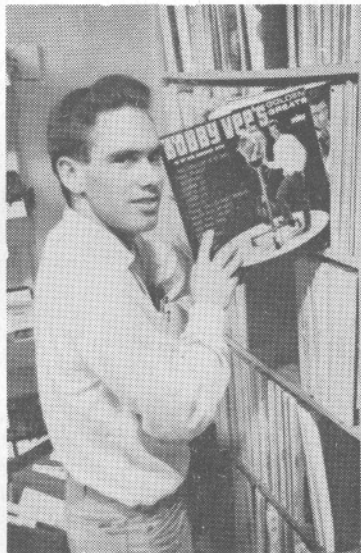


# Laurel Senior High School Student Rocking Goodtime Radio Announcer

Everybody has a hobby which he particularly enjoys. Some hobbies are very practical and educational, such as reading and archeology; others are entertaining and enjoyable, such as panda bear breeding or pine cone picking. But many people, such as photographers and mechanics, turn their hobbies into profit-making businesses.

There are hundreds of different hobbies in Laurel Senior High School, and one of the most "diff-



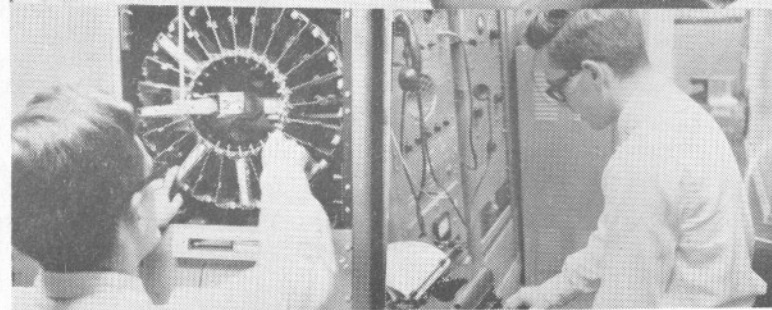
erent" is Rockwell Smith's. Rocky, a senior, is a regular deejay at radio station KBMY in Billings. When asked which category his hobby would come under, he replied, "Well with the wages I get, it couldn't be considered profit-making!" A sizeable chunk of his bi-weekly paycheck pays for the long distance phone calls he makes to help break the monotony.

Rocky is the only deejay KBMY who carries a live show, everything else is on a tape supplied by a company in Bellingham, Washington. The music is all handled from these two tapes on automatic machines, which insert taped advertising cartridges at the proper time. "These machines are a Godsend if you haven't had enough sleep the night before," Rock quips with his usual jocular wit. "The only detestable thing about them is the abominable alarm bell which signals a faulty mechanism."

Rockwell came to Laurel when his father, the Reverend Donald Smith, was transferred from Salmon, Idaho. Rocky gained his first radio experience in Salmon when he applied for a job at the KSRA studios. He had his own pop record program, "Platter Playtime."

Rocky is just as busy in Laurel as he was in Salmon. Besides  
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# Studio Supervisor



Rocky Smith, a senior at Laurel Senior High School, is shown during actual working-hour photos as he broadcasts from radio station KBMY. In the top photo he previews records as he waits for the disk on the turntable to finish. In the lower left he refills the advertisement cartridges in the automatic broadcasting machine, and in the lower right he records the transmitter information each half hour.

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carrying as academic load of the senior's four roughest subjects, he is taking an active part in the rhythm section of the LSH band. In Salmon, he was a member of their concert band, and was vice-president of his freshman class and SAC representative of his sophomore class. He was an active member of Science Club for three years and Chess Club for two years. He likes nothing better than to "check-mate" the Leaves Photographer Wes Nicholas three games in a row.

Last year he was president of the local MYF, and was elected to the presidency of the Missoula Sub-district MYF, but was forced to vacate the post by his family's move.

What does he do when the bell goes off signaling a mechanical difficulty? "Usually the music tapes have run out or a cartridge wasn't recycled. If the music runs out you cycle the stepper to the next deck and change reels -- usually one of the ten channels has something to say," he explains.

Rocky enjoys his live show on Sunday nights best. From 6:10 to 9:00 he plays top pop, middle-of-the-road, jazz, and country tunes, and from 9:00 to 11:00 he dusts off the oldie-goodie records and swings with them. He will play any song that has been dedicated or requested, and a note to him in care of KBMY will do the trick. Eventually he plans to have his Sunday night show approved for every night airing.

The only drawback to his program is that it is only half complete. He has the "Rock" portion of it, now all he needs is someone named "Roll."