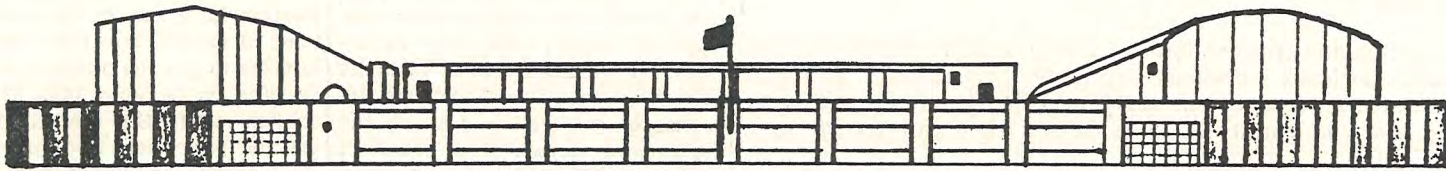


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Janice Mattox, Betty Crocker Winner

Club Briefs

Miss Newman, Mrs. Shealy's student teacher, showed slides of France at the last French Club meeting. The students plan to present original skits, French music, and French art at the next meeting.

The Tri-Hi-Y Club members of Rock Hill are to be the hostesses for the 1968 District Two Convention. Members from Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y will attend the convention at the Rock Hill YMCA on March 30.

The date for the TWIRP Dance has been set. This annual event is to be on April 20. The band and the location will be announced later.

Mrs. Bigger of Rock Hill spoke at the last History Club meeting. Her talk included many interesting facts about Rock Hill and the community.

The Beta Club canceled its planned trip to the South Carolina Beta Club Convention in Columbia the weekend of January 26-29. Bad weather and other complications forced the cancellation of this trip.

The National Honor Society is planning to have professional speakers, such as doctors and lawyers, to speak at future meetings. These programs will provide the opportunity for the NHS members to hear firsthand information concerning professions.

On December 20 the Key Club showed its appreciation for the teachers of our school. Each teacher received a Certificate of Appreciation. Later in the year the club plans to sponsor an orphan. The club's president is Leslie Moore. Mr. Payne sponsors this organization.

The Biology Club is planning tours of various interesting places and is planning an overnight field trip in the spring for its members.

The Student Council has completed the school flag. The flag is red with the school seal, Bearcat, and school's name written on it. The flags have been ordered.

Members of the Dramatics Club are working hard on the play they plan to present later in the year. The name and actors are to be announced later.

He Gives 100%

Not long ago Coach Wallace was talking about one of his boys. "Without a doubt he's the best that I have ever had, and I'm not really sure what I would do without him." Was he speaking of Jimmy Laughridge, Ray Wilson, or maybe the "tall one" on the basketball team? No, this he said of Ronnie Jackson who has for the past three seasons been the basketball manager. Coach Wallace continued by saying, "He puts as much work and pride into the managing of the team as any boy on the court does in his playing. He always gives me 100%. He has too much pride to do it any other way."

The job of a manager is taxing and often thankless. The duties to be performed include washing of uniforms, sweeping of floors and keeping of statistics, and generally cleaning up after a messy eleven. While the team rests before a game, Ronnie is at work setting up the gym. While the 'Cats sleep late on Saturday, Ronnie is awake early to clean the gym and to wash uniforms. As much a second coach as a manager, he keeps all the players happy and keeps up the morale.

Next to Coach Wallace at the games, Ronnie can be found, recording every shot, violation, bad pass, foul, rebound, or recovery the Bearcats make. When the game ends and the floor clears, Ronnie feels that his job is still far from finished. Sometimes working until two or three o'clock in the morning, he calculates each player's percentage and evaluates their performance.

What he has done for the team is immeasurable, and the squad seems to feel as Mike Randall, who said about Ronnie, "He's a true Bearcat, and I doubt if we would be where we are without him." Ronnie once told the team, "I really do look up to all you guys, so don't let me down." The way the team looks up to Ronnie they must surely hope they never let him down.

Senior Class Play: "Annie Get Your Gun"

On March 8 the Senior Class will present their play, "Annie Get Your Gun," based on Irving Berlin's musical play which was very successful on Broadway. The book was written by Dorothy and Herbert Fields.

This play centers around the romance of Annie, played by Jodie Emerson, and Frank Butler, a sharpshooter, played by Steve White. Annie, who is very shy and awkward, comes to the hotel to sell her quail to the proprietor, a screaming and easily upset little man depicted by Arnie Fleek. Buf-

falo Bill's, or George White's, Wild West Show is coming to the hotel, and the proprietor, who gets very sick of Annie's bragging about her excellent marksmanship, has her accept Frank Butler's challenge to beat anyone in a shooting match. Annie immediately falls in love with Frank, and he is beginning to fall for her. However, Annie continually beats him in the matches, and jealously prevails when she is given the main act in the show. The show splits into two separate shows, which suffer financially. Annie and Frank want to come

back together. But this reunion cannot be realized until Frank proves that he is the superior shot. The problem is solved by Chief Sitting Bull, who in his infinite wisdom makes it possible for Annie to win Frank's love at last. Sam Hook is to play the chief.

The members of the Senior Class hope to make their play, which is under the direction of Mrs. Long, as excellent as the Broadway production. The entire student body will enjoy the color and liveliness of this unusual and famous play.



Members of the Class Play clown before rehearsal. Kneeling from left Bobby Neely, Joe Neely, Standing Beth Roddey, Mary Embry, Libby Ward, Lydia Pruitt.



Ronnie in his favorite spot during the game (far right.)

Ski Buff Elected King Teen

The Senior Class elected Graham Sturgis as King Teen. The students of the Senior Class voted earlier this year for the student with the most character, high grades, and all around good citizenship.

Graham, who is also president of the National Honor Society, is to attend a weekend at Wofford College this spring. He is eligible for a scholarship to Wofford College. Other activities and awards of our new King Teen include the Student Council, a National Merit Semifinalist, a Furman Scholar, and recipient of the NECT English Award. Graham plans to enter Davidson College next fall.

When asked if he had anything to say, Graham wanted to confirm, "All rumors about my trying out for the 1968 Olympic Ski Team

are false; however, I will compete in the Alpine Games in Austria." We wish you luck, Graham!

Calendar of Events

February 14—Valentine's Day
February 16—Dorman - There
February 20—Lancaster - There
February 23, 24—Regional Tournament - Spartanburg (Dorman)
February 29—State Tournament
March 1, 2—Spartanburg High School
March 2—College Board
March 8—Senior Class Play
April 1-5—Guidance Emphasis Week
April 26—Band Hi Lites
May 4—College Board
May 10—Junior-Senior



Speak for Yourself, John

Recent demonstrations have focused attention on the method by which Americans are selected to serve their country. But is it not true that the ranks of our army are filled primarily with non-professionals who count the days before they can return to a "normal" life?

Half of the non-commissioned men are draftees. Millions are spent on their training only to have them go back to the life of a civilian when they are beginning to reach their fighting peak.

Why not form a professional army? Each man would be a career specialist. With higher pay and better living quarters, the government could attract the personnel it needs. It's easier to draft than recruit, but in the long run there would be better feelings all round.

Although many say the price tag of forming a professional army would cost the tax payer more to provide the attractive higher wages, the overall cost would be about the same. The military turnover rate would be cut; consequently, training facilities and the 79,000 personnel who now train draftees would be reduced. The cut would also reduce paper work and transportation needs. As time passed, the number eligible for veteran's benefits would also grow smaller.

Critics of the "professional army" idea have claimed that it would be staffed mainly with Negroes who found the doors to advancement hard to open in the civilian world; however, a quick look at the relief rolls shows them to be filled with more whites than Negroes.

With a volunteer professional army, men interested in the military service would be free to find a permanent job without his employees or his own fear of being "called up."

Whatever your views about the present draft laws, one has to admit that there are advantages in having a Professional Army.

IN MEMORY OF

JAMES ALBERT BOULWARE (JIMMY)

October 19, 1951 — January 27, 1968

CHARLES NORBERT ROBERTS (PETE)

January 22, 1950 — January 26, 1968

A Matter of Concern

A couple of weeks ago the U. S. Pueblo was seized from international waters off the coast of North Korea. It suddenly became a threat of war in Asia. The North Koreans stated that they would ignore any of the U. N. decisions. This act of war spurred a lot of talk in government circles.

I noticed a lack of interest and concern among students in our school. There were discussions in history and some English classes, but no more was said about the crisis outside of class. Writers and psychiatrists who study teenagers always comment on the lack of feeling in high school students.

The United States of America is threatened by a communist country. Yet students don't seem to realize that this is a threat against every citizen in the United States. This is our country, yours and mine, and you should be concerned with the world situation. Look at the world, learn from its mistakes so that one day when one of you now in high school becomes a leader of the nation, we might live in peace.

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A Good Idea !!

As all of you know, we have missed six days of school because of snow. We will probably miss many more. The problem is when should we make these days up and how many? Should we make them up on Saturdays, during spring holidays, on the days we don't have school because of a teacher's meeting, or when the first week of our summer vacation is supposed to start? Many people will be working on Saturdays and will not come to school if we make them up then. During the spring holidays people will also be working or visiting relatives. Students will be leaving for the beach the first week of June, and the seniors that are going to the summer session of college will start school the first week. So when are we going to make them up? What do you say about not making them up at all!!

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a comment on senior privileges. We underclassmen should take into consideration that the seniors were once underclassmen who had seniors to break into their lunch line. They were deprived of pep rallies just as the sophomores today. We shouldn't complain. We will one day be MIGHTY SENIORS and have those extra privileges that will make our Senior year worthwhile. If you were a senior, would you complain?

AN UNDERCLASSMEN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in reply to your article in the December issue of the G & B in which you referred to inflation coming to RHHS in the form of \$6 for a subscription to the 1968 Bearcat and in which you made the wish that each student could be the recipient of an annual when they are distributed next spring.

Please understand that we do not take unbrage at the remarks printed; instead, we consider it a delightful opportunity to let the students at RHHS know the monetary cost involved in the publication of the Bearcat.

Yes, indeed it would be nice and most gratifying for the Editor, staff members and adviser to know that each student at RHHS would be the owner of a yearbook. It would make the work involved more pleasurable because we would know that we were reaching approximately 1850 people through this media.

Staff members are constantly beseeched with pleas for a "bigger annual, more individual pictures, more coverage of homecoming, larger senior pictures, more action shots of ball games, more color pictures and more of everything that involves a higher cost." If we hope to improve, expand and extend the coverage of

the activities at RHHS, the price must be paid.

The past few publications of the Bearcat have run in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This takes many \$6 in order to pay the printing, engraving and photography bills. If every student at RHHS plus all the teachers and personnel (1850) purchased a yearbook (an action not done), the total would be only \$11,100, leaving some \$3900 to be raised somewhere. The magazine campaign each fall is an excellent opportunity to help defray some of these costs, but the sales lagged a wee bit this year—thus your extra levy of 50 cents per copy.

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to express ourselves in regard to the added cost of the yearbook.

Myra Huffstetler, Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Editor:

How can a person accuse our school of violating the laws of our country when that person, who did not have the courtesy or courage to sign his letter, does not even know what the law actually states? I am referring to the letter which concerned the use of prayer in our assemblies. This student implied that he is forced to take part in this alleged violation of a law.

There is no law prohibiting prayer in school. The Supreme Court of the United States did rule that the First Amendment to the Constitution prohibited forced prayer in public schools. RHHS is not guilty of any violation of this ruling. No student is forced to take part in any prayer or religious exercise in our school.

Irby Hipp

Understanding Vietnam

Our commitment in Vietnam goes back as far as twenty years. The U. S. stand in Vietnam affects our commitments all over the world. Backing out of Vietnam would mean endangering our position as a world leader. As the leader of a free world, which is threatened by Communism, we cannot stand aside and let a country that desires to be independent be overrun. Asia contains more than half the world's population. Victorious communists such as China, North Korea, and North Vietnam are now experiencing defeat.

If we had not become involved, South Vietnam would have been taken over by the North. Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand are now much stronger since our stand. The pressure must be kept there. Because North Vietnamese industry and transportation have been shattered, the North Vietnamese would probably like for us to stop the bombing. Then they would take advantage of the situation. The North Vietnamese must see that the war is not to be settled only on their terms.

We are surely making progress in Vietnam. The government is better, the economic situation is improving, and the army is improving.

Most likely the Chinese communists won't get involved; they have their own problems. Besides, the North Vietnamese have had plenty of arguments with China.

Statements made by the United States have been misinterpreted by the communists; indication is that Americans aren't determined enough to win. The Communists think that our impatience will finally lead to our pulling out of Vietnam.

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Bric-a-Brac

by Ann Wilson

Today is the day for lovers to sigh at one another, gaze into each other's eyes, sing sweet songs, and celebrate "going steady" anniversaries. The boys think of wine, women, and song while the girls wonder about roses, candy, and valentines. Has Valentine's Day changed any for you in the past twelve years? In the primary grades at school there was always an argument about who would be the "postman" and "deliver" all the valentines to the students after the big "valentine post office" box was filled. A few years later it was quite popular to give little bags of valentine candies to friends with the messages ranging anywhere from "I love you" and "Sugar Bun" to "You're a sight, Mike!" Now it's the trend to send a valentine to only the special one, or as Joseph Conrad would say if he were here, "My Intended." Whatever way you like to celebrate the day, I hope it will be a very happy Valentine's Day for you all!

Do any of you feel any smarter now than you did in the middle of the first semester? Although we may not realize it, we all have learned something since school began almost six months ago. Students taking analysis this year have learned from Adrian Shelley that

two lines make a point. Joe Neely has learned in English that "valider" is not a word. (He has been using it all his life!) Thad Carroll has learned, after six years of experience, that if he asks to borrow a pencil, someone usually will give him one. Patsy Buis, Donna Underwood, and myself have learned never to volunteer again to sing songs of the Confederacy for a history project. John Parkinson and Jane Dickert have learned that in Mrs. Jackson's class heads can come off in other ways besides the use of a guillotine. Everyone learned last semester that whether exams are required or not, we have them! You have always heard that the way to knowledge is through asking questions. John Ratterree definitely agrees with that statement. In the middle of his psychology class he asked Miss Vaughn, "Is it proper to blow your nose in class?" Her reply was, "Yes, if you do it quietly." He got his answer and got to blow his nose—in class. Yes, we all learned something.

Everyone go out and support our teams Friday night as they take on Dorman. Your support will be the best valentine you could give to the members of the teams and their coaches. See you there.

Good night and a Happy Valentine's Day to Mr. X.



In Retrospect

Does anyone besides me remember the good old days of first love—the kind that was vowed to last forever and ever? In the various elementary schools a few years ago this struggling love existed. Remember?

Richmond Drive had many constant lovers such as: Bobby Neely and Mary Jane Byars, Jodie Emerson and Leslie Moore, Andy Douglas and Michele Dupre, Stephanie Henson and Jimmy Spears, and Anne Fields and Danny Shaw. Martha Moore, wasn't that Freeman Sturgis with you at all those movies? Rosemary Givens and Rollie Sumwalt must have seen Arnie Fleek chasing Sissy Gilchrist! Bobby Graham had his hands full with both Harriet Wise and Carol Rutledge on his trail. Between first and seventh grades the fire kindled for Lil Patton and Mike Randall. Speaking of the Randalls, wasn't Bob the Snow-King of his entire class?

Ebinport had only a few romances as: Gail McKinna and Jack McGill, Rosanne McFadden and Jimmy Swanger, Edna Roach and Larry Hutchinson, and Dale Bailey and "?"

Central held forth with Joyce Wylie and Eddie Healan, Kathy Buchanan and Tommy Elkins, Mary

Ann Sturgis and Jim Comer, and Keith Whisonant and Gloria Ratterree. Oakdale's two loving couples were Beth Roddey and Joe Neely and Chucky Cobb and Nancy Kee.

Ebenezer pulled through with Laura Morton and Buddy Bennett, Bobbie Maloney and Ray Howison, and Laura Moore and Adrian Shelley.

Winthrop Training School had constant 5-day romances at work. Dean Anderson kept Lloyd Ardrey, Eddie Healan, Jackie Brawley, and Jimmy Heckle busy while Harriet Jenkins occupied John Latimer's time. Billy Drennan had a time with Sandy Reid and Ann Wilson as did John Ratterree with Ellen Carruth and Beth Sumner. Some real shockers that lasted for a long time were Karen Dunn and Wade Fairey, Chris Okey and Jimmy Gover, Wanda Perry and Bill Sanders, and Mary Hardin and Thad Carroll. Punchy Mills made eyes at Julie Doswell while Tommy Boger saw triplets all the time—Lynn Hollis, Mary Jane Morehouse, and Susan Okey.

I guess that about covers some of the real hot affairs of olden years! Did I have a first love? Of course! But I would have filled this entire article with their names!

DEAR CHARLIE

Dear Charlie,

I know you won't print this, but I need help! I've had a really big crush on Marvin ever since the eighth grade, but it doesn't seem to be going anywhere. I've asked him to both Spinsters dances and the Catillion, but every time he has made some flimsy excuse. I've even offered to tutor him free of charge (he's on the football, basketball, baseball, track, golf, and tennis help), but he turned me down. I even got him a summer job in my daddy's bank. It's not that he's girl-shy because he dates a different girl every week end. I'm beginning to think something is wrong with me, but my diet is coming along nicely and I'll have my braces off next month, so do you think I should give it one more try and ask him to the Twirp Dance again this year?

Druly Truly

Dear Druly,

I definitely think you should ask him (again). After all, all he can do is say "no" (again). The whole

problem may be that he really cares very much for you, but doesn't consider himself worthy of someone like you; and he is afraid of being rejected.

Good luck! Charlie

P. S. I must say that such determination as yours is truly an inspiration!

Bearcat Valentines

Today is February 14, the day set aside for cupids' frilly paper hearts, and, of course, love; so it is only fitting that instead of one Bearcat Baby, we have two Bearcat Valentines, specifically two RHHS Seniors who are going steady.

Their story began to unfold about this time two years ago when they first started dating. Then, finally, he asked her to go steady, and it has been that way ever since.

You can find our Valentines in the stands at almost every basketball game. He is very active in another RHHS sport, track. In fact, he earned his letter in track last year as a pole-vaulter and runner. She was a cheerleader at Ebenezer and for the B Team and J. V.'s RHHS. While she was cheering, he was playing the trombone in the Sullivan Jr. Band. It might be said that she is rather bright. She is a Senior Marshall, a member of the NHS, Beta Club, and English "R" Club. He is also a Beta Club member. She has been active in Tri-Hi-Y and Jr. Leaders. He has gone hunting in his spare time. During the summer months when she can't be near him, he entertains himself by picking peaches. You may see both of our Bearcat Valentines at the First ARP Church where they attend services every Sunday. Surely everyone knows by now who our Valentine Babies are. If not, look for their names in the next issue of the G & B.

Last issue's Baby Bearcat was Myra Huffstetler, the editor of the 1968 BEARCAT.

Miles to go before I Sleep

Have you ever been sitting in a sixth period class under the monotone voice of a teacher lecturing on the dullest subject in the world, and you felt as though you just could not make it another minute without falling into a dead sleep? Such an experience is one of the most antagonizing to me.

The feeling creeps up on an unsuspecting victim. A student may start the day feeling on top of the world. Then, as he gradually slows down near the end of the day, it hits him; he's tired. All of the strength-taking events of the day begin mounting on him. Gym class first period didn't help any, either. The student glances at the clock. It's 2:20; forty minutes to go. Will he make it?

Finally drowsiness overpowers the duty to listen. The victim decides to "close his eyes" for a moment "to rest them." Just as he gets comfortable, he realizes that some "enemy" from behind is punching him. "Wake up. We have to copy those notes on the board."

With only ten minutes of class time left, the student decides that the teacher won't say anything else important. Why waste that time when he could be "catching a few winks"? He nods groggily. He suddenly becomes alert when his name is called to recite his French. Only after he has counted to ten perfectly, does he realize that it was done perfectly in Spanish instead of French. With a sigh our student admits that it wasn't worth seeing Johnny Carson's program the night before. Oh, for blessed sleep!

After such an experience, Robert Frost's famous quotation from one of his poems comes to mind: "Miles to go before I sleep..."



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Parker Selected Bearcat of the Month

David Parker has been named Bearcat of the Month by Coach Wallace. Coach Wallace chose David because, as he put it, "David's character and attitude best displays that of the team."

David has been averaging about 13 points and 5 rebounds a game. His best game so far was the January 26 game against Gaffney. He scored 26 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead the Bearcats to a 97-49 victory. David's statistics do not tell of his tremendous desire and hustle. He probably hustles more than any other member of the team. He gets more rebounds through sheer desire than taller players with less desire do. His desire helps him when he drives for the basket. There is no statistical column for these qualities, but David leads the team in this department.

David never played with the JV's. He was one of those rare boys who went from the B team straight to the varsity. Although he started with the varsity last year, he didn't play much. This is really his first year, and he is making the most of it. We are very proud of David and hope that he will continue to lead the Bearcats on to many more victories.

Ballman and Bearcats Make Banquet Success

The annual Bearcat Football Banquet held on January 19 was a rousing success. Although Buddy Dial, flanker for the Dallas Cowboys, and one of the scheduled featured speakers were unable to attend, Gary Ballman, the other speaker, did a fine job. Ballman, beginning his pro career as a split end with the Pittsburgh Steelers and traded to the Philadelphia Eagles during the 1966 off season, gave a brief talk on the importance of a good education.

The awards are always a highlight of the banquet, and there were plenty of fine players honored that night. Ray Wilson received two trophies this year. One honored him as the team's Most Valuable Player, and the other honored him for being the first Bearcat to gain over 1,000 yards rushing in a season. Kenny Myers received the President's Trophy, presented to the senior Bearcat with the highest grade average. The Sportsmanship Trophy was presented to Kirk Canty. He received this trophy through vote of his teammates. Other trophies and their owners were:

Most Improved—Charlie Knox
Best Back—Jimmy Laughridge
Best Blocker—Jimmy "Moose" Wallace
Best Lineman—Andy Scott
Hardest Worker—Ricky Brown
Best JV Lineman—Andy Dewitt
Best JV Back—Chandler Cook
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The Bearcat Strikes

By Jerry Hallman



In one of the most exciting games ever played at Rock Hill, Rollie Sumwalt hit a lay-up with 0:05 left on the clock to give the Bearcats a come-from-behind 61-59 victory over East Mecklenburg. Sumwalt stole a half court pass and drove in to win the closely-contested game. Sumwalt had 22 points, and David "Stick" Angel had 21. East led 32-31 at the half. The game may be forfeited to the Bearcats because the East coach took his team off the floor with 0:02 left and Rock Hill in possession. This game was the last for the 'Cats for two weeks due to snow and exams. The 'Cats came back with a 65-58 win over Camden. Next came a 67-55 win over Dorman as Angel dropped in 39 points. Gaffney was the next victim, falling 97-49. David Parker had 26, Sumwalt 23, Angel 19. Anderson fell 82-56 with Angel hitting 28. The Bearcats appear to be ready to take the State Championship this year after two near misses in the past two years. Good luck to you, 'Cats.

If you see a guy walking around the halls wearing a baseball cap with a "W" on it, don't be surprised. It will probably be Jimmy Blackmon. He was the first-round draft choice of the Washington Senators in baseball's free-agent high school draft. Jimmy is considering signing a contract with them. He probably will be assigned to a minor league team to give him experience. Jimmy has a fine curve ball and a fast ball that would make any scout's eyes

pop. Jimmy is very thrilled about the whole thing and hopes to help the Washington organization with his fine hurling. We are all sure that he will. The best of luck to you, Jim. Keep firing that rock!

Speaking of baseball, it's about that time again. Coach Love is getting his forces ready in anticipation of another fine baseball season. The Bearcats won the State Championship last year by beating A. C. Flora two straight in the Championship playoffs. The road could be harder to travel this year for the Bearcats. The loss of Jimmy Blackmon hinders the pitching staff a lot, but a good staff led by Jimmy Laughridge could take up the slack left by the absence of Blackmon. The return of such players as Laughridge, Marty West, Jack McGill, James Hall, and Ray Wilson will give evidence of a good hitting attack. The team will have a lot of desire and hustle as did last year's team. Coach Love, one of the more knowledgeable coaches in the state, will see to that. If all it takes to win the Championship is speed and desire and hustle, the 'Cats will win in a walk. We're behind you all the way, fellows. Hope you have a great season.

Tournament time is coming up soon. To place well in this tournament, Rock Hill will need our support. This is your last chance to see this great team play this year. Make a special effort to see the 1968 State Champions-to-be win their title. See you there.

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JV's Back On Winning Track

The 1967-'68 JV season has been a weird series of ups and downs. Coming into the season on the crest of a 19-0 record during the past season, they made it 22 in a row by winning their first 3 games. The flu bug struck, and the Bearkittens were weakened. They proceeded to lose their next 6 games before righting themselves with a 50-23 win over Dorman's JV's. Their last game under Coach Bowman was a thrilling 36-33 win over Anderson. As of February 12 their record is 7-7.

The JV team of last year is now the varsity; so this year's team had to start from scratch. Their front line is composed of Elliott "Orangutang" Robbins, Franklin Calhoun, and Buzzy Busby. Robbins at forward is a very exciting player who will become fine varsity material. In his first year out Calhoun is a strong rebounder. Busby, a recent acquisition of the team, has a good jump shot and can crash the boards. The guards are Chandler Cook and Larry Smith. Cook, another new boy, has inspired the JV's with his desire and hustle. Smith can break a press with a fast lay-up because of his speed and quickness.

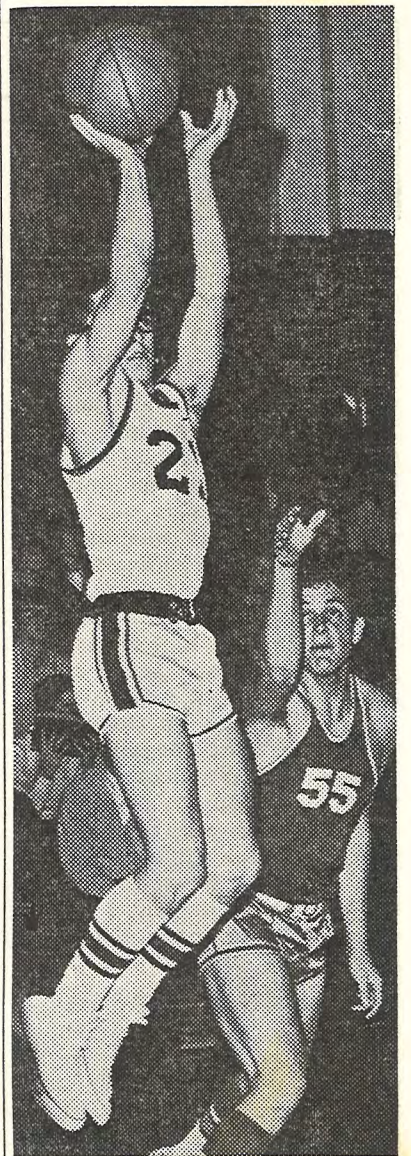
The Bearkittens have a strong bench on which to call. Toy Rhea, David Gordon, Moe Bell, Rocky Mullis, John Crow, and Joey Williams see a lot of action. The manager, Bimbo Armour, is a valuable asset to the team. Coach Wallace will not have to scout for players with his fine varsity and the JV's.

What Makes The Bearcats Tick?

What is behind the successful 13-2 record of the Bearcat team this year? Hours of diligent practice under the tutelage of Coach Jimmy Wallace, known to us all as the "Frank McGuire of high school basketball." Coach Wallace is the force that molds the starters into a winning unit.

The starting five on this year's varsity each contributes his own little bit to this success story. Most outstanding of the Bearcats is 6'11" center David Angel. David is by far the most productive 'Cat, averaging better than 23 points a game and about 27 rebounds. Not only does he lead the team in scoring and rebounding, but he intimidates the opposition with his size on defense. The other four starters are all under six feet, but their size does not detract from the hustle, determination, and leadership they lend to the team. Mike Randall and Rollie Sumwalt are the floor leaders of the team. They are responsible for calling defenses and keeping the offensive machine operating effectively. Mike and Rollie are also the clutch players on the team. They continually come through when a basket is needed for victory. David Parker is the real hustler on the varsity. Despite being comparatively short, he is the second-leading rebounder on the squad. Tommy Gainey is the fifth starter. Tommy, having a deadly outside jump shot, is capable of hitting twenty points on any given night. These starters are backed up by a very able bench led by Jimmy Epting, Eteve Moore, and Charlie Williamson. These players provide opposition in practice and perform ably in games.

This is the inside story of the team than is going to win the S. C. AAA State Championship in 1968.



Randall jumps for two.

Coach Bowman Takes New Position

On February 1 a familiar face was missing from the halls of Rock Hill High School as Coach Jim Bowman's resignation took effect. He resigned to take a position with People's Trust Company. Coach Bowman had been coach of three successful teams in his two year's tenure here. His JV footballers had a 14-3 two year record, and the JV basketball squad compiled a 25-6 record, winning 22 in a row. His 1967 golf team finished 11-3-2.

Coach Bowman graduated from Clover High School and the University of South Carolina. At Carolina he was letterman in football for two years and was also a member of Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Before coming to Rock Hill High School he worked for the General Adjustment Bureau and served 11 months in France in the Air National Guard. He is married to the former Dora Hutcheson and lives at 777 Rabun Lane.

Coach Oates will take over the basketball team, and Coach Wallace will head the golf team. We wish Coach Bowman the best of luck in his new job.

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