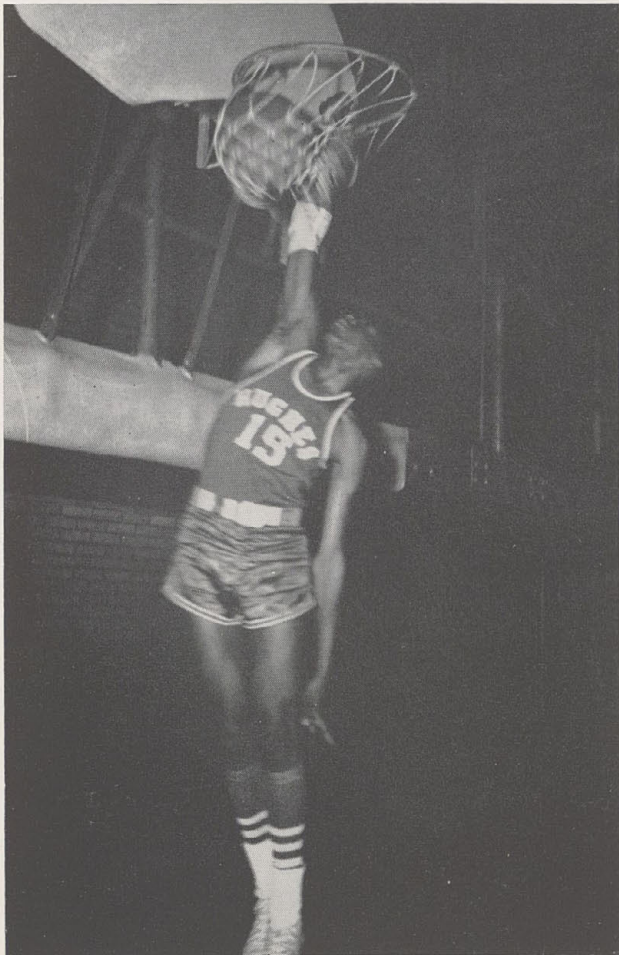


Runners-up Trophy



"Goose" dunks one

The District Tournament saw 24 teams, but Hughes finished first by beating Fairfield, Anderson, Withrow, Elder, and Purcell. This meant only 16 teams were left out of 304 teams in the state. These 16 teams were divided up into fours called regionals.

Middletown was the first objective to overcome. Then came Portsmouth, which was the top team in the state most of the year. Their prowess didn't stop the Big Reds, for the final score showed Hughes the victors by two points. Only four remained, Hughes going strong on powerful determination to win.



Grimes points out first-half mistakes

With Columbus East, the Number One team at the end of the season, facing Hughes in the semifinal, things looked bad. A 59-58 win brought tears of happiness to almost every Hughes student. The team members played their hearts out in beating Columbus East, Friday, March 25.

The final game, March 26, found Hughes a tired team. Regardless, they fought as hard as they could. Having a five-point lead at half was the closest they came to winning. This very sad loss to Hughes, after it had come all the way, was heartbreaking to many Cincinnatians. Zanesville, which beat and upset the Big Reds, played an excellent game to win the honor of being State Champs.

All of these players went along, as a team, to have a good season and to be honored by being the best team ever to come out of Cincinnati. No other team has ever won the State Tournament or placed as high as second. Surely Mr. Grimes and the Big Reds and the Cheerleaders are to be credited for a job well-done.

"Big Reds" huddle before game

