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During the past semester three teachers left Assumption High School. The teachers are Brothers Lawrence Doersching and Alan Byrd and Father J. Barry Jones. In return Assumption acquired the service of Mr. John Schwartz.

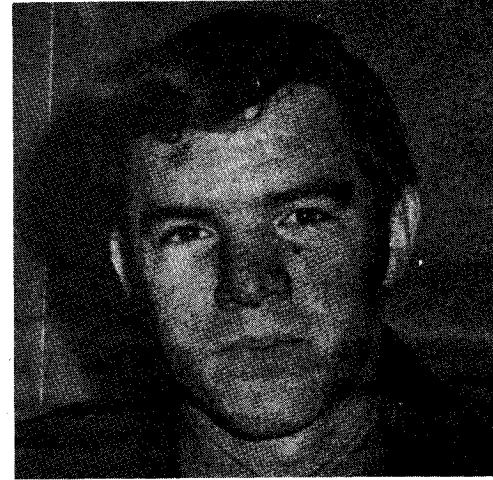
Brother Doersching, freshman moderator and teacher of first year religion, left for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to be with his ill father. Mr. Schwartz took over his duties of teaching the freshmen.

Mr. Schwartz is a graduate of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and is originally from Fort Worth, Texas. He now teaches five freshman religion classes and looks over frosh home-

room 126.

Brother Byrd took a leave of absence from the Society of Mary and is teaching at St. Louis University High. Taking Brother Byrd's French classes and junior homeroom 103 is Father Bernard Rochon.

Father Jones left classes on May 6 in protest to the activities of a liberal faction of the students following the killing of four students at Kent State. Psychology teacher and college placement counselor, Father Jones has reportedly resigned.



Mr. John Schwartz.

Yearbook Undergoes Promising Improvements

"This year's yearbook promises to be the best book ever printed in the history of Assumption and even old Central," reports Paul Schmitt, editor-in-chief of the '70 Pioneer.

Improvements this year include an increased color section which will include a two-page double spread. "The book will contain 176 pages, making it the largest ever," added Paul.

The staff has been working all year to reach its \$5,000 goal which is needed to cover the working expenses. John Sheahan has kept the financial books this year, with Mark Wilcox assisting him.

"The book will be what it is because of the well qualified leadership and the many extra hours put in by Paul and the rest of the staff," asserted Father Bernard Rochon, moderator of the Pioneer.

When asked about next year,

Paul Schmitt replied, "I feel that there is a lot of potential in the underclassmen, but it has to be cultivated. The staff will have to work hard, but I feel that the 1971 staff will fill our shoes nicely. The editor will have a tough job getting the ball rolling; this is something I wish I could have done sooner."

Another addition which has helped is the remodeling of the yearbook room. The staff agrees that this atmosphere has aided them in their quest for creative ideas.

Other senior members of the staff include Bob Schutzenhofer, Bob Galan, Tom Lauck, Thom Dammrich, Pat Dougherty, Bob Marler, Mike Egan, Randy LaMotte and Ron Mallet. The rest of the staff consists of juniors Mike Belz, Harold Walter, John Lubus, Al Reiniger and sophomore Jim Roche.

COVER

Alumnus Bill French and Karen Rouch enjoy Assumption's annual Student Council Carnival. Credit for the success of the lighthearted event which included more than enough fun and food for all can be given to the organizing committee led by Steve Wappel.

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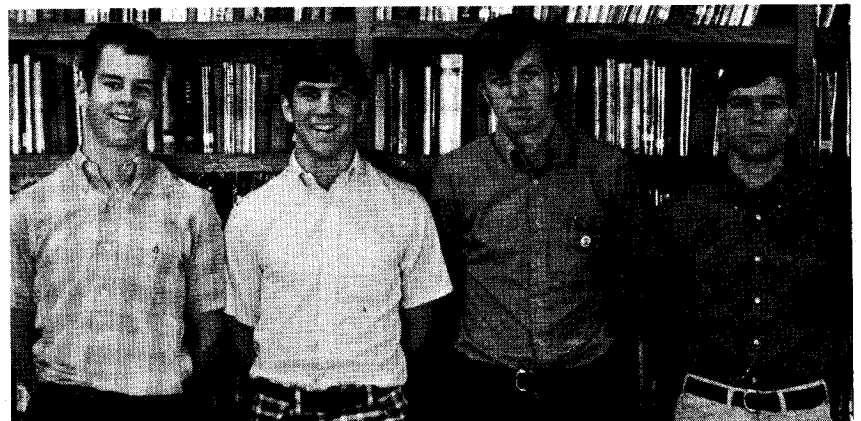
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Candidates newly-elected to '70-71 AHS Student Council are Secretary Mike Belz, Treasurer Jerry Benhoff, Vice-President George Tirpak and President Mike Wappel.

Seniors Look to Future

"This is the greatest breadth of schools that any graduating class has ever achieved," were the words Father J. Barry Jones, director of the newly-formed College Counseling Department, used to describe this year's senior class as they prepare for graduation.

Statistics show that, of the senior enrollment, approximately 80% have already been accepted by at least one college, which has set an unofficial school record for senior acceptances by colleges at this time in the school year. This doesn't include the seniors who as of yet haven't turned in their acceptances.

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, accepted most of the seniors, with approximately 47 acceptances. Rockhurst was next with twelve; St. Louis University with eleven; the University of Missouri at Rolla, nine; Bradley University, seven; and St. Benedict's, six.

Other colleges to accept the seniors were Parks Air College in Cahokia; St. Louis College of Pharmacy; Cornell University; Eastern Illinois University; University of Illinois; St. Mary's in Texas; University of Miami; Quincy College; St. Regis in Den-

ver, Colorado; Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; Notre Dame; DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana; DePaul University in Chicago; St. John's in Minnesota; University of New Mexico; St. Procopius; Belleville Area College; Northwestern University; and Marquette University.

Kevin Slimak became the first senior in the school's history to be accepted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Tom Keefe also recorded a first with his acceptance into Boston College.

"The seniors also collected quite a number of scholarships," said Fr. Jones. Robert Galan received the Freshman Academic Scholarship award to St. Benedict's College, valued at \$3,200. Kevin Slimak was awarded the McMullen Scholarship to Cornell University as well as the National Merit Scholarship.

John Kennedy received an academic scholarship to St. John's University, valued at \$900 per year. Thom Dammrich was awarded the \$1,300 Edmund Rector Scholarship to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, and a \$420 DePaul Scholarship. Mike Kinsella received the

Shell Corporation's Engineering Scholarship, valued at \$13,000.

Among other awards given out to Assumption graduates this year was the Outstanding Teenager Award for 1970, given to John Kennedy, Joe Prosser and Alex Feigl. Receiving commendation as Outstanding High School Students of America were Thom Dammrich, John Kennedy, Steve Jankowski, Joe Prosser, Mike Kinsella and Duane Georgeff.

Illinois State Scholarships, valued at \$1200.00 were awarded to Thom Dammrich, John Kennedy, Robert Galan, Dennis Hoerner, Mike Egan, Randy LaMotte, Paul Schmitt and Rich Rudelic. Bill Oulvey and Richard Niedzwiecki received Illinois State Scholarships valued at \$900 while Richard Schuh received one for \$350.

Other Illinois State Scholarship recipients were Mark Diak, Jim Donovan, Pat Dougherty, Duane Georgeff, Jim Keen, Tom Keefe, Mike Kinsella, Tom Lauck, Bob Marler, Dan McGinnis, Joe Prosser, Mike Ratay, Steve Rittenhouse, Kevin Slimak and Daniel Unger.

Illinois State Teacher Scholarships were awarded to Neal Brennan, Don Bridell and Thomas Cichon. Students commended by the National Merit Scholarship Commission were Mike Ratay, Steve Rittenhouse, Ken Schrage, Tom Keefe, Mike Kinsella, Gene O'Donnell and Dan McGinnis.

Bradley University gave scholarships to Robert Galan, Bob Marler, Dan McGinnis and a theatre scholarship to Steve Wappel. Rockhurst College awarded scholarships to Bob Galan and Gene O'Donnell. Tom Lauck and Randy LaMette received scholarships to Northwestern University. Randy also was offered scholarships from St. Louis University, United Shoe Machinery Corporation and Two/Ten National Scholarship Commission.

St. Mary's University in San Antonio offered scholarships to Bob Marler and Ed Blake. Ed also merited scholarships from Kansas State University, University of Illinois, University of New Mexico and St. Louis University. Randy

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Carnival Customs Changing

The 1970 spring benefit Student Council Carnival was a total success, according to the chairman, Steve Wappel. It was held April 24 in the school gym and Wappel reported that almost 1,000 attended.

One of the reasons for the success of this year's Carnival was the advance publicity. Usually only students from Assumption, St. Teresa's and few students from other schools attend. This year advance bulletins were sent out to all of the parents and to the grade schools of the area.

Helping Wappel with the organization of the Carnival was Tom Westerheide, the co-chairman. Publicity was done by Pat Dougherty and Mike Egan. Thom Dammrich and Dan McGinnis were responsible for the booths.

John Mercer and Bob Maziarz handled the tickets and the club

raffle. The restaurant was set up and directed by Jim Donovan and Kevin Clark. Clean-up was in the hands of Jim Roche, and chaperones were secured by Paul Schmitt.

A new innovation of this year's Carnival was the renting of the booths to each homeroom, as opposed to the usual tradition of having homerooms construct their own booths. Ideas for booths were chosen by the representatives.

The new Carnival Club officers are President Paul Schmitt, Vice-President Fred Furmanek, Secretary Dennis Petraitis and Treasurer Bob Flynn. All officers except Petraitis are seniors.

A St. Louis group, the Murge, played for the dance at this event. The group is known for its appearance at the St. Louis Rock Festival at Kiel Auditorium.

Football Field Promised Next Fall

What has been a fairy tale at Assumption, will soon be a reality. Action is finally being taken on the construction of a new football field.

The field, which is proposed to be completed in time for the football season in 1970, will be to the east of Assumption. The Diocese owns the land, which was used for farming, and is now being converted into the athletic field.

The campaign was started through the athletic office, and the secretary of the Student Council, Joe Prosser. Together Mr. Bill Monken and his brother Jim, and Joe Prosser proceeded to contact various people and companies, to get bids for the field and to secure the land. With increasing optimism, the word spread, and the

idea is now a movement.

A coordinated effort is being established by all the active organizations connected with the school. These include the Alumni, the Mother's Club, the Father's and Friends, the Pioneer Club, the Council, and the Administration. The representatives from these organizations meet regularly to discuss the project. A committee of members from each organization including the athletic department has been picked to seek out bids on all facets of stadium and field construction.

Completion of the total project may take several years, with each succeeding organization adding something to the complex. For the first year, the field will be secured, which includes grading and

sodding. Later a water system, a fence, a scoreboard, and as much else as possible will be added.

Each year more will be added. Bleachers are a big part of the field, and it is hoped to get them early. Room will be left to design a track around the field, which would be put in later.

Improvement Planned For School Opening

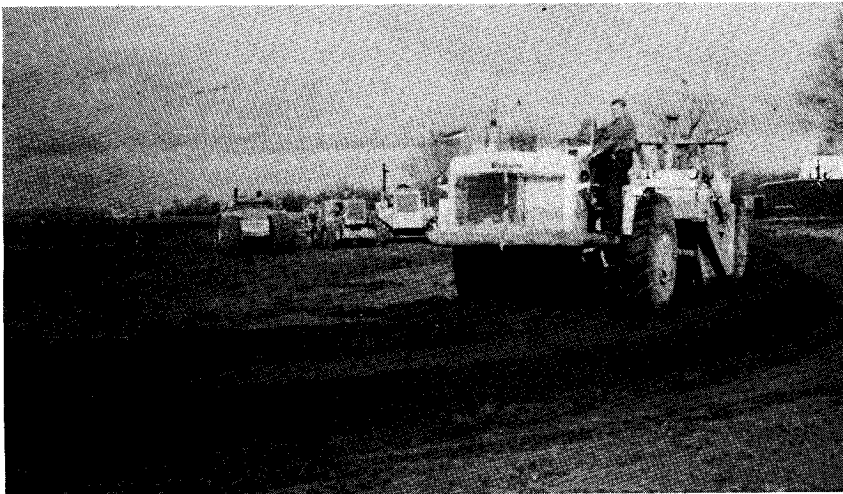
During the course of the summer, there will be many improvements around Assumption that will be attempted despite the lack of sufficient funds.

Brother George Haarman, coordinator of these affairs, has said that besides the work on the football field, the primary concern will be "clean-up and fix-up." If funds are available, there will be some exterior painting done. There is a chance the property drainage will be worked on in conjunction with the work on the football field. Also, whatever improvements possible will be made in the parking lots.

Consideration will be given to the state of the chairs and tables in the cafeteria. There is also a chance that new kitchen equipment will be purchased. Throughout the rest of the building, attention will be given to the lighting.

The principle cause of the financial straits was explained by Brother Haarman. The difficulties hinge upon the 1969-1970 budget. When the budget was being calculated, the school was figuring on 900 students arriving last fall. The actual enrollment is 840. This coupled with a difference of the tuition of 60 students has given the school almost no funds to work with for summer repairs. The money for the improvements will have to be raised through other channels.

None of the money for the football field is being taken from the school budget. The field is being constructed through donated funds and labor, and from money received from the athletic banquet and other affairs.



First-year construction begins on the new Assumption High School football field with grading and sodding preparation.

State Aid Condition Looks Optimistic

State aid for non-public schools has become a controversial and debated subject.

Non-public schools are partners in the state and national educational system. They are in drastic need of federal and state funds to continue as workable educational instruments. An increase in operating costs over the past few years, too high to be completely covered by tuition increases, has caused the important need for state aid. Governor Ogilvie has appointed the Schlickman Committee to study the non-public school situation. They made their

report May 1.

At the top of the State government, the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor both back state aid to non-public schools. On the local level, the Senator and Representatives, Lehman, Krause and Hall also favor state aid.

The chance for state aid rests with the Senate Educational Committee. Last year its 16 members voted 9-7 against the aid. A reversal 9-7 in favor of the aid is hoped for this year.

Until then, the backers of state aid for non-public schools wait in a condition of cautious optimism.

Prom Goes Under Sea

This year's Junior-Senior Prom was held May 8 in the gym. The theme of the Prom was "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." The band featured was "The Seven."

This year's court consisted of Mike Kinsella as king, Steve Wappel, first attendant; Joe Prosser, second attendant; third was Al Feigl; and fourth was Terry Balcer. Retiring king was Steve Ignatz.

In charge of this year's decor was Mike Wappel, the prom committee chairman. Mike was also in charge of the submerged cave entrance. Heading stage decorations was Brad Ringhofer, with Bob Keefe and John Lesaganich on the diving bell.

Responsible for the caterers' tunnel were Jay Johnston and

Bernie Wurth. Working and planning of the reef was done by Mike Belz. Doug Dusek was in charge of ceiling decorations. Other members of the committee include Mike Vodde, Luke Weir, Jerry Benhoff and Al Smith.

Aside from the traditional twelve juniors on the Prom Committee, four girls were chosen from St. Teresa. They are Marcia Brummer, Kate Gleeson, Sue Bax and Denise Jacquot.

Non-Committee workers that helped on the construction were Pat Sullivan, Steve Ratay, Jim Reppell, Tony Koski, Mike Halloran, Dennis Schildroth, Patty Kernan and Vicki Odom.

SENIORS LOOK TO FUTURE

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Edminston was awarded scholarships from Illinois State University, Normal; Northern Illinois University and Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama.

Scholarships from Washington University were offered to Rothweil Tarrant and Joe Prosser. Joe, the senior salutatorian, also merited the U. S. Army Service Leadership Award, St. Louis Science Fair Award, National Honor Society Nominee and National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Kevin Slimak, the senior valedictorian, merited scholarships from Cornell University and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The President's Scholar Award from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, went to Pat Dougherty. Eugene O'Donnell credited scholarships from DePauw University and Regis College in Denver, Colorado. Other scholarships were awarded to Rich Niedzwiecki by the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and to Duane Georgeff by the University of Illinois.

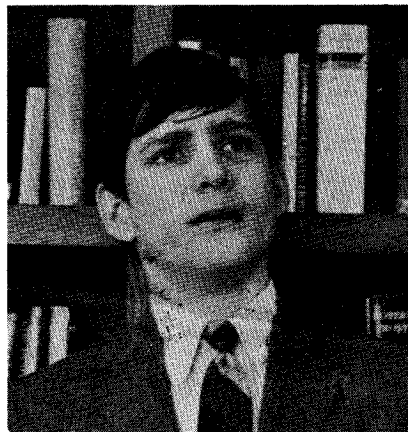
Father Jones commented on the graduating class, "I'm very pleased with the senior class and with the effort they've made to prepare themselves for life after graduation."

Speakers Advance to State

Sophomore Jim Durbin and freshman Bruce Shevlin have won the club and zone meets in a nationwide Optimist Speech Contest. In separate meets both Jim and Bruce have beaten ten other competitors in the annual contest. The topic for each of their speeches is "Youth: Full Partners in a Better Tomorrow."

On March 23, Jim Durbin won

Jim went to the zone meet held at the Elks Club in Belleville on April 9, and Bruce went to the Belfontaine Restaurant in Waterloo on April 6. Both Jim and



Bruce Shevlin.

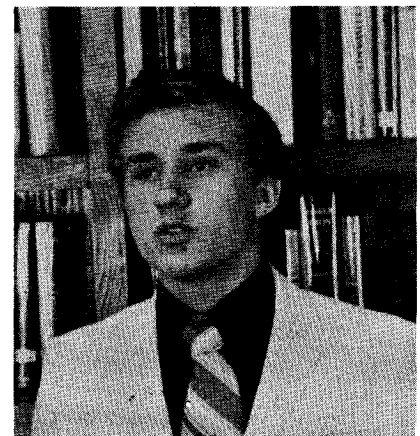
against five other speakers in his age group at a meet held at Trailways Restaurant. Bruce also won his meet held at Andrew's Steak House on March 26. After winning their individual club meets,

Cinema Criticism Course Continues

The English department, for the second year at Assumption, has added a new curriculum to certain Junior-Senior English classes. Initiated by Mr. Don Smithe and Mr. Robert Shea was a special "Movie Course."

The point of the course was to educate the students in the art of film evaluation and film-making. Each aspect of the movie, such as sound, lighting, actions and various other technical areas were explained with a lecture and short film of the same subject. Also, a feature film was shown during the week.

A total of 8 feature films were shown. A few examples were: "Grapes of Wrath," Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest," and "A Day at the Races," which starred the Marx Brothers.



Jim Durbin.

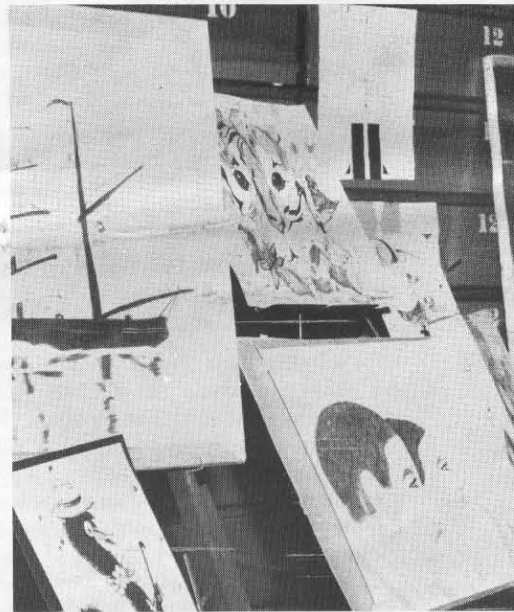
Bruce returned victorious.

On May 16-17 they will travel to Peoria for the State finals. The winner will receive an all expenses paid trip to Anaheim, California, to compete for the national title. A \$2,000 scholarship will also be awarded to the winner.

Both Shevlin and Durbin are being coached by Father James A. Genisio.



The Palace chorus sing and dance to the closing bars of "Mame" (upper left). This finale was honored with a standing ovation each night. Notre Dame Sextet (minus one) wave good-bye to the Palace audience (left).



The full house crowd enjoy "An Evening at the night club atmosphere (left). Two of the who came to Assumption during Fine Art intentionally one of the paintings which were entire week in the gym (above). The male in "Give My Regards to Broadway" is clear . . ." in a song from the hit Broadway GEORGE M (right).



John Kennedy and Denny Reynolds perform the songs of Simon & Garfunkel (above center). Mr. Don Boevingloh, the director and choreographer of "An Evening at the Palace," relays instructions backstage to the stage crew on the phone (upper right). "The Palace" became Mr. Boevingloh's fifth successful production in his two years here. The Palace chorus "Light the candles . . ." to set the crowd in the mood for the show (right).



"The Palace" in many people's Week study displayed the Palace chorus, out, "Let 'em midway musical



COMMENTARY

Student Rights:

Neglect and Ignorance

In the public schools throughout the area dress codes have been dropped, and students who had been expelled because of long hair have been allowed to return to school following court injunctions. Perhaps area schools have dropped their dress codes because some court decisions have shown that such codes will not stand up against attack.

Throughout the area schools, students have the right to keep their personal possessions, such as their cars, as personal. There is no threat of school security officers rampaging, without warrant, through the interior of the vehicle in search of suspected liquor or drugs. If an officer of the law cannot enter an automobile without permission or a warrant, does the school security force have the prerogative to do this? Catholic educators have bound the student to an unwritten contract which they have affirmed through their neglect . . . Neglect to acquaint themselves with their legal rights.

We believe that education is not defined in terms of simply compiling knowledge but also in the development of individuality. Therefore, we suggest the possibility of a student-faculty forum which might enlighten all concerned on the actual legal rights of students and responsibilities of the administration.

As Assumption High School and other Catholic schools continue their search for state aid to support their cause of education they will need to become more concerned with their position as public servants.

'Individuality' Victimized

The students of Assumption have made their voices known on many occasions toward the denial of *exterior* individuality by an out-dated dress code. Yet, there is a teacher at Assumption who has too easily fallen victim to our school system's denial of *interior* individuality.

Is it valid to dispose of a man who has labored here for nine years, and proven himself more than qualified in many areas, because of the pressure of a misconception? We feel the answer should be "No" and wish to endorse any efforts to retain the services of Father James A. Genisio as a teacher and department head at Assumption High School.

In Appreciation . . .

Six years ago, Brother Henry Ringkamp came to Assumption, already quite experienced in the field of school administration.

In these six years, Assumption has made strides in the field of humanities and good progress in general education. Brother Henry can be credited for his willingness to accept change in dealing with the great administrative burden placed on his shoulders.

Brother has brought many innovations to the school. Some worked very well; others were wholehearted attempts at solving difficult problems. There is no doubt that Brother has had a positive effect on our school.

Good-bye and thanks, Brother!

Death in Dissent

Investigations into the events of May 4 on the campus of Kent State University are not yet ended . . . but the lives of the four students who fell victim to the indiscriminant fire of National Guardsmen most certainly are.

Admission must be made that the issue is complex and areas have yet to be investigated, but the fact is that much more violent demonstrations have been handled in the past without even the loading of the Guard's M-1's.

Furthermore, indiscriminant firing into a crowd of students, whether in response to stones and bottles or not, is unprecedented and inexcusable.

The fact remains that at Kent State four students were killed and ten injured. We question "Why?" . . . If we have truly lowered our standards so that the order to kill carries no more weight than, as one National Guardsman put it, "an order to clean up a latrine . . .", then there is a possibility that we are questioning our own downfall.

A Poem

by Fred Geiger

Gray. A color in a child's crayon box,
The tip barely dull. It's seldom used.
I dream in bright hues of red, blue, green.
I live in shades of gray.
I'm told to tell between right and wrong.
I'm still haunted by gray.
Tripping on life, blinded by light,
My eyes see blurs of gray.
As age overtakes me, and I grow old,
I become quite wrinkled and gray.
And when I die, I am placed in a crypt.
My proof of having lived? A name, in a stone of
gray. —

Principal Finishes Stay

by Louis Lenz and Bill Mackin

Brother Henry Ringkamp's command of the "Good Ship Assumption" will come to an end with the commencement exercises of the senior class. Brother Ringkamp has mixed feelings about his six years here at Assumption that, in some ways, parallel the students' feelings. Also, Brother Ringkamp as a person, as well as an administrator, has changed.

Brother Henry admits that in his first years he ran a "tight ship." Mr. John O'Brien, vice-principal, asserted that his first impression, six years ago, was that Brother Ringkamp was a "stern taskmaster . . . and that proved to be true." Mr. O'Brien saw that Brother had certain ideas of how the school should be run and what needed to be corrected at the beginning of his stay here.

Brother Ringkamp feels that the student has changed in his six years here. Brother feels that "now there is a growing concern for individualism, disenchantment with older people who don't stay young at heart, and a lack of mutual appreciation of material things. This is due to political issues such as the Vietnam War, the growing use of drugs and alcohol, and a change in morals and value systems."

Brother Ringkamp feels that his first impression of the Assumption student was "the openness . . . the willingness to cooperate; they have a better understanding of every person." He saw evidence of "a basic loyalty to the school and to their cliques. The students were generally cooperative."

When asked if the student body is different now than it was six years ago, Brother Ringkamp replied, "Students are now questioning the 'why' of it all, and demanding explanations. This is due to a dissatisfaction with the present generation's value system and an uncertainty to what lies ahead in their future." He felt that there are always feelings of hostility toward persons who enforce rules and sanctions, and the hostility has varied in intensity through his years at Assumption.

Does the Assumption Man ex-



Principal Brother Henry Ringkamp ends his 6 years of paperwork and administrative guidance at Assumption with the 1970 senior commencement exercises.

ist? "The Assumption man is a label of a person who is honest and loyal, who fulfills his purpose in studies, student activities, and is basically a moral, Christian person." The Assumption Man upholds the school's image. Brother feels the school's image is good.

He anticipates an increase in true Christian spirit between

white and black students, increased enrollment of black students, and mutual cooperation of white and black students, which is now at a minimum at Assumption. Brother Henry would furthermore like to see an addition of black teachers to the faculty. "Mutual appreciation of a person's quality rather than his color is a must," he said.

Fine Arts Week Features Musical

On April 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18, the Assumption High School Theatre Department presented a musical vaudeville review, "An Evening at the Palace." In a "night club" atmosphere, the show consisted of several specialty acts sandwiched between four chorus scenes directed by Mr. Don Boevingloh. The chorus scenes were adapted from *Mame*, *George M.*, *Hair* and *Hello Dolly*. Every performance had a capacity crowd and received a standing ovation.

This set the stage for Assumption's fifth annual Fine Arts Week. Six other schools participated in the affair: Althoff, East St. Louis, Lincoln, Notre Dame Academy, St. Henry Seminary, and St. Teresa Academy. For the entire week the gymnasium was arrayed with one hundred and fifty works of art from the six participating schools.

On Monday, April 13, the Mili-

tary Airlift Command Band entertained the student body with an assortment of march, jazz and rock music.

All students were given a chance to attend a matinee performance of "Zorba" on April 15. One hundred and fifty students took this opportunity and viewed this musical at the Kiel Opera House.

The Southern Illinois University Concert Chorale opened its spring tour, April 16, with a program of psalms and classical music at Assumption. This marked the first appearance here of a vocal group from the Edwardsville campus.

The Fine Arts Week was brought to an end with a performance of the William S. Clark Ensemble with the Assumption High School-St. Teresa Band on April 19.

A Short Story:

In Dedication

by Ed Kitchen

It was a quiet April morning. I awoke suddenly. Songbirds, the few strong ones that still braved the results of man's "progress", were perched outside my window — it was a beautiful, new, spring morning. The sun shown brightly into my cell-like window, warming it ever so gently. This' was a morning to lay there thinking — contemplating.

But this was not like the many carbon-copied mornings I had awakened to; no, this was special. I rose out of bed with a start, determined to accomplish what I had planned so long, to do what I somehow knew was right.

But, taking a few steps, I realized just what I was going to do; the determination, the sureness slipped away. Now — now that time is a finite measure and fake

Stage Crew Vital To Drama Success

Maybe you're wondering what goes on backstage while the actors of the Drama Club are earning their applause? The stage crew that runs the technical part of the show is headed by John Skoski and his assistant John Quintin.

The crew has many different jobs to do before, during and after each play. Steve Rouch and George Crossiant are carpenters that helped to construct the sets for "An Evening at the Palace." The "fly system" built by John Skoski and Joe Widunas was operated by Bob Mackin and Mike Barger.

The P.A. system that made the show audible was operated by Dennis Hatches and Joe Widunas. The lighting, the most outstanding of all previous shows, was co-operated by Bob Pfeifer and John Malec. Thirty-eight lights and the light cyclorama that set the mood for the specialty acts were borrowed from Notre Dame.

The special effect in the Aquarius number, the fog, was handled by Mike Skrabacz. The spot light was worked by Bill Warhover. Augie Werner and Steve Walters headed communication between the members of the stage crew and Mr. Don Boevingloh, director.

starts are dead ends — doubt slipped in. Feelings do that, you know; they come so fast and then they just slip away . . . like so many forgotten acquaintances.

Yet I moved on. I knew no one would be up much before 11:00; that was over five hours away. No one would miss me; they never seemed to before — I was swallowed up, just a face and nothing more . . . not even a voice.

So now I was leaving. My mind whirled in a kaleidoscope of thoughts, ones I had turned over countless times before. Everything was ready for the predestined journey — everything from a full tank of gas to my guitar. Something was missing though . . . she was; a part of my world, my life, was missing.

We had talked it all over before, over a bottle of wine and candlelight. Walking through the park tasting the rain — we talked, we decided. And yet — now that I was leaving — I wasn't sure. The love we shared remained deep in my heart; she had wanted to come with me, to share what

true experiences were left.

I thought — to give up your life, even a miserable one, just didn't seem fair — some how you don't want to give it up, because it's yours. I still wanted to listen to Simon & Garfunkel, to Dylan and to just live and love someone beautiful. I wasn't willing to change my life to the whims of a government whose decisions I didn't respect. Let them order — I had better things to do . . .

I left my room quietly, giving a last look to the remnants of my life I was leaving behind. My VW started up slowly, as if even it knew what was happening.

Once more I slowly read the letter over . . . "Greetings, You are hereby ordered for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States . . ." and then watched it gracefully fly out the window.

My shoulders relaxed, my fists unclenched — I felt strangely happy. My face curved to a smile — almost a laugh . . . and quietly I drove on.



Stage crew members Bob Pfeifer and John Malec man the dimmers during a production of "A Night at The Palace."

Golfing Squad Shows Balance

With a midseason record of 10-4, the varsity golfers are well on their way to a successful season. In the first match of the year against Mater Dei, the squad came away with a 175-185 victory as Fred Geiger was low with a 42. Besides Geiger, the squad includes senior Dave Suarez, juniors Jay Johnston, Pat Sullivan, Brad Ringhofer and Bernie Wurth and Sophomore Joe Martinez.

After losing to Belleville East 166-185, (Geiger was again low man with a 37) the golfers proceeded to rack up a string of six straight triumphs over Triad, Granite City, Trenton (twice), Mascoutah and Augustinian.

The Catholic Open at Fairmont resulted with a heart-breaking loss to Althoff, but consolation was found in beating Mater Dei in the triangular meet, 142-148-164. Brad Ringhofer shot a 35 and Bernie Wurth a 36 to lead the team.

The next week brought the duffers their second loss in a row at the hands of Edwardsville, 155-167. Pat Sullivan led the way with a 39. Sullivan again took honors with a 38 as he led the team to a 156-159 victory over Collinsville.

After being rained out at Granite City, the surging golf team whipped Highland 171-188. Pat Sullivan and Brad Ringhofer both fired 40's on the hilly, par 36 course at Highland. Traveling to St. Louis University High, the duffers were overwhelmed by a hot Junior Billiken squad 188-216, with Geiger low man for Assumption with a 41. The Pioneers followed with their second straight loss, a stunning 17 stroke loss to Althoff.

Concluding the week the duffers beat Mascoutah 165-178. An enlightening fact about this victory is that Mascoutah had previously lost by only 1 stroke to Belleville West, considered by many to be the best team in the area.

The linksmen continued in their winning ways by finishing the season with a 5-2 record and a final record of 15-6, including victories over O'Fallon and Triad.

Pioneers Winning Again

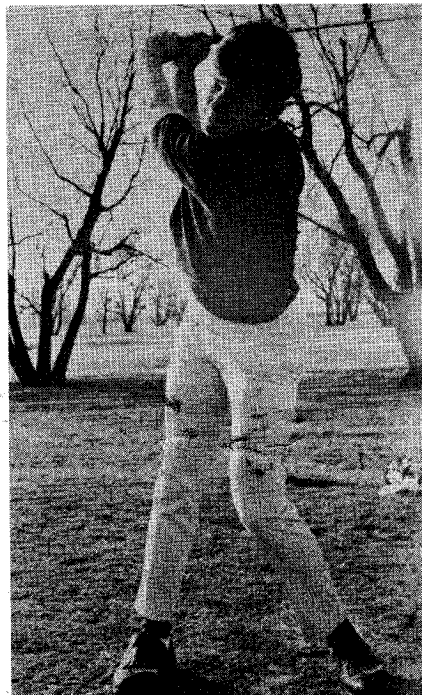
The Pioneer baseball team got off to another fine start, compiling a 14-7 record in its first 21 outings, and finishing with a 14-10 record. The success of this year can again be credited to the performance of the pitchers.

Ed Blake, considered by many to be the best pitcher in the Metro-East area, again led the mound corps with a 7-2 record. He had a string of three consecutive shut-outs going into the Althoff game on May 5, while compiling an amazing 105 strikeouts in only 57 innings, nearly two an inning.

A surprising asset to the team this year was the success of junior Joe Restoff. Joe had a 5-1 record while compiling 44 strikeouts in 30 innings. Other hurlers include Frank Papa, Don Briddell, Steve Siegel and freshman John Piechichinski.

A major part of the success can also be credited to the hitters. Leading the team in hitting this year was senior Mike Miller, with a .356. He was followed by senior Jim Gleeson (.322) and senior Tom G... (.316). Miller and Gleeson also led the team in the important runs produced department, both with 10 RBI's.

In the infield the first base area



Jay Johnston concentrates on his effective backswing during a recent golf practice.

was patrolled by Don Briddell. Don was backed up by junior Joe Restoff. Second base wasn't occupied by any one man, but shared by senior Mark Diak, sophomore Pat Keefe and junior Phil Fuido. Jim Gleeson was the mainstay at shortstop.

Third base had Tom Grywatch backed up by junior Tom Friend. Junior Larry Gerzitis and freshman Fred Bathon did a fine job at handling the mound corps.

Manning the outfield were seniors Dave Laskowski in left, Mike Miller in center and Gary Brock and Mark Diak in right.

The Pioneers, sharing at least a part of the Bi-State crown in each of the league's three years, were once again the favorites to claim the crown. They failed to claim first, finishing 6-4 in the league, with losses to Marquette, St. Louis U. High and Althoff (twice). The loss to SLUH can be blamed on six unearned runs, while both losses to Althoff were one run heatbreakers, 1-0 and 8-7.

Besides league play, the Pioneers beat Lebanon and East Side, split with both St. Henry Prep and Lincoln and lost to Granite City and Belleville West, the eventual district champ. Highlight of the Belleville West game was a 340 foot home run by Ed Blake.

Coming into district play, the team was felled by the news of an injury to pitcher Ed Blake. Without Ed on the mound, the Pioneers finished out the year with a 2-1 defeat at the hands of O'Fallon.

Weather Stops Softball

The intramural program, headed by Mr. Kent DeMars, was expanded this year to include intramural softball. A league was organized which included two freshman teams, two sophomore teams, two junior teams, a senior team and a faculty team.

Two diamonds were set up and games were played each Saturday afternoon. A major hindrance to the program was the inclement weather, which limited play to just a few games.



by Pat Sullivan

Seniors Miller, Gleeson and Grywatch are leading the Pioneer baseball team in hitting so far. Ed Blake, a standout hurler last year, is again leading the way.

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Junior half-miler Rich Sminchiak, with the best time of 2:08, leads the track team in points, followed by high jumper Rick Suttle and young sophomore miler Ike Austin.

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Randy Edminston again leads the Pioneer tennis team. Bob Keefe currently has the second best record but it is Randy's 13-0

record that seems to point toward state.

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A predominantly junior golf team, lead by Fred Geiger and Pat Sullivan, has a 10-4 record thus far.

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The Spring Basketball Banquet saw All-Stater Rick Suttle receive the M.V.P., rebounding, and free throw awards. Rick broke most of the standing scoring records including his 720 points for the season. Randy Edminston broke the record for assists and Jim Gleeson won the 110% award. A special award, the "Fans Favorite," was presented to Tom Keefe.

Tennis Team Improves Record

Assumption's tennis team is undoubtedly the most improved team of any sport at this school. Last year's team was headed by Randy Edminston, Terry Balcer and Bob Keefe. The final record was estimated in the vicinity of 1-13. This year's team is again headed by Edminston, Balcer and Keefe. The team record now stands at 6-7, with losses only to Belleville

East, Christian Brothers, Granite City and Wesclin (twice).

Leading the team with an undefeated record of 13-0, Randy Edminston is Assumption's prospective state champion. He has been bidding for this title since his sophomore year and is now prime for victory. Randy is expected to finish the season with an undefeated record, walk away with the district title, and make the deciding bid in the Illinois State Tournament.

Backing Randy in the number two spot is senior Terry Balcer from Granite City. Terry has been a varsity tennis player since his freshman year and is again expected to have a winning season.

Playing third singles is junior Bob Keefe. This is his second varsity season, finishing last year with a .500 record. His present record stands at 8-5.

Brother O'Meara, the mathematical tennis coach, has seemed somewhat taken aback by his team's success this season and modestly hopes to achieve a mere .500 record. The team members are optimistically playing for a much higher mark.

Track Squads Move Forward

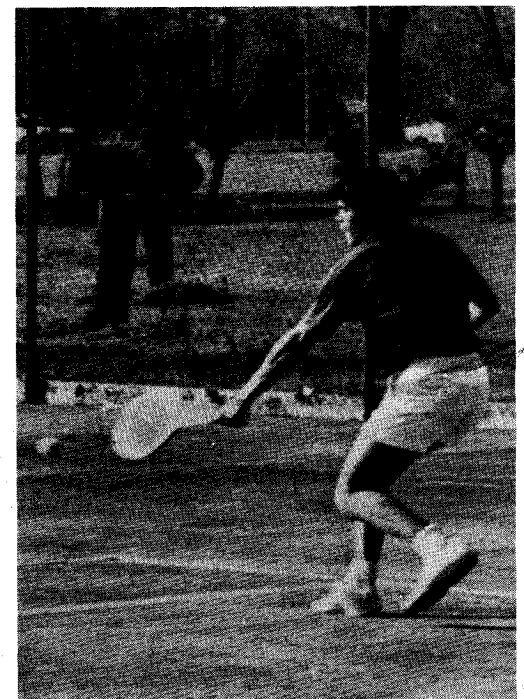
Pioneer track has gotten off to a rather slow start this season. Able to boast only a second place in a triangular meet in which they defeated Waterloo and fell 12 points short of Bi-State foe Althoff, the cindermen have yet to post their first victory.

Junior Rick Sminchak has been a consistent winner with his most impressive showing coming against a strong Lincoln team. Sophomore Ike Austin has also picked up a couple firsts.

Another strong point of the team is a constantly improving mile relay team of Austin, Sminchak, sophomore Dan Stranton and junior Terry Biggs. The Pioneer quartet has hopes of breaking the school relay record of 3:35, set in '68.

Rounding out the scoring are junior high-jumper Rick Suttle, pole vaulters Mike Wappel and Denny Reynolds, and sophomore hurdler and broad jumper Steve Strayhorn, who has placed in several meets.

Coach Richard Ryan feels the team's present record of 0-4 can be credited to their youth and inexperience.



Prospective state champ Randy Edminston reaches for a low backhand.

Swimming Course New To Intramural Program

Mr. Kent DeMars, head of the Assumption High School intramural program, has just finished a swimming program for the students interested in learning to swim, to improve on their swimming skills, and also for those interested in taking senior life saving.

A total of about twenty-five boys participated in the course which was held at the East St. Louis YMCA in Edgemont and lasted for eight weeks. The program was held with the hopes of finding a little talent for a future swimming team.