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ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL



Before the wall . . . During the ceremonies of the blessing of the statue of Our Lady of the Assumption, Fr. Ryan says the preceding prayers, while John Beh and Ray Tiedje assist him. Father sprinkled the statue with so much holy water that the water ran down the wall.

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Statue Metamorphizes "This Pile of Bricks"

"This mere pile of bricks and stones has been changed into Assumption high school through the erection of a statue," commented Fr. Edmond Weeg in his introductory address at the dedication ceremony Sept. 20.

Over a hundred priests, sisters, students, and honored guests of the class of '59 were present, as Fr. Weeg congratulated the first graduates on their donation.

The creator of the statue, Miss Donna Marihart, explained why she chose aluminum as a medium for the work. First, it is a contemporary material. Second, aluminum was already used in the construction of the building; therefore the statue ties in with the building. Third, the statue will not discolor to any extent in oxidizing. Fourth, aluminum is durable yet light.

Miss Marihart described the main structural form as a, "restrained, upward-moving curve to express the idea of the Blessed Mother's Assumption into heaven." This curve sweeps from the bottom of the skirt, along the arm, to the top of the veil. The arc is repeated in the upward-pointed hands which are strong, capable, and womanly.

Although the hands have been criticized by some as being too large, the

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Knight Beacon Changes Face; Staff Approves New Portfolio

Tailor-made for Assumption high school, and a unique experiment are some of the terms used by the Knight Beacon staff to describe this year's revised format.

Through this new format, which unfolded during discussions and debates in journalism class, the staff hopes to combine the coverage of a newspaper and the permanence of a yearbook.

The Knight Beacon portfolio will be published nine times a year, with each issue containing 12 to 16 pages. The pages, 9" by 12" in size, can be inserted in a hard cover of padded red leatherette. Football programs and programs from other events throughout the year will also be printed to fit inside the cover.

Orders will be taken at the beginning of the year for the covers. In addition to an original design, the front of the cover will contain the name Knight Beacon, the year, and the individual student's name lettered in gold. In an informal survey taken by members of the Beacon staff, various students said they would be willing to pay from two to four dollars for the cover, and were surprised to learn it would cost only \$1.75.

Distribution of papers and covers will be made through the homerooms this year. Orders for the covers will be taken by members of the staff.

Layout will be flexible, varying from two to three columns, with wider columns for easier reading. Picture stories and layouts will be utilized to illustrate and liven the text. However, according to Fr. William F. Wiebler, advisor, "Primarily this is a writing venture . . . not merely a collection of snapshots."

Pat Deluhery, who named the Knight Beacon last year, heads the staff as editor. Other editors include Dick Wolfe, sports, Roberta Ellis, features, Margaret DiBlasio, copy editor, and Carole Gross and Larry Montford, associate editors. Gary Jansen and Paul Bower will serve as photographers, and Judy Abbott is the staff artist. Layout will be handled by John Beh and Tom McDonnell and circulation by Mary Ann Sunderbruch and Dick Fick. Business manager is Ray Tiedje.

In its first year of publication, the Knight Beacon merited an All-Catholic rating, the highest given by the Catholic School Press Association.



Behind the wall . . . Ray Tiedje talks to John Beh, who holds the holy water bucket.

Artist Describes Statue

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artist feels they are anatomically correct and express at least part of the essence of the Blessed Mother — a woman who worked with her hands.

Continuing, Miss Marihart explained that the expression in the face of the statue is expectant and serious, indicating a quiet ecstasy. It is the strong face of a woman, not the traditional over-rounded face of a girl.

The stars radiate from the center with six rays of different lengths indicating the sparkle of stars. The 12 stars are arranged asymmetrically about the figure to symbolize heaven. The figure was placed above the ground to convey a feeling of suspension.

"The whole composition of stars and figure forms a diagonal that directs the attention upward," stated Miss Marihart.

After the speeches, Fr. John Ryan formally blessed the statue. Serving as altar boys were Ray Tiedje and John Beh, both seniors. During the blessing Father Weeg read the prayers in English over the loud-speaker.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served in the library court, giving visitors a chance to see the first



Working in her Marycrest studio, Donna Marihart adds finishing touches to the mold of the statue of Our Lady of Assumption, which was cast in the local Kloppenberg foundry.

graduates' senior class tree.

Annbel Kuriger, one of the graduates in attendance, stated, "I think a lot of us now understand the symbolic meaning of our statue and we hope our tree will be big enough by Christmas to be decorated."

Pep Rally Pops With School Song From Bandsman

"There is no place like Assumption," declares the new school song, presented to the student body at the recent pep rally in preparation for the Assumption-Davenport game.

The new song was introduced by Mr. Carl Paarman who sang it at the rally. There was so much noise in approval that Mr. Paarman threatened, "If you don't keep still, I'll sing it again."

The tune for the song, which is the same as the melody to "Dear Old Nebraska U.," written by Harry Pecha, was suggested by Fr. Robert Walter. He heard it several times at the National Guard camp this summer, and thinks the melody is stirring, yet simple enough for students to learn quickly. The words for the new song are a combination of suggestions from the faculty.

Mr. Paarman, the band director, plans to use the pep song "as a quick rouser for all athletic events." It will be played when the team scores a touchdown. Future plans for the band include the acquisitions of uniforms, and possibly the performing of half-time programs.

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TEAM RED AND WHITE ----- THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE A--

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DJ Flips His Platters But Never His Lid

by Roberta Ellis

Records, java, and golf fill the life of a man from Jonesboro, Arkansas. This man is no other than Don Nelson — the man who spins the platters at Assumption's hops.

Don first began his disc jockey career as a record librarian in seventh grade. As Don puts it, "A record librarian is one who puts away the 'mess' of records after a dj's show."

At fourteen Don was given a show by a friend from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. They thought that only a few people would hear the show. "But it happened that both bosses of the radio station were listening that day and consequently both my friend and myself were fired," laughs Don.

As a sophomore in high school, Don got his first real job as a disc jockey. He spun records every night after school. Later he moved to the Quad-Cities where he is now employed by WQUA, Moline.

"Many people ask me what I do between records and newscasts. Well, actually there is little time to even get out of the small recording room. Switching from turntable to turntable and recording everything I say on the air at the exact second keeps me very busy. During the five-minute newscasts, I go outside and get a breath of fresh air. I usually get a cup of coffee during the 15 minute broadcasts. I live for these moments."

What does it take to be a disc jockey? Well, you don't have to be crazy

but it helps," Don quips. "In reality, though, it takes much training and a lot of experience. A thorough background in English, geography and history is a necessity. In fact, most stations require a college education for the job today."

Since Don has passed out the traditional blue-banded cigars, he spends much of his time at home with his wife and baby boy. But he adds, "This summer I took up golf and now my wife (the former Mary Jo Van Camp) is a golfer's widow. I like to play golf with Father Weeg and Father Mottet. Father

Weeg is the pro but Father Mottet keeps me wondering — 'Who is worse, Father or myself?'"

Besides his varied activities, Don manages to give about three hops a week. He now limits himself to private hops. He feels that there are so many disk jockeys who are only out for the almighty dollar rather than for the enjoyment of the teen-agers. Don says that the private hop is much more orderly and one can get to know his own classmates much better at such a gathering.



Discs from a disc jockey . . . Records are offered by Don Nelson to Jack Radloff, '60, Pat Miley, '61, and Larry Rosenfield, '62.



The pause that refreshes . . . Mary Jo Lacey '61, and Joan McKinney '61, sip coke as they take a break between dances. Pat Carney '62 dispenses.

Hi-Lites

- Oct. 2 Notre Dame of Niles, away
- Oct. 4-10 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 7 Faculty Meeting Periods 8-9
- Oct. 9 Wahlert, home
- Oct. 13 Mothers Club
- Oct. 27 Joliet Catholic, away
- Oct. 18 Home & School Conference
St. Joseph's DeWitt
- Oct. 23 Alleman, away
- Oct. 30 Clinton, home

Principles Guide Publications

Principles and policies publication of the Knight Beacon this year will be:

1. Through trial and experimentation, we will seek to develop a student publication that is original and suited to the individual needs of Assumption high school.
2. We will be known officially as the Knight Beacon portfolio, which will be published once a month on 9" by 12" pages. These will be gathered together in a permanent cover to provide a chronological record of the year's events. Football programs and programs from other events will be printed to fit in the same folder.
3. We will write past events as past news, not attempting to express them in the present tense. We will write about an event before it occurs, but explain it fully, with pictures, after it has happened. This is a change from our previous policy of accentuating the future because we feel it will be more in line with our objective of providing an accurate record of the school year.
4. Since the alumni are an extension of the student body, we will report the significant achievements of Assumption graduates in scholastic and athletic fields.
5. To encourage creative writing, we will accept for publication original student works.
6. In our editorials we will attempt to be factual and to present both sides of contemporary issues or problems, because we feel that student opinion is valuable in solving student problems.
7. We will write about unusual and interesting projects being carried out in individual classes to inform all students about them.
8. Through explanatory features during the year we will attempt to highlight various phases of social life and school departments.
9. Our writing will reflect the Christian principles of bringing the light of truth to the darkness of ignorance expressed in our motto "as a beacon in the night."

P. D./L. M./C. G.



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"As a Beacon in the Night"



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Dennis Vozikus '62
"Requiescat in pace."

"May light eternal shine upon him, O Lord, with Thy saints forever, for Thou art gracious. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him: with Thy saints forever, for Thou art gracious." From the Communion of the Mass on the day of burial.

"Dear Father Mottet" Vozikis Proud to be Student Though at AHS for only a Year

June, 1959

"Dear Father Mottet,

Thank you very much for the card. I wish I had the words to express my thanks more fully.

Both the faculty and the students have been wonderful about my condition. They have made me feel like one of them. It makes me proud to be part of Assumption High School.

Sincerely,
Dennis Vozikis"

Dennis died of Cooley's Anemia, June 10, shortly after this letter was mailed. The only thing that kept Dennis alive were the blood transfusions that he had been receiving all his life.

Dennis' classmates said that he had one of those rare personalities that made him a friend of everyone and an enemy of none. In his capacity as secretary of the freshman class, a position he was elected to, he attended every meeting faithfully and was prepared to bring up any point that the students suggested to him to the attention of the student council.

Even though he knew that he probably would not live long enough to graduate from high school, Dennis never let pity overcome him, and he always tried hard maintaining a 3.36 scholastic rating with thirteen out of fourteen A's in application and participating in Little League for four years.

"We were happy to have had Dennis as long as we did," stated Dennis' Orthodox Father, Mr. Peter Vozikis. To attest to Dennis' school spirit, Mr. Vozikis said, "I think that we, his parents, came in third in his affection behind religion and school. He visited the chapel at school three times a week after school, and he was always thinking and talking about the kids at school."

Bishop Bespeaks Progress

When Bishop Hayes officially opened school with Mass in the auditorium, he cautioned us to be "physically, mentally and spiritually fit." So far, we have followed his advice.

The physical plant is gleaming. Sidewalks are a great help. We seldom see mud tracks. Many shrubs add life to our roomy campus. A new flagpole shows our patriotism, and the statue of the Assumption dedicates us to Mary.

Mentally, too, there is a better attitude. Most students are happy with the shorter lunch periods which allow dismissal at 3:00 P.M. sharp. It also relieves congestion between the two lunch periods. The home-room system has also been successfully initiated on the boys' side.

During the Bishop's Mass at AHS, students displayed maturity by paying strict attention to both the Mass and the sermon. Attendance at daily Mass has been slowly picking up.

Faculty members of both divisions have commented on the spirit of cooperation displayed by students. There is still room for improvement. Student support at the Cedar Rapids Regis game was pitiful. Enthusiasm should increase for the coming home games.

Remember Bishop Hayes' advice. We have a good school and it's getting better. If each student improves physically, mentally and morally, we will continue this progress.

P. D.



Sr. Mary Ernestine, BVM, points to her painting of Bishop Hayes, which is outside the chapel.

Lite Flashes

What do seniors expect from their senior year? The answers that follow are typical of upperclassmen's thought.

As a senior I expect proper respect from the lower classmen and a certain amount of trust and responsibility from my teachers. I do not think that these two wishes are unfounded or founded on foolish pride.

I believe that by now most seniors have attained certain knowledge and skills which deserve respect of those around me. I also expect the faculty to put a certain amount of responsibility in my hands. This responsibility in different lines will futher my feeling of being on the top of the ladder.

Tom Atzen — '60

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I guess I could name many desires that I would like to have filled during my senior year. However, I would like my senior year to give me a picture of what my freshman year in college will be like — well, as closely as possible. I chose this reason because the step from high school to college will be one of the greatest jumps we can make in life. I hope that my senior year will build up my courage to face college with the idea that I am going to try to make the best of it. My future largely depends on what I do in college.

Joe Ross — '60

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I hope to gain a knowledge that will help me to make a success of my life. I expect to get the experience in making my own decision, and fulfilling the responsibility given to me by those over me. Above all I intend to make my final decision about my future.

Mary Sue Schwieters — '60

Liturgy and Laity Use 'Kemo Sabay' at Mass?

by Jerry Kane

Remember our first pep rally — the faculty was impressed by the spirit of the students, as shown by the noise they made. Recall, too, how people were impressed with the quietude at the school's opening Mass.

Now, stop and think. If noise showed real spirit at the pep rally, why is it that people were impressed by silence at the Mass?

Of course you're not expected to holler "kemo sabay" or "first and ten, do it again" at Mass. However, a little noise in the form of responding to the priest, as is done in the dialogue Mass, would not only show spirit, but would give the students a chance to participate in the Mass.

Dialogue Masses are being held in other places, why not here at Assumption? There are daily Masses in the chapel, and this would provide an excellent opportunity to inaugurate "noisy Masses."

At the pep meeting we had cheerleaders who led us through the cheers. Some one will have to lead the way toward the dialogue Mass. How about you?

Student Council Considers Award, Pep, Activities

In honor of Dennis Vozikus, the student council established the "Dennis Vozikus Award" at its last regular meeting, Wed., Sept. 23. This award will be given to the underclassman, boy or girl student council member, who manifests outstanding service during the year. This award will be in addition to the student council awards given each year to the boy and girl who have contributed most to council activity. (A story on Dennis Vozikus appears on page 4.)

On Wed., Sept. 30, a committee will see Fr. J. O. McAuliffe, regarding the social activities which may be permitted by freshmen. This project was brought to the attention of the council by two non-student council members, Jim Miller and Les Bickford. All students are urged to feel free to bring suggestions to meetings, Fr. W. Dawson, moderator, observed.

In the interest of promoting school spirit, a committee has been assigned to look into the possibilities of the formation of a pep club. A report on this should be ready by the next meeting.

Though not appearing in this issue, the student council will again sponsor a "Youth of the Month," though the policies under which it will be selected will be altered.

The student council will again be in charge of programs sold at the football games. Ads are being solicited and information readied for programs for the Wahlert-Assumption game, Oct. 9.

Jeanne Meyer, Judy Egger, Kathy Kehoe, Pat Deluhery, Mike Ceurvorst, and Greg Cusack are preparing a panel for the state student council convention to be held in Ames, Oct. 19. Kathy Kehoe will also present to the convention a report on the State Workshop held in Cedar Falls, July 12-17.

Scholars Vie

A flurry of tests with highly-valued scholarships as possible rewards are seen for juniors and seniors.

The deadline for entry into the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company Scholarship Program was Friday, Sept. 25. Three four-year college scholarships will be awarded on this program. The first step in pursuing these awards will be the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests, given by the College Entrance Examination Board on Oct. 24.

The PSAT tests will be given to juniors on that date as a means of guidance. Approximately 80 students will be taking this test at Assumption.



Preparing for the state student council convention, Judy Eggers points out Ames, Ia., to Mike Cuervorst. Pat Deluhery types as Kathy Kehoe suggests an idea. Jeanne Myers contacts area schools for comparisons. Greg Cusack is absent for the picture.

KB Survey Says Jazz is Crazy, Man

by Jim Johnson

"Jazz music is crazy and classical is long hair," one student thought. Another said jazz was fast and classical slow. Neither was right. These and 30,000 other answers were given in the Knight Beacon survey taken as a poll of student opinion to serve as a guide for publication.

The survey revealed many things; such as, only 10% of the students didn't know who the director of Assumption High School was. The 10% was comprised mostly of freshmen.

Oddly enough, many boys did not even recognize the change in the habits worn by the B.V.M.'s but most of those who noticed the change liked it. Many of the students thought the new habits looked more comfortable on the nuns.

Most students, bored with the summer routine, were glad to get back to school. A few capitalists, nevertheless, were sorry to give up that sum-

mer job. The summer was not complete boredom, however, for the average student saw five movies and did some reading. Tolstoy's *War and Peace* was on one boys list of books.

According to the survey the majority of Assumption students are college-bound; moreover, 20% more boys than girls plan to attend. Most of the students had not determined the college they planned to attend.

School spirit was considered by 45% of the girls and 31% of the boys as the school's biggest problem this year. Several girls cited the boys' reluctance to dance as the greatest problem. Few had solutions to offer.

About 60% of the student body dates; 25% of these have gone steady. Approximately 95% of those who date have done so in a group.

Through the year the results of this survey will be utilized and seen in the pages of the *Knight Beacon*.

Chuck Skelley '61, amuses the student council and the freshmen class with his widely acclaimed impersonations during the Student Council program on Freshmen Get-Acquainted Day, Sept. 10. The program also included a mock Student Council meeting.



Diocesan YCS Federates at Year's First Study Day; Parents Ponder Teen Problems in Christian Family

by Mike Ceurvorst

To form a diocesan federation, 230 Young Christian Students of the Davenport diocese gathered at Assumption high school Sunday, Sept. 27. At this Study Day they covered topics to be acted on by the YCS during the next three years. These include the family, human relations, and parish life.

Highlights of the day included workshops on such topics as the liturgy, labor, and the social inquiry. Focal point of the day was the Mass celebrated by Fr. Marvin Mottet, YCS moderator. Led by Fr. William F. Wiebler the YCS'ers sang the Mass and participated in an offertory procession.

Fr. Louis Colonnese gave the sermon. He pointed out that the burden of reChristianizing the teenage society must be done by the members of that society, the YCS.

Elected president of the federation was George Tibbets of Hayes high school, Muscatine. Sharon Rose, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf, was named vice-president. Art Johnson, local president of YCS, a parishioner of St. Mary's, Davenport, was chosen national YCS representative.

One of the events considered most interesting by the mixed teenage audience was a panel discussion of parents who were in some way connected to YCS, either as CFM couples or as parents to YCS'ers. Controversial questions were discussed.

For instance, should the father exercise his authority? The panel de-

ecided that the father must be the disciplinarian but he should work with the mother. Parents should work on discipline that is understood by all. In regard to teens and rules made for them parents often forget that the teens think like adults while other younger members of the family don't. But if a rule is restrictive to a teen he must be willing to make the necessary sacrifice if it will help the family.

Some teens wondered why parents don't explain the facts of life to their children. Panel members thought that often the parents don't know when to talk about these things to their children. Either the children don't ask or the parents don't know how or what to say. The teens are often more ready to approach this subjects than are the adults.

Advice to teens who have these questions is: pick the right time and place to ask. Remember that even if you know all there is to know about these facts you must have the proper moral perspective for that knowledge to have any worth.

Parents should regulate their teens' social life, the panel observed. The parents must set definite and strictly enforced rules concerning the telephone, television, study, dating (who-where-how long), nights out, what the teens read and don't read. All of these rules must be elastic enough to adjust to a given situation but not so elastic that they become a farce. Students should put themselves in their parents' boots if they can't understand a rule.

There should be mutual discussion of problems.

Many and varied are the sources of irritation between parents and teens. Major problem is discipline. Discipline, respected discipline, is missing in many, many homes. It's hard to give the kids what they want. Younger children are big problems. Few problems exist after understanding is accomplished. Teens should think about this, panel members commented. Moreover, the parents must set an example of obedience to all lawful authority.

Study habits should be regulated by parents. The primary burden of education rests on the parents, not the school. Parents must provide the right time and place for studying.

Prayer life is difficult in the modern home according to the experts on the panel. The busy trend of today keeps the family apart. It is difficult to get the family all home at one time. Everyone has "a lot to do." If the custom of family prayer has been handed down, prayer is easy, if the custom has not been handed down, prayer is almost impossible. Parents must insure that the children receive the sacraments and that they say at least the morning offering. They should encourage their children to pray ejaculations during the day. Family prayers establish a close bond of unity that is hard to break.

Making these observations were 3 sets of parents, each couple of which has a total of 7 children. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rossmiller.

Pubs and mead halls at Assumption?
 . . . Yep! For those unknowing souls, meadhalls are Anglo-Saxon taverns where men talked and sang of their brave adventures. Shown admiring the products of the boys' senior English classes are, left to right, Walter Huntington, Mary Ann Sunderbruch, and Tom Atzen, all seniors.

Coaches Pour Concrete; Curbs, Drives, Walks Greet Wheels, Feet

by John Bernsen

"What's that you say? 25,000 sq. ft. of concrete on this school's property? I don't believe it."

Well, believe it or not, there is. During this past summer approximately 25,000 sq. ft. of concrete was poured. This includes sidewalks, curbs and drives.

The regular maintenance men and Coaches Ray Ambrose, Gene Walton, and Mr. Joseph Maher worked six days a week for nine weeks in order to have it poured in time for school's opening.

Fr. Robert Amborn and Coach Ambrose supervised the pouring. According to Coach Ambrose, "It was a busy summer, but we poured concrete everyday in spite of the shortage of materials and help. The cement job was fairly routine. Everytime we found a path where kids were cutting, we put a sidewalk."

Sidewalks are only part of the improvements started or finished during the summer. So far 260 shrubs have been planted. Over 100 have been planted in front with the rest scattered around the back entrances and the flagpole. Most of the work needed for the planting was done on a volunteer basis. Mr. Emery Sedlock, Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Bettendorf, supervised the planting.

Some of the types are: Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine, Globe, Hill Dundee, Hick's Yew, and Douglas Fir. Deciduous trees such as elm, oak, and maple will be planted in November or later when the sap has stopped running.

Other improvements include the parking lot flagpole donated by Mr. Charles Lepetit and Mr. Herman Alter of Joman Steel.

Two cut stone retaining walls were constructed, one by Section D, another behind the convent. The wall by Section D collapsed because of water pressure but will be rebuilt.

Frandsen Excavating company will start grading work soon on the land north of the parking lot. In years to come this land will be developed into football practice fields, baseball diamonds, a track, softball diamonds, and possibly tennis courts.



Alumnae Traipse to Convent Life, Alumni Migrate to Minor Seminary

by Kathy Kehoe

What a life! No men, fancy clothes, cars, luxuries, or social life. Can any girl actually live without these things? Apparently so, for, in the BVM order alone, 2500 women are doing just that.

Assumption graduates Alice Lehman and Susie Springer spent the past summer preparing for entry into the postulancy of the BVM and Humility orders, respectively.

Alice, who will be a postulant until February, left for the BVM Motherhouse in Dubuque on Aug. 2. At present, her schedule is filled with varied courses, including social graces, typing, and speech. She will begin regular college work soon, although the emphasis will be on spiritually until the completion of her canonical year. As a member of the BVM's, a teaching order, Alice plans to specialize in math.

Even in the convent, housework can't be escaped, and the postulants are assigned special duties in the dormitories. The novices have the unique duty of chasing bats when they are in evidence, a situation reminiscent of Alice's ICA days.

Life is not all work, however. Picnics, tennis, and badminton enter into the picture, and when the Lehmans visit their daughter in October, they will bring a pair of bright red tennis shoes.

Susie Springer has been in Ottumwa

since Sept. 7 as a postulant in the community of the Sisters of Humility. She will also take college courses, and prepare to a life of teaching, and will remain a postulant until June 8.

Sister Mary St. Marguerite, BVM, the former Ruth McMeans, ICA '58, is presently a junior novice. Sister St. Marguerite recalled that when she bought her clothes for the convent, she always took someone along for moral support. One day when shopping for black heels the shoe clerk just gazed at her and said, "Are these for you? Are you sure?"

With the exception of this incident the various other clerks were very encouraging. After she left, Ruth's letters were filled with requests concerning distribution of her clothes, and greeting for friends and relatives.

Long walks, garden work, classes and studying make these prospective religious welcome a 9:00 lights out. Sister Mary Marguerite sums up the feelings of all three about their new life when she states, "Naturally, I just love it."

Assumption is well represented in the St. Ambrose College minor seminary by seven graduates, Leo Feeney, Larry Brafman, Pete Hart, Bill Walz, Ed Botkin, Jim Murphy, and George Warner. We'll hear about their life in another story.

Interests center on the aerial artistry of quarterback John Fennelly as he hits end, Nick Miller, at last week's game with Davenport.



Assumption Knights Exorcise Blue Devils; Now Brace for Tough Opponents Ahead

Despite their tremendous "victory" over high-flying Davenport, Assumption's Knights still have a long row to hoe as they play six of their first seven games on the road.

Tonight the Knights will journey to Niles, northwest of Chicago, to battle Notre Dame. Coach Gene Walton termed the Niles team "fast with a hard-hitting line and I don't think they've been beaten yet." Coaches Walton and Ambrose scouted Notre Dame when they buried St. Thomas of Rockford 14-0 in the mud last week.

Dubuque Wallert's Golden Eagles, formerly Loras Academy and St. Columbkille's, will fly into town a week from tonight for the Knight's first home game. The new central Catholic high school has been having its football miseries with losses in two of their first three games and injuries to key players.

Galen Thomas, the Golden Eagles' coach, predicted that his stellar grid-ders like big Fred Kummert and Dave Bierie may be below par for another two weeks because of the injury jinx. Last year Assumption shocked Loras Academy, then the number one ranking team in the state, with a 7-7 tie at the Gubs' homecoming.

October 17 the Knights will journey for the second time into the Chicago area to take on Joliet Catholic. In last fall's Assumption kickoff game, Joliet was nailed with a 20-0 loss and later they were routed by Alleman 32-7. Since then Joliet has lost all-state

fullback Joe Podobnik by graduation.

Alleman's Pioneers will be host for the battle for the Quad-City Catholic title October 23 and Clinton's sputtering River Kings will come to Davenport October 30. Alleman scored impressive victories in their first two outings and will try to duplicate the 20-0 setback they handed Assumption last year with the running of Jim and Wood and Larry Barnett and the pass catching of Jim Watts.

Quarterback John Raske, son of the Clinton basketball coach, will direct the River Kings in their quest to avenge the 14-13 loss handed to them in their homecoming last year by the Knights. Clinton lost one and tied one in their first two games.

Assumption's greatest hour! Well, almost although it was tarnished by a late Blue Devil splurge that produced a 13-13 tie in the annual city championship skirmish Friday. Assumption's prestige as a football power grew by leaps and bounds as the stunned Imp fans watched their four touchdown favorites strive to contain the aggressive Knight team.

A crowd of more than eight thousand watched junior quarterback John Fennelly engineer two long touchdown marches that were capped by two plunges up the middle to paydirt by Tim Goffar. The hard-hitting Knight linemen, Bill Bell, Joe Smith, Dan Hawley, Jim Anderson, and Dick Leonard, jarred the Blue Devils into making six fumbles that were par-

layed into scoring opportunities behind the accurate throwing of Fennelly, who was making his first varsity start, and the pass-catching of Nick Miller and Ron Fiese.

Faced with the loss of nine regulars from the '58 team including the entire backfield, Assumption opened the season at Fort Madison where the inspired Bloodhounds, ranked third in pre-season polls of the Little Six Conference, pulled a big surprise when they spilled the highly favored Assumption eleven, 21-0. The Bloodhounds fell off cloud 9 when DeWitt nailed them with an 18-6 loss the following week. Costly fumbles, a leaky pass defense, and an inconsistent ground attack led to the Knights' downfall with only Ed Burke able to gain much yardage.

Despite little enthusiasm by the students, the Knights bounced back on the victory trail with a 25-0 romp over Regis at Cedar Rapids September 17.

Sparkling defensive play by Bob Schebler, the three touchdown splurge of Ed Burke, and the passing of John Fennelly highlighted the triumph over the inexperienced Cedar Rapids team. Fennelly connected on a 35 yard touchdown pass to Mike Lohf with time expired in the first half.

The varsity reserves, paced by Dave Price who blasted his way to three touchdowns, beat Bettendorf 21-7 in the initial reserve game September 21. The reserves will journey to Moline for their next game Monday.

From Practice - -



Through the woods and over the bridge, from football practice they come. By now this trek is familiar to all AHS football players. It is not, however, known to the rest of the student body. Here we go behind the scene. Dick Hasenmiller leads the team from . . .

. . . practice, practice and more practice, where Coach Gene Walton directs the team efforts at least two hours each day. Here Jim Davies and Dick Hasenmiller ponder the instructions just given them by Coach Walton.



As though they were posing for a football program cover, juniors Sharon Belk and Mary Ann Keller flank AHS gridder Jim Anderson, '60. Actually such a pose would never be seen on a football practice field, but Jim looks as though he enjoys it.

- - To Pep Rally



The team efforts are appraised by the student body at the pep rally. Here Mr. Carl Paarman leads the students in the initial singing of the new school song.



With one unifying cheer, AHS students are ignited by cheerleaders, left to right, Kathy Arnold, Mary Fran Neufeld, Mary Bohrer, Eileen Dockery, and Mary McMeans.

"There is no place like Assumption, Assumption high we mean," echoes the band to highlight the rally.



Sister's Father Pitched For The Chi White Sox

"My dad never talked much about his playing days, but I wish he were still alive so he could go to the World Series," recalled Sister Mary Borgia, Assumption teacher, in a reminescent mood recently.

Her dad, known to the baseball world as "Butcher Boy" Joe Benz, was a member of the last White Sox pennant winners in 1919. Benz pitched only one game that year for the team that later became famous as the Black Sox because eight players accepted bribes to "throw" the World Series that fall.

Upon his release early in the 1919 season Benz was presented with a life time pass to all the Sox home games. When he died two years ago this pass was given to his son and because of this Sister Borgia's brother secured four tickets for this week's Series games. "My mother has been bombarding the Sox front office for several weeks now asking for tickets," Sister Borgia added, "but with no success so far."

The publicity and photography director of Assumption remembered that her dad was especially proud of his no-hitter against Cleveland in 1914. The hitless gem put the former Chicago meat market helper in baseball's mythical Hall of Fame of no-hit hurlers. Only two balls were hit out of the infield but two walks and three errors marred his bid for a perfect performance.

The no-hitter against Cleveland was the 26th of the 76 victories he won in nine years of major league pitching but he also lost 76 despite a sterling 2.43 earned run average. His best year was 1915 when he won 15 and lost 11 and the following two years he won 15 and lost only eight. In 1917 he won six of nine decisions as he helped the Sox in their second flag in American League history.

Heading his baseball memories after his retirement was the testimonial dinner given in his honor in October 1954 by many of his former teammates. A paragraph from the program of that dinner called Joe Benz "... a great player, a gentleman on and off the field, a fine neighbor, a friend of all who knew him — a pal of a guy."

"I wish I could get tickets," Sister was heard murmuring as she took off down the hall on another of her busy days around Assumption.

"You and a million other people," I mumbled as I resigned myself to a seat in front of the television for the remaining Series games.



Netmen Finish Fall Training

The last of two fall tennis matches, both with D.H.S., was played Wednesday afternoon to complete the first fall tennis schedule in the history of Assumption or St. Ambrose Academy. Fr. Gerald Kraus coached the netsters in the absence of spring coach Fr. Arthur Perry who is assistant sophomore football coach.

Why the sudden decision to have fall tennis? "Several players were interested and we figured it would help develop better players for the coming spring," Father Kraus stated. He continued, "We kept it short because of the late start and the desire of a couple of players to play sophomore football."

The fall matches will be figured in with the spring matches to determine letter-winners. Fifteen aspirants reported for opening practice with John Jayne and John Lammers fighting for top spot and Ron Rehmann and Bob Young battling for the third position. According to Father Kraus, Young, a junior transfer student from Decatur, has looked good in early practice sessions.

The Assumption netmen won their first match with Davenport 6-3 as the four top players won fairly easily. Father Kraus was pleased with the performance and praised the enthusiasm of the players.

"You've had your chance!" challenged Coach Walton in his calm but effective talk addressing the student body at the pep rally preceding the DHS game. It worked!

Sophs Romp in Opening Games

"Hard work and 100% co-operation have helped mold this team into an eager outfit that will win its share of games," sophomore football coach "Babe" Derouin said in a recent interview. Derouin is assisted by Fr. Arthur Perry, former Notre Dame gridder.

Thirty seven reported for practice August 24 and all 37 were still out with a month of the season elapsed. "The front line on defense of John Fiese, Mike Abbott, Don Miller, Bob Deluhery, Mike McGee, Barney Purcell, and Mike Quigley has looked good at times," commented Coach Derouin. Karl Noonan has sparked the offensive end of the attack augmented by Al Rashid, Clarence Mason, and Dave Aldape. Another outstanding prospect, fullback Stan Maliszewski, was forced to sit out this year because of a broken leg suffered in baseball last spring.

The sophomores rolled to a 19-0 victory over the North Scott reserves and 28-14 rout of Bettendorf's sophomores in their two starts before being humbled 20-7 in the Davenport game.

Two Pros Are Faculty Members; (One Male - The Other Female)

For three easy lessons on how to "bag" a homecoming queen just ask Mr. Ron Mellen, teacher and coach at Assumption. A native of Chicago, Mr. Mellen settled in Davenport after marrying Miss Jackie Alger, the homecoming queen at St. Ambrose Academy in 1954.

Mr. Mellen is sophomore baseball and basketball coach and assistant football coach for the varsity. He received experience in these sports by playing football at St. Ignatius high school in Chicago, and two years of basketball for St. Ambrose College.

Mr. Mellen also played pro baseball for the New York Yankee farm club in Peoria, Illinois, until he was sidelined with an injury.

Besides his coaching duties, Mr. Mellen teaches two classes of sophomore English and one class of junior American literature. He plans to start work on a Masters degree in English at the University of Iowa next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellen and their four-month-old son live at Lilly and Locust streets.

At present the youthful-looking coach is recuperating from a cut over the eye, incurred in a tussel with Fr. Mann in the gym. Four stitches closed the wound.

Frosh Gridders Open at Muny

Fr. Charles Mann, Fr. William Dawson, Tony Navarro, and Jerry Brookhart are busily running their freshman charges through their paces in preparation for the opening game with North Scott at Municipal Stadium Tuesday. "Good desire and lots of hustle are helping to make up for inexperience," Father Mann commented.

Fifty candidates reported for the start of practices when school commenced but the squad was trimmed to 35 after the annual jamboree last week. In the jamboree three Frosh squads scrimmaged each other under game-like conditions before the watchful eyes of the four coaches.

John Burke, Steve Sulles, and Joe Kehoe quarterbacked the three squads with Jim Kellenberger, Dick Braun, and Dave Schlitter scoring the three touchdowns of the evening. Heavyweights Steve Miclot and Bill Donohoo will add beef to the team. Looking over the prospects Fr. Mann called the spirit "excellent with close competition for the starting slots."

Are you Assumptionites all aware that we have among our faculty a combination former track star, baseball pitcher, hockey star, and Iowa University physical education major? Then it's about time we revealed her. She is Miss Marian Thornton, who is now using this past training to teach gym in the girls' division.

After graduating from Evanston high school, Miss Thornton attended the University of Iowa, where she majored in physical education and minored in science. Preceding her college graduation, she taught physical education in Freeport, Ill.

Miss Thornton, who has always liked sports, took an active part in the sports program all during her school years. In high school she played for the North Shore Hockey Association and for a summer softball team which placed first in the all-city tournament two years in a row. As a student at Iowa University, she made a record by running the 75-yard dash in 8-1 seconds. The All American Girls' Baseball League in Chicago claimed Miss Thornton in the years after her college graduation.

Now residing at 1625 20th St., Rock Island, Miss Thornton finds time for her interests outside teaching at Assumption. Her favorite sport, tennis, ranks high on her list. She also does a notable amount of ceramics work, leather handicraft, and work in her 60 'by 20' garden.

How does she manage to work all these things in her tight schedule? "The things you like, you can always somehow find time to do," Miss Thornton explains.

GRA Ratify Plans

Officers and prospective members of Assumption's new Girls' Recreation Association met for the first time Sept. 22, in the school gym. They ratified the club's constitution and agreed on a point system for sport participation.

G.R.A. officers elected last spring include Janice Stolmeier '60, vice-president and acting president, Mary Bohrer '61, secretary and treasurer, and Louise DeZorzi '62, program chairman.

Awards, determined by the point system, will be presented at the spring sports' assembly. A special trophy will be given to the senior girl who has accumulated the most points in four years. Other awards will include G.R.A. pins, numerals, felt monograms, and red chenille "A's." In order to receive any award a girl must earn at least 75 points.

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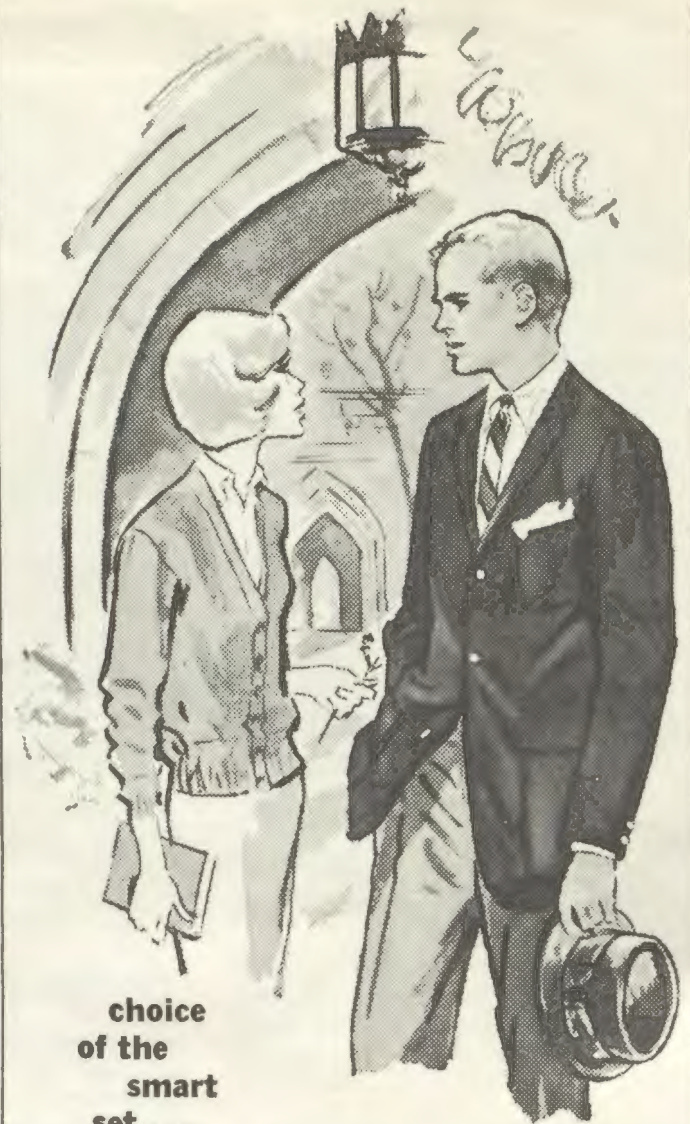
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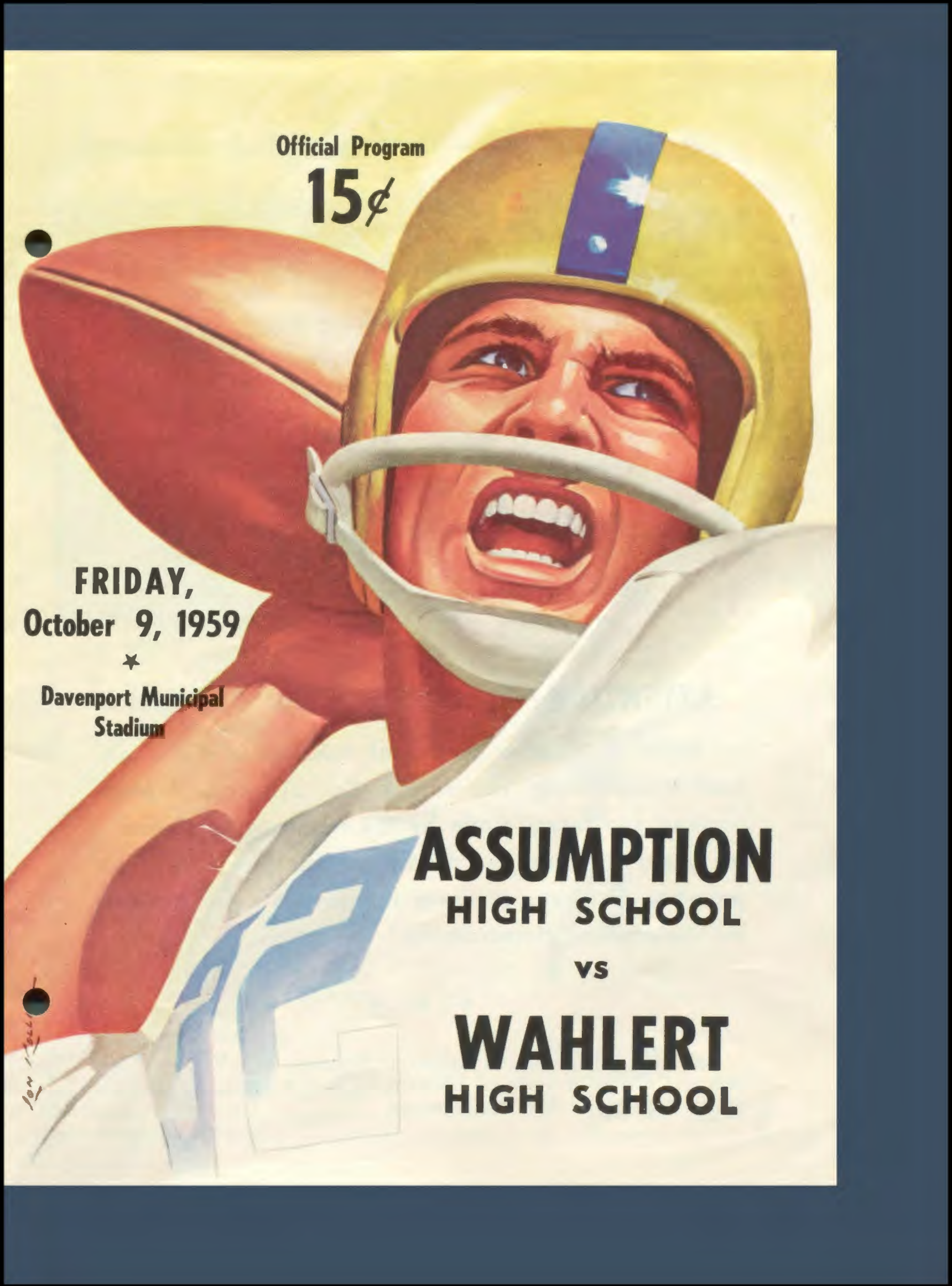
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Sept. 17—REGIS	away
Sept. 25—DAVENPORT	away
Oct. 2—NOTRE DAME	away
Oct. 9—WAHLERT	HOME
Oct. 17—JOLIET CATHOLIC	away
Oct. 23—ALLEMAN	away
Oct. 30—CLINTON	HOME
Nov. 6—BURLINGTON	HOME
Nov. 13—BETTENDORF	HOME

VARSITY RESERVE

Sept. 21—BETTENDORF	away
Oct. 5—MOLINE	away
Oct. 12—DAVENPORT	away
Oct. 19—NORTH SCOTT	away
Nov. 9—ROCK ISLAND	away



PAST RECORD

A.H.S.	0	Ft. Madison	26
A.H.S.	26	Regis	0
A.H.S.	0	Notre Dame (Niles)	18
A.H.S.	13	Davenport	13

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ASSUMPTION STARTING LINE-UP

LE Nick Miller 53	LT Dan Hawley 68	LG Dick Leonard 74	C Jim Anderson 83	RG Bill Bell 72	RT Joe Smith 69	RE Ron Fiese 57
QB John Fennelly 13						
LM Ed Burke 35			RM Tim Goffar 23			
FB Bill Gluba 44						

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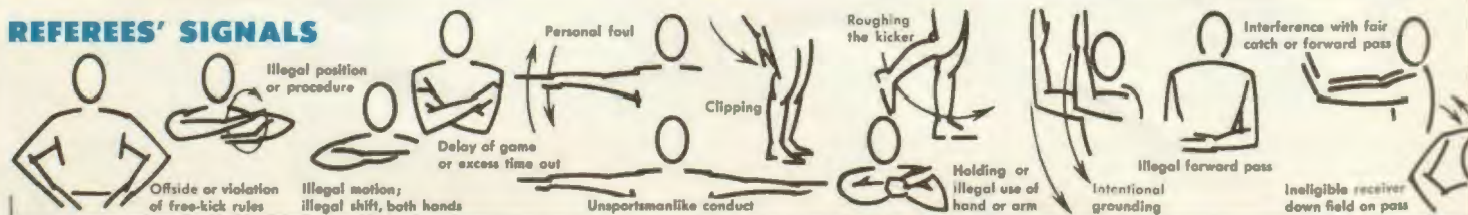
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13 Fennelly, John, qb	57 Fiese, Ron, e
14 Neenan, Karl, qb	58 Hasenmiller, Dick, e
20 Cornick, Doug, rhb	62 Kistenmacher, Tom, †
22 Gray, Chuck, rhb	66 Cavanaugh, Dave, †
23 Goffar, Tim, rhb	67 Collins, Jeff, †
24 Deluhery, Pat, rhb	68 Hawley, Dan, †
25 Castro, Paul, rhb	69 Smith, Joe, †
30 Hart, Ray, lhb	70 Davies, John, g
32 Lohf, Mike, lhb	71 Johnson, Art, g
33 Solis, Bob, lhb	72 Bell, Bill, g
35 Burke, Ed, lhb	73 Dugan, Don, g
41 McCarthy, George, fb	74 Leonard, Dick, g
42 Mason, Tom, fb	75 Moore, Dick, g
43 Belk, Gary, fb	82 Miller, Jim, c
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RM
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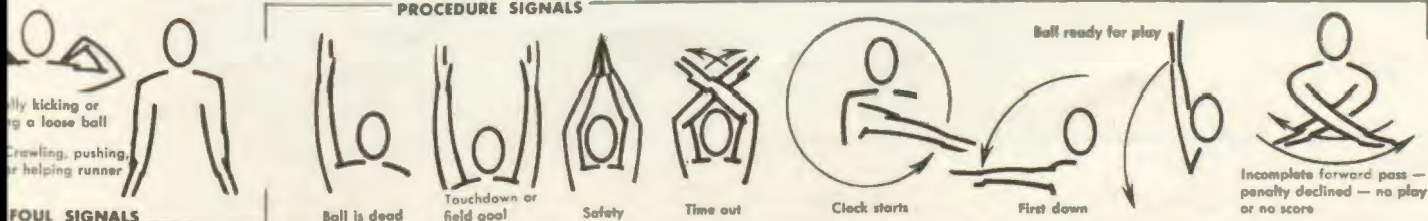
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15 Kunnert, F., b	64 Wertzberger, D., g
20 Connelly, M., b	70 Rooney, D., t
21 Hohman, T., b	72 Davis, R., t
22 McCormick, P., b	73 Crowley, J., t
23 Hirsch, T., b	74 Esser, T., t
24 Hoxmeier, R., b	75 Wilbricht, T., t
25 Tremble, S., b	76 Sunseri, J., t
26 Close, J., b	77 McElmeel, G., t
27 Bierie, D., b	80 Farley, R., e
30 Maas, T., b	81 Driscoll, R., e
31 Henkel, C., b	82 Care, D., e
32 Edwards, J., b	83 Noesen, R., e
50 Ryan, T., c	84 Sullivan, W., e
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Assumption Varsity Squad Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
10	*Beh, John	QB	5'7½"	145	12
11	O'Donnell, James	QB	5'9"	145	11
13	Fennelly, John	QB	5'7"	160	11
14	Noonan, Karl	QB	6'	164	10
20	Cornick, Doug	RH	5'7"	130	11
22	Gray, Chuck	RH	5'9"	158	11
23	*Goffar, Tim	RH	6'	160	12
24	*Deluhery, Pat	RH	5'10"	165	12
25	Castro, Paul	RH	5'10"	180	12
30	Hart, Ray	LH	5'7"	140	11
32	Lohf, Mike	LH	5'9"	152	12
33	Solis, Bob	LH	5'9"	135	11
35	*Burke, Ed (Co-C)	LH	5'11"	200	12
41	McCarthy, George	FB	5'10"	162	12
42	Mason, Tom	FB	5'8"	180	11
43	*Belk, Gary	FB	5'9"	190	12
44	*Gluba, Bill	FB	5'10"	160	12
45	Price, Dave	FB	6'	195	11
53	*Miller, Nick	E	6'	180	12
54	Valainis, Francis	E	5'10"	156	11
55	McAndrews, Tony	E	5'11"	154	11
56	Cusack, Greg	E	5'11"	153	11
57	*Fiese, Ron	E	6'1½"	190	12
58	Hasenmiller, Dick	E	6'1"	165	12
61	Ceurvorst, Mike	T	6'	165	11
62	Kistenmacher, Tom	T	6'	178	11
63	Houghton, Tom	T	6'	158	12
66	Cavanaugh, Dave	T	5'10"	175	11
67	Collins, Jeff	T	6'2"	175	11
68	Hawley, Dan	T	6'3"	210	12
69	*Smith, Joe	G	5'10"	195	12
70	Davies, John	G	5'9"	150	11
71	*Johnson, Art	G	5'7"	140	12
72	*Bell, Bill	G	5'9"	170	12
73	Dugan, Donald	G	5'10"	182	11
74	*Leonard, Dick	G	6'	170	12
75	*Moore, Dick	G	5'8"	160	12
76	Calkins, Dennis	G	5'7"	160	12
77	LeMar, Dennis	G	5'8"	152	12
82	Miller, Jim	C	5'8"	190	11
83	*Anderson, Jim (Co-C)	C	6' ½"	194	12
84	*Macumber, Dan	C	5'10"	210	12
85	Schebler, Bob	C	6'5"	235	11

*denotes letterman

Wahlert Varsity Squad Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Yr.
12	Skowrownek, L.	B	170	So.
14	Dowd, P.	B	165	Jr.
15	Kunnert, F.	B	190	Sr.
20	Connelly, M.	B	150	Jr.
21	Hohman, T.	B	150	Jr.
22	McCormick, P.	B	170	Sr.
23	Hirsch, T.	B	155	Sr.
24	Hoxmeier, R.	B	160	Jr.
25	Tremble, S.	B	150	So.
26	Close, J.	B	160	Sr.
27	Bierie, D.	B	175	Sr.
30	Maas, T.	B	150	Jr.
31	Henkel, C.	B	150	Sr.
32	Edwards, J.	B	160	So.
50	Ryan, T.	C	160	Sr.
52	Blocklinger, Jr.	C	170	Sr.
53	Reilly	C	155	Sr.
60	Neyens, M.	G	150	Sr.
62	Ryan, D.	G	150	Jr.
63	Abitz, J.	G	160	Jr.
64	Wertzberger, D.	G	160	Jr.
70	Rooney, D.	T	180	Sr.
72	Davis, R.	T	165	Jr.
73	Crowley, J.	T	185	Sr.
74	Esser, T.	T	180	Jr.
75	Wilbricht, T.	T	175	Sr.
76	Sunseri, J.	T	210	Sr.
77	McElmeel, G.	T	200	Sr.
80	Farley, R.	E	160	So.
81	Driscoll, R.	E	160	Sr.
82	Care, D.	E	155	Sr.
83	Noesen, R.	E	170	Sr.
84	Sullivan, W.	E	175	Sr.
85	Farley, D.	E	170	Sr.
86	Beecher, R.	E	165	Sr.

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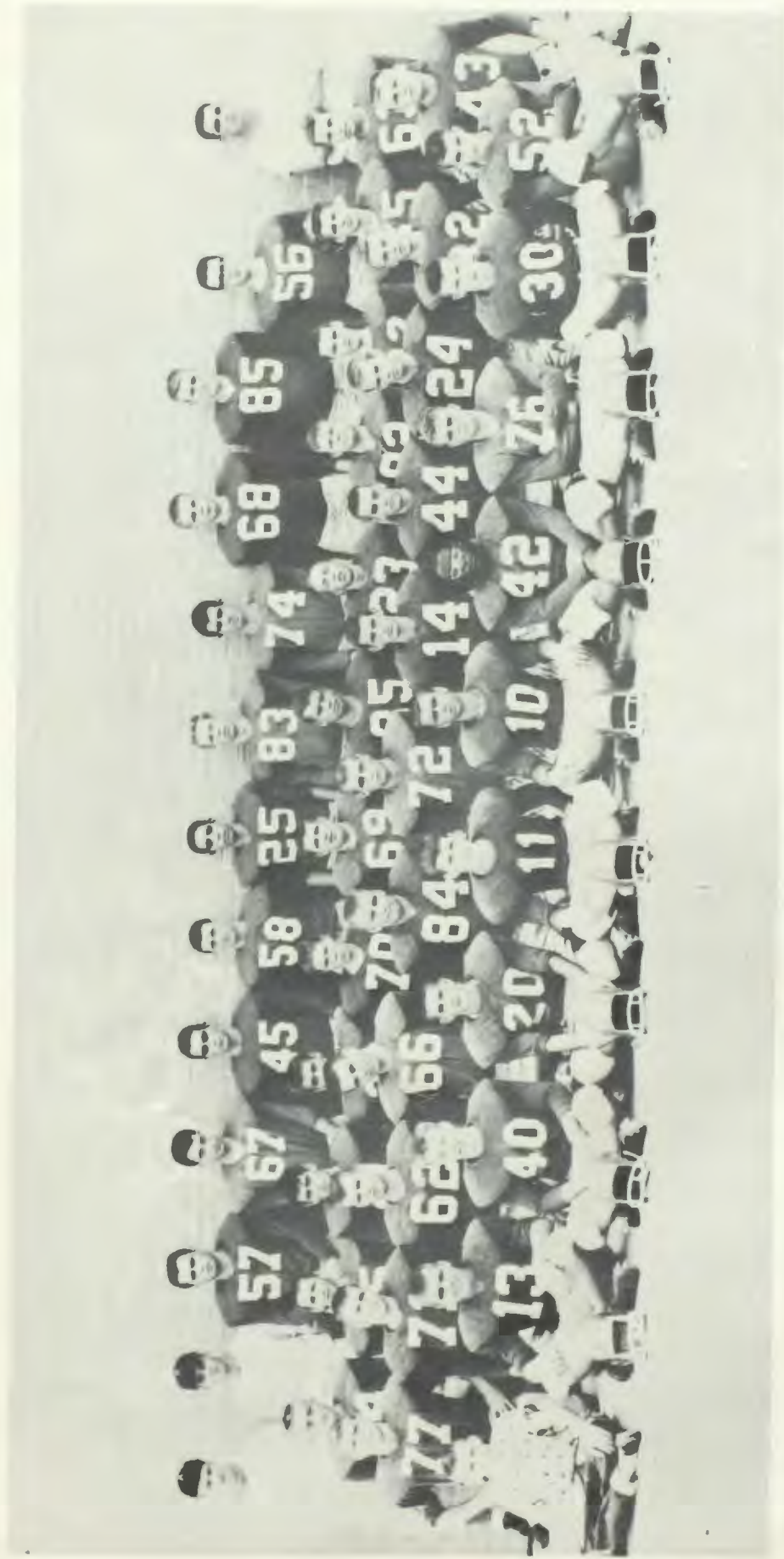
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
10	*Beh, John	QB	5'7½"	145	12
11	O'Donnell, James	QB	5'9"	145	11
13	Fennelly, John	QB	5'7"	160	11
14	Noonan, Karl	QB	6'	164	10
20	Cornick, Doug	RH	5'7"	130	11
22	Gray, Chuck	RH	5'9"	158	11
23	*Goffar, Tim	RH	6'	160	12
24	*Deluhery, Pat	RH	5'10"	165	12
25	Castro, Paul	RH	5'10"	180	12
30	Hart, Ray	LH	5'7"	140	11
32	Lohf, Mike	LH	5'9"	152	12
33	Solis, Bob	LH	5'9"	135	11
35	*Burke, Ed (Co-C)	LH	5'11"	200	12
41	McCarthy, George	FB	5'10"	162	12
42	Mason, Tom	FB	5'8"	180	11
43	*Belk, Gary	FB	5'9"	190	12
44	*Gluba, Bill	FB	5'10"	160	12
45	Price, Dave	FB	6'	195	11
53	*Miller, Nick	E	6'	180	12
54	Valainis, Francis	E	5'10"	156	11
55	McAndrews, Tony	E	5'11"	154	11
56	Cusack, Greg	E	5'11"	153	11
57	*Fiese, Ron	E	6'1½"	190	12
58	Hasenmiller, Dick	E	6'1"	165	12
61	Ceurvorst, Mike	T	6'	165	11
62	Kistenmacher, Tom	T	6'	178	11
63	Houghton, Tom	T	6'	158	12
66	Cavanaugh, Dave	T	5'10"	175	11
67	Collins, Jeff	T	6'2"	175	11
68	Hawley, Dan	T	6'3"	210	12
69	*Smith, Joe	G	5'10"	195	12
70	Davies, John	G	5'9"	150	11
71	*Johnson, Art	G	5'7"	140	12
72	*Bell, Bill	G	5'9"	170	12
73	Dugan, Donald	G	5'10"	182	11
74	*Leonard, Dick	G	6'	170	12
75	*Moore, Dick	G	5'8"	160	12
76	Calkins, Dennis	G	5'7"	160	12
77	LeMar, Dennis	G	5'8"	152	12
82	Miller, Jim	C	5'8"	190	11
83	*Anderson, Jim (Co-C)	C	6'½"	194	12
84	*Macumber, Dan	C	5'10"	210	12
85	Schebler, Bob	C	6'5"	235	11

*denotes letterman

Clinton Varsity Squad Roster

Grey	Black	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Cl.
1	1	Brothers, Lee	HB	140	So.
2	2	Stivers, Keith	QB	145	Jr.
3	3	Hvidston, Charles	QB	135	Sr.
4	4	Nesbitt, Thomas	QB	135	So.
5	5	Junginger, Bill	HB	130	Jr.
7	7	Rashke, John	QB	168	Sr.
8	8	Poston, Willard	T	170	Jr.
10	10	Simpson, Dave	E	180	Jr.
11	11	Keeney, Jim	E	174	Jr.
12	12	Hannafan, Mike	E	166	Sr.
13	13	Adkins, Bernard	E	165	Sr.
14	14	Matzen, Jim	E	170	Sr.
15	15	McManus, Jim	E	170	Jr.
16	16	Carter, Dennis	E	170	Jr.
17	17	Starbuck, Jerry	E	150	So.
18	18	Lyon, Terry	E	175	Sr.
19	19	Petersen, Roy	HB	175	Sr.
20	20	Johnson, Keith	HB	170	Sr.
21	21	Kramer, Bill	HB	150	Jr.
22	22	Taylor, Chuck	HB	140	Jr.
23	23	Frazier, Roger	HB	155	Jr.
25	25	Waldorf, Tom	HB	170	Jr.
26	26	Rasmussen, Noel	HB	160	So.
28	28	Piper, Harry	E	191	Sr.
30	30	Lawson, Jerry	G	151	Jr.
31	31	Jordan, Ron	FB	194	Sr.
33	33	Wait, Jim	G	155	Jr.
37	37	Witt, Dick	FB	189	Jr.
38	38	Rose, Bill	FB	193	Jr.
39	39	Van Allen, John	HB	162	Jr.
42	42	Petterson, Mark	T	180	Jr.
43	43	Hammond, Bob	T	212	Jr.
47	47	Kenworthy, Ron	G	146	So.
48	48	McAlpine, Bruce	T	165	Jr.
49	49	Carr, Lawrence	HB	126	Sr.
50	50	Van Loo, Leo	E	155	Jr.
51	51	Knutson, Bob	G	180	Sr.
52	52	Watts, Harold	C	165	Sr.
53	53	Keeney, Jerry	G	160	Jr.
54	54	Murphy, Joel	G	166	Jr.
55	55	Ryder, Fred	C	195	Jr.
57	57	Ough, Mike	T	224	Sr.
58	58	Blanchard, Tom	C	155	Sr.
61	41	Hicks, Bill	G	172	Sr.
62	45	Koranda, Jim	T	193	Jr.
63	36	Motsinger, Ron	T	167	Sr.
64	44	Hvidston, David	T	170	Jr.
71	46	McKee, John	G	180	Jr.
72	56	Jones, David	T	182	Sr.

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FB Bill Gluba 44						

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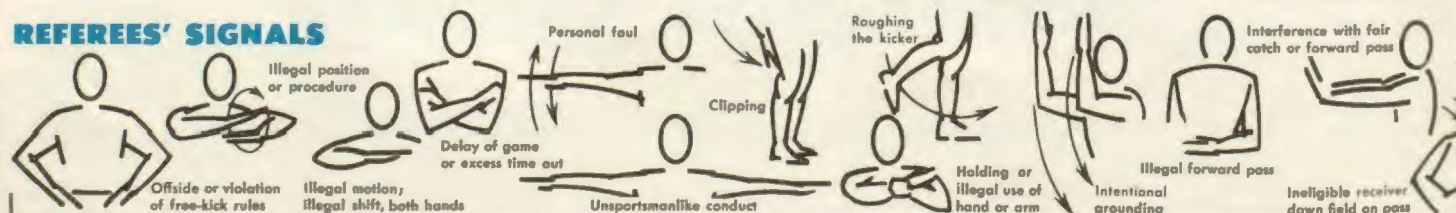
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23 Goffar, Tim, rhb	67 Collins, Jeff, t
24 Deluhery, Pat, rhb	68 Hawley, Dan, t
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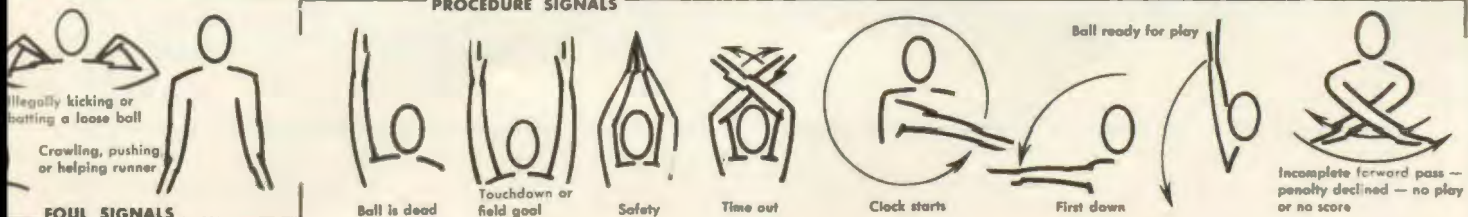
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4	4 Nesbitt, QB	38	37 Witt, FB
5	5 Junginger, HB	38	38 Rose, FB
7	7 Rashke, QB	39	39 Van Allen, HB
8	8 Poston, T	42	42 Peterson, T
10	10 Simpson, E	43	43 Hammond, T
11	11 Keeney, E	47	47 Kenworthy, G
12	12 Hannafan, E	48	48 McAlpine, T
13	13 Adkins, E	49	49 Carr, HB
14	14 Matzen, E	50	50 Van Lee, E
15	15 McManus, E	51	51 Knutson, G
16	16 Carter, E	52	52 Watts, C
17	17 Starbuck, E	53	53 Keeney, G
18	18 Lyon, E	54	54 Murphy, G
19	19 Petersen, HB	55	55 Ryder, C
20	20 Johnson, HB	57	57 Ough, T
21	21 Kramer, HB	58	58 Blanchard, C
22	22 Taylor, HB	61	41 Hicks, G
23	23 Frazier, HB	62	45 Koranda, T
25	25 Waldorf, HB	63	36 Motsinger, T
26	26 Rasmussen, HB	64	44 Hvidston, T
28	28 Piper, E	71	46 McKee, G
		72	56 Jones, T

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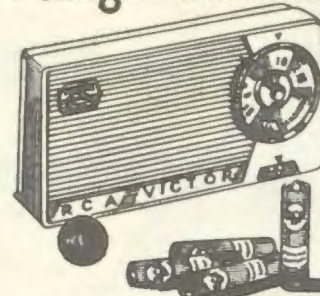
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KNIGHT BEACON

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Society Asks: Can You Spel?

Can you spel? Following the quarterly exams, the National Honor Society of AHS will sponsor a spelling bee. The soul purpose of the bee is to interest all students in words and their spelling.

The first eliminations will take place in the English classes Nov. 12 and 13, when the two best spellers from each class will be chosen. On Nov. 18 and 19 each division (freshmen boys, freshmen girls, sophomore boys, etc.) will enter the semi-finals with an honor society member conducting the contest. The eight finalists will then "spell down" during the week of Thanksgiving.

The winner, judged by well known authorities in the field of English grammar, will receive a certificate worth \$10.00 toward the purchase of paperbound books, and his biography will appear in the Night Beacon.

The need for a contest was evident as members of the Beacon staff read

Frosh Cull Mates For New Officers

The freshman class elections will be held on Nov. 12. They have been delayed to give the freshmen a chance to know and evaluate their fellow students before determining those who will act as their representatives.

"We hope the freshmen will consider the candidates' leadership qualities when they choose officers to represent their class," said Mary Sue Schwieters, chairman of the freshman elections committee.

The boys will pick up their petitions at the principal's office Thursday, Nov. 5, and must turn them in at the office by Monday, Nov. 9. This year the candidates will need only 20 signatures, but students will still be allowed to sign only one petition for each office.

Unlike the boys, the girls will not circulate petitions. Instead, their names will be placed on a list of candidates. After each homeroom Sister has checked the list and excluded any girl who does not meet the requirements for holding office, four girls from each of the three freshman homerooms will be chosen by the freshmen. From these

student evaluations of the first issue. These are some of the errors they found: congratulotions, pholio, new-commer, papper, extremly, and colummes.

Note: The mistakes in this story aren't typeo-grafic errors but are just a brush-up contest prior to the bee. The first one to corectly spell all the errors in this story, including those stated as errors, will receive a Knight Beacon portfolio.

One word is misspelled in an editorial on pages 20 and 21. This word must be detected — it means "to arouse interest."

All entries must be in the pressroom before 3:30 this afternoon. Corrections must be printed and numbered on an 8"x11" sheet of paper, with the entrance's name and homeroom at the top. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.

Seeing that too many cooks do not spoil the spaghetti is Father Louis Colonnese. Tasting is Ines Friedrichs, while Mike Lohf awaits the verdict.

Project Under Way; Priest Turns Cook

What does everyone like to do? The class of '60 has discovered the answer: to eat spaghetti! To satisfy this craving, the seniors have dubbed Dec. 6, 1959 — Senior Spaghetti Day.

The spaghetti dinner, this year's senior project, will be under the supervision of Fr. Louis Colonnese. New at Assumption this year, Father Colonnese has a brilliant "past record" of such dinners in Clinton and Muscatine. "I make the best spaghetti you've ever tasted," he asserts.

General chairmen for the project are class president Mary Sue Schwieters and John Beh.

In true Italian tradition, Father Colonnese cooks the savory spaghetti sauce for 10 hours. For connoisseurs of the cooking art, copies of his exclusive sauce recipe will be sold on the day of the dinner.

The organizers of the event hope to make it a truly senior effort by giving every senior a job to perform. A committee of 16 seniors will handle soliciting of food. Members of this committee will also serve as heads of the serving, tickets, parents, kitchen, and parking lot attendants groups.

Adult tickets will be \$1.25, children under 12, \$.60. Dinners will be served in three shifts on Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 to 4:00, from 4:00 to 6:00, and from 6:00 to 7:00. Approximately 1500 persons are expected. Father Colonnese states, "With good co-operation and organization we should be able to feed about 400 people an hour."



(Continued on page 18)



Going to college already? Yep! These boys recently attended a lecture in the new Augustana College auditorium. Dr. Solberg, Nobel Prize winner for science in 1951, spoke on the necessity of science study in a liberal arts college. From left to right are: Ron Rehmann '60, John Bernsten '60, Mike Ceurvorst and Gary LaFayette, both juniors, Fr. William Stratman, and Bill Hancock '60.

"They Said It Couldn't Be Done;" Radio Club Just Might Do It

Will the Assumption Radio Club be able to pick up the signals the Russian moon satellite transmits every day? The initiation of the Radio Club — in addition to the Science Club, Science Library, and the annual Science Fair — indicates that there is a possibility.

The Radio Club, organized last year, will again be in existence. Although there are only ten members, this group will have many objectives, the most important being the creation of an amateur radio station in the school.

Besides this, and many guest lectures throughout the year, Fr. William Stratman explains the purpose of the club is "to train students in radio mechanics, radio code, International Morse Code, and to prepare them for an Amateur Radio license."

Officers for the year recently elected are Paul Berendes, '61, president, and Dick Hartman, '61, secretary-treasurer, both of whom already have their Amateur Radio license. Bob Weimer-skirch, '61, attended meetings at the Davenport Amateur Club for at least two years to get his license. During this period he received his novice license and, following that, his technician's license.

Many students are unaware of the school's Science Library. Selected as a special school to participate in the National Science Foundation's effort to promote reading of books concerning science and math, Assumption will

receive 50 books every two months throughout the year. At the end of the two month period, these books will be sent to some other participating school in the area, and the books from that school will be available here.

The purpose of the Science Library is to (1) stimulate an interest in reading science and mathematics books, (2) to broaden the science background of students, and (3) to assist those who develop an aptitude for science and math with their choice of careers.

Students who intend to participate in the Science Fair in the spring will be delighted to know that these books offer excellent suggestions for projects. The Science Library was secured by Sr. M. Eustella, BVM, librarian, who had heard about it while attending a conference this summer.

The month of October, which is Science Youth Month, saw a General Science Club originate. This organization, which numbers almost 50, will meet every other Wednesday. Girls and boys divide the membership almost evenly.

Assumption will again participate in the annual Science Fair, which will be held at Bettendorf high school in April. Last year there were 36 entrants from Assumption. Greg Huyette and Janice Laake, both '59, well represented the school by finishing second and third respectively on their exhibits of biology. A science seminar will also be held here in February.

Steady Dating Prof Got C's, D's As Frosh

Did you know that a member of the Assumption faculty also has a job at the State Mental Hospital? This unusual part time job is held by Fr. Gerald Kraus, who teaches modern history to Assumption's boys.

Every weekend the 27-year-old priest travels to Mt. Pleasant in his '57 Chevrolet, hears the patients' confessions, and visits the different wards. He says the 6:00 Sunday Mass at St. Alphonsus' Church and the 8:00 Mass at the institution. Sounds like quite a bit like work, doesn't it?

Work is nothing new to Fr. Kraus, however. When he was in high school he worked for his dad, a Keokuk (pronounced "Killkuck" by the natives) sheet metal and heating man, and for another local merchant.

This merchant, who owned an electrical appliance store, was evidently a man of infinite patience. Most people would get rid of employees who wreck their pickup truck, drop new washing machines, and break \$50.00 signs. Strangely enough, Fr. Kraus was never fired.

As a boy, Father's interests included swimming, boating, and basketball. Although his freshman marks were only C's and D's, Father maintained a B average in his other three years at St. Peter's high school. He dated a lot in school, and even went steady for about two weeks. However, he always thought that steady daters were missing a lot.

During much of his life, Father felt an urge, not always a strong one, toward the priesthood, and entered the seminary as a junior at St. Ambrose College. After attending Mt. St. Bernard, the major seminary in Dubuque, he was ordained in 1957, the first priest from Keokuk's St. Mary's parish in more than 80 years.

Frosh Elections

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twelve a president will be elected. The other three officers will be chosen from the remaining eleven.

The sophomore boys will also elect a secretary to fill Dennis Vozikis' office.

The student council is petitioning the administration for the permission to meet alternately on school days and at night. They are also sponsoring skits for pep rallies.

Starting next month, a committee consisting of two teachers and two students from each division will choose a youth of the month. Inez Friedrichs, co-chairman of the organizing committee, explains, "The youth of the month will be chosen for leadership ability, scholarship, willingness to sacrifice time for the school, and participation in extra-curricular activities."

'59 Variety Show Projects Itself Into Outer Space

Countdown-ten-nine-eight . . . Assumption into orbit! This is not a science club announcement, but the theme of the Variety Show for 1959. Recalling Assumption's first year, over 100 students will present scenes portraying school events, humorous and otherwise.

Besides locker room scenes will be a bookstore sequence, a mock basketball practice, report card day, and the opening day of school.

The Knight quartet (Ray Tiedje, John Beh, Dan Hawley, and Tom Buechele, all '60), Diane Miclot '61, Mary Maher '61, and a five member combo will all present numbers. Accompanist will be Mary Sue Schwieters '60.

Rehearsals are currently being held on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons, while, behind the scenes, committees are working on production. Sharon Barta '62, is in charge of costumes, Jim Miller '61, heads advertising. Jim Foster '60, Mike Fanning '60, and Les Bickford '61, stage crew.

With Spanish sombrero and grass skirt, Joe Smith '60 swings and sways while Bob Schebler '61 and Jack Ketelaar '60 'imitate' Joe's art. Joe Smith is part of the Variety show dancing group.

'Briefings' for these five underclassmen are in order from Mr. Maher, the co-director of the variety show. The students in the background scurry to make rehearsals.



Mexican Ancestry Aids Seniors

Senor Pablo Castro and Senorita Elene Vargas, both seniors, add true Spanish flavor to their Spanish classes.

Pablo, or Paul, whose parents came to the United States from Michoican, Mexico, before he was born, is able to speak Spanish fluently. Having grown up with the language, this dashing cabellero must speak it to communicate with his relatives.

Paul believes that the best way to learn Spanish is by hearing it spoken by a native Spanish-speaking person. He claims he can always detect an

English accent. However, he is taking Spanish from Fr. Louis Colonnese now to learn better grammar and a wider vocabulary.

Although Paul thinks it would be fun to be a Spanish teacher in Mexico, he would rather just go there to visit his relatives.

Elene, or Elaine, spoke Spanish more fluently than English when she was young and living with her grandmother, who came from Mexico. Later, when her grandparents moved away, she began to lose the language and is now regaining her knowledge of it in Sr.

Hi-Lites

NOVEMBER

- 2-7 Quarter Exam Week
- 5 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild Assembly, Period 8 — Boys
- 6 Post-game dance sponsored by Columbus Squires at K.C. hall. All students (except freshmen) invited. Admission — \$.25
- 7 Last date for registration for CEEB Exams on Dec. 5
- 7 Iowa Scholarship tests — Marycrest College — 8:00 a.m.
- 8-14 American Education Week
- 10 Mother's Club Open House
- 12 Voting for freshman officers and secretary of sophomore class
- 14 Last date for receipt of application for NROTC Exam on Dec. 12
- 24 Spelling bee finals
- 24 Variety Show (evening)
- 25-29 Thanksgiving recess
- 30 Classes resume

M. Eustella's class. Elaine's grandfather is especially happy about this since he speaks little English.

Contrary to Paul's opinion, Elaine feels it is better to have formal classes. She maintains the Spanish language is spoken so fast it is unintelligible to those who don't speak it fluently.

Elaine is also hoping some day to visit Mexico to become acquainted with her relatives.

CEEB Can Spell Trouble

People keep asking me if I'm studying for the next tests in the Merit Scholarship program. As a semi-finalist in the program, I can only reply that school work and extracurricular activities keep me so busy that I find it hard to squeeze eating and sleeping into my schedule, much less studying almanacs, encyclopedias, or books of sample questions.

I'm really only following the advice given by the Merit Scholarship corporation in their **Student Information Bulletin**: "If the amount of time you had planned to spend on 'cramming' is spent on regular school work, the results will be just as efficient and definitely more lasting."

The trustees of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) extend the same advice, and back up their statement with evidence gathered from four studies on the effects of tutoring or coaching on test results. They have discovered that even "intensive drill . . . does not yield gains in scores large enough to affect decisions made by colleges with respect to the admission of students."

Why is cramming futile? Any college entrance examination tests the extent of the knowledge you have gained during your whole academic life, particularly your high school years, since it is this knowledge that will qualify you for college-level studies. It is impossible to cram three years of studying into a few months.

Now we can see when preparation for college entrance exams should start — on the first day you enter high school. Your high school years should include a solid background in English, math, science, and social studies (history and civics). These should also be supplemented with reading (in large doses), original writing (poems, short stories, articles for the **Beacon**) and an active interest in current affairs.

Margaret DiBlasio '60



Margaret DiBlasio '60 converses with Congressman Fred Schwengel at a recent assembly.



Betty Mae Anderson '60
"May she rest in peace"

"Be Merciful, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the soul of Thy servant Betty Mae Anderson, for whom we offer Thee the sacrifice of praise, humbly entreating Thy Majesty that, by this service of pious atonement, she may deserve to attain eternal rest."
(Secret of day of burial)

Entertain or Stimulate?

The **Knight Beacon** is written for students. In our principles we stated that we would try to suit the needs of our particular school. We are still trying.

We read the evaluations of the past issue with much interest. They were well written and offered several suggestions which we are following this issue. Moreover, these reports showed that many students read the **Knight Beacon** thoroughly and intelligently. This is important, for our best efforts are in vain if you, the students, don't read what we write.

If you see a word used which you don't recognize, look it up. We aim to stimulate rather than simply entertain the student body. For this reason we use a high school vocabulary rather than a grade school one. Last month we used "exorcise" in a headline. This word was appropriate (exorcise: to cast out devils) and was intended to pique the curiosity of ambitious students.

With the interest about spelling around school we decided to publish some of the misspelled words which appeared in the evaluations. We are doing this to arouse your interest in the spelling bee.

We consider you the reader a vital part of the **Knight Beacon**. With your cooperation we will strive to improve our publication, making it something of which the school can be proud.

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"As a Beacon in the Night"



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Student Council Promotes Student Participation At Senior's Funeral

Upon the death of Betty Mae Anderson '60, Oct. 2, the student council sought permission to assist in the funeral Mass by receiving Holy Communion and singing the Mass.

Many of the senior class who attended the funeral received Holy Communion but due to circumstances they were unable to answer the responses. However, if there should be another opportunity for participation, one pastor observed, provision will be made for the students.

An average student, Betty was rated high in Christian ideals and obedience by her teachers. Through working at Riefe's Drive-In, Betty saved enough money to pay her tuition this year. Because of her work she was prevented from taking part in clubs and other activities at school. Most of her spare time was spent at home. Nevertheless, she was able to attend many of the football and basketball games.

Sister Mary Ann Esther, BVM, girls' principal, commented, "Betty was the quiet type of person who is not often noticed in a crowd but is nice to work with, being obedient and cooperative. She did not have any record of detention."

Her classmates organized a spiritual bouquet of Masses, Holy Communion, and prayers for Betty. She was enrolled in the Perpetual Enrollment in the BVM Teacher Endowment League. Two High Masses are being said at Holy Family Parish, while 14 low Masses will be offered at the Assumption chapel.



Talking during Mass? That's just what the football team does at the dialogue Mass before games. Left to right, Tom Mason '61, Tim Goffar '60, and Dan Macumber '60, use the new YSC booklets in the chapel.

Lite Flashes

Here are some choice comments made by students, appraising the last issue of the Beacon.

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Pat Nemmers '62

The telling of details, such as how the paper has changed, is a good idea. Everyone can tell the general differences, but we like the added tips.

I never before realized that the principles of a paper must be followed. Thanks for the articles on sophomores and freshmen. We make news too!

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Walter Huntington '60

I like the Knight Beacon because it is written in the style of my fourth year English grammar. For example, the paper uses the topic sentence. Then it uses facts in the article about Don Nelson, telling how he came to the area and became a top disc jockey. Next the paper uses examples, where the seniors tell what they want their senior year to be. Also the articles show incidents which have taken place so far this year — the blessing of the statue, activities of the clubs, football practice and the big game against Davenport.

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Jo Luther '63

"... The story written on the beautiful statue which adorns our "pile of bricks" caught my attention. I often pass the statue on my way to and from school but never realized the purpose of its dedication. After reading the Knight Beacon for the first time I consider it a wonderful source of information about the school activities, which makes us freshmen feel like one of the crowd."

Liturgy and Laity First and Ten; Do It Again

by Jerry Kane

The home team is winning. We scored first with a dialogue Mass on Friday, Oct. 9. However, a game is not won by a single touchdown and one game doesn't make a winning season.

A team must do calisthenics to be strong enough to make touchdowns. Likewise, the dialogue Mass was good, but we must exercise with it daily in order to stay fit for active participation.

Another vital component of a winning team is a varied offense. One easy play is singing. Singing is valuable because it both gives praise to God and accustoms us to hearing our own voice in church. Such participation will make us winners.

Of course it is easier to learn a play if it's written down. You can see the moves the different players make. This play can now be studied in the hymn books that have been placed in the chapel by the Y.C.S. groups.

Everyone likes to win, especially when we're playing the "imps," and this is one game that no one can afford to lose. So let's get out there and really give 'em heaven.



Big Charlie's path to red ribbon honors in the West Liberty Fair is followed in this picture series. A 1200 lb. Here-



ford steer, Big Charlie is prized by owner, Jerry Ehrecke, Assumption senior. Watering and feeding cattle are



among the everyday chores to be faced before fair time. Site of Big Charlie's preparation is the Eugene Ehrecke farm, ten miles west of Davenport.

Jerry Ehrecke, Senior 4-H'er, Has Private Pool; But Also Has Prize-Winning Cattle and Chores

by John Berntsen

Gerald "Jerry" Ehrecke, a senior, is one of the few boys with a private swimming hole. A two acre pond on his dad's farm has been stocked with bass, bluegills and catfish the past year to provide fishing as well.

But like most farm boys Jerry has his share of the work. Harvesting the crops and getting the cattle ready for shipping are big jobs that must be done soon.

Starting in November and continuing through the following months, Jerry and his dad, Mr. Eugene Ehrecke, will start shipping 50 head of Angus and 200 head of Herefords to Chicago. The new calves which they buy in the West (Wyoming and South Dakota) will also start arriving in the next few months.

For the past six years, Jerry has entered swine in the West Liberty Fair. Three or four first place ribbons in their weight class attest to his ability in livestock raising. This year he entered two Herefords aptly named Big Charley (1200 lbs.) and Big Bob (1100 lbs.) who won red and blue ribbons respectively.

Jerry also served as a judge this year at the Iowa State Fair. He was not a regular judge since the job was only supposed to give boys experience in judging. The student judges were given a table with a mixture of corn and weeds on it. They had to tell the type of weed and what they would do with the corn — plant, feed, or sell it.

At present Jerry is vice-president of the Fulton Township 4-H Club. Last year he was treasurer. Talking about the 4-H, Jerry said, "I think it is a very helpful organization. It teaches us about management and money in agriculture and provides entertainment for farm teenagers."

At every meeting a speaker gives the 4-H'ers useful information about the

farm. "What to Feed Cattle" and "Leading Cattle in a Show Ring" have been lecture topics.

Since he lives on a farm, Jerry doesn't have much time for school athletics, but for the last three years he has bolstered the band with his cornet playing. He also played first base for the Fulton Township 4-H, earning a .300 batting average. He will play basketball for the 4-H as a guard, and

hopes to maintain his 8 point per game average of last year.

Jerry's parents never have to worry about being lonely. They have seven children of which Jerry is the oldest. In addition to Jerry there are: Jim, 16; Jean, 14; Eddie, 13; Patricia, 12; Vincent, 8; and Larry, 4.

Jerry might attend St. Ambrose College for two years, and Iowa State for two years. Although he doesn't know definitely, he is considering a major in agricultural engineering.

Grads Correspond With Alma Mater; Compare College With High School

"If Assumption only had air-conditioned classes!" One alumnus commented that this was commonplace at Purdue. Through letters and visits of the alumni this and other facts have been garnered by the **Knight Beacon**.

Mike Gnam, freshman engineering student at Purdue University, reported, "My first Mass here was quite a shock to me. One altar boy wore a beard and the other was bald. Every Mass is a dialogue Mass. The parish is composed entirely of university students."

Commenting on his classes, he wrote, "Our classes are the same size or smaller than those at Assumption, with the exception of a lecture period. At any time in any class we can ask questions . . . every student has his own counselor and is encouraged to become a personal friend of his instructors."

Barb Brandt, Marilyn Meisenbach and Anabel Kuriger, all graduates of last year, are enrolled in St. Ambrose College's Division of Nursing. The three attend liberal arts classes at St. Ambrose and nursing classes at Mercy Hospital.

"Later," they said, "we will work as student nurses with patients at Mer-

cy." Marilyn Meisenbach, past president of the Science Club, cited the difference in her classes now and at AHS, "There is more work that you have to do on your own. Classes consist mainly of lectures."

Don Tumey and Ron Carter, now in the Navy, are stationed at San Diego, Calif. Don writes, in a letter to Father Mottet, "Take advantage of opportunities to learn Christ's teachings because it will be a great help in later life." Don, a non-Catholic, planned to be baptized and receive his First Communion Nov. 1 at the base.

But for Carol Jackson the routine is much the same. "Attending A.I.C. is much like Assumption," says Carol. Classes at A.I.C. are 40 minutes long, starting at 9 and ending at 3:30. The only basic difference, she said, was the absence of extracurricular activities.

Two '59 Assumption grads are members of the first female cheerleading squad in recent years at St. Ambrose College. Mary Fran Van Camp and Chris Koenigsaecker are helping to lead the cheers for the Bees. It was from this polished (?) group that Assumption borrowed its new yell, "Repel them."

Sophomores Ponder English Antics

by Stan Maliszewski

There we were, the class, looking at Father Wiebler, our teacher, and wondering what had happened . . . why had he started the class all over again? You probably wonder why I say that he started the class over again.

It all started after I came back from lunch to start the sixth period English class. I was pretty well tired and did not think the assignment, "write a short story on the Wiebler Effect," was very funny as a few of Father's previous assignments had been.

The big surprise was that he sent Mike Quigley out of the room. Then to our amazement Father told us that, if his powers of mental-telepathy had been perfected, he was going to make Mike write on the board, "Mike Quigley is a fool." At first I thought that he was just telling us a big line. But before Father called Mike back, he warned us not to make any signs that we knew what was to happen.

We then began to read the short story, **Report on the Barnhouse Effect**, (a short story about psychodynamism where I think Father got his idea), and things really started to go to outer space.

Our eccentric teacher walked back and forth in the room as we read, occasionally looking at the class, but mostly his eyes were on one person, Mike Quigley. Father's eyes began to get red from what I think was just his hands rubbing against his eyes. He leaned his head against the closet door in very deep concentration over the matter which at this time I thought was only a fake.

During this time my attention was mostly on Father, but then I noticed him motion George Sparks to move out of his seat. A little while later Mike McCarthy was signaled away. But Dave Huyette seeing all this moved of his own accord. The moving of everyone in Mike's row, I guess, was so that Father could get his mental beams across more clearly to Mike.

Anyway this mysterious teacher made many motions and every kind of wild eye movement one person could make with one's eyes. His concentration then became deeper and deeper until Mike started to squirm.

The class kept on reading the story even though all these strange events were occurring in the room. Just about the same time as we finished the story (which was strangely like what was happening before our eyes), Mike, in a trance as far as I could tell, came to the board and wrote as though he was commanded by something other than his own being. He wrote, as you could guess, "Mike Quigley is a fool."

This act really amazed the class because of two reasons: first, the class did not think that Father had the power to send signals to another person who would obey his commands. Second, we thought even though the signals did get over to him he had the strength to fight the controlling force that was dominating his will to resist.

At the very moment that Mike finished the sentence, Father passed out completely. Books and papers went flying all over the room when the mental telepathist fell on his desk. The whole class blew up into a tumult of criticism and booing. The yells and laughter could have been heard all the way to Father Weeg's office.

I thought, like I think the rest of the class felt, that this was all prearranged for the assignment that we were to have that day. But, when Mike went back to his seat still in a daze and Father was still in a heap, I began to wonder if this power of his was for real. Well, my thoughts were interrupted by the awakening of Father Wiebler.

He looked as if he had been on a roller-coaster ride and ended up on the bottom of the coaster. His movements were all awkward and had no immediate destination. He managed, and I don't know how, to get to the door, out in the hall, and to the lavatory, I guess.

During his departure the booing, yelling, and laughter increased until everyone got tired of making noise. The talk,

of course, was concerning Father's performance that day. No one could figure out how he had done it, since he had picked Mike at random.

Our inquiring was stopped by Father's entrance into the room. He looked quite better and relieved of his troubles. The first thing that he told us was, he didn't want anyone writing on the board. He pointed to the board and we all knew what he was talking about. He then asked us who had written on the board and you could guess that there would be one joker in the room; our's was Mike McCarthy, who stood up and said that he had written the sentence on the board. We tried to stop this stupid joke, but Father would not believe us. He told Mike that he would see him after school.

Next our befuddled teacher told us to read the short story again, as if we had not just finished it. To humor him we again started to read the story. We did not get far when the dismissal bell rang. We expected to be dismissed, but Father had no intention of letting the class go at what he thought was the beginning of the period. So he kept us. If it were not for some passing student who told Father that it was time for dismissal, we would probably still be in that room trying to explain to Father what had happened even though we did not know what had really happened in front of our eyes.

I'm out of that room now but I still ponder over the question whether or not what we saw in B-7 was for real or a fake. In fact, I know it is — how else do you think I knew that I was to write this story for the **Knight Beacon**?



Though a beacon shines only in the night, the **Knight Beacon** constantly shines, enlightening students about school activities, people, and places.

The portfolio cover carries out the motto — "as a beacon in the night."

The beam shining from the dot of the "i" in the **Knight** illuminates the year 1960, and the student's name. This symbolizes the stated purpose of the **Beacon**, to give complete coverage to events for the enlightenment of the students.



The YCS study day began with a discussion by the parents of some YCS students, left to right, Mrs. and Mr. Robert Rossmiller, Mrs. and Mr. Gerald Walter, and Mrs. and Mr. Francis Leonard. Assisting them are seniors Art Johnson and Pat Deluhery.

YCS STUDY DAY

The Young Christian Students put hosts in the chalice during the offertory procession. They also sang the Mass.

Art Johnson, head of the YCS group at school, leads a discussion by the students. Sitting at the desk is the federation leader, George Tibbets, Hayes high school, Muscatine.



Judge Jim Kemp sitting at the desk gives a pre-trial briefing to defense attorney Don Bender and prosecutor Tom LaKose, in first period senior English, as they prepare to try the famous Indian athlete, Jim Thorpe, for poor sportsmanship.



Thorpe's Trial

This extemporaneous effort of the seniors developed from an article by Gene Schoor in the senior's Modern Literature book. The trial motivated research into the life of Thorpe, portrayed by Ed Burke.

Swearing in witness John Viggos, appropriately enough with a thick Webster's New World dictionary, is bailiff Gary Haut, while court recorder Dave Lee operates the tape recorder.



Prosecutor LaKose questions his witness, Jim Thorpe's brother, (Don York) while court reporter Jim Rodgers '61, takes notes in the corner.





Happy and glowing is Assumption's new 1959 Homecoming queen, Connie Edwards, shortly after hearing the news of her good fortune. The two attendants and the team's co-captain discuss the homecoming program with the queen. Left to right are: Becky Burnside, Ed Burke, Connie, and Bette Brandt.

Homecoming Reminiscences Last; Conclusion Climaxes Preparations

Assumption's first homecoming, held last week, will be one that Assumption students are not likely to forget for many years, they observed. Their enthusiasm was aroused because of the many unique activities preceding, during, and following the game.

Weeks of planning and hard work made this homecoming one of the best that has been held, not only in Assumption's brief history, but also during the reign of St. Ambrose Academy, added Fr. John V. Ryan, homecoming chairman. Dance, skit, and float preparations proved rewarding.

The float, which was observed by all those who attended the game Friday, was built by an industrious crew of senior boys and girls. These seniors not only had the problem of decorating the float, but also the problem of securing a hayrack, and someone to pull it on the night of the game.

The decorations around the float were made in the basement of Carole Gross's home. Chicken wire was stuffed with napkins, and when completed, the wire was rolled up until the day that it could be attached to the float itself.

Gene Carstens '62, reported to Ray Tiedje that his father had a hayrack

which he wouldn't be using the night of AHS's first homecoming, and that it could be the chassis for the float.

Following many days of hard work (securing and fastening napkins donated by various establishments) the project reach a climax. On the day of homecoming, a parade of cars, preceded by the queen and her attendants on the float, made its way through the city.

Rosemary Friedholdt, a senior who contributed much work to the float, said that "the success of the float couldn't be attributed to any one person, since so many seniors helped." Senior John Brockmann towed the float with his 1959 convertible.

Preceding the game, while the stadium lights were doused, a spotlight was shown on the various first string players of both teams. At halftime a skit was put on by a group of students.

The skit featured a gallant knight rescuing a damsel in distress from a Clinton River King. Fr. Gerald Kraus was general chairman of the halftime ceremonies. Some of those participating included Dave Offerman '61, Carole Gross '60, Mary Hart '62, and Terry Macumber who graduated from St. Ambrose Academy.

Ray Procures His Helicopter Via Baby Sitter

Imagine Ray Tiedje's baby sitter being responsible for the helicopter at the game last Friday against Clinton. Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? Well, it's true!

Several weeks ago Agnes Burke, a nurse, kept house for Ray and his two younger brothers while the elder Tiedjes were out of town. Ray explained to her his idea to have a helicopter bring the queen into the stadium during the halftime homecoming ceremonies.

Miss Burke knew Dr. H. B. Willard, who owns an airplane. Ray contacted Dr. Willard, hoping that the doctor could help him obtain a helicopter.

Dr. Willard directed Ray to a man in Monticello, Iowa, who owns a helicopter. Ray called Gerald Pasker of Monticello immediately, but learned that his helicopter wouldn't be available on homecoming night. Mr. Pasker did tell Ray that Dean Powell of Cedar Rapids had access to one of these flying eggbeaters.

Again a long distance call was placed, this time to Cedar Rapids. Mr. Powell stated that his 'copter would be available, and that he would do the job.

So Assumptionites can thank Ray Tiedje and his baby sitter for their unique homecoming ceremonies.

Class Procedures Sparkle With Informality; Dramatization, Exchanges Break Class Routine

During the past two months teachers have had many strange and new ideas as to how a class should be conducted. All was done legitimately, of course, though unconventionally.

For instance, the sophomore Latin class, taught by Sr. M. Borgia, BVM, presented a play in Fr. Charles Mann's

Colorado Camp Calls Scouts To Mountains

by Sally Healey

Whenever Tana Cook, '62, and Sally Healey, '61, recall their camping experiences of last summer, they first think of "the big blow."

This storm, which they remember as a maze of flattened tents, menacing black clouds and wildly blowing hair, occurred during the National Roundup of Senior Scouts held last July.

The encampment was held on ranch land a few miles outside of Colorado Springs, Colo. It gave Senior Scouts from all nations an opportunity for two weeks of primitive camping, swapping, and just plain fun.

The girls' campsite, located directly over the valley composing the large arena, commanded an unobstructed view of the mountains. Three other patrols completing their troop represented the states of California, New York, and Alabama. "Naturally these were the girls with whom we became best acquainted" says Tana, "especially 'the crew' from Alabama."

During their stay the scouts were taken on a five hour tour starting at 3:00 P.M. The first stop, the Air Force Academy, where Tom Fiedler '59 is stationed, was observed with the undivided attention of all. From there they were taken to The Garden of the Gods. At six o'clock the 327 girls of their section gathered at the Flying W Ranch for a chuck wagon dinner.

Both girls agree that the closing night campfire was one of the most beautiful and impressive camp ceremonies they had ever seen. A scout representing each nation participating in the Roundup stepped in front of the blazing campfire and gave her nation's wish for peace. Speaking first in her native tongue, she then translated it into English.

The next day, the patrol boarded the train and settled down for the 16 hour trip home. Stories were exchanged among the patrols and sometime in the wee hours of the morning a sleepy voice predicted "In three years everyone in this car will be participating in the Roundup as leaders." No one argued with her.

boys' freshman Latin class. The play entitled *Aeger Puer* or *The Sick Boy*, was translated by the girls. One girl read the play in Latin while another translated it into English. Meanwhile the other girls dramatized the acts.

Father Mann commented, "The acting talent and expression displayed by the girls was excellent. Most of the boys greatly enjoyed this novel thespian production."

Edith Huldi, Geneva, Switzerland, demonstrated the Elma automatic sewing machine to the home economic students. Sr. Mary Loretta Cecil, BVM, says the demonstration was connected with their first project — making a gathered skirt.

Parliamentary procedure — with a humorous twist — was the method of the sophomore girls' speech class. Some of the proposed motions were: turning Sr. Mary Leon's desk to the blackboard; holding classes in the cafeteria during a large boys' study hall; buying Ray Tiedje a shrimp colored sports car in appreciation of his efforts as student council president; and having a "backwards day" when everything (clothes, classes, teachers) would be in reverse order.

Needless to say, few of the motions carried.

Some of the boys and girls senior English classes also have an exchange program. The boys presented *The Pardoner's Tale*, a story from the *Canterbury Tales*, before the girls. The girls will reciprocate with a panel or scene from *Hamlet* or *Macbeth*.

A Round Table discussion, following the reading of the *Pardoner's Tale*, aroused a lively discussion based upon the nun in Chaucer's *Prologue*, judging from the evidence given in the

book, the boys felt the nun didn't practice what she taught. The girls are digging up evidence to refute this.

Some senior English boys presented *The Trial of Jim Thorpe* before Sr. Mary Helen Ann's girls' English class. A picture story appears on pages 24 and 25.

Vincent J. Giese, noted author, lecturer and traveler, spoke about his recent visit to the Communist Youth Rally in Vienna, Austria. He told juniors and seniors that the American delegation fought Communist infiltration but lost. He also described discomforts of poor food and inadequate housing.

In an article, *Postscript on Vienna*, in *Today* magazine, Mr. Giese pointed out the moral and spiritual side of the Rally. Using their notes students compared the article to the talk.

Before an all school gathering, Congressman Fred Schwengel explained the procedure whereby a bill becomes law. The recent visit of Nikita Khrushchev also drew his criticism.

The speeches of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Benjamin Franklin were repeated with all their fire and conviction in Sr. Mary St. Victor's junior history class. The girls took the roles of these diplomats of a by-gone era as they debated whether the United States would have a Constitution in 1787.

The mobility of the student chairs allows a classroom to be changed not only into a continental congress, as above, but also into a movie theater. Mr. Ron Mellen projected two movies for his classes — *Mutiny on the Bounty* and *The Death of Socrates*. Comparisons between the books and the movies enlivened class discussion.



Are they apple polishing in the shop? No. Fr. Anthony Conrad is simply showing freshmen Bob Kautz, Ed Bell and Bob Brandt how to polish these candlesticks for the McAuley Hall chapel.

Coach Derouin Maps Early Season Cage Plans

Coach "Babe" Derouin greeted nine non-football-playing members of his varsity basketball squad at the opening drill yesterday afternoon as practices began for the Knights' tough 19 game card.

Mike McCleary was the only major letterwinner at yesterday's session, with three more (Dan Hawley, Dick Leonard, and Bob Schebler) due to report with the rest of the cagers on the football team after the season's finale with Bettendorf Nov. 13.

"Defense will be stressed in early practice sessions," Coach Derouin emphasized. He views the coming year with optimism and indicates that the fast break, when the opportunity arises, will be an integral part of the Assumption basic offense.

The 1959-60 campaign officially opens for the Knights Nov. 22, when they participate in the diocesan jamboree at Fort Madison Aquinas. Assumption will play one quarter against an opponent yet to be announced. The regular season opens the following Friday with Rock Island furnishing the opposition in the first of four straight home games. The Knights will tangle North Scott that Saturday.

A back problem that may require an operation might sideline Dan Hawley for almost a month. The possible loss of the big 6' 3" senior would greatly hamper the Knights' scoring and rebound power. Hawley's late season scoring splurge was one of the few bright spots in last year's dismal 5-15 season.

With their strength off the boards and their scoring punch, Hawley and Schebler are counted on to form the nucleus in the front court. Schebler,

6' 5" and 235 pounds, scored well with his hook shot after moving up to the varsity from the sophomores during the Christmas holidays.

Leonard, part-time first stringer in his junior year, looked good in several games last year but will be hindered for a couple of weeks by a football wrist injury.

McCleary is considered the most accurate shooter on the team and much of the Knights' outside scoring punch comes from his deadly jump shot.

Last year's reserve lettermen are seniors Dick Wolfe, John Beh, Bill Gluba, and Pat Deluhery.

Tony McAndrews, Doug Cornick, Jeff Collins, and John Fennelly also

saw starting action for the sophomores. They will battle intramural standouts Larry Fennelly, Al Savala, Carroll Richardson, Ron Fiese, Bill Maher, and Jim Anderson as well as other sophomore teammates for positions on the squad. Tom Eaton, junior transfer from Cincinnati, is expected to aid in the front court.

Rock Island's Rocks will build their offense around 6' 4" Morrie Chambers, the only returning starter from last winter's team that beat Assumption by seven points. The Lancers from Eldridge, only in their second year of basketball, possess southpaw Dick Helble as the biggest scoring threat to the Knights.

Cheerleaders Hep With Cries, Fire Up The Gals And Guys

Late to bed and early to rise makes a cheerleader hep with the cries. This statement, odd but true, typifies the life of Assumption's varsity and sophomore cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders also started many vacation days with practice. At times they practiced as many as five days a week. Most of these summer sessions were held at Vander Veer Park or at private homes.

Some of their accomplishments are the new chant "We're the Knights," the new prance to the school song, and the sophomore cheerleaders' creation "We're with ya, team, so fight." An-

other sophomore creation is their song "An AHS Team's Hard to Beat."

Mary Fran Neufeld, varsity cheerleader explains, "Cheerleading is hard and trying, but for anyone interested it's worth it." Sophomore cheerleader Barb Lewandoski adds, "I think that if more students would attend underclassmen games and back the cheerleaders, there might be even more victories."

"We're with you team so fight," cry sophomore cheerleaders Mary Hart, Barb Lewandoski and Evy Panther.

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Although usually seen on the field, these players Ray Hart and John Fennelly, shown in the locker room, display the after effects of the Alleman game. The dirt-laden uniforms show the result of two hours on the rain soaked field.



Knights Look To Tough Duo

Two "big" games face the Knights as they enter the final stretch of the campaign and attempt to pull their season's record nearer the .500 mark. Bettendorf and Burlington, both high-ranked in state-wide polls, breezed undefeated through their first seven games.

The Knights will face their toughest opponent of the year when they host Burlington at Muny Stadium Friday night. The Greyhounds have combined a big rugged line with a small speedy backfield to attain the Little Six Conference championship and status as number one team in the state.

Dean Stoller, the team's top scorer, and quarterback Larry Cooperman lead the swift backfield aggregation and all-state center Bob Barry anchors the line. Coach Harold Tackelson's crew trounced Assumption in last year's final game.

The Knights will complete the season Nov. 13 at the stadium as they try to avenge last season's walloping by Bettendorf. The Bulldogs, who have not been beaten in their last 15 games, present a potent backfield duo in signal-caller Paul McNurlen and half-back Jim Dilts. They are Merritt Parson's answer to graduated stars Dave Cox and Don Gray.

Assumption, riding high after their tie with Davenport, was brought back to earth the following week when Niles' Notre Dame, only in their fourth year of football, tallied twice in the fourth period to break up a tight game and win 18-0, Oct. 2. The

Dons were stopped on the two-foot line in the first quarter but finally dented the scoring column in the second period to insure the victory. The Knights were able to complete only one of twelve passes.

Wahlert scored early and often to romp to a 34-0 rout of Assumption at the Stadium Oct. 9. The rejuvenated Golden Eagles with a revamped lineup unleashed a pair of sophomore half-backs that scampered for four touchdowns. The new Dubuque school played without their top ground-gainer, Dave Bierle, and one of their top guards.

Dick Leonard ended a two-game scoring drought when he tackled a Joliet Catholic ball carrier in the end zone in the first quarter Oct. 17 at Joliet but the Knights had to score twice in the fourth period to salvage a 20-14 triumph.

Bill Gluba capped a brilliant night of running when he raced around left end for the winning TD late in the last quarter. John Fennelly had tied the contest with a 10 yard roll-out after seeing no one open for a jump pass. The Hilltoppers started rolling in the closing seconds but had a desperation pass knocked down in the end zone on the last play.

Chuck Gray got Assumption's only first half touchdown on a dive up the middle after a sprawling catch by Mike Lohf put the ball on the two yard line. Gluba averaged seven yards per carry in twelve chances while Fennel-

Mr. Ambrose Eyes Wrestling Prospects

"A lot depends on how much our wrestlers grew in comparison to those in their same weight class from other schools," commented head wrestling coach Ray Ambrose as he watched some of his proteges in a pre-season workout.

The first practice will be held Nov. 15. Coach Ambrose and his assistant, Mr. Joseph Maher, will seek replacements for graduated grapplers Jack Wiland, Dick Parr, Mike Carr, and Jack Finn.

Eight varsity monogram and eleven reserve or freshmen award winners plus several promising freshmen will fight for starting berths Dec. 3 when Assumption opens its wrestling season against Muscatine.

"Last year's freshmen helped us quite a bit and we're hoping this year's group does the same," Coach Ambrose noted. "One of the best of last season's frosh, Stan Maliszewski, won't be able to wrestle the first part of the schedule because of his broken leg."

"Ron Flese, a district qualifier, is going out for basketball," Coach Ambrose added. "We have a good schedule with 10 dual meets, the DHS invitational, the Rock Island 'B' tournament, and the district."

Jerry Kane and Bob Reisinger were elected co-captains last spring by the team's award winners. Other veterans include Paul Castro, Tim Goffar, John Davies, Mike Reisinger, Bill Bell, Tom Bivens, and Bob Deluhery.

Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 3	Muscatine — H
9	East Moline — H
26	DHS Invitational — T
30	Rock Island "B" — T
Jan. 9	Bettendorf — T
15	Alleman — H
19	Muscatine — A
23	Rock Island — H
Feb. 5	Clinton — H
6	Davenport — H
?	District

ly's passes sparked the aerial attack. Coach Gene Walton tried platooning an entire junior unit (the Bwhanna Blue Boys) and a senior unit (the Mau Maus) but junked it midway through the game.

The Knights were whitewashed for the fourth time this season when Alleman rambled to a 38-0 decision in Rock Island Oct. 23. The Pioneers moved the ball almost at will behind the powerful running of Larry Barnett and Jim Wood and two 50 yard sprints by end Jim, Watts. Assumption's passing attack was hampered by the game-long drizzle with many passes being dropped.

Sportlite

by Dick Wolfe

One conspicuous thing that the nine Assumption students at the Niles game and the 11 at the Joliet game noticed was the sponsoring of post-game dances. The student council is presently working on plans for dances after the Knights' home football and basketball contests.

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Notre Dame of Niles is just starting its fourth year in its expensive new buildings but already it has a peppy marching band and large pressbox. Each Assumption player stayed overnight with the Niles player who played the same position.

The passengers in Father Weeg's and Father Colonnese's cars parked their cars and were ready to buy tickets before they discovered they were at a Maine Township of Des Plaines game. "Boy, that ticket seller gave me a funny look when I asked him which side the Assumption fans had," laughed Father Colonnese.

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Joliet Catholic, like Cedar Rapids Regis, must play their home games on either Saturday or Thursday nights because public schools use the stadium on Friday night. The Joliet Township high school stadium is much bigger than Notre Dame's. Some Township students were sitting on the Assumption side rooting for the

Sophomore Gridders Roll

Long touchdown runs sparked the sophomores to a 4-3-1 record in their first eight contests. Clarence Mason, Karl Noonan, and Bob Hammill paced the scoring with six, five, and four touchdowns respectively. The sophs closed their season last week at East Moline.

Scoring runs by Mason, Noonan, and Frank Solis accounted for the 19-0 opening victory over North Scott. Bettendorf's Bullpups fell next before the Little Knights 28-14 as Mason scored twice, Noonan once, and Al Raschid once on a 50-yard pass play from Noonan.

A 70-yard sprint by Mason was the Knight's only score in a 20-7 defeat

Knights to wreck the Hilltopper's homecoming.

Although Assumption had its difficulties winning its share of basketball games last winter it has picked up another victory since then. The Muscatine athletic director notified Father Walter that the Muskies had to forfeit their 69-68 win over the Knights because of an ineligible player. This left Assumption with a record of five wins and 15 defeats.

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An example of the poor conditions of Assumption's practice football fields was illustrated in a sophomore practice shortly before school started. Pat Murray, reserve center, reached down to

to Davenport. Mason, Aldape, Harold Hancock, and Dave Aldape each tallied one TD in a 28-6 triumph against Regina of Iowa City. Forty and seventy yard jaunts by Hammill, 35 yards by Hancock, and a short run by Noonan led the 26-13 romp past Muscatine.

Alleman inflicted the second loss on Coach "Babe" Derouin's crew, 27-13. Noonan's 7-yard quarterback sneak and Mason's short run were the Knights only threat.

In the 13-12 loss to the Rock Island Pebbles Oct. 16, Noonan and Hammill accounted for all of Assumption's scoring.

Wahlert's Golden Eagles matched tough defensive lines with the sophs in a 0-0 deadlock at Dubuque Oct. 22.

center the ball and felt a slimy 18 inch snake starting to climb the ball.

Currently decorating the inner sanctum of the faculty room is a huge traveling trophy won by Assumption tennis players in the annual Jaycee tournament last June. The trophy was awarded to the school with the most winners in both the boys and girls division. The ace of last spring's team, Dave Killian, went on with his partner from Des Moines to win the state JC doubles. Gene McCabe became senior city champ when he beat John Jayne, the Knight's top fall netster. Sophomore John Lammers beat his freshman brother, Tom, for the boys' division title.

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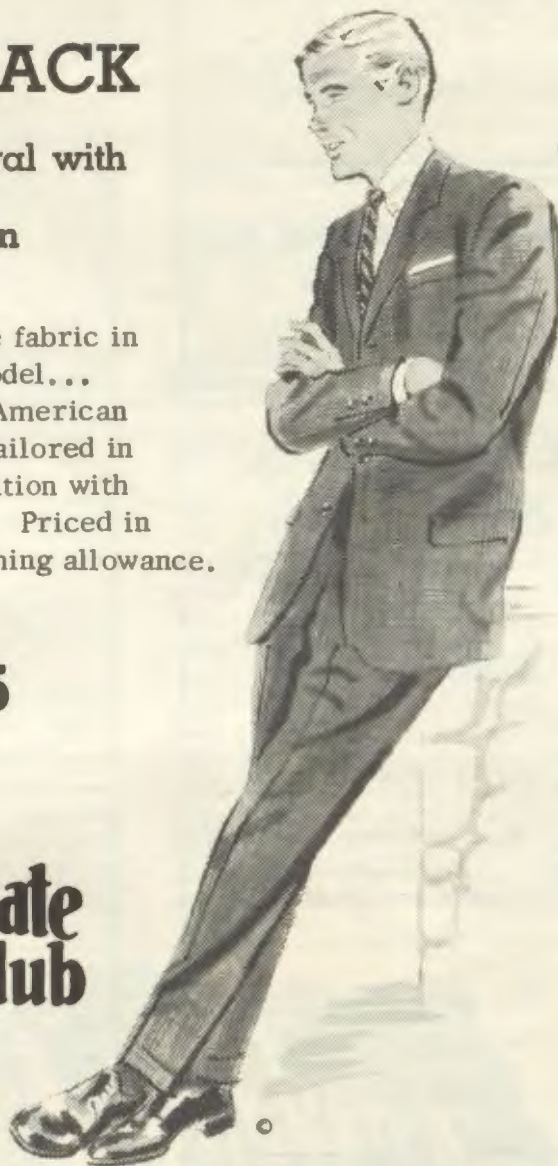
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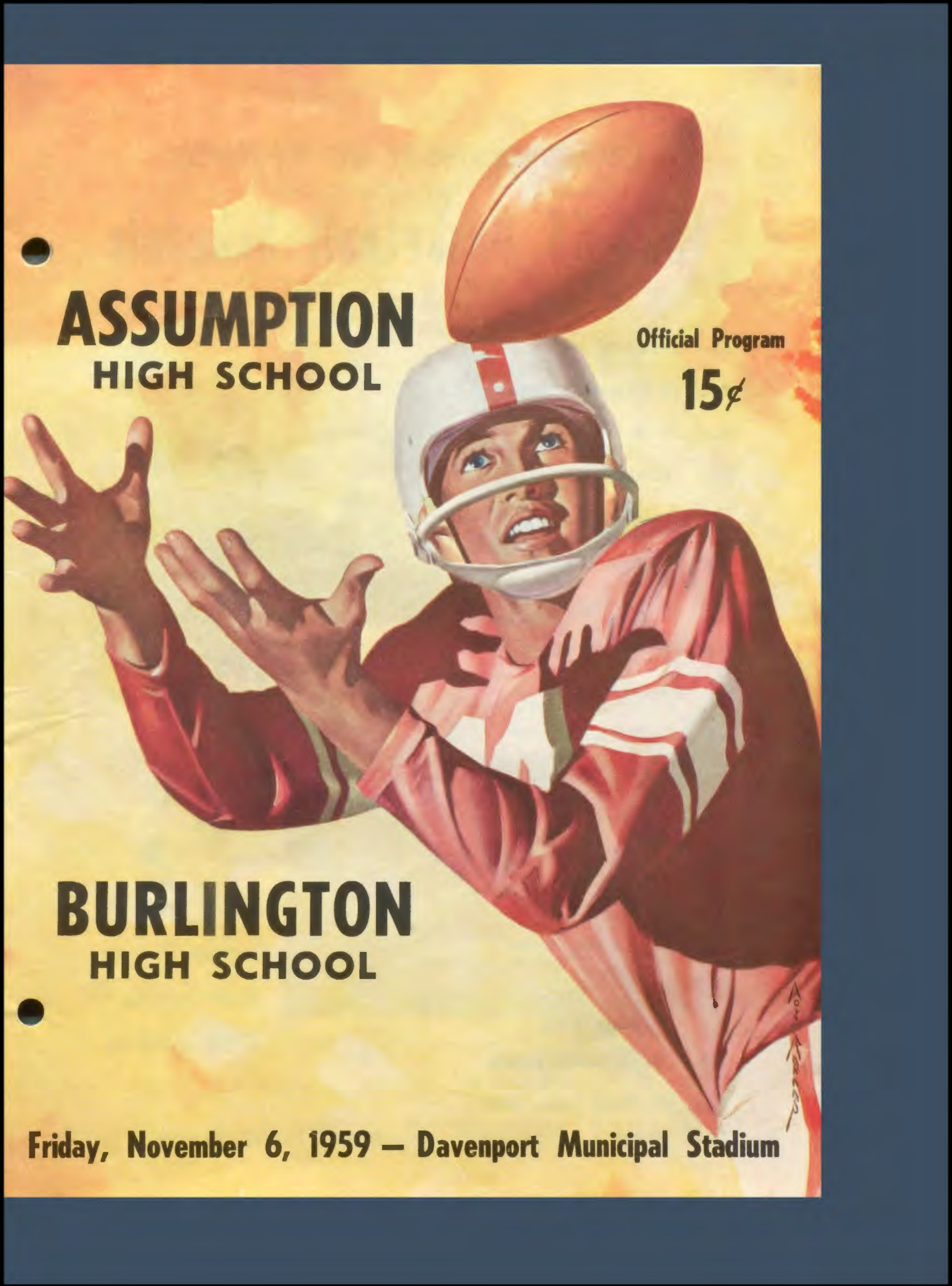
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Dec. 22—East Moline, away
Dec. 23—Alleman, away
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Jan. 9—EAST MOLINE, HOME
Jan. 12—Muscatine, away
Jan. 16—Davenport, away
Jan. 22—Heelan, away*
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LH Ed Burke 35				RM Tim Goffar 23		
			FB Bill Gluba 44			

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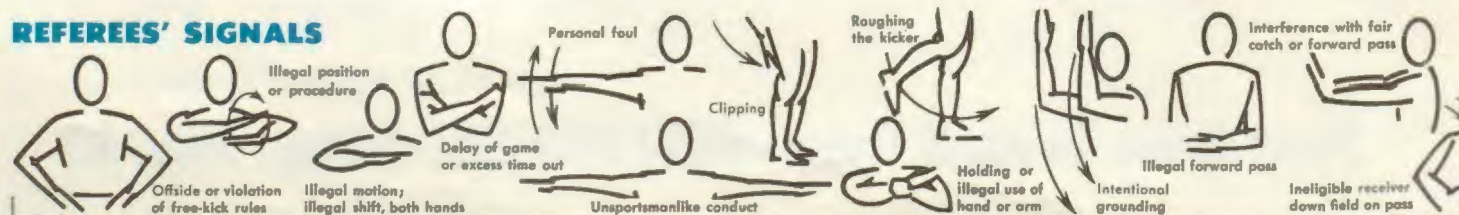
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11 O'Donnell, James, qb	55 McAndrews, Tony, e
13 Fennelly, John, qb	56 Fournier, Wayne, e
14 Noonan, Karl, qb	57 Fiese, Ron, e
20 Cornick, Doug, rhb	58 Hasenmiller, Dick, e
22 Gray, Chuck, rhb	62 Kistenmacher, Tom, t
23 Goffar, Tim, rhb	64 McGee, Dan, t
24 Raschid, Al, hb	65 Miller, Don, t
25 Castro, Paul, rhb	66 Cavanaugh, Dave, t
30 Hart, Ray, lhb	67 Collins, Jeff, t
31 Hammil, Bob, hb	68 Hawley, Dan, t
32 Lohf, Mike, lhb	69 Smith, Joe, t
33 Aldape, Dave, hb	70 Davies, John, g
35 Burke, Ed, lhb	71 Johnson, Art, g
41 McCarthy, George, fb	72 Bell, Bill, g
42 Mason, Tom, fb	73 Quigley, Mike, g
43 Belk, Gary, fb	74 Leonard, Dick, g
44 Gluba, Bill, fb	75 Moore, Dick, g
45 Price, Dave, fb	76 Purcell, Bernay, g
46 Mason, Clarence, fb	78 Bender, Don, t
47 Hancock, Harold, fb	82 Deluhery, Bob, c
50 Stolley, Ed, e	83 Anderson, Jim, c
51 Fiese, John, e	84 Macumber, Dan, c
52 Abbott, Mike, e	85 Schebler, Bob, c
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QB
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| 1 Wagler, Paul, b | 26 Brown, Dale, b |
| 2 Hill, Ray, g | 27 Fletcher, Mickey, b |
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| 4 Wills, Don, e | 30 Brissey, Bob, e |
| 6 Palmberg, Charles, g | 43 Welch, Dick, g |
| 7 Dorothy, Jim, b | 44 Vickstrom, Dean, e |
| 8 McKinley, Steve, t | 45 Streeter, John, t |
| 9 Beer, Ronald, e | 46 Jones, William, g |
| 10 Berry, Bob, c | 47 Flaaten, Larry, t |
| 11 Springsteen, Ray, t | 48 Smith, Henry, g |
| 13 Foster, Jon, b | 53 Smith, Gary, e |
| 16 Timmerman, Gary, e | 65 Morrison, Wayne, t |
| 17 Imthurn, Gary, c | 69 Lowther, John, t |
| 18 Jennifer, Perry, e | 74 Kerr, Gene, b |
| 19 Bholen, Mike, b | 76 Lyons, Jim, t |
| 20 Cloper, Terry, b | 77 Shoemaker, George, t |
| 21 Hoyle, Dennis, t | 81 Reighard, Ronald, b |
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Assumption Varsity Squad Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
10	*Beh, John	QB	5'7½"	145	12
11	O'Donnell, James	QB	5'9"	145	11
13	Fennelly, John	QB	5'7"	160	11
14	Noonan, Karl	QB	6'	164	10
20	Cornick, Doug	RH	5'7"	130	11
22	Gray, Chuck	RH	5'9"	158	11
23	*Goffar, Tim	RH	6'	160	12
24	*Deluhery, Pat	RH	5'10"	165	12
25	Castro, Paul	RH	5'10"	180	12
30	Hart, Ray	LH	5'7"	140	11
32	Lohf, Mike	LH	5'9"	152	12
33	Solis, Bob	LH	5'9"	135	11
35	*Burke, Ed (Co-C)	LH	5'11"	200	12
41	McCarthy, George	FB	5'10"	162	12
42	Mason, Tom	FB	5'8"	180	11
43	*Belk, Gary	FB	5'9"	190	12
44	*Gluba, Bill	FB	5'10"	160	12
45	Price, Dave	FB	6'	195	11
53	*Miller, Nick	E	6'	180	12
54	Valainis, Francis	E	5'10"	156	11
55	McAndrews, Tony	E	5'11"	154	11
56	Cusack, Greg	E	5'11"	153	11
57	*Fiese, Ron	E	6'1½"	190	12
58	Hasenmiller, Dick	E	6'1"	165	12
61	Ceurvorst, Mike	T	6'	165	11
62	Kistenmacher, Tom	T	6'	178	11
63	Houghton, Tom	T	6'	158	12
66	Cavanaugh, Dave	T	5'10"	175	11
67	Collins, Jeff	T	6'2"	175	11
68	Hawley, Dan	T	6'3"	210	12
69	*Smith, Joe	G	5'10"	195	12
70	Davies, John	G	5'9"	150	11
71	*Johnson, Art	G	5'7"	140	12
72	*Bell, Bill	G	5'9"	170	12
73	Dugan, Donald	G	5'10"	182	11
74	*Leonard, Dick	G	6'	170	12
75	*Moore, Dick	G	5'8"	160	12
76	Calkins, Dennis	G	5'7"	160	12
77	LeMar, Dennis	G	5'8"	152	12
82	Miller, Jim	C	5'8"	190	11
83	*Anderson, Jim (Co-C)	C	6' ½"	194	12
84	*Macumber, Dan	C	5'10"	210	12
85	Schebler, Bob	C	6'5"	235	11

*denotes letterman

Burlington Varsity Squad Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	Wagler, Paul	B	5'10"	147	11
2	Hill, Ray	G	5'6"	137	11
3	Orthner, Neal	B	5'11"	147	12
4	*Wills, Don	E	6'	165	12
6	Palmberg, Charles	G	5'9"	156	11
7	Dorethy, Jim	B	5'6"	152	12
8	McKinley, Steve	T	5'8"	186	12
9	Beer, Ronald	E	6'1"	163	11
10	*Berry, Bob	C	6'	185	12
11	*Springsteen, Ray	T	6'2"	243	12
13	Foster, Jon	B	5'7"	144	12
16	Timmerman, Gary	E	6'1"	155	11
17	Imthurn, Gary	C	6'2"	175	11
18	Jennifer, Perry	E	5'11"	160	12
19	Bohlen, Mike	B	5'11"	160	11
20	*Cloper, Terry	B	5'5"	167	12
21	*Boyle, Dennis	T	6'	179	12
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26	Brown, Dale	B	5'8"	159	11
27	Fletcher, Mickey	B	5'8"	138	12
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46	Jones, William	G	5'6"	153	11
47	Flaaten, Larry	T	5'11"	172	12
48	Smith, Henry	G	5'9"	190	12
53	Reighard, Larry	G	5'10"	174	12
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69	Lowther, John	T	5'10"	172	11
74	Kerr, Gene	E	5'9"	153	11
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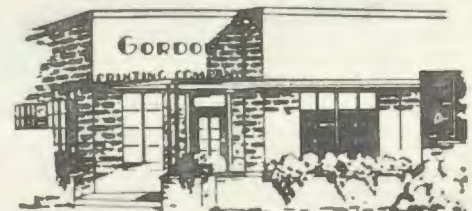
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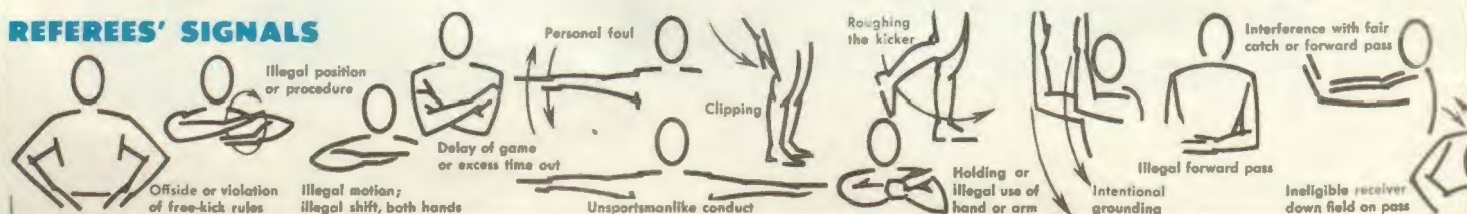
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| 14 Noonan, Karl, qb | 57 Fiese, Ron, e |
| 20 Cornick, Doug, rhb | 58 Hasenmiller, Dick, e |
| 22 Gray, Chuck, rhb | 62 Kistenmacher, Tom, t |
| 23 Goffar, Tim, rhb | 64 McGee, Dan, t |
| 24 Raschid, Al, hb | 65 Miller, Don, t |
| 25 Castro, Paul, rhb | 66 Cavanaugh, Dave, t |
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| 32 Lohf, Mike, lhb | 69 Smith, Joe, t |
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| 35 Burke, Ed, lhb | 71 Johnson, Art, g |
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| 44 Gluba, Bill, fb | 75 Moore, Dick, g |
| 45 Price, Dave, fb | 76 Purcoll, Barney, g |
| 46 Mason, Clarence, fb | 78 Bender, Don, t |
| 47 Hancock, Harold, fb | 82 Deluhery, Bob, c |
| 50 Stolley, Ed, e | 83 Anderson, Jim, c |
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61 Curtis, Bob, g	42 Brooke, John, b
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75 Dexter, Dale, t	45 Dilts, Jim, b
36 Duncan, Harvey, b	71 Grossman, Steve, g
64 Green, Bob, g	70 Hartung, John, t
38 Haber, Fred, hb	43 Hennold, Charles, hb
82 Hlavaty, Mike, c	60 Johnson, Tom, t
51 Jessen, Ken, e	80 Kroeger, Dann, g
41 Lightner, Tim, b	73 Lee, Bob, t
74 Lybeck, Larry, t	63 Miller, Arthur, g
44 McNurlen, Paul, fb	84 Noth, Bob, c
72 Power, Dave, e	35 Reisel, Richard, hb
81 Schmeltzer, Jim, t	34 Rinehart, Gary, fb
62 Van Zandt, Dennis, e	52 Rocker, Scott, e
40 Barretto, Richard, hb	39 Sparling, Stuart, hb
	50 Van Zandt, Tom, e

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
10	*Beh, John	QB	5'7½"	145	12
11	O'Donnell, James	QB	5'9 "	145	11
13	Fennelly, John	QB	5'7 "	160	11
14	Noonan, Karl	QB	6'	164	10
20	Cornick, Doug	RH	5'7 "	130	11
22	Gray, Chuck	RH	5'9 "	158	11
23	*Goffar, Tim	RH	6'	160	12
24	*Deluhery, Pat	RH	5'10 "	165	12
25	Castro, Paul	RH	5'10 "	180	12
30	Hart, Ray	LH	5'7 "	140	11
32	Lohf, Mike	LH	5'9 "	152	12
33	Solis, Bob	LH	5'9 "	135	11
35	*Burke, Ed (Co-C)	LH	5'11 "	200	12
41	McCarthy, George	FB	5'10 "	162	12
42	Mason, Tom	FB	5'8 "	180	11
43	*Belk, Gary	FB	5'9 "	190	12
44	*Gluba, Bill	FB	5'10 "	160	12
45	Price, Dave	FB	6'	195	11
53	*Miller, Nick	E	6'	180	12
54	Valainis, Francis	E	5'10 "	156	11
55	McAndrews, Tony	E	5'11 "	154	11
56	Cusack, Greg	E	5'11 "	153	11
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66	Cavanaugh, Dave	T	5'10 "	175	11
67	Collins, Jeff	T	6'2 "	175	11
68	Hawley, Dan	T	6'3 "	210	12
69	*Smith, Joe	G	5'10 "	195	12
70	Davies, John	G	5'9 "	150	11
71	*Johnson, Art	G	5'7 "	140	12
72	*Bell, Bill	G	5'9 "	170	12
73	Dugan, Donald	G	5'10 "	182	11
74	*Leonard, Dick	G	6'	170	12
75	*Moore, Dick	G	5'8 "	160	12
76	Calkins, Dennis	G	5'7 "	160	12
77	LeMar, Dennis	G	5'8 "	152	12
82	Miller, Jim	C	5'8 "	190	11
83	*Anderson, Jim (Co-C)	C	6' ½"	194	12
84	*Macumber, Dan	C	5'10 "	210	12
85	Schebler, Bob	C	6'5 "	235	11

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Bettendorf Varsity Squad Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
61	Curtis, Bob	G	5'10"	160	12
37	Dahms, Ken	HB	5'10"	145	12
75	Dexter, Dale	T	6'3 "	210	12
36	Duncan, Harvey	B	5'8 "	155	12
64	Green, Bob	G	6'	171	12
38	Haber, Fred	HB	5'10"	165	12
82	Hlavaty, Mike	C	6'3 "	175	12
51	Jessen, Ken	E	6'	175	12
41	Lightner, Tim	B	5'6 "	155	12
74	Lybeck, Larry	T	6'1 "	233	12
44	McNurien, Paul	FB	5'11"	165	12
72	Power, Dave	E	6'2 "	165	12
81	Schmeltzer, Jim	T	6'3 "	190	12
62	Van Zandt, Dennis	E	6'5 "	185	12
40	Barretto, Richard	HB	5'7 "	155	11
42	Brooke, John	B	5'9 "	170	11
83	Cain, John	C	5'11"	160	11
45	Dilts, Jim	B	5'11"	175	11
71	Grossman, Steve	G	5'11"	175	11
70	Hartung, John	T	5'10"	165	11
43	Honnold, Charles	HB	5'10"	155	11
60	Johnson, Tom	T	5'9 "	175	11
80	Kroeger, Dann	G	5'8 "	150	11
73	Lee, Bob	T	6'	175	11
63	Miller, Arthur	G	6'	165	11
84	Noth, Bob	C	6'2 "	180	11
35	Reiselt, Richard	HB	5'9 "	150	11
34	Rinehart, Gary	FB	5'10"	145	11
52	Rocker, Scott	E	6'2 "	170	11
39	Sparling, Stuart	HB	5'9 "	155	11
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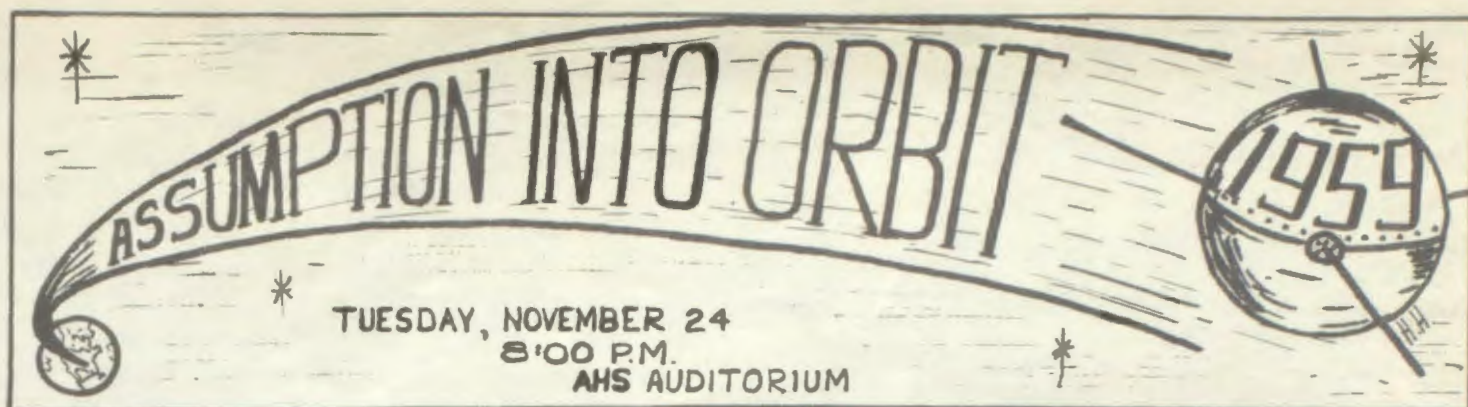
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Vol. II

Knight Beacon Supplement, Assumption High School, Davenport, Iowa

November 24, 1959

Assumption's second annual variety show, **Assumption Into Orbit**, is a co-operative project of the boys' and girls' divisions of Assumption high school. Under the direction of Mr. Joseph Maher, the cast of 50 students will present a musical fantasy based on the events of last year.

Skits were originated and developed by students, who then submitted their ideas to Mr. Maher. He fitted the various acts into the central theme of Assumption's first year. The cast has been practicing in twice-a-week rehearsals since Oct. 15. Production will be narrated by Mr. Don Nelson of W.Q.U.A.

A sterephonic sound fantasia of rocket jets and flashing lights will occur during the count down just before curtain time. And now — X minus zero — 10 — 9 — 8 — 7 — 6 — 5 — 4 — 3 — 2 — 1 — we're off:

Act I.

Scene 1. Opening Day of School—A Musical Fantasy

O, What A Beautiful Mornin' — Diane Miclot along with Jane Alston, Charlene Conway, Connie Edwards, Rosemary Friedholdt, Ines Friedrichs, Carole Gross, Kathy Kehoe, Skip Kuriger, Isabelle McNamara, Mary Schepker, Barbara Werthmann, Sheilah Wilkins, Jim Anderson, John Beh, Tom Buechele, Dan Hawley, Joe Smith, Bob Spahn, Ray Tiedje.

Peg of My Heart — Accordion Solo..... Jim Belser

Scene 2. Bookstore — A Familiar Scene

Standing On The Corner — Quartet — Jim Anderson, John Beh, Tom Buechele, Ray Tiedje.

Scene 3. Strutting in the Corridors

Down By Assumption High — Quartet — John Beh, Tom Buechele, Dan Hawley, Ray Tiedje.

Love Is A Many Splendored Thing—Solo...Dianna Nath

Scene 4. Girls' Locker Room — The Feminine Angle

I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair — Kathy Kehoe, along with Jane Alston, Charlene

Conway, Connie Edwards, Rosemary Friedholdt, Ines Friedrichs, Carole Gross, Skip Kuriger, Isabelle McNamara, Mary Schepker, Barbara Werthmann, Sheila Wilkins.

Getting To Know You — Pat McGivern, Kathy Nicotera, Pam Rogers.

Scene 5. Boys' Locker Room — The Male Viewpoint

There Is Nothing Like A Dame — Jim Anderson, John Beh, Tom Buechele, Dan Hawley, Jerry Kane, Dick Leonard, Joe Smith, Bob Spahn, Ray Tiedje.

I Can't Say No — Solo Pantomime Mary Sue Maher

Scene 6. Winter Activities — An Unusual Basketball Practice

Hawaiian War Chant — Dave Cavanaugh, Dan Hawley, Dick Leonard, Joe Smith, Bob Schebler.

Act II.

Scene 1. Cafeteria — Noon Hour Conversation

Happy Talk—Vickie Kruse, along with Sharon Barta, Dianna Nath, Jo Ann Ruge, Carol Wilkinson, Paul Bauer, Greg Cusack, Jim Miller, Pat Rossmiller, Mike Shinnors.

A Guy Is A Guy — Sextet Kathy Ceurvorst, Louise DeZorzi, Pat Hogan, Berta Connell, Beth Connell, Susie Welch.

Scene 2. St. Pat's House Party — An Impromptu Jam Session

Selections: **Saints; Lichtenstiener Polka; Rock-A-Conga Teen Beat**

Featuring the KNIGHT BEATS: Paul Bauer, trumpet; Paul Berendes, drums; David Cratty, clarinet; Clifford d'Autremont, trombone; Greg Cusack, trumpet; Howard Heydn, washtub; George Knight, trombone; David Pyne, saxophone; Pat Rossmiller, baritone.

Spectators: Joan Berendes, Gwen Gaukler, Stephanie Grant, Ann Humphrey, Pat McGivern, Kathy Nicotera, Pat O'Toole, Pam Rogers, Jim Miller, Mike Shinnors.

A Hole In The Bucket—Back On The Farm — Jenny Walatka, Juanita Walz.

Scene 3. **April Showers**—An Umbrella Choreography
Diane Miclot, Karen Ochs, Della Powers, Jo Ann Ruge, Chris Schlack, Anita Walsh.

Can't Get A Man With A Gun—Solo Carol Wilkenson

Scene 4. **Senior Prom** — A Dance With A Dolly —
John Beh, Carole Gross

Harlem Nocturne — Piano Composition — Mary Sue Schwieters

Scene 5. **Graduation** — Just Reminiscing

I'll Be Seeing You — Tom Buechele along with Connie Edwards, Rosemary Friedholdt, John Beh, Dan Hawley.

Scene 6. **Thanksgiving** — Finale — The Entire Cast

Production Staff

Director — Mr. Joseph Maher
Publicity Chief — Ann Humphrey
Publicity Crew — Stephanie Grant, Jim Miller, Barbara Niemeyer, Joe Nahra
Chief of Costumes — Sharon Barta
Costumes Crew — Jane Alston, Vickie Kruse, Carolyn Lutgen, Barb Niemeyer
Programs — Hal Feeney, Mary Sue Maher
Chief of Scenery — Howard Heydn
Scenery Crew — Tana Cook, Denise O'Neil, Barbara J. Smith, Jane Wells
Stage Manager — Les Bickford
Stage Crew — Les Barta, Tom Ertel, Mike Fanning, Jim Foster, Dan Macumber, Bill Tiedje
Tickets Chairman — Ray Tiedje
Ticket Committee — Karen Ochs, Della Powers, Chris Schlack
Ticket Collectors — Mike Kernan, Pat Ward
Chief of House Staff — Bill Keefe
House Staff — Gary LaFayette, Tim Vaughn, Ken Wolfe
Script — Les Bickford, Mike Ceurvorst
Audio Technician — Hal Feeney

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all who have aided in this production, especially

Don Nelson	Master of Ceremonies	Sister Mary Ann Esther, B.V.M.	Principal of the Girls' Division
Mr. Joseph Maher	Director	Rev. Robert Amborn	Lighting
Rev. Robert Amborn	Director of Assumption High School	Petersen's & Richter-Rhombergs	Printing of Tickets
Rev. Edmund J. Weeg	Principal of the Boys' Division		



THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE . . . After launching "Variety Show '59" into orbit, the entire cast and crew assemble for the finale. That's debutant George Knight leaning on his trombone, and Kathy Ceurvorst gazing heavenward.

KNIGHT BEACON

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Council Ponders Cleanup Project

The Student Council discussed surveys, student directories, and a "clean-up the cafeteria" campaign, among other topics, at their last meeting, Dec. 3.

Elaine Feeney reported the results of the survey on school dances taken of about 500 students. Ideas suggested in place of regular dances were class picnics, skating parties, and class parties. It was found that some seniors haven't attended a single school dance in all four years of high school.

Fr. John Boyle, speaking in behalf of the faculty, suggested a survey to determine the number of participants in the various clubs. The purpose would be to discover whether the same people are taking part in too many organizations.

The survey committee consists of Barb Lewis '63, Kathy Ceurvorst '62, and Joe Kehoe '63.

All clubs were to be reminded that, according to the constitution, they must renew or apply for a charter from the Council. The Monogram Club's petition for a charter was granted conditionally.

The Student Directories committee, composed of Jane Mumey '62, chairman; Stan Reinhold '61; Dave Cavanaugh '61, and Elaine LaMar '61 plan to take a count of students wanting new directories for this year.

On Dec. 4 Chuck Skelley '61, and Joe Kehoe '63, dressed as overworked garbage men and paraded through the cafeteria. The skit was the first phase of the C.C.C. (Cafeteria Clean-Up Committee).

Cartoon posters will help remind students of the campaign. Poster committee co-chairmen are Mike Dupey '63, and Mardi Gaydos '63.

Grand Jury Indicts Beacon

The Knight Beacon was indicted this morning before Judge Daniel Ralph Hawley and the grand jury of the Student Court of Assumption on the charge that the Beacon is not a truly Catholic paper.

Editor Paul Deluhery and the Beacon staff appeared before Fr. William F. Wiebler and Sr. Mary Borgia, BVM, the December session of the grand jury. The jury decided that evidence in the case warrants a trial.

The Beacon was brought to trial last year on the charge of failing to be a good high school paper. After deliberating for 2½ hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty and sentenced the staff to hold a meeting to discuss ways of improving the paper. Last year's trial, held in February, was open only to seniors. This year, however, both juniors and seniors will be permitted to attend.

Defense attorney Jim Anderson and prosecuting attorney George McCarthy are preparing their briefs and re-

Set Christmas Formal

Silver bells will ring forth a French melody at Assumption's Christmas formal, Dec. 28. The theme of the dance, Le Cloche d'argent, or the Silver Bell, will be carried out in silver and red decorations.

A joint project of the senior boys and girls, the formal will be held on Monday, Dec. 28, in the Assumption cafeteria. Scott Clark and his orchestra will provide the music for the sophomore, junior, and senior girls and their escorts. A semi-formal affair, the dance will last from 8:30 to 12:00. Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and may be purchased from either Cathy O'Brien or Nick Miller.

Decorations will accent the French theme. Table centerpieces will consist of two bells suspended from an arch and trimmed with silver leaves and angel hair. A large mural depicting Parisian scenes will cover one cafeteria wall, and large silver bells with red streamers will be hung on another. Decorations are being co-ordinated by co-chairmen Mary Fran Neufeld and Sheila Wilkins.

Other committee chairmen include: Charlene Conway and Dan Hawley, orchestra; Isabelle McNamara and Joe Bryant, refreshments; Cecelia Modrick, chaparones; and Kathy Brasch and Jack Radloff, publicity.

quest that students submit pertinent information or suggestions to them.

Participation in the trial jury will be open to all students. Those interested should state in 25 words or less their reasons for wanting to serve on the jury. These entries should be typed or written in ink and must contain the name and homeroom of the entrant. They should be in the press-room by 3:30 p.m., Dec. 18.

Frosh Top Honor Roll

More than 200 Assumption students, or 24% of the student body, have attained a scholastic average of "B" or better according to the first quarter honor roll

Freshmen lead the school with 73 seniors on the honor roll. Of this number, 38 are girls and 35 are boys. Next are the sophomores with 57 (34 girls and 23 boys). Following the sophomores are the juniors with 47, of whom 26 are girls and 21 are boys. The seniors lag behind, placing only 42 on the honor roll. Representing the seniors are 30 girls and 12 boys.

Eighteen students made first honors this quarter. Of the eighteen 15 are girls and 3 are boys. The freshmen class leads with 7 (5 girls and 2 boys). The seniors follow with 6, of whom all are girls. The juniors and sophomores bring up the rear with 2 and 3 respectively.

"All trash here," points Sloppy Joe (Chuck Skelly '61) as he initiates the Student Council Cleanup Project.



Speller Reads "Word Power"

How does one interested in concert music and theories of the fourth dimension manage to win a spelling bee? All-school spelling champ Tim Vaughan '61 attributes his victory to a purchase of the paperbound, *Word Power Made Easy*, by Norman Lewis.

Tim classifies all words into two general categories, common and unusual. He thinks the unusual ones are sometimes easier to remember because of their very strange and eye-catching forms.

Like his father, Mr. E. M. Vaughan, a professor of physics at St. Ambrose College, Tim is deeply interested in science and is president of the Assumption science club. In 1956 he won first place in the junior division of the biological section of the Quad Cities' science fair. There he displayed an exhibit which included labeled drawings of the human eye.

Satirical and humorous authors are a favorite with Tim. Books by Marquis, Twain, Wodehouse, Poe, and James illustrate his love for abstract science and logic.

A piano student of Mrs. James Kemp, Tim is now studying the works of Bach whom he considers the most mathematical and most logical composer of all times. Tim explains the fugue as the type of music which "illustrates very well the contrapunctual genius of Bach." Having taken piano for about three and half years, he has participated in several recitals.

The YCS bookstore will be sure to add additional copies of Tim's book to their already existing stock of 4,000 books. As spelling champ, Tim will be their best salesman.

Junior Cops Beacon Contest

"Knight, correctly, grammar, and columns" were the words that proved most difficult in the Knight Beacon spelling contest, that is for all entrants but one — Gary Lafayette '61.

The correct words were: spell, sponsor, spelling, sole, their, winner, grammar, Knight Beacon, congratulations, folio, paper, extremely, columns, newcomer, correctly, typographic, entrant's, and pique.

Many spelled typographic with a hyphen in it. One person missed winning by omitting 's' in congratulations.

Gary Lafayette, a junior journalist, is a member of the parish YCS and of the science club. Though an avid sports fan, Gary himself participates in bowling. A Knight Beacon portfolio will be presented to Gary as winner of this contest.



Tim Vaughan Nervously Pulls at his jacket during the spelling bee as he waits for his next word. In the background are seniors Mike McCleary, Carole Gross, Sharon Dulansky, Sophomores, Pat Spiker, George Knight, and Janet Barrett. Jim Johnson's shoes appear too.

Champ Triumphs With "Phlegmatic"

Spelling "phlegmatic" correctly, Tim Vaughan '61 emerged champion of the Honor Society spelling bee. The last standing senior, Jim Johnson, missed "perspicuity" and placed second. Sharon Dulansky '60 and Janet Barrett '62 were third and fourth place winners respectively.

The contest was held Nov. 23 in the gym during the first period before an enthusiastic, tension-filled student body. The bell, signifying the end of the first period, rang as Sharon Dulansky was asked to spell "temporize."

"Temporize, Father?"

"Yes, to stall, to waste time," quipped Father Thomas Taylor who was announcing the words. During the next round the bell again let Sharon temporize while she thought of the correct spelling for "iniquity."

Tension mounted when Tim's spelling of "intransigent" was disputed. Reprimed from the losers' bench, he spelled the word a second time to the judges' satisfaction.

Father Robert Amborn, director of Assumption, awarded the trophy. Sr. Maria Trinitas, CHM, a Marycrest instructor of speech and English, Father John Ryan, an Assumption English teacher, Lolita Schnitzuis and Mary Ann Schwartz, both English majors at Marycrest, were the judges of the contest.

According to Sister Maria Trinitas, one of the judges, "Speaking and writing are very closely connected. Some people cannot speak well because for

years they have spelled and sounded words incorrectly. Likewise, errors in spelling stem from mistakes that they have made in speech for a number of years. For instance, many people pronounce feminine incorrectly and usually spell it incorrectly, too."

Freshies Have A Ball

Imagine freshman boys arrayed in newspaper costumes and freshman girls opening candy with boxing gloves, and you will have an idea of what took place at the Freshman Frolic Sunday night, Nov. 15, in the cafeteria.

A substitute for the dances which freshmen are unable to attend, the idea for the Frolic was brought to the attention of the student council by Jim Miller '61.

The affair was organized under the guidance of Sister Mary Laurent, CHM. Approximately 30 upperclassmen were members of the committee. They enjoyed the party almost as much as the freshman. Remarked Mary Ann Walter '61, "We juniors should have something like this."

Upon their arrival, the freshmen were separated into fifteen groups with two upperclassmen guiding each group. Inter-group competition added to the fun of the games — charades, match-box relay, gossip, suitcase relay.

Group singing began the evening and refreshments — cokes and potatoe chips — brought it to a close.

Drama Club Steams Ahead; Student Plays Stoke Furnace

Shades of old-fashioned melodrama, Greek comedy, flapper days, and horror stories are appearing at Assumption as the drama club makes its presence known.

In order to be initiated into this dramatic group, students will present 12 one-act plays, student directed and acted.

The plays will be presented for faculty judges on Saturday, Jan. 30, when the three best plays will be selected to be presented again for an all-school assembly. The best of the three will be chosen at the assembly to go on the program with the faculty-directed one-acts on Feb. 20-21.

Try-outs for the plays have been held at the previous two drama club meetings and rehearsals are now in progress at cast members' homes. Make-up, costumes, scenery, lights, sound, and all backstage work will be done by aspirants for the club.

According to Sister Mary Leon, BVM, moderator, "Strict requirements will weed out those who would not be active drama club participants. Anyone who would stay with a production and see it through to the end would prove a valuable member of a drama organization."

Among the plays slated for production by the student directors are: **Hilly-Billy House**, a riotous family mix-up; **Three Weird Sisters**, an aptly-named thriller with many lighter moments;

Flapper Girls, a rollicking costume play; **Curse You, Jack Dalton**, a melodrama; and **The Birds**, a farcical comedy, up-to-date, though nearly 2,000 years old.

Harrassed students newly initiated in their roles as directors are: Jim Miller, Ron Rehmann, Charles Skelly, Gary Jansen, Beverly Parisho, Mary Stasia hoe, Jane Mumej, Tracy Plum, Sharon Steinmann, Carole Widigen.

Seniors Retreat

So far 37 senior boys have registered with Fr. Marvin Mottet to attend the retreats at Our Lady of New Melleray Monastery in Dubuque. Twenty-nine have signed to attend the retreat Dec. 18-20 while eight others will attend Dec. 28-30.

Father Mottet feels that the retreats are important because, "They give the boys a chance to think over their problems in the complete silence which they would not get except at the Trappist monastery." Originally the retreat had been planned for Dec. 28-30. Since this is the date of the Christmas Formal and many of the boys had planned to attend the dance, Father arranged an additional retreat Dec. 18.

Father feels that Larry Hawley, older brother of Dan Hawley, 60, and graduate of St. Ambrose Academy, will probably receive special permission from the head of the monastery to guide the boys through the monastery. Larry made his first vows Dec. 8.

Because retreats are organized in groups of 30, some juniors may be allowed to attend the Dec. 28 retreat.

Hi-Lites

- Dec. 15 Mothers' Club Meeting
Christmas Program presented by Mixed Chorus & Speech Classes
- Dec. 18 AHS Band Concert
- Dec. 22 Christmas Assembly
Mixed Chorus & Speech Classes
- Dec. 22 Christmas Vacation
- Dec. 28 Christmas Formal
- Jan. 4 Classes Resume
- Jan. 6 Faculty Meeting
- Jan. 9 Last Date for CEEB Exam
Feb. 6
- Jan. 12 Mothers' Club Meeting
- Jan. 22-23 Basketball — Big Four
Classic at Sioux City

Show Rockets

Rocketing into history, Assumption's second annual variety show, "Assumption Into Orbit," left a path of school year highlights in its wake. AHS students under the direction of Mr. Joseph Maher presented this production to the public on Nov. 24, 1959.

Don Nelson, a local disc-jockey, was master of ceremonies for the event. He provided continuity for the show with novel introductions for the various acts.

Two outstanding scenes were the boys' and girls' locker room numbers, presented to the theme of songs composed of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Also outstanding were the "Knight Beats," a recently organized combo, which provided the climax of the show with their rousing arrangements of **The Saints** and **Teen Beat**.



"Get a load of this" is the expression on Director Jim Miller's face as Ron Rehmann '60 shows Dick Wolfe '60 how to shave off his peace fuzz. Reflecting their sharp interest in this razor skit are Drama Club members Tracy Plum '62, Gary Jansen '61, and Lynn McSweeney '62.



Student Council Selects Youths

Gary Jansen and Carole Gross, a junior-senior team, are this year's first Youths of the Month. This choice will be made each month by a committee of the Student Council. Two were chosen to inaugurate the award.

They were selected by a committee of five faculty members and four students on the basis of scholarship, leadership, extracurricular activities, co-operation, generosity with time, and courtesy towards faculty and students.

For Gary Jansen '61, photography is more than a hobby. He acts as an advisor for the Camera Club and serves as a staff photographer for the Knight Beacon. National YCS sent him to their summer Study Week in Indiana to take pictures for their nationwide monthly publication.

Gary became interested in photography through his father, and bought his first camera in fourth grade. He asserts, "Photography is a creative art. In a picture I can capture 1/100 of a second of a person's life. I also enjoy seeing the results of my efforts in the Knight Beacon and the YCS publication."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Jansen, 1105 Berg Place, Gary is a member of Holy Family parish.

As senior girls' vice-president, Carole Gross participated actively in the Spaghetti Dinner project. She fills the post of associate editor of the Knight Beacon. Carole was responsible for the homecoming float, which was constructed in the basement of her home.

In addition to her Student Council activities, Carole represents AHS on the Quint City Student Congress. She appeared in the girls' locker room scene of the Variety Show. Carole, who lists English and Spanish as her favorite subjects, plans a career in sociology. A member of Holy Family parish, she is secretary of the parish sodality. Carole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Gross of 717 Spaulding Blvd.

Lite Flashes

The step from grade school to high school is a giant one and all the firsts leave indelible impressions. These freshmen were variously impressed by their first elections in high school:

Janie Cheek "In grade school I didn't realize the importance of ability and ambition necessary for an officer. Popularity seems to rule instead of leadership. This realization has made a deep impression in my mind and I tried to vote accordingly."

Ed Bills "The campaign speeches greatly influenced my selection of officers. The speeches surprised and confused me because boys who I felt could hold office were outshone by those who had not previously impressed me as likely candidates."

Sharon Carney "For the most part, I was satisfied with the elections. However, I think after the four were chosen from the homerooms, they should have been able to run for whatever office they wished. Then they could campaign."



Gary Jansen '61

Carole Gross '60

Too Few Doing Too Much?

"There's a clique controlling that senior project."

Before the Spaghetti Dinner we heard this from some seniors who thought their talents were being overlooked. We also hear the complaint that a few students receive all the publicity at school. However, these aggressive few often feel they are being exploited.

"If we didn't do everything around here, nothing would get done," say the committee members on the various projects.

Do you fit either of these descriptions?

We must remember that successful school activities depend on the participation of many. The Spaghetti Dinner provided seniors with an opportunity to work together and do something really worthwhile. The Spelling Bee gave everyone a chance. These activities stressed participation of many rather than few.

There are ways of limiting the active students. However, we don't believe this is the solution. We must convince more students to be interested in lending a hand rather than complaining about present efforts.

Obviously everyone can't be the star of the basketball team, poking 25-foot jump shots whenever clear. But everyone can and should go to the games and cheer for the team, win or lose.

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Liturgy and Laity

Anyone Need a Match?

by Jerry Kane

Three candles of the Advent wreath in the hallway by the chapel are getting shorter every day. Just to set the record straight, the candles aren't being used to reduce the electric bill.

There is a definite reason for the candles. As the candles grow shorter, the time for Christ's coming draws nearer. The candles also symbolize the mortification which we should be practicing during this season. As the candles burn down, all our imperfections should be burning up.

Unless we have been burnt clean by the time that Christ comes, we will not feel the real joy of anticipation that the pink candle on the Advent wreath represents.

The Student Council is helping us. Each day the Advent prayer is read over the loudspeaker. Some of the home rooms have constructed their own Advent wreaths with materials brought by students.

You can use the Advent prayers, the wreath and hymns, along with the sacraments, to light up spiritually.

Anybody need a match?

Stretching All of his 5 feet 7½ inches, John Beh, '60, lights the candle of the Advent Wreath as Father Ryan, spiritual director, and the senior class officers recite the prayer for the first week of Advent.



AHS HONOR ROLL

This year the honor roll has been arranged by IBM according to the scholastic rating of the students. In previous years the honor roll had been arranged in alphabetical order.

BOYS

SENIORS

First Honors

None

Second Honors

Ronald Rehmann, James Johnson, George McCarthy, John Bernitsen, Patrick Deluhery, Ronald Fiese, William Bell, Lawrence Montford, Richard Wolfe, Gerald Kane, Michael Lohf

Honorable Mention

John Hyland

JUNIORS

First Honors

None

Second Honors

Daniel McGuiness, William Pohl, Harold Feeney, Charles Sommer, Lester Bickford, James Prochaska, Paul Bauer, William Keefe, Paul Hasse, Edward Soenke, Timothy Vaughan, Michael Ceurvorst, Howard Heydn, David Crary, Michael Sweeney, Larry Otto, Gregory Cusack, Gary LaFayette, James Ehrecke, Thomas Kistenmacher.

Honorable Mention

None

SOPHOMORES

First Honors

David Huyette

Second Honors

Michael Abbott, Gerald Kealey, Gerald Ketaar, William Flynn, Stan Maliszewski, George Knight, Donald Miller, John Lamers, Douglas Duda, Howard Mentzer, William Thiessen, Joseph Vize, Michael O'Brien, Alfred Beh, Michael McCarthy, James Keefe, Patrick Murray, Robert Schroeder, Dennis Andrew, Daniel Brookhart, Terrence Thompson

Honorable Mention

Kemper Wilkins

FRESHMEN

First Honors

Robert Schwarz, John Molyneaux

Second Honors

Bruce Borne, Michael Flynn, Patrick McGreevy, Thomas Moore, Joseph Nahra, Donald Chenoweth, Lawrence Burdt, Thomas Fennelly, James McHugh, George Koelnigsaecker, Michael Peterson, James Kellenberger, Thomas Cusack, John Hogan, Gerald Schutte, Michael Dupey, Richard Mullen, Joseph Kehoe, Paul DiBlasio, Jeffrey Gadiant, Michael Fitzsimmons, Michael Jakubowski, John Reynolds, Raymond Roddewig, Ed Bills, Charles Schmidt, John Wohlers, Gary Cangelosi, John Prochaska, Jim Brownson, Stephen Miclot, Gary Bolster, James Peiffer

Honorable Mention

None

GIRLS

SENIORS

First Honors

Margaret DiBlasio, Dorothy Testroet, Lois Borowicz, Roberta Ellis, Cecelia Modrick, Kathleen Schonhoff

Second Honors

Mary Sue Schwieters, Mary Ann Sunderbruch, Kathleen Kehoe, Judith Abbott, Mary Schepker, Ines Friedrichs, Mary Fran Neufeld, Briane Alston, Carol Barney, Mary Denise O'Brien, Barbara Wilkerson, Cathleen O'Brien, Mary Teshak, Janice Bertrand, Suzanne Jansen, Mary Seng, Sandra Andrew, Betti Brandt, Susan Gadiant, Sharon Martens

Honorable Mention

Sharon McGee, Isabelle McNamara, Barbara Snell, Janice Stolzmeier

JUNIORS

First Honors

Mary Ann Bohrer, Rosann Laake

Second Honors

Barbara Smith, Sandra Pohlpete, Mary Ann Walter, Glenna Barry, Judith Egger, Rita Radwick, Della Powers, Rita Macken, Carole Westphal, Mary Sue Maher, Karen Ann Mel-

roy, Karen Sanders, Kathryn Mentzer, Constance Finkenhofer, Sally Healey, Barbara King, Carol Wyosake, Judith Ertl, Judith McDermott, Mary-Lee Nahrgang, Anita Walsh

Honorable Mention

Eileen Dockery, Judith Johnston, Diane Miclot

SOPHOMORES

First Honors

Jane Molyneaux, Jane Wells

Second Honors

Tana Sue Cook, Sharon Barta, Janet Barrett, Cynthia Bunge, Patricia Maag, Mary Hart, Barbara Niemeyer, Judith Scott, Mary Guile, Patricia Perry, Tracy Plum, Ann Humphrey, Donna Carpenter, Patricia Nemmers, Loretta Neufeld, Claudia Townsend, Linda Brinker, Frances Nelson, Patricia O'Toole, Mary Ann Pohlmann, Betty LaFayette, Patricia Hogan, Louise DeZorzi, Elaine Feeney, Jane Murney, Barbara Lewandoski

Honorable Mention

Carol Jeanne Daisy, Stephanie Grant, Madonna Lohf, Beverly Parisho, Mary Saunders, Sharon Williams

FRESHMEN

First Honors

Patricia Hammond, Marcia Kobler, Barbara Lewis, Mary More, Susie Kells

Second Honors

Mardi Gaydos, Denise Hoie, Lenee Showalter, Sally Ann Cogan, Katherine Dower, Martha Holm, Kathleen McDermott, Mary Ann Soenke, Juanita Wak, Carolyn Abresch, Patricia Westphal, Katharine Wiland, Barbara Berg, Jeanne Genzel, Pamela Rogers, Patricia Ann Walsh, Judy Noah, Mary Ann Pauly, Mary State, Eva Carroll, Maryelle Feddersen, Gwen Gaukler, Agnes Mohr

Honorable Mention

Joan Berendes, Denise Bickford, Sharon Carney, Janie Cheek, Kathy McKenna, Sharon McNamara, Sue Mentzer, Margaret Pohlman, Janet Sue Stahle, Jenny Walatka

Students Propel Disabled Teacher

When Dick Leonard '60 was late for solid geometry, Sister M. Laurent, CHM, asked, "Where's Dick?" Ron Rehman '60 answered, "He's having a drag race."

Of course Dick wasn't drag racing down the halls but was only wheeling Sr. Ann Marita, CHM, to the cafeteria in her wheel-chair. Sister had a Bakers' cyst inside her kneecap removed in an operation Nov. 20.

While she was in the hospital, the eighth period bookkeeping class sent a bouquet of flowers and also arranged for the paperboy to bring the morning and evening newspapers to Sister's room.

During her visit at Mercy Hospital from Nov. 19-30, Sister's classes were ably managed by the boys. Tim Goffar '60 taught first period typing; Karl Noonan '62, second period typing; Bob Reisinger '60 and Tom Mason '61, third and fourth period typing; Jim Hancock '60, business math; Ron Fiese '60, seventh period bookkeeping; and Fred Perry '60, eighth period bookkeeping.

To restrain the teachers' youthful exuberance, Mrs. John O'Donnell and Mrs. John Lindorfer supervised the classes.

Sr. Ann Marita remarked, "All of the classes were wonderful about cooperating with the boys." However, she was also sure that many boys had lost any desire to be teachers.

As if to corroborate her remarks, Fred Perry said, "I'd never do it for a living." Ron Fiese took over with the idea that it would be an easy job but it turned out to be more work than he could handle. Ron said, "I think that from now on, I'll be content to look up at the teacher's desk from the student's point of view."

Memorizers Subdue All Those Elements

Masters of memorization, juniors "Jarrin' John" Jayne, "Cheerful Chuck" Skelly, and 'Boastful Bill' Keefe have completed a task no one else has been able to do thus far.

These three memorized the Periodic Table of Elements.

This periodic table is used in chemistry as a fundamental of progressive learning. This chart, hanging in S-3, lists elements ranging anywhere from Hydrogen (H) to Nobelium (No.) This chart is so difficult to remember that any student who can memorize all 102 elements receives extra credit from Father William Stratman, a chemistry teacher.

Father stated that memorizing the complete chart is usually a requirement for freshmen in college.



Pushing A Nun Around? Appearances are not deceiving. Senior Ray Nath supplies the locomotion for Sister Ann Marita's wheelchair. Al Savala '60 converses with Sister while Tony McAndrew '61 carries Sister's crutches and books.

Drummin' Junior Star Gazes While Beepin' With Crystal

by Greg Cusack

A beat, a ping, a spot . . . these seemingly unconnected words play an important part in the life of Paul Berendes, junior at Assumption. Depending upon the hour and the day, Paul can be found associated with one of these: the earthly beat of his drums, the sharp pinging of his radio, the unearthly spot of light shining from his telescope.

He is probably best known for his "beating of the skins" in Assumption high school's band. He also performs with a new combo — the "Knight Beats." Although the mainstay of the combo, Paul's drum history goes back only two years.

Then a freshman at Saint Ambrose Academy, he began his career under the direction of Mr. Novak. His thumping began to take on serious aspects only at the beginning of this year, when he was recommended as an excellent drummer by Father Weeg to a college combo from St. Ambrose. Presently he is being tutored by a top drum instructor, Bob Hamill, who played the drums for the college production of *Kismet* last year. Paul will be used by Mr. Paarmann for a solo next spring in a music festival.

In mid-October he received a handsome drum set consisting of a bass drum, snare drum, high-hat cymbals, and a regular cymbal. The name "Knight Beats" is emblazoned on the bass drum head. Now he works out weekly with the seven-man high school

combo in hopes of playing for school dances. "This won't be until next semester, however," Paul stated. He explained that the combo itself had decided it wouldn't be worthy of appearing until then.

A hobby that occupies much of Paul's spare time during the week is amateur radio. The current president of the AHS Radio Club, Paul has been a member for two years. Last year he served as secretary of the organization.

Paul also owns his own set, which he built himself about a year ago to operate on 20 watts. His call letters are KnOSUR. A 40-meter dipole 20 off the ground stands in his back yard.

Last summer he participated in the Civil Defense 24 hour Field Day with members of WOBXR, the Davenport Radio Club. He is beginning his second year in that organization.

Paul's third passion is star-gazing. Again using an instrument he built himself, with technical advice from his father, Paul scans the heavens on clear summer nights. The near six foot tube is mounted on a two x four tripod, with manual controls. The telescope itself is of the reflecting kind, consisting of a six inch reflecting mirror with a focal length of 47 inches. Its magnifying powers are 250x and 800x.

Even now Paul Berendes may be sending crashing crescendos of drum rolls resounding throughout the house, conversing with someone miles away, or looking at the rays of objects countless lights years away. Who knows?

Student Travels Through Correspondence; Epistles Penetrate Into Distant Countries

by Jim Johnson

Have you ever journeyed to Europe or Asia? Barbara Niemeyer '62 has — not by Pan American or the Queen Mary but through letters to high school girls in Denmark, Germany and Japan. The cost is small; the experiences, countless.

A processing fee of 50 cents and postage have been Barbara's only expenses so far. Her foreign correspondence had its beginning in the eighth grade as the result of an article in the Catholic Miss on the International Friendship League. On the writes, on the average, one letter a month to each girl.

Barb's first letters were to Birgitte Lage of Denmark. In one letter Birgitte told of the large amusement park in her home city of Copenhagen. "The Ferris wheel," she wrote, "is a great favorite of the amusement park." This correspondence lasted only five months; Barb wrote several more letters to Birgitte but failed to get an answer.

Anxious to start writing again, Barb began corresponding with Eva, Maria Koch of Berlin, Germany. Eva is in her last year of school — the tenth grade, which corresponds to our twelfth grade. In her letters Eva has expressed a desire to come to the United States, especially to see Yellowstone Park. Current hits in Germany, according to Eva's recent letters are *Lonely Boy* and *Put Your Head on My Shoulder*.

A Japanese school girl, Eiko Fujimoto, is Barb's newest pen pal. Eiko, a student at Yao High School in Osaka, Japan, writes, "In my school we have



Barb Niemeyer '62, holding a letter from Japanese school girl Eiko Fujimoto, reads a passage to attentive Tracy Plum '62, who fingers two Japanese dolls. Why so interested? Maybe Barb has read Eiko's request for an Assumption boy to be a foreign correspondent for Eiko's boy friend. Any boy who might wish to correspond with this Japanese boy may contact Barb Niemeyer or Jim Johnson.

a three-day festival. It is both a cultural and athletic meet." Eiko took part in both phases by singing in the chorus, and dancing in her kimono in one of the athletic contests.

A member of the school newspaper, she sent Barbara a recent copy. The journalism class enjoyed it — or rather looking at the pictures, since it was printed in Japanese characters.

Barb feels that correspondence is worthwhile because, "I have always enjoyed writing to people. Writing to girls my own age overseas is interesting because I learn how they live and go to school."

Little Box Proclaims Identity of Debater

Boys walking down the corridor with little green boxes in their hands are not going to lunch, but debate.

These file boxes and index cards are important requirements for AHS debaters. Mr. Joseph Maher, boys' debate and speech instructor, states that such files are unique in high school.

In most schools, case files are not required but, from his many years experience in the debating field, Mr. Maher has found files useful for aspiring debaters.

Students write out each main contention and each piece of evidence supporting the main points on separate 3x5 file cards which are then filed.

Files make it easier for the students to prepare their cases. They provide the most flexible arrangement of material possible for planning constantly changing constructive speeches. Moreover files aid in finding material quickly. The use of small index cards aids the debater in delivering the speech. The cards are easily handled and very inconspicuous to the audience when the speaker uses them for notes.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Fr. Gerald Kraus has announced that \$66.15 was received for the Junior Red Cross. The collections were taken up in both divisions for the Red Cross boxes which are annually distributed to the needy throughout the world.



"Whoever Heard of a Watch That Tells the Year?" challenges Alice-in-Wonderland (Judy O'Neal). Defending his watch is the Mad Hatter (Margaret McAllister). Other characters from the play presented by Sr. M. Borgia's sophomore English class are Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee (Kathy and Karen Gravert) and the White Rabbit (Susan Wilson).



▲
Peppy Pep Club . . . With beanies on and pom poms in hand, AHS students follow a rousing cheer led by Evie Panther, sophomore cheerleader, at the homecoming pep meeting.

Something New . . . Assumption's first homecoming float making its way up the sidelines passes Larry D'Autremont '61. Becky Burnside '60 waves her pom pom as Queen Connie Edwards '60 sits regally on her throne. ▼

'Someone's Been Messing With My Chair' . . . is the sentiment of Dave Offerman '61 as he portrays the River King in Assumption's homecoming skit while his servants Tom Fennelly '63 and Don Chenoweth '63 solemnly stand by. ▼





Here She Comes . . . Via helicopter, Queen Connie arrives to greet her cheering subjects.



Coming Home

Mr. Lucky . . . under the watchful eye of Assumption students, Dick Leonard '60 dances with his date, Queen Connie Edwards, during the Queen's Dance.



Reigning In The Rain . . . AHS Homecoming Queen Connie Edwards accepts the coveted trophy from Davenport Mayor Don Petrucelli, as Ray Tiedje '60, Jim Goetsch '62, and attendants Betti Brandt '60 and Becky Burnside '60, look on.



Still Dreaming Of The Night Before . . . seniors Carole Gross, John Viggos and Mary Sue Schwieters clean up the remains of the homecoming float. Such work is referred to in an editorial on page 38. More people, according to the editorial, should volunteer for these jobs.

Kehoe and Lewis Receive Okay As Presidents

After a vigorous campaign, Joe Kehoe and Barb Lewis received the nods from their freshmen classmates to fill the positions of class presidents of the boys and girls divisions, respectively.

Other officers elected were: Vice-Presidents Mike Barry and Mardi Gaydos, Secretaries Mike Dupey and Juanita Walz, and Treasurers Gary Bolster and Sally Cogan.

The boys were told of their victory the night of the elections, Nov. 12. The choice of the girls' president was made public at the sixth period Thursday to permit the election of the other officers in another balloting. The rest of the girls, however, had to wait until the third period on Friday when the announcement was made to the whole school.

Boy candidates spearheaded their campaigning with posters, and speeches in the auditorium. They took the campaign to heart with such posters as: "Looking For Someone with a Little Authority? I have as little as anyone," or "Might as Well For Kehoe (everything else has gone wrong)." Over the drinking fountain one ambitious candidate hung a sign which read, "Free Drinks Compliments of Jim Bowie." The candidates on the girls' side traveled to the three freshmen homerooms where they presented their campaign speeches.

Bill Tiedje was elected secretary of the sophomore class to fill Dennis Vozikis' office. On the student council Bill joins his older brother, Ray, the president of the student association.

The boys' new president — Joe Kehoe — can look to his older sister Kathy, vice-president of the student council, for advice. Joe, who hails from Sacred Heart parish, is a member of YCS and a prospective guard on the freshman basketball team. He also went out for football and intends to try out for golf and track.

Barb Lewis, who has a sister, Mary Ann, a junior, belongs to the YCS group at Our Lady of Lourdes and to the AHS Pep Club.

Though basketball is Mike Barry's hobby, he is going out for wrestling in the 103 lb. division. Mike, who attended Sacred Heart school, is a member of the Glee Club.

Mardi Gaydos as the vice-president joins fellow parishioner and friend Barb Lewis on the student council. Mardi is active in the Pep Club, Glee Club, Sacristy Club and parish YCS.

Tennis tops the interests of the new secretary, Mike Dupey. This former St. Paul student plans to try out for the tennis team this spring. He is a member of YCS.

Juanita Walz lists sports as her favorite pastime. Her older brother Bill, who graduated last year, is attending the seminary department at St. Am-



brose College. Juanita is a member of St. Paul's parish.

Gary Bolster is interested in electronics and is a member of the radio club. He also attended Sacred Heart School.

The GRA and Sodality hold the name of the new girls' treasurer on their rosters. She is Sally Cogan, from Sacred Heart parish.

Contingent Attends Mission Conference

"The reason we attended the First National Conference of Lay Mission Work was to discover the opportunities for lay missionary work open to young Catholics," stated Jim Anderson '60.

Jim accompanied Fr. Louis Colonese, Fr. Marvin Mottet, Pat Deluhery '60, and Dave Loftus '59, who is currently studying at St. Ambrose College, to the Chicago seminar.

The group left on Thanksgiving Day by car for Loyola University in Chicago, where the conference was held, and returned the following Saturday. Among the distinguished speakers at the conference were Cardinal-elect Albert G. Meyer, Bishop Leo C. Arkfield of Wiwack, New Guinea, and Dr. Thomas Dooley, the famous doctor working with the poor in Laos.

According to Father Mottet, some Assumption students may soon join the ranks of these missionaries.

Already Working Together, though pictured separately, are the new freshman officers. Representing the girls' division are, top to bottom, Mardi Gaydos, vice-president, Barb Lewis, president, Sally Cogan, treasurer, and Juanita Walz, secretary. Calling the plays for the boys' division is president Joe Kehoe, right, sporting a basketball injury. He is backed up by, left to right, Gary Bolster, treasurer, Mike Barry, vice-president, and Mike Dupey, secretary.





"Slip, Slide And Solve — that's all," Sr. Mary Cecil BVM, seems to be saying to girl math tournament winners Mary Sue Schwieters '60, Barb Smith '61, Jane Wells '62, and Pat Hammond '63.

YCS, Sodality Enter Holidays With the Spirit of Giving

"Do you want to get your money's worth out of this tree?" This is the opening sentence from the new YCS Christmas tree tags. It explains the symbolism of the Christmas tree and its true meaning.

Ten thousand of these tags were attached to Christmas trees during the Thanksgiving holidays. Approximately 5,000 were placed on the trees at the lots of the Y's Men and Optimists' Club. The explanation of the Christmas trees' symbolism was written by the junior journalism class. The tags were printed courtesy of Murray and Same, printers, and part of the paper was donated by Peterson Paper Co.

This year Christmas baskets are again being distributed to needy families in Davenport. Each YCS basket contains a turkey, canned goods, and toys. The YCS groups will receive a list of names of needy people in Davenport from the Catholic Charities office. The YCS boys themselves will deliver the baskets.

On the girls' side every home room prepares and decorates a basket. The girls' baskets contain canned goods, toys and a canned ham. In each case the meat is paid for by the home rooms or YCS groups. The Catholic Charities office picks up the girls' baskets around Dec. 20 for distribution.

Junior and senior Sodalists will hold a Christmas party at the Scott County Home. The girls will sing Christmas carols and decorate the tables.

The Sodality has four voluntary committees: Our Lady's Committee, which sponsored the Mental Prayer Contest; the Eucharistic Committee; the Social Action Committee, which takes charge of the Christmas baskets and the Bishop's Relief; and the Lit-

erature Committee, which operates the bookstore.

During their study halls, senior girls conduct freshman guidance periods. At present they are explaining the rules and organization of the Sodality to the freshmen.

The YCS leaders have also been busy, giving speeches to various civic groups. Jim Anderson spoke to the AHS Mothers' Club Nov. 10. Family life and the promotion of religious customs, such as Advent wreaths, in the home were the topics of his talk.

Jim Anderson and Pat Deluhery spoke to the Catholic Womens' League Nov. 12, and Jim addressed the St. Joseph's PTA in DeWitt Nov. 18. Jim attracted the ladies' attention by announcing, "I'm an adolescent boy and I've got problems!" After outlining some of these problems, he explained how YCS helps adolescents.

Fr. Louis Colonnese took a group of boys to Clinton Nov. 25 to explain YCS to the CYO of the Clinton Deanery. The Knight Beats combo went along to play for the dance afterwards.

At present Mike Ceurvorst is writing two Social Inquiries based upon "What Students Know About Communism." These inquiries will be used in the national program next year.

Aren't We More Than A Number?

Are we just a number or are we still students? Because of the IBM system now being used at Assumption, one might have reason for wonder. For your information, to the faculty you are still a student, but to the machine, well . . . you're just a number.

Previously, report cards found their way to the student two weeks after the marks were brought to the office. But this year, the IBM machine takes

Visiting Priest Gives Food For Meditation

"For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain." With these words of St. Paul, Fr. Clarence Stangohr set the theme for the YCS evening of recollection held at Assumption, Sunday, Nov. 29, from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"Christ has come! He came two thousand years ago! What's all the talk about Christ coming?" asked Father. He then explained that each Christmas is unique because each year Christ is coming to a different person. "You are not the same person in 1959 that you were in 1958," clarified Father. "We must capture the Church's spirit through the Advent Masses and through Her liturgy."

"Christ wants to shine through you," Fr. Stangohr continued, "but all kinds of things are in the way." Father told the approximately 50 YCS'ers present that they should adopt, through mortification, the slogan of St. John the Baptist, "Christ must increase, I must decrease."

The priest urged them to kill in themselves those obstacles which prevent Christ's light from shining through. "However," he stressed, "getting rid of evil and building good are not the same thing. To mortify yourself is to forget about yourself; concentrate on Christ."

In the last of his three ten-minute conferences, Father told how the Church prepares her members for immediate entry into heaven through Extreme Unction.

Les Bickford '61, one the YCS'ers present, commented, "He (Fr. Stangohr) really got through to me." Art Johnson '60, president of Assumption's YCS, said, "The 15 minutes of silence after each conference gave me time to think over a lot of things." Confessions were also heard after the conferences and mimeographed sheets entitled "Food For Thought" were handed out to each person.

Father Stangohr, who is assigned to St. Joseph's, Ft. Madison, finished the retreat by giving the group his priestly blessing. Previously, the entire group, under the direction of Fr. William F. Wiebler, sang "O Come, O Come, Immanuel."

— not two weeks — but a mere two hours to do the work. Student schedules, honor roll and teachers schedules are also products of this machine.

The IBM processing of report cards is very simple indeed: first a card 3" by 7" is given to the teacher with the student's name, teacher's name, and room number; second, the teacher blackens two areas on the card with

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Just a Number? . . .

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a special graphite pencil (one mark for grade, the other for application); third, the cards are taken to a Moline firm, DataTab, where the cards are mixed together and by mechanical process transmitted to report cards.

The IBM machine is capable of doing many things quickly. For instance, 600 cards a minute can be sorted alphabetically. In addition, 30 student schedules with five carbon copies can be printed in one minute.

The honor roll this year, due to the use of IBM machines, is listed according to rank. Formerly, the honor roll was alphabetical.

Report cards, besides going to the student and to the permanent records in the office, will go to the pastors. The pastors, in previous years, had asked for such copies, but sending cards was not then feasible.

Some might say "So that's what my tuition pays for." In reality, the cost averages out to about \$1 per student. Fr. Weeg says, "And I think it is well worth it."

Balanced precariously, Mr. Paarman readies the band for the Assumption Band Concert on Dec. 18 in the aud.



Famous Poet Insinuates "Babysitters Don't Sit" Bright Sophomore Girl Retorts "We sure do!"

(Editor's Note: The following verse is from the poem **They Also Serve Who Only Sit** by Phyllis McGinley (Mrs. Charles Hayden). In it the poet illustrates the common baby sitter.)

*"With toil they do not fret them
Nor unattended roam
You have to go and get them,
At midnight see them home.
Upon their front teeth glisten
The golden dental brace
While to the Voice they listen
With rept, enchanted face.
They cast their looks on comic books,
They like a fire that's lit,
A largish bowl of candy
And Benny Goodman handy,
But still with me it's dandy
So long as they will sit.
They're hep to jive and jitters
Wear down the telephone,
But ah, the Darling Sitters
Are all the help we own.."*

Since sophomore Patricia Speicher had her own ideas of a baby sitter, she wrote them down. She entitled her work **We Also Work Who Baby Sit** and sent it to Phyllis McGinley for appraisal. The famous poet was interested in Pat's poem and immediately sent a reply.

Miss McGinley described the poem as an "amusing parody." In answer to Pat's question as to how she started writing, Miss McGinley answered, "The only thing I ever wanted to be was a poet so I just grew up and became one." With this undying determination — she has written articles in the *New Yorker* and a book of poetry, **Love Letters**.

Here Pat gives the babysitters' viewpoint:

*"When we come to sit for you
You've always got a list
Of countless things to do
Some things I guess you've missed,
Like "Beware of our pup, Corky,"
"Sally sleeps with Midge,"
"Here is the front door key,"
At times, "Coke's in the refrig,"
Then you vanish into the night,
Leaving dishes in the kitchen,
Cowboys playing in the front room
With yells and shouts and booms.
All's quiet in the bedroom,
Corky's barking in the den.
We come and sit for ages
To watch your darling tots
For hardly any wages.
Really we should make lots!
We'd love to watch TV
Or use the telephone;
Still we rock the baby
And leave the phone alone.
We'd like to hear the radio
Or put some platters on;
Maybe watch the late, late show
With Garbo and Don Juan.
Nine o'clock, bedtime at last!
This is the hardest part.
"Sally din't warsh her face!"
"Kin me an' Midge run a race?"
"Corky's paw's in the vase"
. . . Silence, how golden thou art!
We dig a twangy guitar
And go for Rock 'n' Roll;
But we really shine and star,
In our babysitting role."*

AHS Basketball Team Journeys To Aurora; McCleary's Hot Shooting Sparks Early Victories

Friday night the Knights will make their second longest trip of the entire season when they journey 150 miles to Aurora, Ill., to play Marmion Military Academy in their beautiful new gymnasium.

Last year the Cadets edged Assumption in the first game ever played in the Knights' gym 69-68, thanks to the 25 point firing of Larry Mallon and Joe Nardone. Nardone was a regular on the Loras College football team this fall.

However, the other three regulars, Fred Behermann, Ben Perez, and Pete Perez return. The tall Perez twins, juniors this year, are tough rebounders and able point producers.

Tuesday the Knights will battle at East Moline, where the Panthers once again have a fast, good-shooting outfit. Frank Loll, 6'3" forward who scored 25 points against the Knights last year, is Ernie Kivisto's only veteran starter, but summer practice developed capable replacements like guard Angie Vallejo, an outstanding baseball and football performer.

The fifth straight road game will be at Alleman next Wednesday. The slow-

moving Pioneers depend on senior Ron Vandavelde for their scoring power, but Jim Mortier and Jim Watts augment him in Coach Don Morris' attack.

Assumption ends a two week holiday lay-off when they host Wahlert and East Moline Jan. 8 and 9, in the first of the opponents' return games. The Knights play at Muscatine and Davenport Jan. 12 and 16 before going to Sioux City for the Big Four tourney Jan. 22 and 23.

McCleary Sets Record

Mike McCleary '60, set a school single game scoring record December 4, in the home gym, when he canned 14 field goals and 6 free throws for a total of 34 points against the Regis Royals of Cedar Rapids. The Knights won a thriller 87 to 82.

McCleary, 5' 7", amazed everyone as he hit 14 for 19 from the field. Several buckets were pitched from 35 feet.

Bettendorf Bulldogs arrived December 5, and fought to a 48 to 48 tie at the end of regulation play. Assumption pulled through in the overtime, 58 to 50. Bob Schebler was high with 16.

Assumption lost its first game of the season to Rock Island, who rallied in the last quarter to beat the Knights, 51-44. Bob Schebler led the Knights' attack with 17 points while the Rocks were paced by Bob Barracks with 14.

The two teams played on even terms until the third quarter, when Assumption pulled away to a nine point lead. Bob Liebbe's six points in the final stanza killed the Knights' hopes as Rock Island went on to win by seven.

After recovering from their defeat at the hands of the Rocks, Assumption chalked up the first win of the season with a victory over a weak North Scott five, 85-62. Mike McCleary amazed everyone with his long pokes, winding up the night with 23 points. Bob Schebler also had 23 for Assumption as did Eldon Koch for the Lancers of North Scott.

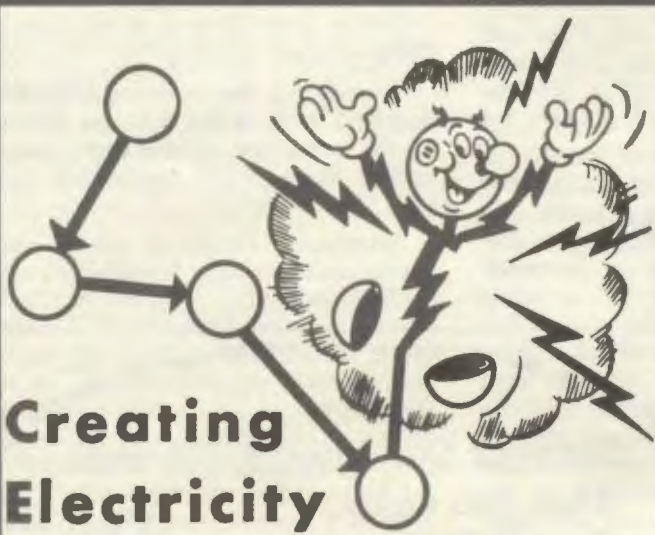
AHS Rolls in Jamboree

Far removed from the clamor and color of the first four home games, the Assumption basketball team unofficially opened their season in the second annual diocesan jamboree at Fort Madison Aquinas gymnasium, Nov. 22.

The Knights, playing just 10 minutes as allowed under jamboree rules, rolled to an impressive 24-12 whacking of Burlington Notre Dame. The 12 point victory gave the North teams of the diocese their winning margin in a 99-88 triumph over the South diocesan teams.

All diocesan teams except St. Mary's Clinton and St. John's Victor were among the 12 teams playing. Teams

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Knights "Snow Under" Bulldogs

(Editor's Note: The following is a fantasy based on the football game with Bettendorf scheduled for Friday, Nov. 13, which was cancelled because of snow.)

by Gary Lafayette

In balmy 70 degree weather, Assumption high school battered the previously unbeaten Bulldogs of Bettendorf, snapping the "Dogs" 17 game winning streak. The 40-0 score is an indication that the up-and-down Knights can be up.

The first TD was tallied on a 92 yard pass and run from John Fennelly to Ron Fiese. Paul Castro ran the extra point. Minutes later Bettendorf was forced to punt. Burly end Ken Jessen boomed a 43 yarder to the Assumption one which junior speed demon Scrap O'Donnell received.

Exhibiting some terrific cut-back running, O'Donnell scampered the 99 yards for the Knight's second 6-pointer. A pass from Fennelly intended for Nick Miller for the extra point was batted down in the end zone.

Bettendorf's high scoring end, Scott Rocker, received the kickoff on his own 20 and rambled to the Knights two, where the speedy Bulldog was brought down from behind by Knight center Bob Schebler.

Then, on an attempted pass, Schebler intercepted and lumbered 98 yards before becoming entangled in his shoestrings and falling to the Bettendorf one.

On the next play, junior battering ram Chuck Gray powered over to make it 19 points for the not-to-be-denied Knights. A completed pass from Fennelly to Miller gave the Knights

20 points as the halftime gun sounded.

In the second half, Paul Castro held the spotlight. He scored touchdowns on a 72 yard run from scrimmage, a 51 yard punt return, and a 47 yard pass interception. His talented toe was utilized as he converted two of three attempts for extra points.

The Knights led in total yardage 401 to record, and John Fennelly set a state record by completing 21 of 22 passes. John was quoted after the game as saying, "I can't figure out what happened to that one." Bettendorf mentor Merritt Parsons blamed the loss on a Friday the 13th jinx and the extremely warm playing conditions — plus the fertile mind of a junior journalist.

Grapplers Win Initial Outing

Co-captain Jerry Kane, '60, Paul "Fidel" Castro '60, Tom Bivens '62, Bob Deluhery '62, and Jim Hancock '62, notched pins as the grappling team began its season with a 34-18 win over Muscatine, Dec. 3, in the AHS gym.

John Davies '61, Bob Johnston '60, and Dick Moore '60 picked up wins by decision.

The other co-captain, Bob Reisinger '60, couldn't compete in the first meets of the season because of a practice accident requiring stitches over his eye.

In the D.H.S. Invitational meet, December 5, two Knights got to the finals. Jerry Kane was runner-up at 120 lbs. Tom Bivens picked up a fourth place ribbon at 103.

Banquet Honors Varsity Gridders

Thirty-three varsity football members were honored last Tuesday in the school cafeteria at the first football banquet in the brief history of Assumption high school. Gene Duffy, former St. Ambrose Academy star, was the featured speaker.

Commenting about the season, Coach Walton said, "At times I thought that we might jell, but then the boys just wouldn't come around. It's too bad we didn't play teams like Davenport and Burlington all season."

Letter winners are: Senior backs, John Beh, Gary Belk, Ed Burke, Paul Castro, Bill Gluba, Tim Goffar, Mike Lohf, and George McCarthy. Senior linemen are: Jim Anderson, Bill Bell, Ron Fiese, Dick Hasenmiller, Dan Hawley, Art Johnson, Dick Leonard, Dick Moore, Nick Miller, Dan Macumber, and Joe Smith.

Junior linemen are: Dave Cavanaugh, Jeff Collins, John Davies, Tom Kistenmacher, Tony McAndrews, Bob Schebler, Frank Valanis, and Tom Eaton. Junior backs are: Chuck Gray, John Fennelly, Ray Hart, Tom Mason, Dave Price, and Scrap O'Donnell.

The last two football games were hardfought but unrewarding.

Clinton won 20 to 0 in the rain at Muny stadium October 30.

November 6 the Knights held Burlington 7 to 7 at the half. At the end of the game the Greyhounds, second ranked in the State, had pulled away to a 26 to 13 win.

Bettendorf, scheduled for November 13, was cancelled because of a seven inch snow.



All Is In Readiness for the referee's signal as co-captains Jerry Kane and Bob Reisinger prepare to spring into action, one to escape, the other to pin.

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by Dick Wolfe

Tom Fiedler '59 has nothing on Chuck Skelley '61. In last January's Rose Bowl game Tom managed to get a chunk of the goal post during the post-game jubilation. Skelley got a piece of the Notre Dame goal post when pandemonium broke loose following the Irish victory over Navy in South Bend, Oct. 31.

Chuck made the trip with Fr. Art Perry, a former Notre Dame griddier. That night they ate supper with Don White, Notre Dame's starting quarterback that day. "White was more modest than I expected," Chuck recalled. "While we were sitting there eating, several parents brought their kids over to get autographs."

Peggy Dray, a graduate of Assumption now attending St. Mary's of Notre Dame, spied Skelley wearing an Assumption letter jacket and quizzed him about how the helicopter worked in the previous night's Assumption homecoming.

Father Perry reported that Notre Dame seemed pleased with new coach Joe Kuharich and vice versa. He was surprised at the recent report that Kuharich was dissatisfied with the Notre Dame situation.

The Monogram club elected president Jim Anderson and vice-president Dan Hawley, December 4.

Other officers include Dick Leonard, secretary; Jerry Kane, treasurer; along with Paul Castro and Dick Wolfe, sergeants at arms. All are seniors.

Again this year a rumor has popped up that Assumption might join a conference. The proposed new conference tentatively would include North Scott, Prairie of Cedar Rapids, Wellman-Kalona-West Chester, Regina, Regis, and Clinton St. Mary's. Last year's rumor had it that Assumption would join an all-Catholic school conference that included schools from Mason City and Prairie du Chien.

Fr. Robert Walter said that Assumption has never been contracted or attended a meeting on either proposed conference. Does this mean that Assumption would prefer to be independent rather than to have conference connections? "Not at all," states Father Walter.

He noted, "We would like to be in a conference to increase interest and attendance but the conference would have to offer us something in return for what we offer them. It is highly doubtful that Assumption will ever be offered a berth in the recently proposed conference, if it comes into being, because of its size. Even if offered it would probably be refused because of the lower quality of competition."



"Get Set Schebler," yells forward Dan Hawley '60, being pressed by two Regis cagers. Scoring heavily in the final minutes, AHS downed Regis 87-82.

Diocesan Jamboree . . .

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were paired according to size of school and location. The quality of games ranged from a phys-ed type contest between Harper St. Elizabeth and West Point St. Mary's to a nip-and-tuck struggle between Aquinas and Iowa City Regina.

The jamboree was inaugurated last year to replace the diocesan tournament which faded from the prep scene in 1954 because of interference with schoolwork. The jamboree is also designed to gather the students of the diocese together. Assumption did not enter last year because of lack of adequate practice facilities.

The modern Aquinas gym, styled much like Bettendorf's, was filled to near capacity when the Knights took the floor for warm-up drills. They were greeted by silence with not one Assumption student or cheerleader present in contrast to the roar given by fans from nearby Burlington when the Dons appeared. Soon, however, students from St. Joseph's DeWitt and Regina, both North teams, began doing cheers for the Knights.

When Assumption started, the South was winning 65-62. Ten playing minutes later the North led 86-77 as all 12 members of coach "Babe" Derouin's travelling squad saw action against the tall but out-manned Notre Dame five. Dan Hawley's five markers paced the Knights scoring while Butch Richardson and Tony McAndrews added four apiece.

Most of the players agreed that the game type scrimmage aided them in preparation for the Rock Island game and the three-hour sock hop afterwards helped them forget the long trip back to Davenport.

Soph Gridders Post 5-3-1 Mark

Thirty-nine sophomore gridgers have been awarded letters as a result of their play during the regular season. These men were responsible for the fine 5-3-1 record posted this year.

The underclassmen scored early season victories over North Scott, Bettendorf, Regina, and Muscatine. They succumbed to Davenport, Alleman, and Rock Island. The Wahlert game ended in a scoreless tie, and the season climaxed with a win over East Moline, 19-6.

Fr. Art Perry, line coach, boasted, "I believe our record this year was the best sophomore football effort ever produced either here or at St. Ambrose Academy."

Those receiving letters are: Linemen, Bob Deluhery, Pat Murray, Terry Thompson, Dennis Andrew, Jim Boldt, John Crossen, Tom Edwards, Mike Leonard, Barney Purcell, Mike Quigley, Dick Bender, Dale Conrad, George Garvey, Bob Johnson, Jerry Keteelaar, Mike McCarthy, Dan McGee, Dan Miller, Mike Abbott, Earl Ezzell, John Fiese, Wayne Fournier, Steve Kellenberger, Tom Nolan, Mike O'Brien, and Ed Stolley.

Letterman are: backs, Dan Brookhart, Karl Noonan, John Stoker, Dave Aldape, Al Rashid, Fred Hawley, John Lammers, Steve Lemolne, Frank Solis, Harold Hancock, Bob Hammill, Clarence Mason, and Larry Rosentfield.

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Frosh Gridders Receive Awards

Freshmen letter winners were recently announced by Fr. Charles Mann, coach of the first year gridders. He had particular praise for the fine spirit which these gridders displayed during the season.

Those to receive numerals are as follows: James Behan, William Behan, Don Berntsen, Bob Brandt, Dick Braun, Jim Brownson, John Burke, Dick Casey, Mike Colbrese, Bruce Cusack, Tom Derouin, Paul DiBlasio, Jim Dockery, Bill Donohoo, Mike Flynn, Bob Freund, Jeff Gadiant.

Also included are: Larry Haynes, Bill Helmel, John Hogan, Jim Howes, Joe Kehoe, Jim Kellenberger, Elbert Lehman, Greg Lohf, Stuart Mesmer, Steve Miclot, Denny Miller, Tom Moore, Mike Peterson, Tom Pohlman, Ron Rodriguez, Terry Sarver, Dave Schlitter, Dick Smith, Arthur Sunderbruch, Dwayne Tandecki, Steve Tullis, Tim Wilson.

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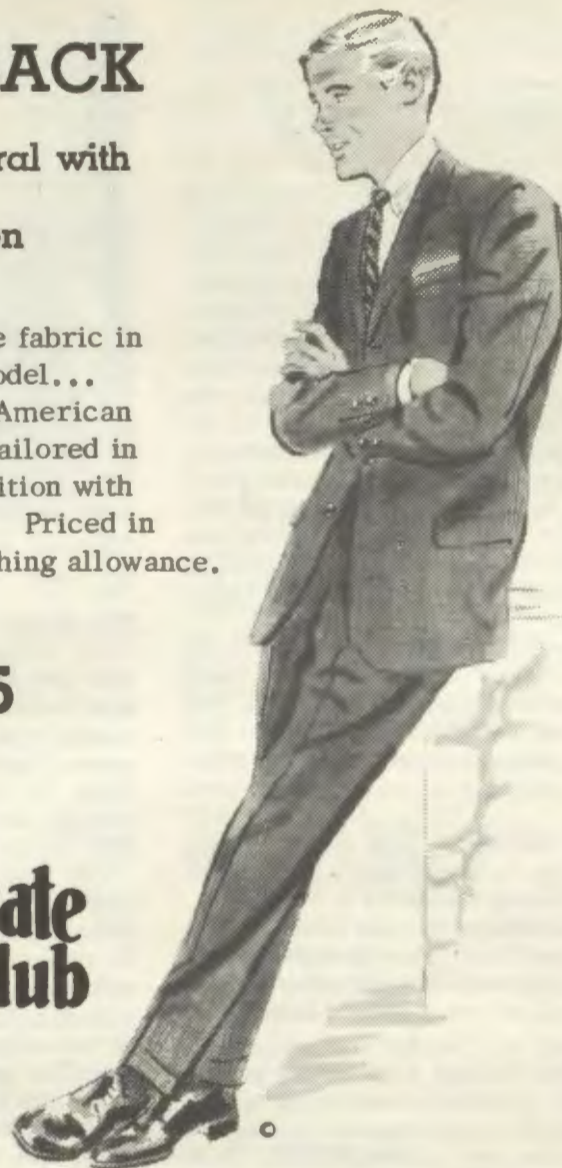
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NHS Announces Members

Excellence — in leadership, character, service, and scholarship — has placed nine more seniors and seven juniors in the Pius XII Chapter of the National Honor Society.

New seniors are: John Berntsen, Margaret DiBlasio, Ines Friedrichs, John Hyland, Jim Johnson, Isabelle McNamara, Mary Anne Sunderbruch, Ron Rehmann, and Dick Wolfe.

Juniors are: Paul Bauer, Les Bickford, Mary Bohrer, Mike Ceurvorst, Greg Cusack, Judy Egger, and Mary Maher.

Eight seniors were elected last spring. They include John Beh, Pat

Deluhery, Jerry Kane, Mike Lohf, Jan Bertrand, Roberta Ellis, Kathy Kehoe and Mary Sue Schwieters.

Seven more juniors and seniors will be selected after semester grades are released.

Formal induction into the Society will occur soon after retreat. Each new member will receive the Honor Society pin and membership card presented by the principals.

The guest speaker has not been chosen for the assembly but will probably be an educator.

Honor Society members will wear a golden tassel on their caps at graduation.

Semester Changes Set

Few schedule changes will be made at semester. Fr. Weeg reports that boys who fail foreign language, math or science will re-register. Any senior without a semester of government will have to take it. Boys will register at principal's office during retreat week.

Only girls who fail major subjects must re-register, says Sr. M. Ann Esther, BVM. Girls will pick up new registrations at the end of retreat.

Students Sing Retreat Mass

"The greatest part of the retreat, in my opinion, will be the participation of the student body in the Sung Mass. This certainly fits in with the Pope's directives on lay participation," says Fr. Edmund J. Weeg about the forthcoming retreat.

This year's retreat will take place the week of Jan. 25. Juniors and seniors will make the first retreat; freshmen and sophomores, the second.

Retreat masters for this year's retreat will be two Redemptorist priests — Fathers John J. Glenmor and John McPhee, from the Villa Redeemer in Glenview, Ill. Both are missionary priests who have had extensive experience in giving missions and retreats.

The retreat schedule will be much like that of last year. The day will begin and end about the same time as the regular school day.

There will be four conferences a day, each less than 30 minutes. Ample time will be provided for spiritual reading and confessions. Local priests, as well as priests of the faculty, will hear confessions. There will be spiritual reading at lunch.

The library has set aside books to be read by the students on retreat. The bookstore is also making preparations for the retreat by securing religious books.

This year's retreat will be held in the auditorium. A special altar has been constructed and a tabernacle has been secured for the Blessed Sacrament.

As in the past, girls are required to wear their school uniforms. Boys will wear a sport coat or a sweater and tie.

Judge Opens Trial

Deliberations are expected to start on Feb. 20 in the Student Court of Assumption high school in the trial of the School vs. the Knight Beacon. Proceedings will open with the selection of jurors.

Judge Daniel Ralph Hawley will open the courtroom to the public on Feb. 23. Juniors and seniors will be able to hear the final arguments of the two attorneys in the case, George McCarthy for the prosecution and Jim Anderson for the defense.

Preparations for the trial are already underway. Both attorneys are assembling their briefs, with George McCarthy receiving professional help from his lawyer uncle.

A bailiff and court reporter have also been appointed. Senior Fred Perry, in his position as bailiff, will swear in witnesses. Dorothy Testroet, also a senior, has been selected by Sr. M. Helen Regine, BVM, to serve as official court reporter. Dorothy was chosen on the basis of her shorthand skill.

Members of the Beacon staff also announced that the portfolios ordered earlier this year should arrive around Jan. 19, and will be distributed through the homerooms by the end of the month.

The portfolios, ordered from Kingscraft Covers, Inc., Kingsport, Tenn., were custom made to hold the Knight Beacon. Samples of the cover design and completed portfolio were received and approved by the paper's advisor, Fr. William F. Wiebler.

The only change made in the original cover design is the substitution of the name Assumption high school for the student's name in the lower right hand corner of the cover.



This arm wrestling scene is an indication of the verbal battle that will take place on Feb. 23 during the seventh period as the Knight Beacon goes on trial. Jim Anderson '60 will defend the paper, while George McCarthy '60 will attempt to prove that the Beacon is not a truly Catholic publication. Judge Daniel Ralph Ambrose Hawley '60 referees the match. Pat Deluhery, Beacon editor, states the paper's position in an editorial on page 54.

Book Notes

Deep Thinkers Nose Retreat

Want a good book to bury your nose in during retreat? Sr. M. Eustella, BVM, librarian, suggests the following "top ten."

For those who want to check-up on their character or personality faults, **You** by Father Raymond, OCSO, will be helpful. Or if you desire rules and their explanation of the doctrine of the Mystical Body, why not try **In the Image of Christ** or **The Living Christ** both by Father Murphy?

The deep thinker who likes to meditate might try **God, the Woman, and the Way**, also by Father Raymond on the life and virtues of the Mother of God. **Alive in Christ** by Father Camhiel, S.J., has proved to be a dynamic meditation book for teen-agers, with points of application to their daily lives.

On the other hand, if you're more interested in patterning yourself after the Saints you can choose between some of the newest biographies on the lives of the Saints. Among these are: Father Ronald Knox's translation of the **Life of St. Therese of Lisieux**, Trochu's illustrated lives of **St. Bernadette Soubirou** and **St. Jean Baptist Vianny**.

A Saint a Day by Father Berchmous Bittle, OFM, is a valuable book for those interested in following the Saints through the liturgy.

Robert Hugh Benson's, The Friendship of Christ serves a double purpose in portraying the life of Christ and giving meditation on the Sacred Heart.

Of course, all lives of the Saints in the B92 section of the library plus any of the books in the 200 section can be used for retreat reading.

In summing up, Sister put in a plug for the YCS and Sodality paperbound books on sale in A and E wings.

Mc Kinzie Becomes Mr. Executive



George McKinzie '60

"Mr. Executive" — that's the most recent way of addressing Assumption senior George McKinzie.

Out of a field of 225 contestants from all over the Midwest, he was selected as Mr. Executive of the Midwestern Junior Achievers. Selected for his outstanding qualifications as a JA officer, George is now one of five candidates for the National Mr. Executive of the Year award.

Under the guidance of Mr. Richard Marriott, George McKinzie and another Davenport representative participated in the regional JA Management Conference in Indianapolis Dec. 27-30. For three days 450 Junior Achievers took part in business conferences, saw local points of interest and attended a Hard Times dance. On the second day the finals for the Mr. Executive of the Midwest award were held.

After writing two essays on the value of JA, George was required to give an extemporaneous speech on how to introduce JA into a community. George

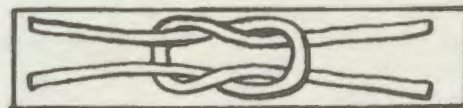
cited the debate course at Assumption as being a big help in meeting this final requirement.

Currently George is the vice-president of Jabelco, one of 15 local JA companies. The firm's product is a foam rubber seat cushion, which may be purchased with an Assumption emblem. As an active exponent of the value of Junior Achievement, Mr. Executive intends to become a graduate achiever and serve as an advisor.

Along with JA, George attends science club meetings and is working on a science fair project. His summers are divided between his job and a golf game which averages in the 70's.

Square Knot Untwists Shakespeare's Tangle

(Editor's Note: In their brochures for senior English the boys were told to give an extra twist to their format. Senior Tom Atzen took the "twist" literally by attaching a knot made of two pipe stem cleaners to his paper. The following is his clever improvisation upon that theme.)



This knot, I think, is significant in the study of Shakespeare for several reasons. First of all, it is a square knot. This is important because most readers, when they first start reading Shakespeare, think of him as a square.

But this is only natural, for the beginner can hardly be expected to see all the wisdom and the beauty in Shakespeare's beautiful and matchless verse. One's first attempt at Shakespeare usually leaves him with a puzzled and sometimes disgusted look on his face. The reader is puzzled by the strange style of writing that was common at Shakespeare's time. The disgusted look comes from the fact that the reader is disgusted with himself for not understanding it or because the title "great" is put on this confused mass of words.

Furthermore, the knot is made up of the entanglement of two different pieces of rope, as is true of most of Shakespeare's plays, which entangle two characters' destinies as in **Romeo and Juliet**.

Finally the square knot is very useful. I, as well as many others, think that understanding Shakespeare is a great stride in the process of becoming cultured. And to be cultured is the goal of every truly intelligent person.



Looking for ABC gum (already been chewed), seniors Larry Fennelly and Jerry O'Donnell clean the gum from the bottoms of desks and chairs. Check page 54 for details.



Sporting a 30 year growth on his chin, Brother Joachim, monk at Our Lady of New Melleray Abbey, trades Irish jokes with these retreatants in the monas-

tery garden. From Dublin, Brother is one of the few native Irishmen left at the monastery. The seniors are, left to

right, Jim Johnson, Art Johnson, John Viggos, John Berntsen, John Niemeyer, Jim Anderson, Bill Gluba, Mike Lohf and Gerry Ehrecke.

Bearded Monks, Pigeons, Food Enhance Retreat

"How old is your beard, Brother?" asked Jim Hancock '60.

"I've been growing it for 30 years," replied Brother Joachim, a Trappist monk at Our Lady of New Melleray Abbey, Dubuque.

Brother Joachim was one of the supervisors of the 24 senior boys who participated in a retreat at the monastery, Dec. 18-20. Fr. Edmund J. Weeg also made the retreat.

The retreat was organized in Fr. Marvin Mottet's senior religion classes.

Two retreatants received jobs. Gerry Ehrecke was appointed prayer leader. John Niemeyer got to ring the bells signaling beginning of conferences.

Monastery food was delectable. Jerry Kane, co-captain of the wrestling team, was worried about going over his 120 lbs. limit. Dennis Calkins gained eight pounds.

Saturday night a pigeon got into the guest house. After frantic chasing up and down the hall, Jim Hancock caught and threw it out the window.

Many retreatants did their Christmas shopping at the Bead Shop run by a native Irishman, Father Pius.

Trappist honey, rosaries, Irish calendars and many other religious articles were brought back to Davenport as gifts.

Father Cyprian, another Trappist, preached the conferences. He developed the theme: "Heaven is a reward which must be earned."

"This retreat can be an overhauling of your soul just as is done on an automobile," Father said in one conference. "Now is the time to charge your battery, clean your spark plugs, and if you've been picking up dust of worldliness, put a new wax job on your soul."

Everyone was impressed by the spirit of charity which exists at the monastery, which was founded in 1849.

In 1849 the Cistercians at Mount Melleray, Ireland, established a daughterhouse near Dubuque. The monastery was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and called Our Lady of New Melleray. Some 140 monks now live at the monastery, which supports itself by farming about 1000 of its 3300 acres.

"Living the rule of St. Benedict, we lead a simple life of prayer and sacri-

fice," explained Brother Maynard (Larry Hawley, '57 Academy grad).

"We pray for those in the world and hope sometimes they pray for us," he added.

Several seniors — Norm Leibold, John Viggos, John Feyen, Mike McGee, Ron Rehmman, and Tom Reinhold — provided transportation.

Would anyone go again if the opportunity appeared? "Yes, I would," says Dean Blumer, speaking for the group.

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- Jan. 21-22 Semester Exams
- Jan. 25-27 Retreat for Juniors and Seniors
- Jan. 27-29 Retreat for Freshmen and Sophomores
- Feb. 3 Faculty Meeting — Periods 8-9
- Feb. 9 Mothers' Club Meeting
- Feb. 15-20 Movie on Medical Profession for Seniors
- Feb. 20-21 Drama Club Presents One Act Plays
- Feb. 23 Knight Beacon Trial

Seniors Make Pun On Gum

(Editor's Note: In the last issue of the Knight Beacon, a poem was written by Pat Speicher in answer to Phyllis McGinley's poem *They Also Serve Who Only Sit*. This issue two senior boys wrote a poem based on Phyllis McGinley's *Sand*, but applying to a current problem at school.)

by Larry Fennelly and Jerry O'Donnell

*Gum over here, gum over there,
gum seems to be everywhere.
Gum makes the teachers glum.
When they ask who's got it
everyone's mum
about gum:
Gum on the desks,
Gum on the doors,
Gum that sticks to the new tiled floors,
Gum in the lunchroom,
Gum in the halls,
Gum all over our beautiful walls.
From Spearmint to Dentyne,
No matter the kind,
You can always find gum stuck to the blind.
In the bathrooms, the shower
All over the school,
You will always see students
chewing like fools.
When winter is ending
and springtime is near,
That's when the gum begins to appear.
Gum in the closets,
Gum on the stairs,
You can even find gum stuck to the chairs,
Wrapped in the folds of our school newspaper,
Put there by a student named Michael Schaecher.
When I leave this school and my time is done
I hope Fr. Weeg by then will have won
His battle against the chewing of gum.*



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"As a Beacon in the Night"



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Do Cars Affect Grades?

"If I only had a car!" How often have you heard that? For many a junior and senior alike this is the foremost ambition in their lives. Many work all summer to earn enough to buy a car and then find themselves forced to work in the evening during the school months to support it.

In addition to this financial aspect there is the one of grades. Does driving really change A's and B's into C's and D's? Well, according to a recent survey of 129 junior and senior boys at Assumption it does.

No straight A students had the use of a car. (N.B. There were no straight-A boy students.) Only 13% of the B students drove a car to school.

Of C students, 47% brought cars to school.

Of D students, 60% drove cars to school.

Of F students, 66% drove to school.

With these things in mind, judge for yourself. "Is it worth it?" J.J.

KB Welcomes Charge

We have been accused of not being a truly Catholic publication. We welcome this charge since it gives us a chance to show that we really are.

Although we do not overburden our readers with religious stories on every page, we try to write with a Catholic viewpoint. This means that our stories are factual, accurate, and include all the angles of any particular event.

We believe that a good Catholic is one who does everything for the honor and glory of God. This excludes the pious soul who walks around, hands folded and head bowed, oblivious to current events.

With this attitude we set out to cover the whole school, including all its activities. These are an integral part of our school life and, as such, deserve coverage.

In our editorials, rather than preaching, we attempt to show all sides of a problem and offer concrete, workable solutions. We think this is especially true in our liturgy column, which explains a small part of Church life in a brief, humorous way.

Observing these policies, we try to set the pace for Catholic high school publications, just as our diocesan Catholic Messenger does for Catholic journalism. P. D.

What's in a Name?

Alcala, Anderson, Borowicz . . . names, just names . . . but symbols of the school spirit of Assumption high.

Murphy, Bunge, Castro . . . names belonging to a specific nationality, names representing the nations of the world. Irish, German, Spanish — all represented at Assumption.

Etzal, Ehrecke, Green. Names that bear no influence on friendship. We learn and laugh together.

Lewandoski, d'Autremont, Corsiglia. The singing Polish, the lovable French, the happy-go-lucky Italians, all mixed together.

Chernetsky, Henning, Neu. All Americans, Americans of different descent. Assumptionites realize that we are all basically Americans. They know that looks, speech, or nationality does not make the person. We may have a New England accent, like Carol Golaski '61, or an English accent like Pat Perry '62, but does it make a difference? No! We are all Americans regardless of our ancestry.

This realization is one of the matches that ignites the spark of school spirit in it. It doesn't matter if the Student Council members or wrestlers are Spanish, Negro, or Hungarian.

O'Brien, Quandt, Richardson, Smith . . . the list goes on.

Votroubek, Williams, Zirkel . . . just names . . .

R.L.

Youth of Month

Sophomore Merits SC Honor

Because of her many activities, helpfulness, and high grades, sophomore Jane Mumej has been honored by the Student Council as the Youth of the Month.

Jane, who is the sophomore girls' vice-president, is a member of the school Sodality, Drama Club, and G.R.A. Besides serving as a junior gym leader, she also finds time to sing in the Glee Club.

Because she baby sits quite frequently, Jane wholeheartedly agrees with Pat Speicher's poem which appeared in the last issue of the *Knight Beacon*. "Most people don't realize how much of a problem some children can be" she asserts.



Jane Mumej '62

An ardent pep club supporter, she also is a honor student. An example of her helpfulness will be found on page 58 in the story about the Sodality bookstore.

Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mumej of 1301 Perry St., and a member of Sacred Heart parish.



Never get to talk? It doesn't bother this Trappist, Brother Maynard (Larry Hawley, '57 Academy grad) who is a monk at Our Lady of New Melleray Abbey, Dubuque. Retreat starts Jan. 25 for AHS upperclass students, a couple of days later for underclassmen.

Liturgy and Laity

Keep Your Trap Shut!

by Jerry Kane

"Keep my trap shut for a whole weekend? Only a Trappist could do that!"

That's what a lot of the senior boys thought before they went on retreat to New Melleray monastery.

After the retreat, though, ideas about the monks changed. It's true that the Trappists said very little, out loud. However, they were talking almost constantly, internally, with God.

Silence shouldn't just be a contest to see who can keep his or her mouth shut the longest. It should be a time of internal action and conversation.

During this external silence, you could be determining a vocation, overcoming a vice, or asking grace to conquer a certain problem.

So in the retreat that's coming up, how about seeing who can say the most without talking?

Lite Flashes

One of the favorite topics of teenagers, whether in bull sessions or club meetings, is money. We asked seniors their ideas on money, and got the following opinions:

John Elvidge

"Anything can be bought, with the exception of night and day. For instance, an old man, a millionaire, with all his money, cannot buy one extra moment here on earth. The only way that one can control his time is by committing suicide."

Tom LaKose

"Money is a great comfort — cars, food, a place to live and even power can be bought with money. As they say, 'you can't take it with you, but you can't go anywhere without it.'"

Don York

"If a person has money, no matter how he got it, he is the greatest person on earth. For example, Al Capone had men who would do anything for him, for a price, and wherever he went people gathered around him. The example, most familiar to us, however, is that of the boy or girl at school who has a car. Friends everywhere! But when the car is sold, where are they?"

Principals Are Pals With Principles

by Larry Montford

Counseling, substituting for teachers, and encouraging the students and teachers to continue their good work are some of the jobs performed by Assumption's two principals, Sr. Mary Ann Esther, BVM, of the girls' division and Fr. Edmund J. Weeg of the boys' wing.

Both principals often talk to students and alumni about any problem that might come up. The steady flow of alumni coming back to school just before the start of the Christmas vacation attests that the principals have won the confidence and devotion of the alumni.

At one time before the start of vacation, Father Weeg had 11 former Assumptionites visiting in his office. A few of these were Jim Cawiezell, Pat McCarthy, Mike Galligan, Fred Ortiz, and Mike McDonnell. With such gatherings, it is understandable why Father's office is sometimes called a miniature Grand Central Station.

Making of transcripts is another important job held in common by the two heads. "Colleges and business firms require these records of the students' grades and attendance before they will accept the applicant," explained Sister Ann Esther.

One job that Sister has to perform, but Father Weeg is exempt from, is the taking of attendance. Sister has to devote the first two periods of each day endeavoring to keep the roll straight. Father Gerald Kraus has charge of tardiness and absenteeism on the boys' side.

Speaking with parents and students and the making of announcements are

two more tasks assumed by the principals.

Occasionally the parents are called into the principals' offices to talk about their adolescents' advancement in school. Sometimes, however, the principals must tell the parents that their sons' or daughters' grades are not up to capacity; occasionally, they must tell the parents that their sons or daughters have committed some misdemeanor.

Giving the announcements is an important job. Usually they are quite serious. Announcements may tell of an up-and-coming social affair, a sports contest, or a change in a school rule. Nevertheless, there are times when they have become very humorous.

Father Weeg had one of his more embarrassing moments when, while making an announcement, he told the boys to go to "Wee Bing" instead of "B Wing."

Sister also has had her embarrassing moments. Among these are the times when she has sent the girls' announcements to the boys' division. This happens only when someone forgets to change the switches on the sound system. The boys always enjoy her announcements though.

"Frequently we (Father Weeg and Sister Ann Esther) travel to each others' office to discuss school affairs. Several times I talk to Fr. Robert Walter about tickets to away games which are sold in the girls' wing," stated Sister in proof of unity between the widespread principals' offices.

Sister Ann Esther did her Masters Degree work at St. Louis University. She also has studied at Clarke College,

Dubuque, and the State University of Iowa.

Though she has little time to participate in them, Sister's hobbies are reading and textile painting. The one thing that irks her most is gum chewing by the girls.

Father Weeg has studied at St. Ambrose College, the Catholic University, and Notre Dame University.

A typical golfer, Father loves to brag about his golf scores — the lowest is an 80 at Credit Island Golf Course.

Baffling Missive Creates Mystery

"As an individual I leave much to be desired. I am reasonably good looking, but will never win a beauty contest. I am reasonably athletic, but will never win a trophy."

Baffling? This was a quote from the text of a letter found on a bus. The identity of the author is unknown, but it is not difficult to determine the type of a person who would write such a missive.

Bill Maher, a senior, found the mysterious letter while he and the other members of the Assumption high school basketball team were journeying to Dubuque for a game against Wahlert. Within minutes after this peculiar discovery almost everybody had read it, and were trying to figure it out.

After a general investigation of the letter, students concluded that the mystery author was a male, married, disgruntled, very intellectual, self-centered, had a weird philosophy, and didn't like to ride the bus. The letter, neatly printed on three very large pieces of yellow paper, was written while the writer was on a trip to Cedar Rapids.

Commenting on the letter, senior Dan Hawley proclaimed, "Whoever wrote it, must have been quite intellectual and philosophical." A quotation taken from the text will help to clarify what Dan said. The letter states "I am reasonably everything, but will never do anything. I will think things, see things, hear things, and touch things. I will not do things."

Besides disliking to ride on a bus, which he called an instrument of torture, Mr. X evidently has some marital problems, a whole pageful. From this it can be assumed that no Assumption student had anything to do with writing the letter. A word to the wise: if you ever go on a bus trip, don't write a letter to yourself, because it might eventually fall into the hands of a reporter.



"Gentlemen, be there," Fr. Edmund J. Weeg seems to be saying to the boys during announcements as Sr. Ann Esther awaits her turn. These news broadcasters are heard Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively.

Paper Boy Frosh Takes Time To Provide Times

by Ed Schloemer

Each afternoon at 3:45 I hang my paper sack on my shoulder, head for Marquette and Lombard streets, and pick up my **Times** bundle. Starting on the fourth floor of Mercy hospital and working down, I call softly "**Times — Times**" and look in each room for a potential customer.

In my trips through the halls I meet many interesting people as well as experience some rather unusual occurrences. Sometimes a patient wants me to do a favor for him — maybe raise his bed or change the lighting in his room. My goal is to try to cheer up as many people as possible by talking and laughing with them.

One of the enjoyable things, besides meeting so many nice people, is the fun that I have in talking and joking with the Sisters, nurses and employees at the hospital. Sr. M. Venarda, RSM, and Sr. M. William, RSM, are always in such happy moods that I look forward to meeting them each day. There are many fine nurses, such as Miss Walcher, RN, and Miss Cassmeyer, RN, who are always trying to pep-up the patients with their humor and wonderful personalities.

Each day I meet new people, but I also lose some good customers. It is a wonderful feeling to see the happy faces of people telling me that they are well enough to return home. But it can also be a sad feeling when I learn that one of my friends has passed on.

This route teaches me many things about liking people. It is also profitable enough to help buy my clothes and still save some money for a college education later.

Where on Earth Do They Put It?

Do you know that the hungry students at Assumption consume 100 lbs. of potatoes every day?

Each day the school cafeteria serves this huge amount of potatoes to the famished population of Assumption. One thousand one hundred cartons of milk also disappear along with 50 to 80 lbs. of meat. In addition, six gallons of vegetables and a dozen heads of lettuce vanishes during lunch hour, says Mrs. Carl Ertl, manager.

A 60 gallon steam cooker prepares the potatoes while a large oven bakes 400 to 500 rolls. A steam table and a thermo-warmer keep food hot and a pass-through cooler chills the fruit and jello that are served.



While on his regular paper route at the hospital, freshman paper boy Ed Schloemer delivers the latest news to Mrs. Culp, Eldridge, who is convalescing at Mercy Hospital.

Murphy, Former Editor, Contributes Advice, "Write Only Newsworthy Stories"

"Everything that appears in a newspaper must be newsworthy," stated Jim Murphy, alumnus now at the Seminary Department, St. Ambrose College, who gave the Assumption junior journalists some helpful hints for improving their writing.

His entire talk centered about this very important principle of journalism. In developing this thesis Jim explained the three types of newsworthy articles — the news story, feature, and editorial — and important facts about writing them.

Articles have two major parts, their preparation and writing, Murphy maintained. The news article must be timely, factual, and most important of all, must give complete coverage to the topic involved.

The former editor said that the journalist must dig in to find the facts because "News will not come to you." In the first few parts of the story all the important factual items of information must be brought in. These items must answer six questions: why, who, what, when, where, and how.

In order to be a good news writer, the journalist must be able to interview people for the purpose of obtaining leads to stories or the stories themselves. To do this the interviewer must have confidence in himself while conducting the interview. He must also think while interviewing.

To write the news story, journalists use the inverted pyramid style, the former copy editor stated. That is, they place all important pertinent information in the first paragraph and develop it further along in the article. In the news story writers simply lay down the facts, striving for complete objectivity while writing.

Feature stories do not necessarily have to be timely, but they must be about a specific topic or a certain aspect of the topic. This limitation is necessary in order to keep writing from becoming too general and thus uninteresting to the reader.

Preparation for the feature is about the same as for the news story. The writer must dig to find something worthy to be written about and also be a good interviewer.

"In writing the feature, let your writing style come into the story," said the journalist. "A clever opening draws the reader into the article."

"The editorial is the only place for opinion," advised Jim. "An editorial is something different." He gave four types of editorials: critical, informative, complimentary, and argumentative. An editorial writer must be a good observer and be able to expand, limit, or go beyond his observations.

"You must really think to write an editorial," commented Jim. "Get your ideas clear in your mind."

There are three important points which must be remembered in editorial writing: "you don't want to preach, your reasoning must be very clear, and you must have an opening which will draw the reader into the article."

Confucius Say

Jim Miller '61 says that "if some teenagers were fried in their own elbow grease they'd soon burn up."

Bob Cook '60, after seeing the movie *Romeo and Juliet* commented that "if the Montagues and Capulets didn't want the expense of a double funeral they should have given them a cheap wedding."

YCS, Sodality Book Stores Reveal New World

Doorways in another world? There are such doors at Assumption. In a manner of speaking, A-2 and E-8 are two such doors, for they lead into the different and mysterious world of books. Better known as the YCS Book Store and the Sodality Book Store, these rooms are an unique feature of AHS.

The stores had their start only one short year ago. Shortly before the semester last year YCS groups put into effect an action on reading material. Since then the Sodality has worked with YCS to promote good reading. A record 3,000 books were sold last year.

According to Don Perry, '61 manager of the YCS store, the old record has been broken already. YCS itself has sold approximately 3,500 books this semester alone and, with the books sold by the Sodality, the total would near 4,000 books. Since the beginning of the school year YCS has taken in over 7,000 books. At the present time they have 3,000 books on hand.

Fiction has sold best thus far, with war stories leading the parade. Mentioned as some of the more popular books with boys are these: *Hitler*, *Combat*, *The Trial of Leopold and Loeb*, *The Last Hurrah*, *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *Mr. Blue*, *The Bells of St. Mary's*, *Profiles in Courage* and *Screw-tape Letters*. Don confided that most of these books were on the book lists.

The taste has differed, though, with the girls, according to sophomore Jane Mumey. Fiction books lead the field, although non-fiction books run a close

second. Most popular on the girls' side have been: *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, *The Loved One*, and the *Diary of Anne Frank*. In general fields, classics and mysteries hold the lead. Jane estimates 300 books have been sold so far.

Bill Venker '61, prefers *The Mouse That Roared*. He said, "The characters are hilarious as well as the plot. It's a well-written book." He also mentioned *Combat: Pacific Theatre*. *Combat* "makes for interesting reading, lots of action and adventure."

Mary Sue Schwieters '60, said she preferred Shakespeare's Comedies, although she "didn't want to appear high-hatted." "His Comedies," she said, "do not contain the 'sick' type of humour so popular today. His writings are wittily funny."

Jane Mumey '62, said she preferred "*Pride and Prejudice* because "it's a classic which appealed to me."

Striking a different note, Tim Maher '63, confessed his favorite was the common, much used dictionary. "I like it because it proves to be most helpful and useful," he said simply.

These are but four opinions of the many students who have purchased books at the stores. "Once a student

A LOVE STORY

The first time I looked into her eyes I knew she was the one for me. Her beautiful brown locks shone in the sunlight, and when she looked at me I was breathless. I did not know that the friendship between a man and his dog could become so intimate . . . Jim Anderson '60.

buys he comes back for more. So don't be left out, join the throngs and investigate this strange and pleasant world "just around the corner," say the bookstore managers.



Successful writer Fr. J. V. Ryan gives a few suggestions to Paul Hasse '61, about his story for the creative writing class. Mike Cuervorst '61, looks on.

Could AHS Have Baby Faulkner?

Does Assumption high school possess Faulkners or Hemingways hidden in its classrooms? Could be, according to Fr. J. V. Ryan's creative writing classes. One class meets once a week on Tuesday, another meets on Thursday.

Once every two weeks the members of the class are expected to turn in a short story or article. These range from juvenile delinquent tales to war stories.

Father Ryan says that most magazines today are looking for youthful authors writing about things with which they are familiar. Earnings for a steady writer are high, he maintains, and the field of writing is unlimited.

Father himself is the author of the book, *The Brighter Vision*, which is available in the school library.

Originality takes precedence in the small gatherings, which are informal compared to other classes. Characters written about must be new and different, and must come alive for the reader. Scenes are vividly described so the reader may get a full picture of the tale.



Merwyn Hart and Don Perry, both '61, check over the selection of books in the YCS book store.

Sweeper Elaborates On Alluring Vocation

by Ima Broom

I work here. I'm a broom. This Christmas I've had a kind of working vacation, cleaning up after the parties and dances here at the school.

Don't get the idea that I don't like the work, it's real interesting. For instance, when I was cleaning up after that formal on the 28th, the glitter and angel-hair kept tickling my bristles. Made me feel a trifle giddy. I got a look at those wall decorations, too, red streamers and big silver bells. Someone had also painted this big picture and it covered one whole wall. Didn't know what the picture was, but it was real pretty.

I happened to pick up one of the dance programs, and I was reading it during my break. There was some foreign writing on the cover, "la Cloche d'Argent." Inside there was a poem about the dance. Real sweet.

Well, the fun didn't stop there. The next day I was bouncing around the cafeteria again. The Sisters at the school gave a party on the 29th for all the Sisters in the city, and I could tell that they'd had a grand time.

By now I was in a real partying mood. Next day I was humming to myself, cleaning up after the journalism party. As I heard it, the staff of the school paper and the junior journalists were all there. I could tell that they'd had potato chips, pop corn, cake, punch. Got a sampling of the refreshments myself while I was sweeping up.

I'd like to say right now that one of the best things about all these holiday doings was that the kids from the school always helped me with the cleaning. The youngsters seemed to have a lot of energy left, and they danced me around that floor 'til I was panting for breath. Don't get me wrong. I was always considered a pretty fair dancer in my time, but I haven't quite got the hang of those new steps the kids are trying.

Before I knew what was happening, vacation was over, and I was back at my regular job, brushing food, milk cartons, napkins, and crumpled papers from the cafeteria floor.

Then I had a surprise. I thought that the partying was finished 'til next Christmas. But on Thursday I could see that there'd been big doings the night before.

So I was back in the holiday routine again, pushing my tired bristles over the cafeteria floor after the Epiphany faculty party. I could figure out the cookie crumbs and candy wrappers I picked up, but those boxing gloves lying in the corner were a real puzzler. Guess I'll never know. (But you can find the answer to this mystery in the faculty party story on page 60.)



As little Billy Kehoe '68, speaks his lines in "The Small One", the chorus awaits their next song. Sr. Mary Leon, BVM, who directed the production, obtained her boys' verse choir from a seventh period study hall — they were the only boys available.

Cats "Rod Off" To Low Brow

"You cats make the scene again," was a "way out" invitation issued to several Assumption students as they "blasted off" from the Low Brow Art Shop, located on the corner of Eighth and Main Streets.

This establishment, which opened on Friday, Nov. 13, is proof that the beatniks have invaded Davenport. The owners, Lawrence and Barbara Jonson, admit to this dubious distinction after defining the word.

According to Mrs. Jonson, "A true beatnik is uninhibited — a person who stands by his own convictions and beliefs and is himself in the true and pure sense of the word."

The students who have visited this shop did so, as John Brandt '60 put it, "just out of curiosity."

"I went just for kicks," commented Dave Cavanaugh '61.

Most were greeted by bearded Mr. Jonson "duked up" in "glad threads" and a green "sky piece," a beret. He showed them through the "art gallery" which consisted of gloomy black walls covered with "real gone" pictures and plaques.

Although a few of the objets d'art were imported from Belgium and Holland, most were products of local talent. One was submitted by an Assumption alumnus, Jim Eaton '59. Several others were done by DHS art students.

Novelty items — the most popular being a voodoo stick — were also for sale. The voodoo stick has been used to put a hex on some of the teachers but without results, according to Karen Sanders '61.

Eileen Dockery '61, typified most

students when she described the whole affair as "weird."

"I thought it was 'jizzy,' you know, a fake," testified Dot Micklewright '61.

If you haven't "bugged in" at this "mad pad" you're a real "three-D banana" — a dumb, dense, and dopey square.

Students Toil In Spare Time

Cashier, usher, page boy, babysitter — these are some of the many diversified jobs held by Assumption students in their spare time.

Jeanne Meyer '61 earns her spending money as a cashier in a local drug store. Jeanne says that she enjoys her job because of the many interesting people she meets and adds that the work is not hard.

Often at night Paul Dyar '61 can be found at a downtown theater carrying out his job as usher. "This is interesting work and I am learning a lot of things that will help me out in later life," he stated.

Being a page boy in the reference department of the Davenport Public Library consumes most of junior Don Johnson's time. Don explains that a page boy procures back issues of magazines for the patrons and catalogues the reference books according to the Dewey Decimal System. Although his job isn't terrifically exciting, Don says that he enjoys it because the pay is good.

Every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. a babysitting job awaits Roseann Laake '61. Although her weekly job is usually a lot of fun, she admits that at times it can be very exhausting.

Faculty Frolics, Sings At Epiphany Party

Mother Goose, cigarettes, and boxing gloves at a faculty party? That's right. This year the Student Council staged a whopper of an Epiphany party on Jan. 6!

When quizzed on their knowledge of Mother Goose, some profs came up with zany answers. For instance, "1) Where did Bobby Shaftoe go? Ask Father Kraus, he's the attendance officer. 2) What kind of shells grew in contrary Mary's garden? Shotgun. 3) Who jumped over the moon? Khrushchev."

The faculty also displayed their artistic talents by drawing pictures of the three Wise Men. Sr. M. Ernestine, BVM, won first place, naturally. A close second was Sr. M. St. Edward, CHM, who wrote "camel" on three cigarettes and stuck them in the paper. Her caption? "We lost our Camels on the Chesterfield and we Kent make it tonight. We think we're Lucky." Fr. William F. Wiebler received the booby prize for his drawing.

A "How Observant Are You" quiz stumped many teachers, but Fr. Robert Amborn "supposedly" got around it. He answered, "1) How many trophies in the trophy cabinet? I don't know, I never wrestle with trophies. 2) What color are the door frames in the front office? I don't know, I never go there. 3) How many sets of encyclopedias are in the library? Red set, green set, and the one with the missing 'S' volume."

Eight Sisters competed against six priests and two coaches in a candy contest. Each contestant had to don boxing gloves and try to unwrap a piece of candy. It was quite evident from start to finish that the boys' division



No, Father Walter is not punching himself in the nose. He is only trying to win a candy bar. That was the prize for the victorious relay team. Father got his candy bar. His teammates are Coach Derouin and Father Mann.

had the winning team. Dentures and dignity were losers in the game.

"We must have your complete and undivided attention," declared Fr. Louis Colonnese as he and Fathers Weeg, Mottet and Kraus prepared to sing. The session was turned into a regular sing-a-long, with everyone harmonizing on Shine On Harvest Moon, McNamara's Band, and many other oldies.

Because of popular demand, Fr. Arthur Perry sang Dear Old Donegal. When Fr. John Boyle was asked to sing, Sr. Mr. Borgia, BVM, quipped, "I just happen to have my music here." Sr. M. Frances Agnese, BVM, sang Birthday of a King. The priest faculty

ended the party by giving their priestly blessing in unison.

After the party, Sr. St. Edward was found over in a corner blowing on George Knight's trombone while Sr. M. Diana, BVM, banged on Paul Berendes' drum.

Bishop Names Priest Chaplain

Fr. Louis Colonnese, as the first chaplain of the Davenport Federation of YCS, is an advisor, a liaison officer between the movement and the bishop, and a member of the National Executive Council.

In announcing the appointment, His Excellency Ralph L. Hayes, Bishop of Davenport, stated, "The YCS Federation has a program and a technique which will improve our high school boys and girls to prepare themselves for active participation in that noble apostolate. I am happy to bless the movement."

Father Colonnese, who has been interested in YCS for eight years, said, "I feel very humble that the Bishop appointed me as the first chaplain and director of the diocesan federation of a movement which has proven itself to be a solid life-stream of Catholic thought and action among our young people."

One of Father's first projects as advisor will be a federation paper to increase interest and create unity and team work in the apostolate. The first issue is expected to come out at the end of January.



"The Four Priests" add their part to the faculty-student council party by proving (?) their singing talent. Coach Walton accompanies them with "The Wiffenpoof Song".



Here Sr. Frances Agnese, BVM, is desperately trying to catch up with the male faculty team as Sister Anne Marita, CHM, Sister Diana, BVM, and Sister St. Edward, CHM, coach her on.

Stitch in Time Girls Cultivate Sewing Skills

Straight stitching and applique work — they're all Greek to boys. But to Sr. M. Loretta Cecile's clothing class these things are quite real.

The year started with the girls making gathered skirts. Sr. Loretta Cecile commented, "Every color of the rainbow was introduced and then some." Later on students made blouses of all types — tailored, sport, etc. According to Sister, many of these blouses could be worn to formal gatherings.

What equipment is used? Straight needle machines and fully automatic machines are in use. A new Monograph has also been purchased for the purpose of placing monograms automatically on students' clothing projects.

During the two weeks preceding Christmas the girls made gifts of all varieties. These gifts included felt socks to hang on the fireplace for Christmas.

Several girls this year are competing for the Necchi awards given to the three best sewing students. One trophy and two medals are awarded.

Several girls have evidently proved to their parents their ability to sew for they received sewing machines for Christmas.

A new Electrolux vacuum and general house cleaner was presented to the Home Ec department by the Electrolux Co. after a demonstration was given to the Family Living class by a company representative.

"He Walks" For A Happy Christmas

Two days before Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lucier received one of the biggest presents they could ask for. Their son, Larry, walked by himself for the first time in two years.

Larry, a former student at St. Ambrose Academy, was seriously injured two years ago in an auto accident which proved fatal for his companion, Mary Kay Pohlman. After spending almost a year in a coma, Larry emerged totally paralyzed, his mind a blank. He did not even recognize a picture of himself, much less his parents or relatives.

It's been a long road, but Larry has made remarkable progress. In mental development, he has remembered most of the different stages of his life, starting from about age three. Doctors have said that the details of the accident will be the last things he will recall. In his studies Larry has progressed to about seventh grade level. He receives two hours of special education every Saturday.

Physically, Larry has improved immeasurably. Five days a week he goes to the Palmer School Clinic for therapy and treatment, which last an average of four hours. During one of these treatments he first walked. He also exercises at the Lend-a-Hand Club on Tuesday nights, and at home during much of the day.

Coordination is a big part of the struggle. Larry must read, write and color so that his dexterity may improve. However, he can read only a few pages a day because his eyes start to water or he begins to see double if he reads too much.

Larry loves to have people visit him

and also has a great interest in sports, especially basketball. A loyal fan of the Knights, he attends all the Assumption home games he can.

Larry's biggest desire in life is to return to school. Eventually he hopes to become a chiropractor. He would like to help others towards that same goal of recovery and a new start in life.



It takes a stitch in time to gain approval from Sr. Loretta Cecile, BVM. Here Peg Pohlmann and Mary Snyder, both '63, show their work to Sister, only hoping they will not be told to take out the stitching and start over. Sew what, they say. (That's a pun, Bub!)

Journey To Earth's Center Encourages Sport Of Spelunking

by John Beh

"Spelunking" is not a misspelled word, but the technical term for the sport of cave exploring.

Interest in this sport has been aroused by the movie *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, which played during the Christmas vacation at the Capitol theater.

Caves have held a fascination for man since the beginning of time. Assumption senior Isabelle McNamara is fascinated even though she has not journeyed to the center of the earth. She has, however, explored caves.

The National Speleological Society, with over 2000 members in all sections of the country, is devoted to unlocking the secrets of the underground world. Isabelle's father, John McNamara, is the regional chairman for this area.

Within caves many unbelievable things can be discovered, Isabelle has found. One of the largest and most interesting caves, Carroll Cave, located near Jefferson, Mo., has such features as an underground river, waterfalls, and many species of animals to interest a biology student, says Isabelle.

Another interesting cave which Isabelle has visited is Hunters' Cave, near Andrew, Iowa, which is well known for its animal life and a rare millipede which was discovered there.

"This is no sport for sissies because it takes a lot of energy and a complete disregard for the elements of the subterranean world, but for those who are in search of an adventuresome, awe-inspiring, and down-into-the-earth sport, spelunking is the answer," Isabelle maintains.

For the lady spelunker there is no such thing as chivalry — gals are welcome to become members as long as they can keep up with the fellows.

Every club has rules to follow and this one is no different. Rules state that each caver will be personally responsible for his or her own necessary gear and food. Moreover, in order to keep cars clean, a change of clothes and shoes, overalls, or clean garments to be worn over muddy clothes must be taken along.

"If you have even the smallest interest in this sport, you are welcome to come to any of the meetings which are held at the Davenport Museum on the first and third Tuesdays of each month," Assumption's lady spelunker asserts.

Fr. A. Conrad, after purchasing a new Rambler with a gearshift, said that he was "tired of being a shiftless character."



It won't all fit . . . Of course not, this is spelunking equipment, some of which is worn or carried. Isabelle McNamara packs the small articles as her father holds the bag open.

"Be It Enacted" Opens Subjects As AHS Enters Forensic Meet

"Be it enacted by the Eighth Annual High School Forensic Conference Legislative Assembly," began the recording secretary after a bill was put before the Legislative Assembly for discussion.

This scene was part of a new and interesting experience for 16 speech students representing Assumption at the Eighth Annual High School Forensic Conference held at Iowa City on Dec. 11-12. All attending representatives were entered in discussion groups and legislative assemblies. Other fields of endeavor were original oratory, oral interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.

Each of the 34 discussion groups considered the problem: *What Policy in Labor-Management Relations Will Best Serve The People of The United States?*

On Friday, four rounds of discussion were held. All phases of the entire

problem were discussed and fully explained. During the final round of discussion, a bill was drafted for consideration in the sessions of the legislative assemblies for the following day. The student legislators finished this preliminary work at 9:30 p.m. and then began to prepare cases in order to pass their bills in the Student Senate.

Two sessions of legislative assemblies were held on Saturday in which student legislators learned and profited by the rules of parliamentary procedure as they fought for passage of their bills. The bills which were presented on the Senate floor were first accepted by a screening committee.

The participating students returned as experienced student legislators who had the opportunity of fighting for passage of their bills on the House and Senate Floors of the Old State Capitol Building.

Is Girls Phys Ed Just Another Ol' Mac Donald's Farm?

by Mary Ann Keller

What's behind the plastic curtain? . . . rabbits? . . . birds? . . . ducks? So wonder some male phys ed students when they hear feminine voices shrieking "Come on — you've hopped this far" . . . , a weak solo timidly calling "Where'd the bird land? . . . and between chuckles an occasional "quack-quack."

Rabbits? No, those feminine voices belonged to a relay team encouraging a member on to victory. Hopping was not the only form of such races. Included, also, were skipping, running,

Junior Fulfills Ill - Chosen Wish

by Mary Maher

"If I were the teacher, I'd . . ." This thought has crossed many students minds — mine included.

As a senior gym leader, I got my chance to play "teacher." It was a nightmare!

Walking out on the gym floor, I gave a short, sharp blast on the whistle and in a demanding voice yelled "line-up." This was to show them I meant business!

My class program consisted of running relays. Things went smoothly — for a while. Suddenly Karen Melroy '61 tripped while running a race. Naturally I waited for the teacher to help

Who Says "Figures Don't Lie?" Statistics Help Disprove Saying

by Gary LaFayette

At some time unknown to me, some illustrious chap also unknown to me said "Figures don't lie." However, figures or statistics tend to be quite deceiving at times.

For example, on the sports scene many statistics are involved: "Most home runs in a season, most passes completed, most rebounds per game, won-lost records, etc." These are quite necessary. However, they cannot alone be utilized in explaining the outcome or predicting the future outcome of sports events.

This can more aptly be explained by a few examples. First of all, in football, by comparative scores it can be shown that Davenport high school was more than 80 points better than Assumption high school. Davenport fairly trounced Rock Island, who in turn battered Alleman, who smashed the Knights of Assumption. All of the games were decided by four touchdowns or more.

But Davenport did not beat Assumption 80-0 or 40-0, nor did they win at all. Rivalry and tradition often make statistics meaningless as was the case when the stubborn Knights held the state's fourth-ranked Blue Devils to a

and scootering. This latter consists of riding a square wooden board on four wheels. These races resulted from popular demand when the leaders took over gym classes.

Birds? . . . there sure were! Shuttlecocks flew over the net during many gym classes as the girls learned there was much more to badminton than the simple game they played at home. That timid soloist was no doubt Rita Macken '61, who shot the bird to where it now rests — on a high beam. The girls were also given instructions in wiffle-ball and kick-ball.

her. As she started to get up, I realized I was the teacher. I should be helping her. Finally I got my brain in motion and went to help her. Karen was a little shook-up, but she wasn't alone.

Pat Swails '61 also suffered a fall in my class. It didn't bother her then. But an x-ray taken the following morning revealed a bruise near the brain — nothing serious, however.

Out of this nightmare something good did result. Many headaches of a teacher were brought to my attention — for instance, planning an interesting class. Yet even worse was trying to execute that plan.

13-13 tie which Davenport was only able to muster in the final 24 seconds of play.

Turning to another popular sport, basketball, we see that statistics, while necessary, are not all-important. Again using the Knights of Assumption as an example, one might point out that four of the seven teams which they have played have had a better shooting percentage than they. Four have also outscored the Knights from the field. Yet the Knights have been victorious in seven of their nine outings.

Rock Island and Wahlert, the two teams to whom the Knights have bowed, both outshot and out-percentage Assumption. So what! Delving deeper, one might observe that Regis and Bettendorf outscored Assumption by 16 and 8 points respectively, from the field. Bettendorf and even out-classed North Scott had better percentages than the Knights.

But school spirit and the will to win cannot be measured or expressed by statistics and these two essentials apparently have made the difference. These facts lead one to doubt the authenticity of the seemingly veracious statement "Figures don't lie."

Ducks? No, it was the girls themselves, while doing a series of exercises, who couldn't restrain from making those strange sounds. Designed to stimulate good posture, balance, and poise these exercises looked more ridiculous than beneficial. The next day the girls weren't laughing, however, when they awoke with sore muscles.

There will be no mystery on the other side of the curtain next quarter. The boys will easily recognize the upcoming sport, basketball, a favorite with the girls.



Looks like Stephanie Grant and Denise O'Neill, both sophomores, are still in their first childhood. Actually they are performing a favorite exercise in gym class, a workout on the scooter-board.

Sportlite

by Dick Wolfe

Whatever method Assumption uses to get to Sioux City this weekend it's fairly certain they won't be flying because of the expense involved. Plans for Assumption to drive to Dubuque and fly from there with Wahlert were dropped when it was discovered it would cost \$1600 for a 40 passenger plane. Instead the traveling squad will either go by car or go by bus with the Golden Eagles. The bus costs \$350.

The youthful-looking giant sauntered up to this writer in a Joliet hotel one recent Sunday afternoon, pointed his finger, and jokingly threatened, "Assumption's next."

The giant was Ron Summers, 6' 7" center on the St. Ambrose College basketball team, who just a short while before had shattered Joliet Catholic's glass bankboard while dunking the ball during warm-up. This forced postponement of the Lewis-Ambrose game.

What would Assumption do if this ever happened to them? Since the supports for the side baskets are the same as the two main ones, officials would probably just switch with the side one. Father Walter envisions the inch-thick glass bankboards being cracked or shattered some day, but shudders to think of the hole it would make in the athletic budget. A set costs \$250, and individual backboards more than \$150.

One of the most avid of the fans at the Assumption home games has been Larry Lucier, (See story on page 61). Larry livens up when discussing Mike McCleary's shooting. "He shoots just like his brother," Larry noted as he recalled Terry's glory days at St. Ambrose Academy in 1956-57. Lucier still has trouble talking but he did voice the opinion that the Knights may do well in the tournament.

Mike McCleary set the most-consecutive-free-throws-made record for the past two years in a recent practice session. He made 57 straight. The diminutive senior has hit over 60 several times and is near the Quad-City top in game percentage.

The next time Karl Noonan is told that he should pay his way into the games he can honestly say that he already has because of dental work. Karl arrived later than the rest of the team at Aurora for the Marmion game. The ticket-taker, wary of gate-crashers, made the lanky sophomore pay his way in.



Bob-bop-bada-bop . . . Paul Bauer and Greg Cusack, both '61, with horns bellowing, lead a cheer at one of Assumption's home games.

Knights Face Dowling, Heelan Next

This week-end the Knights make their longest road trip of the season when they journey to Sioux City for Friday and Saturday games with Des Moines Dowling and Heelan in the Big Four Classic.

Last year Assumption, playing host for the classic, managed to salvage one of its four legitimate victories by beating Heelan and had Dowling on the ropes before faltering in the fourth quarter.

Friday's contest with Dowling will feature individual battles between Bob Schebler and Dowling's Denny Couch under the boards, and crafty little guard Charley Sovich against dead-eye Mike McCleary in the back court.

Maroon coach Joe Sesbeau, a former Quad City resident, who viewed the

Knights against both East Moline and Alleman, was impressed by the rugged rebounding displayed by Dan Hawley and Bob Schebler.

The only common opponent the two teams have played this season is Cedar Rapids Regis. Regis lost to Dowling 50-49 and to Assumption 87-82.

Heelan, losing first team All-Stater Tom Tuttle, who was also named to Assumption's All-Opponent team, and All-City center Larry Schrieber by graduation, is having trouble finding capable replacements.


Regina, Jan. 9 and Alleman Feb. 9 are the Knights' final two home games of the year. The last two games away from home are at Cedar Rapids Regis Feb. 5 and North Scott at Eldridge Feb. 19.


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Little Knights Get The Tough Breaks

The Assumption sophomore basketball team had a 3-8 record after 11 games.

The sophs dropped their opener 46-38 to Rock Island.

They bounced back the next night defeating North Scott 47-31 with Mike McCarthy hitting for 12.

This was followed by three losses, to Regis 68-50, Bettendorf 47-46 and Wahlert 63-48.

Dec. 13 the Little Knights defeated Iowa City Regis 64-37 with Doug Duda hitting for 12.

The next four games were dropped to Marmion 53-46, East Moline 39-30, Alleman 62-45 and Wahlert 61-54.

Pat Murray sank a 20 ft. shot with one second left in the game to give Coach Ron Millen's cagers their third victory, 41-40 over East Moline. Gerry Ketelaar chipped in 14 points to lead scoring.

Grapplers Score In Early Outings

Assumption's wrestling team dropped a 26-14 meet at East Moline Dec. 9.

John Davies '61, garnered the only pin as the Panthers captured 8 out of 12 matches.

Jerry Kane '60, Tim Goffar '60, and Bob Deluhery '62, won by decision.

The grapplers captured a 38-10 victory at Burlington Dec. 17.

Jerry Kane, John Davies, Ray Hart '61, John Hancock '62, and Bob Deluhery racked up pins to lead the Knights over the Greyhounds.

Denny O'Toole '60, Tim Goffar, and Rich Moore '60, won by decision.

Mike Reisinger '61, and Paul Castro '60, gained ties.

Bettendorf trounced the Knights 33-9 at Bettendorf Jan. 9.

Decisions were gained by the reliable trio of Jerry Kane, John Davies and sophomore heavyweight Bob Deluhery.

GRA Lists Winners

The finals of the GRA badminton tournament were held Dec. 18. Winners were Isabelle McNamara and Mary Denise O'Brien, both seniors. Freshman-sophomore winners were Julie State '62, and Louise DeZorzi '62.

Elaine Feeney '62, badminton sport-head, was in charge of the tournament. Of the 75 girls who signed up for the tournament, only two defaulted. The first eliminations started on Nov. 19.

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Reserves Roll Behind Collins

Jeff Collins scored 45 points to lead the varsity reserves to victories in their first three games. The reserves beat Davenport 55-50, Rock Island 57-51, and Bettendorf 58-35.

Davenport led by as much as ten points throughout most of the Dec. 19 contest but an Assumption press proved effective in the fourth quarter.

Collins had 17 and Tom Eaton 12 for Assumption while Bob Fitzgerald scored 15 for the Blue Devils.

The Knights grabbed a six point halftime lead at Rock Island Dec. 26 and then matched the Rocks point for

point the last two periods to win their second game in two outings.

Collins and Dick Wolfe each fired in 16 for Assumption.

Balanced scoring marked the reserves third triumph at Bettendorf Dec. 29 with Collins, Tony McAndrews, and John Fennelly each tallying 12 and Mike Ceurvorst 10.

There are several brother combinations on Quad-City basketball teams such as the Baraks at Rock Island and Van Zants of Bettendorf but for the first nine games Assumption had the only nephew-uncle twosome in John and Larry Fennelly.

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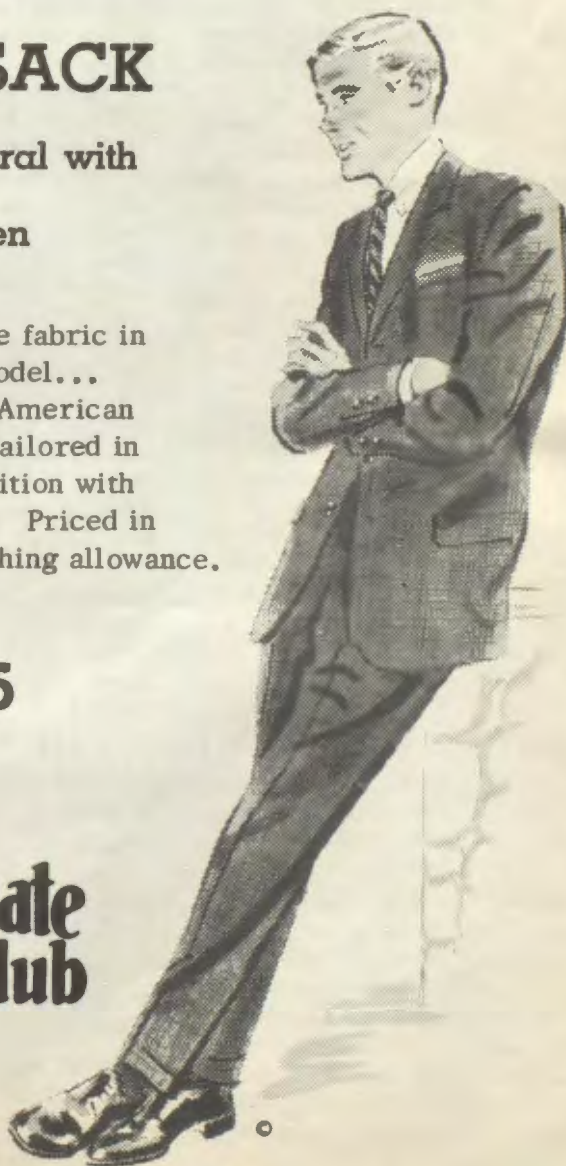
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Varsity Cops Preholiday Tilts After Road Defeat At Wahlert

Assumption saw its three game winning skein end at Dubuque Dec. 11 when the Golden Eagles edged out a 56-46 win behind the twenty point barrage of junior Pat Dowd.

The effects of playing away from home for the first time after four home games were obvious as Wahlert overcame an early four point deficit to grab a 28-20 intermission advantage.

Dick Wolfe with 12 and sophomore Karl Noonan with 11 paced Assumption's scoring.

Dick Leonard came off the bench to score 12 points, including a game-winning free throw with one second remaining, to lead the Knights past Regina 58-57 in an afternoon contest at Iowa City Dec. 13.

Leonard made his free throw despite howls and beating drums from the unruly Regina students.

The scrappy Regals were down by five at halftime but came roaring back to tie the fray at 58 all on Jim McGuire's two free throws with a minute left. This set the stage for Leonard's heroics.

The senior forward grabbed a missed hook shot by Bob Schebler and was fouled by McGuire. He missed the first of his two shots from the charity line but hit the second to win the hard fought struggle.

Balanced scoring showed the way in the Assumption scoring column. Along with Leonard's 12, Mike McCleary had 15, Bob Schebler 11, and Butch Richardson 11.

Marmion's Warriors were dealt their third loss in five decisions at Aurora Dec. 18, 60-50 despite 19 points by senior center Fred Reheman. The Cadets could manage to get only 14 first half points but outscored the Knights 36-31 in the last two periods.

Schebler scored 17, McCleary 14, and Leonard 11. As a reward for his per-

formance at Iowa City, Leonard was elevated to a starting role.

The Knights' round-ball fortunes took a sharp rise Dec. 22-23 as Coach Derouin's crew squeaked past East Moline 73-70 and Alleman 57-54 in an overtime.

Dan Hawley, originally inserted in the starting line-up for only the opening tip-off, responded with 23 points in the highest scoring night of his career as the starting five went the route against the Panthers.

Besides his rugged rebounding, Schebler added 17 while McCleary scored 19. East Moline's sharp-shooting guards Angie Vallejo and Jerry Hopkins tallied 22 and 24 markers respectively.

Deft ball-handling by McCleary, Karl Noonan, and Butch Richardson tore the Panther press to shreds.

East Moline, almost invincible on their home court the past two years, was handed its first home defeat of the current season. The sixth triumph of the season for the Knights enabled Assumption to surpass last year's total of five wins, including one forfeit.

Schebler again starred the following night against Alleman's Pioneers when he came through with a crucial three-point-play in the dying seconds of the overtime to put the Knights ahead 55-54.

As an anti-climax, Butch Richardson intercepted Alleman's pass from out of bounds and potted a jump shot just before the final buzzer. Schebler continued his consistent scoring with 19, while Hawley with 11 was the only other Assumption player to hit double figures. Ron VandeValde connected for 20 on his long jump shots for the Green and White.

The victory terminated three years of winless frustration for the Knights against the Pioneers and also gave them a one game edge in the 21 contests against the cross-river rival.

Cagers Fall, Rise In Weekend

The Varsity basketball team ended a 16 day layoff by dropping a game to Wahlert of Dubuque 62-53, Jan. 8 at the home gym.

The Golden Eagles grabbed an early lead and were never threatened by the heavy footed Knights.

Soph Karl Noonan and Dan Hawley led Assumption scoring with 13 each while five Wahlert performers hit in the double figures.

The next night Assumption came from behind to defeat East Moline 73-70 again at home.

Karl Noonan poked a 30 ft. shot to give the Knights a sudden-death win.

With 11 seconds left in the nip and tuck contest, the Knights called time

out with the score standing at 68-66 in favor of E.M.

Back in play the Knights worked the ball to Bob Schebler who sank a jump shot from deep in the corner to send the game into overtime.

After the overtime the score stood at 70-70 by virtue of a Panther bucket and a pair of free throws by Schebler.

In the sudden death period Schebler sank another gift shot despite heckling from the E.M. stands.

In the scramble following the missed second attempt, Noonan grabbed the ball and sank his game ending shot.

Schebler led both teams with 30 points. Noonan had 23.

On the Court Frosh Cagers Jump To Good 4-2 Record

Assumption's freshman basketball team bounced back from two early defeats to win four straight games.

The littlest Knights, after defeats to DeWitt St. Joseph 34-30 and Alleman 53-32, beat Clinton 53-28, Dec. 17, behind a 19 point burst of Jeff Gadiant.

Bettendorf fell 69-41, Dec. 21 with Nick Prochaska hitting for 23.

DeWitt St. Joseph was downed Jan. 4, by the onsurging frosh 53-31 with Prochaska pumping in 21.

Prochaska hit 15 as Fr. Charles Mann's cagers dumped North Scott 45-26 for their fourth straight win.



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Frosh Lead Roll

According to the recently released first semester Honor Roll, 231 students had a scholastic average of "B" or better.

As last quarter, the freshmen again lead the school with 66 members on the honor roll (33 boys, 33 girls), Juniors and sophomores had 57 students each on the honor roll. Of the juniors, 23 were boys, 34, girls. Sophomore members numbered 36 girls, 21 boys. Last came the seniors who placed 51 on the honor roll (17 boys, 34 girls).

Twenty-three students earned straight A's, 5 more than last quarter. Of the 23, 15 are girls and 8 are boys. The sophomore class leads with 8 students making first honors (4 girls, 4 boys). The seniors follow with six, all of whom are girls. The freshmen and juniors come last with 4 and 5 respectively attaining first honors.

Sophs Throw Dance

"The Legion of Decency should get after that fellow on the poster," one of the Sisters was heard to say.

The fellow Sister meant was Cupid, heralding the coming of the Valentine Dance sponsored by the sophomore class. The dance is scheduled for Feb. 26 from 8 to 11.

The sophomores are planning to do all the decorations in red and white hearts and streamers, and they're hoping to be able to use red and white lights.

They've planned unusual dances (broom, chain, trap and leap-year) and games, along with group singing to be led by Fathers Boyle and Perry during the half hour intermission. Door prizes and free refreshments will also be on the agenda. Now what more could you ask for 50c except "Will you be my Valentine?"



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Musicians Face Tough Months

February and March will be important months for the members of Assumption's Glee Club and Band.

On Feb. 26 the Glee Club will attend a workshop in Muscatine, where they will compete with St. Mary's of Clinton, Regina of Iowa City, and Hayes of Muscatine.

Assumption is entered in all phases of the competition, mixed chorus, boys' chorus and girls' chorus.

On March 19, the Assumption band will travel to Ottumwa, to compete with schools from Ottumwa, Iowa City, Muscatine, Fort Madison and West Point. Music students from Davenport

parochial grade schools will also represent Davenport.

Seventeen Assumption soloists will vie for honors: clarinet, Mary Denise O'Brien, Mike Fitzsimmons, Joan Berendes, Barb McClosky, and Dave Cratty; flute, Mary Stafford, Gwen Gaukler and Sue Mentzer; saxophone, Dave Pyne and Pat O'Toole; trumpet, Paul Bauer, Greg Cusack and Jerry Schutte; trombone, Cliff d'Autremont and George Knight; drums, Paul Berendes and Stephanie Grant.

The soloists, bands and orchestras considered best by the judges at Ottumwa will perform in Davenport during the local diocesan festival April 29 — 30. The festival will be held at the Masonic Temple and St. Ambrose College.

The annual festival is part of this year's plan to promote a statewide meeting of the best qualified soloists and groups, both vocal and instrumental, from each of the four dioceses.

The plan is being promoted by Mr. Carl Paarman and Sr. M. Frances Agnese, BVM, who were recently elected president and secretary respectively of the National Catholic Musical Education Association.

Jury Will Decide

Jurors, sworn in by Judge Daniel Ralph Ambrose Hawley last Friday, will meet today to hear final arguments in the trial of the **Knight Beacon**.

Members of the jury are seniors Al Sauala, Pat Behan, Betti Brandt, Joe Bryant, Mary Condon, Gerry Ehrecke, Bob Johnston, Mary Denise O'Brien, Joe Ross, Mary Sue Schwieters, Bill Bell and Judy Swift.

George McCarthy, attorney for the prosecution, has issued a statement to the press. He contends, "The content of the evidence is so conclusive that the prosecution feels it can prove, beyond any reasonable doubt, its charge that the **Knight Beacon** is not a truly Catholic publication."

Hi-Lites

FEBRUARY

- 23 Basketball Sectional, Davenport at Clinton
Knight Beacon Trial, 4th and 5th periods
- 26 Holiday of Hearts Dance
Music Festival Workshop at Muscatine

MARCH

- 2 Faculty Meeting
- 6-12 Career Week
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Assembly
- 21-25 Third Quarter Exams

"Up a little more; now over to the right a little; okay, that's good," indicates Larry Montford '60, to Roseann Laake and Howard Heydn, both '61. In observance of Catholic Press Month the special display was produced through the efforts of Heydn especially for the **Knight Beacon**.

Beacon Presents Document As "Exhibit No. 1"

by Mary Maher

When the **Knight Beacon** goes on trial, it is up to the jury to decide whether or not the paper is truly Catholic. This document is submitted as evidence for the defense.

Sr. M. Borgia, BVM, a former journalism teacher, who analyzed the **Dubuque Witness** as a part of her course in a seminar of Catholic Journalism at Marquette University, will be the star witness for the defense.

Referring to her study based on Maritain's **Christian Humanism**, Sister contends, "Catholic Journalism could be broadly classified into two main divisions — Catholic by inspiration or Catholic by denomination. A paper Catholic by inspiration, though inspired by Christian wisdom, does not commit the Church to its stands. Because it involves no other source or group sponsoring it, it is 'accidentally' Catholic."

"On the other hand a paper denominationally Catholic is 'essentially' Catholic. It does commit the Church to its stands, therefore limiting it to those aspects of the news that are directly concerning with the supernatural life of the Catholic."

Just which definition fits the **Knight Beacon**? Actually, the paper is a combination of these classifications.

The purpose of a school paper is to mirror the school life — scholastically,

socially, spiritually, and athletically. Therefore, because the paper is sponsored by a Catholic group does not necessarily mean that all the news must be directly concerned with the spiritual. The **Knight Beacon** must cover all aspects of the school life.

"However, the denominational aspect isn't slighted and shouldn't be," Sister maintains.

A staff study of the January issue revealed that the retreat was stressed by an article on the front page and some others scattered throughout the paper. A regular column, **Liturgy and Laity**, deals with the Mass and the Sacraments. These articles are definitely Catholic by denomination.

"A Catholic school paper should definitely be distinguished from that of a secular." Sister Borgia affirms.

In reporting, the **Knight Beacon** follows Christian principles of truth and honesty. The copy editor has the job of catching errors, not just spelling but any facts that would prove harmful to anyone. Often innocent material — which could be read between the lines — is deleted to prevent any misunderstanding.

In an article, **The Case of the High School Paper**, printed in **Today**, Sister M. Pacis, OSF, states "For too long the high school paper has been publishing under false pretenses. Before the hoax

goes on any longer, faculty and students ought to sit down and consider what a school paper is, what it should be, and what the possibilities for reconciling the difference are."

That's what the trial will do.

Puns Reveal Cynical Bent

When the senior boys in their English class were studying trite phrases and ways to eliminate them, they were given an assignment to hand in 10 trite phrases. Some of the students, misunderstanding the assignment, wrote old sayings with new twists. With a cynical touch Jim McGrath revised some of these well-worn adages:

Fools rush in and get the best seats.

An apple a day makes 365 a year.

A bird in the hand makes blowing your nose harder.

A fool and his money really have a blast.

A rolling stone can knock you down and kill you.

One man's meat is another man's peanut butter.

Those who live by the sword will probably cut their toes off.

Did you hear about the man who stole a calendar and got 12 months?



Preparing for the workshop to be held in Muscatine on Feb. 26 is a sophomore section of the Glee Club under the direction of Sister Frances Agnese, BVM.

After speaking to a large gathering of YCS'ers on the problem of racial discrimination, Mr. Charles Toney enjoys a hot cup of coffee. Assisting him are John Anderson '61, and Jim Johnson '60.



Audio-Visual Aids Stimulate Senses

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, "nothing is in the intellect which is not first in the senses." The use of audio-visual aids is based on this principle.

In the process of learning it is a psychological principle that the more senses you bring into play, the more easily you learn and retain knowledge.

Sr. M. Helen Regine, BVM, serves as director of Assumption's audio-visual department. According to Sister Helen Regine, Assumption has a well-equipped visual-aids program, considering its short history.

Equipment includes one Victor movie projector, two 150 w Standard film-strip projectors, projection screens, a Webcor tape recorder, one Califone record player, and RCA public address equipment.

Sophomores Bob Bloominger and Gary Johnson have been specially trained to set up the PA system whenever it is needed.

During the past year the Mothers' Club has purchased some new equipment for the school: two RCA movie projectors, two standard 750w film-strip projectors, five projection screens and two Wollensak tape recorders.

Tape recorders have proved valuable in many classes. In language courses, particularly Spanish, tape recordings are used to illustrate proper pronunciation of words and to record student conversation. Students may make a recording, play it back, and study their own pronunciation. In Sr. Mary Eustella's Spanish classes the semester exam was recorded on magnetic tape.

In the speech department, tape recordings aid students in developing voice control. In English and religion, records of great works or recordings of speeches give the student firsthand knowledge of the subject rather than just a brief explanation of it.

Earlier in the year, English students viewed several movies taken from great books and plays (*Mutiny on the Bounty* and *Romeo and Juliet*). Filmstrips used in history and science classes familiarize the student with the topic being studied.

Sister Helen Regine adds, "Many more pictures and sounds are available through the use of film and magnetic tape. Audio-visual aids are necessary, but are no substitute for the teacher."

Fr. Edmund Weeg asserts, "There are more possibilities for audio-visual aids than we have tried. They have their greatest value in science."

Flims, filmstrips, and magnetic tapes are available to the department through the State University of Iowa Library. Assumption now has approximately 180 filmstrips in its own files.

"Northerners Are Hypocrites," States Study Night Speaker

"Northerners are hypocrites. They say one thing but practice another," said Mr. Charles Toney at the YCS Study Night, Feb. 14.

Mr. Toney is a member of the League for Social Justice, the Catholic Interracial Council, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Several years ago he was also prominent in the fight against Communist labor unions.

"Southerners preach and practice segregation but Northerners preach integration and practice segregation," Mr. Toney continued.

As an example he told of a doctor and a lawyer who were without local office space for one year because they were Negroes.

"In Davenport," he said, "a skilled Negro carpenter or tool and die maker cannot find a job but must go to Illinois."

Asked about Negro superiority in sports, Mr. Toney replied, "It's not that the Negroes are superior but that more of them are competing in sports."

Fr. William O'Connor pointed out in his talk that the Catholic Church urges all workers to belong to labor unions.

Father felt that the McClellan Committee hearings were a failure because "every schoolboy knows about Jimmy Hoffa." Catholic colleges have failed to train men to organize the people, he said.

Besides his disappointments, Father O'Connor reported two successes: 1) most of the Communists in unions were

expelled or made powerless by the AFL, 2) Quad-City Communists were defeated 4-1 in union elections.

Founder of the Catholic Interracial Council in this area and an outstanding figure in the labor field for the past 25 years, Father O'Connor also teaches philosophy and sociology at St. Ambrose College.

A movie, *A City Decides*, a story of St. Louis school integration, closed the Study Night.

Shoot Seniors For Posterity

"Remember the Alamo! I'm about to meet my Waterloo." These might be the thoughts running through the mind of a senior as he prepares to have his class picture taken.

Seniors Dick Fick and Jane Alston are presently arranging the times for posing at Frederick's Studio.

Girls rush from friend to friend gathering conflicting opinions as to how she should fix her hair and what she should wear. The boys don't seem to care until they step inside the photographer's office.

Proofs are received and seniors begin to wail. "I can't look that bad." The retort, "It looks just like you," has cooled many a friendship.

Pictures arrive! Then there seems to be an unannounced contest to see who can accumulate the most. A composite picture will be published in the senior issue of the *Knight Beacon*.

Council Chooses Berntsen

Quiet leadership — that is the mark of the Student Council's choice for **Youth of the Month**, senior John Berntsen. He is the fourth student to be so honored.

Previous choices were Carole Gross '60, Gary Jansen '61, and Jane Mumey '62.

"I am certainly very happy to receive this honor, but I feel that there are students more worthy than I," said John.

Selected for his co-operative spirit, John always works to his full capabilities. Because of solid scholastic work he is consistently on the Honor Roll. John is to be inducted into the National Honor Society on Feb. 17.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berntsen, 2135 Wilkes, John is a member of Holy Family parish.

A staff writer for the **Knight Beacon**, John is also a group leader in YCS. John wrote the article on the senior survey of **The Catholic Messenger** appearing in this issue.

His other outside activities include membership in the Columbian Squires and an after school job at Koenig's Market. Hunting and backyard sports rate top honors in John's remaining time.



John Berntsen '60

Did RHS Solve AHS Puzzle?

Could the Regina high school students have the answer to a problem that presents itself at every Assumption dance?

The failure of the boys to participate in the dancing had been one of the pet peeves of the Regis girls. To counteract the problem, the girls devised the circle dance. The theory was that if the boys did not have to ask the girl but could just break into the circle they would be more willing to dance.

AHS students first came into contact with the circle dance at the postgame dance, Jan. 29, to which Regis students were invited.

One of the Regis cheerleaders explained that "the step is easy and the boys have no trouble dancing it. This is the first year that the dance is being tried."

At the start of the dance, the circle would be a good idea since it makes it easier for the less aggressive boys to mix with the girls, but this sort of dancing would undermine the real purpose of dancing — that is giving the opportunity for boys and girls to meet. The group dances should lead to this mixing, however.

"A few of these circles at Assumption dances might encourage some of the boys who don't dance," stated senior John Feyen who observed the dance closely.

Is it the solution?

L. M.

(Editor's Note: The editorial page concentrates on questions this issue. We believe these questions are of importance to students. Do you have the answers?)

Lite Flashes

Soon everyone will be sacrificing pop and candy, participating in daily Mass or saying the stations. Here are a few slants taken by some freshman students regarding this coming Lent:

Mary Snyder

"The first Sunday of Lent is the real opening which leads us to Christ Crucified and prepares us for Easter confession and communion."

Kit Dower

"Dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return" intones the priest on Ash Wednesday. But it will take more than giving up candy to turn our actions into gold dust for eternity.

Mary State

"If I don't suffer with Christ, I have no part in His Resurrection. And Lent gives me this chance. Christ said, 'Follow Me'. I can do this by suffering and offering up things the way Christ did."

Alice Kurtz

"Lent is one of my favorite times of the year. It gives me a chance to follow in the footsteps of Christ."

Where Friends Meet?

Do you intend to use the library for some constructive purpose, or merely as a convenient place to meet a friend?

According to Sr. M. Eustella, BVM, head librarian, "Everyone is entitled to make use of the library. Most of the students who come in receive valuable assistance from the 5,000 volumes on the shelves."

These 5,000 volumes are of little concern to that minority which regards the library as a nicely decorated social center. However, even students who use the library properly are probably not aware of all the facilities it offers.

The reference section includes copies of the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, several almanacs, three sets of encyclopedia, and numerous dictionaries.

Sister Eustella boasts that the magazine section is comparable to any in this area. She adds, "Many students working on science projects come in to read the latest science magazines."

Sister was also instrumental in obtaining the traveling science library for Assumption, a feature that has attracted many interested students.

Another feature, of special interest to seniors, is the career file, which contains information on several thousand occupations.

The only thing the library doesn't have is comic books. Can you figure out why?

J. A.



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Liturgy and Laity What's for Lent, Kent?

by Jerry Kane

"Whatcha giving up for Lent, Kent?"

"I think I'll give up the weed, Reed. I figure I can save enough money that way to buy a good lighter."

If that's what Kent is going to do during Lent, then a lighter will be all he gets out of it.

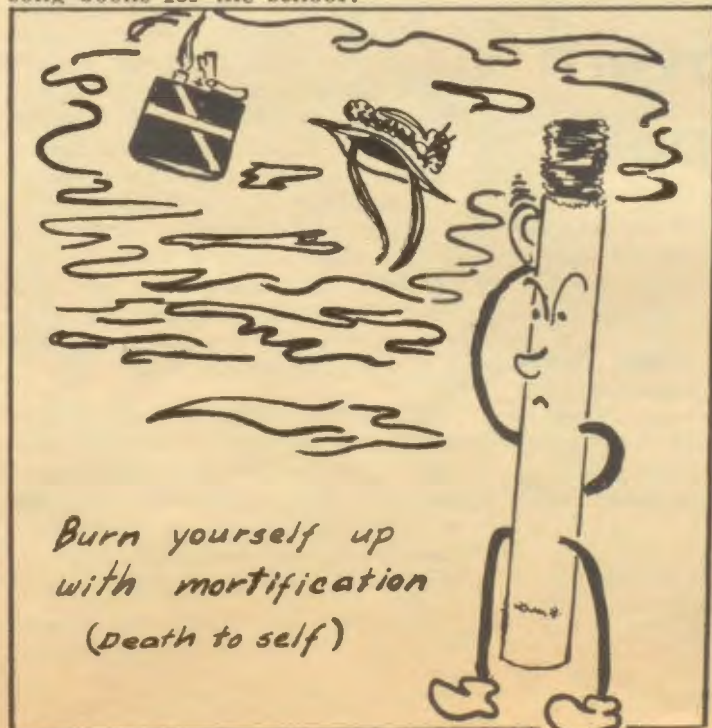
Penance and self-sacrifice should be used to strengthen yourself and to grow spiritually — not financially!

When you plant a seed, it dies at first, but out of the decay comes a strong healthy plant.

When you make sacrifice, you die a little, but from this death comes a stronger, healthier soul.

So if you stop using perfume during Lent in order to buy a new hat for Easter, that's not self-denial, that's balancing the budget.

If you want to make a real sacrifice, donate any money you save during Lent to some worthwhile project other than yourself. We had to borrow books during the Retreat to sing the Mass. Maybe we could save enough, through our Lenten sacrifices, to buy song books for the school?



Read the Messenger?

Read the Messenger?

Well, maybe as an assignment for Religion but never any more than that. Too many Assumption students have this attitude toward our diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Messenger**.

What's in the Messenger to interest a student? News is the first ingredient. Current information on the "population explosion," racial problems, union slandering, and state aid to private schools is available in most issues of the Messenger. Complete coverage of Pope John XXIII and papal pronouncements are available to every Messenger reader.

Our Bishop, **Ralph L. Hayes**, uses the Messenger as a means of communicating diocesan news and announcements to his flock.

In its editorials the Messenger explains its stand on various issues affecting Catholics. A recent example of this is its comment on the question: "Can a Catholic be a good president of the U.S. and still be a true Catholic?"

Many columns are written by intelligent lay people as well as religious. **The Question Box** by Msgr. J. D. Conway is a typically popular feature. Donald McDonald, a Catholic journalist, writes brilliantly, yet clearly in his column **Essays in Our Day**.

Along with these features and editorials the Messenger carries a book page that is one of the best in the U.S. Reviews of books and a section devoted to popular Catholic magazines should interest anyone who reads for entertainment.

Bishop Hayes has declared, "Each one of you is a living Catholic messenger. Before a messenger can carry a message he must be informed. You can be truthfully and fully informed by reading the Catholic Messenger. It is a medium of communicating Christ's teaching to our people."

Will we follow our Shepherd's advice?

P. D.

Will It Stop Noise?

LCS4—LCS4

No, this isn't one of Sr. M. Diana's unique formulas nor is it a new Russian discovery. It is the product of the Assumption student body.

Translated it reads "A long corridor plus four students yields laughter, crashings and shouting, four times louder than acceptable."

For weeks the Assumption faculty has been trying to eliminate this "reaction in the halls, especially during the noon hour. However, it is a hopeless task unless students cooperate.

Only one request is made of us: — to be quiet while in corridors where classes are being conducted. We may talk when in the cafeteria hall and in our classrooms.

This demands very little effort on our part. Only three or four minutes of the entire lunch period need to be spent in silence.

Surely we can obey this simple rule and rid Assumption of the equation LC-S4—LSC4.

S. H.

Girl Tries To Help Mixed-Up Euglena

by Sally Healey

If you think some humans have a split personality you should meet a Euglena. For centuries this tiny creature has been trying to decide whether to be a plant or animal. And for years humans have been trying to help him decide.

One such person is Stephanie Grant '62. As a science fair project this biology student is trying to determine which characteristics — plant or animal — are predominate in the Euglena.

Stephanie began her experiment Oct. 15, 1959. Having acquired enough Euglena for a class of 50, she placed them in three jars containing distilled water. Gibberelley acid, a chemical aiding plant growth was then added to the first jar while anterior pituitary growth hormone, an aid to animal growth, was added to the second. The third jar was left untouched.

Because the Euglena possesses both plant and animal characteristics it can either manufacture or absorb its food.

The Euglena in the first jar are both absorbing and manufacturing food, thus displaying the dual characteristics; like an animal cell those in the second jar are absorbing their food and those in the third jar are manufacturing food through photosynthesis — a characteristic of the plant cell.

"So far those having the aids are doing best," reports Stephanie. However, no definite conclusions can be drawn without further research.

If the experiments go smoothly, Stephanie will present her project at the Science Fair in the spring. Her arrangement will probably include drawings, research notes and the jars of Euglena.

Jokes Verify The Proverb "Think Before You Speak"

by Ron Rehmann

"A man has two coins which add up to a total of 55c. One is not a nickel. What are the two coins?" Imagine this question being used in a college theology exam!

The answer is a "half a dollar and a nickel." One is not a nickel, but the other is.

A '59 graduate of Assumption now at Marquette U., Greg Huyette, queried his younger brother Dave about this and many similar questions.

Arriving at school the following morning, Dave promptly began spreading these "jokes" among his sophomore classmates.

Another classic example of this type of humor is: "A man walks into a



Sr. Mary Benita, CHM, biology teacher at Marycrest, suggests projects to sophomores Jane Molyneaux and Anne Humphrey for the forthcoming science fair.

Science Fair Projects Develop; Rats and Mice Assist Students

Protozoa and chlamydomonas . . . these common biological terms were discussed at the February science advisory meetings given to encourage students to enter projects in the Spring Science Fair.

Various projects are already under way. The effects of radioactivity on the thyroid gland of a rat will be the subject of sophomore Stan Maliszewski. John Berntsen '60, will demonstrate film balance, using Benzene to demonstrate the oil's tendency to stand on end while in water.

Ines Friedrichs '60, will test for radioactivity in the breath of mice — which have been injected with Glu-

cose. Another senior, Ron Rehman, will split the molecules of an animal's blood and to test for the protein content.

The four advisors for the science meeting were Sr. Mary Benita, CHM, biology instructor, Sr. Mary Helene, CHM, physics teacher, both teachers at Marycrest College, Mr. Bernard Bornong of the St. Ambrose College Chemistry department, and Mr. Perry of the Bendix Company. They suggested new ideas for projects, helped students decide on one, and contributed ideas for improving projects.

Outlining the benefits and need for participation in the Science Fair, Sister Benita said, "students get more than just experience out of making a project for the Science Fair. They get a knowledge of the scientific method of doing things, just as studying history makes it easier for the student to understand current affairs. Through their knowledge of scientific methods, the students will be able to better evaluate new scientific discoveries, and they will realize that the accomplishments made with gimmicks aren't near as important as the thought put into them."

While Sister emphasized the importance of the Science Fair for those who had not planned to enter science as a profession, Mr. Bornong felt that projects entered in the Science Fair, "would encourage students to enter into the field of science as a profession."

The discussions given after school, Feb. 12, in the biology and physics labs, were open not only to the students entering projects in the Science Fair, but also anyone interested in science.

house with a match. In the house there are a gas burner, an oil burner, and a wood burner. Which one did he light first?"

Answer: "The match, you idiot."

While visiting the Knight Beacon press room between semesters, Greg offered an explanation why things of this sort were contained in a college test. "These types of subtleties were used to teach students to think before speaking," he said.

Considering what was emphasized in the preceding paragraph, think before replying to the next question.

"How far can a dog run into the woods?" Answer: "Halfway, then he starts running out."

Student Directors and Actors Present Four One Acts

by Kathy Kehoe

Applause ringing in their ears after the performance of their one-act plays, student actors and directors are returning props and putting away scripts.

The *Birds*, *Flapper Girls*, *Three Weird Sisters*, and *Willy Velvet, Detective* were presented February 21-22 in the auditorium. Student directors were Kathy Kehoe, Beverly Parisho, Tracy Plum, and Gary Jansen.

Summing up the experiences of the cast members, Mary Guile states, "I gained a lot in self-confidence and in being able to appreciate better the problems faced in TV, stage, and movie productions."

In *The Birds*, John Viggos and Jerry Ehrecke played Euelpides and Pithetareus, ex-Greeks. As the straightman of the pair, Jerry had a good insight into his character, and was well motivated in action and speech. John has an excellent command of the skeptical type of delivery needed for Euelpides.

Barb Smith was a graceful Procne, wife of Elops, the Bird King, played by Mary Jo Hanrahan, whose voice lent itself well to her majestic part. As the head-in-the-clouds poet, Carole Gross was wistful, yet scheming, and Mary Schepker was brisk and persuasive as the Real Estate woman. The bird chorus, butler bird, captains, and leader had an excellent blend in their voice qualities plus good characterizations of their unusual roles.

Two of the *Three Weird Sisters* were eccentric, old-fashioned, and delightful spinsters. Kay Campbell, as Bessie, an elocutionist courted by a ghostly boy friend, was poised and coy. Mattie, her

sister plagued by hallucinations, was played by Mary Guile, who had her character well established and developed her share of the humorous dialogue to the fullest.

Willy Velvet, Detective was a parody on radio mystery plays and took place around a microphone. Gary Jansen, the detective, narrated in a deep-voiced monotone. Busy and effective Don Loftus portrayed the sound effects man. Jim Prochaska was a smooth announcer who double-crossed Gary LaFayette, a physicist and guest product promoter.

In *Flapper Girls*, Carolyn Lutgen, with wide voice range, played a young child. As mother of the *Flapper Girls*, Claudia Townsend did a commendable

job of ad libbing and smoothing over blown lines. Carole Daisey was poised as a young sophisticate and Bev Johnson built the maid into a remembered figure with her clever stage business. Margaret Riese played a well-characterized spinster.

In the spring the Drama Club will present a full length play, still to be selected.

Caught in the act, aspiring sophomore actresses from the *Flapper Girl*, show expressions from their winning one-act play. The other winning plays are *The Birds*, *The Weird Sisters*, and *Willy Velvet, Detective*.



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In a scene from *The Birds*, Barb Smith '62, the Procne, teaches an ex-Greek, John Viggos '60, to fly as Karen Haiston '62 looks on.

Watch The Bulletin Boards For Latest News



One of the many bulletin boards throughout the school is situated at the end of A-wing. Informing sophomore Mike McCarthy and freshman Mike Flynn about an article on the Civil War is Bob Deluhery '62.

Moral: Never Joke About Parties

by Margaret DiBlasio

The Davenport game was going badly, to say the least. During a time-out period someone voiced that familiar question — What's going on after the game? I jokingly offered to stage a party for the senior class. We all had a few laughs and continued watching the game.

At halftime I began to get worried as people questioned me about the open house I was having after the game! Everyone assured me that it would be a small affair, just for seniors, nothing unwieldy.

As the seniors emptied after the final buzzer, I watched in horror as the seniors started for my house. Tim Goffar, Kathy Kehoe and I reached home just before the crowd arrived.

My parents thought I was joking and that only a few people were coming. My father calmly continued watching television while my mother remained upstairs reading.

Stationing my brother at the pop corn popper I took stock of supplies. We had exactly five bottles of pop in the house. Should I work another Miracle on the Mount, by blessing the five bottles and passing them out to the crowd?

As seniors started to arrive, my parents were mobilized for action. While my father searched the town for ice and pop, my mother arranged potato chips, crackers, cheese, lemonade, and pop corn on the dining room table.

My little brother even got into the act, serving as official greeter. In his bathrobe, he met everyone at the door, took coats, and orders for pop.

By now the party was in full swing. Dick Leonard was engaged in a hot

game of miniature basketball, while Mary Sue Schwieters, Jim Anderson, and Ray Tiedje held forth at the piano. Mary Ann Sunderbruch, Mike McGee and Art Johnson tried their hand at our indoor putting machine.

Tim Goffar, Bob Spahn, and Kathy Kehoe were battling for the pop corn tossing championship, while Moke Lohf, Carole Gross, and Paul Castro were conversing in Spanish. Mary Denise O'Brien and Dennis Calkins were playing Euchre on the davenport.

The rest of the 30 or more seniors present were dancing, talking, laughing, eating, or singing. Tom Buechele, with a megaphone, led a few rousing cheers.

At about one o'clock everyone headed for home. There was a little confusion with letter jackets when Art Johnson couldn't locate his.

After everyone had left, I began cleaning up. As I dusted the furniture, vacuumed the rugs, emptied ash trays and dried dishes I realized that our senior class is indeed unique. As many teachers and parents have remarked, the class of '60 has a wonderful spirit of "togetherness" and a tremendous capacity for wholesome fun.

All this may sound very corny, but who can be cynical at that time of the morning?

Now who could that be at the door? Some of the voices sound familiar, but no, it couldn't be. Nobody really took me seriously when I suggested that the senior class drop over tonight so I could write a surprise ending to this story, did they? No . . . No . . . No . . .

A glance at classroom bulletin boards informs onlookers that Assumption students are interested in everything from Charlotte Ford's debut party to the "Bull's Roar."

The Ford debut is part of an exhibit in A-1 pointing out the differences between the "have's" and the "have-not's" for Father Mottet's senior religion class which is currently studying social justice.

Junior journalism students published the Bull's Roar daily during the first semester to acquaint them with the deadlines and operations of a newspaper.

S-8's bulletin board invites the onlooker to "Come to the Fair," and points out the skills acquired by Sister Ann Marita's typing students.

One of the many modern features of the home economics department is the magnetic fashion board in S-2. The latest styles in Vogue patterns are displayed on cut-out figures whose clothes change with fashion trends.

Etiquette "Do's" and "Don't" face students in Sr. Mary Leon's homeroom D-6.

Across the hall from A-8, Mr. Walton's room, young historians can find a graphic description of the current chapter of the history book. At one time there was a reputedly original copy of the Declaration of Independence signed by George Walton, the history professor. At present, the Gettysburg address holds a prominent position on the board.

Historically speaking, also, E-6 celebrates the birthdays of February's patriots on its bulletin board.

Father Arthur Perry's religion classes are brightened by a pictorial description of the life of Christ taken from a recent magazine.

Numerous other bulletin boards provide food for thought with quotations or inspirational phrases.

Listen For Lunch

"Wonder what we're having for lunch at school today?"

This comment never be heard coming from an Assumption student.

A few weeks ago, the BIG K colorful radio started announcing the daily lunch menu for AHS as well as other schools in this vicinity.

By listening to KSTT each morning you can learn what your friends are having for lunch at their schools, and your mother won't duplicate your lunch menu at supper.

So far the only menus announced are those of Davenport High, Alleman, UTHS, Rocky, and AHS.

A menu is also posted weekly on bulletin boards in the school corridors.

"Commence Fire!" Rings Out When Gunmen Practice

by Don Bock

"Ready on the right! Ready on the left! Ready on the firing line! Commence fire!" Then occurred what seemed to be the Germans of World War II murdering a group of their captives. But no, it was only a practice session of the Davenport Police Department's pistol team.

A friend and I had been invited to attend one of their "shoots" by a member of the Scott County Sportsman's Association, of which I am a member. I was somewhat reluctant to go, because I, like many others, become uneasy when surrounded by 20 policemen with loaded guns. They give you sort of a guilt complex.

No guilt complex is had from Gene Taylor, however, an Association officer who introduced himself. We asked to shoot our pistols.

"You boys know," and we did, "that possessing a pistol without a sheriff's permit is a violation of the Federal Law; and it is similarly unlawful for any minor to even touch a handgun."

Our guilt complex renewed itself.

"But laws are for the lawless; shoot safely and have fun. If you need anything like ammunition or targets I'm sure the tax payers won't mind too much if you use the city's equipment."

Several minutes later another man came up to me.

"If you're going to shoot here you'll have to shoot right. You're going to have to make more noise too. Here take this."

He handed me a Colt Golden Cup match .45 which sells for a cool \$150. He took a great deal of his time teaching me a new grip or hold. It worked with surprising results.

After three hours we had used all of our ammo and most of theirs. This was somewhat different entertainment for a week night but it proved enjoyable. I think we both learned that a policeman is not all law and tickets.



"Muy Bonita—very pretty," describes the Spanish doll these three Assumption students are examining. Sandy Hempel '61, adjusts the scarf, with Bob Solis '61 giving his approval. Bill Flynn '62, looks on. The dolls are on display in the library.

Students Travel In Stitches

Vamos a Vihaar — let's go traveling through 16 Latin American countries via the Spanish dolls now on display in the Assumption library.

Sr. M. Eustella, BVM, Assumption librarian and girls Spanish teacher, asked her junior Spanish class to make the dolls over the Christmas holidays. Using a rag doll pattern she gave them, the girls were to fashion dolls of cotton or muslin representing Spain, Mexico, Cuba, and Haiti, as well as most of the South American republics.

The 16 colorful dolls, each bedecked with a festival costume worn by people in the country it represents, and now on display in the library, are the result of this assignment.

According to Sister Eustella, it is the custom in many Latin American countries for the inhabitants to array themselves in decorative costumes for special occasions. Sister also explained that this over-the-holidays assignment was designed so that the students, becoming acquainted with some of the cultural aspects of the Spanish

speaking peoples, would find the studying of their language easier.

To enliven her Spanish classes, Sister also makes extensive use of tape recordings, records, and flash cards, as well as films of our south-of-the-border neighbors. Special Spanish programs were presented on Christmas — or Navidad — and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

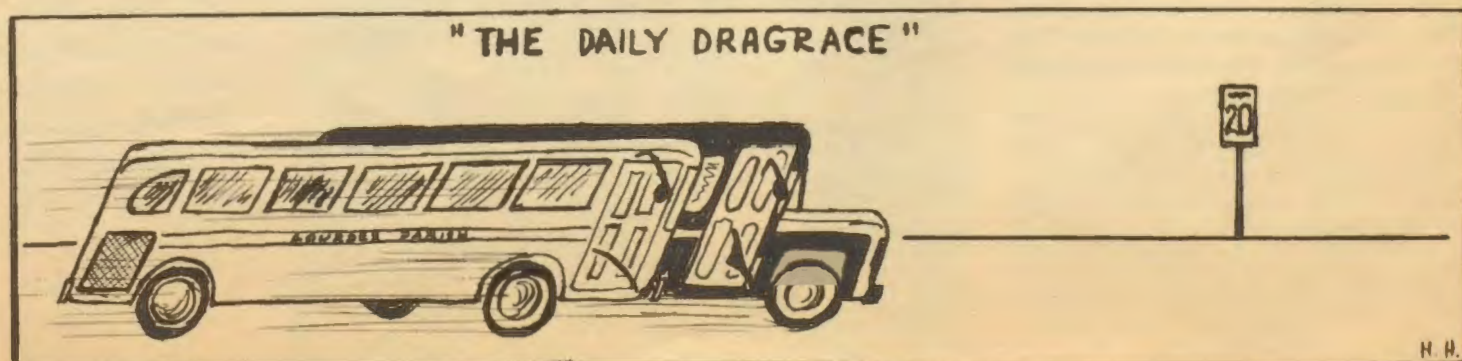
"I intend to stress conversational Spanish in class the second semester in preference to reading or translating," Sister stated.

What do the girls think of all this? One girl summed it up this way: "Me mucho gusto — I like it lots."

ICA GRADS VOW

Two '57 graduates of ICA made their first vows and received their religious names as Sisters of the Holy Cross at St. Mary's College, South Bend, Ind., during February.

Mary Gert Leahy and Jo Lynne Pohlmann, St. Mary's parish, will be henceforth known as Sr. John Miriam and Sr. M. Emmanuel, CSC.



BY RAPPING KEYS PAYOLA PAYS OFF

With a little payola students can get a good grade in typing. The price? — practice, practice, practice!

To stimulate practicing, contests are held by Sr. M. St. Monica, BVM, in her typing class. Practice, confidence, and encouragement are the payola needed to win. Contests are also sponsored by large national companies with prizes for achievement.

Looseleaf binders were won by Kay Kelsey, Linda Zinger, and Glenna Barry, all '61, in the National Blank Book Company contest.

Skripsert pens were awarded by the Sheaffer Pen Company to juniors Judy Ertl, Judy McDermott, Jean Keller, Mary Jo McMahon, and Pat Becker.

To the winners of the Dictation Dics Company project, a box of four dictation records was awarded. Recipients were Susan Henning '60, Della Powers '61, and Sandra Pohlpetter '61. In each contest the entrant was required to write a letter to the company giving her

reasons for using the product. The best letter out of each typing or shorthand class was chosen.

The most recent of the contests was the FACIT accuracy contest in which both the boys' and girls' typing classes participated. Winners who will receive a medal for the highest amount of words per minute without errors are: Della Powers '61, Karen Saunders '61, Bill Tiedje '62, Mike Abbott '62, Bob Reisinger '60, and Roseann Laake '61.

Della Powers said, "I received a typewriter for Christmas. Since practice would help win the contest I decided that since I had a typewriter I was going to practice to win."

To motivate the boys to reach higher speed, Sr. Ann Marita, CHM, makes use of clever bulletin boards. One of the displays used was a cutout of a fair. As each boy reached a certain speed, his name was posted under such topics as "crackshooters."

Mike Abbott '62, thinks that the use of the bulletin board produces a com-

petitive spirit. "It also decorates the room and inspires us to work harder. It's funny when Sister puts up names for having the most errors."

This payola pays off!

Homemaker Award Senior Budgets Way Toward State Honor

One down and two to go—Mary Sue Schwieters has successfully completed the first step in the three-step plan of the General Mills Homemaker Scholarship examination.

This first step was a 50 minute test which covered the various phases of home life such as budgeting, nutrition, and family problems. Because she merited highest among the Assumption participants, Mary Sue will receive a distinctive homemaker pin which symbolizes that "Home Is Where The Heart Is." Also, her paper is among those being judged for the state titleship, the second phase of this plan.

Each state winner will receive a \$1500 scholarship and a set of encyclopedias for her school. On April 23-29 the winner and her school advisor will make an educational, expense-paid tour of New York City, colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D.C. The American Table Dinner in Washington on April 28 will climax this tour. During the dinner, at which 50 states and the district of Columbia will be represented, the All American Homemaker of the year will be announced.

The original test will be used in all judging. Mary Sue's only requirement now is to await further judging.

CPI Man Travels Door-To-Door Interviews Christian Scientists

"Good evening, Ma'am. My name is Jim Kemp, a CPI*. I wonder if you would answer my questions about *The Catholic Messenger*?"

Jim was part of a survey taken in conjunction with Catholic Press Month. One hundred senior boys took part in this survey which was conducted by the English and religion classes. Each boy interviewed his own family and a neighboring family.

However, Jim had no Catholic neighbors, so he just started knocking at his neighbors' doors. On his third try, a couple agreed to answer his questions. To Jim's surprise, they were Christian Scientists. They had found a *Catholic Messenger* in their church pew one morning and subscribed to it ever since.

They completely read and analyzed Msgr. Conway's *Question Box* and the papal encyclicals, then discussed them with their friends. The Legion of Decency drew criticism since they felt that the Catholic Church has no right to ban or approve movies and theaters.

The Catholic stand on racial prejudice was approved but they disagreed on the birth control question. They commented that their ideas of the Catholic religion had been greatly changed

but still remained very complicated.

Ideas for this survey grew out of an article in *America*, "Questions for Catholic Papers" by Mr. Robert Hoyt. The results of this survey will be sent to the *Catholic Messenger* and a letter will be sent to Mr. Hoyt.

Two surprising results of the survey were 1) mothers read the *Messenger* more than the fathers, and 2) many of the families whose sons used it in school had their interest increased as a result.



"This isn't the William Smith residence? Well, let's try the next Smith," says Mary Jo Corsiglia '61, to Donna Stoltenberg '61. When the new Student Directory comes out they'll be able to find Barb Smith's or any other student's number with ease.

*Catholic Press Investigator.

Nick Tarchinski '62, looks to see what's so interesting as Father Mottet thumbs through sophomore Mike Quigley's Catholic Messenger. The Messenger is a weekly assignment for Father's sophomores as well as for his seniors.



Students Cop Weekly Paper For Homework

Are teachers making thieves of their students? Several frustrated parents might ask this after spending considerable time looking for a copy of *The Catholic Messenger*. The theft of the diocesan paper is a weekly occurrence in many of these homes.

Several teachers use *The Catholic Messenger* weekly in place of regular class. They give many reasons for doing this.

Fr. Arthur Perry said, "The students can keep up with the modern problems of the church and are made more aware of the church and its work." Fr. Marvin Mottet added, "*The Messenger* brings the student up to current religious and moral problems. His religion is made practical."

Specific articles are usually assigned on this basis: 1) the article must be important or significant, for example, an article on birth control or racial segregation; and 2) the article should be of interest to the student.

This assignment is a break not only for the teacher, but for the student also. Articles are usually discussed in class; many a heated debate has followed these discussions.

Tim Goffar '60 said, "This type of assignment has proved invaluable in helping me to read a newspaper more intelligently."

Bishop Hayes in his recent *Press Month Letter* said in part, "Through *The Catholic Messenger* all the members of your Bishop's flock receive simultaneously official directives and personal letters and messages. Moreover, week by week they can read the public utterances of our Holy Father; they are supplied with current information concerning the important development in their own diocese and throughout the Catholic world; in *The Catholic Messenger* they will find the answer to current questions concerning Catholic faith and Catholic moral teaching."

Father Mottet reiterated Bishop Hayes' words by saying, "Our paper acquaints us with current religious and moral problems and keeps us in contact with the great religious leaders throughout the world. It also helps us to see the church as a vital organism in the world today."

Although the students aren't really thieves they do seem to be pack rats. When Fr. Wegg gave the word to clean the lockers, Joe Ross '60 found himself in this predicament. He rummaged through his locker to find five to ten *Messengers* fit only for the waste basket.

AHS Claims Freedom Fighter; Joe Relates Harrowing Stories

by John Berntsen

Assumption high school now claims the distinction of having one of the many 'freedom fighters' who fought in the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

Joseph Szabo, a junior, spent a week in Budapest during the height of the fighting in November '56 before escaping to the west.

Joe was born in Saekelyudvathely, (that's the correct spelling) Romania, in 1942. At the end of World War II, when Joe was three years old, his family moved to Hungary. Between 1945 and 1952 the family lived in Budapest, Komlo, Barabas, and Kegyel.

In 1952, Joe's parents separated. Complying with Hungarian law, his sister Ann, 16, and two brothers, George, 12, and Steve, 10, went with his mother while Joe and another brother Alexander, 14, went with his father. Joe hasn't seen his mother, sister, or younger brothers since then.

After the separation, Joe, then 13, worked in a coal mine eight hours a day, six days a week for \$80 a month. Later he worked in a sawmill and a vegetable warehouse. In 1956 he left his father and brother and went his way alone. He was sent to an institution but after a month jumped from a second story window and headed for the Austria-Hungary border.

Changing his mind, Joe joined a friend in Komlo, and they moved on to

Budapest. When the Russians moved in a week later, Joe and his friend turned to the border and gained freedom. They crossed the Curtain at 10:30 pm Nov. 24, 1956. That night Joe slept in a bed for the first time in 24 days.

The National Catholic Welfare Conference brought Joe to the U.S. on New Year's Day, 1957. His first home was at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Two months later he was housed by a family in Pennsylvania but after a month was sent to Mount Loretto, Staten Island, N. Y. He arrived in Davenport on Nov. 16, and is now staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ketelaar.

Joe said there is a great difference between the American and Hungarian schools. Hungarians have classes from 8 am to 1 pm. Chemistry and science are taught in 7th grade; algebra in 5th; and foreign language (always Russian) in 4th. Students go directly from grade school to college.

Speaking of America, Joe said, "It's different from back there" but did not specify how. Loneliness also worries him. "I don't know too many people and it's kind of hard to get along without friends." However, his friends at Mount Loretto ("We became like brothers") still write letters to him.

DO IT YOURSELF!

If your name hasn't appeared in the KNIGHT BEACON — write it in here:

Semester Honor Roll

GIRLS

SENIORS

First Honors
Margaret DiBlasio, Dorothy Testroet, Lois Borowicz, Cecelia Modrick, Kathleen Schonhoff, Mary Sue Schwieters

Second Honors
Kathleen Kehoe, Roberta Ellis, Ines Friedrichs, Mary Ann Sunderbruch, Mary Schepker, Barb Wilkerson, Cathleen O'Brien, Judith Abbott, Jane Ann Alston, Carol Barney, Mary Fran Neufeld, Sharon McGee, Suzanne Jansen, Sharon Martens, Mary Denise O'Brien, Mary Seng, Janice Stolmeier, Barbara Snell

Honorable Mention

Isabelle McNamara, Betti Brandt, Carole Gross, Susan Henning, Kathleen Keefe, Mary Jo Marinar, Linda McDonald, Barbara Rosenbohm, Mary Teshak, Barbara Werthmann

JUNIORS

First Honors

Mary Ann Bohrer, Barbara Smith, Roseann Laake

Second Honors

Mary Ann Walter, Della Powers, Judith Egger, Judith Ertl, Karen Melroy, Sandra Pohl-peter, Rita Radwick, Carol Westphal, Kathy Mentzer, Rita Macken, Glenna Barry, Constance Finkenhoefer, Diane Miclot, Karen Sanders, Anita Walsh, Carol Wyoske, Eileen Dockery, Janice Viner, Elaine LaMar, Mary Sue Maher, Judith McDermott, Maryl-Lee Nahrgang, Karen Ochs

Honorable Mention

Nancy Buchmeyer, Dorothy Dray, Sally Healey, Judith Johnston, Mary Ann Keller, Barbara King, Mary Schlack, Donna Stoltenberg

SOPHOMORES

First Honors

Sharon Barta, Jane Molyneaux, Jane Wells, Patricia Maag

Second Honors

Barbara Niemeyer, Janet Barrett, Tana Sue Cook, Patricia Perry, Louise DeZorzi, Mary Guile, Ann Humphrey, Frances Nelson, Claudia Townsend, Bette LaFayette, Jane Mumey, Loretta Neufeld, Mary Jo Hart, Tracy Plum, Susan Schwarte, Toni Colbresse, Linda Brinker, Cynthia Bunge, Judith Scott, Donna Carpenter, Patricia O'Toole, Mary Pohlmann, Patricia Friedrichs, Janice Fleischman, Elaine Feeney, Kandie Cox

Honorable Mention

Evelyn Panther, Sue Welch, Diane Buxton, Stephani Grant, Beverly Parisho, Margaret Ries

FRESHMEN

First Honors

Patricia Hammond, Barbara Lewis

Second Honors

Mardi Gaydos, Jeanne Genzel, Marcia Kohler, Lenee Showalter, Sally Ann Cogan, Katharine Dower, Kathleen McDermott, Judith Carstensen, Margaret Pohlman, Mary Ann Soenke, Katharine Wiland, Carolyn Abresch, Barbara Berg, Denise Hole, Martha Holm, Sharon McNamara, Mary More, Mary Ann Pauly, Susie Wells, Janet Stahle, Joan Berendes, Gloria Borowicz, Janie Check, Gwen Gaukler, Margaret Sedlock, Juanita Walz

Honorable Mention

Josephine Luther, Dot Masterson, Judy Noah, Mary State, Patricia Westphal

SCHOLARSHIP CONTENDERS

Four Assumption seniors — Pat Deluhery, Margaret DiBlasio, Kathy Kehoe, and Mary Sue Schwieters — have reached the first round in the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Company scholarship contest.

Margaret DiBlasio is also a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship.

BOYS

SENIORS

First Honors

None

Second Honors

John Berntsen, Patrick Deluhery, Ronald Rehmann, Gerald Kane, George McCarthy, James Johnson, Richard Wolfe, William Bell, John Hyland, Joseph Ross, Dennis Calkins, John Niemeyer, Richard Moore, Lawrence Montford

Honorable Mention

Gerald Ehrecke, Michael Lohf, Robert Reisinger

JUNIORS

First Honors

William Pohl

Second Honors

David Cratty, Harold Feeney, Edward Soenke, Thomas Kistenmacher, Daniel McGulness, Timothy Vaughan, Paul Bauer, David Cavanaugh, Gary Lafayette, Michael Ceurvorst, William Keefe, Charles Sommer, Lester Bickford, James Prochaska, Michael Sweeney, Larry Otto, Francis Valainis, Robert Weimerskirch, Paul Hasse, Stanley Reinhold, Howard Heydn, Kenneth Wolf

Honorable Mention

None

SOPHOMORES

First Honors

Michael Abbott, David Huyette, Gerald Keteelaar, Stanley Maliszewski

Second Honors

George Knight, John Lammers, William Flynn, Donald Miller, Gerald Kealey, Howard Mentzer, John Fiese, James Keefe, Michael McCarthy, Robert Schroeder, Patrick Murray, Joseph Vize, Michael O'Brien, Daniel Brookhart

Honorable Mention

William Grothus, Adrian Remke, Derek Williams

FRESHMEN

First Honors

Patrick McGreevy, Joseph Nagra, Robert Schwarz

Second Honors

Thomas Cusack, Thomas Fennelly, Michael Flynn, James Kellenberger, Thomas Moore, Jeffrey Gadiant, James McHugh, George Koenigsaecker, John Molyneaux, Michael Peterson, Richard Mullen, Paul DiBlasio, Gary Cangelosi, John Prochaska, Stephen Miclot, Richard Braun, Gary Bolster, James Brownson, John Reynolds, Gerald Schutte, Donald Chenoweth, John Hogan, Richard Foster, John Burke, James Peiffer, Raymond Roddewig

Honorable Mention

Edward Bills, Michael Colbresse, Patrick Feeney, Lyle Gregonis

Babysitters Beware! Watch Dishwashers

by Roseann Laake

Anything, but anything, can happen to babysitters. And it usually does. Anything from lawn chairs to dishwashers can prove treacherous both to boys and girls.

Cartoonists frequently portray a helpless sitter bound and gagged while the little tots perform an Indian war dance. The voice of experience, Jo Ann Ruge '61, says it's not fiction.

Relaxing in a lawn chair, Jo Ann suddenly found she couldn't move. As the two little tots dumped the chair over, she discovered she was tied in it. (And who do you think taught them to tie knots? — Jo Ann, of course).

Nancy Imming '62, thinks that parents only come home early when the sitter doesn't put the children in bed on time.

"You can keep a baby sleeping soundly until the parents drive up, then it starts to cry," stated Diane Miclot '61. Cathy Arnold '61, relates that only tragic things happen to her while babysitting. Stan Maliszewski had no trouble keeping Coach Ray Ambrose's five quiet. He just sat on them.

A dishwasher proved disastrous to Bob Morrissey '63, in his babysitting experiences. (Bob only takes care of his little brother.) The automatic dishwasher had just started its rinse cycle when the lid flipped open. Water sprayed over the kitchen as Bob struggled to close the lid. Trying to help, his little brother ran and got an umbrella to "keep Robert from getting too wet."

See, anything can, and does, happen to the babysitters from Assumption.



Wouldn't you be happy if you got straight A's? For these three juniors it's almost an every semester affair. Perhaps that's why juniors Barb Smith, Roseann Laake, and Mary Bohrer look so serious.



"Need some help?" ask Louis DeZorzi and Tom Hirl, Assumption's maintenance men, as they watch Tom McCarthy '60, directing sophomores Al Rashid, Terry Thompson, and John Stoker. This predicament and many like it resulted from Feb. 9th's day long fall of "Soft White Snow."

Snow's Blunder

Okay! The editors will agree that sometimes snow is pretty. But we don't think it is actually a "wonder." "Blunder" is a better word.

We mean, a layer of snow laying in front of a shovel isn't exactly pretty. It's downright grotesque. Especially when you consider how heavy it is.

Being Midwesterner's, however, we're used to shoveling our cars out. But when those pesky snowplows push the snow back on them — that's a little too much.

Like we said. It's pretty good sometimes, especially in the moonlight. Perhaps it's best described as a wonderful blunder.

Editor Whips Up Frosting For Beacon

Frosting on a cake has a place other than in Home Economics. Pictures are the frosting on the cake which is the newspaper.

And where is the frosting made? Located in S-wing between the chemistry and biology labs, the darkroom is the nucleus of the Knight Beacon picture activity.

Containing such expensive equipment as an Omega enlarger, \$280, timer-box, \$32, enlarger's easel, \$17, another timer with a large radium dial, \$25, press camera, \$225, reflex camera, \$130, and electronic flashes, \$27 apiece, the darkroom is well equipped.

After 3 o'clock, or for that matter before it also, the photography team — Tom McCarthy, picture editor, Gary



Jansen and Paul Bauer, photographers — lines up for action.

The new picture editor maintains a little known or little appreciated job. He contacts the paper staff to find out what pictures are needed for the coming issue. Then he fills out a "slug sheet" outlining the type of picture to be taken, the purpose, the people to be in the picture, and time and place for the picture. Tom then arranges the time and place with the photographers and the students or faculty to be in the pictures.

Tom says it can be very frustrating when all these things don't click, as they sometimes don't.

Snow's Wonder

By Pat Swails

I think that I shall never know
The wonder of fresh-fallen snow.
To myself, I try to visualize
The motions of the cloudy skies.
Do snowflakes dance? Ha, Ha, Ha!
Certainly!
Now they're doing the Cha, Cha, Cha.
Very graceful, really hep,
Now they're doing the mill step.
Outside the window I see them fall,
I wonder if they'll stop at all.
Four inches down, five to go—
How much more, I do not know.
Drifting and blowing around below,
That's part of the wonder of the
Soft

White
Snow.

After the picture editor has cleared the way through the red tape, the photographers dash in, take the picture and are off to the darkroom where they can develop and print a picture in 40 minutes, but seldom do.

Watching from the sidelines, Sr. Mary Borgia, BVM, advisor for the photography club, frequently is able to help the photographers with photographic techniques.

The two photographers are able to buy film and chemicals for themselves and three freshmen novices, Bob Hill, Denny Hogan and Joe Nahra, with the money that they earn from selling pictures taken at the school formals.

Wrestling Team Finishes Season With 7-4 Record

Assumption's varsity grappling team picked up four victories against two defeats in a heavy January schedule.

Davenport whipped the Knights 48-0 at the AHS gym Jan. 12. Jerry Kane held Imp Larry Bewley to a 5-3 decision and Tim Goffar fell to last year's state champ Ed Winborn 13-7 in the top matches of the card.

Six Knights racked up pins to lead Assumption to a 39-11 victory over Alleman, Jan. 15. Jerry Kane, Tim Goffar, Ray Hart, Mike Reisinger, Bob Deluhery and Jim Hancock notched pins. Tom Bivens, John Davies, and Rich Moore gained decisions.

Assumption rolled to a 30-12 victory at Geneseo Jan. 16. John Davies, Jim Hancock, and Tom Bivens pinned their opponents. Decisions were gained by Jerry Kane, Bob Reisinger, Dennis O'Toole, Tim Goffar, and Ray Hart.

At Muscatine Jan. 19 the grapplers picked up a 36-12 win. Tim Goffar, Bob Deluhery, Jim Hancock, and Tom Bivens racked up pins. Decisions were gained by Dennis O'Toole, Jerry Kane, John Davies, and Rich Moore. Ray Hart and Stan Maliszewski tied their opponents.

Rock Island defeated the Knights 26-19 at AHS Jan. 23. Stan Maliszewski picked up the only pin. Jim Hancock, Dennis O'Toole, Steve Marinar, and John Davies gained decisions.

Assumption whipped Alleman for the second time this year Jan. 29 at Alleman. With this 36-8 win the Knights gained the Quad City Parochial wrestling championship. Jerry Kane, Paul Castro, and Bob Deluhery garnered pins over the hapless Pioneers. Jim Hancock, Tom Bivens, Dennis O'Toole, Bob Reisinger, John Davies, Bob Johnston and Tim Goffar gained decisions.

Assumption ended the regular season Feb. 5 by defeating Clinton 26-23. With one match left the Knights trailed by two points. Heavyweight Bob Deluhery pinned a River King to clinch the meet. Other pins were gained by Jerry Kane and Jim Hancock. Decisions were picked up by Tim Goffar, John Davies, and Tom Bivens. Stan Maliszewski tied.

This win gave the grapplers a 7-4 record for the season. Top reserves this year have been Steve Marinar, Ray Nath, Ken Palmisano, Steve LaMoine, and Ken Freund.

Knights Falter; Eye Tourney

Varsity basketball hit the season low after the East Moline win. The Knights dropped four straight before clipping Iowa City Regina 63-52.

Muscatine's Muskies dropped Assumption 54-51 at Muscatine Jan. 12. Bob Schebler, with 14, sophomore Karl Noonan with 14, and sharpshooting Mike McCleary with 11, led the Knights.

Davenport won the city title Jan. 16 by defeating Assumption 66-56 at Marshall gym.

Schebler had 14 and Butch Richardson with 10 led the Knights while senior guard Gayle Hopkins had 22 for the Blue Devils.

In the Big Four Classic at Sioux City, Jan. 22-23, Assumption dropped both games. Senior center Dan Hawley missed these two games because of a bad foot.

Sioux City Heelan whipped the Knights 73-63 despite a 22 point outburst by Butch Richardson. Schebler had 15 and Noonan 10 to round out scoring.

Against Dowling the Knights met a



"I wish I could jump that high," contemplates Butch Richardson '60 as Dick Leonard '60 fights for a rebound with a Regina player during Assumption's victory over the Regals.

54-48 defeat. Noonan, with 14 and Richardson with 10, were high.

Ending a four game losing streak, Assumption downed Iowa City Regina Jan. 29, at the AHS gym.

Three seniors, Butch Richardson with 14, Mike McCleary with 13, and Dick Wolfe with 10, contributed to the 62-52 victory.

Regis avenged an early season 87-82 defeat by whipping Assumption 84-65 at Cedar Rapids Feb. 5. Four Knights hit in double figures: Bob Schebler, 14, Dan Hawley, 13, Butch Richardson, 12, and Karl Noonan, 10.

Alleman defeated Assumption 51-40 at AHS Feb. 9. This divided the parochial Quad-City championship between the two schools, since the Knights won the first encounter 57-54. Bob Schebler had 15 and Butch Richardson 11 to lead Assumption.

Knights Face Imps Tonight

Assumption faces Davenport in the first round of sectional play at Clinton tonight. The game will be played in the new Clinton gym at 8:15 following a preliminary between two class "B" schools.

Bettendorf plays Clinton Wednesday and the winners will meet Saturday at 7:45 for the sectional championship.

When the Knights win this they will face the winner of the Fort Madison Sectional Friday, March 4, at Iowa City fieldhouse in the first round of district play.

State finals are scheduled for March 18-19 at Iowa City.

Sophs Win Duo; Take City Title

The sophomore basketball team picked up a pair of victories in three games during January.

After a 54-51 loss to Muscatine, Jan. 12, the sophs bounced back against Davenport with a 45-43 overtime win Jan. 16.

At Muscatine Jerry Ketelaar canned 18 to lead the Knights, Barney Purcell had 14, and Dan Brookhart, 12.

Against the Blue Devils the game ended in a 43-43 tie. In the overtime Mike McCarthy sank a hook in the dying seconds to give the Knights a 45-43 decision and the sophomore city title.

Regina lost to the insurging sophs 64-46 at AHS Jan. 29. Pat Murray and Jerry Ketelaar had 13 apiece while Barney Purcell chipped in 10.

Sportlite

by Dick Wolfe

Tonight after a year's absence the traditional sectional tournament battle between Davenport's public and parochial high schools resumes at Clinton's new W. J. Yourd gymnasium.

Last year Davenport was sent to Muscatine while Assumption, to accommodate North Scott, the area's fifth AA school, played host to its own sectional.

The Blue Devils started the current campaign with only one regular returning from last year's state runner-up club. Last season's team also had only one veteran returning from the 1957-58 state championship team. Despite their mediocre season record, the Imps are regarded as a top threat to repeat their state finals trip.

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Boys' intramural director Ray Ambrose announces that the intramural basketball league will commence as soon as the Knights finish tournament play. Mr. Ambrose states, "This is the only time of the season we are able to use the gym. We would like to play intramurals during the lunch hours right through the winter but the 40 minute periods prohibit this."

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During a January reserve basketball game with Davenport high, Gary Mittlebusher, Davenport guard, was giving the Assumption defense a rough time. After listening patiently to Coach Gene Walton giving tips on how to guard Mittlebusher, an Assumption reserve thought he had the answer to the Knights' defensive troubles. He ran over to the scorer's table and reported in for Mittlebusher, much to the astonishment of scorekeepers Father Walter and Paul Eckert.

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The 84-89 trouncing of Assumption by Regis at Cedar Rapids Feb. 5 was the first time in 17 games that the Knights were outscored by more than 10 points. The Assumption defense left something to be desired as the Royals drove to the basket for easy lay-ups.

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After spending most of the two days playing cards on the trip to Sioux City, Dick Leonard was having difficulty keeping his mind on the Sunday Mass at Carroll, because he was constantly seeing cards before his eyes.

That Knight uniform which Ray Tiedje donned before the last home game with Alleman may be used again tonight in the tournament game at Clinton. Last time the student council footed the \$12.50 bill for the outfit which was rented from a downtown costume company.

Frosh Matmen Capture Honors

The first team trophy to be won by Assumption was taken Jan. 31 by the freshman wrestling team. The trophy, awarded to the team for placing second in the Bettendorf Freshman Invitational, was also the first trophy ever won by either an Assumption or St. Ambrose Academy wrestling team.

"I believe that these freshmen grapplers will be asset to the varsity squad in the coming years," stated Mr. Mahner, freshman mentor.

Of the eight teams participating in the tournament, Bettendorf walked off with first place honors by gaining 102 points, while AHS polled 60 points. Alleman, Dubuque Jefferson, Dubuque Washington, Rock Island, Moline, and Clinton also participated.

Winners were:

102 lb.—Tim Wilson	2nd Place
108 lb.—Greg Lohf	2nd Place
132 lb.—Jack Hogan	2nd Place
138 lb.—Mike Colbrese	2nd Place
154 lb.—Jim Howes	2nd Place
90 lb.—Don Chenoweth	3rd Place
112 lb.—Harlan Fournier	3rd Place
144 lb.—Rich Smith	3rd Place
96 lb.—Mark Wall	4th Place



Walking to Vanderveer Park to go ice skating, sophomore Margie Dower is surprised by Jerry Schutte '63, who has just hurled a snowball at her.

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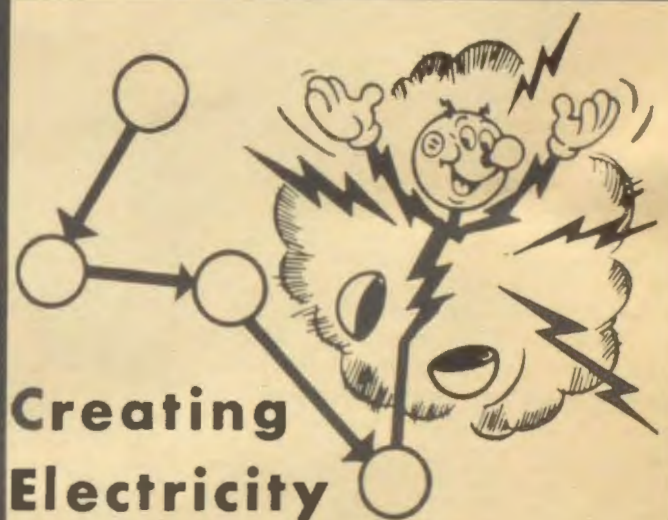
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Fr. Perry Leads Eaton's Market

"It was a lot of fun even though the league wasn't real good," commented Fr. Arthur Perry recently as he recalled his adventures coaching eight Assumption boys in the park board basketball league this winter.

His team played in the Hawkeye, one of the three city leagues, under the banner of Eaton's Market, which also sponsors a top-notch girls' softball team.

Father Perry and Ron Fiese averaged 13 and 12 points a game to lead the team to a 15-3 season record. The team led the league until the last regular season game when Bert's Tavern, with several new players, tied Eaton's for first. In the playoffs Bert's spilled Eaton's 51-46 to win the championship.

Other starters were Denny Calkins, Dick Hasenmiller, and Tom McCarthy while Larry Fennelly, Tim Goffar, Tom McDonnell, and Phil Hoehne added reserve strength. All except Hoehne '61 are seniors.

Fiese, one of three Assumptionites to play park board last year, ranked as number two scorer for Holy Family. This year he persuaded Father Perry to coach a team of Assumption seniors in the league. Originally Father had intended to go into the Davenport League, which is a step higher, with older players.

With seven teams competing, the Hawkeye League played on Monday and Wednesday nights at Smart Junior high. Father Perry noted that most of Eaton's players will be college bound next year and it is debatable if he will coach again.

This week Eaton's starts play in the city Park Board tournament at Williams junior high. They also plan to play in a tournament at Muscatine later this month.

"There has been enthusiasm and everyone showed for every game," Father Perry said. Most of Eaton's players consider Dick Pohlman of Berts and Bob Reyes of the Friendly House as the two best players in the league. Reyes played some at St. Ambrose Academy while Pohlman played for Iowa State Teachers freshman team last year.

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Girls' Bowling Teams Roll At Midway

Holy Rollers, The Debs . . . No, these aren't the names of recently organized gangs. They represent the Assumption girls' bowling teams which invade Midway Alley every Wednesday afternoon.

The school league, dubbed the Assumption Striketts, is a chapter of the American Junior Bowling Congress. It is composed of eight teams with four girls each. Mary Denise O'Brien is president and Judy Scott is secretary-treasurer.

Usually the various chapters bowl within their respective leagues. At Christmas time, however, the Davenport leagues combine for competition in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles.

One other exception is the Spring tournament. Eliminations begin in the leagues and continue through the state and nation.

The weekly record of winning teams and individual scores of the Assumption Striketts is posted near the Book Store.

The climax of these tournaments will be a special dinner attended by all leagues. Awards purchased by the adult leagues and supervisors will be presented to the winners.

So far Janice Stolmeier '60 and Pat Nemmers '62 have merited trophies for the Assumption Striketts.

One other group of AHS juniors — which includes Karen Melroy, Ronnie

Lopez, Carol Golaski, and Pat Swails — bowls regularly.

They don't claim any skill, but do have fun trying.

Pat, reputedly the poorest, dropped the ball on her foot one week, and still wears the bruised scar to prove it. "Even though I had to drop out of the game, it was fun. If not fun, different," Pat commented.

Freshmen Boost Record To 10-3

by Bob Deluhery

Assumption's Frosh basketball team continued its winning ways by defeating the Muscatine Muskies 54-37, Jan. 12 at the Knights' gym.

The Bettendorf Bullpuppies fell to the Knights 59-31 at the Bettendorf kennels Jan. 18.

Jan. 22 Fr. Charles Mann's cagers dropped a 57-56 tilt to the East Moline Orange team. This was only their third defeat for the season.

The Frosh bounced back Jan. 25, trouncing the North Scott Lancers 71-41 at Eldridge.

The freshmen hung in all the way for a 51 to 44 victory over the taller Clinton River Kings Jan. 26, at AHS.

Avenging an earlier 21 point defeat at the hands of Alleman, the Frosh picked up a 57-51 win over the Green and White Feb. 1.

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SC Prepares Elections, Orientation

Elections, conventions, and an orientation day highlight the student council agenda for next month.

The most important event of the student council agenda this spring is the Student Government Association Elections April 26. Plans for conducting the campaign activity and election are being handled by the SC election committee. Campaign speeches will be given by each candidate at a general assembly on April 25.

According to Ray Tiedje, "We hope the student body will carefully consider the great importance of the selection of their Student Government Association officers. With the best possible leadership, your Student Association has wonderful possibilities to serve the students and the school."

(See editorial on elections, pages 86-87.)

AHS student council members will participate in the District Student

Society Promotes Oratory Contest

Will an oratorical contest stimulate studying other than regular school work?

Janice Stolmeier '60, Jim Johnson '60, Greg Cusack '61, and Roseann Laake '61, hope so. Jim is the head of the National Honor Society committee to promote scholastic contests at AHS.

During April the Honor Society will sponsor an oratorical contest.

Committee members gathered sufficient topics which cover a wide range of territory. Some of these are: communism, racial segregation, censorship of movies, and labor versus management.

"The purpose of the contest," Jim points out, "is to promote and stimulate studying other than the regular school work."

Entrants will be divided according to class year, i.e., juniors vs. seniors and freshmen vs. sophomores. Among the semi-finalists, a boy and girl from each class will be chosen to compete in the finale. The top two then will be picked as winners.

The contest is open to any student willing to participate; only Honor Society members are excepted.

Council Convention in Clinton, April 18. Six members of Assumption's council will present a panel discussion about "How a student council can help improve student-faculty relations." They will also attend the Quad-City Student Congress Convention near the end of April.

"Eighth Grade Orientation Day, April 22, is planned to acquaint the eighth graders with the school, facilities and the various departments and also to attract them to attend Assumption," said Fr. William F. Dawson, student council advisor. The student council will assist with the program.

Students Enter Meet

Four members of the AHS girls' speech department will attend the Iowa High School Forensic League state finals on April 1, according to Sr. M. Leon, BVM, girls' speech teacher.

Giving television speeches will be Evie Panther and Louise DeZorzi, both sophomores. Evie will give a six minute ballet lesson while Louise will talk on "Household Hints."

AHS will be represented in oral interpretation by Kathy Kehoe '60 and Tracy Plum '62.

Two junior boys, Howard Heydn and Hal Feeney will also attend the meet as observers.

ENTERPRIZING THESPIANS . . .
Suzy Welch '62, Louise DeZorzi '62, and John Viggos '60 try out for parts in the spring Drama Club production of *The Lute Song*.



Drama Club Selects Chinese "Lute Song"

A Chinese drama, *The Lute Song*, by Kao-Tong-Kia will be this year's full length production of the Drama Club.

Sr. Mary Eustella, BVM, director of the play, made the selection because "it has been given successfully in many high school, and colleges throughout the nation."

Originally named Pi-Pa-Ki, the romantic comedy is to Chinese drama as *Hamlet* is to English drama. *The Lute Song* ran successfully on Broadway for a number of years, starring Mary Martin and Yul Brynner.

Tryouts for members of the Drama club began the week of March 14. The starring role belongs to a boy, but there are 12 supporting roles equally divided between boys and girls. Numerous minor parts are also available. Although the play could be produced as a musical, the Drama Club has chosen to present it as straight drama.

Speaking for the club members, Chuck Skelley '61 said, "The reason we preferred *The Lute Song* over such plays as *Meet Me In St. Louis* and murder mysteries is that this play makes use of make-up and elaborate costumes. The cast can lose their own identities in the characters they portray."

The plot revolves around a young, poor Chinese scholar. After he wins great reknown in the court of the Emperor, he is offered the hand of the princess as a reward for his loyal service. The scholar is forced to decide between the princess and his former love. The play gets its name from a musical instrument, the lute, which is used as a symbol of happiness throughout the play.

The fourteenth century drama is to be presented in May. The exact dates have not yet been decided.

Combo Combines Jazz with Jive

They haven't made any records, nor have they set any either. Although not popularly known to the rock 'n roll set, they can play jazz mixed in with a little jive. Who?

Why, of course, none other than — the Knight Beats.

Back in September of '59, a group of ambitious young lads of AHS decided to form a combo. With Paul Berendes '61, drummer, Greg Cusack '61, Paul Bauer '61, trumpet, and Pat Rossmiller '61, baritone, they began working on a few numbers. Later on Dave Cratty '61, clarinet, Dave Pyne '62, alto saxophone, and George Knight '62, trombone, joined the quartet.

Ever popular, "When The Saints Go Marching In" was the first tune mastered. Since that time the septet has worked out, "Blueberry Hill," "Night Train," "Midnight Stroll," and a few others.

The group puts in an average of four hours a week. Eventually these workouts were coined "jam sessions." Most of the compositions are either originals or adaptations.

A typical "session" begins at 7:30 pm with 15 minutes to warm up, the Beats then spend about an hour and a half practicing seriously. Refreshments are served to revive lost energy. The party usually ends at 11:30 pm.

Their personal appearances have been in the '59 Variety Show, as guests at Clinton-YCS, and in Fort Madison for the YCS study day, eight private parties, the Kahl Home and St. Vincent's Home.

Stage Stars Push Drama Club; Candidly Confess Stage Fright

For fun and something different, try the Drama Club, suggest John Viggos and Jerry Ehrecke, both '60. They are looking forward to the fun involved in the production of *The Lute Song* this spring.

Portraying two non-conforming Roman citizens in the ancient Greek play, *The Birds*, John and Jerry sought the ideal place to live. The birds supplied it, in a kingdom free from tax collectors and mad poets.

Performing for the first time, Jerry was "scared, until the audience laughed. Then I knew they were interested in what I was doing."

"Scared to death!" was the only way John could express his feelings as he took his place under the lights.

"I must admit that I felt a little ridiculous in that costume," confesses John, but the make-up was even worse; it was so uncomfortable." The costume consisted of a bed sheet wrapped around him Roman toga style.



APRIL FOOLS — Could you be part of one of these? These two composite students were "developed" in the press room one dark night from the old pix in the files.

Syllogisms Stump Students

"The earth is moving in a circle. Senior English students live on the earth. Therefore, senior English students go around in circles."

This is an example of the syllogisms being written by senior English students since they started studying logic in their classes.

Fr. John Boyle was a visiting lecturer in journalism and senior English classes where he explained the intricacies of the human mind and the logical method.

The basic element of logical thinking, explained Fr. William F. Wiebler, senior English teacher, is the syllogism. Each one contains three parts: major premise, minor premise, and conclusion. The major premise must be

accepted by everyone. The minor premise must be proved, and the conclusion must follow logically.

Two types of reasoning, inductive and deductive, also come in for much discussion during Father's classes. Senior Mike Haiston's car stalled; he had a flat tire; and he hit all the lights red; therefore, he will be late to work — is an example of inductive reasoning where a person proceeds from facts to a conclusion.

All students eat in the cafeteria; Barb King '61 is a student; therefore, she eats in the cafeteria. This syllogism is an example of deductive reasoning, where a person proceeds from a general statement through a minor premise to a conclusion.

Although the study of logic is usually taken on a college level, Father Wiebler, feels that it's important because "it takes the process of thinking and puts it into a form. Seniors are mature enough to begin using logic in their writing."

Senior Tom Hammond, commenting on the study of logic in English class, quipped, "Logic seems very logical to me."

Math Scholars Score

In a recent math contest co-sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America and the Society of Actuaries, Mary Sue Schwieters '60 finished with the top grade in the school. Juniors, Gary LaFayette and John Jayne, both '61, were next in line.

The three scores were totalled and sent as a team to Prof. W. H. Fagerstrom, director of the contest. The students and the school will be ranked according to national scores. An award will be given to the top student in the school. Sr. M. Laurent, CHM, and Sr. M. Lidwine, BVM, administered the test.

Budgets and Auctions Invigorate Homerooms

by Jean Meyer

What do budgets and auctions have to do with Lent? Ask a senior boy or girl and you will find these are ways teachers have of making Lent a part of their life.

Sr. Mary Helen Ann's senior class homeroom is planning to raise funds

with an auction. Kathy Kehoe, chief auctioneer, will offer such necessary items as a box in a box in a box . . . the class decided to offer only humorous articles.

The boys of B7, when discussing what they would give up for Lent, decided they would cut down rather than elim-

inate cigarettes. If they quite smoking entirely they would become too unbearable.

Dan Hawley also appoints a gospel to be read daily. The boys discuss the reading and take a prayer from it. Singing may also be heard as the boys attempt the *Parce Domine* in English. Fr. W. F. Wiebler hopes they will learn it by the end of Lent.

Fr. Arthur Perry, Fr. Louis Colonese, Fr. John Boyle, and Fr. Marvin Mottet have been using *Preparing for Easter*, by Fr. Clifford Howell, in their classes to explain the Old Testament background of Lent. They will use the Holy Week missal later and explain the prayers, blessings, and symbolism.

Mental prayers, a thought for the day and *The Catholic Messenger* help to bring Lent closer to students in Sr. M. Francelle's classes. Mass, the rosary, and the stations are also encouraged.

Sr. Mary Borgia, BVM, disclosed in her guidance class that an average teenage girl spends a minimum of \$1.50 on herself in one week. This price includes cigarettes, pizza and a show or dance. The girls in her class each contribute about 38 cents a week to Bishop's relief.

Visual reminders keep the girls in Sr. Borgia's class aware of their Lenten duties. They also arrange bulletin boards, and make posters. Judy Abbott '60 illustrates Lenten prayers on the blackboard.

Junior Draws "Jolly Old Man"; Wins Money, Radio, Hi-Fi Set

"A dapper, jolly old man with squinty eyes, one of these ever-onward types, you know, a leader . . ." that's how Howard Heydn '61, describes his prize winning portrait of BK.

In a recent contest sponsored by KSTT radio station, Howard, staff artist for the *Knight Beacon*, carried away top honors. The purpose of the contest was to find a suitable likeness for BK, the leader of KSTT. Five clues and the voice of the character were broadcast daily. It was left to the imagination of the entrant to complete the caricature.

Howard pictured BK as this dapper, jolly old man with the squinty eyes. It took him about 20 minutes to draw his picture.

The call informing Howard that he had won came while he was in school. Upon his arrival home, his mother nonchalantly announced, "KSTT called. You won the Big K drawing contest." Howard was far from being nonchalant about the announcement as he dropped his books and let out with a whoop.

Among the many prizes which Howard won are: a pipe, ash trays, a mother-of-pearl tie clasp and cuff link set, an Emerson portable transistor radio, a portable Decca Stereophonic record player and a check for \$60.

Heydn's artistic talents have been developed through art classes at the Dav- enport Municipal Art Gallery. In the high school division of a contest sponsored by the Gallery, Howard has won first prize for two years.

Hi-Lites

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- 1, 2 Iowa Forensic Conference
- 6 Faculty Meeting
- 7, 8, 9 Quint-City Science Fair — Bet- tendorf high school
- 9 Mathematics Tournament — Clarke College
- Diocesan Debate Tournament— St. Ambrose College
- 12 Mothers' Club
- 13 Easter Recess Begins
- 18 District Student Council Con- vention — Clinton
- 20 Classes Resume
- 21 GRA Callico Cotillion
- 22 Eighth Grade Day
- 23 Freshman Exams — 12:30-4:00 p.m.
- Last Date for Registration CEEB Exams
- 25 Student Gov't Campaign Speech Assembly
- 26 Student Gov't Elections



"TO UPHOLD THE HIGH STANDARDS" . . . pledged the newly en- rolled members of the Pius XII Chapter of the National Honor Society. The in- stallation of these members took place at an all school assembly, Feb. 17. Ac- cepting his honor society pin and mem- bership card from Fr. Robert Amborn is Hal Feeny '61.

Does Your Candidate Have A Mustache?

In November, Americans will go to the polls to choose a new president. They will be exercising one of their most precious, inalienable rights — the right to vote.

We too live in a democracy where we have "government of the students, by the students, and for the students." We elect our own leaders; this is our responsibility.

Although man is a rational being, he does not always vote rationally. During public elections in years past we have seen many instances where man's emotions have ruled his will.

In 1928, Al Smith, a Roman Catholic, was defeated, principally because of his faith. A mustache was a contributing factor to Dewey's downfall in 1944.

Again in 1960, voters are considering insignificant issues. Because of his religion, Senator John F. Kennedy may be facing an uphill battle for his party's nomination.

The public, fooled by these trivial issues which creep into the campaign, neither expends the effort nor has the desire to examine the qualifications of a candidate for office. The American public is content to be swayed by its emotions. In a democratic society we cannot afford to submit to this trend.

Likewise, reason should be the guiding force in the approaching elections at Assumption. These will be, in a small way, preparing us to take our place in American society.

On April 26, Assumptionites will select their representatives in the Student Government Association. In the past we have seen that some candidates have been elected to offices in the Student Association or Student Council merely on the basis of popularity. Most so selected have failed miserably to fulfill their duties.

Liturgic and Laity Get Out the Glad Rags

by Larry d'Autremont

New clothes for Easter? A new suit or new dress? It's an American tradition!

How about sending your Baptismal garments to the dry-cleaners too, by renewing your baptismal vows? Why not? Baptism is the Easter Sacrament!

Christ died on Good Friday; He rose again on Easter. In Baptism the early Christians were completely immersed, signifying Christ's death. Their emergence symbolized Christ's resurrection.

When the early Christians came out of the water they received a long white robe. This robe, which covered them, later came to symbolize their new-found grace.

Over the years this robe gets dirty and tarnished. Renewing your baptismal vows at the Easter vigil is like sending the robes to the dry-cleaners to remove the stains.

In the liturgical Easter parade you'll capture the spot light with your revitalized Baptismal garment.

We cannot permit a like situation to arise this year. The election of officers must be approached discerningly; only after careful consideration should we select our representatives.

It is necessary to carefully judge the capabilities of all candidates. We must consider the candidates' ability, leadership, initiative, service, drive, interest, character, and vision. We can hope to have a strong and united school government only if we carefully weigh the qualifications of each candidate before we cast our ballot.

In the forthcoming campaign judge the candidates; in fact, give careful consideration to your own candidacy for one of the SGA offices. You may be one who possesses the qualifications to be a capable representative of Assumption high school in the coming year.

Whether you decide to toss your hat in the ring or not, you should encourage those who are qualified to run, and then staunchly back them.

H.F.

Money Goes Up In Smoke

Assumption junior and senior boys spend \$880 on entertainment and smoke 371 packs of cigarettes per week, but half of the boys also pay for all their tuition, and some for part of it.

These facts and others were culled from a poll of juniors and seniors boys prior to Lent. Significant facts gleaned from the survey are: 46 seniors own their own car, but only half as many (21) juniors do; 60 seniors earn \$1,061 per week whereas 62 juniors earn \$940 per week.

One teacher observed that it is obvious that many students cannot be interested in school when they make more money than the teachers. He also stressed the fact that since students have more spending money than they will have the rest of their life, it is necessary that their habits be channeled into proper directions before they carry expensive habits into adult life.

In the senior class the top salary is \$45 per week; three boys own two cars each; one boy spends \$85 per month on his car; three boys spend \$14, \$15 and \$16 respectively alone per week; another boy made \$15 per week and received \$5-10 as allowance.

If the boys stopped smoking and put the money in the Lenten collection box, they could save \$92.75 and easily top last year's total.

	Senior Boys		Junior Boys	
	total	average	total	average
Number questioned	100		114	
Number of smokers	43		41	
Packs per week	223	5.2	148	3.6
Movies per month	210	2.2	202	1.9
Times they took a guest	147	1.8	139	1.2
Own their own car	46		21	
Expenses on car per month	\$1,062.00	\$23.08	\$380.00	\$18.19
Job-holders	60		62	
Wages per week	\$1,061.06	\$17.68	\$940.00	\$15.16
Money spent on recreation per week	\$ 500.50	\$ 5.20	\$379.55	\$ 3.75
Receive allowance	22		31	
Allowance per week	\$ 96.25	\$ 4.37	\$101.25	\$ 3.50
	all	part	all	part
Pay own tuition	47	18	35	22
			45	47

Lite Flashes

At Father Weeg's request senior boys made some interesting appraisals of the lectures given by local businessmen, doctors and teachers during Career Week.

Unsigned

"The lawyer mentioned that all lawyers are not as eloquent speakers as Perry Mason. They work for corporations, industries, and so forth; few of them end up defending "the green eyed blond."

Bob Johnston

"There is something special about being an Engineer. The prestige and the challenge help to single out the man. The field of engineering should be carefully thought over and certain preparatory courses should be taken."

Tom McCarthy

"During the first three years of Dental School you take such subjects as chemistry, quantitative and qualitative analysis, physics, zoology, English and history; the next four years you spend the greater part working on real specimens. This sounds like fun."

Bob Zirkel

"When it comes to choosing a school, the inability to attend an outstanding university is not a handicap. Some schools are better than others of course, but any school offering a general background in a specific field is sufficient."

Youth of Month

SC Picks NHS Member

The fifth Student Council Youth of the Month is senior Mary Sue Schwieters.

Senior girls' president, GRA member, and senior gym leader are some of the activities of the Youth of the Month. Mary Sue also maintains a high scholastic average and is president of the National Honor Society.

"Music is my main interest; I plan to teach it after college," she asserts. In the meantime she reflects diversified interests, having been selected Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow and having led the school in the mathematical aptitude test.



Mary Sue Schwieters '60

However, her first interest — music — is not being neglected as she is accompanist to the mixed chorus and to instrumental soloists in the Diocesan Music Festival. Moreover, she plays the flute and piccolo.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban J. Schwieters, 618 Dittmer, Mary Sue is a member of St. Alphonsus parish.

Difficulties Hinder Exchange of Students

There are numerous difficulties in the way of obtaining a Foreign Exchange Student at Assumption. The principle arguments are, "They cost too much and we need other, more important things at such a new school."

Uninformed students and faculty both have felt content for the past two years to accept this false presumption. However, the entire cost would probably come to less than 30 dollars!

Since Assumption is a Catholic school, we can obtain an Exchange Student through the National Catholic Welfare Council. This organization would pay

the entire expense of the passage. The 30 dollars is simply the approximate cost of books. Whether or not tuition would be charged is up to the Board of Education. If it were, the money could be raised by a project such as a Student Council dance.

What is more important in a school than education? This is only one of the benefits of the Exchange Students. According to Fr. John O'Connor, principal at Alleman High School, "It's just one of those intangible things . . . the kids get the benefit of the Exchange Students because American students learn that there are advantages in other countries too."

Alleman has had Foreign Exchange Students since its third year, so AHS certainly isn't too "new."

A major problem, however, is the board and room. The NCWC solved this difficulty for Alleman this year by placing a South American and Austrian in two homes which had applied for Exchange Students. A family could be found to shoulder this responsibility.

Sr. Mary Cecil, BVM, assistant principal, declares "A Foreign Exchange student is a definite asset to a school."

Assumption can't afford not to have a Foreign Exchange Student!

M. A. K.



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"As a Beacon in the Night"



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Get the Economy Size

AHS WORTH 69c A DAY? THAT'S ITS COST!

by Hal Feeney

This year's greatest bargain is education — at 69c a day. Prices have been slashed to national lows so that Assumption students may receive more for their money.

Each student at Assumption High School pays \$125 tuition per year, only 59% of the cost of his education. Although this may seem like a considerable amount, it is only a fraction of educational costs.

During the 1958-'59 school year 930 students were enrolled at Assumption. Their entire paid tuition amounted to \$115,758.65, but the total operational costs were \$196,263.51.

An \$80,509.14 deficit remained, which had to be made up by other means. Supplementing the tuitional income are the athletic program, rent paid for use of the gym and auditorium, advertising in the *Knight Beacon*, Mothers' Club gifts, special activities, and parish assessments.

The average cost of education per student at AHS last year was \$211.04, well below the national average, which in

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Total Operation Cost	\$196,268.51
Total Tuition Income	\$115,758.65
AHS Average Cost of Student Education	\$211.04
% of Education Paid for by Student	59%
National Average Educational Cost	\$332
National Max. Educational Cost	\$535
Annual Tuition	\$125
Total Enrollment	930

"Go Jump In The Lake" Say Belks

Have you ever dreamed of having a swimming pool in your own back yard?

Two years ago, two Assumptionites had this wish come true when their family purchased a lake. These lucky two are junior Sharon Belk and her senior brother, Gary.

According to Sharon, "It's been like living two lives ever since. Life out at the lake is so different from in here and I would have a hard time deciding which of the two I like best."

Meeting new friends is one of the many pleasant experiences connected with their lake. Teenagers from Clinton and Camanche spend many hours at Belk's Willow Lake swimming, miniature golfing, boating, picnicking, and paddling. The latter consists of riding in a water paddle boat. Teens come from Muscatine, too, since Fr. Colonese brought his YCS group from Hayes High to the lake last summer.



AT THE HORSESHOE . . . Fathers E. Smith, H. Toher, A. Conrad, and Msgr. T. J. Feeney, local pastors, confer with Father Amborn at a Board of Education meeting. Father L. Rohret and Msgr. L. C. Sterck also attended, but are not pictured.

the US public school system is \$332, 57% more than AHS.

A \$535 maximum cost in the New York State public school system exceeds AHS by 154%.

Expenses are many and the student's tuition is proportioned among many accounts. Highest are instructional expenses which include teachers' salaries, instructional supplies, conferences and workshops for students and teachers, and supplies within the academic program.

Operation and maintenance of buildings and grounds also constitute a large portion of the operational cost. Other expenses include supplemental requirements, the athletic program, the upkeep and maintenance of McAuley Hall

and the Assumption convent. Finally, the capital outlay embraces modifications and changes in the building, along with additional projects.

Founded under the corporation laws of the State of Iowa, Assumption high school operates like any other business corporation. Bishop Ralph L. Hayes holds the position of president while Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin Cone, vicar general of the diocese, serves as vice president. The pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. J. Feeney, is corporation treasurer. The board of directors is composed of all the pastors of Scott County.

"The Assumption high school Board of Education is wholly responsible for all matters pertaining to management and policy," according to Fr. Robert Amborn, AHS Director. The Board oversees the business management and policies that refer to the general management of the school. It must sanction the annual operating budget submitted for its consideration. It also holds the deciding word in regard to improvements and major repairs.

In addition to education, many extras are extended to Assumption students. They receive an activity book which admits each student to all home athletic contests. Each student is also protected by the school through an insurance policy. Even the *Knight Beacon* is included in the tuition. Laboratory fees, typing, home economics, and musical fees are non-existent at AHS. Band and choral groups also participate in several diocesan programs during the year.

To sum up, you are paying a mere 69c a day for knowledge. Where could you find a better bargain?

Economizing Sophs Ponder Opposed Situations

(Editor's Note:

The following two paragraphs were written by two sophomores, Toni Colbrese and Dave Huyette. Dave took the negative side while Toni took the positive side. Using an economy of words they developed the thought of the absence or presence of children.)

One look at the yard and house told me small children lived there. I stumbled over an assortment of guns and toys on my way to the house. While regaining my balance I noticed that to my left a large sandbox lay momentarily deserted. With sand spilled outside, it had that "well-used" appearance. Beyond the sandbox three tricycles were toppled on their sides, obviously abandoned in great haste. Upon reaching the door I noticed a sign on which was awkwardly scrawled "Sherifs Ofis." I thought of the painstaking labor which went into those two small words. Then from behind, a muffled "Stick 'em up" assured me that small children lived there.

One look at the house and yard told me small chil-

CAVINU *

by John Crossen

*Nestled in the hills, this modern structure, cold,
anticipating,*

*Awaits the push of the first button that starts its pulse.
The school is waking; its mighty activators begin
to hum.*

*Now a steady stream of boys, of girls, of adult workers,
Swings through its doors.*

*They stream down its halls, each with a purpose.
Information and education are fed into its computers.
History, science, mathematics, religion
Are channeled through its brain waves,
To be recorded electronically on the human mind,
And Assumption, modern marvel, meets another day.*

*Univac spelled backwards

dren no longer lived there. Beneath the stairs of the sagging porch was the entrance to a dark hole, over which a spider was industriously repairing his web. Dangling above the opening was a dirty and faded sign which read "Pirtes deN." In the tall grass beside the garage I noticed the rusting remains of an "Indian pony" tricycle. From the low branches of a nearby oak hung a swing, suspended now by only one frayed rope. Below the tree was the dilapidated ruin of a doghouse. But neither the laughter of a child nor the bark of a dog broke the silence — for children no longer lived there.



"DO YOU SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH?" . . . With these words court balliff Fred Perry swears in Tom Buechele, the first witness for the prosecution.



TRIAL BY JURY . . . A panoramic view shows the courtroom proceedings during the trial of the Knight Beacon on Feb. 23. The publication was acquitted on grounds of insufficient evi-

dence. Jury members on the right weigh the evidence as prosecuting attorney George McCarthy examines Mrs. E. McGeever, one of the prosecution witnesses. Presiding is Judge D. R.

Hawley. A complete transcript of the trial has been made by Dorothy Testroet, official court recorder. At the right, Knight Beacon staff members listen intently.



WATCHING THE CLOCK, Jim Schlichting reflects on the time spent in preparation for quarter exams. ▲

THESE ARE TRICKY QUESTIONS . . . seems to be Jim's sentiment as he ponders over a hard one on the exams, while Mike Goetsch '62 and George Cummings '62 appear too busy to notice Jim's plight. ▼



IS IT THAT BAD? . . . remarks Jim as Father Kraus corrects the test while the class looks on in glee. ▼



JUDGING FROM HIS FACE, it wasn't "that bad." In fact, it must have been pretty good. ▼



Sociologist Informs Class About Racial Bias

Racial prejudice has reared its ugly head in two of the boys classes, but only for purposes of discussion. Mr. Gene Walton and Fr. Louis Colonnese teach these social studies classes.

Mr. Walton, American History teacher, had his second period class review a movie, *Vote for Fair Play*, dealing with racial prejudice.

To give his sociology class a firsthand report on racial problems, Fr. Louis Colonnese recently invited Miss Barbara O'Connor to speak on the problems of the Negro.

Miss O'Connor, a resident of Chicago, attended Marycrest College, worked with Catholic Charities, and is now a block-director in a community organization trying to establish peaceful relations between races in the Windy City.

The young sociologist entered this work when a Negro doctor moved into her all-white neighborhood, boarded by Negroes on the west, east, and north sides and by the University of Chicago on the south. The 12 block area has a population of 20,000 people.

When the Negro moved in, the whites had a meeting to decide their course of action. They had three choices: 1) to form a pitchfork mob and drive the Negroes out, 2) to ignore them com-

petely, or 3) to promote a feeling of mutual respect between Negroes and whites. They chose the third.

In other sections of the city, the situation is handled differently, Miss O'Connor stated. When a Negro moves into a white apartment building he is forced to pay more rent. Soon the whites move out because the landlord raises the rent and more Negroes move in.

To meet the higher rent, the Negroes bring in other families to live with them, until there are as many as four families in one apartment. After a while the entire block is left to the Negroes who get no service from the landlord. The entire section turns into a slum. There are about four fires in Chicago slums every day, and about one child dies each day as a result of these fires, Miss O'Connor said.

To combat this situation, community groups similar to YCS meet once or twice a month to discuss their problems. Miss O'Connor has 40 such groups in the city and hopes to have from 70 to 80 in the future.

These groups provide a united front in combating a problem. When, for example, serious crime problems sprang up in Miss O'Connor's section, some of the members contacted their alderman

and the chief of police, but without results. But after the stabbing of a woman, the entire group went to the chief of police and got police protection in 30 minutes.

"The groups have been trying to make violations for the building code stick in court. They are also trying to make the landlords realize that Negroes are humans and should be treated as such. However, when the group decides to make improvements on a playground, they have to do it out of their own pockets and time," said Miss O'Connor.

In the discussion period that followed, Fred Hawley '62, and Ed Schloemer '63, played the dominant roles by asking questions based on Miss O'Connor's talk.

Plump Girls Reduce In Science Club

by Bill Keefe

Learn how to reduce — at a science meeting? Yes, this and many other interesting facts were presented to the Science Club by Fr. Sebastian Menke, astronomy instructor at St. Ambrose College.

Any of the girls who attended the meeting can tell you that a sure way to reduce, according to Father Menke, is to go south. The reason is that the earth is moving the fastest at the equator. Just like a giant sling the earth is trying to throw you into space. There is a whole pound difference between your weight at the North Pole as compared to your weight at the equator.

Using a scale model of the solar system, Father brought out the extreme emptiness of space. If the sun were a four foot sphere resting in the Assumption physics lab, then our earth (a green pea) would be sitting out on Harrison Street. Pluto would be in Bettendorf, while the nearest neighboring star would be over a thousand miles away.

One of the most stimulating discussions of the evening began when the students were challenged to prove that the earth really did travel around the sun. By watching the sun travel across the sky, you think that it is the sun which is doing the moving. After considering this perplexing problem, Dave Cavanaugh '61 said, with a grin, that he was now convinced that the sun was moving around the earth.

Nancy Hunt '62 is another enlightened science student. When Father handed her a small meteorite, its disproportionate weight almost caused her to drop it. This same meteorite may once have been part of a planet long since destroyed. To close the meeting Father warned the students, "If you see one of these coming, duck!"

Program Remedies Reading Rate

Are high school students able to read? This may seem like a foolish question, but it has been found that many high school students are neither able to read at a reasonable rate of speed nor to comprehend what they read. High school studies are relying more and more on a great volume of reading and immediate comprehension.

At Assumption this problem was observed and immediate steps were taken to change the situation. In the boys' division a reading acceleration program was established to cope with the problem. The program's main goal is the improvement of comprehension and reading rate.

The program works on the basis of first identifying those students with a problem. Reading and comprehension tests are given to all incoming freshmen in the spring of their 8th grade year when they take the other academic tests. Since the program just began, the tests were also given to this year's sophomores.

After it has been discovered that a student has a problem, he is registered in the program and takes a more specific test, the Silent Reading Test. A few of the skills tested are rate of reading, comprehension, vocabulary, poetry comprehension, and sentence meaning.

This class is primarily for ninth and tenth graders. Although it is a reading program, some English is taught

since it replaces the regular English class.

Workbooks are the major source of training for the class members. These texts include lessons about the basic skills of reading, practice readings, and also tests over the material covered. A great deal of material is available for this program at all levels of reading ability, from the sixth grade to freshman college level.

At Assumption the two skills stressed most are comprehension and vocabulary building. In the ninth grade students concentrate on drills primarily to improve their rate, while in the sophomore program students work a great deal on improving their comprehension.

An innovation in this course is a machine to aid students in rate acceleration. It automatically compels them to read faster and to read more than one word at a time.

Forty students are now taking advantage of the program and special books are in the library for their use.

Fr. John Boyle, who is in charge of the course, declared, "We encourage interest and love for reading. Thus far in the program we have enjoyed a reasonable amount of success."

Speaking of most other remedial reading programs, Father stated, "Rate is sometimes exaggerated since speed is not an end in itself; it is only a means to an end."

YCS'ers Debate Negroes, Liturgy, Mystical Body

"I was thirsty and you did not give me to drink" quoted Fr. Clarence Stanghor, as he stood looking dismally at the empty water pitcher. This remark brought roars of laughter from the many YCSers who had just attended his workshop on the Liturgy.

This workshop was one of several given at the Davenport Diocesan Federation Study Day held Sunday, March 13, at Aquinas high school, Fort Madison. More than 175 YCSers attended, representing schools from Ottumwa, Keokuk, Burlington, Ft. Madison, Davenport, Wilton Junction, and Bettendorf. Assumption was well represented with over 60 students.

Most important feature in the afternoon was the election of officers for the Federation. These students were selected: Mike Phillips, president, Notre Dame High, Burlington; Bob King, vice-president, Aquinas High, Ft. Madison; Thelma Volgar, secretary - treasurer, Hayes High, Muscatine; and Greg Cusack, national representative, Assumption.

Immediately after the registration, Bob King, an Aquinas sophomore, gave the keynote address. Welcoming the youthful delegates, he promised them a busy day. He then introduced Mr. Charles Toney, co-founder of the League for Social Justice and a member of

the Catholic Interracial Council.

Mr. Toney, who has spoken previously at AHS to YCSers, gave a highly revealing talk about racial conditions in the North. He cited in particular the problems skilled Negroes have in applying for jobs in Iowa.

The morning workshops followed —



AT YCS STUDY DAY . . . held Mar. 13 at Aquinas high school in Fort Madison, Greg Cusack '61 accepts office as National YCS Representative.

Fr. M. Mottet's on the Purpose of YCS, and Father Stanghor's on the Liturgy of the Church being outstanding.

In his workshop, Father Mottet stressed the theme of YCS: "the formation of Christian leaders for and through christianizing their society." He explained the important principle of Catholic Action: "the formation of a YCSer takes place while he is acting to better society."

Father Stanghor shed new light upon the Liturgy. Denouncing the strict catechism ideas as "not enough," he emphasized the importance of the Liturgy, and especially the Mass, being truly social. He stated, "the main school of the Church is the Liturgy."

Don Perry, Assumption junior, conducted a workshop explaining and encouraging the sale of paperbound books. Aquinas students conducted two: one on the Mystical Body and one on the Social Inquiry.

The Mass was offered with the students singing from *Our Parish Prays and Sings* — a booklet used at Assumption.

An appraisal of the Study Day was made by Bernadette Sulgit, a full-time YCS worker from Chicago, and a few brief words by the Federation chaplain, Fr. Louis Colonnese.

Commenting on the Study Day, Father Motett said, "As a whole, the day was a success. The best part was the good representation from the diocese."

Closing out the successful day with a social hour were Assumption's own Knight Beats.

Art Clutters, Adorns G-3

by Ken Wolf

"What class do they teach in there?" remark many boys passing room G3 as they notice the large paintings which adorn the wall. "It must be art or something."

No class, however, is taught in G3, for this is the workroom of one of the most versatile members of the Assumption faculty, Sr. M. Ernestine, BVM.

Sister Ernestine, an Assumption librarian, has taught art and music most of her life, and can play and teach many band instruments. Instrumental in starting a school band at Holy Name high school in Chicago, Sister is proud of the fact that many of her former students are successful musicians.

A direct decendent of Noah Webster, Sister Ernestine also has had experience teaching English.

Although Sister Ernestine has not sought or received any publicity for her paintings, she is one of the official portrait painters of the Sisters of Charity. She has painted portraits of each of the mother generals of her community as well as many dignitaries. Sister also painted a portrait of Mother Mary Clarke, founder of the BVM's. Taken largely from her imagination, this picture was accepted by the community as the official portrait of their founder.

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Boys Intrigued With "Traps" Perturb Girls

by Sally Healey

AHS boys have become quite adept at analyzing the problem of the red-faced cringing girl standing outside of one of the science rooms or study halls in S wing.

"She's left her purse in there," they'll report, nodding toward a room filled with boys. And sure enough, there it sits, big, conspicuous and bulging with necessities.

The blushing owner usually retreats when the boys begin their inspection. The first articles to be removed from the handbag are usually the most important — billfold, lipstick, compact, money, pencils, pens, chapel veil, and a rosary. Other not so vital but seldom lacking articles are bobby pins, mascara, glasses and case, gum, activity book, study hall pass, old class assignments and notes, rings, keys, jewelry, and letters.

Further dumping and shaking disclose the various "idiosyncrasies" of the different owners.

Sandra Wertz '63 has a toothbrush kit in her purse, while Lorretta Neufeld '62 carries a flashlight.

Shoes tumble from purses belonging to juniors Mary Stafford and Linda Zinger.

A strange odor immediately identifies the owner as a chemistry student — probably Mary Ann Walter '61, who carries a baby bottle full of vinegar to school for an experiment in titration.

Of course, the number of articles varies according to the girl. Susie Jansen '60 has a grand total of 52 articles in her purse, while Theresa Gravert '63 has only two recorded articles. The latter is a true phenomenon in purse history.

The sight of the popular large purses drove a Wahlert High School student to write, "The fashion world's answer to the combination suitcase, shopping bag, and the portable refrigerator is what is considered a convenient purse in king-size."

Although agreeing that the purses are quite a combination, Ann Humphrey '62 disputes their "convenience." Last year she owned one of the so called "elephant traps" in which she kept such articles as a flashlight, toothbrush, dice, deck of cards, and a folding glass. This year, however, she uses her uniform pockets and carries the usual items, plus a paint brush and a mouthpiece for her trumpet.

Even the most thorough inspection may fail to disclose the most important article — an I.D. card.

In fact, I heard this very thing happened a few days ago. Seems that some idiot left a black bucket purse just like mine . . . uh, where'd you say they took it? . . . principal's office huh? . . . Well, if you'll excuse me I have to see Sister Mary Ann Esther about something very important . . .



SHOPPING CARTS would seem more appropriate than purses for carrying girls' belongings. Juniors Mickie Smith, Sandy Miller, Mary Jo Lacey, and Veronica Lopez demonstrate that books can't be carried in purses.

Tempt Yourself With A Vocation

"An inclination to the priesthood is like a temptation" stated Fr. Joseph Kokjohn in a vocation talk given March 14 before the AHS boys' division.

He explained: "If you don't watch out, a temptation will lead you into sin; likewise an inclination to the priesthood can lead you to the priesthood — and this is what we want."

The former St. Ambrose Academy teacher derided Davenport as the "Bishop's powerhouse" as far as vocations were concerned. He stated that out of the 73 priests ordained from the diocese in the past 14 years, 19 of them or 31% were graduates of St. Ambrose Academy.

"However," Father cautioned "the demand for more priests is urgent. Ten new priests are needed each year in our diocese, while an average of five boys are being ordained yearly."

Emphasizing the abundance of potential vocations, Father noted that one out of every three boys has the seed of a religious vocation. He stated that every Catholic boy should ask himself the following questions: Why did God create me? and is it possible that God created me for the purpose of being a priest or brother?

Showing the diversity of religious work in the diocese, Father Kokjohn explained that of the approximately 210 priests in the Davenport diocese, 30 teach in colleges, 20 in high schools, 10 serve as chaplains for various institutions while the rest are engaged in parish work.

"We sell young people short when we

say they can't sacrifice themselves for vocations," remarked Fr. Lawrence D. Soens during his vocation talk to Assumption girls.

Father Soens, principal of Regina High School, Iowa City, explained that teenagers sacrifice even in their everyday lives. They can also, then, sacrifice for the religious life.

"In any group of Catholic girls," Father Soens went on, "at least 10% have a vocation, but not all follow it."

The signs of a vocation that Father enumerated are: good health, average intelligence, normality, sincere desire to dedicate yourself to God, and a willingness to make sacrifice.

Explaining normality, Father pointed out that it was the most important aspect of a vocation. It is basically the way a normal person lives and thinks.

"If there is a desire in our hearts to dedicate ourselves and to save our souls and the souls of others, we know that God is speaking to us. It is a sign that God is calling us to Him," Father emphasized.

"If you are sure you have a vocation, go. If you are doubtful, wait awhile and pray on it; if you are sure you do not have a vocation, pray for those that might," advised Father Soens.

During the questioning that followed Father's talk, he was asked, "Should a girl who thinks she has a vocation date?" and "Should a girl date a boy who thinks he has a vocation?"

"She may date occasionally," Father answered, "but going steady can cause someone who has a vocation to lose it."

B-T-G-T Spells Spring Sports for AHS Athletes

BASEBALL

Returning letterwinners and some prospective newcomers compose the nucleus of Assumption's baseball team. Veterans Paul Castro '60 and Dick Wolfe '60 makeup the No. one battery.

Coach Babe Derouin is also relying on senior lettermen, Mike McCleary, Dennis Calkins, John Beh, Dick Leonard and John Brandt. Juniors Tony McAndrews and Ed Cawley along with sophs Karl Noonan and Don Miller present added strength.

Coach Derouin states, "We're looking forward to a good year." The season opener is April 5, a week from today, against Moline. The Knights tackle Davenport twice this year and clash four times with the Alleman Pioneers.

The sectional tourney games will be played April 23, 25, 27 at a yet unchosen site.

BASEBALL

April	5	Moline, home
	7	Rock Island, home
	9	Davenport, home
	18	Regis C.R., away (2)
	20	Alleman, away
	22	Rock Island, away
	23	Sectional
	25	Sectional
	27	Sectional
	29	Alleman, home
May	6	Alleman, away
	13	Alleman, home
	21	Davenport, home

TENNIS

Fr. Arthur Perry, tennis mentor, is also expecting a fine season. With returning letterwinners, Ron Rehmann '60, Bill Bedford '60, John Jayne '61, and John Lammers '62, plus capable reserve strength from last year, Fr. Perry is hoping to better last year's winning 6-4 record.

Since last year's one-two punch, Dave Killian, and Gene McCabe will be gone, Fr. Perry is anxiously awaiting the April 11 opener against arch-rival Davenport to survey his squad in actual competition.

TENNIS

April	11	Davenport, away
	12	Muscatine, away
	21	Wahlert, home
	26	Rock Island, home
May	3	Muscatine, home
	5	Wahlert, away
	7	District

GOLF

According to Fr. Charles Mann, golf coach, this season should be an exceptionally good one. Although there will be only two returning varsity lettermen — Tom McCarthy and Bill Flynn — there will be plenty of talent to go around.

Among those who won tournament recognition last year are: Tom McCar-

thy, champion of both the Davenport Jaycee and Quad-City Junior Tourney, Bill Flynn, who won the Davenport Country Club Junior Championship and placed third in the Davenport Jaycee, Mike McCarthy, who copped second in both the Davenport Jaycee and the Davenport Country Club Junior tourneys, and Vince Neu, Rock Island Arsenal Junior Champion.

Jim McGrath, Hal Feeney, Scrap O'Donnell, and Nick Tarchinski will also be vying for top positions.

GOLF

April	8	Dav.-Muscatine, at DHS
	11	East Moline, home
	13	Dav.-Muscatine, at Musc.
	21	Moline, away
	22	Wahlert, away
	25	East Moline, away
	29	Wahlert, home
May	5	Rock Island, away
	7	District
	13	Davenport, home
	16	Muscatine, home
	17	Moline, home

TRACK

Although the Assumption track team is scheduled to compete against the Bettendorf Bulldogs this Friday, Coach Ray Ambrose is expecting a rather cold start.

"It's going to be slow because of the weather," he said. "The temperature is still too cold, and when it does thaw the boys will have to wait for the track at St. Ambrose to drain. You just can't condition a team in the gym."

The returning lettermen have been practicing in the gym, but they agree that a lot more could be accomplished outside.

According to Bill Gluba '60, a member of the team that holds the Assumption record for the 880-yard relay, this year's prospects look pretty good.

"We've got quite a bit of talent, especially in our sophomores. I think several records will be broken," says Bill.

Tom Mason, '61, also a returning letterman, exuberantly added, "Our track team should be the best one in Assumption's history."

However, Coach Ambrose was inclined to be a little more conservative. "A lot is going to depend on our sophomores," he commented, but after a moment's thought added, "Bob Schebler's going to have a good year with the shot put though."

The Knights have a eight-meet schedule this season, with the Clinton Gateway Classics and the Davenport Relays standing out as the highlights.

TRACK

April	1	Muscatine, Bett. at Bett.
	8	Bettendorf, away
	19	Davenport Relays
	29	East Moline, away
May	6	District
	10	Geneseo, away
	13	Wahlert, home
	24	Rock Island, Alleman at RI

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Final statistics reveal that Mick Prochaska '63 topped the frosh squad scoring-wise with 207 points in 13 games for a 15.9 average to lead the frosh to a respectable 10-3 season.

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In a recent junior intramural game, homeroom A-4 beat B-2 by an 11-3 count. Four-foot-ten-inch-Mike Cummings led the losers with three points.



VOLLEYBALL IN ORBIT . . . but not for long as members of E-4 and E-6, two junior homerooms, compete in girls' intramurals.

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YCS Conducts "Parents Night"

A blessed red rose will be given to all mothers of YCS members by their sons at the Parents' Night, Sunday, May 8 (Mothers' Day). The purpose of the Parents' Night is to acquaint parents with the YCS movement.

Fr. Louis Colonnese will give a talk entitled "A Challenge To Parents." Other short talks, outlining the purpose, history, and accomplishments of YCS

Prom Progresses

Downtown businessmen will breath a sigh of relief when the decorations committee for the Junior-Senior Prom have finished searching every nook and cranny, every hallway and corner for tropical designs.

Petersen's, Abrahams and Scharffs have all been visited by these industrious, door-to-door beggars. South Sea murals, chartreuse palm trees, and pink fish netting are just a few of the treasures thus far unearthed. All will contribute to the enchanting theme of "Balai-Hai."

Co-chairmen for the decorations are Mary Ann Keller and Howard Heydn, while Elaine Lamar heads the Chaperone committee. Chuck Skelley and Eileen Dockery are in charge of tickets and invitations, respectively. Poster publicity is being taken care of by Carole Westphal, while Sharon Lorraine heads the PA publicity.

The Gold Room at the Blackhawk Hotel has been secured for the occasion, to be held on May 27th. Music will be supplied by the Ambassadors.

will be given by members. A parent will explain what his (her) son has gotten out of YCS. The business meeting will close with a social, inquiring of a student problem, with adult participation.

This summer the Davenport YCS Federation will sponsor a Mid-West Study Week which will be held at St. Ambrose College, August 8-11. The Study Week will be attended by 250 students, and 500 priests, brothers, and sisters from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Speakers will be Fr. James Anderson of San Diego, Calif., the National Chaplain of YCS, and Bishop Ralph L. Hayes. Study Week topics will cover politics, international life, and leisure, which will also be covered in next year's program.

Tie A String For Pizza Fete

"Don't forget . . . Saturday, April 30, is Pizza Day," say Mary Ann Sunderbruch '60 and Mike Lohf '60, co-chairmen of the Sodality and Honor Society Pizza Dinner.

Serving will be from 6:00-7:00 with pizza, furnished by the Italian Village Inn, and Coca-Cola topping the menu. A movie, "Five Fingers," will be shown at 7:30 in the auditorium.

The committees working on this project are comprized of Honor Society members and freshman through senior Sodalists.

Music Resounds; Students Chortle

Music will resound through-out the Masonic Temple, April 29-30 as the Diocesean Festival swings through its third decade.

The choral groups will be judged by Mr. Charles Sabbath, who directed the Muscatine choir in a concert given at Assumption April 6.

Three required songs — **America Our Heritage** by the mixed chorus, **You'll Never Walk Alone** by the boys chorus and **Eternal Life** by the girls chorus will provide material for partial judgment of the choirs. Accompanying the chorus will be Roberta Ellis and Mary Sue Schwieters.

Although they will not compete, the bands from Assumption, Hayes, Muscatine and Ottumwa Heights, Ottumwa will perform.

On April 30 the soloists will be judged by Stan Wilson of Augustana College.

Assumption soloists include: Paul Berendes and Stephanie Grant, drums; George Knight, trombone; Joan Berendes, clarinet. Also competing but in another division are Roberta Ellis and Mary Sue Schwieters, piano; Carol Wilkerson; the male quartet, and the girls' triple trio, voice.

Participating in the event will be: Regina, St. Mary's, Mount St. Clare and Our Lady of Angels, all of Clinton; St. Mary's, West Point; Ottumwa Heights, Ottumwa; Aquinas, Fort Madison; Notre Dame, Burlington; Hayes, Muscatine; and Assumption.

The student musicians will begin the meet with a Solemn Pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

READY TO GO . . . are Don Perry '61, Jane Mumey '62, Kathy Ceurvorst '62, Barb Niemeyer '62, Elaine Feeney '62 and Bill Tiedge '62, as George McCarthy '60 fires the gun to start the SGA elections.





JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM preparations get into full swing as juniors Mary Ann Keller and Les Bickford paint a South Sea mural (and each other). The theme for the Prom is Balai-Hai.

Vice Diminishes as Veep Takes Over

by Scrap O'Donnell

"I'm ten years older than I was last week," was the uncensored opinion of Fr. William Dawson, Student Council advisor, as he greeted Fr. Edmund J. Weeg upon the latter's return from a recent vacation at the health resort on Marquette and Lombard streets.

"How did it go?" inquired Father Weeg. "Did the walls crumble under the strain of my absence?"

This drew a grunt from Father Dawson as he affirmed that things ran smoothly, maybe even a little better than usual during the principal's leave.

"What did you do, hold nightly jug?" quizzed the errant principal.

"Not at all, not at all. There weren't even any new methods up my sleeve when I took over; I just held a meeting with my Student Council members. They took things into their own hands — successfully, I might add, just like every project they've worked on this year," replied the SC advisor.

"I must be dreaming; are you sure you haven't overlooked something, maybe a student skipping study hall or even going off campus at noon?" the recuperating official exclaimed.

"I'm sorry, Father," replied Father Dawson, "but all of the students behaved themselves very well. They had an air of self-responsibility. I suppose

it's because they thought it wouldn't feel the same going to your office and seeing an empty chair, or worse, a different teacher.

"And get this, there were three (count 'em) assemblies during your absence and each one was better than the other because of the students' behavior."

Wiping tears from his eyes, Father Weeg mumbled about underestimating the power of the students.

Now both priests were crying and taking turn blowing noses, until Father Dawson protested, "But don't give all the credit to me. Without the help of Sr. M. Cecil, BVM, and, of course, Sr. M. Ann Esther, BVM, the school walls just might have tumbled."

Smiling, Father Weeg proclaimed, "Good work Father Dawson . . . in that case, I think I'll take a vacation to Bermuda right now to play a little golf instead of waiting until summer."

"HECK-NO! — another week of acting as principal and I'll be too old and tired to teach! By the way how do you keep your youthful looking face and hairline . . . orange juice?"

"Simple question . . . simple answer; I've just been catching up on my beauty sleep," yawned Father Weeg.

And with those words still ringing in his ears, Father Dawson turned and sauntered down the hall, eyes focussed on the floor.

SC Welcomes Pre-Freshman

Present eighth graders are eagerly anticipating their first year at Assumption after attending "Eighth Grade Orientation Day" sponsored by the AHS student council on April 22.

Welcoming the students to Assumption were Fr. Robert Amborn and the two principals.

Ray Tiedje was MC for the short program that followed. The band and choral club performed.

At separate assemblies, spiritual advantages, scholastic opportunities, and extra-curricular activities were explained to the students. Mike Ceurvorst '61, John Beh '60, Jim Anderson '60, and Greg Cusack '61 talked to the boys, while Mary Sue Schwiebers '60, Mary Bohrer '61, Mary Sue Maher '61, and Elaine Feeny '62 talked to the girls.

Throughout the rest of the afternoon, small groups of eighth graders toured the school. Points of interest, such as the Home Ec lab and the chemistry lab, were pointed out to them.

Coke was served at the social hour that closed "Orientation Day."

Jim Anderson '60, who was in charge of the day, sums it up, "We tried to bring out all the good points of the school in hopes that students whose parents are indifferent will want to come here."

Hi-Lites

- April 26 Student Government Elections
- May 4 Posters permitted for class office campaign
- 4 Faculty Meeting
- 6 Class Election Speeches
- 9 Class Elections
- 10 Mothers' Club
- 14-15 The Lute Song
- 20 Athletic Awards Assembly—Period 3
- 20 Spring Band Concert — evening
- 24 Student Government Installation
- 24 Cheerleader Elections
- 26 Ascension Thursday — Holyday — no classes
- 27 Academic Awards Assembly — Period 3
- 27 Junior-Senior Prom
- 30 Memorial Day — Holiday — No Classes
- 31 Senior Exams
- June 1 Senior Exams
- 2-3 Underclassmen Exams
- 5 Graduation 8:00 P.M.

Spring Forecast: Chinese Fog Mixed with Applause

A Chinese atmosphere hangs like a heavy fog over E-7, while a heavy rain of costumes showers upon it daily.

Aspiring Mary Martins and Yul Brynners use E-7 as a rehearsal hall for the *Lute Song*, to be presented May 14 and 15, since St. Ambrose and Marycrest students are using the aud for Brigadoon practice. The "Chinese" cast will take over the aud after the presentation of *Brigadoon*.

Rehearsals are held after school on Monday and Friday; Tuesday, Thursday and Wednesday evenings; and during study halls. On Sunday afternoons the thespians can also be found practicing.

The ancient Chinese play revolves around Tchao-ou-Niang, played by Kathy Kehoe '60, and Tsai-Yong, portrayed by Tom Buechele '60, the two principal characters.

Tsai-Yong journeys to the Court of the Emperor and wins great reknown while his young bride, Tchao-ou-Niang, and his parents, Tsai and Madame Tsai (Tim Goffar '60 and Margaret Ries '62) await his return. To reward Tsai-Young, Prince Nieou (Dick Fick '60) forces him to marry the Princess Nieou-Chi, portrayed by Barb Smith '62.

Other speaking parts belong to Gerald Ehrecke '60 playing the Manager; Tracy Plum '62, Si-Tchun; Barb Nie-

Kuder Can Tell You

A cowboy, a garbage collector or a lovelorn columnist, just take your pick! Juniors and sophomores were recently given choices such as these, as part of the Kuder Preference test, prepared by the Science Research Associates.

The nature of these tests was entirely subjective. There were no right or wrong answers, since the Kuder Preference test seeks to uncover personal likes and dislikes concerning vocations. More than sufficient time was allowed to enable the students to finish, though they were cautioned that best results are obtained without much deliberation.

To get an accurate picture of the student's interests, the questions dealt with ten general fields. If you marked being a cowboy or a tree expert as choices, then you probably will get a high indication from outdoor work. On the other hand you may have checked answers which indicate an interest in writing or music. On your score sheet these fields will be ranked from your greatest liked to your most disliked vocations.

According to Father Boyle these tests will be used as part of the counseling program. By comparing a student's interests, the counselor will be able to direct him towards courses which will be most suitable.

meyer '62, Governess; Kemper Wilkins '62, Li-Wang; Don Dodds '63, Tchang; Chuck Skelley '61, Youen Kong, and Jane Wells '62, Marriage Broker.

Dick Fick sums up the feelings of the participating seniors by saying, "It's the biggest event of my senior year, and the best. The play should really be a hit."

Sr. M. Borgia, BVM, will direct the dancing for the drama. A dragon dance, Chinese maiden worshipper dance, and a parade will be included in the scenes. Sister has received a book on Chinese folk dancing from the Library of Congress. The music from the Broadway musical of the same name has been taped and is used for practices.

Costumes are being borrowed from students. Any that are not donated will be rented. Those for the dancers will be made. One essential costume is a black wig to cover Kathy Kehoe's red hair.

Students have eagerly volunteered for the "offstage" committees. These committees comprise the costume, scenery, make-up, program, and ticket



CHOPSTICKS, FANS, KIMONAS compose the costumes for Dick Fick '60 and Margaret Ries '63 during practice for *The Lute Song*.

committees plus the stage crew and ushers.

Sr. M. Eustella, BVM, director, feels, "We have the makings of Broadway stars. The actors, behind-the-scenes crew, and everyone participating compose a wonderful crew."

Orators Emote

"Research, research and more research!" Yes, many students found, preparing for an oratorical contest is work . . . and more work.

Approximately 75 students began preparations for the semi-finals of the Oratorical Contest sponsored by the National Honor Society. Rummaging through card files, old magazines, and even law books, applicants produced the needed material for their speeches.

An all-school assembly April 28 will be the climax. It will be held in the auditorium.

Topics chosen by the students were diversified. In addition to the suggested topics (National Defense, Labor Unions in the U.S., Censorship, and Racial Segregation), students chose such topics as Space Age Education, English, Key to the Closing College Door, The Education of the Gifted Child, and The Dynamic Senator Symington.

Students were urged by speech teachers, as well as by others, to enter the contest. Several reasons were given by the students for entering the oratorical contest. Vincent Neu '61 echoed the ideas of many students when he stated, "The contest will give me a change to express myself and to gain more self-confidence." Nearing the semi-finals, many students said that they "even learned something in the process."

Pat Spelcher '62 attempted to encourage students to become more determined in their application of English composition. Pat feels that "college students who lack a good background in composition find it a detriment in their scholastic progress."

Judi Gaul '61 selected as her topic *Television Censorship in Commercials*. She felt this was apt since "we do not hear enough about false advertising, but our minds are clouded mainly with the scandals in the quiz shows."

Speakers Score

Three Assumption girls won top honors in the Iowa High School Forensic Association State finals, April 1. Louise DeZorzi '62, Kathy Kehoe '60 and Tracy Plum '62 attained superior ratings, the highest ratings possible.

In the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Speech Contests, April 9 at St. Ambrose College, Louise DeZorzi gained honors by placing third in oral interpretation while Mike Barry '63 copped third in radio speaking. Both received engraved trophies.

Seniors Have "High Hopes" for Convention

*"Everyone is voting for Jack
Cause he's got what the rest lack
Everyone wants to back Jack
Cause he's got high hopes."*

Singing this song to the tune of *High Hopes*, the Kennedy supporters swept into the convention hall.

Colorful poster parades filled the hall as the delegates milled on the floor. The songs of Sen. Jack Kennedy (*High Hopes*) and Sen. Lyndon Johnson (*Deep In The Heart of Texas*) lifted the roof. Cries of "All the way with L.B.J." and "Let's Back Jack" rose in a swelling din as their followers surged back and forth across the floor. This noisy throng opened the Mock Democratic Convention at Loras College, April 6 and 7.

At a recent Assumption Student Council meeting, a mock convention was proposed but voted down since the end of the school year was too close for such a large project.

However, some say, and we among them, why not hold the convention for the seniors only?

The purpose of a convention is "to encourage a greater interest in the political issues of the day, the candidates for office, and the processes of a national convention." It also affords many opportunities for student leadership and discussion of important national and international problems, and, as one Loras chairman said "to have fun."

Roaring, Four-eyed Monsters

It happened only ten minutes ago, right before my eyes. I saw several girls walking up the street in front of the school when a roar perked up my ears.

A four-eyed monster with a red body swept down upon the girls, stopped, and swallowed them, books and all. Another roar resounded as it zipped out of sight amid the screeching of its feet against the pavement and two columns of white smoke.

I was not horrified because, all around me, boys and girls alike were being set upon by such two and four-eyed monsters. In fact, a small black model with white spats descended upon me and stopped. A leering face peeked out of the interior and asked if I wished a ride. My reply was positive, for I was already worn out from walking the 200 feet from the school to the sidewalk.

Materials needed for the convention are; posters, songs and speeches. Posters and other material can be obtained from the candidates' campaign headquarters. Senator Kennedy sent huge posters, campaign buttons, bumperettes, and *Reader's Digest* and *Congressional Record* reprints after we had written for them. Kennedy also sent a telegram commending students for their interest in political affairs.

Since we would not have sufficient time for a full convention, we would have only the nominations and balloting. The candidate would be the prominent presidential hopefuls of today and the 'favorite son' candidates.

However, we must realize that a lot of organizing is necessary before this dream becomes a reality. State delegates and chairmen must be appointed. Songs, nomination speeches, and seconding speeches must be prepared. The delegations must decide whether they will support a favorite son or another state's candidates.

The state delegations could be appointed by having each senior write his (or her) choice of which state he would like to represent. Afterwards some re-appointing would have to be done so each state has delegates.

Since the seniors don't have any interest in the Student Association elections, they could devote their time to the organization of this convention and make it a very successful undertaking

J.B.

Kidnap Assumption Walkers

As I allowed the monster to devour me, I realized the dangerous trend to which I was conforming — that is, always riding to and from school, or, for that matter to or from anywhere else.

As I exchanged bits of conversation, a frightening thought flashed through my mind. If man were to keep up his ever increasing dependence on such monsters as this to do his work, in only a few decades his strongest muscles would be in his thumb and forefinger.

But we do have one individualist. Fr. John Boyle walks two miles to McAuley Hall every night. Can any student top that?

G.J.





IMITATING THE EARLY Christians who brought bread and wine to the Mass, Bill Tiedge '62, John Anderson '61 and Pat Rossenmiller '61 place their hosts in the ciborium before Mass.

Who Throws the Most Parties?

Do cliques control the social events of Assumption High School? In a recent survey of 500 boys and girls from all classes, opinions were divided. Fifty-seven per cent of those asked thought they did, while forty-two and a half per cent disagreed.

The question included not only dances and affairs put on by the school, but the parties given and attended by Assumption students. As one of the positive group commented, "Sure, someone may have a party, either open house or without specific invitations, but everyone knows just who is supposed to attend it."

There was a definite trend of opinions in the different classes. The underclassmen tended to think that cliques run everything while the upperclassmen, more or less, thought of themselves as "one great big happy family." One explanation for this was given by Mary Sue Schwieters, '60.

"The underclassmen are still getting to know each other, so naturally they fall into definite groups, or as some like to call them — cliques. The upperclassmen, on the other hand, have known each other for at least three of four years. They have parties for all—something like the Spaghetti Dinner, where every one belongs and is wanted."

Jan Miller, '60, asserts, "There is only one big clique and that's the senior class." A little prejudiced, maybe?

M. A. W.



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"As a Beacon in the Night"



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Liturgy and Laity Bread Line Forms Out Front

by Scrap O'Donnell

"Julius, how did you like going to Mass in the catacombs during Lent?"

"Fine, particularly since I was able to offer my own fish, fowl and fruits on the altar."

From this conversation, we see that the idea of giving as well as receiving in the Mass was deeply implanted in the early Christians. They were accustomed to bringing their own corn, wheat and wine to the altar at Mass.

During Lent we did too.

The practical reasons for reverting to the early Christian practice of putting hosts in the ciborium was that there was no tabernacle in the auditorium. Putting in the hosts, however, was a very useful and rewarding thing to do, liturgically, since many of the students had never realized the meaning of the Offertory.

Each morning when we put hosts into the Ciborium, they should symbolize the sorrow and hope of our souls. By offering up a gift, we get the same meaning as the early followers of Christ did; in turn, we will get more out of Mass.

Get in the bread line — there's still enough room; only this isn't depression, this is prosperity.

Youth of Month

Johnson Gets the Nod

Chairman of the NHS Oratorical Contest, Knight Beacon staff member, chairman of the ushers for Lute Song, a Young Christian Student . . . Jim Johnson '60 is also Youth of the Month.

Jim becomes the sixth Student Council Youth of the Month. Jane Mumey '62, Carole Gross '60, John Bernsten '60, Gary Jansen '61, and Mary Sue Schweiters '60 have preceded him in this honor.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Johnson, 2920 Rockingham Road, Jim is the second straight Youth of the Month from Saint Alphonsus parish.

Among his many accomplishments, Jim has finished

second in two spelling bees, the Scott County and the all-school spelling bees.

Jim points proudly to the ceilings in his bedroom and the living room of his house, since he installed them himself. He learned the trade helping his father install acoustical ceilings for Sound Engineering Company.

Collecting rocks rounds out Jim's many activities. He has an extensive collection and enjoys discussing it.



Jim Johnson '60

Sophs Prefer...

by Nancy Imming and Fran Nelson

From days of old when knights in shining armor galloped to the rescue of fair swooning damsels in distress times have changed to Fabians dashing out in Thunderbirds. Nevertheless, today Susie Soph and all modern girls still look for chivalrous knights in the boys they date.

When Susie has a date with an AHS Knight she expects him to follow this code which makes a knight a "Knight":

Always prompt

Honest

Sincere

Kind and Gentle

Neatly groomed

Intelligent

Gallant

Happy

Trustworthy

Wanted — the ideal sophomore girl. Must be neat and tidy, good looking, have an excellent personality, be thoughtful, economical, and a good conversationalist. Call 6-1265 (after 4:15 p.m.)



Dear Susie Soph:

by Gloria Richardson

DEAR SUSIE: Every time my boyfriend calls for me, he sits in his car and honks the horn. He disturbs the neighbors and makes the dog bark. What can I do?

HORN HATER

DEAR HORN: Next time let the neighbors be disturbed and the dog bark until the honker comes to the door!

* * *

DEAR SUSIE: My boyfriend Sam calls me every night. I like this but I never seem to be able to get a word in edgewise. How can I tell him, in a polite way, to clam up?

SILENT SAM'S GIRL

DEAR SILENT: Which would you rather have, a Sam the Silent or a Claude the Clam?

* * *

DEAR SUSIE: Once in a while I date Terry. He is a nice boy but he is so stingy. He wouldn't give his own mother a bent nickel. Next month we are going to the Junior-Senior Prom and I know we will end up at McDonald's after the dance. Help!

PAUPER'S GIRL

DEAR PAUPER: Pack a lunch.

"Sixteen Reasons"

by Barbara Niemeyer

The way you come on time,
Makes you first rate.
You call a week ahead,
For your next date.
You're friendly with her folks,
You let them know,
Good personality
Will always show.
Those are part of sixteen reasons
That make you great!

The way you share a joke,
Yet are sincere.
You listen to her dreams,
Her hopes and fears.
You dress to make her proud,
You open the door.
You talk of things you like,
Yet aren't a bore.
Those are part of sixteen reasons
That make you rate!

You put your best foot out,
You're honest all the time.
You know just what to spend,
And give her the sign.
You help her with her coat,
You drive with care.
You get her home on time,
You're always fair.
Those are part of sixteen reasons
Why you're an ideal date!

The Opposite Angle

by Mike McCarthy

Girls Should Be:

Gracious not Pugnacious
Cheerful not Tearful
Clean not Obscene
Moderate not Inconsiderate
Mindful not Forgetful
Virtuous not Impious
Confident not Diffident
Shining not Whining
Lucid not Pallid
Adorable not Deplorable
Glamorous not Clamorous

Litany of the Ladies

(The following article is a Litany compiled by a boys' sophomore English class. It was chanted to Sr. Mary Leon's sophomore English class by Dave Huyette and Terry Thompson. The girls responded with "praise be to them" to the praiseworthy points, and "deliver us from them" to the unfavorable points.)

All girls with a good personality Praise be to them
All friendly and gracious girls Praise be to them
All trustworthy girls Praise be to them
All dignified and well-groomed girls Praise be to them
All girls with a sense of humor Praise be to them

All extravagant girls Deliver us from them
All two-faced girls Deliver us from them
All inconsiderate and selfish girls Deliver us from them
All temperamental girls Deliver us from them
All girls who gossip Deliver us from them

+ The Double-Cross +

by Don Miller

The door opened and a little man stepped into my office. He was rather skinny, sort of frail looking. By his looks I judged him to be around 20.

Timidly, he asked, "You're Mike Hammerhead, the detective, aren't you?" I answered in the affirmative. He continued. "My name is Mike McCarthy; I'm a sophomore at Assumption high."

I asked him why he looked so much older than he was. Before I could continue he signaled me to a halt; then he continued.

He explained that although he was very shy he wanted to go to the Spring Dance. He said he didn't want to ask any of the girls he knew; he wanted somebody special, the ideal girl. He said he had aged at least five years in the last month worrying about it.

I asked him what he thought his ideal girl should be.

He replied, "She should be sort of pretty, of course, but more important she should have a good personality. She should be able to talk intelligently, be prompt and neat, attractive and punctual."

I pondered over these qualities. Though it was quite an order, I told him I'd try to find her in two weeks. My first move was to scout the girls in his sophomore



class. Within four days I had cut the field to five candidates. I decided to tail (that's the detective type word for follow) each of the girls for a few days.

Eight days and four candidates later I felt I was no further than when I started. They all fell far short of Mike's qualifications. With only two days left I started on the last candidate.

The last one impressed me right away. Her name was Evie Patter. Even though she was not overly good looking, she was very attractive because of her appearance and charming manner.

I noticed she was on time for all her classes and talked freely, but not too much. She impressed me very much. For the final test, I had asked her for a date. At 7:30, to my delight, she was ready to go. First, however, she introduced me to her mother and father. I took a mental note. She proved to be a good listener as well as a conversationalist. When we arrived home she thanked me for the swell time she had had.

The ideal girl — at last I had found her. I made my report to Mike. He was overjoyed. But when he called her it was too late. She had already been asked to the Spring Dance.

Mike has never quite forgiven me, but the detective always gets the girl in the movies. Besides I don't look upon it as losing a friend but as gaining MY ideal girl.

The BVM's Sisters Recall Lost Holidays

by Roberta Ellis

"I can't wait 'til the weekend," is a phrase widely used by students at Assumption. But strangely enough, it may have been first coined by a Sister and not by a student.

It is generally conceded that a weekend is a time to get things done that you normally can't do during the week. Remember that big stack of exam papers Sister took home last Friday? That's right, by Monday they are all corrected, recorded and stacked in neat piles ready for distribution.

Like most of us, Sisters sleep late on Saturday mornings — until 6:30 that is. After getting up at 5:00 every morning, 6:30 is a luxury.

Anyone who has ever been to the convent has marveled at its gleam. Reason? Every Sister has some house duty which she performs early each morning. Remember the big picture window in the parlor? This is the job that keeps Sr. Mary Francelle busy.

If a Sister isn't traveling to Chicago to buy costumes for the *Lute Song*, to Dubuque for a Math tournament, she may be keeping a Sister driver busy going to the dentist, doctor, or oculist.

Though the sleds are now in dry dock, the more athletically inclined Sisters arm themselves with rackets for a match behind the convent.

A Saturday night regular at evening recreation is the Perry Mason show. Some Sisters, however, prefer to sew, read, and even cook. These students in the shorthand classes will attest to the originality of Sr. St. Monica's rag dolls. Srs. St. Catherine, St. Victor, and Ireaneus spend much of their time keeping abreast of the current world affairs. If you ever want a pound of the best fudge in the world try some of Sr. Ann Esther's and Sr. Lidwine's.

Besides all these activities the Sisters spend time reciting the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary and doing their spiritual and professional reading.

Sunday morning five Sisters go to Princeton and LeClaire to teach catechism. These are: Sisters Ireaneus, Frances Agnes, Loretta Cecil, Angele Therese, and Eustella.

At this time others may correct papers, prepare the next week's work. Sister Diana, for instance, may spend time in the chemistry lab working on an experiment she plans to give the students next week — she wants to make sure it really works.

A complete garden of spring, summer, and even autumn flowers is the dream in the making for Sister Coajna, who spends much of her time in the meditation garden.

— AHS Honor Roll —



GIRLS

Seniors

First Honors

Judith Abbott, Lois Borowicz, Margaret Di Blasio, Roberta Ellis, Ines Friederichs, Kathleen O'Brien, Mary Schepker, Kathleen Schonhoff, Mary Sue Schwieters

Second Honors

Dorothy Testroet, Kathleen Kehoe, Cecelia Modrick, Jane Alston, Mary Neufeld, Mary Sunderbruch, Mary Marinan, Mary O'Brien, Barb Wilkerson, Sandra Andrew, Isabelle McNamara, Bettl Brandt, Susan Gadiant, Suzanne Jansen, Linda McDonald, Mary Seng, Mary Teshak, Carol Barney, Kathleen Keefe, Barb Snell, Barb Werthmann, Connie Edwards

Honorable Mention

Janice Arndt, Janice Bertrand, Pat Campbell, Carole Gross, Sharon Martens, Janice Miller

Juniors

First Honors

Glenna Barry, Mary Bohrer, Roseann Laake, Barb Smith

Second Honors

Della Powers, Carol Westphal, Connie Finkenhoefer, Karen Melroy, Mary Ann Keller, Rita Macken, Karen Sanders, Carol Wysoske, Judith Ertl, Judith McDermott, Sandra Pohl-peter, Rita Radwick, Mary Ann Walter, Judith Johnston, Barb King, Carol Ossowski, Judith Egger, Elaine LaMar, Mary Sue Maher, Anita Walsh, Eileen Dockery, Kathryn Mentzer, Sally Healey, Maryl-Lee Nahrgang, Nancy Tullis, Susan Chenoweth, Mary McMahan, Karen Ochs, Nan Buchmeyer, Christine Schlack

Honorable Mention

Cathy Arnold, Carlyn McKenzie, Jeanne Meyer, Diane Miclot, Pat Miley, Elizabeth Ryan, Pat Swails

Sophomores

First Honors

Sharon Barta, Mary Guille, Jane Molyneaux, Barbara Niemeyer

Second Honors

Claudia Townsend, Mary Hart, Jane Wells, Janet Barrett, Cynthia Bunge, Karen Haiston, Susan Schwarte, Tana Sue Cook, Loretta Neufeld, Linda Brinker, Ann Humphrey, Betty Lafayette, Louise DeZorzi, Jan Fleischman, Patricia Maag, Patricia O'Toole, Donna Carpenter, Patricia Nemmers, Tracy Plum, Stephanie Grant, Mary Pohlmann, Brenda Rogers, Judith Scott, Sharon Williams, Elaine Feeney, Jane Murney

Honorable Mention

Diane Buxton, Toni Colbrese, CarolJeanne Daisy, Donna Gayman, Barbara Lewandoski, Beverly Parisho

Freshmen

First Honors

Barbara Lewis, Mary Soenke

Second Honors

Lenee Showalter, Mardi Gaydos, Pat Hammond, Marcia Kohler, Kathleen McDermott, Mary More, Mary Ann Pauly, Margaret Pohl-

man, Joan Berendes, Barbara Berg, Sally Cogan, Jeanne Genzel, Denise Hole, Pat Westphal, Josephine Luther, Gloria Borowicz, Katherine Dower, Pamela Rogers, Janet Stahle, Carolyn Abresch, Judith Carstensen, Susan Doering, Juanita Walz, Martha Holm, Sharon McNamara, Agnes Mohr

Honorable Mention

Barbara Carlin, Kathy McKenna, Sue Mentzer, Carol Sulentic

BOYS

Seniors

First Honors

John Berntsen

Second Honors

Lawrence Montford, Ronald Rehmann, Joseph Ross, James Johnson, Gerald Kane, William Bell, James Anderson, Patrick De-luhery, Gerald Ehrecke, George McCarthy, Robert Reisinger, John Niemeyer, Michael Lohf, John Hyland, Paul Berger

Honorable Mention

John Beh

Juniors

First Honors

None

Second Honors

Harold Feeney, David Cavanaugh, Timothy Vaughan, Paul Bauer, Edward Soenke, Charles Sommer, William Keefe, David Cratty, Thomas Kistenmacher, Gary Lafayette, Daniel McGuinness, Lester Bickford, William Pohl, Michael Sweeney, Howard Heydn, Francis Valainis.

Honorable Mention

Michael Ceurvorst, Kenneth Wolf

Sophomores

First Honors

Michael Abbott, William Flynn, Gerald Kete-laar, John Lammers, Stan Malliszewski

Second Honors

David Huyette, George Knight, Donald Miller, Gerald Kealey, Howard Mentzer, John Fiese, Adrian Remke, Douglas Duda, Dale Conard, John Lepetit, William Thiessen. Joseph Vize

Honorable Mention

John Crossen, Robert Schroeder

Freshmen

First Honors

None

Second Honors

Thomas Fennelly, Michael Flynn, Thomas Cusack, Thomas Moore, Patrick McGreevy, Robert Schwarz, Paul DiBlasio, Gary Cangelosi, Michael Peterson, John Burke, Jim Kellenberger, Stephen Miclot, Joseph Nahra, Bruce Borne, John Molyneaux, John Reynolds, Patrick Feeney, Jeffrey Gadiant, Lawrence Burdt, Donald Chenoweth, John Hogan, Richard Foster, Gary Bolster, Michael Fitzsimmons, Lyle Gregonis, George Koenigsaecker, Gerald Schutte, Jim Brownson, James McHugh, Raymond Roddewig, Joseph Kehoe, Robert Kautz

Honorable Mention

Ed Bills, Michael Chenoweth, Richard Mullen, Charles Schmidt

Words Gird Earth as Students Compose Themes

All the words from the themes done by the students for English would gird the circumference of the world twice. This is no exaggeration.

Moreover, their variety is infinite. Senior boys just handed in themes on the presidential campaigns of 1960. During March, the girls' sophomore English classes wrote reports on *The Idylls of the King* and *Julius Caesar*, respectively.

Having completed a long theme on Shakespeare, senior boys were assigned a 5000 word research paper. Fr. William F. Wiebler suggested 13 topics, ranging from considering the qualifications of Richard Nixon for the presidency to comparing the party platforms of the two major political parties.

Typical of the subjects chosen are those by Mike McGee — *Six Possibilities for President of the United States*, and David Lee — *Why Would Kennedy Make the Best President?*

Father Wiebler explained the purpose of the paper as, "a means to familiarize students with political campaigning through research into the various aspects of the campaign and to give them experience in writing long themes which will have to be done in college."

Like the seniors, the junior boys were required to do two long written assignments; however, both themes followed approximately the same outline. The first themes had such diversified titles as *Mourning Becomes Electra* by Charles Sommer, *Colonial Literature* by James Prochaska, *Hamlet's Hesitation* by Paul Bauer, and *Chaucer's Canterbury Tales* by Francis Valanis. Mr. Ron Mellen, junior English teacher, restricted the second themes to reports on the works, style and life history of the great American authors.

Most of the junior researchers feel that they received valuable experience through these reports. Bob Young says, "Even though the research work on

colonial literature took a lot of work and a lot of time, I think — in fact I know — it was worth it."

In many cases, the research was extensive and time consuming. Edward Soenke, who, in the process of writing *Medea*, used 19 reference books, explained, "This term paper is an attempt to give a short, general picture of the greatness and the grandeur of Greek drama and, in particular, Attic tragedy; of the history and influences of the times and, in particular, the "age of Euripedes" — his life and characteristics; of the plays by Euripedes and especially the tragedy, *Medea*, with a concise discussion of its properties and the problems involved. Finally, my own evaluation and conclusions are set forth."

Each theme paper had to have a history of the period when the writing was done, a life of the author, discussion of the selected topic, a conclusion, and personal evaluation of the topic. Since there was no prescribed length for the reports, some of them went over 50 typed pages.

A little more originality and imagination was put into the sophomore girls' themes. Sr. Mary Borgia, BVM, explained this phenomenon, "Without knowing who did the themes, I could tell what class did them because any class other than sophomores would have been too conservative to use many of the devices that these sophomores used. They were most original."

Both classes of girls, though they have different teachers and different subjects, used much the same outline when making their reports. Each used a life of the author, quotes from the play, questions from the literature book on the play, a report on another facet of English literature, and profiles on the main characters.

The girls were urged to use their imagination in making their papers. One of the most unique features of

these themes was the interesting use of magazine pictures in depicting their interpretations of the main characters. (See display by library.)

Instead of using the biography to give the author's life, Patricia Speicher conjured a television program entitled, *This Is Your Life, William Shakespeare*. Sue Welch used an on-the-street interview between William Shakespeare and John Cameron Swazy to give Shakespeare's life.

Barbara Niemeyer and Jane Wells laid out their paper as if it were a newspaper with headlines, pictures and stories using Elizabethan expressions and words.

Having read these reports, some sophomore boys wrote letters to the girls, evaluating and criticizing the reports. They were then graded on the accuracy of their evaluations and the grammar used in these letters.

Ox Bells Ring

Upon entering D-5, Denise Bickford's eye caught the interesting bulletin board. On it she saw symbols of the four Evangelists, the founders of the Catholic Press. One of these symbols was an ox.

Wonderingly, Denise asked Sr. Mary Coaina BVM, about the cow. Sister's reply was, "That is not a cow but an ox. Does that ring a bell?"

"Oh yes," cried Denise, "St. Thomas Aquinas — the Dumb Ox."



DOING RESEARCH FOR AN A on their term paper are Joe Bryant '60 and Tim Goffar '60.

... while sophs Mary Guile, Susan Wilson and Sharon Barta discuss their marks.





WHAT'S UMMMM GOOD? . . . Karen and Kathy Gravert, both '62, reveal the cause of the delicious aroma which comes from the Home Ec room.

Rotary Reduces Money Problems

One of the problems confronting many seniors this year is the financing of a college education. The Davenport Rotary Club has a solution to this in the form of a College Loan Fund.

If you possess qualities of leadership, are in the top half of your class, and have a good moral character, you are eligible to apply for a Rotary Club Loan. Applications can be secured from the Trust Officer of the Rotary College Loan Fund at the Davenport Bank and Trust Company.

How much can you borrow? An undergraduate can borrow up to \$4,000 while a graduate student can borrow as much as \$2,500.

These loans can be applied to any college or university connected with the North Central Association, and to vocational courses such as nurses training.

If you are interested in obtaining further information, contact any member of the Rotary Club or the Trust Officer of the Rotary College Loan Fund.

Junior Reveals Behind the Scenes Action; Campaigns Include More Than Speeches

by Greg Cusack

Have you ever wondered how a campaign is conducted? Most people are acquainted with only a few of the many campaign activities: posters, speeches, voting. In reality there is much, much more.

A candidate's first step is to contact a campaign manager. This student must be popular and have "connections" and influence. The brunt of the campaign will rest on him.

This campaign manager and the candidate meet to discuss the campaign. They select "talkers," influential people who will push the candidate in their respective divisions. This group is referred to as the candidate's "political machine."

If possible, a general meeting of the talkers, the candidate and his manager takes place, during which various committees, such as posters and publicity, are set up. These decide on a platform. An example of a plank in a platform would be "More and Better Student Representation." These platforms are very important in a good campaign, and can be used to great advantage.

The success of the carefully-laid plans of these people depends on a

number of things: salesmanship by the candidate; political sense of the campaign manager; and the persuasiveness and technique of the talkers.

Circulating among the students is the candidate's main job. If the students picture him as a likable person and associate him with leadership in many activities, they will vote for him.

As the main "pusher," the campaign manager has a most important part in the campaign. He must be popular and influential with the various sections of the school. Most important, he must have political sense.

If the talkers do not convey the idea to the students that their man is the best for the job the campaign will fail. They must keep their candidate's name alive.

As the campaign progresses, the candidate and his manager from time to time receive reports from the talkers on their progress. If the candidate is noticeably weak in one section of the school, then the wise manager concentrates more talkers in that one section. By employing these reports wisely, the candidate will be assured of votes in each section of the school. Failure to do this has often been the downfall of aspirants.

Finally, the weeks of hectic preparation and frenzied activity draw to a close. It is the day of the speeches. This is the process by which the final knot is tied.

The campaign manager stresses his candidate's good points, praising him for what he is and conveying the idea that he's the only right choice. The manager must get the audience in a receptive mood so they will listen attentively to his candidate's speech.

As the candidate speaks the last step of the campaign is carried out. All the work and preparation, the hours of careful planning are climaxed by this one speech. This is the make or break stage of the campaign.

Speaking in a friendly manner, the candidate conveys the idea he wants the job. He tells how he will carry out his platform. He promises to do the best and asks for votes.

Taking his seat he exchanges looks with the campaign manager. The flash of a smile, the nod of a head, and the effort has ended. Now the intolerable suspense starts, to last for what seems an eternity of hours. In the morning he will feel either joy or sorrow. But he will know he did all he could.

AHS Politicians Match Kennedy-Nixon Ambitions

by John Beh

Assumption may not have any Kennedys or Nixons, but many candidates for Student Government Association offices are available.

First and most important of these officers is the president who will preside over all of the Student Council meetings and will be the school's most important representative.

Two candidates for the president are Mike Ceurvorst and Don Perry.

Mike has excellent qualifications. He has been on the Student Council for two years, both of which he was president of his class. He is also secretary-treasurer of the Young Christian Students (YCS) and is vice-president of the Honor Society. Along with Mary McMeans '60, he writes the articles about Assumption that appear in the Sunday Times-Democrat.

Don is an active member of the YCS and is manager of the YCS bookstore. He is a member of the Science Club and is also vice-president of the American Junior Red Cross of Davenport and Bettendorf.

Next in importance is the office of the vice-president which will be filled by a girl. There are three girls running for this office.

Judy Egger, according to past experience, is well qualified for this position. Judy has been a member of the Student Council for the past three years and is presently the secretary of the Student Government Association. She is also a member of the Honor Society and Drama Club.

Another well qualified candidate is Barbara Smith. She was on the Student Council in her sophomore year and acted as treasurer of her class.

Barb is a straight A student and has been an active member of the Sodality for 2 years and of the GRA for 3 years. She also participates in the Drama Club and the Pep Club.

The last of the three candidates is Jeanne Meyer. She has been on the Student Council for three years and has been vice-president of her class every year. She has participated in the District and State Student Council Conventions. Jeanne was the big factor in getting the Assumption Student Directories and is acting on the committee for the Junior-Senior Prom. She is also a member of the GRA.

Trying to put a degree of importance on the last two offices is impossible because each take a considerable amount of time and work.

Running for treasurer are Dave Huyette and William Tiedje. Dave is vice-president of his class and is very active in the Quad-Cities Student Congress. He also attended the State Student Council Convention at Ames and is a member of the Science Club at Assumption.

Bill is also a member of the Student Council. He is an active member in YCS and a member of the Glee Club.

The office with the best representation is that of secretary. All four candidates for this office are well qualified.

Elaine Feeney has been a member of the Student Council for two years. She is an honor student and is active in the Sodality, the Pep Club, the Glee Club, and the Glee Club.

The president of the sophomore class, Kathy Ceurvorst, will also make a bid for the office. She is secretary of

the Science Club and is active in the Sodality, GRA, and the Pep Club. Participating in the Drama Club, she was in one of the winning One-Act plays.

Student of the Month was an honor placed on the next candidate, Jane Mumey. She has been a member of the Student Council for two years and is vice-president of her class. She is an honor student and is also active in the Sodality, Pep Club, GRA, Drama Club, and the Glee Club.

Last of these candidates is Barbara Niemeyer who is also a member of the Student Council. An honor student, she is in the Drama Club, Pep Club, and the GRA.

Who will be your leaders? According to Fr. W. F. Dawson, Student Council advisor of the boys' division, all the present candidates are very capable; but Father would like to see more students in the running.



LOOKING OVER the brochures on "Kennedy for President" are Ron Fiese '60 and Judy Abbott '60.

WISE STUDENTS . . . Tom Nolan '62, Mike Shinnors '61, Kittie Quandt '61 and Mary O'Hara '61 carefully vote for Student Government Association officers.





Green Thumbs Aid AHS Lady Biologists

Take some plants, three generations of hamsters and PH solutions of Clau-dopha and what do you have? Three winning Science Fair Projects of course.

Sophomores Pat O'Toole, Barb Niemeyer and Jane Moleneyeax received Honorable Mention for their respective projects.

To determine "The Effect of Lights on Plants," Pat O'Toole used three types of light — fluorescent, infra red and sunlight. The plants were kept in total darkness except for five minute periods three times a day, when each one was exposed to different light.

The plant under the fluorescent light was healthiest, because the infra red light burned the leaves of its plant. Although sturdy, the plant under sunlight had dull leaves and did not appear very healthy.

Barb Niemeyer changed an earlier project to "The Heredity of Tumors in a Hamster," when she discovered a tumor in the male. While present in only one of the hamsters in the first generation, tumor was discovered in both sexes in the second and third generations.

"It would have been just as successful had the females in the first generation been afflicted," confirms Barb.

Having experienced with various PH solutions, Jane Molyneax determined that Claudopha, a form of algae, grows best in a PH of 8. However, this is only the first step in what the sophomore hopes to be a long term project.

This summer she will add different types of hormones to the PH solutions to see if they will help growth. If this is successful she will attempt to make Claudopha edible.

The final step may be impossible as some hormones are harmful. However, Jane hopes that with a doctor's supervision she will be able to feed the plant first to animals and then, by including it in a recipe, test it on humans. Any volunteers?

Success Eludes Scientist

by Hal Feeney

Olive oil, a telescope, and a conglomeration of electronic components composed my project for this year's Quad City Science Fair . . . but it didn't work.

The basis of all winning exhibits at this year's science fair was extensive experimentation; this seems to be necessary in order to have a successful project. Numerous difficulties are encountered in attempting to attain desirable results, as I found out.

For my science exhibit I decided to use Millikan's principle to determine the charge of the electron. This involved building a power supply and draft-free housing, and obtaining a light source and telescope.

A small plexiglass housing, whose purpose was to prevent air currents in the laboratory from disturbing the experiment, contained two parallel plates within which an electric field was maintained. A conventional vacuum tube rectifier was used to supply the 800v. electric field.

Through the use of an atomizer, oil drops were sprayed into the plexiglass housing. Several were permitted to fall through a pin hole in the positive (upper) electrode. Their movements in between the two electrodes were observed through a telescope. By reflecting light rays off the drops, I managed to see them more easily.

In order to determine the charge on the electron, the movement of the drop in free-fall had to be timed and then the electric field applied. This field attracted negatively charged droplets whose forward speed was measured. These figures were substituted in an equation to determine the size of the drop and then this information was substituted in another equation to determine the charge.

After completing the apparatus, I had trouble finding a suitable means of magnification, but I was able to

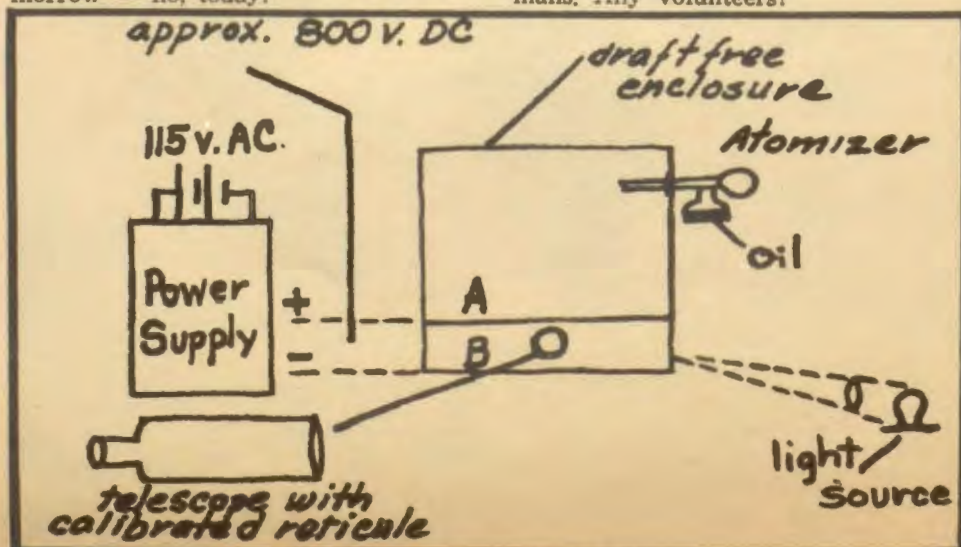
borrow a small telescope from the St. Ambrose College Physics Dept.

Now it was possible to see the falling drops, but they were dropping too rapidly; this was the next problem. During the few days remaining before the fair, Fr. William Stratman worked with me until midnight in an attempt to solve these problems and to obtain results. By changing the diameter of the hole in the upper electrode, the speed of the drops was decreased, but another new problem arose.

The drops were now falling slowly, but not vertically so they could be timed; they were drifting horizontally. In the short time remaining this problem could not be solved. Another equally important problem was the effect of the electric field on the oil drops — there was no visible effect.

There were many variables which, if changed, might have made the experiment successful, but there was too little time remaining.

Getting a good exhibit idea and starting it early are two definite requirements in preparing a good science project. The winning projects at the fair were started more than eight months ago so they might be as complete as possible. I'm starting mine tomorrow — no, today!



Finalist Expounds His Scientific Method

by Stan Maliszewski

Having read an article by W. F. Loomis in which he made the Hydras reproduce sexually and asexually by the control of carbon dioxide in the water, I decided to try the experiment with variation.

Having ordered some green Hydras (*Chlorohydra uirdissia*), I went to the library to find more information on how to keep them alive. They thrive exceedingly well on *Daphnia*, but this flea is hard to keep in a culture. Instead of *Daphnia* I used the second best thing, brine shrimp.

I bought brine shrimp eggs from an aquarium supply store. Following the directions in the article, I put one-fourth teaspoon of brine shrimp eggs on the surface of 500 ml. of water which contained 3.5 g/l NaCl.

The brine shrimp eggs hatched into larvae in 48 hours, just in time to feed the Hydras which had arrived.

Having four 15 ml. Petri dishes, I put 20 Hydras in each dish. The water in the dishes consisted of distilled water; 0.35 g/l NaCl; 0.7 g/L CaCl₂, and 0.01 g/l NaHCO₃.

At first the Hydras were very sensitive to everything and would contract most of the time. To counteract this situation, I made some oxygen control water. The oxygen was under pressure for three minutes. While the oxygen was bubbling through the water, the flask was shaken.

On the sixth day some of the Hydras began turning yellowish green and died. This was due to the temperature. I moved the cultures to a cooler place by the window. This revived the Hydras considerably.

Having changed the water, oxygen and regular control water for six days, I noticed on the ninth day of the experiment a bud on a Hydra in No. 2. It fell off on the next day. On the same day a Hydra in No. 4 got a bud. Later a Hydra in No. 3 began to grow a bud.

After the snow began to melt and the weather grew considerably warmer the Hydras again started to turn yellowish-green. This time they were moved to the attic where the temperature is cooler than in the rest of the house.

The Hydras in No. 4 and in No. 1 and No. 2 started to continually contract and would stay that way no matter what change I gave them. Part of this was due to depression which is a period when the Hydras do not eat, contract, and then die. No explanation can be given for this period.

After I had made sure that the Hydras in the cultures were asexual, I made some carbon dioxide control water. The first two dishes were now

the control. Hydra in these were going to reproduce asexually by the injection of oxygen into the dishes. The other two were now the variables and were going to reproduce sexually by the injection of carbon dioxide into the cultures.

The carbon dioxide was mixed with oxygen water, first, in a ratio of 4:1 and then in a ratio of 7:3. The two control waters were placed into a 10cc syringe and held there for one minute to let the gases diffuse. The amount of water each dish was injected with was 2cc but was later changed to 4cc.

The ratio was changed from 4:1 to 7:3 when I found that the Hydras had a green algae (*zoochlororellae*) in their gastrodermis. This enabled the Hydras

to live in a low oxygen environment. To work properly more carbon dioxide would have to be added.

The dishes were put under a stereomicroscope to a power of 45X, but I could see nothing definite. Hydras in No. 3 and No. 2 had small pumps, but could not be distinguished with asexual or sexual reproductive organs. Four days later testes were spotted with 120X on Hydras in No. 3 and No. 4. A bud was on a Hydra in No. 2.

With this find, I had attained my objectives which were to see if asexual Hydra can be made to reproduce sexually by the injection of carbon dioxide into the water and if sexual Hydra can be made to keep reproducing asexually by the injection of oxygen into the water.

Science Lite Flashes

It was suggested to Pat Morrissey '62, that he write down all the difficulties that he encountered while working on his chromatograph exhibit. He claims that this took ten pages. Pat did get done nevertheless.

The progress of Dave Cavanaugh's plants was carefully observed by A-3 algebra students. It was Dave's daily ritual to water them before class could start.

Mike Jakubowski '63, is one of Assumption's veteran science fair contestants. Mike used the experience he gained from working on a project while in grade school. According to Mike "You'd be surprized, but some of the

prize winners had very uncomplicated entries."

What do you do when your science fair exhibit goes and dies on you? Stan Maliszewski '62 just started over with a better breed. Hydra are very sensitive creatures and cannot tolerate the mineral content of ordinary water. It was Stan's aim to change the reproduction process of Hydra by introducing carbon dioxide into their watery atmosphere. Satisfactory results began to appear, but because of their small size it was difficult to be sure.

A black cat was the source of Bill Flynn's bad luck. Bill was growing plants to test the effect of giberellic acid on plant metabolism. Unfortunately Bill's cat developed an appetite for plants grown in giberellic acid.

Wordless Amazement . . . Joe Nahr's reaction after his project, Procedures in Photomicrography, won third place in the Science Fair.

Also, Stan Maliszewski, Pat O'Toole, Barb Niemeyer, Jane Molyneaux, Pat Morrissey, Barb Coelln, and Mike Jakubowski, received honorable mention.



Cop Investigates Lite Life

by Roseann Laake

The precinct sergeant sent me on an emergency call — investigate the night life at Assumption. Who was leaving the lights burning?

I proceeded to stake out the school. When I walked up to the front, I spied a spotlight focussed on a wall. Someone was climbing that wall — Oh! it was just a statue.

As I entered the building, I noticed lights in S-10. The room certainly looked like it had been ransacked. Questioning revealed that the staff of the Knight Beacon was putting out the next issue, which accounted for the disorder.

My well-trained eyes spotted lights from a room filled with weird gadgets. Ed Soenke, Fr. W. F. Stratman, and some other scientists were gathered around a mysterious machine. Thought it might have been a counterfeiting machine, but it turned out to be a science fair project.

In the A-wing, I found Father M. Mottet and his senior YCS group talking in muted tones. They reported they were organizing an employment service for members of the senior class.

I also found Fr. Gerald Kraus with juniors Judy Egger, Jean Meyer and

Mike Ceurvorst arguing over a theme for the Junior-Senior Prom. They tried to keep it a mystery, but being a shrewd detective I found out. The committee chose . . . well, maybe I should try to keep it a mystery too.

Scuffling feet drew me to E-wing. Girls were shuffling around the room following Sr. Mary Borgia, BVM. With mandolins and fans they were practicing Chinese interpretative dancing for The Lute Song.

Activity was rampant in the gym where track practice was being held.

In the aud Chris Koenigsaecker, one of last year's graduates, and a group of thespians from St. Ambrose and Marycrest were practicing for Brigadoon.

Before turning in the report, I made a study to determine the number of lights that students could use at Assumption. I computed that there are about 5000 fluorescent lights and 300 incandescent lights. Imagine a mile of lights!

My investigation uncovered that many Assumptionites were guilty of using the lights at night. But since they were engaged in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities I recommended they be cleared of any charges.

Italian Recalls World War 1

"Coma va, Padre Giovanni" — is often the start of a typical Italian conversation between Louis DeZorzi, Assumption maintenance man, and Fr. John Boyle.

Mr. DeZorzi, who speaks Italian fluently, was born in Canada but moved to Italy at the age of five.

He was in fifth grade when his hometown of Fonzaso was occupied by German and Hungarian troops during World War I.

"Fifty dollars couldn't even buy a loaf of bread after the troops arrived," Louis recalled. He also remembers that food was so scarce that people considered themselves lucky when a bomb would kill some horses or mules that could be used for food. Moreover, he carries the scar of a hand grenade that exploded "too close."

At the end of the war, Louis moved to the U.S. and in 1934 to Davenport.

He is very proud that his daughter Louise, an AHS sophomore, was chosen as a member of the cast of the Lute Song. He'll be sitting in the front row when the curtain rises.

Soph Discovers That Teachers Are Hard to Outwit

by John Crossen

(Out-witting your teacher just isn't an easy task. Many students have tried, as the crowded detention room will attest. A peek inside will show you some of the brainiest, some of the best, trapped in their own tricks. Considering this the other day, I fondly reminisced about the good old days in third grade.)

Sister Mary was my teacher in the small parochial school. She was young and pretty and all of us liked her. Third grade must be a pretty tough class to teach, I think, now that I look back on those days.

For instance, take the day some of our spider collection jars broke when we were studying nature. The result was real pandemonium, but Sister Mary handled things just fine.

"Now Mary, get down off your desk. Jane and Susie, take seats on the other side of the room!" Sister Mary moved swiftly, and spoke firmly to the noisy youngsters. "No, Johnny, don't open the hall door! Now isn't this a lovely specimen, all spotted and fuzzy," she murmured as she helped the boys scoop up one after another of the elusive squirmers. We can tell our mothers that we had a real spider hunt today, can't we?" Soon the last fuzzy, repulsive culprit was again in captivity — including the

one that had crept into Mike's pant cuff.

That same week a skunk got loose on the premises and we had to keep the windows closed. Again, Sister Mary was a good sport, laughing before the situation got out-of-hand.

"Close the windows quickly, Jim, before I catch my death of cold," Sister Mary choked, laughing from behind the handkerchief she held over her nose as if to cover a sneeze.

I was pretty shy back in those days. Most times I would rather keep quiet when I really knew the right answer, even when Sister Mary didn't know how to spell words like "Cadillac" or "moccasin." Tricky words, those — with double "l's" and "c's," but I liked to spell them silently to myself. Sister called on me but I always played dumb.

Sister Mary out-witted me one time. It happened on the day of the school picnic. I had decided that I didn't like picnics, and just wasn't going to go. My mother would have none of it, and chased me off to school with my sack of lunch. I thought perhaps my mother had followed me all the way, so I went up the school stairs, determined to find a way out. I would cross the hall quietly, and sneak down the back way without being seen.

Cautiously I carried out my plan, but when I reached the bottom of

the steps, there stood Sister Mary, calmly waiting for me. You see, Sister Mary had spied me coming in, obviously read the look on my face, and had crossed the bottom hall to wait for me.

"Good-morning, John," she smiled at me. "Let's get the ball and bat and be first on the field, shall we?"

Then came the day we were studying so diligently in social studies. Sister Mary was talking.

"Stonewall Jackson's name was Andrew Jackson," she stated.

Now, I knew she definitely was not right. I had just read about the Civil War, so timidly I raised my hand.

"Andrew Jackson was the seventh president of the United States," I told her, "and was not the same man as Stonewall Jackson."

Sister then asked the whole class to vote in the controversy. Which of us was right? The hands went up — all except one — for Sister. Even my good friend Eddie — the sissy — put up his hand for her! Sister told me to go to the encyclopedia to look it up. The class, with grins on their faces, waited for the verdict. As I knew it would be, Stonewall's name was Thomas Jonathan, not Andrew. Sister Mary was nice about the whole thing. She grinned at me and said, "I guess you were right, and I was wrong."

Somehow, I didn't feel that I had outwitted good Sister Mary.

Senioritis Assails Junior Sloth

by Mary Sue Maher

Temperature _____ 98.6°F.
Sight _____ hazy
Hearing _____ slight
Heart beat _____ wild pulsations
Diagnosis _____ Spring fever

Prescription — drastic decrease in homework, shorter school hours, and plenty of recreation.

How well does that diagnosis fit you? Don't you eat up that prescription? I'll let you in on a secret. The prescription was pre-tested on me. That's right, I was a human guinea pig. Although the school hours weren't cut, the homework came to an abrupt halt. Recreation was piled on.

Things went fine for about a month. But when the "sweatsheets" — report



Warning! This May Be Habit Forming

Six thousand cartons of milk and not even a cow in the kitchen! Sounds incredible, but that's how much milk the 930 AHS students drink each week.

Since Lent began, this new high for milk sales has been set. About two crates, each holding 48 half-pint cartons, are sold each morning after Mass.

Originally, the girls homerooms took turns selling milk at lunch. However, a volunteer system has gone into effect.

Most of the girls conclude that they didn't know what they were getting into when they volunteered.

"What makes it confusing is the change of prices from 2c to 3c and now back to 2c," states Mary Jane Murphy '61.

An amusing incident, which could have been costly, occurred when a group of "wise" chemists tried to pass off mercury-coated pennies for dimes.

cards — were passed out, things changed.

It seems my prescription worked too well. My grades were lousy. So my parents and teachers sent me to another "doctor."

This one fixed me up good! Good ole' Doc prescribed a five day school week (no vacations), homework every night, and only a little recreation. To quote him, "Keep your nose to the grindstone."

Naturally, this prescription didn't appeal to me. To make me feel better, Doc gave me a calendar to count the days until my liberation. I even have a song to brighten the weary days — "Can't Wait 'Till Summer."

Trick Backfires Creative Juniors Write Book

Composing a book for extra credit should get a student an A-plus. But things didn't work out that way for creative juniors Gary LaFayette and John Jayne.

Using a telephone book for the names of the characters and their ingenuity for the plot, they fabricated a 312 page novel over the telephone. Call to the Faithful was the apt title given to their book, which centered around the life of Willie Meade and his buddy "Switch" Bucaanan.

A typical juvenile delinquent, Willie is nabbed by the police on a car theft count. His counselor, Father Perrywinkle, saves him from being expelled from school and gives Willie the inspiration to buckle down and work. Willie eventually becomes a priest and



Gary LaFayette '61

is assigned to a reform school to help other errant boys.

For a while, things looked pretty good for the aspiring authors, that is until they were requested to produce their masterpiece, which they had used for an extra credit book report.

A little quick thinking and some influence with the school photographer and they were back in business.

"Here Father, it's an actual picture of me reading Call To The Faithful and it even has a date on the back," said one of the authors.

It seems that someone tipped Father off because all they got was a sad shake of the head.

Commenting on this, one of the authors admits that, like all master criminals, his downfall was caused by the urge to let other people know about his "perfect" crime.



DOUGHNUTS AND MILK . . . the perfect Lenten breakfast and that's just what Senior Sodality members provided. Margaret DiBiasio sells a carton of milk while Mary Sue Schwilters, Mary Ann Sunderbruch, and Sharon McGee provide doughnuts and rolls.

Party Candidates Nail Planks into Platform

I, Don Perry, am running for the office of President of the Student Government Association. My aim is to provide Assumption High School with good government through eternal vigilance and personal sacrifice. If elected I will continue to listen to the thoughts and ideas of the student body and fulfill their wishes to the best of my ability.

Efficient and progressive government is one of the chief goals of Western civilization. It can be achieved only if all the people take part in it. If the students at Assumption are indifferent, careless in obeying the rules, too lazy to vote, and unwilling to serve as Student Council officers, then our government will decline. Good government requires eternal vigilance and personal sacrifice on the part of every student.

It often happens after a man is elected to office that he carries out his own plans and ideas, forgetting that he is a servant of the people who elected him. I promise, if elected, to bear in mind throughout the entire year that I am speaking and acting in behalf of the entire student body. I will carry out their wishes in all that is just and reasonable and for their common good.

Self-government by a people is based upon moral and spiritual concepts. The government of a free people must in itself express the highest ideals of the people. If it fails in its standards it injures the morals of the whole people. It destroys its own foundation of free government.

I feel I am qualified to perform the duties of this office. I served as Vice-President of the American Junior Red Cross of Davenport and Bettendorf during this past year. Under my organization and supervision the Red Cross Senior Council provided many afternoons of recreation and personal contact for patients at Clearview and Pine Knoll. The group spent Saturday afternoons playing bingo, checkers and other games with these patients, many of whom are normal but unable to be rehabilitated.

Furthermore, I have been selected by the Red Cross to represent Davenport at the fourteen state training convention to be held in August. I have been in Y.C.S. for two years and have managed the Y.C.S. bookstore with integrity and dedication for these two years.

The President of an organization such as the Student Council should be a proficient public speaker. In this field I have had three years experience in public speaking, debate, extemporaneous speaking and in leading discussion groups. As a freshman, I won first place in the speech contest in my class.

At present I am the treasurer of the Science Explorer Post No. 91 at the Rock Island Arsenal.

It is my opinion that the present President of the Student Council has done a splendid job of furthering public relations and school spirit. If elected I will try to continue these policies.

Another qualification essential for president is adequate time to devote to the duties and responsibilities of his office. I feel I have the time, energy, qualifications and dedication to serve as President of the Student Government Association.

D.P.

I, Mike Ceurvorst, am a candidate for the presidency of the Student Council. Following are the planks of my party platform:

In name, we are Assumption high, one school. In reality, too often we are Assumption high, boys' and girls' divisions.

With each succeeding semester there is a breakdown of the barrier between the two sides and an increase of unity. What I propose will speed up this unity so that, by the end of my term in office, we will be one school, as we should be.

As a solution to this problem and to the problems of better representation and more student participation, I will propose and enact, to such an extent as possible, a better use of student council committees and homerooms.

During the course of government action, many different committees are used. I will see to it that the co-chairmen of such groups will be two council members, a boy and a girl; the body of the committee will be comprised of non-council students. I'm not referring to clean-up committees here, but to other projects, e.g., homecoming and discussion panels.

For these reasons, I chose to run for president of the Student Government Association — to give us better homeroom representation, more student participation in school activities, and a more closely knit student body.

M.C.



GLEEFULLY BRIDGET LONERGAN '61 and Bill Bell '60 tabulate Bishop Relief Fund money received from a daily collection. Several hundred dollars were given by students.

VARSITY GRAPPLERS Stan Maliszewski '62 and Tom Bivens '62 assist Gene Carstens '62 with the Assumption letter jacket he received as a gift from the sophomore wrestlers. Gene was a member of the team before his accident.



Gene Carstens Voices Thanks

"I am certainly very grateful for all the gifts and get-well cards I received during my stay in the hospital," states Gene Carstens, an AHS sophomore who had his right leg amputated after a farm accident on March 9.

Gene has recently returned home after more than a month's confinement in the hospital.

During his convalescence, the invalid Gene received over 200 visitors, including many AHS faculty members. Tom Bivens and Dick Bender, both '62, frequently called Gene during non-hour to inform him about recent happenings at school. Tom explains, "We also went over to see Gene every chance that we got."

An informal "hat passing" among the sophomore wrestlers netted \$19 to provide Gene with a letter jacket. Coaches Ray Ambrose and Joseph Maher awarded him a varsity letter in wrestling.

A short wave receiving set donated by Gene's cousin provided many added hours of enjoyment.

Besides wide assortment of models, puzzles, and candy, Gene acquired over \$200 in monetary gifts. His father's bowling league contributed \$97.00.

During Passiontide, collections were taken up during homeroom periods to aid the bedridden sophomore; the total neared \$500. Sr. Angele Therese, BVM, made a sterling silver rosary on which she sold chances to raise money for the fund.

"Catching up on my studies will take a little time," confesses Gene. Fr. Marvin Mottet sent him a LP album of the New Testament to aid him with his religion homework.

After he was able to operate a wheelchair, Gene enjoyed "free wheeling" through the halls to visit other patients. He frequently visited Fr. E. J. Weeg, who was also recuperating from an operation. "I usually won," Gene admits recalling their Euchre playing sessions.

Democratic Aspirations Senior Predicts Dark Horse

by Tom McDonnell

With the Wisconsin primaries in, the eyes of the nation will focus on the parade of the candidates being displayed by the Democratic and Republican parties.

As state primaries exemplify, the '60 election should prove to be quite a battle of political strategy at both convention sites, especially the Democratic.

It is the opinion of this observer that the Democrats have a decided edge as far as candidates are concerned. However, the Democratic party will not get into office with their present line-up. Why?

This year, as in all presidential election years, we watch with a critical eye the two parties' candidates. However, what is it that we look for? Do we come to our choice through going over all the boring political facts, figures, and voting records, or do we think of the figure our man would cut as president? I believe the latter to be true.

Going, if you would, on the fact that candidates are chosen basically and primarily on personality, we might take a good look at the personalities involved.

One might choose handsome John Kennedy. Why not? He is irresistible, poised, suave, and has many friends. But the young Catholic from Massachusetts, if elected President, will have to tell a lot of people what to do and a lot of those people will not want a "boy" telling them what to do; especially a "boy" who has a lot of money and unfortunately won't let people forget it.

Senator Hubert Humphrey is also a possibility, though, I think, a slight one. As nice as Hubert may be, he does not look like a president. He is a lightweight. No one hates him, yet no one would sell their birthright for him.

Then there is the good-looking Senator from Missouri named Stu Symington. Unfortunately that's all he is. Lyndon Johnson is a Southerner; too bad for Lyndon Johnson. Governor Pat Brown has little more chance than his fellow Californian, Caryl Chessman. Adlai Stevenson would be perfect except that he has been beaten twice and has a rather odd shape to his head.

These observations would leave room for a "darkhorse" on the Democratic ranks. There is one "darkhorse" who is not young, rich, handsome, nor is he a Southerner. Luckily his head is not conspicuously shaped like an egg. This fellow is Chester Bowles.

Don't let his unfamiliarity fool you. Bowles has practically everything in the "real" sense. He's had much experience, having served as ambassador to India, Governor of Connecticut, and Senator from that same state.

Bowles, besides these political activities, has spent time in the business world. Thus he is new and untested. He does not have to overcome any extraneous issues such as Church-State relations, nor has he been beaten twice in the presidential election. I, for one, would not be surprised if, during the heat of next August, the name Chester Bowles comes up with some regularity.

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AHS Intramurals Capture Students' Fancies



HALF TIME HUDDLE . . .
Coach Doug Cornick '61 advises his boys intramural team during a hot contest.

by Dick Wolfe

"Could you please get us into the gym?" begged a breathless sophomore girl that I recognized as a cheerleader. Trailed by five other sophomore girls, she had come running down the B-wing one late winter afternoon.

"Oh, hurry! The gym doors are locked and Mike Abbott and Dave Huyette are playing intramurals," she continued.

Envisioning myself as a Dan Cupid, I smuggled them in through the girls' locker room door and was greeted by smirks from the boy spectators as I walked through the inner gym door with six girls following.

After shaking off taunts of "Hey, Pied Piper, where's your flute?", I watched the fine job being done by intramural director Ray Ambrose as he supervised the program involving 250 boys.

This huge effort culminated in the crowning of the upper and lower division champions March 29. Fr. William Stratman's senior homeroom, coached by Dick Leonard, survived a furious last half by the juniors to grab the upper division championship 26-24 after leading 13-2 at intermission.

The sophomores coached by Don Miller walloped Sr. St. Edward's homeroom, guided by Bill Donohoo, 28-14.

The tall and experienced senior team finished the season undefeated in five games, with four of its players having played varsity ball before. Larry Fennelly played varsity this year, Ron Fiese and Bill Gluba were on the squad last year, and Mike Lohf was a regular his sophomore year at Buffalo. In ad-

dition Fennelly, Fiese, and Tim Goffar played for Eaton's Market last winter.

However, their toughest senior opponent, Fr. Marvin Mottet's A-1 crew, also boasted two members of last year's varsity, John Beh and Pat Deluhery.

Mike Milkovich, a diminutive but sharpshooting guard, paced the junior champs in their last half surge for the title by firing in 15 points, all in the last two periods. Mike was the juniors' chief standout in regular season intramurals also.

Henry Arguello and Ed Stolley scored early and often as Miller's charges swept by the outmanned frosh who were led by Lyle Pena. Pena was one of the best outshooters in the lower division intramurals. Joe Connell, Jim Behan, Ken Mead, and Pena sparkled during the four games for the freshmen.

"If these boys were at a smaller high school they probably would be first team," ventures Coach Ambrose. He notes, "Intramurals seemed to make the whole school more basketball conscious and may have uncovered a couple of players good enough for school teams next year."

When comparing this year's teams with those of last year, Coach Ambrose thought the players were improved and a little better balanced this season. He was particularly impressed by the potential of this year's freshmen.

Director Ambrose had considerable praise for those who helped him with the program: Jeff Collins, Tom Eaton, Tom Bivins, and Fr. Charles Mann, to name a few.

"These people aided in making things run smoothly. There would have been

total pandemonium otherwise," said Coach Ambrose.

Since facilities were limited, the intramurals were a climax of the winter phys-ed classes. More than 35 games were played in the four week period even though the gym was available only two nights a week.

At the close of the season, the team captains chose the following All-Star teams: freshmen — Pena, Connell, Meade, Behan, Bill Dare, Dick Mullen, Dennis Thiessen, and Lyle Gregonis; sophomores — Bill Grothus, Stolley, Arguello, Stan Maliszewski, Tom Edwards, Bill Flynn, Tom Bivins, and Bob Hammill; juniors — Gary Goings, Milkovich, Curt Tulman, Francis Valainis, Bob Solis, Les Bickford, Bill Welzenbach, and Jim Ehrecke; seniors — Denny Calkins, Beh, Deluhery, Gluba, Fennelly, Bob Cook, Dick Hassenmiller, and Fiese.

The basketball teams were selected by homerooms. Each player contributed 25 cents for trophies awarded to each player on the championship teams.

Tentatively planned for this spring are intramural tennis and golf starting about May 1, while intramural wrestling is on the agenda for next fall if enough interest is shown.



ALTHOUGH ONLY FIVE feet tall Mike Cummings '61 shows his big drive for a two pointer. Mike played for Father Perry's B-2 Powerhouses. He never has taken ballet lessons.

On the Mound Rained Out Knights Try Again

The Knight's baseball team, currently in the midst of sectional tournament play, returns to regular season competition Friday night at Jefferson field against Alleman. As this issue went to press, the Knights had been able to play only one game, with inclement weather forcing postponements of three other games.

An eight-run burst by Rock Island in the first inning April 7 was the deciding factor as the Rocks romped 12-5 in a contest halted after five innings because of darkness. Assumption rallied with four runs of its own in the last of

'Sheb' Leads Cagers

Who led the basketball team in scoring? Who had the best free throw percentage? These are but a few of the many questions that avid Knight hard-court fans are asking.

Looking over the final regular season statistics we find that Bob Schebler led in total points (278), highest average (14.4), and best field goal percentage (.440). He also hit at a .660 clip from the foul line.

Next in line was Mike McCleary, who missed one game because of a leg injury. He tallied 193 in 18 games for a 10.7 season average and hit .338 from the field. He was tops percentage-wise from the line with 33 for 42 for a .785 count.

Karl Noonan chalked up 172 points for a 9.1 season average. He had .386 from the field and .554 from the line.

Dan Hawley, also hampered with leg trouble, managed 150 points in his 16 games for a 9.3 average. He finished regular season play with percentages of .356 from the field and .600 from the line.

Another leg injury victim, Butch Richardson dropped in 159 points in his 18 tilts for an 8.8 season average. This, however, does not show the whole picture. He scored more than half (80) of his points in the final six games of the season, leading Knight scorers through this stretch. His field goal percentage was .355 while he dropped through .669 of his charity tosses.

The Knights averaged 60.7 points per game, a slight edge over their opponents 60.6. Through the regular season they sported a respectable 10-9 mark, losing only one game, by more than ten points, that to Regis.

ELEMENTS FOR A WINNING TEAM
... the thinking of Dennis Wiese, the nonchalance of Bob Spahn, the weary legs of Bill Bedford, the suspense of Tim Goffar all combined in the seniors' intramurals victory.

the first on its only three hits of the game by John Beh, Tony McAndrews, and Dick Wolfe, but shoddy fielding behind pitcher Paul Castro caused the Knights downfall.

Finding strong second-line pitching and hard-hitting outfielders appeared to be Coach Babe Derouin's major problems. Castro, the top pitcher and hitter in last summer's Davenport Pony Grad league, nailed down the no. 1 pitching job with ease but Derouin is seeking a capable second hurler from Karl Noonan and Tony McAndrews, both of whom pitched Pony-Grad last summer, and Mike McCleary who pitched some for Davenport Junior Legion.

Leading the infield corps is third-baseman John Beh, one of the top prep hitters in the Quad-Cities the past two springs. Beh played semi-pro ball in the tough Interstate League last summer. Holding down the shortstop job is lanky sophomore Karl Noonan, a Pony Grad and Junior Legion player, while McAndrews has developed into one of the Knight's most dangerous hitters.

Second-baseman Butch Richardson had the sixth best average in the Quad-Cities last spring and his speed makes him one of the swiftest baserunners around. Dick Wolfe, who played in 61 Pony-Grad, Junior Legion, and semi-pro games last summer, is the top catcher. He is backed up by junior Tom Eaton, another Pony-Grad player, and sophomore Don Miller, top hitter in the Bettendorf Pony League.

Riflearn Mike McCleary is the only returning outfielder but left-fielder Denny Calkins saw some starting action at shortstop last year. Seniors Bill Mather and Dick Leonard and junior Ed Cawley are vying for the center-field position. Leonard lettered last spring while Cawley was a sophomore regular.

Practice, Enthusiasm Propel Cheerleaders

Add enthusiasm to many hours of practice, stir in pep and perseverance and you have the recipe being used by many hopeful candidates for cheerleaders.

These candidates have to pass some strict requirements, however. Being a sophomore or junior girl, they must have 2.5 scholastic average and be approved by the faculty.

After passing this test, they face two more. The first is before the female faculty (Sisters). Those who have not been eliminated by them then go on to the try-outs before the Student Council, first in a group and then individually.

Cheerleader elections are May 24. Varsity cheerleaders encourage girls to check their qualifications and become candidates.

"The practice begins just after the elections," testifies Eileen Dockery '61. "It's a great honor but it also requires a lot of time, work and effort. We practiced almost every day last summer."

Another "old-hand," Mary Bohrer '61 states "you must always be on your good behavior. After all you're supposed to be representing Assumption HS."

Speaking from experience, Cathy Arnold '61 sums up the feelings of every cheerleader. "Being a cheerleader has its responsibilities as well as its privileges. But the feeling of being part of the team more than makes up for the work."

Their pet peeve, which they hope will be remedied next year, is their trouble arranging transportation to away-games. Many times the money has come out of their pockets, while the team is provided by the athletic fund.



Equestrian Calls Horse Recalcitrant

Mules may have reputation for being stubborn but Barb McCloskey '62, can vouch for that trait in at least one horse.

Last show season Barb participated in her first night showing at Maquoketa. When it came time for her to get her fourth place ribbon, the horse wouldn't budge. After waiting for several minutes, the ringmaster finally said, "I guess this horse isn't very pleased with the place she got."

A born horse lover, Barb has ridden both western and English style, and is currently in her second year of English riding.

In learning to ride English style, Barb started out on school horses. Then she graduated to renting horses. When you rent a horse no one else rides it, Barb explains. After these two phases she adds, you have to buy your own three gaited horse.

Barb's three-gaited horse was purchased for her by Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of Pine Ridge Stables, at the spring sale in Lexington, Kentucky.

Barb has named her new possession walk-trot gelding, "The Viceroy" or "Vic" for short. She hopes to have him ready for showing at Grinnell in May.

Although Barb started showing only last August, when the regular season was half over, she had won two trophies and 13 ribbons.

For the future, Barb hopes to keep Vic, and buy a five gaited horse.

Gym Leaders Gambol, Frolic

Junior and senior leaders of the Assumption Girls Recreation Association attended two play days, Saturday, March 26, at Bettendorf High School and Saturday, April 2, at Rock Island high school.

Activities at Bettendorf included relay races, deck tennis, basketball, volleyball and trampoline. At Rock Island there were also swimming and a water show.

Assumption girls attending the day at Bettendorf were: seniors, Mary Sue Schwieters, Ines Friedrichs, Mary Denise O'Brien, and Jane Austen; junior, Elaine Lamar; sophomores, Julie State, Pat Maag, Mary Guile, Elaine Feeney, Barb Niemeyer, Pat Friedrichs, Beverly Parisho, Barb Lewandoski, Jane Molyneaux, Jane Wells, Judy Scott, Mary Saunders, Nancy Imming, Fran Nelson, and Sharon Steinmann.

Those who went to Rock Island include: seniors, Judy Abbott, Jan Bertrand; juniors, Mary Bohrer, Cathy Arnold; sophomores, Sharon Barta, Jane Mumey, Kathy Ceurvorst, Tracy Plum, Mary Hart, Candy Cox, Louise DeZorzi, and Pat Hogan.



Barb McCloskey '62

Knights Lose Mentor

Assumption, presently on the lookout for a head football coach, will have a hard time finding a man of Gene Walton's caliber. In his two years at Assumption Walton molded two respectable teams from squads that had suffered heavy graduation losses the previous. He was also well-known for building the moral character of the players.

Last fall's co-captain Jim Anderson comments, "All the players liked him and always wanted to play for him."

Knights Build Racket Squad

"We'll be building a lot this year." So spoke Fr. Arthur Perry of his tennis team, more commonly known as the "Racketeers."

The team, composed of Ron Rehmman '60, John Lammers '62, Bill Bedford '60, Dave Cratty '61, Mike Dupey and Bill Dare both '63, is hopefully anticipating the May 7 district meet at a yet unchosen site.

Ron Rehmman, a three year letter winner in tennis, first started playing while in eighth grade at Sacred Heart. In the summer of '57 he finished third in the Davenport City 15-and-under tournament.

John Lammers, from St. Vincent's, is the current Davenport JayCee 15-and-under champion, a title which he won last summer along with a second place finish in the Quad-City JayCee tourney. John is also a returning veteran.

A graduate of St. Paul's, Bill Bedford first became interested in tennis in 1955. Bill also lettered with the squad last year.

A Fantasy Athletes Bicker; Count Bruises

by Scrap O'Donnell

"I still say track is the most strenuous of all spring sports," snarled Mike Lohf '60, as he cocked his fist and thrust it into his hand repeatedly.

"Not a chance," commented Dennis Calkins '60, "you have to be in better condition to swing a baseball bat."

"Ah-hah!" shouted sophomore John Lammers, "That's not correct; look where Pancho Gonzales would be without his brilliant footwork on the tennis court."

"No, you're all wrong" Mike McCarthy '62 quipped. "In the golfer's code there is a statement that says that any golfer who wants to win the PGA championship must practice every day; oh well, who wants to win that old thing any way?"

As the argument raged on, Lohf continued to persist about track, as he massaged his swollen leg muscles. Calkins tightened his back brace, and Lammers rewrapped the support around his wrists and McCarthy put another band-aid on his blistered hand. It really doesn't make any difference which sport a high school athlete is out for; if he desires to achieve any fame or win any first places, he must practice, then practice some more, they contend.

Want to find out who won the argument between the four athletes? Well, just ask any one of them if you see him hobbling down the hall, or better yet, try out for one of the sports yourself.

Dave Cratty, another St. Vincent's product, became interested in tennis four years ago. "It was a neighborhood craze," explains Dave.

St. Paul's parish claims freshman Mike Dupey, who first played tennis last summer when he participated in league tennis at Duck Creek.

Bill Dare, a Garfield graduate, began playing tennis in the seventh grade. In the summer of '58 he won the Park Board elementary tournament.

The team will be without the services of two year veteran John Jayne, who recently entered the hospital for a knee operation. He won the Davenport JayCee 15-and-under tourney in 1958 along with the Davenport City 15-and-under championship. He also finished second in the 18 and under doubles. Last year he finished second in the Davenport City 18 and under tourney.

Tonight will see the squad pitted against cross river rivals Rock Island.

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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS . . . Ines Friedrichs, Skip Kuriger, Pat Deluhery, and Jerry Kane gleefully anticipate Graduation Night, June 5, when they will bow out of Assumption physically, but we hope, more gracefully than pictured below.



Grads Eye Finale, Secure Speaker, Set Exercises

Senior breakfast, practices, and graduation will fill the last high school days of Assumption's class of '60.

The Mothers' Club will host the graduates (97 girls and 100 boys) at a breakfast at the Blackhawk Hotel on Thursday, June 2. Mrs. Charles Zoller and Mrs. James DiBlasio, co-chairmen for the event, have planned a menu that includes fruit juice, scrambled eggs, sausage, and rolls.

Mary Sue Schwieters, president of the senior girls, will present the senior gift (\$1,000) to Fr. Robert Amborn. Speeches by faculty members and student officers will round out the program.

Seniors will have the rest of Thursday free, with graduation practice slated for Friday.

The solemn procession of graduates will open the graduation exercises, scheduled for 8:00 p.m., June 5, in the gymnasium. Two flag bearers will carry the papal and American flags at the head of the procession. Gown colors are the same as last year — deep blue for boys, white for the girls. Honor Society members will again wear gold tassels.

The Most Reverend Ralph L. Hayes, STD, will confer the diplomas, assisted by Sr. M. Ann Esther, BVM, and Fr. Edmund J. Weeg.

The principals will call out the graduates' names and present scholarship awards to the winners in their respective divisions. The newly-elected president and vice-president of the Student Council, Mike Ceurvorst and Judy Egger, will hand the diplomas to the principals.

Father Amborn, after announcing the students from each division who have merited the highest academic average during their four high school years, will introduce the guest speaker, Fr. Robert J. Welch, of the School of Religion at the University of Iowa.

Seating arrangements have been changed this year to use bleachers on both sides of the gym. Father Welch, Father Weeg, Father Amborn, and Sister Ann Esther will be seated on a platform near the west balcony. Faculty members, pastors, and graduates will be seated facing them.

WANT ADS

For sale: owner forced to sell — one little black book — indexed. Call 2-7609 and ask for Nick.

For rent or lease: nine desks in Physics lab — formerly occupied by nine charming distinctions. Call 8-3015.

For sale: almost new — latest edition of the Tall Girl's Handbook. Call 7-9330 and ask for Iz.



ACCEPTING THE ALL-AMERICAN AWARD from Fr. Robert M. Amborn are Knight Beacon co-editors Margaret DiBlasio and Pat Deluhery.

All American KB Receives "Superior" Rating

"The All-American rating which the Knight Beacon has merited is given only to the most outstanding high school publications," commented Fr. Robert Amborn, in announcing the award to the student body before the National Honor Society Oratorical Contest finals.

The All-American rating is the highest given to any high school publication by the National Scholastic Press Association of the University of Minnesota.

According to the Newspaper Guidebook, released by the Association, "NSPA has certain basic standards for coverage, writing and physical properties which must be met to earn honors. Once these conditions are met, standardization is not encouraged. We instructed our judges to give bonus scores for papers showing unusual imagination and initiative, within the bounds of sound journalism."

In awarding the honor, the NSPA praised the Beacon for its "superior" coverage of school events, sports, features, "vitality of headlines" and photography.

The Guidebook added that more than 900 high school publications annually are "analyzed and rated in their classification. They are judged in comparison with those produced by other schools of approximately similar enrollment, by similar method of publication, and with the same frequency of issue per semester."

Only four other publications won the All-American rating in Assumption's classification this year. The Beacon was also awarded the All-Catholic rating earlier in the year by the Catholic Press Association of Marquette University.

"It was a tremendous honor for both the staff and school that the Knight Beacon was given this All-American rating. It should set an example for the whole school to strive for perfection," stated Fr. John Ryan, spiritual director.

Fr. William F. Wiebler, advisor, has been awarded a fellowship for the study of journalism by the Newspaper Fund Inc. of New York City. He will attend Marquette University this summer.

Sisters Merit Grants

Two members of Assumption's Sister faculty have been awarded grants for summer study by the National Science Foundation.

On June 17 Sr. Mary Diane, BVM, will begin a seven week course on the principle of ionic chemistry at Notre Dame University.

Sr. Mary Angele Therese, BVM, will take a four week course in biological laboratory techniques and a two week field course in biology at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota. During her summer study Sister hopes to make permanent slides for her biology classes.

Scholars "Letter", Receive Academic Awards

Students who were outstanding in the various fields of scholastic endeavor were honored by faculty members and fellow students in the annual scholastic awards assembly, May 27.

The winner of the Dennis Vozikis award from the girls' division Student Council members was Kathy Kehoe.

Sodality prefect Mary Ann Sunderbruch was given the Sodality award.

Margaret DiBlasio received the girls' religion award while Pat Deluhery and Larry Montford had to take a test to break a tie. All three had maintained a straight A average through four years of high school religion.

English awards were conferred on Mary Sue Schwieters and Jim Johnson. Fr. William F. Wiebler designated Larry Montford, John Berntsen, Mary Ann Sunderbruch, and Margaret DiBlasio winners of journalism awards for "their loyalty, service, and staff spirit." According to Father Wiebler, "These were the dependable students who met the deadlines and bore the brunt of the routine work so necessary for a vital paper."

Larry Montford and Jim Johnson tied for the history and social science awards, in the boys' division.

Science award winners were Margaret DiBlasio, Ines Friedrichs, Mary Sue Schwieters, and John Berntsen, who, with Roberta Ellis, also won the Latin award.

Mary Guile '62, Tracy Plum '62, Kathy Kehoe '60, Evelyn Panther '62, Louise DeZorzi '62, Les Bickford '61, Greg Cusack '61, Jim Miller '61, Howard Heydn '61, and Mike Barry '63 received citations for speech.

Cathy O'Brien and Sue Gadiant, both '60, were honored for their achievements in bookkeeping, while 12 senior boys, Jerry Kane, Don Hancock, Vince Ruefer, Leon Nieuwenhuis, Paul Berger, John Brockman, Mike Fanning, Larry Fennelly, Bill Gluba, Mike Hammes, Jerry O'Donnell, and Dick Shubat won awards in the National Catholic Bookkeeping test.

Dorothy Testroet '60 and Carole Westphal '61 won shorthand awards. Carole, Mary Denise O'Brien '60, Bill Tiedje '62, Mike Abbott, and Bob Reisinger (named best senior typist) won typing certificates.

George McCarthy won the boys Spanish award. Special audio-visual aid awards were given to Rosalie Bender and Bob Bloominger. Mary Sue Schwieters and Roberta Ellis won additional awards in music for their service as accompanists.

Science Fair awards were presented to Mike Jakubowski '63, Joe Nahra '63, Stan Maliszewski '62, Bob Coeln '62,

and Patrick Morrissey '62.

Kathy Kehoe, Dick Fick, Tim Goffar, Tom Buechele, and Jerry Ehrecke, all seniors, merited Drama awards.

Seniors with the highest averages — to be announced at graduation — are: Margaret DiBlasio, with a 4.00 scholastic average; Mary Sue Schwieters, with

a 3.95 average; and Jim Johnson, 3.86; and John Berntsen, 3.77.

At the time of this writing many of the awards had not been decided. These include boys' Dennis Vozikis award, the YCS award, the girls' History and Social Science, the girls' Spanish, and the Sacristy service award.

Exchange Student Austrian To Attend AHS



Helmut Steiner '61

An Austrian, Helmut Steiner, will be Assumption's first foreign exchange student. He is coming to Davenport through the courtesy of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the International High School Student Program.

Helmut will be 16 years old on August 1. During his two years at the Vienna Realgymnasium (high school), he has taken, Religion, German, English, Latin, French, physics, chemistry, math, art, history, music, shorthand, and geography. A good student, he hopes to become an analytical chemist.

The only child of Dr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Steiner, Helmut is an altar boy and a member of the Sodality of Mary. His special interests lie in reading, music, and art.

Fr. Robert Amborn, who received the letter from the NCWC on May 18, said, "We feel that the presence of this student in our midst will be a benefit to the student body, inasmuch as they will learn something of the life, customs, and educational procedure in Austria. Helmut will, in turn, benefit by obtaining firsthand knowledge of the American way of life."

Father Amborn said also that Helmut's presence will help students appreciate problems in Austria and strengthen the mutual understanding between the two countries.

While in this country Helmut will stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schebler, 2132 Frisco Drive. They answered an ad in *The Catholic Messenger* asking for families who would be willing to take an exchange student into their homes. They will provide room and board and treat him as a son. His tuition and books will be supplied by the school.

Assumption's first foreign exchange student is expected to leave Austria on July 25 and fly to Washington, D.C., where he and other students will take part in an orientation program. He will arrive in Davenport during the first week in August.

An editorial advocating such an exchange appeared in the March issue of the *Knight Beacon*. Nothing has been said about an Assumption student being sent abroad.

Juniors Renew Dinner Tradition

Renewing a tradition originated by the present senior girls in their junior year, the class of '61 honored the seniors at a buffet-style dinner May 22 at 6:30 in the cafeteria.

Junior class president Mary Sue Maher acted as general chairman for the event. Assisting and advising the girls were junior homeroom teachers Sr. M. Francelle, Sr. M. Irenaeus, and Sr. M. Helen Regine.

Elaine LaMar, Karen Melroy and Jo Ann Ruge issued invitations to the senior girls, the girls' faculty and Fr. Robert Amborn. The entertainment committee was headed by Mickie Smith and Mary Janet O'Hara. Carol Wysoske and Pat Swails directed the finance committee; Chris Schlack was in charge of decorations.

The menu of ham, baked beans, scalloped potatoes and potato salad, assorted salads, rolls, and dessert was planned by the foods committee: Barb Smith, Julie Meyers and Sandy Miller. The ham, rolls and cake were bought with the donations of the junior girls, while the girls themselves prepared the other dishes.



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"As a Beacon in the Night"



Weary Seniors Leave Will; Election Notes To Juniors

Being of sound mind but weary of body on this 31st day of May, 1960, the Senior Class of 1960 does hereby bequeath to the senior class of 1961 the following material: three president-sized Jack Kennedy posters, bumperettes from all candidates, newspaper clippings praising the candidates, copies of Congressional Record speeches, and campaign buttons.

These hardly used articles will be left in the possession of the executor of the estate to be used in the best interests of the class of '61. We hope you will be able to put this material to more use than the class of '60 did.

Other valuable gems are: a nomination speech complete with a seconding speech, addresses for additional information concerning the candidates, and life histories of the men, pointing out their achievements that qualify them for President of the United States.

As an aid to a successful convention, we leave you our senior English research themes exposing the defects and qualifications of all candidates. Another very important requisite that we cannot leave you, but we hope you already possess, is the enthusiasm and willingness to carry out an exciting convention.

Definitely it would be well if you started planning this convention as soon as possible, since the longer you delay, the less inviting the convention will become. We urge you to plan the convention this summer so you can start organizing immediately in September.

Perhaps, since the National Conventions will be over, you will not wish to hold a mock convention. If this is the case, you may desire to hold a presidential election instead. We leave it to your discretion to use this material in the best possible manner.

Given this day at AHS.

JOHN BERNTSEN, Trustee



The Shoe - Filler

Footsteps
Softer,
Softer,
Echo through the halls.
Disappearing seniors
Send back a final call.

The seniors' shoes are empty now.
Juniors
take
the
step.

What must they do to make them fit?

The '60 class had "all there" spirit with
All-American Beacon Staff
Silver bells tinkling in French
Spaghetti a la Colonnese served in chefs' hats
A top-ten rating in the scholarship exams
Exorcising DHS
Launching the satellite Assumptionite
Pictures, invitations, cards
Beatnik clothes . . . hardtime, too
Motorless cars.

They were there — 'most every one.

Anticipating the coming year
The juniors

untie the lace.
They plan to make the shoes fit
real
tight,
And to accelerate the pace.

Graduation Recipe Virtues Compose Ingredients

by Mardi Gaydos

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ½ cup Generosity | ¼ cup Sincerity |
| ¼ cup Responsibility | 1 cup Vivaciousness |
| ¼ cup Integrity | 4 tablespoons Wholesomeness |
| 1 cup Piety | |
| ½ cup Prudence | ½ cup Ingenuity |
| | a dash of Individuality |

Mix responsibility, integrity and prudence. Beat slowly for two years. Then fold in, ever so carefully, vivaciousness, individuality and ingenuity. Let stand for two semesters; gradually add piety. For additional flavor dice one stick of generosity and one stick of sincerity; blend into mixture. Pour into any personality mold and chill in refrigerator for one year. Guaranteed perfect. Will serve humanity — generous helpings.

Youth of Month Student Council Decides Upon Senior Duo



Robert Reisinger '60

Seniors Bob Reisinger and Margaret DiBlasio, chosen for their spirit of service and leadership, are the last Student Council Youths of the Month for this school year.

Bob Reisinger, co-captain of this year's wrestling team, has combined sports and hobbies with more intellectual pursuits to create a well-balanced if often hectic senior year.

A member of Holy Family parish, Bob is a regular Mass server and belongs to the parish Sodality.

Bob lists camping, fishing, swimming and boating as favorite hobbies, adding that he has demonstrated these outdoor skills at previous Boy Scout Jamborees.



Margaret DiBlasio '60

Bob also participates in both the Vocation and Monogram clubs, and was elected to the National Honor Society this year. His favorite subjects, physics and trigonometry, have also influenced Bob's extracurricular interests. He was enrolled last year in an Air Scout navigational course.

Although Bob's wrestling opponents probably won't believe this, Bob has studied music for five years, in a course that emphasizes the composition of classical music.

Not unusual, though, is Bob's part-time job at Eagles'. This summer he will begin working at Bendix and continue there during college. He will enter St. Ambrose in the fall.

Bob also admits that he is somewhat a connoisseur of food. He often cooks his specialty, barbecued foods, on outings.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reisinger, 1221 Parkway Drive.

Margaret, editor of this senior issue of the Beacon, held the position of co-editor through the rest of the year. She also did a great deal of work preparing the defense for the Knight Beacon trial.

In addition to her work in journalism, she is a member of the National Honor Society, the Sodality, the GRA, and serves as a senior gym leader. She admits, "I've found myself volunteering for everything this year, and I've never had more fun or less sleep in my life."

Margaret has worked at the Davenport Public Library for four years, and was recently promoted to the library staff.

During her spare time (of which there is very little) Margaret likes to read or cook, and enjoys listening to music from popular musical comedies. She likes swimming and tennis during the summer months, but readily admits her lack of proficiency.

She has maintained a 4.0 average throughout four years of high school, and received recognition as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. She plans to attend Marycrest College next year.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James DiBlasio, 1308 Arlington Avenue, Margaret is a member of Sacred Heart parish.



— Assumption High School Faculty —



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Sr. M. Angele Therese, Sr. M. Cecil (Vice-Principal of the girls' division). The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary staff the girls' division. Miss Marion Thornton, not pictured, teaches physical education.



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bose, Fr. Edmund Weeg, Fr. William Stratman. Diocesan priests, Sisters of the Humility of Mary, and lay faculty staff the boys' division. Fr. Charles Mann is not pictured.

Father Robert Imborn



Director, Assumption H.S.



Father Edmund J. Weeg
Principal, Boys' Division

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DAVENPORT, IOWA



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Ines M. Friedrichs



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Mary L. McMeans



Thomas P. McCreary



MOTHERS' DAY MEMENTO . . . Father Ryan blesses the roses which were presented to the mothers of YCS'ers. Jim Anderson '60 assists Father. Tom Buechele '60, lower photo, presents a rose to his mother.

WANT ADS

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For Sale: cheap — one half-filled bottle of Old Spice. Formerly owned by an old lady who never shaved. Call 3-6162.

Book List

Juniors List Favorites

(Members of the junior class compiled the following book list guaranteed to be favorites of the seniors.)

Frog in the Throat by Dan Hawley

Life on the Range by John Beh

I am Exhausted by Carole Gross

Cathy's Clown by Jim McGrath

Say It with Old Spice by Skip Kuriger

The Life of a Spider by Anne Faulhaber

I'd Love to Wear Heels by Connie Edwards

The History of Lady Clairol by Mary McMeans

The Mouse That Roared by Mike McCleary

The Plight of the Bright by Tom McDonnell

Hickory, Dickery, Dockery by John Brandt

I'm Bohrerred by Ray Cinadr

How to Catch 'Goffars' by Sandra Kearney



Tube With Ears Becomes Teacher

With only a single large black eye and a pair of rabbit ears, Mr. Educational TV has become a valuable assistant teacher at AHS. This fellow is being put to a wide number of uses, which range from brief glimpses of historic occasions to experiments in advanced chemistry.

Among the most enthusiastic TV adherents, Sr. M. Borgia, BVM, always makes Shakespearean plays a must for her English classes. The *Wagon Train* version of *Great Expectations* allowed a discussion comparing the characters with those in the book which the class had just finished reading. But other plays with pagan philosophies, such as the *Doll House*, are discussed to sharpen the student's ability to discern unchristian principles.

A typical student reaction is that "TV is a pleasant change from the

daily routine," according to Carole Duffy '60.

For the boys, Mr. Walton incorporates programs like *Divided We Stand* and *Meet Mr. Lincoln* into his history course. The *Twentieth Century* on Sundays is cited by Mr. Walton as a very good program for classroom use in the form of a film.

The *Continental Classroom*, an early morning production, is highly recommended by Fr. W. F. Stratman, science teacher. "It's a very difficult program to understand, especially if you don't watch it every day," Tim Vaughan observes.

"It really helps you to review" is the way Don Loftus feels about the documentaries shown on the lives of Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Teddy Roosevelt. Gary Goings feels "films give you an insight into how people really used to live."

Year's Work Disperses; AHS Clubs Disband

After a long year's work the AHS clubs will settle down to a well-deserved recess until September, when they will swing into action once again.

The Sodality ended the year with a flourish. On May 13 they honored Mary, the patron of Assumption, with the annual May crowning held in the library courtyard. Mary Ann Sunderbruch, prefect of the Sodality, crowned the Blessed Mother's statue; Roseann Laake, vice-prefect, assisted. Senior Sodalists were guards-of-honor.

During this busy year, the Sodality conducted a Mental Prayer contest and two panel discussions. In February a panel composed of senior Sodalists and two Marycrest juniors — Margaret Speuhler and Barbara Mizicko — discussed "The Catholic Press in the Life of the Catholic Student." In March, Mrs. Merle Speer, a housewife, Miss Elizabeth Coughlin, a career woman, and Sr. Mary Kevin, BVM, Alleman, participated in a vocation panel.

Other projects sponsored by the Sodality were the Lenten breakfast service, Christmas food baskets, and the Sodality bookstore, which sold approximately 1,000 books.

Science Club meetings have featured such guest speakers as Mr. Don Perry, Bendix Aviation Corp., and Fr. Sebastian Menke, St. Ambrose College. The club has been disbanded.

Grad Lauds Law

But why can't we leave the campus during lunch periods? This is a familiar question often raised by seniors. For at least one senior, Mary Denise O'Brien, the restriction proved a blessing in disguise.

Pulling out of her driveway on her way to the Assumption-East Moline baseball game, Denny found her way blocked by a man who claimed to be an FBI agent. Skeptical at first, Denny readily believed the man when he presented his official identification.

The officer explained that the person who had robbed an East Moline bank earlier in the day had used a car exactly like hers for the getaway.

Had she left school during the noon hour, or given her car to anyone else during that time? the agent wanted to know. Denny explained that no one is allowed this privilege and the man seemed satisfied.

Just to clinch the alibi, Denny added that when she did leave school at 3:00 p.m. she was accompanied by several Sisters.

Denny finally arrived at the game, murmuring thanksgiving for a rule that to most is only an inconvenience.

According to moderator Fr. William Stratman, the Radio Club has expired also.

The National Honor Society nominated another five per cent of the juniors and sophomores. Nominees will not be inducted until next year. Repetition of the Spelling Bee, and Oratory Contest, along with assisting at Career Week and College Night, are headlining events for Honor Society members next year.

After a very successful initial year, the Drama Club is planning to repeat the variety show and one-act plays. They also hope to draw up a charter and receive Student Council recognition. This past year the thespians have produced the Night of One Acts and Lute Song.

The Sacristy Club, composed mainly of sophomores, has set out vestments, cared for the altar, and kept the altar linens clean.

The Library Club, with a membership of 40 girls, maintains the library bulletin board and has complete charge of the library. They also hope to obtain a Student Council charter next year.

Mr. Carl Paarman will conduct a summer band program for grade and high school students from June 20 to July 29. Classes will be held three days a week. On May 10 the Assumption

MAY CORONATION . . . Mary Ann Sunderbruch '60, Sodality prefect, reaches for the crown which Roseann Laake '61, vice prefect, hands her from the pillow. Joe Sunderbruch '72 acts as crown bearer. Senior Sodalist reciting the Act of Consecration is Angela Alcalá.

band played for an Alleman assembly and on May 20 held a public concert. The band also played at the Assumption-Davenport Youth Benefit Baseball game.

The past year has been a lively one for YCS groups. A Study Day, a Study Night, an Evening of Recollection, and a Parents' Night were the high points. Another project was the distribution of tree tags explaining the true meaning of the Christmas tree. This summer the Davenport Diocesan Federation will hold a Study Week August 8-11 at St. Ambrose College.



Senior Resume Spaghetti and Chicken Wire Unite Seniors

by Carole Gross & Kathy Kehoe

Normally, seniors suffer from a chronic case of senioritis, an incurable disease with such detrimental effects as indifference, loss of school spirit, lack of unity, disinterest in school affairs, and a longing for graduation.

But, the class of '60, who care enough to be the very best, are afflicted with togethernessitis. This enthusiasm germ began to take effect at pre-Homecoming time.

Since school spirit was total shot at the time, it was a challenge for us seniors to pull through. So as fast as we could beg thousands of napkins from local merchants, we converged in Carole Gross's basement and began stuffing napkins into chicken wire — the first step towards our Homecoming float. Starting with this, Homecoming snowballed into a whole parade, plus a helicopter.

Through these and similar projects cliques began to melt and the senior class became one.

Homecoming day arrived dark and rainy, but the weather couldn't dampen that senior spirit. After a pep rally, we drove in a caravan down Central Park Avenue. Returning we found the Assumption drive lined with all the kids waiting in the rain for Queen Connie Edwards.

At game time our tears flowed as we watched our beautiful float sag and sink into the mud. The helicopter descended through the rain, delivering Queen Connie to her Homecoming kingdom. The night ended with a party at John Beh's, the seniors' second home.

The Variety Show, though not specifically a senior project, was enhanced by the enthusiasm of participating seniors, often to the embarrassment of sparkling Barb Werthmann. With typical senior grace, Joe Smith swayed to an accompaniment of laughter. Mutual back-slapping after the performance climaxed all the goofing off that finally jelled into a good show.

As the year progressed, our spirits found outlet in another project, the Spaghetti dinner. Enthusiasm and anticipation grew as we helped Father Colonnese stir the big kettles of sauce, decorate the cafeteria, and make last minute arrangements the day before.

When the day finally arrived we all felt so united — singing school and class songs while we cleaned up, taking down decorations, and ending the day with a party at Sue Gadiant's.

Much of our fun was very disorganized, and furnishes delightful memories of the kids we dated and the crazy things we did. Even the organized parties strike different meanings for each of us. More important, however, are the things to recall together,

DISMAY OR DELIGHT . . . that's the expression on Kathy Kehoe's face as she worked with Carole Gross on the class resume, which is given in the adjoining story.



all the good times we shared, not as small cliques, but as one, fun-loving (perhaps a little more than was good for us) class of '60.

For instance, we all remember Kathy Kehoe's beatnik party, especially Jerry Kane and his bongo drums, and Bill Maher's post-party-party.

Then there was the night of the DHS-AHS football game and our celebration at Fejevary afterwards. We'll always remember the parties when Ray Tiedje would make a fire in the fireplace, Mary Sue Schwieters would take her place at the piano, and we would join in singing the Irish songs for George McCarthy, Pat Deluhrey, and Tom McDonnell.

We must apologize to Dr. and Mrs. Kehoe for the shock they suffered when they got home and discovered that the Variety Show cast, including the Knight Beats, had invaded their home for a post-practice party.

None of the seniors, especially Tom McDonnell, will soon forget our toboggan party!

The seniors also like to boast that it was their spirit that set the pace for the rest of the school in sports. Senior officers juggled finances, buses, and seniors almost every out of town game. It's surprising that we could still cheer at the games after all the singing and cheering on the way there. When our Knights faced DHS in the sectional, even the Davenport cheerleaders admitted that they were far outcheered by smaller Assumption.

We never knew we had such talent among us until at one of Sharon Dulansky's post-game parties, Dan Haw-

ley, Bob Spahn and Mike Fanning set up a combo with washtubs, bottles and a broom.

Then there was the Sunday that Credit Island was invaded by about half the senior class. We were so fascinated by Dick Leonard's skill in our baseball game that we didn't even get around to roasting our hot dogs.

As we reluctantly leave Assumption, carrying memories of our fantastic, unforgettable senior year we do hope that Ted's and 30-Lanes won't be too lonesome without us.

A few years from now these memories may be revived, as members of the class of '60, in a reminiscent mood, recall that time when . . .

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Some Seniors Know, But Some Are Dubious

Many students indicated on their surveys that they would enter college this fall. The following is a tentative list of those students and the colleges that they have chosen:

Boys

Saint Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa —

John Feyen, Dan Macumber, Bill Gluba, Jim Foster, Bill Bedford, Richard Fick, Ken Palmisano, Tom Houghton, John Hyland, Dick Hasenmiller, George McCarthy, Mike Schaecker, Don Bock, Jack Ketelaar, Jerry O'Donnell, Larry Fennelly, Don Bender, Ray Cinadr, Jerry Mosier, John Viggos, Tom Buechele, Bob Spahn, Jerry Kane, Mike McGee, John Beh, Bill Snyder, Art Johnson, Bob Reisinger, Tim Goffar, George McKinzie, John Berntsen, Dennis O'Toole, Mike Lohf, Dick Leonard, Bill Maher, Jim Johnson, Ron Rehmann, Lawrence Montford, Jim Anderson;

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa—

Dennis Calkins, Gerald Ehrecke, Joseph Rose, John Niemeyer;

St. Joseph's Seminary, Edgerton, Wisconsin —

Joe Bryant;

Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana—

Patrick Deluhery, Thomas McDonnell, Jim McGrath;

Creighton, Omaha, Nebraska —

Tom Atzen;

Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa —

Dick Wolfe;

Spring Hill —

Tom McCarthy;

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin —

Richard Moore, Bob Johnston, Ron Fiese, Bill Bell.

Girls

Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa—

Mary Denise O'Brien, Janice Miller, Mary Schepker, Lois Borowicz, Isabelle McNamara, Mary Ann Sunderbruch, Sandra Kearney, Linda McDonald, Ines Friedrichs, Mary Sue Schwieters, Susie Jansen, Dorothy Testroet, Mary Jo Seng, Jane Alston, Judy Marietta, Rosalie Bender, Margaret DiBlasio;

Mount St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Kansas—

Susan Gadiant;

Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Davenport, Iowa —

Sharon Martens, Connie Edwards, Skip Kuriger, Betti Brandt, Barb

Werthmann, Ann Cook;

St. Mary's, Omaha, Nebraska—

Charlene Conway;

St. Anthony's School of Nursing, Rock Island, Ill. —

Pat Campbell, Janice Stolmeier, Mary Jo Marinan;

Oklahoma University —

Mary McMeans;

Cardinal Stritch, Milwaukee, Wis. —

Carole Gross, Barbara Snell;

College of Saint Mary —

Sally Jo Roth;

Mount St. Clare, Clinton, Iowa —

Jacque Rae Jurgens;

San Jose State, Calif. —

Judi Abbott.



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COULD THESE BE PSUEDO PRIESTS? No, just Ray Cinadr '60, John Brandt '60 and Bill Gluba '60, appearing at the Hard-Times dance held May 6.

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"NOW LISTEN TO THIS ONE, Mr. Savala!" chortles Tom McCarthy '60 while seniors Jim Anderson, Ron Rehmann, Bill Snyder, Pat Deluhery, and Dick Leonard look on at the Hard Times dance to raise money for this issue.

Lute Song Scores In Acting, Lighting, Costumes

by Ron Rehmann

However black the stage may have been, audience and actors were never in the dark during the performances of *Lute Song*. Effective lighting and brilliant staging and costuming formed a more than adequate background for the emotions expressed by the actors.

Since some of the actors had had previous experience, their individual performances highlighted the production. Experience and maturity were an asset to Kathy Kehoe '60, in her difficult role as the wronged wife. Her portrayal seemed unstrained and her actions well motivated as she placed herself in sympathy with her character through the duration of the play.

Barb Smith '62, portraying an entirely different personality than her previous *Bird* role, charmed the audience with her mellow voice. Serving as the manager, Jerry Ehrecke '60, refreshed the audience with his resume of the proceedings before each act. Jane Wells '62, providing the only comic relief in the tension of the story, cleverly established a humorous character.

However, equally outstanding was the performance displayed by students without previous experience to their credit. Tim Goffar '60, showed strength and forcefulness as a aged mandarin, particularly in his onstage death, a scene difficult for any actor to perform. Tom Buechele '60, showed much insight into his scholarly role and used his vocal talents to enhance the musical spirit of his portrayal. Dick Fick '60, characterized the pride of the prince both in line delivery and in gesture and carriage.

Besides being an Assumption first, the use of black lighting was also new to the Quad-Cities. Two black lights illuminated the stage, giving an eerie glow to costumes and white apparel of the audience. Special credit is due to Fr. Robert Amborn, who was instrumental in obtaining the black lights, for the outstanding effects.

The choreography directed by Sr. M. Borgia, BVM brightened the play at the proper times. The temple dance performed by Carole Gross '60, Sue Gadiant '60, Cathy Ceurvorst '62, and Louise DeZorzi '62, — coordinated with the charming dragon dance, added to the Oriental mood of the play.

Everything achieved in *Lute Song* would naturally have been impossible without Sr. M. Eustella, BVM who devoted time and effort as the director of the play, and Larry Armondo of St. Ambrose College, who lent his talents to scenery, make-up and interpretation as assistant director.

The scenery, which utilized the expanse of the stage and provided inti-

macy when needed, established an exotic Oriental setting with a limited number of props. Applause goes to Kathy Brasch '61, and Howard Heydn '61, for their efforts.

But a contrast to the mood of the performance was the manner in which the audience accepted the more dramatic sequences. For example, the death scene, one of the more serious

parts, drew a gale of laughter from the audience. It certainly was not acted in a facetious manner, and it was a shame that the audience could not have accepted it with the maturity that the actors displayed in playing it.

In future performances, this reviewer feels that choice of a lighter selection might be more attractive, both to the actors and to the audience.

Seniors Reminisce About Past

Homecoming, Spaghetti Supper, Davenport-Assumption football game, Junior-Senior Prom — all are vivid memories in Assumption seniors' minds, as indicated by a recent survey.

School spirit was coined "good" by most, but, as everything else, it was described "not as good as it could be." A few seniors speculated that, when the present sophomores become seniors, school spirit will be at a new high.

On the majority of the surveys, it was indicated that there should be some senior privileges. Quite a few boys listed as their biggest "gripe" the present locker rules.

Many, according to the survey, contemplated going to college. Sixty-five percent of the boys said they plan to enter college this fall; college-bound girls were not as numerous. A good per-

centage of those entering college chose St. Ambrose or Marycrest.

What kind of books do seniors read? Quite a selection! Favorites range from *Camping Can Be Fun* to *War and Peace*. Several boys listed Dr. Tom Dooley's books *Deliver Us From Evil* and *Edge of Tomorrow* as the best they had read. One senior boy, Dick Wolfe, listed *History of American Football* as his favorite.

It was hard to ascertain whether or not seniors are anxious to graduate since a 50-50 split was revealed. Many claimed that their senior year was fun and they just didn't want to leave.

Seniors offered many suggestions to underclassmen. Sue Gadiant proclaimed, "As underclassmen gain the reputation for being cooperative students." Jim McGrath, also a senior, humorously noted, "Learn all you can while you are alive so that you will be pretty smart when you are dead."

Profs Disillusion Students

In order to assist underclassmen in future years at Assumption, this list of translations of statements made by teachers has been compiled by two seniors.

What They Say . . .

1. We might have a short quiz tomorrow.
2. The curve dipped pretty low this time.
3. Now I could tell you the answer but you'll remember it longer if you look it up yourself.
4. I think I'll let you correct your own papers this time.
5. Your child fails to grasp the fundamental subject matter necessary for the course.
6. Today let's turn the class over to you.
7. Now let's all use common sense when we do this experiment.
8. I'm a little disappointed at our ticket sales.
9. I know it's spring but we have a lot of work to cover.
10. Procrastination is the thief of time.
11. I have a few announcements this morning.

What They Really Mean . . .

1. Better prepare for the chapter test.
2. Nobody got above 30.
3. I don't have the faintest idea what you're talking about.
4. I've got a three weeks backlog of uncorrected tests.
5. He's a complete idiot.
6. I don't have a thing prepared.
7. Our mortality rate has been quite low; let's keep it that way.
8. We have a grand total of three tickets sold.
9. Put down the comic books and pay attention.
10. Start at least the night before; you won't get it done in 5th period study hall.
11. We'll resume class in about 15 minutes.



JUNIOR FRANK SOLIS clears one of the high hurdles which he faced during the track meet at Bettendorf, Friday night, April 22.



UP, UP AND OVER goes Doug Cornick, another promising junior returning to next year's track squad.



MIKE LOHF TAKES the baton from one of his team-mates and fights on to a grueling finish in the mile relay. He also won a blue ribbon in the low hurdles at Bettendorf. Mike is currently top point winner on the AHS track team, and one of the outstanding seniors on the team, says Coach Ray Ambrose.



Knights Secure Practice Fields

Starting next fall, since they will have their own practice field behind the parking lot, the football team will no longer have to trot across Duck Creek each night.

Frandsen Excavating Co. is finishing the grading of the area from the parking lot to Duck Creek. Immediately, after the grading is completed, the maintenance men will disk, harrow, fertilize, and seed the area.

Next year, this land will be used for softball diamonds, practice football fields, and for physical education classes.

A Tie, Two Victories, Resignation, Top Year's Sports News

The Davenport football game, East Moline basketball games, and resignation of head football coach Gene Walton provided the top sports stories at Assumption this year. It was a year that saw two potential championship Knight teams knocked to the wayside in first round tournament play by arch-rival Davenport.

Late last August Coach Walton greeted 40 varsity football candidates, including 15 lettermen, and directed them through three practice sessions a day in the sultry heat, preparing for the opener at Fort Madison.

The weak Bloodhounds upset the Knights 21-0 but Walton's charges bounced back in the next two weeks to smother Regis and be tied by top-ranked Davenport to furnish the biggest surprise of the local prep football season. This was the only mar on an otherwise perfect record in the Blue Devils' final year under the same roof.

The quarterbacking of junior John Fennelly and the running of seniors Tim Goffar and Ed Burke highlighted the Knights' offensive splurge in these contests, while seniors Jim Anderson and Dick Leonard anchored the line.

Assumption sandwiched a hard-fought victory over Joliet Catholic between shut-outs at the hands of Notre Dame at Niles, Wahlert, Alleman, and Clinton.

Student spirit picked up noticeably at the helicopter homecoming with the River Kings and carried on into the following week when the state's number one team, Burlington, pulled away from a halftime tie to gain a 27-13 verdict. This was the only game that the Knights scored in that they didn't at least tie.

The season's finale with Bettendorf was cancelled because of a heavy snowstorm. Seniors Jim Anderson and Ed Burke were elected co-captains by their teammates and all were honored at a post-season banquet.

Only four basketball lettermen — Dick Leonard, Dan Hawley, Mike McCleary and Bob Schebler — returned, but Coach Babe Derouin found added strength in sophomore Karl Noonan and two first-year seniors, Butch Richardson and Dick Wolfe. Besides Schebler, Tony McAndrews and John Fennelly were the junior standouts.

The cagers raced off to a swift start and, after winning seven of their first nine games, were ranked third in the state and first in the southeast district around the middle of January. Then the roof caved in as the Assumption quintet lost six of their next seven contests before salvaging a triumph over North Scott prior to the tournament.

In the sectional at Clinton, Davenport survived a furious last quarter rally sparked by Mike McCleary to drop the Knights from the tournament trail 65-58.



HIGH POINT WINNER Mary Denise O'Brien '60, accepts her GRA trophy from Miss Marian Thornton, girls' gym instructor. Other GRA awards, bowling trophies and ribbons, and ribbons for intramural sports were presented at the annual athletic awards assembly.

Although Assumption ended up splitting even in two games, Regis was the only team to out-score the Knights by more than ten points.

Junior Bob Schebler paced the scoring parade, followed by McCleary and Hawley. Richardson and Hawley were announced co-captains at the March banquet. Schebler was selected third team All-Quad City, and McCleary was named to the Regis all-opponent team on the basis of his 34 points against the Royals in the third game of the season.

The team with the best winning percentage in the school this year was the wrestlers, who compiled a 7-4 tally while growing the fastest of any sport at Assumption.

Senior Jerry Kane had the top individual record, followed by junior John Davies and sophomore heavyweight Bob Deluhery. Paul Castro, Rich Moore, Bill Bell, Bob Reisinger, and Tim Goffar were other senior stalwarts.

Making big news on the spring sports scene was the first entry of an Assumption athletic team into the state finals as Father Mann's golf team crashed the "Sweet Sixteen" despite a mediocre 1-3 pre-district mark. Senior Tom McCarthy, along with brother Mike and another sophomore, Bill Flynn, golfed brilliantly to lead the way for the Knight linksmen.

On the baseball front, Assumption boasted of the second best pitcher in the Quad-Cities, four year veteran Paul Castro (3-2), and two of the area preps three top hitters in Dick Wolfe (.471) and Tony McAndrews (.438); but were dumped in sectional tournament play by perennial state finalist Davenport, 4-2.

Castro and another classy veteran, John Beh, were well over .300 in the

batting percentages as Coach Derouin molded his second winning baseball crew in his two-year stint here. The bad spring raised havoc with the schedule and forced a rash of late season contests.

Father Perry's tennis team, paced by Ron Rehmann, district semi-finalist, used underclassmen to replace last spring's almost unbeatable twosome of Gene McCabe and Dave Killian, but dropped their first six matches.

Heading up the spring sports teams was the track outfit which uncovered school record-breakers in almost every event, but still was having trouble winning its share of meets. Swift Butch Richardson, Bill Gluba and Dave Aldape were the running stars, while Bob Schebler and Doug Cornick blazed the path in the field events. The abundance of talent among the underclassmen gave promise of bright future for Coach Ray Ambrose's charges.

Two coaching changes occurred during the year — one addition in the fall and a resignation in the spring. The new addition was Ron Mellen, St. Ambrose College graduate from Chicago, who became head sophomore baseball and basketball coach and assistant varsity line coach in football. The loss was hard-working Gene Walton, another St. Ambrose grad, who resigned as head football coach after two years to take a lucrative offer in the business world.

Mr. Walton provided Assumption gridiron fans with a fair share of thrills in his stay here and gained the respect of his players, students, faculty, fans, and opposing coaches. He was also varsity assistant in basketball and track besides being boys' social studies instructor.

