

THESPIANS PERFORM THE BUG AND COURTSHIP FOR FESTIVAL

Rock Hill High School entries in the Palmetto Drama Association's 19th Annual Drama Festival, held at Winthrop College March 13-15, placed second in overall merit.

More than 500 students from 35 schools across the state attended the festival sponsored by the Palmetto Drama Association in cooperation with Winthrop College's communication department and the South Carolina High School League. It was directed by William I. Long, professor of communications at

Winthrop. Mr. Long first began the annual event as an original one-act play contest. The High School League, (a part of the University of South Carolina) later requested that it be made a state-wide event and include professional one-act plays.

Original one-act plays were presented by 11 schools, each of which received a rating of honorable mention, excellent or superior. Each session of the three day festival, staged in Johnson Hall, ended with a social hour featuring a dance

band.

Rock Hill High students also won several other awards in the various fields of competition.

Courtship, directed by Mrs. Long, received an Excellent rating. Libby Childers, Leon Rippy, Lynn Hollis, Charles McWhite, Jackie Adkins, Irby Hipp, Susan Okey, Sally Scott, Jimmy Jamieson, David Head, and Debbie Boulware made up the cast, portraying such famous courtships as John Alden and Pricilla and Cindy and Jeremiah of **Spring for Sure**. Beth Glasscock was in charge

of costumes and Becky Herron, third place award in acting, and Lynn Hollis and Susan Okey each received honorable mention.

Gail Morris and Howard Snyder placed third in make-up for "My Favorite Martian" (Kathy Balthis), and Sally Scott received honorable mention for disguising David Angel as the Jolly Green Giant.

Alexa Hayes and Mary Frances Ellison placed first in costuming for their designs for **Alice in Wonderland**. Mrs. Long received an honorable mention for directing **Courtship**.

Jimmie Jamieson received the



Student Teachers

Winthrop College education majors are currently finishing their college work by practice teaching in area schools.

Eight Winthrop seniors began teaching at Rock Hill High March 17 and will end their apprenticeship on May 2.

The history teachers are Miss Martha Jean Kennedy with Mrs. Amick, and Miss Ginger Taylor with Mrs. Moore, Miss Elizabeth Rodgers is teaching French with Mrs. Shealy, and Miss Laura Tyler is teaching biology with Mrs. White. Miss Bidney Harrison and Miss Linnie McClellon are teaching English IV with Miss Stowe and Mrs. Jackson, respectively. Miss Theresa McGaity is teaching with Mrs. Broome and Mrs. Oates, student teacher in chemistry is Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Caldwell.

Career Day

Career Day will be held for the first time on April 2. The new program, sponsored by the Beta Club, is designed to help acquaint students with various careers. Fifty representatives are expected to participate. Each student will be given a slip of paper during homeroom period on April 1, telling them where to report. Students were assigned according to the vocational interest blanks filled out last fall.

D. E. Convention

Debbie Snipes and Derrill Painter have been named D. E. students of the year for their outstanding work.

In addition, twenty-six students from schools in Clover, Union, Camden, Winnsboro, and Rock Hill attended the Distributive Education District III Elimination for Competitive Events held at Rock Hill High March 17.

The format included seminars on public speaking, job interviewing, ad planning and copywriting, and sales demonstrations.

Seven Seniors

Make Finals

Seven Rock Hill High seniors are competing in the National Merit Scholarship finals. Susan Adams, Trudie Blackwell, Susan Jones, Steve Parrish, Bill Ross, Peter Scheffler, and Rick Tutwiler qualified as semi-finalists on the basis of the National Merit tests given last year. They were chosen as finalists from their scores on a second test taken to substantiate their first qualifying examination performance. School recommendations were submitted and other routine requirements fulfilled.

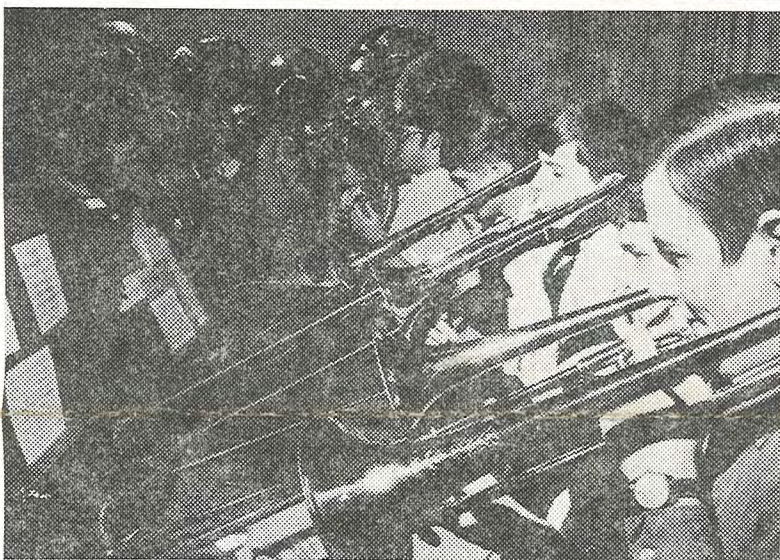
The 1969 Merit Scholars will be selected from the finalist group. Finalists are eligible for N.M.D.C. scholarships and many others sponsored by various organizations.

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GARNET & BLACK



Tonight the Rock Hill High School Band will present **Band Hi-Lites of '69** in the school auditorium at 7:45 p.m. under the direction of Mr. Louie Huff.

The annual event will be presented in three parts. Part one will be devoted to concert music. Tschaikowski's "March Sla," "March and Intermezzo" by Bizet, and the "Blue Danube Waltz" by Strauss, are of the more serious vain. Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" will be presented with Luanne Buddin playing the piccolo solo.

Part two is a lighter nature, with the Crazy 5 1/2, majorette black-out numbers, and a section of dance band music. A special guest will also be included.

The band will present Part Three in memory of Alfonso Nicosia, director of the Rock Hill High School Band for 13 years, who died last November.

Hi-Lites of these years will be presented in music and events. The band invites all to spend an evening of musical entertainment with them. Tickets will sell for \$1.00 and \$.50 and can be purchased from any band member or at the door.

NHS Inducts Thirty Juniors

Juniors to be inducted into the Rock Hill Chapter of the National Honor Society have been selected. The new members include Dale Baynard, Cindy Bethea, Ann Bigham, Clyde Brumfield, Kathy Corn, Debbie Cranford, Denise Drakeford, Alexa Hayes, George Hearn, Eddie Hinson, Mary Hook, Eddy Kellett, Lillie Lathan, and Angie Lessie. Also Julie Lumpkin, Ann Maners, Jimmy Martin, Grace Maxey, Sandy McKee, Buck Moore, Vivian Moore, Randy Mosteller, Linda Nichols, Trudy Quinn, Michael Ray, Betty Jean Stiff, Ellie Sturgis, Mary Stutts, Ginger Weir, and Melinda Williams.

Mrs. Amick, the faculty advisor, said that these students were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and service. No date as yet has been set for the new members' induction.

Furman Choses Top Juniors

Pete Drake, Trudy Quinn, Michael Ray, and Ellie Sturgis have been chosen as Furman Scholars for 1969. They were chosen on the basis of their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test that was given last October 22.

These four outstanding students will be going to Furman tomorrow to look at the Furman campus. They are eligible to receive one of the 125 scholarships that are offered by the university.

Pete Drake wants to attend Presbyterian College and major in history. Besides working on the **Garnet and Black** staff and annual staff, he is also in the Dramatics Club, English R Club, DeMolay, and Scouts. Pete was in the Junior Class Play, and is a member of the All-State Chorus.

Trudy Quinn, who plans to go to Furman and major in History, is a majorette, a Junior Marshal, Future Teachers Vice President, and Dramatics Club Vice President. She is in Rainbows and the French Club. Trudy was also on the make-up committee for the Junior Class Play.

Hoping for an appointment to the Air Force Academy, Michael Ray plans to major in mathematics. Michael is a Junior Marshal, and the Spanish Club Secretary. He is in the J. J. Godbold Public Speaking Club and the Dramatics Club.

Ellie Sturgis plans to go to Furman and major in either chemistry or math. A Junior Marshal as well as secretary of her homeroom, she was also one of the prompters for **Alice In Wonderland**.

Twirp Season Nears

Twirp Season unofficially began April 7 at Rock Hill High. The week long turn-about will be clinched by the annual Twirp Dance set for April 11.

The Rock Hill Tri-Hi-Y Clubs have contracted the Rivas to play for the informal dance to be held in the American Legion Hall from eight to twelve. Tickets may be bought from any Tri-Hi-Y member for \$3.50 in advance or \$4.00 at

the door.

According to Susan Spitz, who along with Betsy Hayes, is co-chairman of the dance, the proceeds will go toward the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet and for various scholarships and awards to be given to outstanding members. The clubs also contribute to World Service and Blue Ridge, a camp for Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y members. The Senior club supports an orphan in South America.

Bill Ross Chosen Star Student for York County



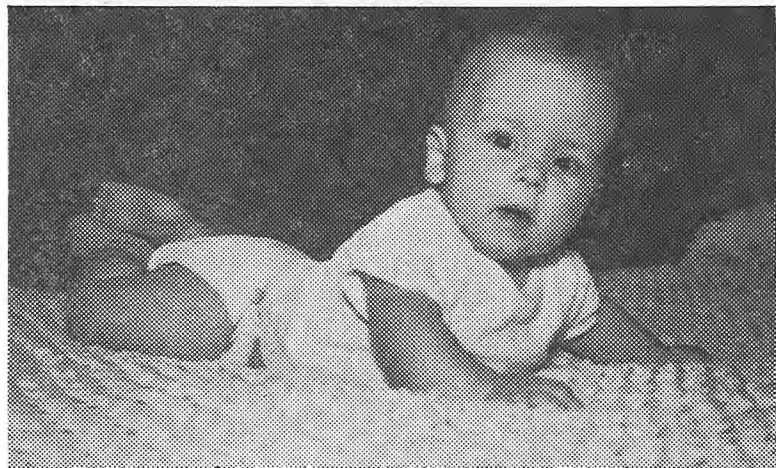
Star Student Bill Ross accepts the County Star Student Award from his Star teacher, Mrs. Jackson.

Bill Ross has been named York County's Star Student. After being chosen Star Student for Rock Hill High on the basis of his SAT scores, Bill was chosen over the other three winners from Fort Mill, York, and Clover for the highest score in the county. His scores will now be entered into state competition.

Each of the four students was asked to select their Star Teacher. Bill chose Mrs. Eugenia Jackson, who teaches senior English at RHHS. When asked why he chose Mrs. Jackson, Bill commented, "Mrs. Jackson has inspired me more than any other teacher at school. I really think she deserves to be Star Teacher."

Besides being active in numerous school clubs and organizations, Bill is also a member of Demolays and a National Merit Finalist.

BELK MEN'S DEPARTMENT
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Who Is The Senior Bearcat Baby?

Our Bearcat Baby this month used to be as "mean as a snake." He has lived in Rock Hill all his life; he went to Richmond Drive for six years. Besides playing football for Richmond Drive, he played basketball for the "Y Midgets" and baseball for Jones Barber Shop. He may be considered an actor, too. He was "Little New Year" in the fourth grade assembly program, and

he did the Charleston in the sixth grade play. He also used to camp out with Jimmy Baker, Tommy Gunderson, and Freeman Sturgis in their back yards.

If you still cannot guess who the Bearcat Baby is, check the next issue of the *Garnet & Black*. Last month's Baby was Lois Ann Bolin, one of our Varsity cheerleaders.

Your Bearcat Horoscope

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) A third party will try to evoke its powers of evil to cause trouble between you and your someone special.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Prepare for a bright new social life starting tomorrow night!

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Something good will happen to you next week on Cherry Road, but beware of your enemies!

Aries (March 21-April 19) Forget that lost love now. Someone new is coming up first thing Monday morning.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Hang around your locker a little longer after fourth period on April 2. Someone may want to see you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) This is your big day! Be careful not to blow it.

Cancer (June 22-July 21) Forget that special person this week and try for another. You couldn't do any worse.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 21) Your noble devotion to an old friend will be tried around the thirteenth.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22) For goodness' sake, make sure your telephone isn't tied up next Tuesday night! You may receive a very important call.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your future is so hopeless, give up while you're ahead.

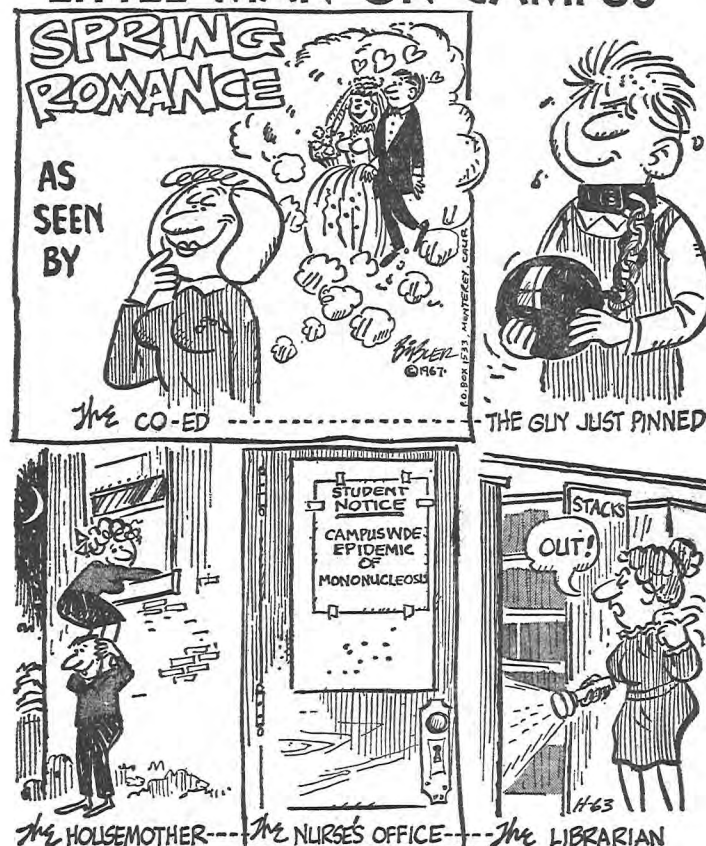
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) An unusual situation on the 4th of April will require all your resources to settle.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Expect something good to happen right after fifty period on Monday.

SPRING IS...

Butch Arthur—"A Salem."
Howell Hunter—"Baseball and girls."
Joanne Carter—"Getting out of school."
Rick McKee—"Lying in the grass."
Susan Edwards—"Being asked to Jr.-Sr."
Eddy Kellett—"The mating season."
Charles Berger—"A place to get a cool drink of water."
Patsy Snyder—"A time for having fun and being outside."
Julie Allen—"Putting the top down on Gary's Mustang and getting a sunburned nose."
Margaret Waldrop—"Flowers and happiness."
Bobby Reeder—"Fun."
Rosemary Howell—"Dreams of first week."
Jimmie Jamieson—"Walking through Glencairn at night when it's not very cold anymore."
Janis Dresner—"Going barefooted."
Kathy Atkins—"Two months before we riot O.D."
Nancy Murphy—"After winter."
Don Alewine—"Carefree."
Barry King—"The river."
Lynn Carter—"Slugging a softball to far left field for a homer."
Debbie Crawford—"Morning."
Robin Hayes—"The season before summer."
Trudy Quinn—"Mosquitoes."
Mike Ray—"My birthday?"
Jim Hambright—"Something my jeep doesn't have."
Erwin Barron—"Flowers."
Ronnie McFadden—"The thing that pops through the seat of the couch when you're with a date."

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Harriett Sullivan—"A new outfit and a new date."
Chris McDaniel—"Going to Hardee's in short-shorts and boys, boys, boys."
Barry Greene—"Skipping school and going skiing."
Claudia Jenkins—"Baseball, butterflies, and warm weather."
Joe Busby—"Not paying attention in class and the Easter Bunny."
Gay Randolph—"Mid-semester break at Wofford and Clemson and hoping it isn't the same week."
Sally Simpson—"When I get my Easter bonnet."
Nancy Matthews—"Love."
Tena Epps—"When the buds start budding and the bees start beeing."
Chucky Gaillard—"Let me think about it."
Mike Robinson—"Love."
Gene Parrish—"No school, plenty of girls, lots of swimming."
Mary Hook—"A dried up mud puddle."
Dean Robinson—"Well, that's one to conjure with."

TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW

Windell, O. D. Chief of Police IN 1989

1989—It seems so long ago that I was a Senior at Rock Hill High School—twenty years! Many of my friends have moved away and I've lost contact with them. But I will tell you about the ones I know.

For the first time in the history of the United States we have Co-Presidents. Bobby Long is sharing the Presidency with Katie Ritter.

Jimmie Jamieson is now a millionaire. This is his fifth year managing the Playboy Club.

Just a month ago in South America, David Angel was attacked by a tribe of pygmies. He was representing North America as captain of the All-Continent Basketball Team. As he was dying, he said, "It was great, man!"

Peter Scheffler is now best known for bringing the Loving Memories Mortuary out of the red by being the first man to embalm a white elephant.

A color fold-out of San Juan Horton was featured in this month's issue of *Personality of the South*.

Lucas Barron, the Marine Corps representative to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is leaving for Washington to confer with the Co-Presidents. His staff consists of Sonny Lynn, Glenn Carter, and Chucky Gaillard.

Jimmy Windell has, as luck would have it, become the Chief of Police at O.D.

Lynn Hollis has been named the winner of the Sally Scott Future Homemaker of Tomorrow Award.

Otis McSwain has perfected a breed of intelligent pigs. He and

his pigs are featured in this month's issue of *Progressive Farmer*.

Bill Ross is now the President of Humble Oil Co. Punchy Mills and Rollie Sumwalt are also employed there.

Oh, yes, Randy Bracken is still riding through Winthrop in his little red car.

Susan Okey has chosen Jean Ringstaff as publicity agent in her campaign for the presidency of the Betsy Hayes No. 103 Chapter of the National Women's Garden Club. In a press release Jean stated, "You know she deserves it."

Sammy Rhodes has just been elected Mayor of Rock Hill. His opponent was Andy Douglas.

Jimmy Epting is now the local distributor of Slick's Hair Tonic.

Freeman Sturgis is now the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Rock Hill Feed and Supply Co. Other Board members are Rob Williams, chief feed man; Charlie Baker, head egg man; Jimmy Mayo, chief chick man; and Joey Williams, fertilizer consultant.

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The Bearcat Den

By Irby Hipp



The 1968-69 edition of the "Fighting Bearcat" basketball team will long be remembered at Rock Hill High. They will be known as the team with four midgets and a giant. They will be remembered because they had one of the finest records in the history of the school, 23-3. They will long be remembered for their accomplishments, but they will be remembered longer for the way in which they played—hard.

This 1969 basketball team was very talented, but they realized that talent alone does not win ball games. They realized that hustle, desire, and determination were 90% of that thing called winning.

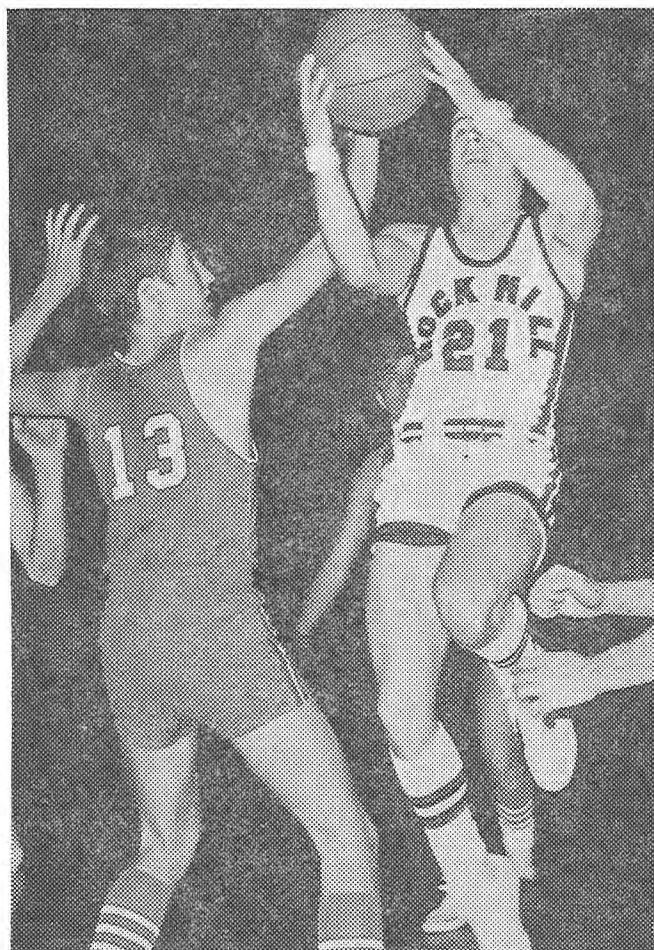
The season started on a cold, December night in Rock Hill against the tough Indians from Gaffney. The Bearcats, despite some opening game jitters, romped the Tribe by 85-50. This win started a string of victories which carried Rock Hill

through the Sertoma tournament unscathed and brought home a trophy for a job well done.

The bubble burst on a bleak Tuesday night in mid-January in Camden as the Bulldogs upset the 'Cats 39-37. However, this only served to bolster the determination of Rock Hill, and two weeks later before an overflow crowd the Bulldogs were trounced 58-38.

A great season drew to a close with only the tournaments left for the Bearcats to conquer. The Regional tourney went smoothly with Rock Hill winning two games by thirty point margins.

Optimism was high as the Cats prepared for the state play-offs in Spartanburg. However, the wheels ran off the track and the unbeatable Bearcats were beaten. Even though the Bearcats returned as the conquered and not the conquerors, their season proved that this year's team is really #1.



Randall's scoring punch was always timely, often on powerful drives up the lane.

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Bearcat Pros

Three former Bearcat baseball stars are currently taking part in spring training exercises with minor league baseball clubs this year. They are Jimmy Blackmon, Marty West, and Steve Williams.

Jimmy Blackmon, a member of the 1967 state championship team, was a prime draftee choice for the Washington Senators in last January's free agent draft. Jimmy, a pitcher, was assigned to Washington's Salisbury farm club in the Class A Western Carolina's League. After a slow start, Jimmy came on strong during the second half of the season last summer. He is now in Lake City, Florida, in training and will be assigned to Burlington, N. C., in the Carolina's League.

Marty West was the first draft choice of the new Seattle Pilots in the high school phase of last year's draft. Marty was chosen primarily for his catching ability, although he swings a good bat at the plate.

Steve Williams, last year's third baseman, was also drafted by the Pilots. He was the leading hitter on last year's state runners-up.

Marty and Steve are now in Temple, Arizona, in spring training and will probably be assigned to play with Clinton, Iowa, in Class A ball.

The caliber of Bearcat athletics is shown to be very high due to the success of former Bearcats in the college and professional ranks. This is a tribute to the coaching ability of our athletic staff.

Cat Tourney

The Rock Hill High Basketball team led by head coach Reggie Christopher finished fourth in the 1969 AAA State Championship Tournament held in Spartanburg on March 6, 7, and 8. First place went to A. C. Flora High of Columbia, which defeated Eau Claire in the finals.

The Bearcats, on the strength of twenty-two victories against a single defeat, went into the tourney as overwhelming favorites to cop the state crown. However, the squad was unable to jell in the pressure-packed games of a state tournament.

Rock Hill's first round opponent was Anderson, second place finishers to Spartanburg in their region. This team proved to be one of the most difficult fives the 'Cats had faced all season. However, a strong performance by Jimmy Johnson in a reserve's role pulled the Bearcats through and into the semi-finals against Eau Claire.

Rock Hill went into the Semi-finals confident that the first game jitters would be gone. However, the Bearcats found themselves trailing the Shamrocks 5-0 in the opening minutes of the game. Rock Hill continually pulled close only to fall behind again as the Eau Claire team spurted to several sizable leads.



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Epting, Randall Selected Bearcats of the Month

Jimmy Epting and Mike Randall have been selected as Bearcats of the Month for March. They were chosen by Coach Christopher for this honor for their play during the Regional and State tournaments.

Jimmy started this year at the forward position on the Bearcat five. The Senior forward averaged 14.3 points a game hitting on 42.1% of his shots from the floor. Jimmy's specialty shot was a driving, twisting layup down the middle of the lane.

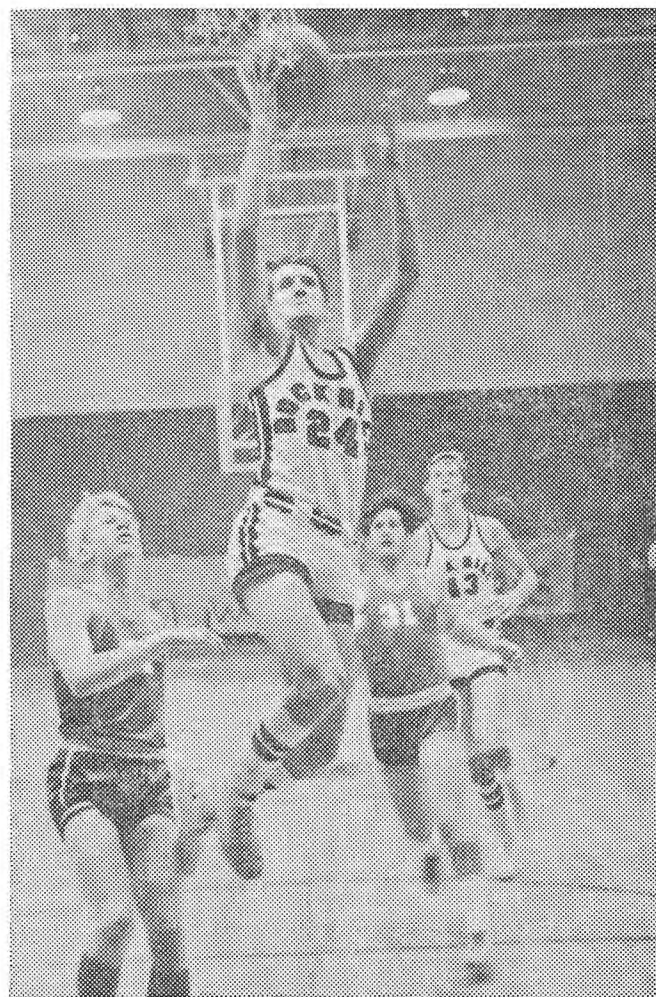
Jimmy also was the second leading rebounder on the squad and averaged 6.9 recoveries a game. The hustle and desire that Jimmy Epting exhibited set him apart from other players even on a team such

as the 'Cats.

Coach Christopher said of Jimmy, "There are several colleges interested in him. This show that his desire to win has paid off."

Mike Randall, also a Senior, started at the guard slot in the 'Cat attack. Mike was the playmaker of the Bearcat team and led the defensive forces. He averaged 6.4 points a game by hitting on 38.4% of his shots. His best game came against Charlotte Catholic, where he showed a scoring punch that could be utilized if needed.

Coach Christopher said of Mike's work, "He is a powerful guard and has played very fine defense." He added that his defense really contributed a lot to the team this season.



Epting goes high for two, showing why many college scouts have watched him closely.

Two quick baskets knotted the score at 53-53 in the opening seconds of the second extra period. After a Shamrock free throw, Rock Hill had the ball out of bounds with six seconds on the clock. However, Eau Claire stole the inbounds pass and then made good on two free throws to advance 56-53.

The final night of the tourney saw Eau Claire fall by two points to A. C. Flora and saw Spartanburg slaughter the shattered Bearcat Squad for third place. The Bearcats finally pulled ahead in the middle of the third quarter only to have Eau Claire match them basket for basket. Eau Claire took a 51-49 lead with only ten seconds remaining in the game, but Rock

Hill controlled the ball. The game was tied and sent into overtime by David Angel, who laid the ball up at the buzzer after a missed shot.

Neither team was able to score in the first overtime, even though Rock Hill held the ball for over two minutes and attempted several shots as time ran out.

Jimmy Epting and David Angel were named to the All-Tournament team to represent the Bearcats who finished the season with a record of 23 wins and 3 losses.

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