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RECORD BREAKING ENROLLMENT

STUDENT COUNCIL PROVES ITSELF

With the beginning of another school year we have the beginning of another Student Council. But this year's Student Council is already proving itself to be a success. This has been through the combined efforts of our new officers: J. Nadziejko, A. Randall, E. Weiss and G. Bischof.

At the first Student Council meeting, the officers proved themselves by being able to get most affairs under hand. Already it has been decided to purchase flags for all classrooms and a crucifix for the gym. Wallet-size cards of the school song have been ordered. Also, the first date dance of the year, the Wagon Whirl, has been scheduled for October 17. This is the work of only five weeks of school.

The home room delegates at the first meeting were:

Seniors: D. Krystoff, J. Bauza, R. Zepecki, M. Burns. *Juniors:* V. Rouch, R. Boze, R. Durbin, M. Huntley. *Sophomores:* J. Balcer, T. Barber, R. Rettig, T. Betts, D. DeMarse. *Freshmen:* B. Sherman, E. Zdroj, R. Stefanik, R. Moser, J. Allen, J. DeMarse.

MORE LAY TEACHERS ARE ADDED TO FACULTY OF ASSUMPTION HIGH

Assumption High School's 1960-61 enrollment has reached a new high of 678 students. An overwhelming 228 freshmen, the greatest number in Assumption history, represents a 28 per cent increase over last year's freshmen. This year's total increase is 12 per cent.

Assumption is attended by students from approximately 15 East St. Louis parishes. In addition to these parishes we have representation from the neighboring communities of Granite City, Madison, Caseyville, Collinsville, Cahokia, O'Fallon, Centreville and Belleville.

Due to the increased enrollment all rooms of the school have been pressed into service and are filled to capacity. This includes the recent relocation of the book store and the conversion of the unfinished foyer into a classroom. This space problem may well become a more pressing challenge to be dealt with in the near future.

Laymen Added

To combat this problem four laymen

have been added to teach and to coach.

Mr. David Huelsman, homeroom 201 teaching Bookkeeping and General Business.

Mr. James Monken, homeroom 104, teaches Ancient History, World History and is freshman football coach.

Mr. Richard Ryan, homeroom 136, teaches Geography and Civics. Mr. Ryan is also assistant varsity football coach and will coach freshman basketball and varsity track.

Mr. Kenneth Scheu teaches General Math, Algebra I, Plane Geometry and coaches sophomore football. He will also coach sophomore basketball and track.

New Brothers

There also have been five new religious changes at Assumption.

Brother Lawrence Kraft, homeroom 118, comes to us from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Brother Kraft teaches English I and Religion I and is the Aquinas Club moderator.

Brother Henry Boedicker, homeroom 202, also comes to us from St. Mary's. Brother Boedicker teaches Religion I and English I and II.

Brother Douglas Pott, homeroom 135, taught at Maryhurst last year. He teaches Religion I, English I and II and Ancient and Modern History. He also coaches freshman football.

Rev. Bernard Rochon, homeroom 128, was stationed in Ottawa, Canada, last year. Father Rochon teaches Religion IV and English IV and is the school's Sodality director. He was at Assumption six years ago before he was ordained.

Brother Arnold Wurzel, homeroom 213, taught at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio before he came here. Brother Wurzel teaches Religion III, Spanish II, Modern History and is Glee Club director.

The Pioneer staff takes this occasion to welcome the new faculty members in the name of the entire student body. New faces and new blood always add to the growth of school spirit. That is what gives the teachers and students the right to their title of "Pioneer."



New members of the teaching staff are off to a cheerful start in their new assignments. Left to right: Mr. David Huelsmann, Bro. Lawrence Kraft, Bro. Arnold Wurzel, Fr. Bernard Rochon, Mr. James Monken, Bro. Henry Boedicker, Bro. Douglas Pott, Mr. Kenneth Scheu and Mr. Richard Ryan.

Senior Viewpoints

(This article begins a series that will be written by a student selected from each division. These will deal with the student's opinion of his stay at Assumption. The first of this series is written by John Haack, a senior.—The Editor)

In three years at Assumption I have seen many different changes. I have said both welcome and farewell to many of my teachers in the past three years. Since I first walked through those "open portals" I have watched three Student Councils take office. The fourth, *my* Student Council, is now taking over the affairs of the school.

There also have been three graduation ceremonies since my arrival. The next graduation, which will be *mine*, is hopefully awaited by the seniors.

What does this mean to me? Well, first of all, it means that I am now coming to that time when I must go out into the world. It means that by now I should have a mature outlook on all things. When I first came to Assumption I was still very much a child. But since that time I have become a man. To me, Assumption will always hold a very dear place in my heart, because it is now, while I am at Assumption, that my mind is developing into maturity.

I think I can speak for most seniors when I say that Assumption's rules and regulations have always been concerned with the good of the students. You'll notice I didn't say that the rules were concerned with the approval of the students. One of the first things you will learn in life is that you are going to have to do certain things which you don't like. When you learn to accept this, then you have your first big step toward maturity.

Thus it is easy to see that I'm for Assumption all the way. Just as the rest of the senior division is.

It is now that I wish to thank the Pioneer staff for the opportunity of expressing the senior viewpoint.

—James Haack.

Here 'n' There

By Rich Durbin

We Came, We Saw . . .

The Assumption football team behind the fine running of Ed Weiss conquered their first three opponents.

Ever Notice . . .

Larry Hoffmann can never quite get his mind on football when the cheerleaders are around.

This is Your Life . . .

Kotarba and Stanisc are busy preparing their autobiographies in the yearbook room after school—the dummy book.

New Faces, New Sounds . . .

A group of legitimate noisemakers behind Brother Dostal are adding new life at the football games.

Frosh Lead the School! . . .

The freshmen have taken the 1960-61 crown for the "largest class" with little effort.

A Good Investment

Everyone likes to get the most out of what he does whether it be in work or in play. Each of us should try to get the most out of school and we can do that by going to Mass and receiving the sacraments often.

Few Assumption students realize the privilege that they have of having at their disposal—Mass, Confession and Holy Communion every day.

In order to get to Mass every morning the student must sacrifice his sleep, his warm breakfast, and also a convenient means of transportation. But for the sacrifices he makes he is rewarded a hundred-fold.

Daily Mass and Communion often help us face many personal problems. However, I'm not saying that they will be a cure-all for teenage difficulties because they won't. But they will be a big assistance.

Besides receiving these favors from God we also receive His most important gift, sanctifying grace. We should recall from our religion text that the Mass is the highest form of worship. By using this prayer to our advantage we can gain heaven, our final goal.

With these ideas in mind we should be able to get the most out of school and go to Mass and receive Holy Communion daily.

—B. Reed.

10 Pioneers Accept The Challenge

Ten former Assumption men began studying for the priesthood or brotherhood this year. By far, this is the largest group in the history of the school to follow in the challenge of Christ.

Leading the list are Robert Siekmann ('59) and Robert Schmieder ('60) who enrolled at St. Henry's Seminary. Also, following courses there will be Weldon Theobald who spent his freshman year at Assumption (1958-59).

Six underclassmen who are completing their high school studies at Maryhurst, the Borthers' preparatory school, are: Leonard Vegt, Ronald Saunders, Anthony Spicuzza, James Keeney, Robert LeGrand and Michael Kruep.

Enrolled at St. Joseph's College, the training center for the Redemptorist Order, is Charles Lawrence, a sophomore at Assumption last year.

Although Assumption can be proud of the number of its students who are willing to undertake this frontline work of the church, it surely cannot be content to rest on its laurels. Generous prayers and sacrifices should be offered for the perseverance of all Assumption candidates.

Proof of Potency! . . .

The Student Council has again threatened to publish a "Student Directory."

The Best Laid Plans . . .

John Suarez, sports editor of the Pioneer, has found that it is easier to compile information on football from the side lines.

READ THIS AND WEEP!

We sit smug in our own complacency, but the world is fast going to hell! A pessimistic attitude? Well, you draw your own conclusion from the following figures.

In recent centuries for every addition of one Catholic to the world's population, five non-Catholics were added, since Catholics form one-sixth of the world's population. The longer the world would last, evidently, the worse off the church would be on the basis of numbers.

But in our day this numerical disadvantage is becoming catastrophic. The vast underdeveloped areas of the world are in large part non-Catholic and pagan. Estimates differ on the relative effort on Catholic growth, but it is generally accepted that now and in the foreseeable future, for every one Catholic added to the world's population, there will be added from 15 to 20 non-Catholics.

Adding these disadvantageous factors together, there is evidence that in the last 30 years or so, the world's population has increased by nearly 700,000,000 while it is possible that the Catholic population may have increased by as little as 15,000,000. No one, of course, really knows what the losses have been to offset the impressive growth in some regions, but it is startling that even a pessimistic estimate should show an increase of almost 50 non-Catholics for every Catholic!

But now let's focus our sights on home, sweet home, good ol' U.S.A. The 1960 Almanac put our population as of 1959 at 177,399,000; Catholics number roughly 35,000,000, about one fifth of the population. But what are those Catholics doing, while they rub elbows with their non-Catholic neighbors? We give to the missions, but have any of us thought of giving a book or pamphlet on Catholic things to the non-Catholic living next door? Are our Catholics giving their non-Catholic neighbors a chance to be saved (because you know that there is no salvation outside the Church!)?

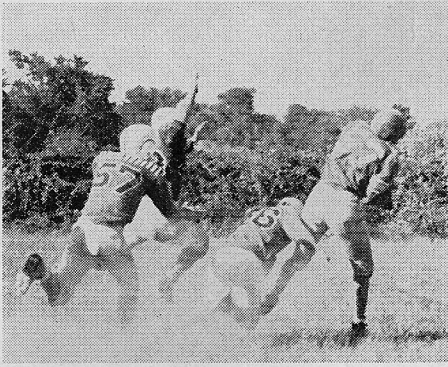
Worse yet! There are 20,000,000 Americans who do not even have a chance to speak with Catholics, let alone with priests. Of the 78,000 cities, towns and places in the U.S.A., 69,000 of these have no priests or churches, Missions? We have them right in our own backyard! As long as there are people to whom the Church is not truly available, we will have an American Mission Field. Without any stretch of the imagination, we could use 3,000 more priests in this country for our American pagans!

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DEEP INTO PAY-DIRT



Fierce Sophs Win Two

The Sophomores, displaying confidence and spirit, started off the season in the tradition of past Sophomore ball clubs by avenging a 19-12 loss to Granite City in their freshmen year with a 26-0 victory. Quarterback Tom Maulding passed to end John Neal from 15 yards out for the first six points and then scored on a sneak for the second. The much improved team scored two more touchdowns on the legs of Don DeMarse and Bob Kowalski.

The Sophs ran their record to two wins and no losses with a 13-6 victory over St. Mary's. Their first touchdown was the result of a 20-yard pass play from Tom Maulding to Don DeMarse. Kowalski made conversion on a run around left end. At half-time they left the field with a 7-0 lead.

St. Mary's opened the second half with a bang by scoring their first touchdown on a series of wide end runs. The kick for the extra point failed and the score became 7-6. But the Sophs with a "never-say-die" spirit retaliated with a touchdown of their own. Bob Kowalski took St. Mary's kick-off on the 20-yard line and raced 80 yards for the final score of the game.

The "B" team was led throughout the game by the driving runs of Don DeMarse, Bob Kowalski and the excellent passing of Tom Maulding. Leading the offensive line were James Loehr and Richard Wieggers with Paul Griffin showing the way on defense. With such leaders as these, how can the "B" team help but again be a success.

C TEAM SCHEDULE

- September 19 (Here)Granite City
October 1 (There)St. Mary
October 8 (Here)Cathedral
October 15 (Here)C.B.C.
October 22 (There)Chaminade
November 1 (There)St. Louis High
November 8 (There) ...E. St. Louis High

WELCOME

The Pioneer sports staff extends a warm welcome to the new coaches, Mr. James Monken, Mr. Kenneth Scheu and Mr. Richard "Foz" Ryan. We sincerely hope that their stay at Assumption will be a happy and successful one. We know the athletes of Assumption and head coach Martz will appreciate the extra coaching.

Mothers Welcome New Members

The Mother's Club of Assumption High School held its first meeting on September 15, with the mothers of senior students in room 129 and 102 acting as hostesses.

Around 7:00 o'clock mothers of A.H.S. students began to arrive for the meeting. They were greeted by faculty members in their home rooms, waiting to meet and have a "few words" with the students' mothers. When the meeting began at 8:00, the first order of business was the introduction of freshmen mothers into the club.

Brother Otto introduced the faculty to the audience, after which Brother Winkler spoke for a few minutes. Brother Vic, athletic director at A.H.S., commented on the value of sports and on the sports program here at Assumption.

Roll Back the Carpet

"Roll back the carpet," that is what the Assumption Student Council did last month when on September 2 it held its annual Back to School Dance. Although the weather was in the nineties, spirits were not dampened, and the gym was packed.

This being the first dance for the freshmen, we were happy to see that many of the new faces were there to dance to the records of the juke box.

On the following Friday the Key Notes brought out the enthusiasm for the game in Granite City, by supplying the music for the much awaited Kick-Off Dance. This get-together, sponsored by the C.Y.C., had a more formal atmosphere, since the boys were asked to wear coats and ties, and the girls wore semi-formal dresses.

The heat wave which was felt at the first dance, had died out due to a cool rain, and the gym was again filled to capacity.

The helping hand of Holy Angel's C.Y.C. gave us the setting by erecting goal posts, and by suspending the names of the members of the team from the top of the gym.

At 11:15 the time at which the dance was concluded everyone went home not only thinking of the good time they had that night, but also planning ahead to the next get-together sponsored by either of the two high school groups.

OH MY! HOW WONDERFUL!



By Dale Schrage and Jack Ketterer

So far this year, the band has been very busy. They played on a scorching summer day for the Labor Day parade and will play for the annual Holy Name Rally on October 12 at St. Philip Parish. The band will also play for all four home football games and also for the Lincoln and East Side games. The "pep band" composed of 10 band members will play for all the other away games.

The band officers this year are Jim Jennings, president; Louis Menendez, vice-president; Jack Ketterer, treasurer; Judy Culpepper, secretary, and Tom Nolden, student council representative. On September 5 the band officers and Mr. Jotte were guests at Scott Air Force Base for an air show and a concert by the Air Force Band.

This year, like last year, the band will be composed of students from Assumption, St. Teresa and Notre Dame high schools. The girls were added last year to insure better instrumentation. We have no objections. Have you?

CEEZERS BLANK CHAMINADE FLYERS

Saturday, October 1, our freshmen played their first game in the Dust Bowl tournament. Chaminade won the toss and Kozuszek booted a lofty kick deep into Chaminade territory. We held them for three yards and on the fourth down blocked their punt. We fumbled on our first offensive play and Chaminade recovered. They pushed us slightly into our own territory but we held them on our own 25-yard line.

In the second quarter we started a steady drive with James Stringham grinding out the attack. Again we fumbled on the 4-yard line. The fumble set us up for a safety, which is accredited to Frank Gruber and Bill Costello.

The second half started off with James Ignatz sprinting 80 yards on a kick-off return. Our second touchdown was scored by a long pass from Stefanik to "Swivel Hips" Ignatz. The extra points were scored by James DeMarse and Ron Eichelberger.

Every member of the squad aided in stopping the Chaminade attacks. The subs held them scoreless the last quarter to aid in the victory of a 16-0 ball game.

Our next game is against Belleville, October 5, there, at 4:00 p.m.

C TEAM SCHEDULE

- October 1 (Here)Chaminade
October 5 (There)Belleville
October 15 (There)Cathedral
October 18 (There)C.B.C.
October 22 (Here)Vianney
October 27 (There)Collinsville
November 5 (Here)St. Mary's
November 10 (Here)Alton Jr. High
November 16 (Here)St. Louis



First row—B. Bauer, C. Zeller, E. Thompson, J. Suarez, E. Weiss, J. Bauza, L. Roewe, T. Gagen, F. Grill, R. Stefanik and E. Williams. Second row—R. Zepecki, J. Lauber, W. LaCroix, D. Krystoff, E. Renollet, D. Smith, R. Smith, G. Bischof, A. Randall, P. Waggaman, R. Durbin, R. Kult and C. Stufflebean. Third row—T. J. Moore, M. Burns, R. Boze, J. Haack, T.

Thomas, J. Viner, M. Zollner, T. Reister, R. Hudzik, L. Gotto, C. Ady and P. Keeney. Fourth row—Coach George Martz, R. Baker, G. Hatfield, C. O'Sullivan, L. Hoffmann, R. Lovatto, C. Voellinger, P. Bauer, M. Wilson, F. Wappel, J. Stasiak, M. Cassin, P. Becherer, G. Molnar, P. Brady, J. Rodriguez, W. Ruegg and assistant coach Richard "Foz" Ryan.

Pep Club Has New Look

As a result of somewhat inadequate cheering in previous years, it has been decided that the cheering this year will become organized with the formation of the Pioneer Pep Club. The purpose of this club is to give moral support to the Pioneer teams which they certainly deserve.

The Pioneer Pep Club is an exclusive organization of about 150 young men with loud voices, and a yen to have a riotous time in a gentlemanly sort of way. The seniors who attended the first meeting through personal invitation form the nucleus of the club. "Live wire" juniors, sophomores and freshmen who fulfilled the club's requirements joined at the second meeting. With the joining of the club each member has a sweat shirt stenciled with the Pioneer Pep Club emblem which is to be worn by club members only at varsity games. Soon each member will receive a scarlet and gold hat also to be worn at all varsity games.

Like any other club, the Pioneer Pep Club has certain requirements to ensure participation and to prevent coming and going of members. The requirements are: the attendance of all home games by its members, who are to sit in the section reserved for the Pep Club, during the whole game. Most of all, members are to have enthusiasm and get behind each and every cheer to make Pioneer cheering best. Special privileges will be given to club members who show their school spirit by fulfilling all Pep Club regulations.

VARSITY SCHEDULE

September 16 (There)Granite City
 September 24 (Here)Soldan High
 September 30 (Here)St. Mary's
 October 7 (There)C.B.C.
 October 15 (There)Lincoln
 October 21 (There)Collinsville
 October 28 (There)East St. Louis
 November 4 (Here)C.B.C. Quincy
 November 13 (Here)St. Louis U.
 November 18 (There)Cathedral

PIONEER WINNING STREAK RUNS TO 3

The Pioneers started the log rolling in their first game of the season with a 13-0 win over Granite City. This is the first time the two schools' varsity squads have met.

The Pioneers quickly struck twice in the first quarter. Speedy Eddie Weiss scored the first six points of the game, and of the season, on a 26-yard scamper around end.

The second touchdown of the game was also a Weiss product, the most exciting play of the game—the result of a pass play good for 73 yards from quarterback Rich Stefanik. Thompson's kick was good and Assumption took a 13-point lead is never relinquished.

Pioneers Down Soldan

In their second game, Assumption came from behind to dispose of the Soldan Tigers, 20-13. The Pioneers first six points were scored by Stefanik on a quarterback sneak from one yard out. Thompson's kick was good for the extra point.

Assumption's second touchdown was the result of a beautiful 56-yard end run by Eddie Weiss, after Soldan scored on two runs of 40 and 50 yards, respectively, to tie the game. Everett "The Toe" Thompson's second kick split the goal post to put the Pioneers ahead 14-13.

Paul Keeney "topped the cake with icing" as he scored the third touchdown from five yards out.

St. Mary's Trampled

Assumption sent badly beaten St. Mary's back across the river with their third straight loss and with their third straight loss to Assumption in as many years. The Pioneers soundly thrashed the Dragons to the tune of 32-21.

Assumption's fleet halfback Eddie Weiss scored three touchdowns, while only playing in the first half, on runs of 8, 43 and 2 yards. Larry "Boppy" Roewe and Paul Bauer accounted for the other touchdowns while Everett Thompson split the goal post twice for two extra points.

A word of praise has to be given to the defensive unit comprised of such standouts as Larry Hoffmann, Everett Thompson, Al "Rut" Randall, Mike Burns, Jim Bauza, Glen Bischof and Eddie Williams.

Assumption's next game will be against C.B.C. tonight.

THE SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

By John Suarez

Eddie Weiss, speedy Pioneer halfback, is setting the pace for the city's ground gainers. Eddie has attained 298 yards in 29 carries, and has scored 36 of Assumption's 65 points. He is one of the Pioneer's most deadly weapons.

Norman Skikas, Assumption graduate of '58, accepted a baseball contract from the Baltimore Orioles this summer. Norm was a Pioneer star pitcher in his junior and senior years. Loads of luck to Skikas.

Mike Magac, former Pioneer and Missouri U. football star, accepted a bid to play for the San Francisco 49'ers of the National Football League. Mike has been playing second string offensive guard and defensive end. His ability is no secret to football fans all over America because he was an All America candidate at Missouri.

George Teasley, quarterback of last year's very successful Pioneer squad, started his college career at Wichita with a tough break. George fractured his collarbone in the beginning of practice and it is believed that he will be out for the remainder of the season.

Mickey Thaxton, star fullback of last year's Pioneer team, is throwing his weight and speed around Missouri U. Mickey has nailed down the starting fullback position at Missouri. He is now tipping the scales at 210 pounds.