 1; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2; Spanish Club 3; Rock Collection 4; "All things must pass."

Thomas P. Wytock—Track 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Math Club 1,2; Science Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4 Cross Country 1,2; "I ain't got no time for no tricks."

Craig Young—Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 2,3,4; "What's wrong with being happy?" Alex Zasadny—Swimming 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4. "Q-How do you eat an elephant? A-One bite at a time."

Daniel Zinser—Varsity Basketball Manager 2,3,4; Football 1; "Every thug needs a lady."



Miguel Mejia and Theresa Vandenboom.

Last dance means that Rockhurst time is over

IT WAS A NIGHT!

WILL REMEMBER

WHENEVER I LOOK

BACK AT MY TIME AT

THE ROCK.

The Class of 2004 gathered for a final hurrah April 30 at the Doubletree Hotel. The evening kicked off in the Rose Theater with pre-prom introductions and pictures, and continued on to the

Doubletree for dinner and dancing.

"Pre-prom was really a lot of fun," said senior Tim Herbers. "Its cool to see everyone's dates introduced as they are."

The seniors and their dates had a surprisingly tasty buffet dinner at the Doubletree. After eating, the seniors kicked up their heels and danced the night away, or at least until the DJ stopped playing at 12:00—an hour earlier than in the past. This was due to the large amount of

seniors who had been leaving at the early dismissal time.

"The earlier dismissal worked pretty well," said

Mr. Heringer, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. "There was a good number of couples still on the dance floor at the end of the night."

The main goal of the night's events was to pro-

vide a good, safe time for all the seniors. The buffet dinner went over well, and most remained on the dance floor as long as the DJ played.

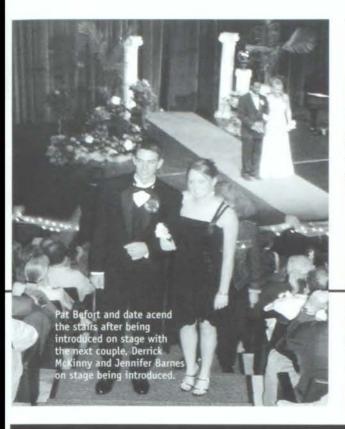
"We got a lot of compliments on how well everything went this year," said Mr. Heringer. "Students especially liked the food and music."

It was clear to all involved why Prom is considered by many to be the defining moment of senior year and, for some, high school in general.

"It was great to spend one last night with the guys and girls I've spent the last four

years with," said senior Jamie Maggard. "It was a night that I will remember whenever I look back on my time at the Rock." Story by Ted Ginder

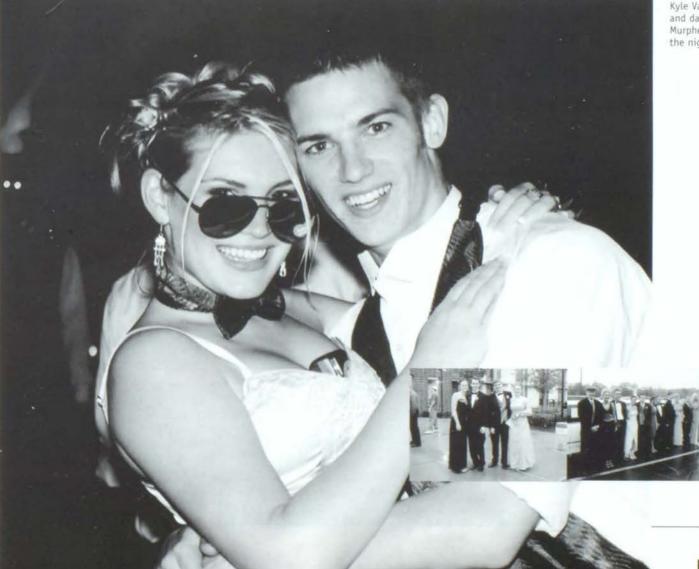
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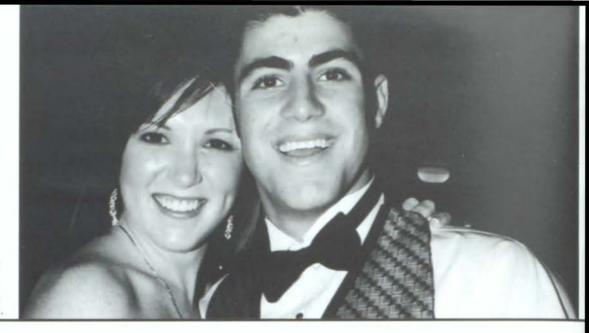


Tommy Whitehead, James Ice and Ben Morrison take a break from dancing to pose for the camera; Nick Maese and John Mumford enjoy a good laugh.





Kyle Van Buskirk and date Kelly Murphey dance the night away.



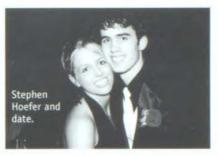
Ryan Bennett poses with his date on the dance floor of the Doubletree Hotle Ballroom

When it's all done, all we have is who we are;













Pat Befort, Stephanie Cashen, Derrick McKinney, Carly McClelland, Collin Schaible, Nicki Fagan, Michael Wiggins, and Sarah Peters have a photo in front of the fountain before prom. Steve Welsh, and John Garlich crack a smile before dinner.



and we make all the difference.



Clint Phillips and Joey Wagner escort their dates from the Rose Theater where they were introduced to parents and friends.



Pat Befort and his date pose in front of the Fountain on Ward Parkway.



Rockhurst produces more potential men for others

The stage was set at Municipal Auditorium on May 27 for the graduation of the Class of 2004. 243 seniors began their final day as Rockhurst students with exercises begun with the Baccalaureate thanking the parents for their "patience, profes-

Mass celebrated by Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, RHS President.

After Mass, seniors and their families gathered in Bartle Hall for the Graduation Brunch.

"The food was questionable, but the little pastry R's were cool," said Joe Myers. "It was also a good opportunity to spend time with my family and the rest of the class."

While the rest of the families finished brunch, the Class of 2004 gathered to play hackey-sack, talk, and begin lining up for the Commencement Ceremony.

Senior Jeff Owsley, recipient of the Carl G. Kloster, SJ, Spe-

cial-R Award, recounted his four years at RHS, citing many great experiences and filling the seniors with vivid memories. He noted the progression of

the class, from their "gutless" behavior as freshman to their many accomplishments as seniors.

Fr. Baum gave his message to the graduates,

sionalism, and dedication," and the faculty for all their hard work. In his blessing to the graduates, he referred to them as the "newest of Ignatius' sons," and challenged them to "go set the world on fire."

Principal David Laughlin compared each graduates to Ignatius himself. He spoke about using one's gifts to be of service to the world and challenged the graduates to develop their gifts in the years to come.

After each senior received his diploma and processed out of the auditorium, Brandon Doherty led the class in one final cheer. The sound of boom-

ing Rockhurst cheers echoed through the building. The Class of 2004 entered at noon as students, and left alumni. Story by Matt Paschang

BEGAN THEIR FINAL DAY AS ROCKHURST

STUDENTS...

243 SENIORS



Jeff Owsley gives his graduation speech to those gathered. David Blake is given his Alumni Pin as he shakes Mr. Gus Sonnenberg's hand.





Mr. David Laughlin, Mr. Larry Ruby, Fr. John Callahan,SJ, Mr. Gus Sonnenberg, and Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ, look on as the RHS Class of 2004 is seated.



The final Rockhurst cheer, has become a tradition with the graduates, following the ceremony.

... it is well ...



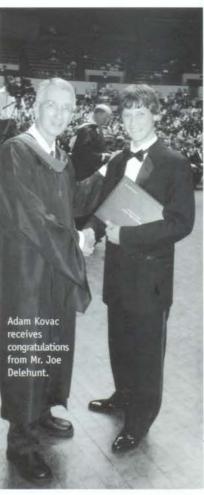


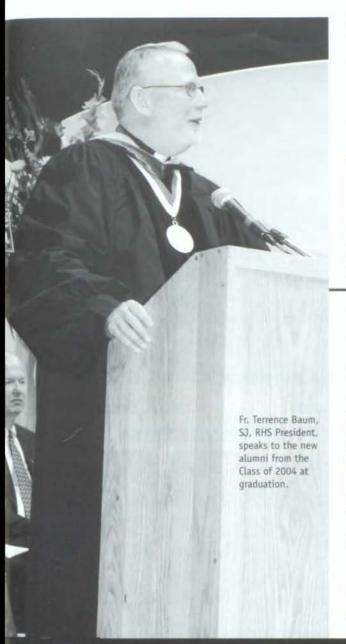
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Chris Muller, the alum, returns to his seat after graduating from Rockhurst High School.





Mr. David Laughlin, RHS Principal, reminds the seniors of their potential. Mr. David Alvey, Dean of Student bids farewekk to Andrew Ford.

my brothers carry on.



Brandon Doherty takes his shirt off to lead his classmates in the the Rock cheer one last time in the lobby of the Municipal Auditorium.



Carl G. Kloster, SJ, Special R-Award



Alex Fontana

Senior Class Award of Excellence



Anthony Dayrit

Jesuit Secondary **Education Award**



Jeff Owsley Perfect Attendance All Four Years





Seth Correa, Sean Flanagan, Jimmy Miller

The award recipients

reshmen R- Award Winners

Senior R-Award Winners



Mark Fowler, Colin Cicchetti



KNEELING: Brian Cotroneo, Alex Fontana, Brandon Doherty, Jimmy Chalmers, Chris Kennaley, Brett King, Justin Rethmeyer, Joe Myers, Cullen Roberts, Jonathan Vigliaturo STANDING: Mike Adkins, Jim Barnes, Adam Davis, Jack Cupples, Anthony Dayrit, Ted Caster, Marc Eskew, Pat Hagerty, Stephen Hoefer, Joel Hodes, Jeff Keeling, Thien-An Nguyen-Vu, Jeff Owsley, Mike Kelly, Ian Murphy, Kevin Morris, Brian Trowman, Vince Wagner, Michael Schuckman, John Schumacher, Anthony Trakas, Eric Snyder.

Sophomore R-Award Winners



Joss Tillard-Gates, Christopher Nauser, Patrick McShane, Michael Stingo, Alex Dunsford, Brian Noland. NOT PICTURED: Colin Fewell, Michael Sandridge.

Junior R-Award Winners



KNEELING: Jason Crain, Matt Neff, Anthony Modica, Steve Isom, Jack Shuer, Jeff Herrera, STANDING: Andrew Blackwell, John Bickimer, Pat Curran, Sean Comiskey, John Marrin, Jon Dandurand, Patrick Casey, Reid Martin, Julian Rivera.



Special R-Award recipients, Jeff Owsley, Anthony Dayrit and Alex Fontana pose with their parents and administration.



Jeff Owsley hugs his mom after receiving the Jesuit Secondary Education Award.



Fr. Terrence A. Baum, SJ, President of Rockhurst High School, praises the students who have worked up to their potential.

Brandon David Doberty

You have become a wonderful young man. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May all of your dreams come true. We love you, Mom, Jeff, Stevie & Daryn



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Dennis Sullivan



Dear Dennis,

You've grown to be a caring and fine young man. The success you've enjoyed in your classwork and sports reflects your perseverance and all the hard work you do that makes us so proud. Keep believing in yourself and take pride in all that you have achieved. You have enjoyed great friendships and the love of a caring family. Best of luck as you move on in life. The road will rise to meet you because you rise to every occasion and challenge. We love you and are so proud of you.

> Love, Mom and Dad

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When you find a dream inside your heart don't ever let it go ... For dreams are the tiny seeds from which tomorrows grow...

We are so proud of you and wish you an exciting journey.

Our love always, Mom, Dad, Scott and Katie



Anthony Charles Neff

Tony,

You can reach to any heights you want.

We are proud of you and all your accomplishments.

> We love you, Mom and Dad



Grant Spiking

Grant,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at the Rock, but most of all we are proud of the person you are.

We're blessed to have you as a part of our family. Never forget how much you are loved.

It's time to take off and fly! All of our love.

Mom, Dad, & Courtney



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Congratulations! You did it!

We are very proud of you.

We love you always.

Mom, Dad, Michael and Patrick



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WAY TO GO, MAX!

We love you,

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J.T.,

LIVE THE FOURTH!

Make a Difference



Congratulations! Love, Dad, '66, and Mom Michaela and Sean

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Pat Laughlin

Pat,

You have worked so hard and accomplished so much. We couldn't be more proud. May you always have that tender heart. Good luck in all that you do.

Love, Mom & Dad



Joseph Strain

We love you and are very proud of you.

Congratulaions on your graduation.

Love and God Bless, Mom and Dad



Andrew Ford

Andrew, Congratulations on four great years at Rockhurst! As you cruise off into the world, know that we're very proud of the man you've become. We treasure the joy you bring into our lives and truly appreciate your outstanding taste in vehicles.

All our love, Mom, Dad & Katie



Brian Illig

Brian,

There is a vast, challenging world out there waiting for you!! Go out, spread your wings and conquer the world. We are so proud of the bright, funny, interesting young man you have become! We love you unconditionally!! Love.

Mom, Dad, and Michael (2002)



Ian Michael Murphy



Follow your dream!

Love always,

Mom and Mary Kate

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Seth Correa



Seth. You have always taken center stage. We are so proud of you! Love. Mom and Dad

J.D.

We're so proud of what you have accomplished, already. Keep reaching for the stars! Love, Mom & Dad



Ted Caster

We're pleased and proud to be parents of a Rockhurst graduate.

And a year early at that! Make the most of life.

> Love, Mom and Dad



Williams



Joey, We are proud of you! May God continue to bless you and keep you safe & happy.

Love, Mom & Josh

John Garlich



"We just don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take us or spare us." -Marcel Proust

We are so proud of what a great young man you have become. Just like the genie that popped out of the magic lamp, you have granted our family three wishes: Love, happiness and pride; the love of a wonderful son and brother, the happiness that you bring to our lives and the pride from seeing you grow and

accomplish your goals. Your humor, your zest for life and your tenacity have made the last four years memorable and joyous.

You are about to embark on four of the greatest years of your life. You will attack college with the same enthusiasm and energy that you displayed at Rockhurst. Wisdom is discovered, not merely in the

classroom but in the total environment of college. Seek it out. We will miss you every day. But we will also be enriched by seeing your new world through your young eyes.

We are all excited for you. Mom, Jeni and I wish you the best. We love you.

Dad, Mom and Jeni

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You have always given us joy and we are so very proud of you. As you embark on the path you have chosen to achieve your life's goals, know that we will always be there for you; And that wherever life takes you, you will be forever loved. Knock their socks off at West Point!

> Love. Mom, Dad & Sean

Marc Antonio Eskew

Marc.



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As you graduate, know that we are proud of every step you've taken, of everything you've learned. And no matter where life may lead you, we will always love and support you every step of the way! God bless you in all that you do. Love.

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Bryan Francis Murphy

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You have set your goals high and we know you will be successful. Keep up the good work. Have fun and remember you will be missed at home. Dad, Mom, Corey, Kelley,



Erin, Kyle and Kristen

Alex Zasadny

There are only two lasting bequests that we can hope to give you; One is roots and the other

Follow your dreams



Michael Nikolaus Lewer

Bob Dylan-Forever Young

May God bless you and keep you always,

May your wishes all come true, May you always do for others And let other do for you. May you build a ladder to the stars And climb on every rung, May you stay forever young. May you grow up to be righteous, May you grow up to be true, May you always know the truth And see the lights surrounding you. May you always be courageous, Stand upright and be strong, May you stay forever young. May your hands always be busy, May your feet always be swift, May you have a strong foundation When the winds of changes shift. May your heart always be joyful, May your song always be sung,

May you stay forever young.



With Our Love and Best Wishes Mom. Dad. Nicole. Chance and Snickers

"Carpe Diem"

Joseph Anthony DeCapo



"May your heart always play a song of joy, and when there are tears, may they nourish the seeds of your dreams so that they grow into reality." -Author Unknown

We are so proud of all of your accomplishments. We know there are many more ahead of you. Dad, Mom, Matt & Lynn

Joe Kelly Calboun



Your wonderful smile and personality are your blessings. Let them always shine.

We love you so much and are very proud of all your accomplishments.

Wishing you all things good, Dad, Mom, Sarah, John, Jason

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Mike O'Brien

"It's a good lad you are. They'll be writing songs about you someday."

The road will...rise to meet you...

Love, Mom, Dad, Pat & Danny



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You always make us laugh! We are so proud of you. Work hard and set your goals high.

Love. Mom, Dad, Andrew & Katie



Craig Young

Sharing your life has been our greatest joy. We are very proud of you. Always remember to keep you chin up and smile!

Love. Mom, Dad, & Kyle



Trey Thomas

It's time to head out and take care of business. Good luck in college.

Love Mom & Dad, Lauren, Brad & Duncan



Brian P.Gramlich

Brian
Congratulations!
Follow your dreams.
We will always be
there for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sarah and Paige



Justin Rethmeyer

Justin, We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Jasmine



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Tanner White

Looking through some photographs
I found inside a drawer
I was taken by a photograph of you
There were one or two I knew you
would have liked a little more
But they didn't show your spirit quite as true
-Jackson Browne
Wishing you happiness and success. We love you.
Mom and Dad



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> Love. Mom and Dad





Tony L. Temple II

You can never meet everyone's expectations. It's hard enough to meet your own.

We are very proud of you. Now suck it up! Love Mom, Drew, Dad



Matt McKibbin

Matt.

You always had your own way of looking at things. Now, engage your passions and live your dreams. Remember, believe in yourself and stay true to what you know is right.

God Bless you always. We love you & are very proud of you.

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Thomas, The wind serves only those who have set their sails.

Love, Mom, Dad, Julie & Michael



Benjamin Neenan



Ben,
You were a boy that made
us smile and now are truly
"a man for others."
We're proud of you and
love you forever.
Mom, Dad, Matthew
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JOE,
We are so proud of You!

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James,

Now that you have the achieved the first step on your ladder, keep striving to reach the top, for there are many more rungs to come.

Congratulations! We love you, Mom and Dad



Andree M. Silvers Jr.

Congratulations, Andree M. Silvers Jr.!

A.J., We're Proud of you! Love. Grandma Bettye, Grandpa Jim, Grandma Van & **Uncle Stanley**



John Reintjes



John, As you move forward toward your goal, remember... We are all beside you!!! We love you, Mom, Dad, Robert, Kathryn, Paul and Michael

Andree M. Silvers Jr.



Congratulations, A.J.! You've made us so proud. The world is yours.

Seize the oppurtunities and run with them. We love you, Mom, Anthony and Christopher Brett King

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young; compassionate with the aged; sympathetic of the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these." -- George Washington Carver

Brett we are so proud of the young man you have become. Strive to always be and do your best.

We'll love you forever.

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Justin,

We are so very proud of you!

God Bless you and be with you always!

Love Mom & Dad



Steve Welsh

You started your disguise with bar-b-que goggles and graduated to a poker face in Texas Hold 'em. We hope your life is a flush.

Love, Mom and Dad



Mark Joseph Rachel

Dear Mark, Kram, Mark Jophus, Swedish Chef, Nicholas Simonie, Leonardo, Markus, Markel, Marker, Fro Bro, Golden Boy, Big Marks, Biffo, Old Rache,

> You make us proud! Mom, Dad and Claire



John Parsons

From your 1st day of school to your last ... you've made it a blast!

Congratulations, graduate! Love & Kisses. Dad, Mom, Rhett, Alexis, Dolly, Whitty & BOEY!



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Life has always been even more fun since you came into our lives!

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way.

Colossians 1:9-10

We love you, Jed, and we look forward to what lies ahead!

Dad, Mom, Greer and Blair

Jimmy Chalmers

Jimmy,
The future lies before you
With all God holds in store;
You have made some great achievements,
Yet life holds so much more.
Remember,
God walks with you;
And God's blessings you will receive
As you let him plan your journey...
As you trust him and believe.



We love you, Mom, Dad, Brian, Lauren and Kelsey

Matt Jianas



Matt, Thanks for the great memories.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Courtney, Michael and Tessa

Matthew Kincaid

Matthew,

Always stand up for your beliefs. Follow your conscience, be honorable, live by your principles. Have the courage to do what is right and to try new things even when it is hard. Always do your best, persevere, make all you do worthy of pride. Remember your prayers.

We love you and are so very proud of you.

God bless, Mom & Dad



Nick Jackson

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. -Emerson

To our beautiful red headed boy on graduating high school. Since your car wheeled into this world, you have been a joy! Continue to work hard and learn new things everyday. You know that happiness and success in life is easy if you keep good friends and family around you.

Always have music in your life and don't forget to have a pup as good as Ginger and Maddie!

Love, Mom, Dad and Lindsay









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May your love for words stay with you all your life. We love you and are so proud of you.

Dad, Mom, and David



John Currigan Krebs

John,
You fill our lives with so much
happiness, love, and laughter.
Congratulations on four great years at RHS!
And as you face the unknown...
just remember to smile and nod.

Love, Mom, Ray and Allison





Pat Hagerty



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN EVERYTHING YOU DO!!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
KEEP WORKING(AND PLAYING) HARD!
WE LOVE YOU!

Dad, Mom, Granny Dorothy, Grandad Don, and Grandma Pat

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Born in the winter, you were always like a refreshing breath of Spring--full of wonder and energy and light.
Congratulations to you now and forever...

Love, Mom & the family



Jeff Owsley

Yesss!

You made it, Jeff. You will always be our Mighty Tiger! We love you, Dad, Mom, Greg and Kevin



Nicholas Scott Jones

Congratulations, Nick!

You have so many gifts of humor, loyalty, sensitivity, strength of character, integrity, helpfulness and growing self-assurance. We are so excited for this new milestone in your life and can't believe the little boy in the picture is graduating from high

school. We love you dearly and remind you unutterably.....we pray for His special graces as you face the exciting challenges ahead. Love.

Your family: Dad, Diane, Alex, Pat, Gabriel and Nathanael



Patrick and Michael



Patrick and Michael, friends since kindergarten.
You have always taken "the path less chosen."
Thanks for keeping us "on our toes!" There has never been a dull moment in the past 13 years, and we would not have had it any other way!
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John,

We are so proud of you and know you are ready for whatever life brings-in college and beyond. Our love is with you always, wherever you go...Congratulations!



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Seamus, You have always kept us laughing, and we hope you'll keep the world in good humor, too, as you make your mark in it.

> Love, Mom, Dad, Sean (RHS 2001)



Brian Sack

Brian, We are so very proud of you, and love you with all our hearts!

Your Parents



Dylan Avery Aldrich



Wherever life takes you, know that we are there for you. Love you, D!

Mom, Dad, Amy, Sally, Nana, Gaga, and Homer S .- "D'OH!"

Ryan Patrick Summers

You've always believed in yourself and followed your own path. We're very proud of everything you have accomplished. We wish you peace, happiness, success & most of all....

Love!

Mom & Dad, Stephen & Christen





John Giunta

John,

May your roads always lead you to success and happiness.
We are proud of all that you have accomplished, and are blessed to have you in our lives.
Good luck always.

Love always, Dad, Mom, Christina and Demoan

Matt Stadler

Live with intention.

Walk to the edge.

Listen hard.

Practice wellness.

Play with abandon.

Laugh.

Choose to learn.

Continue to learn.

Appreciate your friends.

Do what you love.

Live as if this is all there is.

-Mary Ann Radmacher

You will always be my hero!

Love, Mom



Stephen Bowers

Congratulations Stephen! You've had a wonderful four-year experience.

As you move on, remember to set your sights high, follow your heart and realize your dreams.

We're proud of you, son. Love. Mom, Dad, Alex and Amanda



Alex Schieber

All your life, you were only waiting for this moment to arrive...

You make us proud. Continue to work hard and grow. We love you!

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Congratulations on your great four years at the Rock! As you continue life's journey keep God in your heart, treasure your family and friends, and believe in yourself. Mom, Dad, & Laura



Joseph Scott Knackstedt

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams...."

Eleanor Roosevelt

We have seen the beauty of your dream and we believe in you! We are so proud you and all you have accomplished so fe We can't wait to see where your dreams take you next.

> Love always-Dad, Mom and Beka



David Poppe

"Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!"
-Dr. Suess
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"The pessimist complains about the wind;
The optomist expects it to change;
The leader adjusts the sails."
You're at the helm, Sean. Go for it!

Love always, Mom, Dad, Bryan, Kevin



J.D. Corless

I.D .-

We always knew you were a "SuperKid" and that some day you would really fly! You've made us so proud. Keep reaching for the stars!

> Love, Dad, Mom and Chris



Chris Kennaley



Chris,
Some of the world's greatest athletes have
topped long careers by carrying this Olympic
Torch. You were just getting started! We are so
very proud of you and all that you have
accomplished.
Love, Mom, Dad, Katie, Kimberly



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Marc Albers

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." -Thoreau



Marc, we have been blessed with your smile, charm and fun loving spirit.

As you go forward in life believe in yourself and your dreams will come true.

We pray for God to be with you always.

We love you and are behind you all the way.

Mom, Dad, Doug & Megan

Matt Towner

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you've imagined."

-Thoreau

Matt, you make us proud. Love always, Mom, Dad and Michelle



Todd Whitaker



What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters, compared to what lies within us.

-Fmerson

You've been a wonderful son! We're proud of you and love you very much! Mom, Dad, Lauren, and Beth

Joseph An Le

May God be with you and Bless you. May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward. We are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad,

Mary and Martin



Eric Snyder

Dance as though you no one is watching you.

Love as though you have never been hurt. Sing as though no one can hear you. Live as though heaven is on earth. Enjoy the journey...remember the "precious cargo." Love, Mom



C.J. Cornwell



Dearest CJ,

You have learned about your faith, friendships and intellectual pursuits, but most importantly you have grown to be an honorable, loving and compassionate man of whom we are extremely proud. Your unique blend of spiritual values, academic interests and plain old fun assures us that our wonderful son has begun the journey down the road to becoming a morally principled, bright, kind and loving man. Stay passionate about life and your faith. There will always be roadblocks, but you've learned that obstacles can be overcome.

We will love you always and forever.

All our love, Mom and Dad

We know you're glad you went to Rockhurst and

we always knew you'd look good in a tuxedo!

Michael David Schuckman

Congratulations!!!

All your hard work has certainly paid off. Now you start down your new road and we are right there to support you. Remember to keep that sense of humor. You'll need it. Never let that fade. Remember to keep your faith and make it the center of all you do. You'll need that, too. Grow in your faith and God will watch over you always.

Fantastic Job!



Good luck, and God bless you, Michael. Love, Mom, Dad, Suzie, & Uncle Ted

CYO 2003 and 2004 Champions



Top row: Coach Hinck, Dennis Bischel, Linds Prestia, Michael Hinck, Charles Stoops, Pat McCann, Zach McCracken, Coach Dunn. Bottom row: Joe Dunn, Jon Adrain, Anthony Dayrit, Sam Nachbar.

Dynasty (n.):A powerful group or family that maintains its position for a considerable time.

Mitchell Alexander Miguel

"As above, so below."

God is always:
Before you
Behind you
Beside you
Beneath you
Above you
All around you
and
Within you.







To your Health, Love, and Prosperity.

We love you, we believe in you, and we are proud of you.

Daddy, Mommy, Mae-an and May-may

Joey Geisel

We are so proud of you, Joe. Go get em' PUP!

> Love, Den, Mom, Jessie, Sam and Meg



Dennis Bichsel



Dennis,
May you have a world of
wishes at your command. God
and his angles close to hand.
Friends and family their love
impart, an Irish blessing in
your heart!
We're very proud of you, Den!

Love Mom and Dad

Aaron Stupica



Aaron,

Your smile and twinkling eyes light up our lives. We are proud of the compassionate, caring young man you have grown into. You have truly become a 'man for others' at the Rock. You will continue to light up the world. God bless you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Kim & Kristen

Kyle Michael Hunt

God gave us a special gift, we will always cherish, the day you came into our lives.
And while we realize your road has not always been smooth, you have always managed to make us so very proud.
Congratulations on your many accomplishments!!!
Also understand, this is the beginning of a



new chapter in your life. Consider your options, then live your dreams. Know we will always be there and always wish you the very best. The many talents God has blessed you with, will help you succeed.

As a favor to us, let us often see your smile, it truly brightens the day.

WE LOVE YOU, Mom & Dad Travis, Garrett & Kasey

Sam Klos

"May the good Lord be with you Down every road you roam And may sunshine and happiness Surround you when you're far from home And may you grow to be proud Dignified and true And do unto others As you'd have done to you Be courageous and be brave And in my heart you'll always stay Forever Young, Forever Young."

Sam, we are so very proud of you. Love, Maggie, Mom & Dad



Dane Olin Nelson

We are so proud of you.
The future is yours to make your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad, Natalie and Sam



Ben Hodes



We are proud of you, Ben!

Love you, Mom, Dad, Jessi, Emily, Jack & Rose

Matthew Christopher Vaughan

When you wish upon a star, Makes no difference As dreamers do. who are. Anything your heart desires, Will come to you. If your heart is in your dream, No request is too extreme,

When you wish upon a star,

Like a bolt out of the blue Fate steps in and sees you through. When you wish upon a star Your dreams come true. Ned Washington



Congratulations, Matt Love, Mom & Dad

Andrew Holcomi



If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with Kings-nor lose your common tough; If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you; If all men count on you, but none too much; if you can fill the unforgiving moment with sixty seconds worth of distance run--Yours is the earth and everything that's in it, And--what's more--you'll be a man my son! Rudyard Kipling, "If"

Andrew, We wish you all the best, our love and abiding trust will always be with you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Stephanie

Jacob Krouse

Dear Jacob,

You have come a long way and continue to grow. We are so very proud of you!! May you find deep friendships, true happiness and success in your college years and beyond. Follow your heart and do your best---we wish you a wonderful and exciting journey. We will always be here for you. We love you,



Mom, Dad, Jordan, Williams, Daniel--And Remi, Lola, Chili, and Picaso

Christopher Taylor Lippold

"What lies before us, and what lies behind us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us... -Ralph Waldo Emerson

> Chris, We love you! Congratulations! Mom, Katie & Kyle



Jonathan Adrian

Jonathan,

All of our hopes, all of our dreams, and all of our love go with you, wherever your next path takes you. We wish the best for you, because, YOU are the best.

Love and prayers, Mom, Dad, Andrew, and Amanda



Adam Jouras Maib



You came into our world going full speed with a twinkle in those big, dark, beautiful eyes! Today nothing has changed, but you have given us so many memories to look back on, to laugh at and smile about. Your diehard determination and endless energy will serve you well. We know you will always treasure the wonderful experiences you had at Rockhurst. The friends you have made there will be yours for life. We hope the road ahead of you is full of happiness, good friends, love and all the success you've worked so hard to achieve. We are so very proud of you and thank God for bringing you into our lives.

We love you! Mom, Dad, Andrew and Marina

Matthew Cameron Baker

Dear Matthew,

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You have successfully navigated through the unknown to your first major intersection in life. It has gone by so fast. May you always choose the most fulfilling direction throughout life's journey!

We love you always, Mom & Dad & Erica



Joe Myers



I hope you dance....
Go mbeannai Dia is
Mhuire duit.
I love you to the
moon...and back.
Mom



Jason Ashner (J-Mar

May your life be full of dreams, happiness, and love...and may you grow rich with great friends, goals for the future, passion for living and trust in yourself! Wishing you dreams for a beautiful future of success and feeling of confidence and true happiness!

Love Always, your mother Liza & your father Jim

Have Fun! "2004"



Nikolaus Schuetz



Turn off that music and get out of bed! You'll be late! Ear ache? Ear ache, my eye! Get ready for school! Sick? Yeah, you're sick all right! Turn off that music before I clean out your ears with a power drill and force-feed your CD collection down the in-sink-erator! Get out of bed and get ready for school!

Love, Dad, Mom, Molly, Katrina, Emily

Brian Matthew Walden

Drink fully from the 'fountain of life'!
Keep that beautiful smile we love.
You've made us proud.
Congratulations!

Love, Mom & Dad



Mark Crutchfield



You have brought such happiness & love into our lives. Good luck at K-State.We love you. Mom, Dad & Andy

Stephen Daniel Hoefer

Stephen, Continue to put the "pep" into all the lives you touch!

We love you, Mom,Dad, Matt, Scott, John



Derek Geoffrey Cooke



Derek,
"Now this is not the end. It is not even
the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps,
the end of the beginning."

-Winston Churchill

Continue to march to your own drummer.

We love you!

Mom, Dad and Emily

Zach McCracken



Zach,
May you have:
A world of wishes at your command
God and his angels close at hand
Friends and family their love impart,
And Irish blessings in your heart.

-"Irish Blessing"

We love you, and are so very proud of you, and who you have become. We will always be here for you now and forever. Love, Mom, Dad, Lindsay, Daniel, Andrew, and Willa

Sean Ryan Fitzpatrick



...Second star to the right, then straight on 'till morning... we're with you all the way!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jamie, Haley and Joana

Brian J. Cotroneo

From your first day of kindergarten you have made us increasingly proud. While you blaze your next trail remember...

"We love you...take the Angels...and learn something!"

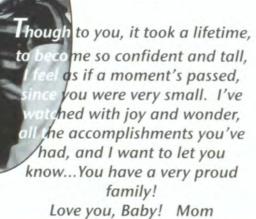
> Mom, Dad, Catherine, Steven & "Lizzie"



Dayne Edward Sharbel-Phillips



"A Man for Others" Solid as a Rock K-47



Charlie Caffrey

Charlie. Always remember...

It's a magical world, ol' buddy,

and, we are very proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jeanne, Leslie, Doug and Annabelle

Ryan Bennett



Ryan.

We are so proud of all your accomplishments, but most of all the person you have become. Always remember: Believe in yourself, remain true to yourself, and follow your dreams.

> We love you, Dad, Mom, Tricia, and Lindsay

Tim Herbers



Once you were a little boy Trying to be a big boy AYA CARUMBA!! Suddenly you were one. Now, suddenly again, you are a man. DOH!!

You can be proud of yourself. You've made us proud of you. Very proud of you. Love.

Dad and Beth

Rory Shane Donohue

Tradition gives depth to a man's mind. It gives him standards to judge by, to live up to. It anchors him to family, to country, to a city, to a people. He will not drift with the tide like a piece of wreckage, he is attached to a ship that has ridden out many a storm and will ride out many more.

Rory. We are in awe at your transition from boyhood to manhood. Use the lessons and principles you have learned and God will Bless and Guide you through life.

We Love you, Mom, Dad and Ryan



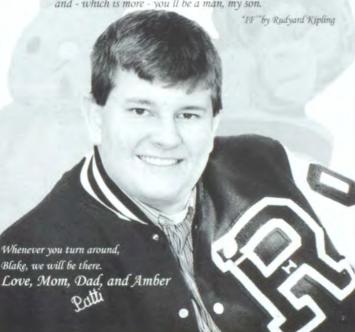
Blake Adam Patti

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master; If you think - and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with TRIUMPH and DISASTER And treat those two imposters just the same;

... yours is the earth and everything that's in it,

and - which is more - you'll be a man, my son.



Michael Dow

Mike.

You have proven that you are no pumpkin head! We are proud of you, and we know that you will do well in college and beyond. Our love and prayers go with you always.

Love you forever, Papa, Mom, and Eliese



Sean Owens



Congratulations, Sean! Strive to build your future with Exciting hopes and dreams, Kairos experiences, Trusting relationships, Strength of character, Beautiful architecture, and Love for the Lord. We are so proud of you! Your Family

Devin Fuchs

Devin, Your positive attitude is an inspiration to us all!

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Nathan, and Clare



Cullen A. Roberts

It is hard to believe you are all grown up! We still remember the day you were born...your many, many trips to the emergency room for more "titches"...your toothless smile for so many years...your incessant questions about science and deadly diseases...your stick collections and yarn webs and maze drawings and popsicle stick sculptures...it is crazy how quickly this life passes us



by, but the memories we hold of our childhood will never leave us. Cull, you are one special kid--the most loving and sincere and passionate and curious person we know...and we love you with all that we are! Many congratulations to you for surviving the Rock! I can't wait to see what is in store for you at Dartmouth and beyond!

It has been so much fun watching you grow up! We can't wait to see what you do in that great big world out there!!!

Leelee, Katers, Mom & Dad

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

Sean, Scott and Michael

We are so proud of you and hope all the best for your bright future. God bless you!

> Love, The Cummings Family





Michael Wiggins



"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail!" -Ralph Waldo Emerson-**Michael.**

We are very proud of you. You have come such a far way way since wanting to become and Ice Cream Truck Driver in Kindergarten!
Love, Mom, Dad & Christopher RHS '00, Slu '04

Kevin C. Morris "BigKMO"



Show me a man who is afraid to dream and I'll show you a man destined for mediocrity. All the Best, Kev! We love you, Mom, Dad, Clare & Danny

Alan Elliot



Dear Alan,
Congratulations and good
luck in college. We're very
proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Nina

Matt Eberle

Congratulations!
We are very proud of you.
You fill our lives with joy.
Keep smiling!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chas,
Elizabeth and Carolyn



Tommy Whitehead

Tommy,
You are an incredible young
man; we are proud of all
your accomplishments!
Always stay true to God and
yourself on your journey.
(Proverbs 3:5-6)
We love you,
Mom & Dad



Matt Sirna

Congratulations Matt!
We are so proud of you
and admire the man you
have become. No matter
where you go, remember
we are always here for you.
Good Luck!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Aaron



Anthony Dayrit

To our dear Anthony,
You filled our lives with
excitement. We are very
proud of you of what you have
become as a 'Man for Others.'
May your new adventures
guide you to reach your goals...



Love, Mom and Dad

Michael James Kelly

Mikey,
May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
and, until we meet again,
May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.
We are so proud of you-Congratulations!
Love Always,

Mom, Dad, Brian and Bridget



Noah Besheer

"There are two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots. The other wings. Noah, We're more proud of you every day. We love you!

Mom, Dad, & Hayley





Jonathon Joseph Vigliaturo

Follow you dreams- you have the skill and knowledge to go far. It has been a pleasure sharing in your first 18 years, as you have grown into a young man. The future is yours-go get it!

We are so proud of you!

Congratulations,

Mom, Dad & Jim



Patrick Kreikemeier

The road may change, the transportation may change, but our love for you never will. We are always with you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma, Beth, Brooke, Brett, Bryce Congratulatons & good luck.



Brian Christopher Ward David Carter Ward

Brian and David.

You have grown into compassionate, caring and loving young men.

Thank you for the joy you have brought our family.

Continues to set your goals high and follow your dreams. The possibilities are boundless.







Patrick Befort

Congratulations Pat on your many successes at Rockhurst. May you always remember the strong foundation that the Rock has provided you. The best is yet to come-appreciate the journey. Love, Mom, Dad, & Lauren



Adam Matthew Kovac



Congratulations, Adman! Good luck on your next Adventure. We are so proud of you and we love you, Mom, Dad, Daniel and Linda

Colophon

The 2003-04 Edition of the Quarry Yearbook was published by a first-year yearbook class with the help of four first-year photography classes. Editorial positions were filled from the yearbook class after an application process. All layouts were designed on eight new eMac computers, six Power Mac G-3s, one Power Mac G-4, and three iMacs, using Adobe Pagemaker 7.0. Approximately 40% of the photos were taken digitally with an Olympus Camedia C-3030 Digital Camera with 3.3 megapixal resolution. Most other photos were taken with conventional 35-mm fully adjustable cameras. Adobe Photoshop 7.0 was used to manipulate some digital photos. 1150 books with 320 page were printed on 80# gloss enamel and bound at the Herff Jones Company, 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, KS. Assistance was provided by Mrs. Nancy Hall and Mrs. Julie Bogart. The book was completed on June 15 for delivery on or about September 25, so that the entire academic year could be included.

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Thanks so much to the editors and those who stayed until the end to make sure that the "fifth best staff in the history of Rockhurst produced one of the best book ever. Years from now, you'll really appreciate their work. As this is being written on August 19, 1 must say that Ted Ginder and Joe Myers worked the longest and hardest and deserve most of the praise. We couldn't have done it without several others. Those guys all came back for two week in August to check proofs. Some rked hard for awhile but didn't quite finish. Those who did lived up to their potential, big time





Realizing our potential

All we can do is our best.

In just one year, a Rockhurst student grows inexorably towards the realization of his potential. Through activities like dances and pep rallies, students find themselves growing closer to their classmates, thus growing socially. Through things like plays, pottery, and the arts, one can challenge his mind and express himself in new ways. A young man can learn leadership skills through his role on the football, swimming, track, or any athletic team. Through organizations, he can take a leadership position while fighting for a cause. This isn't even mentioning the classroom. That goes without saying. The Rockhurst man, as well as all those in the community, are given so many opportunities to grow towards their full, Godgiven, potential. It is the responsibility of each of us to take what is given and fulfill the promise. After four years at the Rock, it is time for the seniors to move on into the world and to show what they are made of. All the years of studying, all the time put in will pay off. As long as one gives his best, he has fulfilled his potential. No two people have the same potential. All one can do is try his hardest and to become all that he can be.



Growth

he members of the
Class of 2004 pictured
here at various times
throughout their
Rockhurst lives

Coach Tony Severino on that day in the cafeteria after their entrance exam, and were affected to varying degrees.

certainly heard the words of

Loren and Derek and Sean and Justin and Kyle and Harrison and Joe were asked to pose for these pictures because they represented the two size extremes of their freshman class. Subsequent photos were taken to measure how much they changed physically in relation to one another.

That potential, for the most part, was not within their control. As you can see, some grew and caught up with Sean and Joe, and Sean and Joe didn't grow as much as they had before freshman year. They had no choice.

The other aspects of their lives, the part that drives them to be the best that they can be, to "go set the world on fire," is limited only by their desire to reach their full and God-given potential. That goes for everyone who experiences Rockhurst...

So, to the men here, and everyone of us, who has an absolute say in whether or not we reach, or get close to, our full potential, strive for the magis.

Freshman Year



Loren Peters, Derek Cooke, Sean Plott, Justin Rethmeyer, Michael Cappo, Harrison Dean, Joe Le.

Junior Year



Harrison Dean, Derek Cooke, Joe Le, Loren Peters, Michael Cappo.

Senior Year



Loren Peters, Derek Cooke, Sean Plott, Joe Le, Michael Cappo, Harrison Dean.

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