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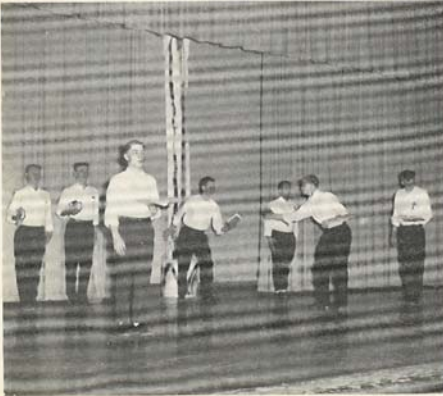
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SHAKESPEAREANS IN ACTION



Assumption "Shakespeareans" enact "Hamlet." Senior Jim Eros, foreground, narrates as Charles Lawrence (Hamlet) and William Clover (Horatio) confront each other.

On the night of April 8 the "Shakespeareans" of Assumption produced an interpretative reading of *Hamlet*. This was the first project of the Drama Department which is under the direction of Fr. Barry Jones.

Hamlet is one of the most controversial and reproduced plays written by William Shakespeare. The character of Hamlet himself has been disputed for three centuries. When the "Shakespeareans" undertook this project little did they realize the work involved. For over a month the midnight oil burned at Assumption as Fr. Jones "patiently" guided his novice actors.

SODALITY NEWS

Activities galore are pacing the last few weeks of school for Assumption Sodalists. The recent Sodality-sponsored car wash was a successful effort, netting approximately \$70. Coming up soon will be the last Day of Recollection for this school year. Included will be advancement of freshmen, sophomores and juniors to various Sodality offices. Parents of members may be invited to attend. Near the end of May, elections for the highest ranking offices will take place. This will conclude the activities for the school year.

This summer, several Assumptionites will attend a Sodality leadership camp on Beaumont Reservation. AHS participants will include Joe Barber, Fred Steuver, Jim Thomas, Dave Fontilla, and Bob Kolb. A week of instruction will leave them capable of carrying on Sodality activities in future years.

There really was much more work to this play than one might suppose. The real man of the 16th century was not the weight-lifter which we today consider zenith of virility. Instead, the ideal Shakespearean man was an excellent fencer. His every action was instant yet agile. The "Shakespeareans" of Assumption had to portray this man.

Another fact that relatively few people realized was that there is no scenery or costuming in such a play. The actors themselves must interpret their readings without these aids.

A production of this type was new to Assumption and was welcomed with considerable comment and interest. The cast of *Hamlet* was as follows: James Eros, as narrator; Charles Evans, the king of Denmark; Charles Lawrence, portraying Hamlet; John Neville, who both directed the play and took the part of Polonius; William Clover as Horatio; James Burgett, the part of Laertes; Ray Gregowicz, as Marcellus and the first player; Bryan Evans, Marcellus, the second player, and gravedigger; James Strong, the third player and gravedigger; Daniel BeDell, as the fourth player and a gravedigger; John Meskauskas, as the ghost of Hamlet's father. The musical section of the production consisted of: Raymond Tisler, as the ballad singer; Ronald Pashia, the drummer; George Ripplinger and Jack Ketterer, as buglers. The stage manager was Francis Smith who was ably assisted by Thomas Furmanek and Frank Gruber.

ELECTIONS SOON

The term of the present Student Council will soon expire with the graduation of officers, Rich Durbin, Larry Hoffmann, Paul Bauer, and Ken Gonzales. Preparations are now being made for next year's student government.

On Monday, April 30, a vote will be taken in the junior class to determine who among them will run for the Student Council. This is the first step of the election machinery which will finally determine the student leaders.

The whole process, first used in last year's election, consists of three steps: the first step is the nomination; the second, the general election; and the third, the final determinations of office.

The candidates, who must be seniors during their term of office, are to be of the highest possible calibre. Therefore the juniors—next year's seniors—select 12 students out of their numbers who in their opinions are fit for student council office.

The 12 then divide up into three parties of four each for the week-long campaign. This period is used to acquaint the students with the qualifications of each candidate so that they may make the intelligent choice. At the end of this week, the general election is held, with all students casting their votes for four candidates. When the votes have been counted and the winners determined, the third step then takes place.

The juniors, who are best acquainted with the candidates, vote again to determine which of the four winners will be president (which one vice-president, which one secretary, and which one treasurer).

This completes the election process and the preparations for next year's student government.

The Student Council elections are the key to the success of the Student Council. It is very important that they are not turned into popularity contests. The students must take all possible care in weighing the relative merits of each candidate. Organizational ability, willingness to work, imagination, all must be weighed to find the best candidates.

Zollner, Flynn, Eros Named Winners

Letters were recently received announcing the Maurice Zollner was selected for the Murphy Scholarship to Cornell University. This award is the third one offered to him.

Also announced were the scholarship winners to St. Louis University. Mike Flynn won a full tuition four year grant while Jim Eros received a half tuition scholarship renewable for four years.

SILVER JUBILEE ANNOUNCED



BRO. JAMES PIEPER

DUTCH TREAT

"Dutch Garden" is the setting; May 4 is the date, enjoyment is the mood. One hundred and forty couples will dance to the music of Charles Val's orchestra in a colorful Holland setting. The Art Club's 10 foot windmill with revolving arms and the hundreds of colored tulips will make the night a mass of moving enchantment. For the seniors, it will be the last dance; for the juniors, it will be their first prom.

The work on the decorations is an all out attempt to keep up the prom's high standard of originality and design. The junior class is putting its talent together and coming up with some really novel ideas. There will be surprises for those attending by the way of miniature windmills and wooden shoes.

The king will come from the highest and hardest working seniors, Maurice Zollner, Rich Durbin, Jim Eros, Vince Bouch and Tom Brassier have recently been announced as the members of the court.

The prom is the main undertaking of the junior class and is under the special direction of a committee of 10. They are Terry Barber, Tom Battaglia, Dan BeDell, Dave DuVall, Don Ferris, Craig Lambert, John Moseley, Fred Steuver, Eddie Viner and Mac Wright. Bro. Pieper is in charge of the general management of all the details of the affair. Bro. Dostal has taken over the construction of the 11 wooden windmills which have to be constructed.

"Twenty-five years as a Brother seems a short time," answered Bro. James Pieper, who celebrates his Silver Jubilee this year.

Yes, this coming May 11 will be the day chosen to commemorate Brother's anniversary as a Marianist.

Indeed, after 25 years you might think Bro. James would be slowed down but not our Jubilarian. Today he is especially active in the pulse of the school.

Daily you will find him supervising the library, taking care of its thousand and one details. Recently, he has instituted the paperback program which has caused a considerable upsurge in the pursuit of better reading material by the student body.

Bro. James also moderates the Student Council this year. He has contributed his time and effort to the success of the Mardi Gras Carnival, and presently is guiding the juniors in their work on the prom.

Brother, who hails from St. Louis is a product of McBride High School. Shortly after his freshman year, he joined the Brothers and finished his high school at Maryhurst Preparatory. Through the years he has attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, a Master of Arts degree in Education, and Bachelor of Science degree in library work.

He has instructed classes in courses ranging from economics to world history at a number of different schools: Holy Redeemer in Detroit, St. Mary's in Texas, Chaminade in St. Louis, Old Central and Assumption.

Bro. Pieper has devoted a third of his 25 years to Assumption. He will be honored two weeks from now by the student body. By this celebration the students hope to show their appreciation for the devotion with which Brother has helped us all.

Summer Grants

Come June 2, two faculty members will make use of their math and science grants. They are Bro. Philip Hartlaub and Fr. Alphonse Piekarski.

Bro. Hartlaub will pack his bags and head for the east coast and Rutgers University. At Rutgers Bro. Philip will study new teaching techniques for Physics. He plans to apply three college credits to his master's degree work at Notre Dame.

Fr. Piekarski will be heading in the same general direction, but he will stop at the University of Dayton to study the concepts of analysis from June 25 to August 4.

A Thought for Spring

Easter, Spring, Motherhood, New Life! Simple meditation unlocks the deeper meanings of these words. With May following Easter so closely, we wonder a bit what Mary was doing on that Sunday morning when her Son triumphed over death. Much like what happens at the birth of a baby, our Mother slipped into the background. We know that it is the proud father who passes out the cigars and boasts of the looks and size of his new-born child; the mother simply smiles with joy that a new life is given to the world. But she is there! So, too, at the Resurrection, our birth to a new life. Peter and John bustled around spreading the news of Christ's triumph, telling one another that the Lord had appeared. And His Mother? . . . Only the day before she was in the throes of an agonizing labor which made us children of the Eternal Father. Hers was now the role of every mother who quietly smiles with joy that life has come into the world. What is more reassuring than the balm of a fresh spring day, than the smile of a new mother, than the thought that Mary shared in the triumph of her Son over sin and death? Your confidence in our Blessed Mother should be that of a man planting his crops in the spring; that of a mother bringing forth a child, that of Mary expecting the resurrection after Good Friday. It is a confidence that will help you leave the dark winter of sin, cross over the Calvary of selflessness to rise with Christ in a new life.

Our Catholic Graduates

Assumption will graduate 132 come May 27. A few weeks later East Side will graduate over twice as many. Should there be a difference? Let us reflect. Students in both schools generally choose the same careers in life; their high school courses are similar, facilities are comparable, yet Assumption High School graduates have chosen to spend some \$500 for their education.

But our expenses do not end there. Our diocese has been willing to invest nearly two million dollars in the Catholic high schools of our city . . . not merely to have graduates interested only in business careers.

Our Catholic education must not only provide us excellent background for our financial living but especially give us the challenge and training to assist in the Apostolate of the Church.

Our Catholic education should manifest itself in our choice of a career. The vocation we choose should have an apostolic motive and a true view of the dignity of labor. These, in practice, show just how interested we are in saving souls, our own as well as others.

In general how little does an apostolic motive reveal itself in our choice of a career? How little do our graduates really differ from those of East Side's?

Are our private and diocesan efforts really worth the expense if we are not producing the apostles of tomorrow?

Lenin's Last Words

During his last illness, Lenin made this declaration:

"I have made a great mistake. Our main purpose was to give freedom to a multitude of oppressed people. But our method of action has created worse evils and horrible massacres. You know that my deadly nightmare is to feel that I am lost in this ocean of blood, coming from innumerable victims. It is too late to turn back now, but in order to save our country, Russia, we should have had ten men like Francis of Assisi. With ten such men we would have saved Russia."

This startling statement of Lenin certainly indicated that he was much closer to a change of heart than most people imagine. One wonders if a few more prayers for him 30 years ago might not have changed the course of history.

If enough persons, sparked by Christ's love for all mankind, would pray fervently each day for a change of heart in people like Mao Tse-Tung, it might have far-reaching results. Every prayer is answered in one way or another.

—Christopher Notes.

VALE

A familiar face will be missing here at Assumption when next September rolls around. Brother Oliver Reagan, for four years teacher of Religion, Latin, and social studies as well as moderator of the Pioneer and several flourishing Sodality cells, will travel to Fribourg, Switzerland to begin his studies for the priesthood in the Society of Mary.

Brother Oliver will brush up on his French this summer at the University of Laval in Quebec. In early September, he will embark for Regina Mundi Seminary where he will study philosophy for a year before beginning his four-year study of theology which will end in his ordination to the priesthood in the summer of 1967.

Brother Oliver will be missed, not only because he was a hard worker, but because he was something more, a friend. We know that he will make a fine priest because he always seemed to have the time to devote to any problem, no matter how small. He was always willing to listen and to help. The Pioneers thank him for all he has done for us, and wish him the best of luck in his future work.

Student's Opinion

(What do you look for in choosing Student Council officers?)

T. DOYLE

In choosing Student Council officers I look for boys who possess the qualities of leadership, willingness to work hard and devote their time to the work of the council, and at least average intelligence. Most important, I look for boys respected and well-liked by their fellow students so that if these boys are elected they will receive co-operation in fulfilling their plans.

E. KLINGLESMTIH

In selecting Student Council officers I choose students who are active in all phases of school life. To have a good student council, I think we need officers who are interested in all the school activities not just in certain school activities and who are willing to sacrifice to get more done.

L. LEPOLD

In selecting Student Council officers I look for a person who can influence his fellow students. Since he is to be the leader of the student body, his main ambition should be to improve our high school. This Assumption man should set the example of "school spirit" and participation in student activities for the rest to follow.

J. GAGEN

In selecting Student Council officers I look for men who show the trust and confidence placed in them by the students and faculty. I think it's also important to remember that just because a guy plays baseball or runs track, this does not make him a good man for the job. What is necessary is that he be interested in his work, be a good student, a hard worker, and a person who will live up to his platform.



QUEEN OF MAY
PRAY FOR US

Reading A Paper —Correctly

The daily newspaper is one of the most confusing publications that our society has ever managed to put out. On one hand it contains news that is vitally important to the very survival of all of us. On the other rests a mass of writing that is either meaningless or only of the most transitory interest such as advertisements, gossip, and the annual rainfall over Reykjavik. This literary gobbledygood usually only serves to bury the important news some place where the reader is least likely to come across it.

In order to wade through this mess it becomes necessary not only to read the paper with our eye but also with a red pencil and a pair of scissors. The red pencil should be used to circle all the important articles in the newspaper. This allows us to easily respot the articles later on in the evening when we go through the paper with our scissors and cut out the material we have circled. This can be done during our free time or while watching TV. A little bit of glue is then necessary to paste the clippings filed away in a ring binder for later reference.

Using this method the daily paper can be read, circled, clipped, and pasted in well under 15 minutes and you will be surprised at the vast store of knowledge you will pick up on both international and local affairs of importance.

Try Again, Pete

While he was driving home from work one night, Pete's car broke down. He stood by the road and thumbed for a ride.

Soon a car stopped. Gladly Pete climbed in and relaxed on the back seat.

Suddenly, with a start, he realized that, although the car was moving, no one was driving. He racked his brain for a logical explanation, but he couldn't find one.

Soon the car slowed up and stopped before a cemetery. By this time, Pete was a nervous wreck.

He jumped from the car and began to run. Because he just couldn't believe what had taken place was really true, he looked back. A man was entering the car he had just left. "Don't get in that car!" Pete cried. "Something's wrong with it." "I know," replied the man sliding under the steering wheel. "I've been pushing it for three miles."

Sodality Camp In Preparation

Issued by
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Institute of Marianist Studies
Glencoe, Missouri

Plans were recently announced for the forthcoming Leadership Training Conference to be held from August 26 to 30. The Conference will serve Sodality members from schools taught by Marianists in the Greater St. Louis area, Chicago, Milwaukee and Texas.

The objectives of the Conference are: to give the Sodality a real experience in Christian living, to enable Sodality members to fulfill leadership roles in a controlled environment, to instruct the Sodality members in the principles of the Sodality and finally to plan Sodality programs in the various participating schools for the 1962-63 school year.

Although the conference is new to the St. Louis area, successful conferences have been conducted by Marianists in the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and New York areas. The Conference is an important part of the formational program of the Sodality.

The staff for the Conference will be teaching Brothers and Priests of the Society of Mary who are presently active in Sodality work of participating schools.

The camp site chosen for the conference is the excellent and beautiful camp May on Beaumont Reservation in Southwest St. Louis County.

It is planned that the Conference will be an annual event and will take its place alongside other Sodality formational means such as the meeting, retreats, study days and conventions.

BIRTHSTONES

- For landresses, the soapstone;
- For architects, the cornerstone;
- For cooks, the puddingstone;
- For soldiers, the bloodstone;
- For borrowers, the touchstone;
- For policemen, the paving stone;
- For stock brokers, the curbstone;
- For shoemakers, the cobblestone;
- For tourists, the Yellowstone;
- For beauties, the peachstone;
- For editors, the grindstone;
- For motorists, the milestone;
- For pedestrians, the tombstone.

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SENIORS

High Honors
 A. Goloc, 94.6
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Honors

R. Turski, 92.0
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 T. Buckman, 90.0
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 J. Manion, 89.2
 D. Novich, 88.6
 J. Eros, 88.4
 R. Mays, 88.0
 J. Eisele, 88.0
 T. Heffernan, 87.7
 B. Fohlig, 87.6
 D. Lambert, 87.6
 J. Kane, 87.4
 J. Medley, 87.2
 F. Brady, 87.2
 V. Rouch, 87.0
 M. Huntley, 86.4
 T. Mattison, 86.4
 B. O'Neill, 86.2
 A. Van Loo, 86.2
 E. Swierczek, 85.8
 C. Stufflebean, 85.6
 R. Smith, 85.4
 C. Zeller, 85.4
 R. Biggs, 85.0
 D. Koll, 85.0
 D. Schrage, 85.0

JUNIORS

High Honors

P. Griffin, 94.5
 L. Mallot, 93.6
 C. Evans, 93.3

Honors

J. Balcer, 92.8
 A. Santagata, 92.2
 D. Ferris, 92.0
 R. Stelzer, 91.8
 M. Donahue, 91.8
 L. Krummel, 91.3
 F. Steuver, 91.1
 W. Gish, 90.3
 R. Marti, 90.2
 G. Riplinger, 89.9
 M. McPherson, 89.0
 T. Maulding, 88.8
 W. Tutka, 88.8
 F. Kuciauska, 88.6
 B. Mulcombery, 88.6
 D. Kohlen, 88.0
 C. Kiersch, 87.8
 M. Wall, 87.8
 J. Merchat, 87.6
 T. Barber, 87.6
 C. Fahrner, 87.0
 M. Kombrink, 86.8
 D. DuVall, 86.6
 D. Rolek, 86.5
 R. Czozmka, 86.2
 J. Humphrey, 86.0
 M. Hatfield, 85.9
 M. Hasamear, 85.3
 E. Rauckman, 85.2
 B. Crowley, 85.2
 R. Pawlak, 85.2
 F. Smith, 85.2
 J. Johns, 85.0

SOPHOMORES

High Honors

L. Rybak, 97.3
 K. Colligan, 97.0
 D. Copeland, 96.2
 R. Arnold, 94.8

F. Gruber, 94.6
 D. Vogt, 94.2
 M. Kraumm, 94.0
 J. Dougherty, 92.8
 E. Burbank, 93.0
 D. Fontilla, 93.0

Honors

J. Brombolich, 91.8
 J. Stringham, 91.2
 E. Klingensmith, 90.8
 J. Mallett, 91.0
 R. Howenstein, 90.0
 M. Smith, 89.8
 B. Knaus, 89.6
 C. Luetkemeyer, 89.4
 T. Hurley, 89.0
 J. Allen, 88.8
 D. Ruegg, 88.8
 W. Wappel, 88.8
 S. Nowak, 88.6
 T. Bickhaus, 88.5
 C. Smith, 88.4
 T. Smith, 88.4
 J. Claridge, 88.0
 R. Kolb, 88.0
 G. Posage, 88.0
 J. Clark, 87.4
 R. Harris, 87.4
 A. Balkiewicz, 87.2
 J. Meskuskas, 87.0
 T. Yawandich, 86.6
 J. Lenarz, 86.4
 T. Mueller, 86.2
 T. Velchek, 86.2
 M. Brown, 86.0
 R. Euzwiler, 86.0
 J. Kiname, 86.0
 A. Koste, 86.0
 A. Timko, 86.0
 R. Lowry, 85.8
 M. Burke, 85.6
 K. Komezys, 85.3
 K. Bass, 85.2
 C. Keseranskis, 85.2

FRESHMEN

High Honors

R. Pashen, 96.6
 M. Eyestone, 96.0
 D. Haunon, 96.0
 R. Downey, 95.2
 H. McDonald, 94.8
 R. Valdez, 94.0
 G. Swierczek, 94.0
 F. Scott, 93.8
 G. Gagen, 93.6
 E. Geppert, 93.6
 D. Jackewitz, 93.6
 J. Welsh, 93.6
 J. Korsky, 93.0

Honors

T. Eisele, 92.8
 W. O'Connell, 92.6
 L. Leopold, 92.6
 T. Vaughan, 92.6
 J. Wicks, 92.4
 P. Buser, 92.4
 T. Smith, 92.0
 G. Butka, 91.8
 R. Lukac, 91.8
 D. Pereira, 91.6
 J. Mullane, 91.6
 J. Brinson, 91.4
 M. Bissi, 91.4
 K. Gange, 91.0
 T. Furmanek, 90.6
 F. Levy, 90.6
 R. Baum, 90.4
 R. Orr, 90.2
 W. Gagen, 89.8
 J. McDerby, 89.8
 T. Johnson, 89.6
 P. Dill, 89.4
 J. Lapolis, 89.4
 R. Fricke, 89.2
 R. Hindman, 89.2
 C. Suarez, 89.0
 T. Andria, 88.8



Father James A. Young, S.M., begins the main address at the Father-Son Banquet.

If you are still in the dark as to whom that strange priest walking through our halls a few days ago was, well, I'll tell you. This man was Father James A. Young, Provincial of the Brothers of Mary.

Father Young was also the principal speaker at this year's Father and Son Banquet. At the banquet he gave a very informative talk on "The Problems Facing Education."

Father Young is an old hand around East St. Louis; you see, he taught former Pioneers at Old Central, and knows and respects the Pioneer spirit.

Father visited the school for a few days. While here, he talked and visited with some of the boys around school. He dropped in on a few classroom periods and seemed very interested with the school's progress.

The whole school was proud to show off its spirit before the Provincial of the Marianist Order, and it also extended a cordial invitation to return again soon.

S. Sampson, 88.7
 J. McEvilly, 88.6
 J. Meile, 88.6
 J. Smith, 88.6
 I. Voudrie, 88.4
 T. Prosser, 88.0
 D. Samoska, 88.0
 C. Geller, 87.6
 F. Wohlrab, 87.4
 W. Wortman, 87.4
 D. Throm, 87.0
 B. Yane, 87.0
 R. O'Sullivan, 87.0
 P. Bregen, 86.4
 J. Mackin, 86.4
 J. Lauber, 86.3
 T. Hanson, 86.2
 I. Borawski, 86.0
 J. Lenansky, 86.0
 J. Hatzel, 86.0
 J. Aramowicz, 86.0
 M. Lambert, 85.8
 R. Zajac, 85.6
 M. Baud, 85.6
 D. Boyer, 85.6
 T. Pope, 85.6
 L. Crame, 85.4
 J. Durbin, 85.4
 S. Sauget, 85.4
 M. Starr, 85.2
 J. Walentia, 85.0

WINNING WAYS

Saturday, March 31, saw four Assumption teams travel to Carbondale to take part in the Fourth Annual Mathematics Festival.

This year KEVIN COLLIGAN was the only one to win an award. He tied for first in the sophomore division, and this marks the second straight year that Kevin has placed first in his division.

On the same day Assumption sent two teams to the District Latin Contest held at Wood River. Freshman DENNIS SAMOSKA received an excellent rating and certificate for his Latin work. The rest rated Cum Laude cards for competing.

The speech department has recently received its first place award for the District Speech Meet. Also, for the second time in Assumption history, one of our students has placed in the finals of the State Meet. MAURICE ZOLLNER, after victories in the district and sectional, placed fifth in radio speaking.

Another student whose name must appear in the win column is junior JOHN MANION, who was declared a national winner in the Quill and Scroll's 1962 Current Events Quiz. The 80-question quiz covered the who, what, and whys of 1961-62. John answered 70 of the questions correctly to cop one of the Quill and Scroll Gold Key awards. This entitles John to apply for one of the Edward J. Fell Memorial Scholarships in journalism.

Also receiving a scholarship is MAURICE ZOLLNER who plans to pursue studies in engineering at Case Institute.

Eight Illinois scholarships which are good for any recognized college in Illinois, have been granted to seniors ALLSUP, ADY, D URBIN, HOFFMAN, SCHAEFER, HEFFERNAN, SCHRAGE, and REED.

From the Sports Department comes word of CHARLIE STUFFLEBEAN's first no-hit game of the season; golfer BRIAN KNAUS hole-in-one, and the naming of TOM BRASSIER as the most valuable player of the '62 basketball season.

Here 'n' There

By Terry Doyle

Mop and Bucket Brigade!

Kof and Tooth lead campaign to keep our city clean. Cafeteria tables dazzle with cleanliness and the cleanup committee muscles its way to sparkling beauty through spotless table tops.

How to Pass History

Marky still wants to know which side Grant fought for and who won!

National Debt

Hub and Whiffle decide to go professional after making debut in front of appreciative mechanical drawing class!

Tea for Two

Track team inaugurates campaign with spot of tea. Reservations for the next crumpet gathering and tea party are being taken now. See Cos before or after practice!

Grundle Sneakers

The junior cats come padding down the hallways on little cat feet. They now walk on rubber-soled tennis hoppers.



By George Riplinger

The election of band officers has been the biggest topic of late with the Pioneer music men and on Wednesday, April 11, the suspense was over. This year's elections saw one of the tightest campaigns in band election history. Dick Sargea nosed out John Moseley for president by the narrow margin of 25 to 22. But John was successful in landing his nearest contender for the vice-presidency, Frank Laher by 33 to 9. The remaining two offices were taken by girls from St. Teresa's. According to the band constitution, there must be two boys and two girls. Mary Ann Brinker won the election for secretary and the new treasurer is Mary Ann Nolden.

The band is also currently rehearsing for its annual spring concert on May 13. This concert, under the direction of Mr. Jette, promises to be the best yet. There is a variety of numbers being rehearsed. Among these are: a light march, "Burst of Flame"; a collection of Negro spirituals, "River Jordan"; a Gunsmoke type thing, "Hiawatha Land"; a well-known western theme, "On the Trail"; an oriental type, "Themas from Scheherazade"; for the classical lovers, a theme from one of the movie spectacles, "Tamerlane"; "Meditation," and "Lohengrin." Admission will be the usual, season pass or 25 cents and the Activity Pass and it will be in the Assumption gym. This is one concert not to miss.

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SPEECH RESULTS

The 1961-62 speech team has garnered close to 100 awards this season. The awards were distributed among the various divisions as follows:
 Freshmen—14 excellent, 6 superior.

Sophomore—13 excellent, 8 superior, 2 first places.

Junior—9 excellent, 8 superior, 1 fourth place.

Senior—13 excellent, 9 superior, 5 second, 1 third, 2 fifth places.

In addition, special recognition goes to Richard Durbin, our all-state speechman who merited a \$400 scholarship in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, and to Maurice Zollner who placed fifth in the state finals in the field of radio speaking.

As indicated by distribution of awards, Assumption's future in the field appears bright, for the undergraduates, the backbone of next year's team, have accumulated approximately 70 per cent of the awards.

The future of the debate team appears just as bright, if not brighter. The varsity debate team, composed entirely of freshmen, has accredited to its account a total of 645 individual speaker points, placing it sixth in Catholic Interscholastic Speech League (C.I.S.L.) standings. The debate team won nine out of its last 14 debates, including a victory over the first place team of Rosati-Kain.

The debate team will close its first competitive season with the invitational debate sweepstakes sponsored by Belleville Township High on April 28.

ACTION AT HOME PLATE



Bob Kowalski scores the Pioneers' first run of the season in the season's opener.

Over a three-week period the Pioneers have played 13 games. In these 13 attempts, they have been staying well above the .500 percentage. Playing sub-baseball weather, the team has looked and played exceptionally well. Poor defensive playing caused our first two losses and the opposition's homers caused the last two.

Tigers Take Opener

In the opener against the Lincoln Tigers, Lincoln, through timely hitting and fielding walked off with a 3-2 decision. Charlie Stufflebean, who pitched a very creditable game, was the losing pitcher but deserved a better fate. Assumption was in command of the game most of the time but weak hitting in the final innings gave Lincoln their first win.

Pioneers Wallop Waterloo

The first taste of victory came against St. Peter and Paul by a score of 4-0. The frequent hitting of the Pioneer lineup included a triple by Joe Brombolich. Bob Pawlak, starting his first game, breezed to an easy victory and became the first Assumption pitcher to win.

Chaminade Flyers Bombed

At Chaminade the bats sung again, especially that of Bob Kowalski as he smacked a three-run homer in our 8-1 victory. Bob Pawlak, winning his second game in as many starts, stomped the Chaminade batters on only five hits.

Triad No-Hitter

Trying to avenge his first defeat, Charlie Stufflebean started against unsuspecting Triad and twirled the third no-hitter of his high school career. Despite the cold weather, he threw everything at the Triad batsmen but a note saying "I love you." At the end of seven no-hit innings, the score read 5-0. Stufflebean who helped his own cause was backed by Joe Brombolich who had a perfect day with three for three.

Kahoks Cash In

In a close game at Jones' Park, five costly errors led to five unearned runs and an upset by Collinsville, 7-5. Bob Pawlak, not his usual self, lost his first game and his second game in two years. Paul Griffin put the Pioneers ahead early in the game with a two-run single but it failed to hold up through the rest of the game.

Cadets Conquered

Despite intermittent rain, the Assumption batsmen were able to bomb the C.B.C. Cadets for 10 runs in an abbreviated five-inning game. The Cadets had five "boots" which cost them six unearned runs. Eddie Burbank teamed with Charley Stufflebean to pitch a damp one-hitter. Bob Kicilinski's bases-loaded single was one of the many highlights of the five-inning game.

Indians Scalped

Although the temperature was dropping when the Pioneers took the field against Mascoutah, it didn't bother them as they won their fifth game of the season, 7-6. Bob Pawlak, who registered his third victory of the season, needed help in the last inning from Ed Burbank who registered his second save. Bob Kicilinski got two hits and Bob Kowalski and Charley Stufflebean got one apiece which accounted for five of the seven runs scored.

Pioneers Win Squeaker

Paul Griffin's single following three walks scored the winning run in the last inning for Assumption in a 5-4 triumph over Mater Dei of Breese. Kenny Gonzales' double in the early innings produced two runs to give Assumption an early lead, 2-1. Charlie Stufflebean, who went the full distance, boosted his record to 3-1.

In their last four games the Pioneers played an on and off style. After clobbering the Lincoln Tigers 7-0 behind the one-hit pitching of Bob Pawlak, they lost to Cathedral and Columbia. Hard luck more than anything stopped the team. In the Cathedral game our diamondmen stranded eleven men. At Columbia the story ended with a home run blast that turned an Assumption victory into an Assumption loss.

Assumption stormed past O'Fallon 5-3 behind Freshman flash Terry Hanson's no-hit relief pitching. Leading hitter Ken Gonzales led the parade with three for four boosting his average to .476.

VARSITY TRACK

This year's track team can be envied by preceding A.H.S. thinclad squads. After six meets the varsity has compiled tremendous scores in defeating opponents from St. Mary's, Mascoutah, Collinsville, O'Fallon, and Dupo. The Pioneer cindermen have overwhelmed the opposition with outstanding performances in all areas of competition.

Stellar performances have been given in both the track and field events. Cos O'Sullivan has paced the weightmen against their rivals while breaking school records in both the 12-pound shot and the discus. He hurled the discus 144.5 feet and he eclipsed the old shotput record with a heave of 47.25 feet. Assumption's distance men have shown us what can be done by working and following training rules. Superb jobs have been turned in by all of the distance men with Steve Rudelic and Gary Sterr breaking records in their special events. Rudelic ran the mile in 4:53.8 and Sterr shattered the old 880-yard record with a time of 2:07.9. Relay men Gene Boron, Gary Sterr, Walter Rugg, and Don Lambert also set a new record in the mile relay, running the mile in 3:42.9.

These five Assumption men have accumulated many points, but without the consistent winning and placing of the other members of the track squad their efforts might not have spelled victory. Some of these other trackmen who have shown ability are: Hurdlers—Maurice Zollner, Tom Gagen, and Ray Kuciauskas, pole vaulters—Jerry Resman, Joe Carillo, and Rich Ramirez; sprinters—Bill Bauer, Tom Hanna, John Neal, Harold Touchette and Jim Wegrzyn; high jumpers—Phil Aleman, Bob Boze, and Mark Donahue; and Joe Rodriguez in the weights.

JAYVEES

After weeks of calisthenics and training under the watchful eyes of our track coaches, the Junior Pioneers felt ready to meet St. Mary's and Collinsville—but came up on the short end of the score.

In spite of its two losses our Jayvees have shown fine promise and potential. Jim Ignatz has led the way in the dashes and Frank Gruber has shown consistency with placing efforts in the low hurdles. Freshman Bob Eddings has led the way in the 440 and Gary Sterr, before moving up to the varsity, set a new school record in the 880-yard run. The Junior relay team of Ignatz, Hindman, Cleaves, and Lintzenich have turned in impressive times in winning.

Leading the Jayvees in the field events are Roger Pluff in the discus and Mike Smith and Jim Febrer in the shotput.

Sophomores Kevin Colligan, Bob Arnold, and Joe Andrews led the field in high jump and Dave Gailus and Dave Gerny specialize in the pole vault.

The productive sophomores and juniors' causes are supplemented by a bumper crop of promising freshmen.

Frosh Lose Thriller

The Frosh, after their first meet, have suffered two heartbreakers in a row by a combined total of only three points. St. Mary's edged out Assumption 48-46 and Lansdowne topped the frosh 55-54.

Despite their defeats the relay team broke a school record in the 880 yd. relay. The record now stands at 3:45.1. Relay men are Bob Cleaves, Ben Hindman, Mike Bissi, and Harry McDonald. Jim Flisar, a novice in the 440, took first place against Lansdowne. Mike Bissi with his best leap of the year 16'8" took first place in the broad jump.

Some of the trackmen who show promise in the upcoming meets are Bob Cleaves in the 100, Andy Rakewicz in the pole vault, and Bob Eddings in the 440. Incidentally, they

INTRAMURALS

With championship still undecided in one division, games in the volleyball intramurals will continue in May. 206 defeated all sophomore opponents to seize the soph title. Mr. O'Brien is in charge of all arrangements. He and Paul Bauer have planned the schedule, acquired the awards, and obtained the equipment. Games have been played in all divisions. Nearly all of the divisions are closing in on the finals.

all run Junior Varsity Track.

The Frosh have two invitationals in a row coming up. One is a ninth grade invitational April 26 at Parsons' Field and the other is the Dupo invitational at Dupo, May 5.

SOPH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS



Jim Stringham of 202 slams the ball in the semifinals of the sophomore intramural volleyball championship. His team's opponent, 205, went on to capture the game and the soph championship.

GOLF

The Pioneer golf squad got back into the winning column Tuesday the 17th, when they defeated Lebanon eight to four at Fairmont. Pioneer scores were: Dave Kolb—36; Pat Brady—37; Bob Kolb—39; Mike Walker—41; Brian Knaus—42; and Ron Turski—48.

This was the teams second victory of the year year as compared to three losses and one tie. The victories were against Collinsville (8½ to 1½) and Lebanon (8 to 4). The defeats were handed out by Alton (214-235), Chaminade (167-169), and Belleville (143-146). They tied with Western Military Academy of Alton (189-189).

The individual averages after six matches are: Dave Kolb—37; Pat Brady—42; Bob Kolb—43; Mike Walker—44; Brian Knaus—45; Ron Turski—47; Tom Bickhaus—47; Jim Loehr—48; and Rich Durbin—50.

The Pioneers will host Chaminade Thursday and Collinsville Friday at Fairmont. The team will travel to Quincy for the Quincy Invitational Tournament on May 5.

Calendar of Events

- May 1—Golf, Lebanon, there; Baseball, Mascoutah, here.
- May 2—Golf, West. Military, here; Baseball, Mater Dei, there; Track, Lincoln, there.
- May 3—Baseball, Waterloo, there.
- May 4—Junior and Senior Prom; Baseball SS, Peter & Paul, here.
- May 5—Golf, Quincy Invit., there;
- May 7—Baseball, Belleville, here; Student Council Elections.
- May 8—Baseball, C.B.C., there.
- May 9—Golf, Belleville, there.
- May 10—Track, Districts, there.
- May 11—Bro. Pieper's Silver Jubilee; Track, Districts, there; Baseball, Granite City, here.
- May 12—Golf, Dist. Meet, Belleville; Track, Waterloo Relays, there.
- May 13—Band Concert.
- May 22-23-24—Exams.
- May 25—Class Day.
- May 27—Graduation.