

The **PIONEER**



October 1968

Quiz Team Chosen

Assumption High will participate on KMOX-TV's Scholar Quiz television program at 5:00 P. M. Saturday afternoon, October 26. The first contest will be against Brentwood High School.

Assumption's squad, moderated by Brother Joseph Greishaber, consists of Don Eller, Dewey Holten, Kevin Kolb, Jim McGinnis, John Papa and Dave Timko. Four students will be chosen as active contestants, two will be alternates.

KMOX-TV has room for 100 people in its studio. Students and friends may attend and give support to the team. The studio is located at One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, near the stadium.

COVER

Quarterback Ron Seneczyn attempts another pass while being rushed by a Vashon defensive lineman. Ron completed 8-15 passes for 170 yards in leading the Pioneers to a 13-8 victory. Similar performances have put Seneczyn among the leading passers in the area.

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Litany of All Saints

By Dave Timko

To those who follow the philosophy of love
 To those who follow their hearts and minds
 To those who yearn for the truth and seek it
 To those who study life and the reasons "why"
 To those who study themselves, but live for others
 To those who put immaterial before material
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 To those who believe in the unity of all men
 To those who believe in meditation and contemplation
 To those who can find good in all people and things
 To those who put humility before pride
 To those who put death before dishonor
 To the "hippies," the philosophers, the idealists
 The theorists, and the teachers, who live what they believe
 I admire and praise you, but still wonder
 Why I cannot be like you,
 Why all people cannot be like you.

Therein lies the nobility of the faith, that we have the heart to dare something.

— Cardinal Newman

WURTH DAIRY

38th and Bunkum Road

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Drama Club to Present 'The Rainmaker'

The Rainmaker, a three act play by N. Richard Nash, will be the first production of this year's Assumption High School Drama Club. It will be presented at Assumption on November 2 and 3 and tickets will be on sale October 14.

The play will be staffed by Assumption and St. Teresa High School students. Jim McGinnis, will portray H. C. Curry, a widowed cattleman. Mike Boyne and Tom Dammrich will play Noah and Jimmie, the sons of Curry. Joan Dietrich will portray Lizzie Curry, H. C.'s daughter, and Rich Somoski will be cast as File, the town deputy. The cast is completed by Mike Roche and Mike Lewellen, who will play Bill Starbuck (the con man) and Sheriff Thomas.

Mr. Don Boevingloh, new Drama Club moderator, leads the men "behind-the-scenes" as producer and director. Joe Kennedy is the assistant director; Jerry Benhoff is the stage manager. Dan

Lynn is in charge of set construction; Tom Petraitias, publicity; Tim Golbel, props; Chuck Kupsky, stage crew; Ed Mushill, lighting; and Gary Tonies, tickets.

The Rainmaker, written in 1954, is set out West in the early 1920's during the height of a summer drought. It opens as Lizzie returns home from visiting relatives. The Curry men have gotten together with File to try and find a husband for her.

Bill Starbuck comes to town and promises to make rain for \$100. The Currys' know he is a fake, but they keep him around so that Lizzie can marry him. However, Starbuck is a wanted criminal and Sheriff Thomas arrests him. Lizzie convinces File to let Starbuck go, but then File is forced to admit he loves Lizzie.

Staff Chosen

With the help of the new moderator, Brother William Neterval, the 1969 Pioneer yearbook staff has been selected. Joe Kennedy heads a staff consisting of Art Ratkewicz, Don Eller, Gene Wurth, Steve Malec, Jim McGinnis and John Papa.

At the present time the yearbook is soliciting advertisements. On September 17 the subscription drive began with divisional assemblies introducing the product.

Senior Lounge Among School Improvements

This summer many improvements were made at Assumption High School.

With the influx of new students, 60 new lockers have been purchased and installed. New rooms 101, 120 and 130 have 110 new student desks. Two retractable walls have been placed in the chapel for Mass and for audio visual purposes.

The gym has been improved by the addition of acoustical materials on the walls. It is planned to add further materials over the next few years to combat the gym's poor acoustics.

Two new movie projectors, two new phonographs, two overhead projectors, and other audio visual materials that were needed are currently in use. To aid some classrooms, improved lighting has been installed. A new high speed salad mixer was purchased for the cafeteria.

The new senior lounge has been started and seniors are awaiting its completion. Mr. Joe Kinsella and his sons Tom and Mike have donated much of the labor for the lounge. The student council has provided funds for the materials. Any student who could donate furniture for the lounge should contact Brother Joseph Greishaber or the Student Council President, Steve Ignatz.

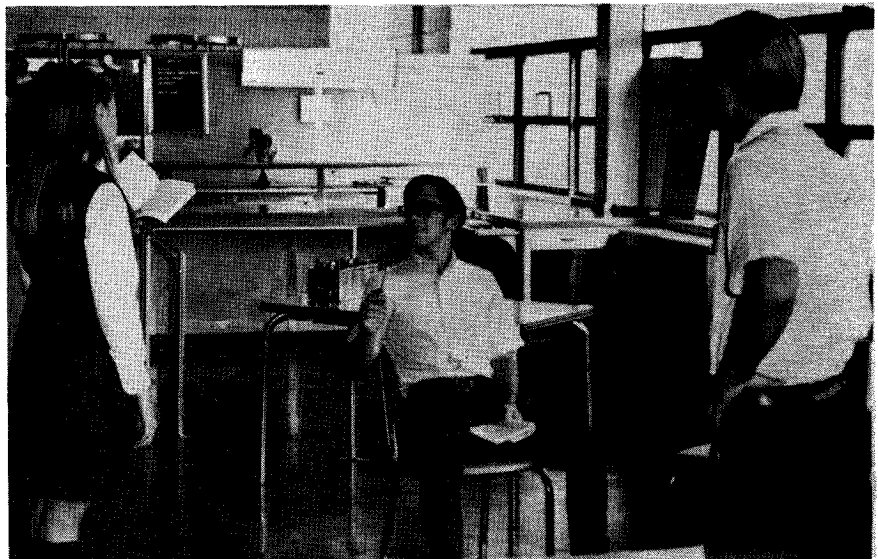
First College Night is Scheduled for October 22

On Tuesday night, October 22, Assumption High, in conjunction with St. Teresa Academy, will sponsor a "College Night" for all interested students and their parents. Speakers from various colleges will be present to give talks pertaining to their respective schools.

In order to choose which colleges will be represented, a list of approximately 35 institutions ranging from Harvard University to Belleville Junior College was distributed to students. Each student marked the four colleges most interesting to him and the guidance department will try to satisfy three of these choices.

The program will begin with a 30 minute general assembly in the Assumption gym. After a 10 minute break, small sessions will be held in various classrooms with the representatives of the colleges chosen by the individual students.

There will be three such sessions with 10 minute breaks between each. The representatives will supply information on their schools, pass out literature and answer any pertinent questions.



Director Mr. Don Boevingloh, oversees Mike Roche and Joan Dietrich in the rehearsal for *THE RAINMAKER*. Rehearsal is being held in the school cafeteria until stage props are completed.

Chaplain Plans Activities for Coming Year

The religious activities this year will more or less follow the same schedule as last year, according to Father William Wightman, Chaplain. There will be a daily Mass in the chapel at 7:50 each morning. Religion teachers are planning to convey to their students a deeper appreciation of the Mass preceding a service in either the chapel or the classroom.

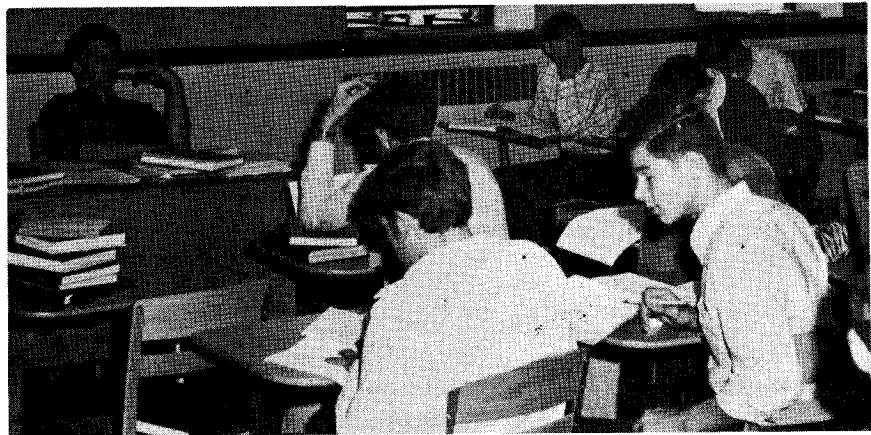
There will be four, 3-day retreats this year. Retreats opening on October 1, November 5 and December 3 will be held at the Marianist Apostolic Center. The final retreat is on March 3 at Pius X Monastery in Pevely, Missouri. If all retreats are filled, preparation will be made for more retreats, giving everyone a chance to attend.

Days of recollection this year for freshmen and sophomores will be on two days. The first day is planned for Ash Wednesday and the second for the Tuesday in Holy Week. The juniors and seniors who do not make a closed retreat are going to have their days of recollection on the Thursday following Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week.

New Format Set For Pep Rallies

This year's pep rally committee is working toward two goals, to make the rallies more interesting and to keep them from being repetitious. The committee feels these goals will help to unite the students in a greater school spirit.

The committee chairman is Bud Kurrus. Working with him are seniors Mark Stone, Dan Ganey, Jim McGinnis, Den Dougherty, Dave Henderson, Dave Conder, Jim Dittman, John Papa, Roger Siekmann, John Wright, Art Ratkewicz and Steve Werner. Juniors Don Briddell, Jim Gleason, Mike Miller, Tom Smith and Mike Cronin are also on the committee.



Teacher-aid Bill Butler watches over an English class in the absence of Mr. Don Smithes. The teacher-aid program was recently instituted by Mr. John O'Brien in an attempt to give students greater responsibility.

Student Clubs Activated

The Future Teachers of America, Art club, speech and debate teams have begun their programs for the year.

The debate team will consist mainly of sophomores and junior John Kennedy. Members of the debate team will also be used for drama, extemporaneous speaking and radio speaking. In the next month there will be two workshops at St. Louis University and at Murphysboro, Illinois. The first speech tournament will be held sometime in November.

Brother Eugene Fitzsimmons says that although the team is still in the early organizational stages, the coaches have been selected. Father James Genisio will coach extemporaneous speaking, Mr.

Dennis Rickert will coach general speech, Brother Charles Schmitt will coach interpretation, Mr. Robert Shea will coach junior debaters, Mr. Don Boevingloh will coach duet acting and Mr. Charles Evans will coach radio speaking.

The Art club, headed by Brother Anthony Eberhart, is preparing for Strassenfest on October 11 and homecoming on November 9. The freshman and sophomores are making signs and posters backing their football teams.

The Future Teachers of America are preparing to participate in College Night on October 22. As in previous years, babysitters will be provided by the F.T.A. for Mothers Club meetings. Mr. Ray Einig is the moderator.

Join the
Assumption
crowd
shopping
at
Arnold's
LOISEL VILLAGE

Brother Henry Ringkamp congratulates Eric Nering for achieving a Letter of Commendation in the National Merit Qualifying Test. Looking on are winners Ron Olvera, Jim McGinnis, Gene Wurth, Don Eller, Bob Sigman and Rich Buechler.



NMSQT Scholars Are Commended

Letters of Commendation, signifying exceptional achievement on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, have been awarded to Assumption Seniors Rick Buechler, Don Eller, Jim McGinnis, Eric Nering, Ronald Olvera, Robert Sigman and Gene Wurth.

These students are among the 39,000 students in the United States who scored over 134 points on the test, ranking them in the upper 2% of all those who will graduate from high school in 1969. The commended students rank just below the level of the 15,000 Semifinalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Student Officers Meet

Three officers of Assumption's Student Council spent the weekend of September 6 at "Project Impact." President Steve Ignatz, Vice-President Jim McGinnis and Secretary Chuck Kupsy traveled to the Marianist Apostolic Center at Glencoe, Missouri for three days of intensive evaluation of Student Council systems and problems.

Other participating schools included Don Bosco of Milwaukee and St. Michael from Chicago. Vianney, Chaminade, St. Mary's, Maryhurst and McBride high schools from St. Louis also attended.

The participants spent close to ten hours a day discussing student council forms and relationships between student council and admin-

istration, faculty, student body and the outside community. One of the major problems pointed out by "Project Impact" was the lack of co-operation of the student body and the breakdown of communication at the homeroom level.

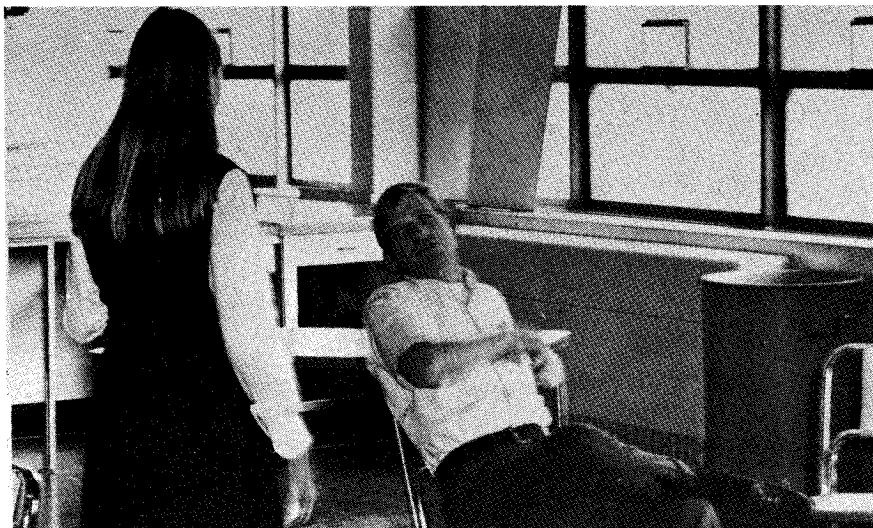
New Program Aids Teachers

A program instituted this year by Mr. John O'Brien, vice-principal, has seniors and juniors cast in the role of teacher aides. This group of students will preside over classes when the regular teacher is away due to illness or professional business.

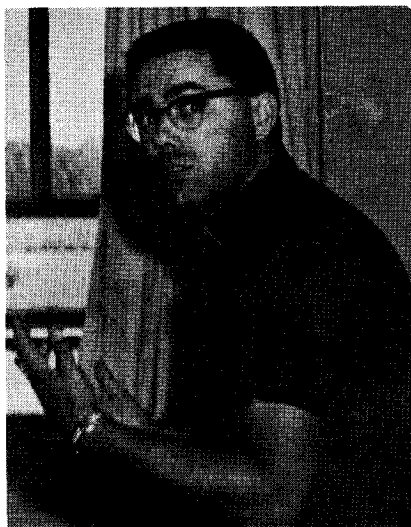
Last year, class replacements were needed 567 times. This meant that teachers taught overtime without pay and lost valuable free periods in which paperwork could have been done.

Seniors participating in this program include Bill Beatty, Lou Gregory, Tom Putz, Dan Palovick, John Hopkins, Dewey Holten, Bud Kurrus, Mark Stone, Dan Ganey, Dennis Maggio and Rich Kotras. Others involved are David Brown, Ken Wood, Paul Omelson, John Papa, John Paskus, Ron Seneczyn, Mike Rauckman, John Wright, Steve Ignatz and Roger Siekmann.

Junior replacements are Al Feigl, Steve McCann, Jerry McBride, Bryan Keeney, Tom Belz, Ed Blake, Don Briddell, Tom Tragessor, Terry Balcer and Bill Butler.



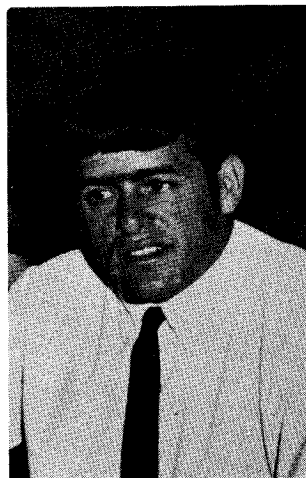
Mr. Boevingloh shows Joan Dietrich how to play the part of Lizzie Curry in THE RAINMAKER to be presented on November 2 and 3.



Father Thomas Smith

Father Thomas Smith is in his first full year of teaching. He has been ordained for two and a half years and was previously an assistant at St. Clare's parish in O'Fallon. Father Smith has homeroom 118 and teaches junior and senior religion. He is also a guidance counselor.

Assumption Welcomes



Mr. Michael Villa

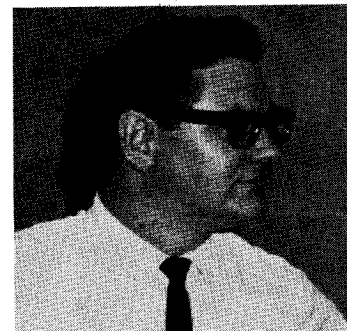
Mr. Michael Villa is a graduate of Vianney High School and Quincy College. This is his first year of teaching. Mr. Villa moderates homeroom 135 and teaches world history and physical education. He is also assistant freshman football and varsity soccer coach.



Mr. Vincent Chowgo

Mr. Robert Shea was a part-time teacher at the University of Delaware last year. He taught freshman English there. Mr. Shea is currently working to attain his masters degree. At Assumption he teaches freshman and sophomore English and is coach of the debate team. He moderates homeroom 101.

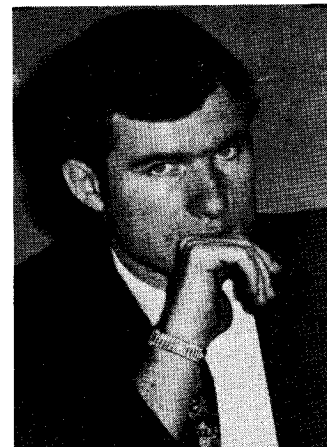
Mr. Vincent Chowgo taught at the Marmion Military Academy, Aurora, Illinois. His duties at Assumption consist of teaching American History and coaching freshman football and basketball. He has homeroom 205.



Brother William Neterval, S.M.

Brother William Neterval from McBride High School at Assumption. Brother Neterval teaches Latin and moderates homeroom 102. He is moderates

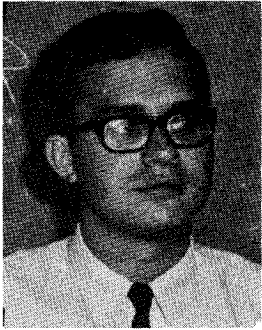
Mr. Dennis Rickert comes from Theresa Grade School, Belleville. He teaches man English and religion and moderates speech team. He has homeroom



Mr. Robert Shea

Father William Wightman is the new Chaplain and head of the religion department. The past four years he has been teaching at Marynook, the Novitiate for the Brothers of Mary, in Galesville, Wisconsin. Father is teaching senior religion.

New Faculty Members



Mr. Dennis Rickert

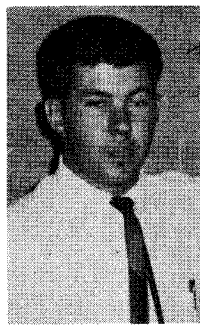
returns to Assumption after a two-year absence. He teaches French I and II and oversees the editor of the yearbook.

to Assumption from St. Louis. He teaches freshman English and is also a coach for the football team 129.

Mr. Donald Boevingloh is a graduate of C.B.C. College in Memphis, Tennessee. He has previously taught in Wichita, Kansas, and was a graduate assistant professor of theatre arts at St. Louis University this summer. Mr. Boevingloh moderates homeroom 201 and teaches sophomore English and religion.



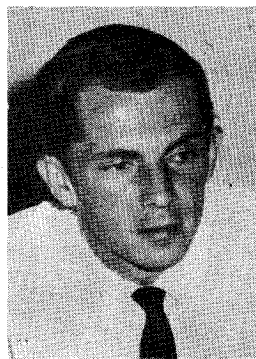
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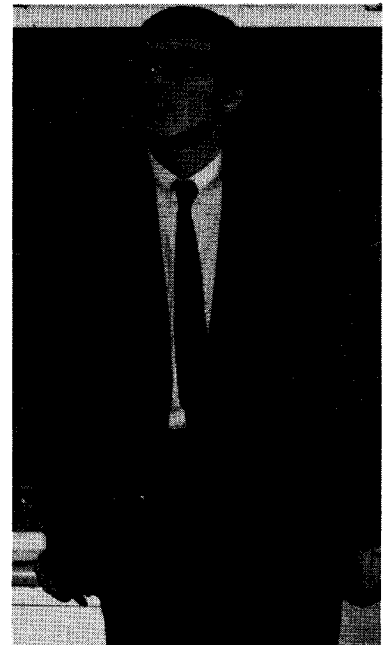
Mr. Richard Friederich

Mr. Richard Friederich attended Ohio State University last year. Besides teaching freshman and sophomore algebra, Mr. Friederich controls homeroom 127 and moderates the freshman newspaper.

Mr. Kent DeMars graduated from Assumption and attended college at St. Mary's in San Antonio. He previously taught at Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio. Mr. DeMars teaches biology and physical science and assists Mr. Schaeffer as sophomore football coach.



Mr. Kent DeMars



Mr. Steve Tarchala



Father William Wightman, S.M.

Mr. Steve Tarchala spent last year at the Graduate School of Loyola University, Chicago. He was born in France, teaches French I and II and has homeroom 130.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Allow me to compliment you on your last issue as well as to comment on your "Commentary" in the publication.

Articles dealing with *Plastic People* and the attendant cartoon, *The Dress Code* and *Smoking*, make certain statements and assumptions predicated on change in existing school policies and regulations. Grant that changes can be beneficial, protagonists of variation of approach often assume that what is current, tested, tried and proven meritorious is now outmoded and ready for the scrap heap. This I will contest and do protest. While living in and appreciating the present, we cannot turn the deaf ear or the blind eye to the past. Mutual appreciation and cooperation can together spell success.

The term *Plastic Men* elicits this reaction. Neither teachers nor students are forced into the lockstep of the Assumption community. Teachers are free to sign a contract or to refuse employment here. Students and parents are made aware of school regulations, free to enroll or to go elsewhere. The school hires teachers, and is responsible for the good order, moral training, educational development of its students.

Standards, reasonable expectations of conduct are characteristic of all patterns of society today. It is taken for granted that they must be reasonable, not arbitrary. I believe they must be in accord with the school's philosophy and purpose to educate students to "become mature Catholic leaders." Meeting these standards, living up to these responsibilities, some people label conformity. Being clean, courteous and obedient within the proper context does not bring people into conformity. Among the clean, neat, courteous and obedient people in the world, there are many divergent types and many outstanding nonconformists and great leaders. I would rank the whole Kennedy Family, the majority of Assumption High School alumni in this context, as well as some of our great military men, some of our great scholars. What we are asking for are some

minimal standards and not at all for conformity.

I raise the question as to whether abandoning an interest in cleanliness and courtesy, in appropriate obedience would produce a better race or race of leaders. Today's paradox is this: the same people who protest plastic men also seem very concerned about the Vietnam War, about national and international climates of peace, order and harmony, yet seem very little inclined to these same things within the school setting or the local community.

How much do students really think they are alike, cast in the same mold as a result of dress code and smoking regulations? Assumption High School has as many different identities and variant personalities as it has students, 884 of them. Liberalized dress code, senior smoking privileges give opportunity for expression of individuality on a superficial or secondary level of personality; more important and basic is the maturity on the level of thinking and creativity, of intellect and

personality. This latter objective is primary, the former deserves consideration, but in proper perspective. Secondary changes within the framework of the school's basic philosophy are always possible.

Communication is two way speech. Your commentary was published and read so I felt a response to your commentary was in order and would naturally expect space to have my response published in a future issue of the *Pioneer*.

As Assumption High School's principal I see my responsibilities as including these elements:

1. Listening to students, faculty, parents, on all problems.
2. Consulting with the school's policy-making body in guiding the decisions concerning these problems.
3. Being accountable to my provincial and diocesan superiors for the operation of this school.

This I have tried to do and hope to continue to do, to be of service and assistance to Assumption Men.

Bro. Henry Ringkamp, S.M.
Principal

The following editorial, referred to in the letter on this page, is reprinted from the May, 1968, Pioneer for the convenience of our readers.

Plastic People

What is an Assumption man? This is a question being asked of many people. The booklet "The Assumption Man" says that our education is geared to instill qualities of "obedience, good study habits, punctuality, cleanliness, neatness, and good manners." One quality which the administration seems anxious to instill in us was left out. This is conformity.

We are incessantly told we must follow the norm, that we musn't be "misfits." But what is the true test of a man? A man is not someone who looks, talks, and acts like everyone else, someone who lets himself be led. A man is an individual who thinks for himself and follows his principles. In short a man is a leader.

It is time to reassess the purpose of Assumption. Should it be a factory for turning out "Assumption men," all cast in the same mold, or an institution for educating free-thinking individuals? If the second is the purpose of Assumption, co-operation between administration, faculty and the student body and a more vocal participation in the school by the students will be needed to achieve this goal.

COMMENTARY

In response . . .

To clarify the *Pioneer* staff's position on the Commentary section of the last issue, a comment on the Letter to the Editor on page 8 is necessary. Because this letter was written after thoughtful consideration of the school and the students, it is proper that this comment be made with due respect and only after serious reflection.

Rene Descarte once said that nothing should be accepted simply on authority or from books. Although what is current has weathered the test of time, it cannot be concluded positively that what is current is always the best for mankind. Therefore, shouldn't the leaders which we hope to become be allowed to test methods other than what are accepted by the complacent majority? Shouldn't we, as Christians, try to change what we think is wrong, or should we turn the deaf ear and blind eye to injustice?

The second comment in the letter causes one to think about what would happen if all social institutions which are objectively the "best" assumed this attitude. The selfish dissenter would stay only out of convenience. The constructive person would see the challenge and stay to meet it head on and not run away from it. Is this not what we are taught to do as men?

The rest of the letter seems to be on the principles which all should build for themselves. What is the best approach to life and its problems? If we agree that it be the esthetic or spiritual pursuit, then the physical approach should be unimportant. The policy of the school should be to further our study and deepen our meaning of the transcendent. Therefore, should the manner in which a person wears his hair or clothes be of importance, if this is his way of questioning?

All men are different and unique in themselves. Because a man is different he should not be shunned, but his ideas should be listened to and at least considered. This is all the *Pioneer* asks.

Pope Leo XIII once wrote, "In regard . . . to all matters of opinion which God leaves to man's discussion, full liberty of thought and of speech is naturally within the right of everyone; for such liberty never leads men to suppress the truth, but often to discover it and make it known."

A reaction, of course, or, rather, a series of them, is always to be found in every soul that is making any advance in the intellectual region.

— Msgr. Robert H. Benson, *The Religion of the Plain Man*

Policy Formulated

The 1968-69 *Pioneer* staff has taken upon itself the task of stating a policy, which has previously been taken for granted. This policy, while keeping in the tradition of past years, will have certain modifications and revisions. Thus, seemingly, a need for statement of our interpretation of our duties to the school and students.

The *Pioneer* will maintain the highest standards of journalism, meaning that personal enmities will be put aside in order to retain the common interest and consensus of the student body.

In news, feature and sports stories, the staff will strive to be accurate, concise and complete.

The editorials will be considered by the entire staff and, if printed, upheld by them. These editorials will be in the form of constructive criticism. We will always try to present the attitudes of the majority of the student body. But, if we deem it necessary to present an unpopular opinion, we will be open to mature criticism.

In order to provide an outlet for students or faculty members to voice their opinions and/or criticisms, the *Pioneer* will print "Letters to the Editor." It is the wish of the staff that these be presented in signed letters. If anonymity is requested it shall be respected.

The *Pioneer* will strive to arouse and promote student interest and participation in all school activities.

Are Seniors Responsible?

What has happened to the privilege of the Senior Lounge? Has it become a reality or does it exist only in the minds of the students?

At the termination of the last school year, permission was granted to the Seniors to build a lounge in the Industrial Arts Building. Seniors were given the privilege to smoke during the cafeteria period and upon the completion of the lounge, smoking would be permitted there. Its main purpose was to be a place of relaxation and somewhere to go to get out of the hum-drum of school.

So what is to become of this privilege? Do the Seniors even deserve the privilege of a Senior lounge?

The Seniors, who are to benefit the most, seem content to be able to smoke and have the right to build a Senior lounge, but no one wants to work for it. If they do not, as a body, work actively toward the building, nothing will be done. This is what has happened.

No one wants to work and no one has any feasible ideas on how to raise money for hiring someone to do what they cannot. No one seems interested enough to find out that it will not only benefit them but also those who follow.

Seemingly, therefore, the Seniors do not want a lounge, they just want the privilege. They do not want a place to smoke, just the right. They do not want somewhere to go, but the right to go. On one thing they are united and enthusiastic; they want someone else to do the work for them.

Second-Half Team Eyes Second Half of Season

September 14 marked the start of another "Fighting Pioneer" season. Under the coaching of Mistery Jim and Bill Monken the team hopes to have its most successful year since the departure of former head coach George Martz. The Monken's also hope to improve on their first season's mark of 5-4-1.

The offense proved to be the strong point in the 14-14 tie with Jacksonville. Ron Seneczyn moved the team very well by mixing the variety of his plays. Seneczyn completed 56% of his passes, hitting on 10-18 aeri-als. His big receiver was Joe Caradonna, who caught 5 passes for 110 yards. Mark Stone caught

one pass for 45 yards and the first Pioneer touchdown of the season. Steve Ignatz rushed for 57 yards in 10 carries, while John Hamilton bulled his way for 75 yards in 16 carries.

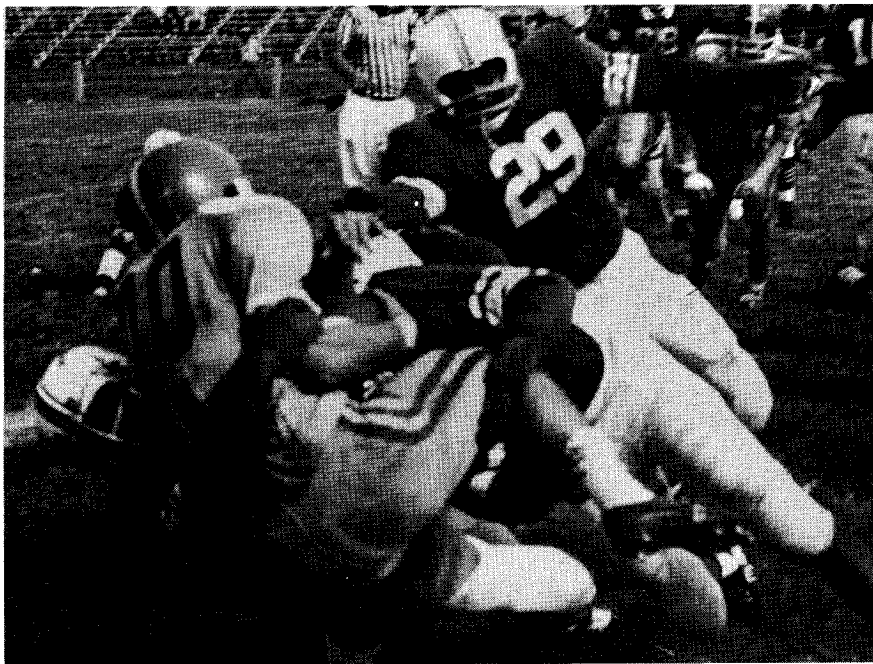
The Pioneer offense continued to shine in the victory against Vashon. Ron Seneczyn passed for 170 yards on 8-15 pass completions, while Steve Ignatz and John Hamilton rushed for 185 yards.

In the third game against St. Louis U. High, the Big Red's offense sputtered. The Pioneers chalked up only 3 first downs. Some of the blame might be put on injuries to backs John Hamilton and Joe Caradonna, but most could be attributed to the lack of

blocking.

The defense received a brutal beating as SLUH ground out 346 yards rushing. The only bright spot in the 20-7 loss was an 83 yard pass from Seneczyn to Lou Gregory.

In the Big Red's next game against Augustinian which ended in a 13-13 deadlock, the defense was changed from the traditional 4-3 to a 6-2. The front six were tackles Tom Putz and Dan Ganey; guards Mark Cronovich and Jim Sullivan; ends John Wright and Jack Levy. The linebackers were Ken Keeney and Bill Butler. The defensive halfbacks were Bud Kurrus, Gene McCoy and Mike Kinsella.



Running back John Hamilton is stopped by the Vashon defense in the 13-8 Pioneer victory.

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By Jim Dittman

The Monken brothers have added another gimmick to their awards system this year. The offensive line, or the golden seven, will be awarded with a gold bar on their helmet whenever they are involved in a touchdown drive.

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The dynamic duo in Assumption's backfield, John Hamilton and Steve Ignatz, bulled their way for 125 yards on the ground against Jacksonville. This looks like another productive year for both of the backs.

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Defensive lineman Jim Sullivan was the first Pioneer to intercept

an opponent's pass this season.

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Mike Pritchett is currently leading the Assumption harriers in points amassed. Mike's best time this season is 10:30. He hopes to break the school record before the season ends.

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Lou Gregory, since being inserted into the defense as middle linebacker, has been the leading tackler with an average of seven a game.

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Ron Seneczyn is currently the third leading area passer with 499 yards. He has completed 32 of 70 passes with only one interception.

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The title of "Mr. Versatility" on the football team goes to John Wright. John has seen action at linebacker, defensive end, offensive end, tailback, fullback and center.

Offense Key to Soph Season

The Sophomore football team thus far has a 0-3-1 record. The lack of offense, not scoring in the first three games, is the major factor contributing to the Soph record.

In their first game, against the Augustinian Braves, the Sophs were defeated 6-0 when a blocked punt was returned for a touch-

Frosh Impressive In Initial Victories

Having established a 2-1 record thus far in the season, the Freshmen are looking at the rest of the season with optimism.

In their first outing, the Freshmen were defeated 13-0 by Webster Jr. High of Collinsville. The "Baby Pioneers" bounced back and won their next game against Marquette 6-0, showing much improvement over their first game.

In their following contest, the Freshmen outclassed a strong C.B.C. team by the score of 7-2, thus posting a Bi-State record of 2-0.

This year's Frosh squad plans to have a winning season. One reason for such optimism is that Mr. Vincent Chowgo, head coach of the Frosh team, is not used to losing. Mr. Chowgo, when coaching previous Freshmen teams, rolled up a 25-2 record; with a string of 15 straight victories to his credit. When asked about this year's team he said, "without a doubt this year's team will be better than last year's."

With a strong defense and a determined offense, Mr. Chowgo will try to keep his record going and bring Assumption a winning season in Freshmen football.

down with only 51 seconds to play. The offense had trouble getting started, but during the second half they dominated the play.

Quarterback Frank Papa, fullback Chuck Carney, and tight end Bernie Wurth were outstanding for the offensive unit.

On defense Coach Stan Schaefer named tackle Bill Mackin, end Joe Widunas and linebacker Joe Askew as defensive stalwarts.

In their second outing Marquette, the Sophs were unable to score and suffered a 0 defeat. In the following game the Sophs were smashed by the powerful St. Louis U. High School 31-0. Only once were the Sophs able to penetrate enemy territory.

Against Jerseyville the Pioneers lost numerous scoring opportunities because of lack of time. They had to settle for a 0-0 tie.

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Harriers Encounter Seasoned Competition

Assumption Harriers have completed nine meets, including two triangular meets, and have compiled a 3-8 record. With only three returning lettermen, Varsity Pioneer runners can boast victories over St. Henry's (2) and Lincoln. Assumption also has faced Granite City, Belleville East, Waterloo, Columbia and O'Fallon.

In the St. Paul Invitational at Highland, AHS met seventeen other schools, including Belleville West, Mascoutah and Dupo, with approximately 120 opposing run-

ners. The Pioneers placed 13th out of 17 schools. Assumption runner Dennis White finished 31st, while Mike Pritchett took 35th. Mascoutah finished first in the Invitational.

In spite of the performances thus far, Coach Richard Ryan has great hopes for freshman Ike Austin. Ike has shown outstanding ability and potential in his rookie year as a Pioneer Harrier. Strong, dedicated running has swept him up from the freshmen team to the number 3 spot on the Varsity.

New Light Shed On Intramurals

The intramural program this year is under the direction of Mr. Kent DeMars. The first intramural program will be basketball. There will be a three man basketball team from each homeroom.

Games will be played Tuesday thru Thursday and on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 to 9:00, allowing four games to be played each night. The Seniors will begin play on October 8. The games will continue until the semester break. The faculty will have a team entered in the Senior division and there will be a Senior-faculty all-star game.

In January, there will be a double elimination tournament. Football players are eligible after the season, but basketball players are not eligible. Referees for the tournament will be Seniors.

From February to March there will be intramural flag football followed by softball from April to May.

An intramural committee was formed and the members are freshman John Farney and seniors John Papa, Dan Ganey, Bud Kurrus and John Wright. Jim McGinnis will coordinate meetings.



Harrier Dennis White (left) begins to pull away from opposing Columbia runners, Mike Pritchett (below) crosses the finish line and receives his time from Coach Richard Ryan.



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