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SC and Grid Squad Select Homecoming Candidates



St. Bons Add Faculty Members Former Teachers Again Join Staff

Again this year we meet new faculty members at St. Bons. However, some are not strangers to us.

The Reverend Father Timothy Healy O.F.M., well known around this vicinity, has returned to Saint Bonaventure. Father is the athletic director, head of the Youth Center, and Religion instructor for the freshmen.

Father Tim spent his boyhood in Chicago, Illinois. He entered the Seminary of Saint Joseph in 1935. He spent six years there, and entered the order in 1941. His ordination took place in 1947. The next step was teacher's training in Quincy, Illinois, in 1948. After this Father was appointed Chaplain Sunny Acres, Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Warrensville, Ohio.

Father Tim first came to Saint Bonaventure in 1950. He was transferred to Saint Louis, where he was Chaplain of a state mental hospital. Teaching a boy's school also took up some of Father's time.

A change brought Father to our neighboring town of Humphrey, Nebraska, where he remained until his return to Saint Bonaventure in July. Some of Father's interests are photography, music, and driving good cars. He especially wants to fit out the track field and equipment buildings, as well as, to improve the Youth Center.

Community Supervisor Named Principal

Sister Rayneria, who was appointed principal of the school this year, served several years as the Community Supervisor of schools. She received her degrees at Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, and Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

Sister Rayneria sponsors the seniors. She also teaches social studies and Latin.

Sister Rayneria stated that she likes football best of high school sports.

Another new face is Sister Leonella's. Sister came here from Saint Francis High in Mishawaka, Indiana. She received her degree at Saint Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, and at Notre Dame.

Sister Leonella sponsors the Sophomore B group. Other than this she teaches social studies and English.

Sister likes baseball and basketball and she loves to play tennis.

Former Faculty Member Returns
Again this year we see Mrs. Hauser. After one year at home she has resumed the teaching of English at Saint Bonaventure.

Two years ago Mrs. Hauser was a full time faculty member. All of her classes were in the field of English.

Mrs. Hauser is a native of Platte County. She is a graduate of Saint

Father Timothy, Former Assistant Teaches Religion, Directs Activities

Francis Academy, which is now Saint Bonaventure High School. She has taught in many high schools and rural schools in and around Columbus.

Lincoln Resident Joins Staff

We have just become acquainted with a new lay teacher, Miss Powers. She came from Lincoln, Nebraska, but she is originally from Ponca, Nebraska.

Miss Powers received her degrees from the University of Nebraska. She teaches three English classes and an American history class.

Miss Powers likes movies and reading. She is also interested in all outdoor sports and she often participates in golf.

Mr. Bob Costello is now head coach. He has taken over all the coaching duties of Mr. Cletus Fischer. Mr. Costello also teaches shop, mechanical drawing, and social studies.

Sister Edwins sponsors the junior class again this year. Teaching two classes in chemistry, two classes in biology, and one class in general science keeps her busy all day.

Sixty Freshmen Add Joy

Geometry, algebra, and general math give Sister Bernardis papers and more papers to keep her smiling. Being sponsor for sixty freshmen takes care of any spare time that might hang heavy on her hands.

The library is a busy place. Sister Gerard knows where to find every reference for inquiring upper, middle, or lower classmen. Her extra curricular activity is caring for the parish library books, and dispensing them to adult patrons.

Mr. Van Ackeran Counts Time

At seven in the morning the voice of Mr. Joseph Van Ackeran can be heard as he calls march formations to band members and counts time. All are working toward perfection for the forthcoming Homecoming half-time show to be given on the football field.

The steady rhythm of the typewriters gives evidence that fingers are busy playing the keys. The seniors and juniors are enjoying the new typing quarters—the former home economics department. Sister Mary Cyril is still enthusiastic about turning out good typists, good shorthand students, and neat bookkeepers. Sister also sponsors the Sophomore A group.

The daily Religion classes taught by Father Roch—seniors; Father John—juniors; Father Conrad—sophomores; and Father Timothy—freshmen; are tops with the entire student body.

Fischer Coaches Largest School

A well-known figure that was almost part and parcel of Saint Bonnies, is no longer seen in the halls. Mr. Cletus Fischer went in for big game this year. He is head coach at South Omaha High. With being head coach and having all the football, two basketball teams, all the track, and two classes in shop, Mr. Fischer will be plenty busy. South Omaha is the largest public school in Nebraska.

Students Petition Brother Simon's Aid In Magazine Drive

Under the special patronage of Brother Simon Van Ackerman, Father Conrad placed the magazine drive, conducted by the upper grade of Saint Bonnies. The main objective of the drive was to place a Catholic magazine in every Catholic home. The secondary object was to raise money for the school fund.

Before the drive began, the participants, grades 5 through 12, were briefed by Father Conrad and Mr. Lou Dailey.

Prizes Spur Student Activity

Interest was aroused in the drive by displaying many beautiful prizes that could be obtained by willing workers, and by the promise of a free day and an ice cream social for each class making its quota. A goal of \$4,000 was set by Mr. Dailey for the school.

Grade Six Keep Sales Lead

Throughout the drive grade six, taught by Sister M. Otholia, kept the banner titled, "We Are On Top." This class of 40 not only made its quota of \$400 first, but almost doubled it. Their final cash count showed \$720.

Koci Takes All High

Melba Koci, a grade 8 student, tallied the highest score subscriptions and captured the highest prizes offered, an Elgin wristwatch, a set of silverware, or a set of Samsonite luggage.

The second highest scorer was Elaine Boetcher, junior. She has choice of wristwatch or a set of silverware.

Third place was merited by Patricia Roelle, a grade 7 student. Her prize will be one selected by her from the given list.

Secret Ballot Will Be Used As Medium By Student Body To Choose Reigning Queen

Above are pictured the five girls elected by popular vote to be candidates for this year's Homecoming Queen. The queen herself will be selected by the entire student body, again by popular vote, and secret ballot.

P A S Spells Qualifications

The girls are to be voted on for personality, activity in extra curricular, and support of the team.

Sharon Hoshor: Cheerleader; member of the Pep Club, Glee, and Youth Center; and a loyal supporter of the team.

Ann Schilz: president of the Senior Class; secretary of Student Council; and a loyal supporter of the team.

Anita Augustine: member of The Venture staff; and a loyal supporter of the team; member of the Pep Club, Youth Center, and Glee.

Janet Melcher: majorette in the school band; secretary of the Youth Center; Editor-in-Chief of The Venture; secretary of Legion of Mary, member of Student Council, Pep Club, and Glee; and a loyal supporter of the team.

Esther Liss: cheerleader; member of the Pep Club and Youth Center; and a loyal supporter of the team.

Big Smiles Reveal Happy, Bright-Faced Junior News

Say, did anyone notice all the big smiles on our bright-faced juniors? It is not a secret, for they could not hold back the news. They have finally acquired that for which they have awaited since their freshman year. Yes, they have chosen their class rings.

Even with the many styles shown and different opinions of the classmates it still was easy to make their choice.

They were complimented on their wise choice by both Sister M. Edwina and the salesman.

The rings are of yellow and white gold with the Saint Bonaventure traditional crest set deep within a concave front.

School Meets Goal

The drive was successful since the goal of \$4,000 was reached with some \$300 over the top mark.

High School Furnishes Captains

By class vote, captains were chosen for the various classes. High school students also captained grades 5, 6, and 7. Captains were: fifth and sixth grade, Bill Ruess, Dianne Kosiba, Kathleen Briggs, and Robert Clinkscales; grade seven, Janet Melcher and Carroll Novicki; grade eight, Jack Odgaard and Margie Mrzlak. Those for the high school were: Jean Enyeart, Robert Ruess, Jane Holys, Jerry Kneifel, Mary Ann Pickhinke, Ted Pfeifer, Ann Schilz, and Leonard Nosal.

Parade to Feature Floats

On the afternoon of the Homecoming there will be a parade down main street. A float will be entered by each of the high school classes, by clubs, and cheerleaders; there will be a float for the candidates for queen, and for the football players.

The band, directed by Mr. Van Ackeran will also march.

King Crowns Queen

On the evening of the nineteenth, the football team will play Omaha's Holy Name.

At the half the king and queen will be named, and the queen will be crowned by the king. The candidates will then be escorted to the convertibles, driven to the sidelines, and from there they will watch the remainder of the game.

Following the game there will be a dance in the social hall for the high school students, alumni, and friends. Bobby Mills and his orchestra will furnish the music.

St. Bon's Will Have Hours of Prayer For Three Days

After the 10:30 High Mass on Sunday, The Forty Hours, Devotion will begin at St. Bonaventure Church.

Rev. Father Howe, of Osceola will preach at each evening service.

Adoration throughout the morning and early afternoon will be in hourly rotation by the grade and high school students. The late afternoon and evening Adoration will be kept by various Parish organizations.

Forty Hours' Devotion will come to a solemn close on Tuesday evening.

Archbishop Bergan Pays St. Bon's Parochial Visit

On Friday, September 23, his Excellency, Gerald T. Bergan, D. D., Archbishop of Omaha, visited our parish to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to a group of over 400, including grade school children, and adult converts.

Archbishop Bergan gave a short sermon explaining the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the many graces derived from its reception. He also complimented the pastor, Rev. Father Roch and the parish for the great progress achieved since his last visit here.

The high school choir sang "Ecce Sacerdos," "Confirma Hoc," "Veni Creator," and "Jesu Militis."

YOUTH---OUR HOPE

Hope is based on promise. Youth is the essence of promise. Youth is a tree just beginning to flower, a gold mine undug, a field in the process of cultivation.

Youth's contribution to society may be as limited as that of Aladdin, but its potentialities are as unlimited as those of his famous lamp.

These uplifting thoughts are being emphasized this year by seven million Catholic young men and women actively observing National Catholic Youth Week from October 30 to November 6.

By their high vision they are inspiring millions more to see the glowing promise of youth. The lofty ideals of these Catholic youths, based on a sound Christian philosophy, should make the nation conscious that American youth is not a liability but a tremendous asset. It should take the national mind off the stories of delinquency featured in the daily press and focus it on the stirring promise of youth as a whole.

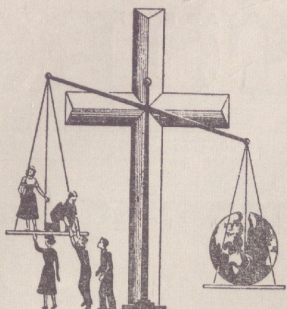
National Catholic Youth Week should divert the national eye from the exceptional diseased tree to see the green healthy forest. For every delinquent given space in the press, 100,000 youth are an unheralded joy to their family and community.

In contrast to the dead-end purposelessness in life marking the delinquent, America's seven million Catholic youth wish to underscore their wholesome purposefulness in life—a life aimed at love of God, love of country, love of neighbor, and proper love and respect of self.

Because it is still in the formative stage, youth needs and seeks help and guidance. It prefers a guiding hand to a shrug of unconcern, a word of encouragement to caustic censure. Youth realizes it has much to learn. So it asks for a teacher rather than a critic. It knows that its very inexperience makes it a special prey to the traditional dangers in our society—crime, narcotics, immorality. So it asks for special help. It seeks healthy playgrounds and recreation to keep it from the traps of crime and dope. It hopes for healthy literature and entertainment to keep it from moral debasement.

Given this break, America's youth will prove to be the country's greatest treasure—its proudest hope.

—National Council Catholic Youth



Girl Scouts Complete Face-Lifting Project

The Senior Girl Scouts took upon themselves a summer vacation good deeds project — they did a face-lifting job on the Bonnies' Youth Center building.

For the exterior painting, a brick red was used with light yellow window and door trimmings. The interior was finished in pearl gray at the bottom, and light yellow upper walls and ceiling.

"Experience is a good teacher," was the thought of each scout as she surveyed the finished work of art wrought about by many hours of hard work.

Greed - Strife - Hate Foment War

Today the world is filled with greed, strife, and hate. Our humanity is threatened with atomic war, and its accompanying misery—hunger, suffering, destruction, and death. It is up to you and you to save the world, and you can!

Our Lady of Fatima said, "Wars are a punishment from God for sin." While those on the side of Christ are fighting hard for Him, the forces of evil are pushing in the other direction, and it seems, at times, that they will win. Our only weapon in this fight against such a strong force is the rosary. With it we can slash down these evils so that they never again can rise.

The enemy, sin, is destroying the world. At the present there is not much to look forward to in the future, because not enough people are willing to give up sin. Barbara Reuss, of Germany, to whom Our Lady was reported to have appeared in 1946 says, "The world will have to drain the cup of God's wrath to the bitter dregs for the countless offenses committed against His Divine Heart!"

We can make up for these offenses. In this month pray the rosary every day. Don't just try—do it! In the end the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph and each will receive his reward. You won't regret it!

Students Welcome Dates To Capture Extra Winks

October 13 and 14 will be welcomed by both faculty and student body. For the faculty it will be the attending of the Archdiocesan Catholic Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska. For the students it will mean extra time for catching up on studies, good times, and sleep.

WONDERFUL MOTHER

God made a wonderful Mother, A Mother who never grows old; He made her smile of the sunshine, And he molded her heart of pure gold; In her eyes he placed bright shining stars, In her cheeks, fair roses you see; God made a wonderful Mother, And he gave that dear Mother to me.

—Pat O'Reilly

Bonnie's Agenda

- 13-14 Archdiocesan Teach-
- Oct. 9-11 Forty Hours Devotion
- 12 Student Council Meeting Convention
- 15 Saint Cecilia Choir-Boys Town
- 19 Homecoming Parade Holy Name, Omaha (here)
- Homecoming Dance—Social Hall
- 20 Pep Club Meeting
- 25 Halloween Party, Youth Center
- 28 Saint Pat's, Fremont (here)
- 28-29 State Teachers' Convention
- 29 Student Council Meeting
- 31 Halloween (Be Good)
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 5 Boys Town Reserves (here)

Pensick Briefs Students Before Annual Election For Council Members

Allen Pensick, President of the Student Council, briefed the student body in preparation for the selection of new members.

Each class president automatically becomes a member. A representative from each class is chosen by vote. The various clubs have an active member also.

The following lists the various offices held, and the elected representatives from each class: Ann Schilz—Senior Class president, Secretary of Student Council; Ted Pfeifer—President of Youth Center, Vice-president of Council; William Markhofer—President of Band Club; Carroll Novicki—class representative; Elaine Boettcher—Junior Class president; Joe Woerth—Class representative; Jane Holys—Sophomore Class president; Pat Tooley—class representative; Leo Kosiba—Freshmen president; Joyce Haney—class representative; Janet Melcher—The Venture representative.

The duties of the Student Council at Saint Bon's are varied. Some of them are the appointing of committees, supplying a monitor system if needed, sanctioning of school money raising projects, social affairs, and anything affecting the welfare of the student body.

If any student has a question relative to a school problem, this may be brought to the attention of the class representative, and in turn to the Student Council.

LOOK

Special thanks are due to Mrs. John Miller for the many hours spent in dyeing and mending the football uniforms.

* M *

Jack Johnson arrived home on October 4, for a 14-day visit with his Mother and friends.

* M *

Wedding bells will be ringing on November 5 for Helen Gahan, former Editor of *The Venture*.

* M *

The short and long of the sophies—Dick Sansoni and Tony Kroenke.

The long and short of the seniors—Ed Kavanaugh and Leonard Nosal.

* M *

Bob Messersmith, Carrol Fix, Lawrence Mielak, and David Miller were home on leave from the air-force.

* M *

Gary Hembd, junior, sustained a painful fall when his horse slipped. When Gary "came to" his faithful steed was standing guard over him. After a week's stay in the hospital and two more weeks recuperating at home, Gary returned to the ranks and file of school life. Seeing double is still his major difficulty, but a black patch over one lens in his glasses eliminates the double vision.

* M *

Sharon Robb, '55 Grad attending St. Mary College, Omaha, Nebraska, scored second highest in a psychology test administered during the first week of college.

* M *

Announcement has been made by the Pickhinke girls that their days at St. Bonnies are numbered.

In early November, they will move to Carroll, Iowa. St. Bonnies' loss will be a gain for another school.

Is Life A Carnival?

Have you ever thought of life as being an immense carnival?

Each one of us is but a tiny fraction of the large milling crowd.

In the center of the carnival grounds are the main attractions; in our case they are the elements which compose life—sorrow, love, laughter, birth, death, and an innumerable number of things.

We sometimes follow the crowd in search of some new experience or excitement, while at other times we venture out alone, learning by experience. Our contacts with other people are constant, and slowly we learn to adapt ourselves to the desires of others, and learn to be happy at their good fortunes and sympathize at their misfortunes.

Fringing the carnival are numerous side shows each one colorful, and bright. Each Barker calls out to us which he has to offer. We can't miss anything without being slighted. But each of us, being individualistic, pick and choose our diversion at will. Thus the business of the carnival becomes fairly well balanced.

After we have circled the entire mid-way, the bright lights take on a slightly diminished glow. The colorful tents show their dust and wear, and we become somewhat detached and weary, completely content to be heading for the warmth and security of home.

Odd thought, isn't it?

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER . . .

- 1 Wiedel, Patricia
- Luetkenhaas, Lorus
- 4 Sebek, Janet
- 5 Irwin, Norma
- 14 Zywiec, Eugene
- 15 Markhofer, Lea
- 17 Liss, Esther
- Pilakowski, Virgil
- Podraza, Richard
- 27 Podraza, Eugenia
- 29 Starosick, Francis
- Starostka, Alfred
- 31 Markytan, Janet

Senior Analysis School Behavior

Since this is being written by a senior, the analysis of proper high school behavior should be directed to you, fellow students and friends.

By behavior is not meant a strict military rule, but common kindness and thoughtfulness of every person with whom you come in contact. This includes silence when not spoken to, quiet traffic periods, and punctuality. These three points are not to take the so-called fun out of school life, but to aid all students in their classes.

Peace reigning in any classroom is seventy-five percent of a lesson learned, co-operation is fifteen percent and attention is ten percent. These form the A-B-C's of school—A, attention; B, behavior; and C, cooperation.

New Faces Appear

Not only among the faculty are new faces seen, but also in the various classes!

The sophomore class has three new students to add to their number this year. They are Judie Bator, Dale Hanke, and Margaret Pensick. The juniors have the largest increase with four new members, Darlene Boolig, Jo Ann Jensen, Jerry McFadden and Darlene Wemhoff. The seniors have only one, Jim Laska.

A hearty welcome is extended to all newcomers.

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Students Tell Tales

ANN SCHILZ

On November 19, 1938, my first appearance on mother earth was made. Having startled my parents by my 19 inch stature, they labeled me with the shortest name they could think of, Ann, for they feared a shortage of brains also. This proved to be partially true. Well time passed on and with it came different moves and schools. I finally landed at Saint Bonnies and am presently a senior.



ELAINE BOETTCHER

As a junior at Saint Bonnies this year, one of my favorite pastimes is participating in all Bonnies' school events which are many and varied. I especially enjoy playing the French horn in our big band, and yelling madly at all football games. I like anything and everything in the line of hobbies, but I think oil painting, dancing, and talking take the lead. As for outdoor sports, horseback riding, tennis, and swimming are tops with me. I guess I have to admit school is okay, especially here at Bonnies.



Another year of high school and then college is all that lies in the future for me, but it should keep me rather busy.

JANE HOLYS

On a cold January twenty-fourth, I came into this great world of ours.



I'm the youngest of our family. This status has its advantages and disadvantages. Only another person in the same position would understand.

I'm 5 foot 5 inches tall, and have brown eyes and hair. (I'll forget about the weight part). I'm really just a plain, simple, Saint Bonnie's girl.

I'm drum major in band and I'm really proud of it! May I also add, that I'm proud of being class president of the sophomores.

LEO KOSIBA, JR.

My birth date is recorded in the County archives as having taken place on April 4, 1941. (Not too many years ago!)



School days are fine, but in high school one must study too hard. What I really like to do is just sit down in an easy chair (desks are not that) and read an interesting, breath-taking book. However, school lessons come first, and then my dad says: "Do as you please."

My special hobby is collecting trophies. So far, I have three for sharp shooting. Since I'm just a freshie, it will be some time ere I leave school days in back of me. But when that time comes I shall just enter the ordinary, rank and file, and strive to be a good farmer.

GLADYS PICKHINKE

On a bright spring morning on April 21, 1941 I became the fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Pickhinke. I was born in the small town of Howells, Nebraska, and I attended St. Peter and Paul's Catholic School at the age of six.



On February 2, 1948 we moved to Columbus where I attended St. Bon's grade school. I am now fourteen and a half years old and a little green freshie in high school. My days at St. Bon's will not continue for long because the family is moving to Carroll, Iowa. There, I will attend Kuemper Catholic High School.

Saint Cecilia Gridsters Romp Green and White

A capable Saint Cecilia of Hastings team turned back Saint Bonaventure 20-14.

Although the Irish went down to their third defeat, Coach Bob Costello was encouraged by the improved play of the backs and defensive work of the line.

Gilmores Do Their Bit

The Hastings parochials went ahead in the opening quarter on a 45 yard run by Miller and took a two-touchdown advantage the next period on Ron Gilmore's 39 yard jaunt. Wayne Gilmore boot-ed the extra point.

The Irish scored on a pass play covering 21 yards, from Dennis Scheffcyk to Lloyd Bartholomew. Mike Micek ran the extra point.

Saint Cecilia came back to the Shamrock 5, as the third period ended , on a 15-yard aerial from Wayne Gilmore to Miller. Wayne Gilmore scored on a quarter back sneak after a penalty took them to the 1 foot line.

Shamrocks Experience Thriller

The second Shamrock touchdown was set up by a thrilling 50-yard pass play from Scheffcyk to Lloyd Bartholomew, who was halted on the Hawk's 5. Mike Micek dove across for the touchdown and Bob Bartholomew plunged the point.

'Roarin' Twenties Party' Season's Second Affair Held At Youth Center

On the evening of October 4, the "Roarin' Twenties Party" was held at the Youth Center. This was the second party of the season.

Festivities began at seven-thirty with a girls' choice to get the boys in the right mood. The Center was decorated in fall colors of dark brown, light yellow, and sand streamers. The tables were attractively festooned with streamers and oak leaves of the same hues.

The costumes worn by the students brought back memories of yesteryear. They were also cause for much merriment and questionings as to their vintage.

Special entertainment, in the form of accordion and electric guitar solos, was given by Robert Zoucha, Carroll Novicki, and Charles Kosinski. The "Charleston" was the main dance of the evening.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leo Bures and her assistants. Chaperones for the evening were Msdms. Woodworth, Moschenross, and Johnson.

Bonnies Bow In Defeat To Maroon and White As Glass Takes Honors

The Maroon and White Omahans, led by a hard-running, shifty Negro back, Jim Glass, downed the Irish by a 27-7 score. The Irish looked good in the fourth quarter when they marched 65 yards to a touchdown, but Cathedral controlled the rest of the game.

Glass Tallies Seven

Cathedral's first touchdown came when Glass went across from the 11. He also ran the extra point. Again, early in the second quarter, Glass broke through the line on the Irish 43 and went all the way.

Jerry Micek intercepted a pass and it looked like the Irish might roll, but they fell short of a first down.

In the second half, Cathedral scored again; this time with Kalamaja carrying.

Bartholomew Hits Pay Dirt

The Irish took the ensuing kickoff and started a march from the 35. Lloyd Bartholomew, the Irish standout, spearheaded the drive with some running, and scored from the 18. Mike Micek plunged for the point.

Koperski Scores Final Touchdown
The final Omaha touchdown was set up with a pass interception by Glass. Mike Koperski scored from the 1.

The school band directed by Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeran, entertained the spectators at intermission.

Fumbleites Ruins Irish First Game

Saint Bonaventure Shamrocks opened their 1955 football schedule at Blair, losing 19-13. A heavy rain during the entire game was the major cause of a case of fumble-itis that spelled defeat, although the Irish outplayed the Bears, according to statistics.

The Irish kicked off to Blair, who, returned the ball to their 35. They ran two plays and fumbled with Ed Kavanaugh recovering.

McCoy Recovers Irish Fumble

Jerry McCoy recovered an Irish fumble, and raced around his left end for a 46 yard touchdown. His run for an extra point was no good.

Two minutes later the Shamrocks scored when Jerry Micek took the ball around the right end to paydirt. The extra point was blocked.

The Irish fumbled on the Blair 4 yard line and McCoy scored after two plays. His try for extra point was good around right end.

After the kickoff the Irish began an upfield march and were halted on the 1 yard line.

Noonan Raises Score

In the third quarter the Irish recovered a Blair fumble on the Bears 35. Don Noonan took a 17 yard pass from Dennis and raced the remaining distance for the score. Lloyd Bartholomew ran the extra point around right end.

After a see-saw battle in the mud the Bears recovered an Irish fumble on the Bonnies 10 yard line. Bob Jinsen went around right end. The extra point was stopped.

The Irish started another drive after the kick-off, which took them to the Blair 20 at the end of the game.

Students Will Journey To Lincoln For Annual State Press Convention

"Lincoln, here we come!" This slogan rang in the halls when the students, interested in journalism, received the announcement of the forthcoming Nebraska High School Press Convention.

Because of its great interest in journalism, the University of Nebraska will sponsor the Press Association Convention again this year. Days and dates to remember are, November 4 and 5.

Much benefit is derived from attending this convention because of the opportunities offered for student participation on the clinics, panels, and in competitive contests. This year no school may enter more than one person in each event.

Keep Friday and Saturday of November 4 and 5 open dates for meeting with students from many of the high schools in Nebraska.

ROSTER

ENDS	Wt.
**Ed Kavanaugh, Sr.	175
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* (asterick denotes No. of letters)

Shorthand Students Win OGA Membership Award

The club of shorthand specimens that were submitted in the Annual OGA Contest, during the previous school year, won honorable mention. In recognition of this work, which was done by Sister M. Cyril and her students, the school has received a Certificate of Honorable Mention, and all the participants are now members of the Order of Gregg Artists. OGA pins for outstanding notes submitted were earned by Maxine Schuele, Norma Irwin, Joan Pensick, Margie Kretz, and Sister M. Cyril.

The specimen of notes that were written by Sister M. Cyril and submitted in the Annual Shorthand Teacher's OGA Contest qualified for the Certificate of Proficiency.

Eager High Students Answer First Call

The first call for registration was answered by 205 eager high school students.

The senior group number 44; the junior class boasts of 47; the sophomore A and B numbers 54. (A division was made because no other room large enough to accommodate them was available); the freshmen top the registration with 60 lively, care-free, youngsters.

This year, because of the increased enrollment in the grade school, the overflow from grades 5 and 6 are being taught in the high school building.

Enrollment this year has reached and all high—750. Grade school registrations were closed in some classes at the end of the first day. There is a waiting list that is not shortened very quickly.

Experience Plus Determination Will Beget Successful Season

The Irish Gridsters, although off to a bad start, expect to make this a successful season. There is a growing desire to play football among the boys, and the team has picked up needed experience in the first two games. This lack of experience has handicapped the Irish, as has a lack of capable substitutes. The first string, except for the quarterback and fullback, is an all senior unit. The club has been working hard and is improving greatly. There are 20 boys on the squad, 13 of whom are seniors. There are 15 lettermen.

Kavanaugh Gets Captaincy
At end, Ed Kavanaugh, team-captain for the year, has been an outstanding player. He is a very good pass-receiver and a rugged defensive man.

The left-tackle, Ambrose Placzek, hasn't much experience, but is showing possibilities of developing into a very fine driveman.

The left guard Carroll Novicki, has been picking up experience. He is stronger on offense than defense.

Floyd Arasmith has proven to be an effective center and defensive end.

Zoucha Good Lineman
Bob Zoucha, a returning regular is the standout lineman. Although a shoulder separation has slowed him down, he is doing a very fine job.

Milo Herink, right-tackle, has been slow to respond, but has the possibilities of becoming a great tackle.

Don Noonan, the end, is a very fine pass-catcher and a sharp blocker.

Dennis Shefcyk, although short on experience, has been doing a fine job of running for the team from the quarterback spot. He is an accurate passer and also does some of the punting and kick-offs.

Lloyd Bartholomew is the hardest running back. He is equally effective on offense and defense. He has been the standout in the backfield.

Micek Main Punter
Jerry Micek is a returning regular, at playing half-back this year. He has a lot of offensive potential, and also does much punting.

Mike Micek, the full-back should develop into a very good fullback. He has come far in the first games.

Other team members who are expected to see quite a bit of action during the season are Cliff Roddy, Joe Woerth, Rick Nelson, Ken Nosal, George Arasmith, Bob Bartholomew, and Tony Kroenke. The rest of the underclassmen are gaining experience for next year when they will have to carry a good share of the load.

Bob Costello, assistant-coach for the past two years has taken over the reins as head-coach. The boys are working hard and if they play the kind of football he wants them to, Saint Bon's will have a successful season.

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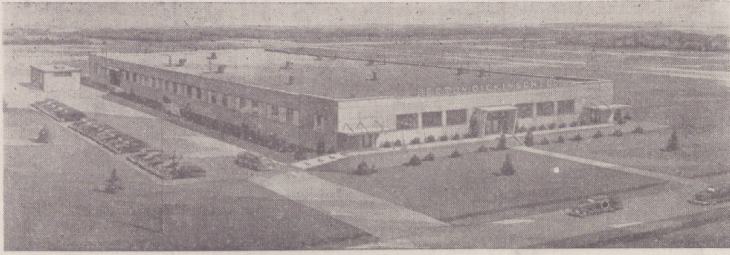
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Becton, Dickinson & Co. Issue Scholarship Award Program

During the first week of October the Becton, Dickinson & Co. of Nebraska issued their Scholarship Award Program for current graduates of high schools in Columbus, Nebraska.

In this program, is stated that Becton, Dickinson & Co. Nebraska offers a four-year college scholarship to high school graduates of the City of Columbus. This scholarship may be used to attend any accredited university or college in the United States. Becton, Dickinson & Co. sincerely hopes the award of this scholarship will make it possible for the winner to fulfill his or her desire for higher education. The following information regarding the scholarship will be of assistance to each applicant:

- (1) **AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP** — \$500 per year or a total of \$2,000 for four years.
- (2) **LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIP** — A scholarship will be given for a four-year period, provided the student maintains an average in the upper one-third of his class.
- (3) **WHERE THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED** — Any accredited college or university in the United States.
- (4) **WHO MAY APPLY** — Any current graduate of a Columbus, Nebraska, high school whose grades place him in the upper 50% of his class.
- (5) **APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP** — Application blanks may be secured from the high school principals in the City of Columbus.

Skorupa Heads Cheering Squad

"T-E-A-M!" was the cry heard at the cheerleader tryouts held on September 6, in the auditorium. Many girls participated, but the final voting was limited to five junior and five varsity members. Those selected for the varsity cheerleading team are three seniors, Esther Liss, Jackie Michaelson, and Sharon Hoshor; two juniors, Virginia Mimick and Marian Skorupa as head. In the junior varsity division are two sophomores, Mary Ellen Minette, and Judie Bator. Minette was selected as head in that division. Three freshmen were also selected. They are: Leona Mimick, Bernadette Paprocki, and Margie Persick. The varsity cheerleaders selected green pullover sweater and white corduroy skirts for their uniforms and the junior varsity, white turtle-neck sweaters and green corduroy skirts.

(6) **COMPETITION** — Students qualifying will be given written and oral examinations to determine the winner of this scholarship.

(7) **SELECTION** — Examinations along with other pertinent information will be graded by a scholarship board consisting of the following educators:

- A. Superintendent of Platte County Schools.
- B. Superintendent of City Public Schools.
- C. Principal of Kramer High School.
- D. Religious Head of St. Bonaventure School.
- E. Principal of St. Bonaventure School.

The selection of this board will be final. An Alternate will be selected in the event the winner is not able to use the scholarship.

(8) **ACCEPTANCE** — In order to permit as many students as possible to receive scholarship awards from other sources, recipients of the B-D Scholarship will not be eligible to accept other scholarship awards.

Are Dozens Cheaper? Ask Sister Bernardis

"Cheaper by the dozen," were the words stated by Sister Bernardis, freshman home-room sponsor.

The big reason for the quotation was because Sister has exactly three dozen boys and two dozen girls in her homeroom.

If any member of the student body is still doubtful about the number of freshies in school, just begin to count by the dozen.

Girls Take Honors Boys Take Seconds

After the ballots were counted, it was noted that the girls again took precedence over the boys in class offices.

Ann Schilz heads the senior class with Milo Herink vice-president, and Anita Augustine, secretary-treasurer.

The juniors took a senior scout girl, Elaine Boettcher, to head them in the right direction all ways. Marion Skorupa got the vice-presidency, and Michael Micek takes care of the secretary-treasurer post.

Another girl, Jane Holys, lead the sophomore voting for president by a margin of two. Judie Bator is the vice-president, and JoAnn Bothe takes care of the correspondence and income.

Because he can be seen above the others, Leo Kosiba received the gavel for the freshman group. Jim Gregorius will preside in Leo's absence, and Joyce Haney carries the office of secretary-treasurer.

Higher Studies Lure Four Graduates Employment -- Service Attract Others

Only four students of our recent graduates, the class of '55, have continued their education at various colleges. A large percentage of former students are employed in Columbus and quite a few of the boys have joined some branch of the Armed Forces.

Nancy Boettcher is attending school at Mount Saint Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas; Tom Lakers and John Peck at Creighton University in Omaha; and Sharon Robb at Saint Mary's College also in Omaha.

Two of the graduates, Mary Catherine Bothe and Sharon Bowe are teaching school this year after attending summer school at Wayne State Teachers College at Wayne. Mary Catherine is teaching kindergarten at Lindsey Public School and Sharon is teaching in District 23 near Leigh.

Barbara Mitera studied music this summer at the Saint Louis Institute of Music in Missouri and is now giving piano lessons. She also is working at Dale Products.

Boys in the service are as follows: Tom Dischner, Carroll Fix, Bob Messersmith, Lawrence Mielak, and Dave Miller, Air Force; Johnny Holys and Joe Tooley, Army; Jim Sabotka, Marines; Duane Clark, Jack Johnson, Leo Moschenross, Clarence Nosal, Dave Vanek and John Woerth, U. S. Navy.

Former students now working in Columbus and their places of business are: Joe Bonk, Ewert Implement Company; Janet Czuba, Gottschalk Insurance Agency; Mary Ellen Egger, Court House; Clinton Gates, Columbus Laundry; Merlyn Keefer, Keating's 7-Up Bottling Company; Theresa Kobus, Nash-Finch Company; Marjorie Kertz, Cottage Grocery; Gale Kriley, Safeway; Joan Matya and Lorraine Pickhinke, Consumers; Joe Obal and Paul Siemek, Griener's Food Market; Evelyn Pensick, Dale Products; Bob Schmidt, Behlen Manufacturing Company; Mary Ann Simpson, Mid-State Motors; Adrian Starosick, Art Printery; Jerome Starosick, Anderson Floral Company; Marie Valasek, Saint Mary's Hospital; Laura Wemhoff, Becton Dickinson and Company; Lorraine Wozny, Gary's Radio Shop.

Two graduates are working out of town. They are: Dennis Minette, who is employed with the U. P. Railroad in Omaha, and Rita Simons, who is working in a telephone company in Carroll, Iowa.

Those helping at home are: Betty Gregorius, who is also serving as an assistant scout leader, Mary Catherine Liss, Carole Thraen, Kathryn Zelasney and Kenneth Stracke, who is working on the farm.

Teachers Attend New Type Class

It was quite a turnabout on October 4, when the children stayed home and the teachers attended another type of classroom.

The fourth annual B-E Day program was sponsored by the education committee of the Chamber of Commerce, with 23 firms as hosts to the teachers.

After a brief assembly held at 9 A. M. W. T. Autry, president of the Chamber of Commerce introduced Lloyd Lundin, Education Committee chairman, who gave the welcome. At 3:45 P. M. it was break-up time.

B-E Day's purpose is to increase the teachers' understanding of America's economic system—how it functions and how they contribute to and depend upon its expanding productivity.

Elections Place Senior - Junior In Presidencies

With the opening of the Youth Center for this school year came the election of officers. This was done by nomination, and the raising of hands.

Those elected for this term are: Ted Pfeifer, president; Yvonne Mitera, vice president, and Janet Melcher, secretary-treasurer.

The officers took up their responsibilities immediately and are now striving hard to improve the facilities of the Youth Center.

Likewise, the band got under way, and was reorganized at the opening of school. At the election Bill Markhofer, Sousa player, heads the group as their president; Allen Pensick, Clarinet player, became vice president; Mariann Shonka, Cornet player, as secretary-treasurer takes care of all correspondence and income.

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Twenty-Fourth Press Convention Lures St. Bonaventure Students

Again this year, on November 4 and 5, several of St. Bon's students attended the annual Press Convention on the campus of Nebraska University, at Lincoln, Nebraska. This was the twenty-fourth press convention held in Lincoln. Those attending numbered four seniors, Judy Olivetti, Joan Minette, Janet Melcher and Carrol Novicki, and four juniors, Joan Badstieber, Joe Woerth, Elaine Boettcher and Michael Micek.

Swindler Welcomes Students

Welcome messages were delivered by Doctor Swindler, Director of the School of Journalism, and Clifford Hardin, Chancellor of the University. Chancellor Hardin in his welcome said, "The field of journalism is not crowded, and the pay is good, especially if you have a rich uncle who might die and leave you a fortune."

After the welcomes the response was given by Ellen Stokes, Omaha North.

Journalists Honored

Five students at the University were honored for outstanding first-year work in journalism. Doctor William Swindler made the awards.

Following the Convocation were the competitive contests in journalism at 1:00 to 1:50. No more than one student from each school was permitted to enter any one contest. The contest was judged by the students of journalism at the University and their advisors.

After the contests there was a series of convention panels in which delegates to the convention participated.

Seniors Present Comic Radio Skit

Education Week was highlighted by an assembly in which senior and sophomore students participated.

Demonstrating their ability to put across a humorous play—"Telling the World," the seniors won the applause of the other students.

The skit's prop was a radio broadcasting station. The participants were: Jerry Micek, announcer; Richard Tworek, Professor Pep; Janet Bures, Miss Find Ann Keemp; Bill Markhofer, Mr. Bill Barker; Jackie Michaelson, Rosie Gossip; Mariann Shonka, Hortense Hightone; Leonard and Ken Nosal, Famous and Dandy; and Lorus Luetkenhaus, Stock Market Reporter.

Among the features presented by the sophomores was a panel discussion on how God fits in our curriculum, namely; in science, history, mathematics, music, and literature. Also presented was a clarinet solo by Lea Markhofer, accompanied by Margie Sliva; a piano duet by Billie Jean Coles and Maureen Micek, and a group singing of "I Believe" accompanied by Maureen Micek. Janet Sebek was the program announcer.

Kramer-St. Bon Boys Meet Rotary Group

The local Rotary Club has invited both Kramer High and St. Bon's to send a representative to their weekly luncheon-meeting. The aim of the project is to give the Rotarians an idea of the type of young men in the high schools and to get a general picture of the school and its activities, while the "Junior Rotarians receive the opportunity to meet the community's top business and professional men and learn something about Rotary International and its goals. Along with the regular business of the club, an informative program is given every week.

The school is to select a boy each month who will represent the school for that period of time. Carrol Novicki was the representative for October and Allen Pensick is the Junior Rotarian for November.

Combo Furnishes Music

From 5:00 to 6:00 was a free period, followed by the Convention banquet, variety show, and the dance at the Military and Naval Science building. Music at the dance was furnished by Al Hobert Combo.

Toastmistress for the banquet was Candy Felton of Fairbury. Announcement and introduction of the new NHSPA officers was made, and an address was delivered by Doctor Walter Beggs, Teacher's College, University of Nebraska, and Chairman of the University Council for Community Study.

Awards Highlight Luncheon

On Saturday morning there was again a series of convention panels followed by the Convention Awards Luncheon. The presentation of certificates was made by officers of the various organizations on the campus. Awards to students of St. Bonaventure is covered by another article.

Ten Girls Attend Mock U. N. Day

Girls from 18 high schools became make-believe delegates for a day in Duchesne College's annual Mock United Nations Day. It was held Monday, October 24th, in correspondence with The National United Nations Day.

Five panel meetings were formed, discussing the main problems discussed in the United Nations today. The topics selected were: Korea, Morocco, International trade, admission of new members into the assembly, and an expanded program of Technical Assistance.

General Chairmen of the assembly were the presidents of two Duquesne College organizations sponsoring the debate: Patricia Scott of the International Relations Club and Eleanor Dombrowski of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Harry S. Byrne, chairman of United Nations Day in Omaha, spoke and expressed his feelings on how he felt about this mock United Nations.

The girls going to this debate were chosen after taking a short test on the problems of the United Nations.

Those chosen from St. Bon's were: Anita Augustine, Sharon Hoshor, Joan Minette, Maxine Schuele, Madge Tank, Joan Badstieber, Katherleen Briggs, Nancy Beck, Virginia Mimick and Yvonne Mitera.

Noon Hot Lunch Count Increases

Three hundred ninety hot lunches at noon is the count now at St. Bonaventure Cafeteria. That is a worth-while increase over the 70 served when the project began three years ago.

Almost 13,000 half-pints of milk were served during October. Chocolate flavored milk remains the favorite drink for most of the students.

Mrs. Matilda German, Mrs. Loretta Micek, Mrs. Helen Sokol, Mrs. Helen Sebek and Mrs. Jon Robb prepare the tasty meals.

Turkey with its trimmings keeps first place. Pork and beef roast take second. The ever favorite wieners always find good homes. In the vegetable kingdom, baked beans, green beans, corn, lettuce, carrots, and celery sticks find the best customers. Cookies, strawberry shortcake, jello, and grapes are the favorite palate ticklers. On Friday all are happy when tuna and noodles or cod fillet is served.

Watch the count go over the 450 mark when king winter reigns in Columbus.



Top row, left to right: Janet Melcher, Lloyd Bartholomew, Ed Kavanaugh, Bob Zoucha, king, Jerry Micek, Ambrose Placzek, Anita Augustine. Second row: Esther Liss, Ann Schilz, queen, Sharon Hoshor.

St. Bonaventure-Holy Name Game See Homecoming King and Queen Crowned

Queen's Identity Kept Secret

The St. Bonaventure-Holy Name game saw the Homecoming Royalty for 1955 crowned during the half of the exciting game. King Bob Zoucha and Queen Ann Schilz reigned over the evening's festivities.

"Am I going to be the Homecoming Queen this year?" was the question uppermost in the mind of each candidate. Until the time when Allen Pensick, Student Council President, announced the queen's name her identity was unknown. This year it really had been kept a deep, dark secret.

Canadidates Become Attendants
Anita Augustine, Esther Liss, Sharon Hoshor, and Janet Melcher, the other candidates for queen, became the attendants to Queen Ann. King Bob's honored attendants were the senior boys: Floyd Ara-

smith, Lloyd Bartholomew, Edward Kavanaugh, and Jerry Micek.

King Bob Crowns Queen

After the Queen and her entourage had been driven in convertibles on the field, King Bob was presented with the symbols of royalty, the robe and crown, by last year's queen and king—Sharon Powe and Joseph Bonk. King Bob forthwith bestowed the honors of a crown upon Ann. Queen Ann, in turn, presented King Bob with a scepter, the symbol of his kingship.

Bonnie's Band Performs

After the crowning ceremonies, the St. Bonaventure band, under the direction of Mr. Joseph J. Van Ackeren, performed. While playing "Wings of Victory," a crown formation was made. During the playing of the "Syncopated Clock," a moving clock was depicted by the group.

Dance Concludes Festivities

During the game, the king and queen with their attendants pre-

sided over the Homecoming Dance at the social hall. Special thrones had been built for the Royalty in front of the stage. The Grand March began at 10:30, after which the King and Queen began a solo dance. Shortly thereafter the attendants joined them. Finally all became part of the merry group and enjoyed dancing until 12:30 p. m. Bobby Mills and his orchestra provided the enchanting music for this EVENT of events.

City Organizations Fete All Gridsters At Annual Banquet

The annual city-wide football banquet was held in St. Bon's Social Hall on Wednesday, November 9. Present were the letterman of St. Bon's and Kramer High, the coaching staffs, and members of the Lions, Rotary, and Optimists clubs. Each player was given a ride to the hall with one of the businessmen, and sat with him during the banquet. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the St. Anne's Altar Society.

George Johansen, the master of ceremonies, introduced coaches Del Miller and Bob Costello, who then presented their assistants and lettermen. The speaker for the evening was Barney Levellyn, coach at Wayne State Teachers College, who gave a very interesting talk on the character building aspects of the game of football. He stressed the point that the athlete must learn self-discipline, which in turn, will enable him to meet the challenge of living in the world as an adult.

Students Acquire Four Honors At NHSP Convention

Four out of six took honors! That was the record achieved by the St. Bon's students who attended the Annual Press Convention at Lincoln on November 4 and 5.

During the luncheon on Saturday the winners were announced. Carrol Novicki, first place for Printed Yearbook Themes; Judy Olivetti, first place for Editorial Writing; Janet Melcher, second place for Feature Writing; Michael Micek, third place for Sports Writing. All contestants were in the Class 1 category.

Hastings Invite Music Students To Annual Fest

Mr. Van Ackeran recently announced an advanced invitation to participate in the Nebraska Music Educator's 20th Annual Clinic and Convention. This music fest will take place in Hastings, Nebraska, on November 17, 18, 19.

The Nebraska Music Educators Clinic-Conventions is designed to function as an annual convention for the benefit of music educators of Nebraska. An All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus is organized from a representative group of recommended high school students.

Each year, the convention will be directed by a group of guest conductors who are specialists in their respective field. Guest conductors for this year are: Chorus: Dr. Harry R. Wilson, Professor of Musical Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Orchestra: Ray Gerkowski, Director of Music, Flint Public Schools, Flint, Michigan. Band: Dr. Raymond F. Dvorak, Director of Bands, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Eleven chorus and eight band members' names are being sent in with qualified recommendations of each.

The names selected to take part this year are as follows: Chorus: Soprano: Mariann Shonka, senior; Alto: Margaret Mielak, junior; Tenor: Jackie Michaelson, senior; Band: Bill Markhofer, senior.

Father Roch Installs New Student Council

On Thursday, November 3, Father Roch Hettinger installed this year's Student Council members. Father began by explaining how and why a council such as the one at St. Bon's could be as useful as those in other schools.

Each member selected for this year's Student Council was then asked to come up on the stage. The officers were sworn in separately, the entire council next, and following this the entire student body swore to uphold the council.

Allen Pensick, president, concluded the assembly by explaining the difference between the work of the council of this year and that of last year.

Picture Craze Hits Campus

"May I have one of your pictures" is the most used sentence on the high school campus at the present time. Soon the exchange craze will be over.

All in all the glossy prints, bill-fold size, are good facsimiles despite the protests of the students to the contrary.

Many of the rose and green albums have been filled with pictures and quaint sayings of classmates. They will become rocking-chair memories in the years to come.

Fatima or World Suicide?

A Nun was quizzing her pupils regarding their future ambitions in life. "And now, Willie, what do you want to be when you grow up?"

"Please, Sister . . . alive!"
Little Willie had something there. **TO BE OR NOT TO BE!** As never before in our generation, that is the question, "not only for the little Willies, but for millions of others. Other nations have the possession of the Atom bomb. America is experimenting with the Hydrogen bomb, one thousand times more powerful. Apparently the next war will be a push-button war of robots, the fate of man to be decided by the throwing of a switch! And yet most people are saying, "It can't happen to us."



Some say we are heeding Fatima. How true! We are really heeding Fatima. Not Fatima's warning to pray—but Fatima's threat of destruction. Not enough of us are praying to bring about Russia's conversion. With A-bombs and H-bombs we are preparing to meet the threat of world destruction.

Fatima or World Suicide? It may well be a final, loving appeal of a Mother's heart to a world that has turned its back on her Divine Son, the last call for peace on earth in our generation. If it is heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If it goes unheeded by her children, the next persecution may not be long delayed. America may be the battleground, and the blood of Christians may flow in the streets of New York or Chicago or St. Louis or San Francisco.

God has been so good to America. World Wars have raged far from American shores. While millions in other countries have died of hunger and despair, America's average man has continued to enjoy the highest material standard of living the world has ever known. While God's justice has descended on Europe, America has continued to bask in the sunshine of God's mercy. The Holy Father describes our times as the darkest since the deluge. Not long ago, he pronounced perhaps the most solemn warning ever given to the Church by the Vicar of Christ. He said: The hour has struck. The battle, the most ferocious, the most widespread, the world has ever known, has come. It must be fought to a finish! There is no alternative. **FATIMA OR WORLD SUICIDE!**

Rev. Conrad Motola, O.F.M.

Thanksgiving Means This---

An editorial for Thanksgiving? What is Thanksgiving? Doesn't it amount to just this . . .

- T This wonderful America of ours.
- H Home
- A All our families and friends.
- N New years to come, and more wonderful to live.
- K Knowledge, for everyone who strives for it.
- S Sun, the sun in the heavens to remind us that He is ever present.
- G Goodness. There's a lot of big old world.
- I Instrument of peace, prayer.
- V Victory, in heaven and on earth, which we have the power to attain.
- I Ice, the miracle of icicles when it snows.
- N Never ending fight for freedom which rages twenty-four hours a day,
- G God, who knows us, watches us, and loves us very much. That for me adds up to Thanksgiving, How about you?
Judy Olivetti



Thanksgiving Day was celebrated for the first time in October, 1621, by the Pilgrims.

A quaint old account thus describes the occasion: "Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling so that we might after a more special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors." At this celebration was Chief Massasoit and his tribe. The feast lasted for three days.

The year following the harvest festival was filled with misfortune and the colonists had held no autumn feast. They were then waiting for spring so they could start to plant their seeds. But a heavy drought followed after this, and so the Governor recommended that they hold a day of prayer, which we now know as Thanksgiving Day.

Although, we have read of feasts, of fasts, and of "thanksgiving days" being observed during the year, it was not until ten years later in the year 1636, that we find record of a celebration such as we keep now. Then we read of the colonists of Plymouth Colony gathered in the meeting house with psalm-singing, prayer, and sermon. After this, the colonists had their merry-making and the pauper being invited to the richer peoples' homes.

In the course of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress appointed December 18, 1777, to be observed generally as a "thanksgiving day" in consequence of the surrender of Burgoyne. On November 26, 1789, President Washington voted that this was to be the day celebrated as a national thanksgiving.

In November, 1941, Congress passed a resolution making the fourth Thursday a legal holiday. Governors in the various states usually issue proclamations to this effect annually. The day is also celebrated in all territories and possessions of the United States.

Although Thanksgiving Day is wholly an American institution, harvest festivals have been known since time immemorial. It was long customary in England and elsewhere to hold special days of "fasting and prayer" in times of peril and disaster and equally to celebrate with "thanksgiving and feasting" Nature's annual bounty.

Shamrock Shenanigans

What's this about Kenny Nosal being crazy about an "opossum?" (Just kidding of course.) But really, Kenny, let's not try anymore tree climbing at 10:45 P. M.* O.K.?
* M *

I wonder why Chuck Micek is sitting so quietly on his chair in band. Any particular reason, Chuck?
* M *

Did anyone swallow the money in the apples at the last Youth Center Party? We surely hope not!
* M *

If anyone is lonely, please contact Maureen Micek and she'll arrange for an enjoyable time with her parakeet "Pee Wee."
* M *

Two St. Bonnie's students were coming down the street last Thursday when a woman came around the corner and looked in amazement, sighed and remarked, "Oh, Oh, They're out again! Another freeday!"
* M *

Thanks to all the loyal fans who attended the two last home games in the freezing weather. "Happy colds" to each of you!
* M *

A huge bang in English class put Bob Zoucha in a predicament. Miss Power: "What happened Bob?" Bob: "My shoe string broke."
* M *

Duncan kids to Sister Bernardis, "We're having mission in Duncan this week." Sister, "Who's having mission?" Mike Micek, "A missionary."
* M *

In Lincoln, Joan B. was given the names of politicians for contest work. It included the name James Hagerty. Behind it she wrote, "Football player for Holy Name." Maybe it didn't get you honorable mention, Joan, but at least it gave the judges a laugh.
* M *

It happened in a biology class: St. E. "How is food given out to the cells in the body?" Tony Kroenke: "Taxi."
* M *

In bookkeeping: Sister C. "How are names arranged in the subsidiary ledgers?" Beatrice Euteneuer: "Alphabetically."
* M *

The Pickhinke girls, Mary Ann and Gladys, spent their last day, Friday, November 11, at St. Bonnies High. A few tears were shed as they spent their last hour in the library. Soon they will be making new friends in Carroll, Iowa. We know our loss is another school's gain. Come back home to visit whenever the occasion presents itself, girls!
* M *

Bob Zoucha, one of the football players, was injured at the practice field today. Bob was accidently cut above the eye while making a tackle. His injury was given attention at St. Mary Hospital.
* M *

Here's the latest that caught the eye of someone checking checks—St. Bon A Venture High School—"It sure be!" was the comment that followed the discovery.
* M *

On November 2, the student body was greeted at the west entrance of the high school by the sign—"Enter Here At Your Own Risk." Some youngster (?) had a good time on October 31.
* M *

Quotable quote: "When one reaches a certain age, pies are then in order as a cake with candles. There being so many, might start a forest fire. Furthermore, this being the end of a dry season fires are sure to start."
* M *

HONOR ROLL

- SENIORS**
Anita Augustine
Beatrice Euteneuer
Carrol Novicki
Allen Pensick
Maxine Schuele
Patricia Schuele
Thomas Stevens
- JUNIORS**
Elaine Boettcher
Nancy Beck
Mary Ann Pickhinke
- SOPHOMORES**
Mary Jo Dush
Anthony Kroenke
Mary Ellen Minnette
Richard Sansoni
Patrick Tooley
Mary Kay Wozny
- FRESHMEN**
Kathleen Sokol

Vice-Presidents Tell-Tales

MILO HERINK



On August 31, 1938, I first appeared on this great earth of ours. I am the oldest boy and fifth in line in our family. I am 6' 3" tall and weigh 191 pounds. I have brown hair and blue eyes.

My favorite sport is football, and I play right tackle on our school team. I also like to hunt.

My main ambition when I get out of St. Bonnies (which will be in another year—if I'm lucky!) is to attend Auctioneer's School in Mason City, Iowa.

MARIAN SKORUPA



I was born on January 17, 1939, in the "big city" — Omaha, Nebraska. When I was still a wee tot, we moved to Columbus, and I entered St. Anthony's School. From there I came to St. Bonnies to spend and enjoy my high school days.

My favorite pastimes are yelling and cheering at our games, dancing, taking pictures, and collecting cups and saucers. (This hobby was started just this summer.)

I admit that I really like school—well, anyway the extra-curricular activities, such as the Youth Center's parties, which have really been "tops" this year.

I must also say that I'm proud to be the vice-president of our junior class.

Martians Attack Chemistry Lab

"Bang! Pop! Pfsst!"

As I was calmly rounding the corner at the bottom of the main stairs, I heard these strange noises. I stopped in my tracks. Suddenly there was a muffled scream. Instantly my imagination was alerted. We were being attacked! Could it be the Martians?

I didn't know whether to run or to play Dick Tracy. My detective instincts won over common sense. Slowly I inched my way down the hall.

There! I heard it again. This time there were giggles and cries of "Do it again!"

The commotion was coming from the lab. I peeked through the keyhole. To my utter surprise I saw Sister Edwina. She was conducting an experiment with sodium for the senior chemistry class.

Slowly I left my cramped position. I was crushed! Now Scotland Yard would never learn of my marvelous ability as a sleuth.

Crime Sweeps Our Nation

You are all well aware of the recent crime wave which is rapidly spreading among the youth of our community. What are the causes of such an outbreak, you may be asking yourself. There are innumerable reasons, or causes, from which this tragedy may arise.

On a cold January morning, I, Judie Bator, became the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bator. I grew up here in Columbus and attended grade school at St. Anthony's. My freshman year I attended the Convent of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. I am now back in Columbus, happily attending my sophomore year in St. Bonaventure.



I have no real hobbies except during the summer I play the organ at St. Anthony's Church.

My favorite subject this year is Latin and I think it always will be. During my senior year I hope to win a scholarship and attend college. My ambition so far is to become a Latin teacher and maybe some day be teaching it here at St. Bonaventure, or will it be called Central Catholic by that time.

Sophies Discover Curious Objects

"What is it?" "Look at this!" "Doesn't it look funny?" "Look at this!" These are some of the cries that could be heard if someone were to step in the science rooms during the sophomore biology class.

Under the supervision of Sister Edwina, the eager sophomores have learned much about plant and animal life. Much to their delight and interest, the past week's study has been on such species as the earthworm, crayfish and frog.

The one thing that is considered the most fun by the whole class is the showing of films and slides on the bioscope. These films, so far, have been mostly on soil, and have taken over a portion of the class discussion period.

Braun Has Desire To Become Driver

Jerry Braun, a sophomore at St. Bonaventure's High School, has a very great ambition to become a stock car driver.

Braun says he would like to get a 41 Ford body, with a souped up '50 Plymouth engine in it. For tires he says he'd like to have small smoother tires in the front and larger nobbies or cutouts in the back. For the car he would have braces in the inside and a few outside, with oil and gas for fuel purposes.

However, the hitch is this—he's not old enough to drive in Columbus, but next year he plans to enter the races at David City. At the age of 21, he will be eligible to drive here in Columbus.

Braun says he's very anxious to drive next year, and also hopes he doesn't get hurt in any way. For a thrill, he out there on the Columbus Speedway to see Jerry Braun race in his '41 souped up Ford.

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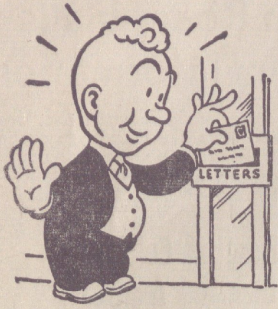
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Many opportunities are available to each of us to join the various organizations of our community, which were organized for the sole purpose of helping to mold, or guide, our inexperienced lives.

These groups not only afford us the help we are so in need of, in this war torn world, but provide us with many hours of pleasure and entertainment.

Are you going to let your community slip into the depths of darkness, or are you, by participating in athletics, Y clubs, and church organizations, going to elevate your home to the greatest possible heights, where you will be able to say; "Sure, that's where I live. Great little place, my home town." Think about it, it's up to you.

—Judy Olivetti



Do you have any good words to say or gripes to get off your chest? If so, send them the editor way!

Green and White Battle Lincoln Cathedralites In Well-Played Game

Lincoln Cathedral and St. Bonaventure battled to a 7-7 tie in a well-played game. St. Bonaventure had a hefty margin in the statistics, rolling up 19 first downs against 9 and winning the yardage argument 263 to 148. Cathedral got its chance late in the opening canto when Bill Bliss recovered a Shamrock fumble on the Lincoln 45. With Clancy Woolmen and Joe Neal leading the way, the invaders rolled up 4 first downs to the Shamrock's 4 yard line. Two plays later, Wollman crashed over from the 2 and added the placement for a 7-0 advantage. St. Bonaventure took the ensuing kick-off and marched 70 yards for the tying touchdown. Mike Micek, hard-running fullback who looked good throughout the evening, accounted for 37 of the yards with his plunges and Lloyd Bartholomew reeled off an important 11-yard scamper. The drive culminated as Bob Bartholomew, promising sophomore, slammed over from the 3-yard stripe. Mike Micek ran the tying point and that wrapped up the scoring for the game. Other action shown by the Irish was a 20-yard aerial from Dennis Schefcyk to Ed Kavanaugh featured an advance to first down on the Lincoln 4 but Cathedral was able to hold off. Another was when the Shamrocks went wheeling from their 26 to first-and-10 on the Lincoln 16, with Mike and Jerry Micek showing the way. Cathedral, except for its touchdown drive, never penetrated deeper than St. Bonaventure's 46.

Gridsters Earn Varsity Letters

Fifteen St. Bonaventure football players earned letters in the past season. Eleven seniors were letter winners: Ed Kavanaugh, Lloyd Bartholomew, Jerry Micek, Floyd Arasmith, Carroll Novicki, Bob Zoucha, Don Noonan, Milo Herink, Ambrose Placzek, Cliff Roddy and Richard Nelson. Kavanaugh, left end, served as captain of the football team during the season. Juniors earning monograms were: Dennis Schefcyk, Mike Micek and Joe Woerth. Bob Bartholomew, a sophomore, rounds out the letterman list. Mike Micek, hard-running fullback, was the leading scorer as the Shamrocks marked up a record of three victories, four losses and a tie in eight outings. The husky junior scored four touchdowns and eight extra points to wind up with a total of 32 points. Second was Lloyd Bartholomew, hustling senior halfback, who tallied 26 on four touchdowns and two extra points. St. Bonaventure totaled 109 points in eight games, while opponents registered 93. Ten boys, six of them seniors, broke into the scoring column. They were: Mike Micek, Lloyd Bartholomew, Jerry Micek, Dennis Schefcyk, Bob Bartholomew, Ed Kavanaugh, Cliff Roddy, Don Noonan, Tony Kroenke and Bob Zoucha.

Shamrocks Down Favored St. Joe's

The St. Bonaventure gridsters marked up their first victory of the season in downing favored St. Joseph's 28 to 7 at Creighton Stadium. The Irish featured a strong running attack plus a capable defense. The Johawks scored only against the Shamrock reserves in the waning moments of the game on a passing spree. Jerry Micek intercepted a pass to set up the first touchdown. A series of line plays, climaxed by Mike Micek's plunge from the three accounted for the score. Mike also ran the extra point. Ed Kavanaugh, rugged left end, blocked a Johawk punt to give the Irish their second scoring opportunity. A 16-yard pass from Schefcyk to Lloyd Bartholomew was the touchdown play. Mike plunged through the middle for the point. Late in the third quarter Bob Zoucha scooped up a Johawk fumble and raced 23 yards to pay dirt. Lloyd Bartholomew ran the left end for the point. In the fourth period, the Green and White took the ball on their own 24, ran a series of short plays, and scored with a 63-yard run by Jerry Micek on a trap play. Mike ran the point. The Johawks scored in the final quarter on a pass from Jerry Crume to Bob Hobek. The Irish played one of their best games of the season. Offensive standouts were Mike and Jerry Micek, Lloyd Bartholomew and Bob Zoucha. Defensive standouts were Kavanaugh, Zoucha and Bob Bartholomew.

Fumbleites Keeps Bonnie Score Down

St. Bonaventure defeated Boys Town "B" on the chilly gridiron 19-0. The Shamrocks had a net of 322 yards compared to the Cowboys 65, but were unable to cash in more on account of fumbles and frequent penalties. Irish Rip Yardage With Dennis Schefcyk doing an able job at quarterback, the Irish ripped off good yardage on the running of Lloyd Bartholomew, Jerry Micek and Mike Micek. Charles Wilson did the best ball carrying for the losers. Tackle Ambrose Placzek started the payoff drive of 62 yards by intercepting a pass on the Irish 38. Lloyd Bartholomew and Jerry Micek carried the load in the march and Cliff Roddy went for the final 11 yards, thus giving a 6-0 half-time score. Micek Runs 83 Yards St. Bonaventure took the opening kickoff in the second half and went 83 yards to score, with Mike Micek grinding out 58 of the yards. He turned in the scoring sprint from the Cowboy 24. Tackle Milo Herink blocked a put in the closing canto with the home club taking over from the Boys Town "B" 19. A few plays later Lloyd Bartholomew tallied from the four. Schefcyk tossed to Tony Kroenke for the point.

St. Bonnies Team Fails To Have Good Season

St. Bonnies' football team was not a complete success this year. Various opinions as to why this was so were given by some senior lettermen. Some views quoted were: "It was not the fault of the coach, Bob Costello. He had a very difficult task coaching so many boys at one time. An assistant coach would have lessened his load and most probably brought forth a stronger team." "In the first few games, there was a lack of spirit. This lack of spirit is indictive by the scores turned against St. Bonaventure." Furthermore, "In previous seasons a back getting through the line was most likely to go all the way for the score. This year the backs were stopped by the opponents' secondary." There were still a few other reasons stated, but let the above suffice as the main reasons why St. Bon's team was not as successful as expected.

Hagerty Defeats Homecoming Irish

Led by all-state halfback Dick Hagerty, Holy Name defeated St. Bonaventure in a well played game 13 to 0 before a large homecoming crowd. After seeing the first quarter drive fizzle on the Bonnie 20, the Ramblers scored early in the second stanza on a 64-yard march. Hegarty's 25-yard sweep featured the advance and way, climaxed by his 10-yard TD scamper. He also added the extra point. With the ball on the Shamrocks 18, fourth down and 8 to go, Jerry Micek went back in punt formation — then caught the Holy Name defense completely napping and scooting down the west sideline to the Ramblers 8, where he was tackled from behind. Although it was the play of the evening, it proved in vain as the Irish were unable to score. A few minutes later the pigskin was again deep in Rambler territory, as two aerials from Dennis Schefcyk to Lloyd Bartholomew carried it from the Holy Name 44 to their 14. Again the Irish were unable to score. The third threat came when a 15-yard run by Mike Micek and a pass-lateral play, Schefcyk to Ed Kavanaugh to Lloyd Bartholomew, good for 37 yards which sent the home team to the Omaha 10-yard line. Once more tackles Francisio and Mike McGill and company were equal to the task. With the ball on the Holy Name 41, Fretz heaved a long aerial to Hegarty. Although partially deflected by a St. Bonaventure back Dick gathered it and went the rest of the way on the 59-yard play. Unfortunately, the Omahans lost the services of Nick Camero, who suffered a broken wrist early in the game.

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Regulars Three Touchdown Margin Gives Reserves Opportunity To Play Last Quarter

Coach Bob Costello's regulars ran up a three-touchdown margin, and then departed late in the third quarter to let the reserves finish the game. The Shamrocks had several offensive and defensive standouts, with Fullback Mike Micek pacing the attack. The Knight's best weapon seemed to be the punting of End Tom Siems. The Irish scored the first time they had possession of the ball, with the touchdown set up by Lloyd Bartholomew's 30-yard punt return to the St. Patrick's 20. Mike Micek and Bob Bartholomew banged the ball down to the 3, from which Mike pounded across. He ran the point for a 7-0 advantage. Another first-period Irish march was stalled when Tom Siems intercepted on the 16. A 36-yard gallop by Micek, a pass from Schefcyk to Micek, and a quarterback sneak added another touchdown to the Irish total. Mike bucked over for the point. In the opening minutes of the third quarter, the Irish scored again. Runs of 26 and 10 yards by Lloyd Bartholomew moved the ball to the 13, where Schefcyk passed to Kavanaugh for the TD. Micek again ran the point. In the fourth quarter, against the Irish reserves, the Knights started a drive but bogged down on the 22.

Johawk Fumble Gives Bob Zoucha Touchdown

In the St. Joseph game, Bob Zoucha picked up a Johawk fumble and ran 17 yards for a touchdown, making this the third consecutive year in which a guard has made a touchdown. Last year, Clinton Gates cashed in on a Sidney fumble which proved to be costly, as the Irish won by a six-point margin. In 1953, John Tooley was the guard who scored, picking up a fumble on the 35-yard line and racing for the touchdown. The Irish Frosh played three games this year. Their first was a 12-12 deadlock at Schuyler. They picked up a 19-12 victory in an afternoon game against Hastings' Saint Cecilia. St. Pat's of Fremont stopped them 12-6 in their last game of the season, thus making the Irish yearlings' record stand at one win, one tie and one loss.

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Library Receives Useful Donations

The faculty and students wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Leo Bures and to Mr. Louis Rambour for their generous donations to the library. Mr. Bures gave about fifty story books that had delighted his youthful years. He hopes the boys will enjoy them as much as he did. Mr. Rambour gave two very useful references to the English Department—it will no longer be hard to find famous quotations. Thank you, Mr. Bures and Mr. Rambour!

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Father Timothy Requests Pep Club Reorganization

Because concentrated school spirit was missing at the games, Father Timothy, Director of Athletics, asked for the reorganization of the Bonnie Pep Club.

At the first meeting, 75 girls responded. The election returns gave Margaret Mielak the president's chair. Rose Mary Siemek became the vice-president; Judy Olivetti, treasurer; Dolores Shefcyk, secretary.

For their distinctive dress, the members chose green skirts, white sweaters, and green and white beanies.

Meetings will be held every second and fourth Thursdays of the month. At these gatherings, some of the time is spent in rehearsing new cheers.

Blake's Bowling Alley Offers Junior Tenpins

Blake's Bowling alley has started a junior Bowling congress for high-school students. Monday after school is the boys' bowling night, and on Tuesday the girls bowl after school.

Phil Zarek has been elected president of this league. Other members are: Mariann Shonka, Deloros Roebuck, Ted Pfeifer, Ernie Hauk, Duane Blahak, Dale Hanke, Francis Staroscik, Bob Hanke, Robert Morgan, Gerald Haller, David Altmanhofer, and Jerry Kneifel.

For the introductory lesson, the pupils were taught how to pick up and throw the bowling ball. Then they were taught how to walk. After that followed practice by playing on two alleys on scheduled nights.

Later on competitive games will be played. The cost for one year's membership is 25c and 40c is paid on the scheduled play nights.

Look, Listen and Live

This is a good slogan if put into real practice every day wherever you are.

- LOOK**
 - Both ways on the highway
 - At the label on the bottle
 - At the child on the swings
 - At the fellow on the side road
 - At the light—is it red or green
 - At the car coming toward you
 - At the car coming out of the driveway or around the corner
 - At the speed signs on the road
 - At the flame on your stove
 - At the pedestrian crossing the street
- LISTEN**
 - To the train whistle
 - To the fire engine siren
 - To the ambulance
 - To the cry of a child
 - To the call for help
 - To the horn of a car near you
 - To the play of a group
 - To any unusual sound
- LIVE**
 - Because you are careful
 - Because you heed traffic laws
 - Because you are always alert
 - Because you are courteous
 - Because you think
 - Because you do not speed
 - Because you never pass on a hill
 - Because you use good sense
 - Selected



HAVE YOU HEARD?

The senior class rings were blessed Monday, October 31, by Father Roch in an informal ceremony in the senior home room. It has been the custom in the past years to have the class rings blessed by the pastor.

Father Roch began the ceremony with prayer. Then each ring, held by the student, was blessed.

Soon the juniors will be showing off their new class rings too! The big query is—"Where shall I find 20 sinkers!"

With the slogan of Sister, "Heavy, heavy hangs over thy head no rings until all have paid" those needed bucks will be rung up in the cash register by Thanksgiving the tentative date for the arrival of the rings.

No more skimpy breakfast. Or empty stomach rub. If you become a member Of the Bonnies' Breakfast Club.

This jingle could very well be the slogan in Sister Gerard's campaign to form a breakfast club.

Sister plans to serve hot dogs, kripies, rolls, coffee, milk, chocolate milk, orange juice, and various kinds of sandwiches.

Do not hesitate to place a big order because the main purpose of the club is to provide a breakfast to equal that prepared by mother!

Better 'n better breakfasts will be available with student cooperation.

Talks usually given during Vocation Month came early to St. Bon's this year. Father Gordon, O. F. M., addressed the student body on the Franciscan way of life. Pictures depicting the life of St.

Francis were used in an illustrated talk.

Many students signed the pledge cards to pray daily three Hail Marys for vocations to the priesthood, brotherhood and religious life.

Duane Clark, Carroll Fix, Bob Messersmith, Dave Miller, Leo Moschenross and Dean Soulliere came back to the old hunting grounds for a visit. Their theme song could have been—Moments to Remember!"

Uncle Samuel still has need of their services so their stay at home was not too long.

Flash!

St. Bonaventure students took first, second, and third places in the "I Speak For Democracy" Contest. The winners: Jerry Micek, Elaine Boettcher, and Sharon Hoshor.

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Upper Classmen Roam Halls Seeking Important Information

The seniors roam through the halls with perplexed mien so different from their otherwise placid expressions. The questions going through their minds are: "Which ones should I take?" "Which ones look better?" They stop fellow classmates and others for a moment asking their opinion ere they continue on their way.

Yes, you guessed it! Last week the seniors had their graduation pictures taken and now the proofs are being considered. Oh, which one shall it be!?

Famed Contest Draws Attention

The fame gathering contest "I Speak for Democracy," once again attracted attention among St. Bon's and Kramer students. The contest was slated to let all young people express their opinions on our democratic form of government and its ideals.

Sister Edwina is again this year sponsoring the entries. Those entering from St. Bon's out of the senior and junior classes are: Anita Augustine, Sharon Hoshor, Francis Merrill, Janet Melcher, Carroll Novicki, Allen Pensick, Lorus Luetkenhaus, and Jerry Micek; Elaine Weiser, Elaina Boettcher, Joan Badsteiber, Kathleen Briggs, Marian Skorupa, Pat Wiedel and Jo Ann Woodworth.

The contest will be held in the Kramer Auditorium on Thursday, November 17. Shortly after the day of the contest each student participating will be assigned a date on which to give the same speech over the radio, station KJSK in Columbus.

Hospital Celebrates Diamond Anniversary On Consecutive Days

A gala Diamond Jubilee celebration was observed at St. Mary's Hospital in Columbus on November 8, 9 and 10.

Highlighting the 75th Anniversary was a Solemn High Mass at 5 p. m. on Tuesday in the hospital chapel, followed by a public banquet at St. Bonaventure social hall at 7 o'clock.

Among the special guests gracing the occasion were the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D.D., Archbishop of Omaha; the Most Rev. John L. Paschang, Bishop of Grand Island; the Very Reverend Eustace Struckhoff, O.F.M., Provincial Delegate, from San Antonio, Texas; and the Honorable Victor E. Anderson, Governor of Nebraska.

Father Eustace was the celebrant of the high Mass, with Archbishop Bergan assisting at the throne.

The banquet speakers included Archbishop Bergan, who gave the invocation and main address; Louis Rambuour delivered a brief history of the hospital; Father Oswin responded for St. Mary's Hospital.

J. O. Peck, Columbus banker, served as master of ceremonies and recognized special individuals and organizations. Bishop Paschang gave the benediction. Joseph J. Van Ackeren was in charge of dinner music.

A Solemn High Mass was sung at 9 A. M. Wednesday in the hospital chapel for living benefactors, friends, patients of the hospital and Sisters of the Community.

On Thursday morning, in the chapel, Father Oswin celebrated a Requiem High Mass for deceased benefactors, friends, patients of the hospital and Sisters of the Community.



The Bonnie Quintet that leads the cheers. Sharon Hoshor, Virginia Mimick, Marion Skorupa, Jacqueline Michaelson, Esther Liss.

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THE VENTURE



St. Bon's Take Students Relive Three Prizes Indian Warfare

In the annual "Voice of Democracy" contest the students of St. Bonaventure's won all the prizes.

Jerry Micek, a senior, was the winner of the first prize, a \$25.00 savings bond. Jerry's essay was sent to the state contest over a tape recorder, where it will compete with the other Nebraskan entries.

Elaine Boettcher, a junior, won the second prize of \$10.00. Sharon Hoshor, a senior took third place, and received a prize of \$5.00.

Twenty-two contestants participated in the contest held in the Kramer High auditorium.

Through the courtesy of the local radio station, KJSK, all participants will be given the opportunity to give their essay over the air.

A great pioneer and Indian fighter, Daniel Boone, proved his wit and strength in outsmarting the treacherous, warfaring Indians.

This story, which was brought to the student body in color film, was filled with suspense and thrill packed. In it, young Boone led his camping party through dangerous Indian country, oftentimes risking his life for his companions. Two of his own American fellow men were taken captives by him as conspirators against his party of campers.

The anxiety of battles with the Indians, contrasted with the wit and humor of the picture, unwove before the eyes of the students a delightful tale of Daniel Boone.

A delightful cartoon preceded the regular feature.

Sr. Leonella Gives SRA Reading Tests

Under the supervision of Sister M. Leonella, the SRA Reading tests were administered to the St. Bonnie's students during the last days of November.

Test Measures Skills

This test measures the reading skills such as, comprehension, speed, vocabulary, and the ability to locate information.

Graphs Show Results

After the tests were checked, the scores were placed on profile graphs. These profiles were of great interest to the students, for as Sister Leonella stated: "We are pleased that so many students made outstanding scores; however, there are a number of students who need remedial work. This help will be given to those students who desire to improve their reading ability."



Sister Edwina signing the Bona Venture contract with Carroll Novicki; Mr. Tom McHugh and Judy Olivetti, looking on and smiling too.

Algebra II Boasts Brains

Upon entering the Algebra II class in room No. 11, you may hear these exclamations:

"Why do I always have them all wrong?"

"What is a simpler way to work them?"

These comments are from the Algebra II students—Ted Pfeifer, Bob Snell, and Mariann Shonka, respectively.

There are just seven students in this group. They are Allen Pensick, Ted Pfeifer, Gary Hemb, Carroll Novicki, Bob Snell, Mariann Shonka, and Janet Bures. This is Sister M. Bernardis' smallest class. Furthermore, it is not only her smallest class, but the pupils say it is the brainiest!?!

Alumnus Talks To Junior-Senior Girls About Profession

Marilyn Johnson, a 1953 graduate, returned to her alma mater as a student nurse. The purpose of her visit was to tell the junior and senior girls about nursing as a profession, its requirements, and its opportunities.

Science Curriculum Preferred

A curriculum which includes quite a lot of math and science is preferred, but not required. Anyone of average intelligence can become a nurse if she wishes.

Tuition and other expenses of a student nurse usually do not exceed \$500 a year and scholarships are accepted.

Uniform Is Attractive

The uniform of a nurse is no longer uncomplimentary to a young girl, but on the contrary, very attractive. The cap is a symbol of a nurse's dignity and usually it is not worn when the nurse is off duty.

Field Offers Opportunities

The field of nursing offers unlimited opportunities. All branches of the armed forces need nurses; this gives one the added opportunity of travel at home and abroad. Another field open to graduates is that of public-health nurse.

BONNIES AGENDA

- December
- 11. High School Band Concert
- 13. Pep Rally
- 13. Blair (here)
- 14. Student Council Meeting
- 15. Pep Club Meeting
- 16. Christmas Chorol Program
- 16. Novena Of Communion Begin For Holy Father
- 17. Lincoln Cathedral (there)
- 20-21. Testing Program
- 22. Christmas Program
- 22. Christmas Vacation Begins at 3:45
- January
- 3. Classes Resumed
- 3. Pep Rally
- 10. St. Patrick's (there)
- 12. Movie
- 13. Pep Rally
- 13. Lincoln Teachers (here)
- 16. St. Edward (here)
- 18-19. Semester Exams
- 20. Madison (there)
- 23. Semester Reports
- 23. Second Semester Begins
- 24. St. Mary's (Grand Island) (there)
- 27. St. Joseph (Omaha) (there)
- February
- 1-3 Stanton Invitational Tournament

Mr. Burns Ellison, Manager of the Columbus Theater, listened to the pleadings of a group of Bonnie High girls. A Midnight showing of the Class C picture, "Garden of Eden" was scheduled to appear at this theater. The girls, some of them ushers at the picture house would have to discontinue working there because of the ban placed upon the house. They explained matters to Mr. Ellison and he forthwith cancelled the showing. Thanks, Mr. Ellison. The Student Body

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER . . .

- 21 Robert Augustine
- 22 Larry Kuta
- 30 Joe Ryba

JANUARY . . .

- 3 Clyde Welsh
- 3 Maxine Schuele
- 5 Lyman Andreas
- 9 Mary Jo Dush
- 12 Charles Micek
- 13 Mary Hilger
- 15 Barbara Cielocha
- 17 Judie Bator
- Margaret Pensick
- Marian Skorupa
- Shirley Slade
- 20 Jacqueline Michaelson
- 21 Floyd Arasmith
- 24 Jane Holys
- Dennis Shefcyk
- 26 Virgil Liss



Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M., confers with the newly elected Sodality officers: Joyce Shaefer—secretary, Esther Liss—treasurer, Maxine Schuele—vice prefect, Jerry Micek—prefect.

'The Mystical Rose' Sodalists To Revive Inactive Members

Sr. Gerard Chosen To Govern Group

The Sodality of Our Lady under the title, "The Mystical Rose," which has been inactive for two years, has been revived this year. Sister Gerard, the moderator, had charge of all voting which was done by secret ballot. Those capturing honors for offices were: General Officers: Jerry Micek—prefect, Maxine Schuele—vice-prefect, Joyce Schaefer — secretary, Esther Liss—treasurer.

Associate officers for the senior class are: Janet Melcer—prefect, Mariann Shonka — vice-prefect, Joan Minette—secretary, and Allen Pensick—treasurer.

Heading the junior class are: Dennis Shefcyk — prefect, Joann Woodworth — vice-prefect, Delores Roebuck — secretary, and Marian Skorupa—treasurer.

Vote returns from sophomore A showed Dale Hanke as prefect, Don Kaminski — vice-prefect, Geraldine Cockson—secretary, and Bob Augustine—treasurer.

In the sophomore B, the girls

reigned with Delores Shefcyk—prefect, Margie Siiva—vice prefect, Judy Tylee—secretary, and Mary Kay Wozny—treasurer.

For the freshman class, Joyce Haney, Patricia Badsteiber, Gerald Haller, and Betty Markytan captured honors as prefect, vice-prefect, secretary, and treasurer respectively.

The first meeting is scheduled for sometime in December, when plans will be made for the work the Sodality to do, and election of chairman for various committees will take place.

Have You Heard?

Ann Schilz left for Angola, Indiana, to attend the graduation exercises of her brother, Raphael. Raphael, a '53 grad from St. Bon's, will receive a degree in Mechanical Draftsmanship. * * *

The second semester will bring three more boys to the rank and file at St. Bon's. The Hans family will move to Columbus from Dwight, Nebraska. Grades 9, 10, and 11 each will receive one more member in their class.

Senior Vote Gives Novicki 'Bona Venture' Editorship Olivetti Becomes First Helper

Carroll Novicki was chosen, by the vote of the senior class, to edit the 1956 "Bona Venture."

Carroll Has What It Takes

Carroll is an outstanding senior in every respect. He is a member of the Student Council and the Quill and Scroll. At the High School Journalism Convention held in Lincoln, he captured first place in Yearbook layout. In the field of sports, football is his first love. All in all, Carroll possesses the qualities of a real student.

Assistants Receive Assignments

Judy Olivetti was named co-editor for this year's project. Other staff members include James Laszka—photographer, Jackie Michaelson—copy editor, Anita Augustine—business manager, Allen Pensick—music section, Richard Nelsen—activities section, Sharon Hoshor—organizations, and Joan Minette—academic section.

Busy Students Provide Atmosphere

During the day, an atmosphere of busy business people pervades the annual work room. There the members are engaged in designing page layouts, pictures, etc. The evening sessions, held in the Convent library, are hours of pleasant but constructive work. One soon learns who is who when it comes to planning a specific section.

Sister M. Edwina is again the sponsor for the publication. She is confident that "Footprints On The Sands Of Time" will be cherished by all the students as a lasting remembrance of the Bona Venture of 1956.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

May you have the gladness of Christmas which is HOPE
The spirit of Christmas which is PEACE
The heart of Christmas which is LOVE
—The Staff

J. J. VanAckeren Presents Glee Club and Adult Choir In Christmas Musicale

On Friday, December 16, Mr. J. J. Van Ackeren presented the glee club and adult choir in a traditional Christmas concert.

The songs presented were in a series of three, starting with the glee club, followed by the choir.

Among the selections rendered were: "Nativity Carol," "Christmas Lullaby," and "Green Sleeves." "Green Sleeves" had an incidental solo done by Anita Augustine, Janet Melcher, Virginia Mimick, and Mariann Shonka.

A soprano solo, "The Holy City" by Adare, was sung by Mariann Shonka.

Part two of the program featured the choir singing "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Ave Maria," and the "Credo." Another soprano solo, "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert was sung by Mrs. Don Uphoff.

In part three the girls' glee again appeared. This time they sang: "Christ Child Divine," "One Little Candle," and "Sleigh Ride."

"Cantique Noel," a trombone solo, was played by Mary Jo Tueck, and "Meditation" by Massenet, a violin solo, was played by Mr. J. J. Van Ackeren.

In conclusion, the choir rendered "Hear the Bells," "Carol of the Bells," and "Adeste Fidelis."

Senior Boys Will Take Westinghouse STS Exam

Two seniors will take the Westinghouse Science Talent Search examination on December 21. Allen Pensick and Bill Markhofer will try for honors.

Any senior from an accredited secondary school is eligible. The requirements for the Science Talent Search are these three:

1. A completed science aptitude examination, certified by the student and teacher.
2. A personal data blank and secondary school record.
3. A report of about 1,000 words on "My Scientific Project." This project should tell what the contestant is doing or plans to do in science in the way of experimentation or other research activity.

About 40,000 students compete in this Science Research Contest every year. The 40 highest of these receive a scholarship. The highest award is \$2,800.

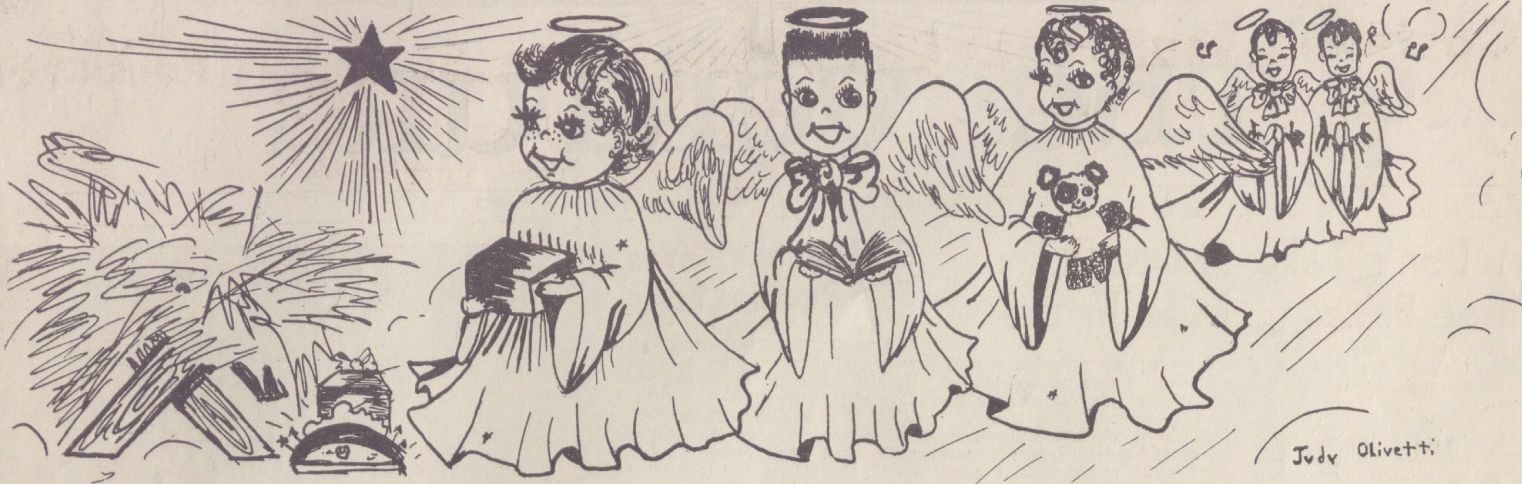
Optimists To Sponsor Boys' Oratorical Contest

The Optimist Club of Columbus has invited all boys, under sixteen years of age who attend St. Bon's, to join the 1956 Optimist's International Boy's Oratorical Contest.

This year the contest is opened to the students of the freshmen and sophomore classes.

Eight sophomore boys — Dennis Daly, Tony Kroenke, Paul Langan, Ed Stevens, Dick Sansoni, Pat Tool-ey, Joe Ryba, Carroll Wemhoff— and nine freshmen boys — Lyman Andreas, David Altmanshofer, Duane Blahak, Alan Kusek, Robert Hanke, Gerald Haller, Francis Kryzcke, Robert Reuss, and Clyde Welsh—have submitted their names for the local contest to be held early in 1956.

"Freedom - Our Most Precious Heritage," is the topic submitted.



Small Gifts Please Jesus

You've all no doubt heard the touching little Christmas story about "The Littlest Angel." That's the one about the tiniest angel in all of heaven, who, when his turn came to present the baby Jesus with a wondrous gift turned up with a box of little boy's treasures he had collected during his short stay on earth. Though he was scorned by the mightier angels, his gift touched the Infant's heart as being rarer than any gold or riches. Have you ever heard a story so full of moral and meaning? It is especially beautiful in this time of advent. Each of us, in his own special way, is preparing a gift to place at the feet of the Infant Jesus, at the time of His birth. There's evidence that a little sacrifice here and there add up, in the long run, to a not so dull gift.

Think of your offerings in the terms of things that would be most pleasing to a baby.

A denial would be a pillow for the sleepy head. A little mortification might possibly be a warm quilt to keep out the winter winds.

When that day comes, the birthday of Birthdays, will your humble stable be ready and welcoming to a weary little traveler? Just think, the angels aren't all only in heaven, are they?

Judy Olivetti

My Christmas Nightmare

'Twas the night behind Christmas,
Ach! what a mess,
No one was stirring, we were too
full, I guess
With nuts and candy and mama's
mince pie
And turkey and cranberries and
brick-cheese on rye.

The stockings were scattered all
over the floor
Also little shoes and clothing
galore.

The children were nestled all snug
in their beds
All ten of them, I know, I counted
their heads.

Mama in kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled down for a long
winter's nap.

When suddenly from downstairs
there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see
what was the matter.

Away to the door I flew like a
flash,
Then out in the hall, I went down
with a crash.
On the floor there were marbles
and candy from tree,
And nutshells, wagons, puzzles—
and ME.

I picked myself up, with a great
deal of care
And painfully crept to the head
of the stair.
The light in the hall which was
burning low
Gave a spooky appearance to ob-
jects below.

The Christmas tree looked like a
witch in disguise
Was staring at me with twenty-
five eyes
And was pointing a finger across
the room,
I strained my eyes in the darkened
gloom.

There sat Dasher and Dancer and
Prancer and Vixen
And Comet and Cupid and Don-
ner and Blitzen.
That's right, they were Santa's
eight big reindeer
And each one was holding a tall
glass of beer.

They were talking to one, their
leader, I suppose
It was none other than "Rudy
the Red nose."
A stump of a pipe he held tight in
his teeth
And the smoke, it encircled his
head like a wreath.

A wink of his eye and a jerk of his
head
Soon gave me to know I had
plenty to dread.
He laid a finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, they suddenly
arose.

They turned and came toward me,
each holding a gun,
Then I turned around and I tried
to run
But a big, ugly brute stopped me
right then and there
Never in my life, did I get such
a scare.

The shock woke me up and my
mind became clearer
I found I'd been looking right in
the hall mirror.
Oh, what a nightmare I had that
night,
I tell you, my friends, it was a
fright.

So the moral of the story is that it
doesn't pay
To eat too much on the glad
Christmas Day.
I leave this message with you to-
night,
Happy Christmas to all, and to
all, a good night.

—Mrs. William Markhofer

Is This Your Bringing Up?

It is a Saturday afternoon, you are going to play softball in the lot down the street with a group of fellows. Just as you are approaching your destination you hear a terrific crash—you know without even looking at it just what it is, that huge front window in the corner grocery store. It was inevitable. What will Mr. McMullins, the proprietor, say? You fear to put into words what is in your heart, "Juvenile" delinquents! What started out as an innocent game of softball now turns into a nightmare for Joe Brown, Pete Jones, and several of the other boys from the neighborhood.

Since last May, when some of the "gang" from town got into trouble with the police, we're all looked down on as these so called delinquents, you think. Then you start to wonder what it was that caused the "gang" to do what they did last May. "Did they have the wrong up bringing?" you ask yourself. In some cases, yes; in others it is very much the contrary. "There's no place for teenagers like myself to go for past-time, other than a movie. However, that's too expensive" you argue. This too, is true. Adults don't realize the need for recreation for teenagers. A need for recreation grows in a teenager until it bursts somewhere—maybe that's what happens when "delinquents" commit these acts.

Some teenagers commit these acts for what they call "fun." Others might do it on a dare. Whatever the reason, it is uncalled for, and when it involves others it is much worse!

Maybe these small "show-off" acts committed in school are not classified "juvenile delinquent acts," but eventually they will lead to evil acts, and the person committing them will have regrets too late. One must have consideration for others as well as himself always at all times. This consideration is lacking today by too many teenagers, especially by the boys.

Janet Melcher

Christmas Season Makes Hearts Carefree, Youthful, and Jubilant

Here in America the Christmas season touches hearts both near and far. Christmas makes old hearts young again by the sending of Christmas greetings, decorating a pine tree, giftgiving, and mid-night Mass. Americans adapted the custom of giftgiving from the wise men who brought gifts to the new-born Infant at Bethlehem, hence, a majority of the Christmas customs are symbolic of Christ.

In England also, religious services predominate. In the English Christmas celebrations, carolers gather under the lofty arches of cathedrals, and religious plays are re-enacted from several hundred years ago. On Christmas Eve the yule log is brought inside. Each member of the family is required to sit upon and salute it before it is placed in the hearth.

One of the most beautiful Christmas customs of all is practiced in Ireland. On Christmas Eve, candles are lighted and placed in

every window of the houses and doors are left ajar. These are symbols of hospitality which assure the people that no homeless child of God shall be turned away. The candles shine all night and may be snuffed only by those having the name of Mary.

A cup and saucer is placed on the table for the entertainment of wandering souls from purgatory, who are believed to come home for Christmas.

The children of Holland are up early on Christmas morning to see what St. Nick left in their wooden shoes to replace the hay and carrots they left for his horse the previous night. After church, groups of men are seen going from house to house singing carols. They are grotesquely dressed.

The chimes in the five hundred-year-old Cathedral in Belgium ring out the call to Christmas services. Hundreds of children rise to see what St. Nick left them in their stockings. After that they parade through the streets, brightly dressed following the priest, who is singing Christmas chants.

The immortal ancient carol, "Silent Night-Holy Night," rings through the houses in Germany as children await the coming of Kris Kringle. Hand-carved gifts, the "Tannenbaum," or Christmas tree, and toy-giving play major parts in the never-failing source of enchantment and excitement for young and old alike.

In Switzerland Christmas is celebrated on December 5. "Samichlaus," as he is known among the townsfolk, is usually played by a young Bishop, accompanied by grotesquely-masked attendant Bishops carrying the triple purse associated with St. Nicholas. They are accompanied by a procession of little boys from the village church.

Through-out the world the Christmas season prevails. The holiday is celebrated in many different ways, but means the same thing over the entire world. Christmas—Christ's-mass.

Secretary-Treasures Tell Tales

ANITA AUGUSTINE

In the "City of Power and Progress" the Augustine family—Mother, Dad, and Anthony welcomed me on September 9, 1938.



Being the oldest girl in the family has its advantages, especially since we have just one other little mite of a girl. The other two boys, younger than I, do "look up" to their big sis, especially so, since I'm now the oldest at home.

Montgomery Wards claims the spare time after school hours, so perhaps I can say my hobby is to earn shekels to help pay for all those extras that hound a senior in high school.

After graduation, I hope to attend Wayne State Teachers College to prepare me for the teaching profession.

MIKE MICEK

On the 29th of September, 1938 I became the first born of Mr. and Mrs. Alphons Micek. I attended grade school at St. Stanislaus school in Duncan; my home town. I went one year to St. Joseph's Seminary, but dropped out because I couldn't keep my grade up. I then started my freshman grade over here in St. Bon's. I am a junior; 5' 11" and 173.



My hobby (which I don't keep up) is collecting figurines. My favorite sport is ice skating and I also enjoy watching and playing baseball.

I have been thinking about taking nurses training after graduation, but so far that is an undecided affair.

JO ANN BOTHE

On September 11, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bothe welcomed me, their second daughter, into their midst. This great event took place in the little town of Lindsay, Nebraska. How-



ever, when I was but five years young our new home town became Columbus.

St. Bon's is the only school I have attended—and that is not half bad, either.

What I enjoy doing most is yelling at our football and basketball games, attending the Youth Center activities, ice skating and dancing to the enchanting melodies of a good orchestra, or to the tunes of the juke box.

After my high-school days come to a close, I plan to attend college in preparation for a teaching career.

P. S. Nope, there is no tooth missing—that's just light and shadow. (My mom doesn't like that about this picture).

JOYCE HANEY

In the year 1941, on a cold February morning, the 17th to be exact, I saw the light of day. I'm the only girl in the family and have but one brother older than I. I am now a freshman, and have attended St. Bonaventure' since the second grade.



My hobby (which I don't keep up) is collecting figurines. My favorite sport is ice skating and I also enjoy watching and playing baseball.

I have been thinking about taking nurses training after graduation, but so far that is an undecided affair.

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MARCH OF DIMES
in
JANUARY

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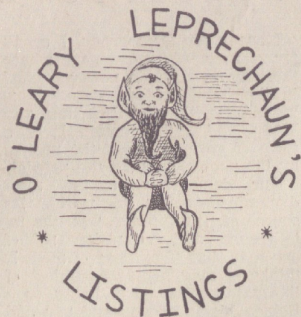
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Well, well, bless me weary bones! It's the Christmas season again. Let me see now — one, two, three — oh! there's lots of "snooping days" left until Christmas. But just to make sure I got mine done, I decided to do it early. I toured the school-halls, classrooms, and library, and here is what I found out the lads and lassies want.

Pat T.—a twin of Nick Wheeler.
Judy O. and Madge T.—A car so we won't have to walk to school.

Rick N.—A softer desk in chemistry class.

Bill M.—Pillow for modern problems class.

Don N.—Something to get me to school on time.

Bea E. — More 'altitude tests' (You mean aptitude?)

Milo H.—A shoestring with big enough shoes to fit me.

Marian S. — Three inches of height.

Anita A.—A billfold that can't possibly run out of money.

Jackie M.—Longer week-ends.

Joan M.—A meatless hamburger for Fridays.

Pat T.—A new paint job for my '39."

Janet M. — A "Doodly Boop." (Tommy got one last year.)

Leonard N.—More Y.C. parties.

Joyce S.—A "tiny" teddy bear.

Ed K.—Money, money, money!

Barb C.—A pair of glasses, Davy Crockett style.

Elaine K.—A gold tack.

Margaret M.—A banana split, hamburger, french fries, malt, and a package of Tums.

Yvonne M.—A live eagle with a black leather jacket on its back.

Mike M.—A two-legged deer (or dear?)

Nancy K. — A monogrammed eraser.

Bob B.—Skirts!! (For your car?)

Leona P.—18 hit records from Station XERF Del Rio, Texas!

Janet S.—A private elevator.

Mary Ellen M.—Milo's smile!

Marilyn A.—A '54 red and black Mercury.

Billie Jean C.—A senior with dimples. (Have one picked out?)

Shirley M.—All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.

Jack J.—A monitors desk that wouldn't look like it was a termites home.

Patty S.—A pet parrot that could say, "This is KOWH, Omaha, Nebraska!"

ROSTER			
CENTERS			
*** Ed Kavanaugh	6-4	Sr.	
Ambrose Placzek	6-0	Sr.	
Corky Kusek	5-9	Fr.	
Dave Altmanshofer	5-8	Fr.	
FORWARDS			
* Dennis Shefcyk	6-2	Jr.	
Tony Kroenke	6-0	Soph.	
Mike Micek	5-11	Jr.	
George Arasmith	5-11	Soph.	
Pat Tooley	5-8	Soph.	
Joe Ryba	5-5	Soph.	
Don Gablenz	5-0	Fr.	
* Floyd Arasmith	6-1	Sr.	
* Don Noonan	6-0	Sr.	
Allen Pensick	5-8	Sr.	
Len Nosal	5-4	Sr.	
Tom Stevens	5-5	Sr.	
Ted Pfeifer	5-8	Jr.	
Phil Zarek	5-8	Jr.	
Don Kaminski	5-7	Soph.	
Ronald Krzycki	5-7	Soph.	
Jim Gregorius	5-4	Fr.	
Virgil Pilekowski	5-2	Fr.	

* (asterisk denotes No. of letters)

Returning Regulars Make Bonnies' Squad Backbone

Coach Bob Costello's veteran squad has been preparing for its debut against the Ramblers of Holy Name on December 6 on the home court. The returning regulars are: Ed Kavanaugh, 6-4 senior center; Floyd Arasmith, 6-1 senior guard; Don Noonan 6 foot senior guard; and Dennis Shefcyk, 6-2 junior forward. The other starting slot is undecided, with Len Nosal, 5-4 senior, and Tony Kroenke, 6 foot sophomore, the high bidders. Rounding out the 10 man varsity squad are: Ambrose Placzek, a steady 6 foot senior center, who got in several games last year as a sub; Mike Micek, hard-working 5-11 junior forward; and a pair of hustling senior guards, Allen Pensick, 5-8, and Tom Stevens, 5-4.

Mr. Costello has had the squad working pretty briskly, and indicates he has been pretty well pleased with the performance of the players thus far. While making no predictions, he believes the squad can improve on last year's 7-11 mark if the key men come through and get support from the newcomers.

With overall height not a problem, one of the team's chief objectives will have to be a buildup in speed and ball-handling capability.



Ed Kavanaugh is beginning his third year as a regular. Last year he paced the squad in scoring, marking up 272 points in 18 games and setting a new school record with a 35 point scoring spree against Wayne. Ed is a fine rebounder and if he gets some help in that department, may prove to be an even greater scoring threat.

Floyd Arasmith is a returning regular at a guard spot. Floyd has been hitting the hoop pretty consistently during the past season and should continue to pile up the points this year. He led Shamrock scorers in the first few games and was a consistent performer in all the contests, having an average of 11 points per game.



Dennis Shefcyk, a junior who earned a starting spot in the latter stages of last season, is holding down a forward berth. Shefcyk should lend strength to the team's rebounding, and has shown a potential scoring punch.

Irish Trounce Fullerton Five

Picking up its third straight victory of the season, the Shamrocks defeated the Fullerton five on the enemy court.

Kavanaugh Scores 26

Ed Kavanaugh paced the Irish by controlling the boards and firing 26 points. Dennis Shefcyk tallied with 19 and a good share of rebounds. The Warriors, lacking height, but being speedy stayed close behind the Shamrocks only in the first period.

Standouts for the losers were Clyde Haskins who dumped 11 points and made a little ground in the last minutes along with Doug Travers, when Coach Costello swept the bench. Phil Dean also turned in a good floor game.

Looper Ties Score

The last threat from the Fullerton club came late in the opening period when Doug Ratcliff's looper from the keyhole tied the Irish 9-9.

Shefcyk Adds Nine

The Shamrocks pulled away from the Warriors in the second stanza when Ed Kavanaugh made four fade away shots, two close in ones and a setup. Shefcyk tossed in nine points in the third quarter to keep the home team rolling along with help from Kavanaugh who made four more buckets and three quick setups by Floyd Arasmith.



Don Noonan, the other guard, is also a returning first stringer. Don was an outstanding free-throw shooter, hitting 64 out of 84. He showed a lot of improvement during the last half of the season, and had an 11 point game average.



Tony Kroenke, is only a sophomore, but has shown a good deal of promise. His height is one of his major qualifications and he has the ability to become a fine marksman.

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Do You Have It?

What is school spirit? It is, in truth, composed of many things of which the following are just a few. They are: Coming to school in 90 degree weather in sweaters and corduroys 'cause it's game day.

Coming to games in 30 degree weather in majorette outfits 'cause the show must go on. Hollering yourself hoarse every Friday P.M. Freezing your hands playing your instrument at a game. (It's happened.)

Falling off goal posts. (While decorating them.)

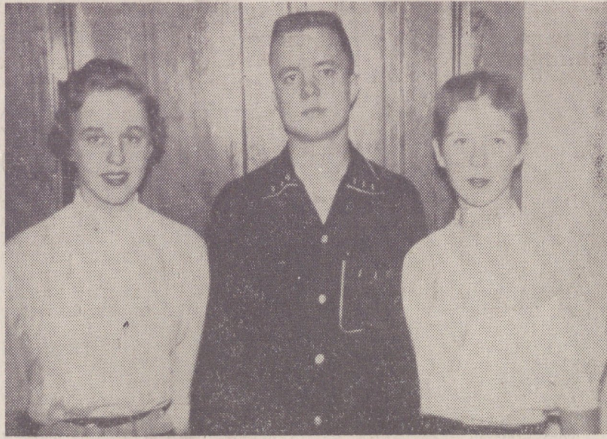
Tormenting freshies.

Bowing to seniors.

Crying at music contests. (Regardless of whether it's a 1 or a 3.)

Crying or smiling at graduation. (As the case may be.)

That kids, is school spirit and as Gobel would say, "You can't hardly get that kind no more—but we've suuuuuure got it!"



Elaine Boettcher, Jerry Micek, and Sharon Hoshor winners of the "I Speak For Democracy" Contest.

Micek's Prize-Winning Essay 'I Speak For Democracy'

I speak for Democracy. I speak for a form of government where there is no absolute power packed in the hands of one man. It is individuals like you, Bob, and you Mary, and I that count. It is a form of government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Our democracy is the most dynamic force in the world. Its source of power is the will, the intelligence, and the vision, not of one man, but of millions of men. It thinks of man not as a subject of the state but as a free being, as a Bob, a Mary, as you and you and me. Is not democracy as demonstrated in this country a new way to man's freedom? It accords to every man the freedom to think, to speak, to worship, to dream, to accomplish. It bestows on every man unexampled rights, liberties, and opportunities.

Our democracy is strong because it promotes individuals. Its success is the sum total of millions of individual achievements. Instead of centralizing responsibility for welfare, we distribute the burden. Our democracy rests not on the shoulders of one, but on the good sense of many.

Over all the world the heart of man is hungry for faith. Man wants to believe he can earn his way to a better position. He does not want something for nothing. He wants opportunity along with others working beside him. Opportunity, that is the only true security — a fair opportunity, an honest opportunity. (That is afforded man, in our democratic way of life.) Destroy man's urge to improve his own position and you destroy his God given rights—you destroy his dignity as man.

Sometimes men abroad appreciate better what we have than we do ourselves. That is why so many in distress live to come to our shores and live under the stars and stripes. It is not natural resources and riches, palaces and cities, family names and traditions that make us different — Russia has natural resources—China has palaces—England has family names and traditions—it is opportunity that makes the difference. Where else in the world do you find the zeal that fire men as here to seek better positions. There is no limit to opportunity. Man possesses here all the liberties of choice by which he may direct his own spiritual, social, and material welfare.

Is there even an underdog that would exchange what is available here for that which is available in any dictator nation? Where else could any man, any individual, you or I, start with a job and dream that he might some day own the business?

Our democracy is a beacon

light in a world of darkness. Yet somehow to you and to me the true meaning of democracy is a kind of everyday living. It is hot dogs and baseball. It is the evening paper and the informing neighborhood gossip. It is rugged mountains and broad, flat plains. It is big cities and small towns. It is the gang and your girl. It is a home you can call your own. It is a good job—your own job. It is an opportunity to climb. Sometimes you get to the top—other times you don't. But you still have the chance to try.

As long as you and I can step as high as we want, without stepping on anyone else's right; as long as we have the right to work, we live in a democracy.

True, our democracy may appear inefficient. Only dictators claim infallibility. But judge our democracy not by its awkwardness, its inaptitudes are by-products of its strength. Dictators cannot afford to cut and try. Through trial and error, through the interplay of efforts is developed resistance — comes growth. This persistent pursuit of new outlets is what keeps democracy perpetually young.

"The price of our democracy is eternal vigilance," and we have to fight. We don't fight for a leader, a president, or a dictator. We fight for our ideals, our friends, our families, our loved one—we fight for democracy.

We have enough confidence in the quiet, patient, sensible determined judgment of the American people. We have enough faith in the individuals, in you and you, to know that you will never allow this land of opportunity to be subjugated to any system.

Democracy, the people's right to breathe, to worship, to speak, to think, to dream, to accomplish—a free man. That's it! I speak for Democracy.

World's Oldest Sport Retains First Place

Hunting is about the oldest sport on the continent. In the earliest ages, hunting was necessary as a means of livelihood. Nevertheless, regardless of its age, it remains the best of all sports.

It feels good to get out in the open, away from the city, to have a rabbit, pheasant, or duck dart in front of one's gun.

However, the most important thing to remember when hunting is gun safety. Watch, no doubly watch, that the safety catch is on when climbing over fences or other obstacles; for that matter, it should be on at all times, and off only when preparing to shoot. Really, anyone with common sense should be able to handle a gun.

Not only can one hunt small game as mentioned above, but bigger game such as deer, antelope, bear, moose, and mountain goats can become victims of a well-manned gun.

In Nebraska, deer is the biggest game available. Nebraska hunters go out of the State to capture big game.

Boys and men enjoy hunting most, but once in a while the ladies, too, have their names in print for having bagged a worthwhile trophy.

Be sure to know the State laws regulating hunting before throwing that gun in the car, and marching for the wide open spaces.

POLIO RECOVERY RATE HIGH

Fifty out of every 100 polio patients recover completely. Another 30 have some muscle weakness, but not enough to be apparent in normal life; 14 are severely paralyzed. Fewer than five die. The March of Dimes has helped more people recover.

'LUNG' CARE COSTLY

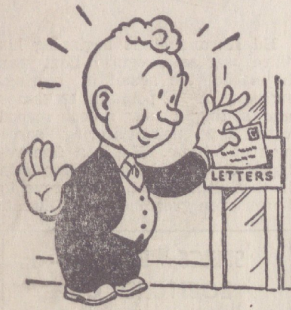
There are still thousand of long-term polio patients who depend on mechanical devices to stay alive. Care for a single iron-lung patient may cost more than \$20,000 in March of Dimes funds.

POLIO PATIENTS 'WEANED'

The strangest "weaning" in the world is getting a polio patient out of an iron lung. From the lung to a rocking bed, then to a portable lung, then out for good, if possible, is the unique process developed through March of Dimes funds.

VACCINE RESEARCH GOES ON

The Salk vaccine will prevent paralytic polio in three out of four cases but scientists, through the March of Dimes, are seeking to increase this protection.



What They Say

'Sugar 'n Spice All Things Nice'

To the Venture Staff:

Congratulations to the four winners of Press Convention Awards! Keep up the excellent work in journalism.

Your first issue was very good, considering the fact that, as usual, the majority of the work was done by Sister M. Cyrill, the Editor and a few dependable Staff members.

I hope that these awards will arouse the interest of other staff members, and cooperation toward future issues will be better.

May God Bless You Always.

Sincerely,
Nancy Boettcher

Dear Staff:

Accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for the joy you imparted to us by sending "The Venture". God bless and reward you.

Sister M. Emilie and Sisters

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Don Noonan and Joan Minette Get 'Sweetheart Party' Royalty Crowns

Don Noonan, King of Hearts and Joan Minette, Queen of Hearts were crowned during the evening festivities of the annual "Sweetheart Party" held at the Youth Center.

Attending the royal couple were Norma Irwin and Mark Kobus; Frances Valasek and Milo Herink. Immediately following the crowning ceremonies the King and Queen began the dancing program with a solo performance. Soon thereafter, they were joined by their attendants. Finally, all present became part of the merrily dancing group.

Party Came Early
Due to the heavy basketball schedule and tourney games that are on the docket for the real Valentine season, the party came a bit early this year.

Decorations Add Charm
The Youth Center was charmingly decorated for the occasion. Red and white streamers made a bower under which stood the festooned king and queen chairs. These too, were draped with red and white.

Hearts of various sizes, arranged in Valentine designs, augmented the wall decorations. The luncheon table, covered with a beautiful white linen cloth, had an arrangement of red and white candles; red

and white streamers. The guest tables carried center pieces of valentine cards and streamers.

Seniors Provide Refreshments
Later in the evening, refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, and cup cakes were served. The luncheon was prepared and served by the seniors.

The proceeds of the party was added to the Bona Venture annual fund. Editor Carroll Novicki and co-editor, Judy Olivetti bestowed the honors upon the King and Queen of Hearts.

City Schools See Business Guests

Friday, February 10, saw Columbus businessmen visiting the various schools of the city.

St. Bonaventure high and grade schools had as guests Miss Betty Haller, and Messrs. Rich, Bickerman, Kincaid, Liss, Pariso, McAuliff, Gregorius, Friedman, and Thelle.

Under the supervision of the cafeteria ladies, Mesdames German, Micek, Robb, Sebek, and Sokol, a luncheon was served in the social hall after classes had been dismissed. Rev. Roch Hettinger, O. F. M., presented each visitor with a green and white St. Bonaventure High School eversharp.

Commerce Students Become Shorthand Contest Minded During This New Semester

The members of the secretarial training class, the shorthand class, and Sister M. Cyrill have become contest minded during this new semester. They have entered the Esterbrook Gregg Shorthand contest, and also the Forty-Third International O.G.A. Contest.

Instructions for each of the contests were sent to Sister M. Cyrill, who in turn, encouraged student participation.

Special Pen Used

The Esterbrook shorthand contest must be written with an Esterbrook Fountain Pen with an approved Gregg point. Other than that, the only requirement of the contest is that the contestants use their greatest skill in making the shorthand outlines of the contest copy.

O.G.A. Again Popular

The international O.G.A. Contest is a universally popular event. Notes are rated on fluency of writing; correct formation of curves, blends, and other characters; proportion in the length of strokes and sizes of circles; and on facility of joinings. The contest copy may previously be practiced to develop the contestant's best style.

The secretarial training students and Sister Cyrill had previously participated in the O.G.A. Contest. This year a higher rating than last year is the goal of the contestants.

Bookkeeping Contest Is A Must
Another contest that is a must is that in bookkeeping. The 19th Annual International Bookkeeping Contest is just off the press. Last year 10,184 students took part. This

year, St. Bon's students again will be counted as participants.

The contest rules and problems reinforce the teacher's emphasis on accuracy, on neatness, and on both the mechanics and theory of bookkeeping, thus setting the stage for better work throughout the spring semester.

Typists Speed Ahead

Not to be overlooked is the Competent Typist Tests which offer opportunity to speed ahead. This copy is found each month in Today's Secretary. Winners in the various brackets will be announced in subsequent issues of The Venture.

'Mystical Rose' Business Session Precedes Separate Group Meet

"The Mystical Rose" Sodality met in the high school auditorium on the first Thursday of February, at 1:00 p.m. After the usual business meeting, the chair turned the meeting over to the twenty associate officers. Each of these officers presided over a meeting of his individual committee.

It was a sight to behold—twenty separate groups of young people in one large room—each group engaged in orderly discussion and intently interested in the subject being deliberated.

At the close of the meeting, the leaders submitted to the General Council a list of virtues and faults the students would like discussed in subsequent meetings. They made known in writing their

Good Students Merit Coveted Glory Others Enter Lower Bracket Group Barometer Registers Zero Mark

Semester exams brought well-earned glory to a few—the good students—those who gave to each day's assignment the very best that could be given. To some others it spelled joy for having made the grade, despite the not too whole-hearted, stick-to-it-tiveness required to gain a place in the upper bracket. To another some, a bit of gloom was the portion because the barometer didn't register above zero.

All three classes of students as shown above were found in this semester's final reckoning. Now the top students must strive to maintain the standing achieved. The ordinary students have the opportunity to put forth better efforts for the ensuing semester—to try to reach the top. The flunkers will have to straddle the hurdle of a semester F, plus the ability to prove the capability to do the required task in the second semester.

Point System Inaugurated
Students attain the Honor Bracket by the point system inaugurated at St. Bonaventure High this year. An A grade entitles one to three honor points; a B grade carries two honor points. Achievement is honored in the A and B brackets only. To be considered, a student must carry nothing lower than a B in Religion, conduct, and the four solids.

Pensick Leads Seniors
Allen Pensick leads the senior class with 19 Honor Points; Carroll Novicki—18; Thomas Stevens—17; Maxine Schuele — 16; Patricia Schuele—16; Beatrice Euteneuer—14; Ann Schilz—13.

Junior Boys Miss Points
Conspicuous for their absence from the honor roll, are the junior boys. However, Elaine Boettcher holds 17 Honor Points; Yvonne Mitera—13; Corrine Sebek—11.

Sophs Boast Numbers
Honorable honors go to the sophomore group for two reasons—this class has the largest number represented on the Honor Roll, and Mary Kay Wozny received the greatest number of Honor Points;

Mary Kay is an A student, and she is carrying five solids. Her score stands at 20 Honor Points. Dennis Daly—16; Mary Jo Dush—15; Judie Bator — 14; Gaylord Kafka — 14; Mary Ellen Minette—14; Delores Shefcyk—13; Donald Kaminski—12; Paul Langan—12; Pat Tooley—12; Ed Stevens—11; Richard Sansoni—11.

Frosh Take Second Place

Second place in the number of representatives on the Honor Roll goes to the freshmen group. Studious Kathleen Sokol garnered 17 Honor Points; Donald Gablenz—16; Ronald Jonas — 15; Joyce Haney—15; John Scharff—15; William Schuele—14; Darlene Czuba—14; James Schmit — 14; Anthony Labenz—14.

Family Honors Achieved

To the Schuele students—Maxine, Patricia, and William; also to the Stevens' boys—Thomas and Ed—go the Family Honors since all achieved Honor Roll status at the end of this semester.

Dr. W. Klopfer Speaks On 'Emotional' Problems At St. Bon's PTA Meet

"Emotional Problems of Children" was the topic presented by Walter Klopfer, Ph. D., chief psychologist at the Norfolk state hospital, when he appeared as a guest speaker last night at the St. Bonaventure PTA meeting.

Dr. Klopfer discussed emotional problems in the different stages of a child's life, from pre-school age through the teens, and stressed the importance of love and affection in rearing a child.

"Naturally", he said, "a child's first model is his parents, and second is his teacher, therefore it is important that the parents and teachers work together to mold the child."

Miss Cicarello Leads Discussion
A question and answer period followed, and Dr. Klopfer was assisted by Miss Cicarello, psychology intern. Joe Wilhelm, program chairman for the evening, introduced the speaker.

The regular business session was conducted by Francis Haney, vice-president, in the absence of president, Mrs. Maurice Woodworth.

Mrs. Kusek Gives Report

Mrs. Adam Kusek reported on the petition against the sale of indecent literature which appeared before the city council meeting January 18.

Mrs. Petu Scharff reported on the success of the city-wide parent education group. Mrs. Walter Keating announced that the St. Bonaventure P.T.A. unit now has 325 members.

The budget and finance committee announced that they were having a food sale.

Room count prize was awarded to Mrs. Egger's class 2B.

Dad's Make Hit

It was "Dad's Night", and refreshments were served by Joe Gdowski and committee.

Chocolate cake only as "Dad" could make, made a hit with the Moms.

Revamped Schedule Helps Student Body

Changes in the second semester schedule have been made with the hope that it will make class times more convenient for all concerned. Revamping the schedule gives some students a study hall in the a.m. rather than two in the p.m.

First off, there have been no changes in Religion periods or instructors. However, Miss Power has taken over Mr. Costello's world geography classes. This makes it possible to offer a course in mechanical drawing. Mr. Costello will now confine his teaching exclusively to manual training and athletics.

There have been no other major changes in the schedule, but some minor ones have been made. Sr. Bernadis' geometry class meets at the seventh period instead of the third, Sr. Leonella has taken over another English class and Sr. Gerard now has two study periods in the library.

Constitution Speech Is Order of Day For History Group

A ten minute speech on the Constitution is the order of the day for all junior and senior history students.

The contest is sponsored by the American Legion and is part of an Americanism program designed to encourage high school students to study, understand, appreciate, and speak publicly on the Constitution of the United States.

All girls and boys in high school are eligible to enter. The speech must be from ten to twelve minutes long and besides this the student must be able to speak extemporaneously for four to six minutes on any phase of the Constitution.

The local contest will be held February 16, at the Kramer High School auditorium.

The local winner will be awarded a U.S. Savings Bond, and will compete in the district contest. There will also be state and national contests.



Janet Melcher, Editor-in-Chief of THE VENTURE consults with page editors, Judy Olivetti, Anita Augustine, Joan Minette, and Carroll Novicki about the February issue.

Co-editors, Elaine Boettcher, Michael Micek, and Nancy Beck figure page layouts for news, sports, and editorials as their contribution to the February issue of the paper.





During Lent with Jesus abide Let Him find you often at His side.

Wednesday evenings—
Way of the Cross
Sermon, Benediction
Friday evenings—
Sorrowful
Mother Novena, Benediction

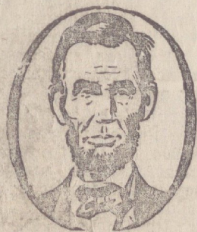
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Sunday evenings—
Way of the Cross
Rosary, Benediction

Bonnies Agenda

February
11 Concordia
12 Corporate Communion
14 Wayne (here)
15 Ash Wednesday
17 Clarkson (there)
19 Sodality Meet
20-24 District Tourney
21 PTA Meeting
22 Student Council Meeting
29 Once in Four Years
March
2 First Friday
3 All Day Adoration (Spend an hour with Him)



Catholic Books For Catholics

This, the month of February, is what is commonly known as Catholic Press Month. It is the month in which all writers for the Catholic Press are recognized and generally honored. "Why should the 'Catholic Press' be held above the others?" one might ask. The answer to many problems is presented to one in a good book or article; or vice-versa, a problem can be presented through temptation by bad literature.

If one should pick up a novel written by a person with no faith, leaf through the pages, and occasionally read bits, he would get a glimpse of what the author would probably call "modern sex," "part-of-growing-up," and "justified actions." In one of these so called good books (maybe even an academy award winner) sex is ridiculed, and "delinquency" and "crime" are upheld rather than fought against.

The books and articles published by the Catholic Press Organizations are approved books. Not all other books are condemned, but one sure way for one to make certain that he is buying a good book is for him to buy one printed by the Catholic Press.

Janet Melcher

Teen-Agers Take Stand

So much has been said about juvenile delinquents, the "what-is-this-coming-to" generation, the crazy mixed up teen-agers, who don't know what they want, that it isn't a wonder we teen-agers have become confused. Are we really as bad as they say we are?

Statistics prove we aren't! Actually, less than four per cent of all the teen-agers in the United States are classified as delinquents of some sort. And how some people feel justified in judging 16 1/2 million teen-agers by the actions of a measly four per cent is beyond me.

Never before has any one generation received such sharp criticism or have been under such intense scrutiny by society as ours. The distorted picture of today's teenager is the kid wearing the baggy sweater and the "scuffed bucks", with one hand held by a psychiatrist and the other clasped by a parole officer.

But Dr. Bernice Melburn Moore has a different picture. She states that, "today's younger generation is an astonishingly sound and intelligent group of young citizens." I tend to agree with her, on the whole anyway!

Even some parents have confidence in their off-spring. One father of a 17-year-old boy was asked if he thought today's teen-agers would meet the essential dimensions of adulthood and citizenship and he answered this way: "I think so. They've had more opportunities and more advice than any other generation. They'll listen to one-tenth the advice—and take advantage of most of their opportunities. They'll do better than we have done."

Elaine Boettcher

Presidents Tell Tales

ALLEN PENSICK

My name is Allen Pensick. I first came to see the light of day on November 26, 1938. My early life is unimportant because I spent that part of it as a n y other child, unless being the baby of

the family makes a difference. Good old Saint Bon's became my Alma Mater in the second grade, and I have been here ever since.

For my favorite activities, music and sports are tops. I also serve as president of the student council and vice president of the band.



WILLIAM MARKHOFFER

At Baptism the name William was given to me, but all my friends call me Bill. I was born at a very early age, (of course) on December 5, 1937 here in Columbus.

I have two sisters; one married and the other in grade school. I am president of the school band. My favorite hobbies are fishing and miniature woodcarving.



TED PFEIFER

On April 1, sixteen years ago, I was born in Pierce, Nebraska. I have no special hobbies but I do like to play in the band. I have been in the band five years now, and a tenor sax takes my wind.

I also like sports. Basketball and track are my favorites.

I like to drive cars too (it's easier on the feet). I used to drive a red and black job, but I was afraid it wasn't long for this world, so I quit driving it. (Or perhaps I would not have been long in this world).

As for the future, I haven't decided exactly what I'd like to do, but I have another year to think that over. (Time and tide might wait for this baby of the family).

The presidency of the Y-C does keep me busy after school hours.



MARGARET MIELAK

The great city of Columbus had an addition to the population when I was born 16 years ago at St. Mary's hospital. I've lived in the same house, town, county, and state all my life.

Before my school days I spent most of my time loafin'! This still takes up quite a bit of my time, although I do manage to squeeze in some work and once in a while a few studies. The rest of my spare hours are taken up with school activities, to mention a few—band, glee, choir, student council, and my office as president of the Pep Club.

As for hobbies, I really don't have any although I enjoy good movies and music. I also love sports, especially football and basketball.



A Senior, Do Tell!

As I sat in the senior room study hall this morning, I caught myself watching one of the seniors. I didn't mean to be staring, but since I am an underclassman, I decided to see how a senior studies—they're supposed to set the example!

This senior happened to be one of the fairer sex, slightly on the blond side. She has, I think, blue eyes. (I couldn't tell because right at the moment she had her head down on the desk.)

Now she sits up, combs her hair, and starts to leaf through a book called, Modern Problems.

She glances out the window as she puts the book again in the desk. (Probably looking at the snow.)

As she goes to lay her head down once more the bell dongs. So that's how a senior studies!

Grads' Wedding Bells Ring

Arthur R. Roddy '53.....	Mary Ann Kush
Wayne Harrington.....	Joan Siemek '53
Martin Taylor.....	Mary Paprocki '52
William Merrill '48.....	Elaine Fickel
Thomas Ryba.....	Jeanette Fyfe '54
Robert Poe.....	Patricia Johnson '54
Harold Coulter.....	Shirley Sullivan '54
Bruce Brandenburgh.....	Betty Dineen '56

Happy Birthday Add Another Candle

February	
2.....	Larry Dischner
4.....	Patricia Tworek
9.....	Robert Beck
10.....	Clifford Finkral
11.....	Thomas Stevens
	Leona Paprocki
	Phil Zarek
	Alfred Hanus
12.....	Carroll Novicki
14.....	Allan Kusek
17.....	Joyce Haney
17.....	Jean Enyeart
21.....	George Arasmith
	Ed Peterson
24.....	Patty Liss
	Bernardine Paprocki
27.....	Geraldine Cockson
	Donald Gablenz
March	
5.....	Lorraine Paprocki
9.....	Leroy Seiler
11.....	Nick Wheeler
12.....	Mary E. Minette
13.....	Margie Sliva
14.....	Janet Sliva

Shamrock Shenanigans

They Are All Irish

Exam Troubles—Great Scott, I've forgotten who wrote Ivanhoe, and can you tell me who in the dickens wrote The Tale of Two Cities? * M *

Father Roch—"We are living in the Atomic Age. We'll be flying in cars pretty soon—but not I. When I went on my vacation recently, the attendant at the service station asked if I wanted flight fuel. No thanks, I just want gasoline was my rejoinder." * M *

Senior Motto as given by Ambrose Placzek — "Climb Through the Rocks—Be Rugged!" * M *

Sister Bernardis in geometry class — "With what is pi always associated?" Carroll Novicki—"Coffee". * M *

Mike Micek in geometry—"But sister, what if the circle is off?" Jackie Michaelisen—"Well, Mike, then it would be like you." * M *

Who has the most curled hair at St. Bons? Ask Elaine Wieser. * M *

At Sodality Meeting—(After Prefect had asked for a motion on designated prayers.)

Dennis Schefcyk—"I move that from now on, we all begin to go steady . . . (the ensuing laughter prevented 'Dennis' finishing the statement—"with Jesus and Mary by means of renewing the Morning Offering frequently.") * M *

Ed Stevens was displaying his Birthday gift from Mother and Dad. (Some of that green folding stuff we all like.) Ed thought Grandmother was asleep, but suddenly she said: "Where did you get those bills? They look just like some I have." * M *

At the close of catechetical instructions at Schuyler, one of the seventh grade boys said: "Sister, I like listening to you just about as good as Bishop Sheen." (Now that high school teacher from St. Bons has a feather in her hat.) * M *

Sister Edwina in Latin II class—"Give the declension of Duc in the active and passive, present, perfect and future tenses in both Latin and English."

Kenny Nosal — "What about Greek, Sister?" * M *

Sr. Leonella in English X—"Give an exclamatory sentence." Bill Reuss — After deliberate thought—"Yippee!" * M *

Special lessons on how to fall gracefully into nice sewer water are given by Judie Bator. No charge. * M *

Miss Power in English XII—"Janet, say euphony voluminously." Janet—"Eu-eu-yeah!" * M *

Whether it's blue or green ink, Joyce Schaefer drips it in the halls. Soon students will be investigating the case of "The Inkspots". * M *

One inquisitive senior to another—"Where's Floyd Arasmith these days?" "Oh, he's in the horse-pital!" (You meant hospital, didn't you Janet?) * M *

It seems that Mark Kobus and Ken Nosal can't keep their P's and Q's straight in shop. A suggestion—mark your lumber so you'll know which belongs to whom and there'll be less fighting and more work from now on.

Grease Lightnin'!

Grease Lightnin'! Now what can that be? Together the words indicate something slippery and at the same time something speedy.

Since the combination causes a question to arise in the mind recourse to the old dick offers a solution.

Dick says: Grease is an oily matter or buttery preparation especially when not fine or pure; specifically any thick lubricant. Now that does sound slippery, doesn't it?

Dick also says: Lightning is the flashing of light produced by a discharge of atmospheric electricity from one cloud to another or from a cloud to the earth; hence the discharge itself.

Now that does give the impression of speed—that is the flashing part.

To make a long story short, the two words have been used as a name for someone who moves very quickly always, at all times. It may be the pet name given to a student here at St. Bonnies' High or could it be one applicable to a faculty member?

Your guess is just as good as that of the writer of this article.

Sympathy

The faculty and students offer their sincere sympathy to Richard Pensick on the death of his father.

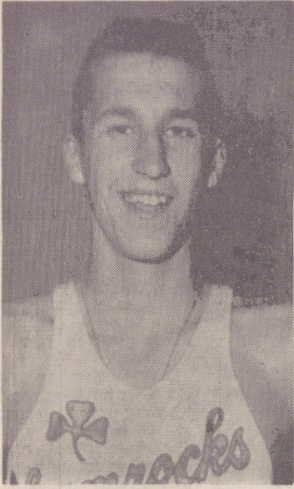
To Sister M. Edwina on the death of her brother-in-law.

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Stanton Invitational Meet Gives Irish Second Place Trophy



Tony Kroenke

Cathedralites Drop St. Bon Loopsters

St. Bonaventure lost their first game of the season to Lincoln Cathedral 54-49. The Shamrocks failed to move the ball effectively and didn't get their share of rebounds especially in the first canto.

Bluebirds Take Lead

The Bluebirds jumped to a 20-7 margin in the first quarter, in which the Shamrocks were without a field goal. The second quarter was the best for the Irish as Kavanaugh dumped in 10 points and Shefcyk 6.

St. Bons didn't gain much ground the second half as Lincoln had 12 to their 11 in the 3rd period and the Shamrocks 13 to the Bluebirds 11 the 4th.

Cripe Paces Winners

Jim Cripe paced the winners with 18 points including 10 for 12 at the charity line, tallied by George Easby who had 12. Shefcyk led the losers with 21 and good work under the boards, and Kavanaugh followed with 17.

Cathedral also capped the preliminaries 57-41. George Arasmith had 18 for the Irish.

Regulars Absence Gives Soph Tony Place In Spotlight

Tony Kroenke, along with the hustling of his other teammates, defeated Madison, despite the absence of three regulars. Kroenke led the victors with 27 points, hitting with accuracy around the key-hole area.

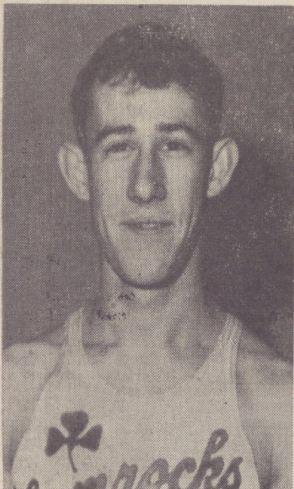
To even things up Terry Major was sidelined by injury. Gene Nielsen and Ron Wolgram carried the load for the loser with 13 and 12 respectively.

Madison Takes Lead

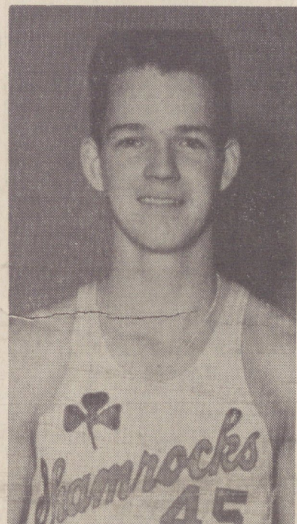
Madison had a 30-29 edge into the 4th period after a see saw battle. Kroenke tied the score in the beginning of the final quarter with a gift toss and Shefcyk dumped one when Kroenke missed his next toss. Then came Kroenke with two buckets to put the Irish ahead 36-30, but Wolgram and Nielsen connected and once more threatened. Len Nosal's looper from the charity arc, a pair of gift tosses by Shefcyk and another bucket by Kroenke made it 42-34, after which Madison was unable to threaten.

Reserves Make Sweep

The Shamrocks made it a clean sweep romping past the Madison reserves 56-27, with Ted Pfeifer leading the way with 16 points.



Floyd Arasmith



Don Noonan

Hoopsters Notch Seventh Victory

The Irish Hoopsters notched their seventh victory by defeating St. Edward, 74-47.

Dennis Shefcyk paced the winners with 22 points. Kavanaugh had 15, Noonan 13, and Kroenke 12. Little Leonard Nosal didn't break into the scoring column, but took the lead in floor play.

Ired Lantz tallied 23 points for the Beavers, but could not get much support from his team-mates.

The Shamrock's jumped into a seven point lead before St. Edward broke the ice and held a comfortable margin the rest of the way.

It was 21-7 at the quarter, and 40-21 at the half. The winners sized for 22 points in the third canto, with Kavanaugh setting the pace until the regular departed, leaving the subs to finish the action. The Beavers made up for some lost ground with an 18 point last quarter thrust.

The junior Shamrock's made it a clean sweep by winning the preliminary 55-50.

St. Mary's Grand Island Hand Irish Season's Second Heartbreaking Setback

Coming from behind 35-43 in the halftime, St. Mary's, Grand Island, scored 31 points in the 3rd quarter to down the Irish for the second setback in 11 outings.

Archie Sawacki's sharp shooting led the winners with 25 points and Bob Rupp tallied with 22 along with good ball handling. Ed Kavanaugh and Dennis Shefcyk had 19 and 18, respectively, for the losers.

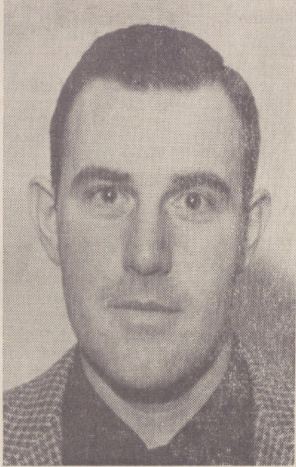
Kavanaugh Sparks Quarter

The Ramblers jumped to a 8-2 lead in the opening courts, but Shefcyk and Noonan carried the load and helped set up a 23-16 quarter mark. Ed Kavanaugh sparked in the 2nd quarter and gained a 43-25 halftime margin.

Third Canto Turns Tide

Late in the 3rd canto Sawacki and Rupp turned the tide for a 54-45 St. Mary's advantage. Noonan's 7 points encouraged the losers and cut the edge down to five points.

In the final period, Noonan dropped one with 1 1/2 minutes left making it 70-72 in favor of St. Mary's. Then Tom Wiech converted on a free throw along with Rupp's field goal and free throw combination with 55 seconds remaining Tony Kroenke closed up the scoring with a basket 10 seconds before the end.



Coach—Bob Costello

Shamrocks Beat Pierce

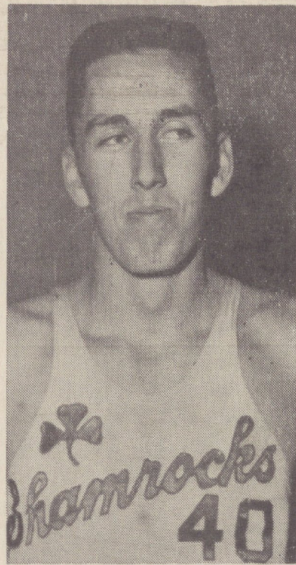
St. Bonaventure's string were led into the semifinals of the Stanton Tournament by Ed Kavanaugh and Dennis Shefcyk after dumping Pierce 57-41. Despite the lack of height, the game was fairly close until the final period.

The Bluejays jumped to a 5-0 lead early in the game and held their slim lead until the end of the quarter, when the Irish got a 13-11 advantage. Pierce kept in the game in the second canto by Dennis Korth's long shooting and it was 29-30 at intermission.

Midway in the third quarter, Pierce came within three points of the Irish before they could control the ball enough to get a field goal. St. Bons moved into the final stanza with a 43-34 advantage.

During the last period, the Irish had everything going their way. They were leading 47-40 with five minutes left when Pierce started a tight man-to-man defense. This must have been what the Shamrocks awaited, for, within three minutes they collected 10 points. For the final two minutes, Pierce went into a stall.

Kavanaugh scored 23 points and Shefcyk 17 to carry the load for the Irish.



Ed Kavanaugh

'Big Gun' Blasts St. Pat's Hopes

Cool and accurate Ed Kavanaugh, who scored 25 points was the "big gun" in blasting the hopes of St. Pat's to the tune of 60-49.

The Shamrocks had a 13-10 lead after the opening quarter. The second canto Don Noonan hit a long fielder that loosened up the Knight's defense, thus opening the way for Ed to score from the key-hole. Noonan became handicapped when he received his fourth foul near the end of the half, but continued to play with coolness and stayed in until midway in the final quarter.

Leading 41-27 midway in the 3rd canto Dave Jonas and Jim Kurovski caught fire and whittled the lead to 48-40. Then Tony Kroenke hit 3 buckets and along with rebounding put the Shamrocks back into a more comfortable lead.

Once more Kavanaugh came to prove his abilities when he dumped 8 markers in the final 4 minutes of the game.

St. Bon's won the preliminaries in a thrilling 30-29 victory.

Howells Defeat Gives Bons Hope

St. Bon's dropped Howells 55-45, to earn a shot at the title trophy in the Stanton Invitational Tournament. Clarkson downed Stanton, 65-61, and will provide the opposition.

St. Bonaventure had a fairly rough chore with the determined Howell's team, although they gained the lead in the second quarter and stayed on top the rest of the game. The Columbus' cagers missed a flock of easy shots, particularly in the opening half.

Ed Kavanaugh again paced the Irish, totaling 21 points and doing a rugged job under the boards. Dennis Shefcyk had 13 and Allen Pensick turned in a good floor game.

Dennis Hilz pepped Howells with 15 points and Dave Wragge accounted for 14.

The margin was 9-11 at the quarter. In the second quarter, Don Noonan's swisher put the Shamrock's ahead, 14-13, and they went on to a 23-18 intermission edge.

Howells crowded close early in the third quarter, but the Irish pulled away. The spread remained 38-28 at the end of the quarter, and the Shamrocks sewed it up in the first three minutes of the final stanza, building its lead to 45-31.

Thriller Downs University '5'

The Shamrocks, playing their best ball of the season, downed University High Club by a score of 73-56 in a thrilling game.

Coach Costello's crew used a torrid fourth quarter to annex their ninth victory of the season.

The invaders, using speed and deft ball handling to offset the tremendous Shamrock work under the boards, managed to pull within three points of the home team early in the final quarter—but then, in all-out ballhawking efforts, piled up fouls and the Irish built an overwhelming advantage from the charity line.

Seniors Win Laurels

It was a fine team showing by the Irish, but the biggest laurels rested with the standout work of seniors Don Noonan and Ed Kavanaugh.

Noonan Top Performer

Noonan turned in the top performance of his career by bombarding the hoop for 30 points, and seemed to have the clutch basket when the Tutors threatened.

It was Kavanaugh, sweeping both boards, who led the Irish rebounding which restricted the Tutors to only one shot on nearly all of their offensive thrusts. The big center also chalked up 15 points.

The other able workers were: Dennis Shefcyk with 13 points; Tony Kroenke with 11; and Len Nosal and Allen Pensick, who alternated effectively at a guard spot.

Hunsacher Leads U. High

Bill Hunsacher, a 6-2 smoothie, paced the Lincoln team with 19 points, backed by Mary Bauer with 13 and Harry Hugh with 10.

The Shamrocks, playing perfect ball, rode to an 18-8 margin early in the game. The margin was 23-14 at the quarter, and narrowed down to 34-32 at the half.

Lincoln Takes Lead

The Lincoln club held a two point lead for a short time early in the third quarter, but the Shamrocks were ahead 51-45 at the end of the third canto. The victors roared out of reach in the final stanza as the game ended 73-56.

Irish Rating Rises

This victory gives the Irish an impressive 9-1 record. By virtue of this game, the World Herald rates the Irish fifth in class B, and The Lincoln Star has them fourth.

Clarkson's Take First Cage Honors

Clarkson took first honors in the finals of the Stanton Invitational by a score of 63-54.

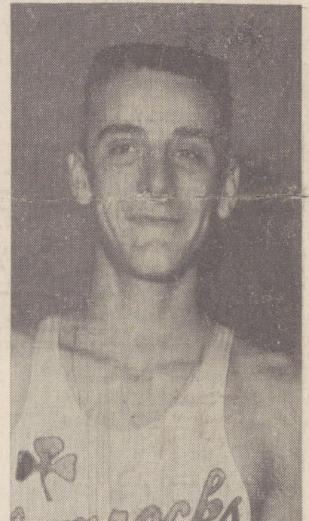
It was a nip and tuck battle the first three quarters, with Clarkson leading 46-44 at the end of the third period. Don Noonan tied things up with a close in bucket in the beginning of the final period. The first half was a see-saw battle with the lead changing hands on six occasions and a tie appearing on the scoreboards seven times.

All-state, Bob Moore, paced the score for the winners with 23 points and Duane Suehla followed with 17. Ed Kavanaugh, who played his best all-around game for the Irish and who by far was the top rebounder, dumped 10 field goals; Noonan tallied with 13 points. Floyd Arasmith played a good floor game to help out the Shamrocks, and Prazak along with Longacre aided the Red Devils.

The Irish were unable to cash in at the charity line where they hit only 10 for 30.

Both teams lost two players via the foul route. Clarkson lost Dor Rezericek late in the second period and Suehla in the closing minutes of the game. Shefcyk fouled out midway in the third quarter and Kavanaugh didn't part until the final minute, although he had four fouls early in the third period.

St. Bonaventure was still in the game when the clock showed less than four minutes to play, by a score of 49-54. But free shots by Moore and Prazak and a side looper by Smejkal built the Clarkson lead to nine points which they maintained to the end.



Dennis Shefcyk

Irish Breeze Past St. Francis Five

The Shamrock subs took over in the second half after the varsity had wheeled to a 45-13 halftime margin, and brought the final tally to 82-32.

Shefcyk Bags Eighteen

Dennis Shefcyk bagged 18 points and Ed Kavanaugh hit for 16 to hold up their scoring average. Kavanaugh also did a good job of feeding to set up several baskets by his mates.

Leon Hasche, who fouled out in the third quarter, led the invaders in the scoring department with 9, and Dick Dyke followed with 7.

Invaders Lead First

The invaders had the lead in the opening moments by virtue of a pair of free throws, but the Shamrocks soon went ahead and stayed in front the remainder of the game.

The Irish regulars held a 24-6 advantage at the quarter and widened the margin to 45-13 at the buzzer.

Pfeifer Adds Points

The Irish subs, led by Mike Micek, Tom Stevens and Len Nosal totaled 18 points in the third quarter, and Ted Pfeifer paced a 19 point burst in the final period.

Micek, one of the most reliable of the Irish replacements injured his ankle in the third quarter.

All See Action

All 12 of the players seeing action scored, as the Irish bagged 33 field goals and hit 16-of-23 free throws to match the school scoring record set in 1954 against Osceola.

Pat Tooley sparked the reserves to a 38-17 victory in the preliminary.



'The Venture' Staff—Their Likes, Dislikes, and Ambitions

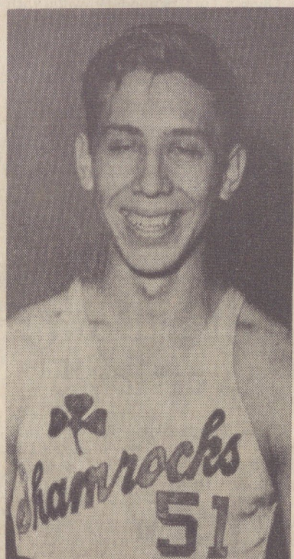
Name	Position	Nick Name	Favorite Pastime	Favorite Song	Favorite Expression	Great Ambition	Pet Peeve
Janet Melcher	Editor-in-Chief	Jenny	Reading	It's Almost Tomorrow	I About Died!	Make the Best of Myself	Hypocrites
Joan Minette	1st Page Editor	Joanie	Driving	The Great Pretender	Me Too!	Be a nurse	Backseat drivers
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Nancy Beck	4th Page Assistant	Nan	Studying	Lisbon Antiqua	Oh Heck!		Wet snowballs
Allen Pensick	Advertising Manager	Al	Sleeping	Cattle Call	That's the Way to Go!	Go to college	People who talk too much
Bill Markhofer	Advertising manager	Willie	Summer time	Poor People of Paris	Check, Ace	Play a tin whistle	Carrying tubas
Jerome Kneifel	Staff Artist	Jerry	Raising Tropical Fish	16 Ton	You Don't Say?	To graduate	Women
Patricia Schuele	Typist	Pat	Reading	Angels In the Sky	Oh, You Know	Be medical technologist	Mick's teasing me
Maxine Schuele	Typist	Mick	Watching TV	The Great Pretender	Jeepers	Do something different	People who sing the wrong words to songs
Norma Irwin	Typist	Norm	TV		You Bet!	Be a secretary	
Esther Liss	Typist	Est	Dancing	It's Almost Tomorrow	You Think So?	Be a secretary	Getting to school on a Monday morning
Janet Bures	Exchange Editor	Shorty	Working Math	It's Almost Tomorrow	Honest to Facts?	Be a math teacher	People who don't answer letters

Other 'Venture' Pictures To Be Snapped Later

Work on the '56 "Bona Venture" is well under way. Some pictures have been taken; others will be snapped within the next two weeks. All members of the staff are working energetically toward the completion of the annual.

There will be some changes in the annual this year. It is going to be a bigger book for one thing. According to the staff members, it is also going to be a better product than heretofore.

Instead of receiving the annual in April or May, as in other years, the book will be completed in August and mailed to its subscribers. This convenience makes it possible to include such pictures as this year's May crowning, prom, and other activities that were impossible to include in former years.



Allen Pensick

Mercy Sisters Bring College Course News

As part of their yearly tours to various senior high schools, Sister Mary Alice, R. S. M., and her assistant brought information to the senior girls about the courses offered at their institution of higher learning.

In her address, Sister Mary Alice, stressed the advantages of a Catholic college education as is offered by the College of St. Mary, Omaha, Nebraska.

At the close of the discussion period, literature was distributed and a standing invitation to visit the college was extended to the girls.

Philip Zarek, junior, left Sunday, February 12, for the U. S. Navy boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Have You Heard?

On Thursday, January 19, the clarinet quartet composed of Yvonne Mitera, Dolores Shefcyk, Geraldine Cockson and Sharon Messersmith together with Marian Shonka provided music for a dinner held in honor of the farmers. The dinner was held at St. Anthony's Social Hall. Farmers from neighboring towns were also present.

The quartet played three numbers and Miss Shonka sang one song. The students enjoyed the sumptuous dinner provided.

The second semester brings six new students from Dwight, West Point, Battle Creek, and Lindsay.

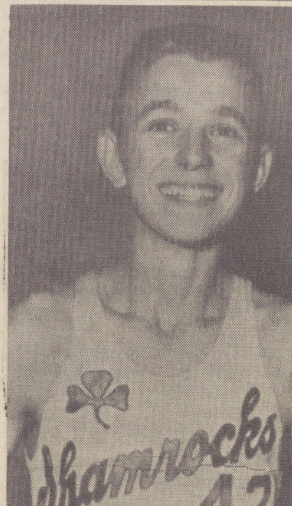
The freshmen received a girl and boy, Catherine Huhman and Leo Hanus. The sophies also received a boy and a girl, George Hanus and Elaine Bierman. The juniors addition is two boys, Alfred Hanus and Clifford Finkral.

The new students have followed in stride, and by the looks of things one would come to the conclusion that they really belong to St. Bon's.

Elaine Kneifel '54 won a PTA scholarship. She is attending Kearney State Teachers College. The scholarship, in the form of \$50 in cash, carries a condition—the recipient must teach at least two years after graduation. Congratulations, Elaine!

Max Woerth '55, Paul Siemek '55, left on Sunday to join the Seabees. They are taking their boot training at San Diego, California.

Typing I students have a little innovation added to their classes. Twice a week at 2:30 five Mothers enter the typing room. They too, are brushing up on their typing technique or just beginning to learn to operate a typewriter—something they have always desired to know.



Leonard Nosal

Pastor and Assistants Take Week's Vacation For Spiritual Retreat

This past month the Franciscan Fathers of Columbus have been attending various retreats in Nebraska and neighboring states.

The most Reverant Fathers Roch, Oswin and Timothy attended the five-day retreat in Humphrey. Rev. Father Chester and Brother Rogers were in Sioux City, Iowa, while Rev. Father Conrad Conrad was in Joliet, Illinois.

Rev. Father Boniface Pfeilschifter officiated at all the retreats. A one-time prisoner of war during the Japanese occupation of China, Father Boniface proved to be a very interesting Retreat Master.

The priests spent the five days in prayer, meditation, spiritual exercises, and devotion.

St. Francis' Reserve Tourney Give Bonnie Boys Third Place

The Irish Reserves placed third in the St. Francis reserve invitational.

The first night the young Shamrocks downed St. Edward, but fell victim to Howells in the second round. This loss put them out of the running for the winner's trophy, but allowed them to battle Snyder for third place honors.

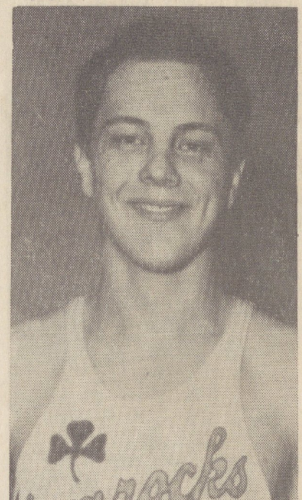
The Shamrocks, who led at half-time 22-18, got well-balanced scoring from Tony Kroenke with 15, and Don Kaminski with 10. The game ended with the Irish coming out on the long end of a 47-39 count, which earned them the third place trophy.

Elks' Members Address Seniors

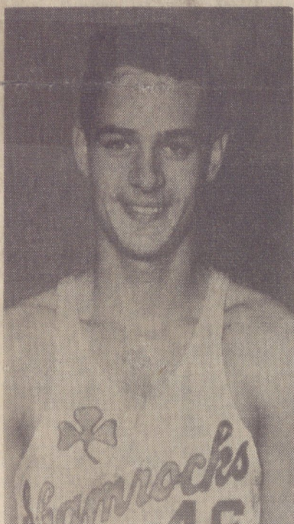
On February 6, two representatives of the Elk's Club of Columbus, talked to a group of St. Bonaventure's seniors concerning the annual Elk's Award.

They explained first, that the title of the award has been changed from the "Elk's Scholarship Award" to the "Most Worthy Student Award" in order to permit the winner to try for the B-D Scholarship. In past years this was impossible because the award was styled "Scholarship".

The speaker commented upon the large group making application for the award, and wished them all the very best of luck.



Mike Micek

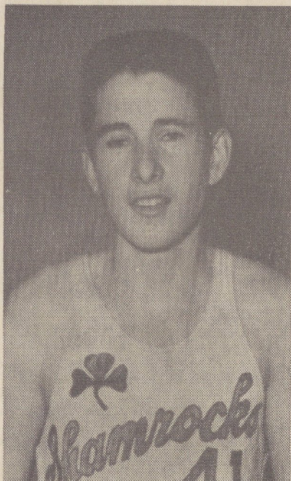


Ted Pfeifer

So Shall His Grades Decline

	Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Ambition	To be graduated with a 95 average	To be graduated with an 85 average	To be graduated with a 75 average	To be graduated
The 3 R's	Readin', Ritin', Rithmetic	Recitation, Redtape, Report cards	Records, Rapture, Rec. Club	Relaxation, Romance, Remorse
Teachers	They know everything	They know a lot	They know something	They know human
Excuse for Tardiness	I didn't leave home in time	I missed the bus	The bus was late	The bell rang too early
Homework	They say to do 45 minutes; so I'll do an hour	They say to do 45 minutes; so I'll do 30	I'll do it in study hall	She won't call on me
Failure	The world has come to an end	The world has graduated with my class	What, again!	I'll see you next term
Late Bell	A signal to be in my seat	A signal to run to my seat	A signal to leave my girl	When I get there, I get there
Freshman	Aren't we wonderful!	Mere children	They're smaller each term	Did I look like that?

—THE BOOK STRAP, Charleston, West Virginia



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Senior Class to Present 'Adventure In Paradise'

"Adventure In Paradise", a three act comedy play has just been undertaken by the senior class and will be presented on April 15 and 16.

This play, written by John M. Gran, has an interesting plot concerning a Danville family by the name of Wilkerson, who operate the Paradise Motel.

Daughter Provides Adventure

The Wilkersons' have a stage struck daughter, Nancy who leads them on an adventure with a most surprising ending.

Favorable comments have been heaped upon the play from all parts of the nation. "It is a natural, well ordered, and true to life." Another, in talking about the play says, "It has everything, complications, dramatic climax, humor, romantic interludes, and good common sense."

Cast Has Thirteen

The cast of thirteen characters in order of appearance is as follows: Mrs. Wilkerson—an energetic mother of forty-five, Mr. Wilkerson—a carelessly attired man of fifty, Nancy—their daughter of eighteen, who wants to be an actress, Freddie and Norma—younger members of the Wilkerson family, Scoop—a handsome reporter who is in love with Nancy, Andy Paulsen—a tourist, Mr. Hollingsworth—a man of thirty and quite impressive, Gloria Henway—attractive but affected in manner, Millie—a brisk woman of

nineteen, Jean and Sylvia—a pair of "gab-bags," and the mysterious "Stranger."

Practice Makes Perfect

Since just a short time is allotted to perfect the production, practice is now in full swing. A double cast of girls has been chosen and a single cast of boys with the exception of one character.

Those chosen for the various parts are: Mrs. Wilkerson—Anita Augustine and Jackie Michaelson; Nancy—Ann Schilz and Mariann Shonka; Norma—Madge Tank and Pat Tworek; Gloria Henway—Marilyn Adamy and Joan Minette; Millie—Janet Melcher and Sharon Hoshor; Jean—Janet Bures and Joyce Schaefer; Sylvia—Esther Liss and Barbara Cielocha; Mr. Wilkerson—Carroll Novicki; Scoop—Kenny Nosal; Freddie—Leonard Nosal; Andy—Jim Laska and Bob Zoucha; Mr. Hollingsworth—Allen Pensick; The Stranger—Ambrose Plazek.

Other members of the senior class will take care of stage props, make-up, advertising, and tickets.

Sixth Annual Concert By St. Bonnie's Band To Be Given In April

St. Bonaventure Band will present their sixth annual Spring Concert sometime during the last week in April. The exact date and place has not been scheduled yet.

There are forty-three members in band this year, three of which are seniors—Bill Markhofer, Allen Pensick and Mariann Shonka. The graduates will be performing solos and ensembles.

Serious Music Features Part I

The concert represents the music of various art periods with the emphasis on modern—today's music. The first section consists of the heavier, serious music opening with the "Nutmeggers" March by Osterling, "American Patrol" by Meacham follows. The two numbers prepared for the music contest—"Mountain Majesty" Overture by Yoder and "Metropolis," a tone poem by Carter, will be next on the program. "Kentucky Babe" by Geibel-Buck-Lang will close the first section.

Ensemble Groups Part II

"Capricious Aloysius" by Walters, a clarinet solo, will be played by Allen Pensick to open the second section. This will be followed by a bass solo by Bill Markhofer—"Asleep in the Deep." A cornet trio composed of Rosemary Siemek, Mariann Shonka and Jean Eneyart will present "Bright Eyes," to close the second part.

Lighter Numbers Complete Section III

The "Bartered Bride" by Smetana followed by the "Brass Wood-Clique" will open this section. "Parade of the Clowns," followed by "Night Beat," a novelty number, will add variety to the program. The concert will close with "Le Secret" by Gautier and "Campus Bells" by Palange.

Because of the choice and variety of music to be presented, this Spring Concert should appeal to everyone!

County Government Will Be Held Soon

Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' County Government will be held at the Court House in Columbus, on April 10. Only members of the junior class will be qualified to file for the various County offices. The County offices to be filled by students from St. Bonaventure are: County Clerk, Attorney, Assessor, Judge of the District Courts, Judge of Circuit Courts, County Judge, Sheriff, Highway Commissioner, Treasurer, Assistance Director, Superintendent of Schools, Home Demonstrator, Register of Deeds, and Highway Engineer.

There are to be two political parties: Federal and National. Since an equal representation must be had in the two parties, the entire student body will be assigned to a party according to the alphabetical roster. All students must register to qualify to vote in the general election.

The junior class candidates for the fourteen different offices will carry on their own campaign and present campaign speeches.

Governor's Congress Will Again Be Held

Again this year, a group of high school boys will have the honor of attending the Governor's Youth Safety Congress. This Third Safety Congress will be held in Lincoln, on March 23 and 24.

Lorus Luetkenhaus, a senior at St. Bonaventure High, will attend. The trip will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and a member of that organization will accompany the St. Bon's representative.

Laska, New Prefect, Presides Schaefer-Liss Submit Reports

Jim Laska, new prefect of the Mystical Rose Sodality, presided over the meeting. Minutes were read by Joyce Schaefer and the financial report was given by Esther Liss.

The meeting was then turned over to a discussion group consisting of Dennis Shefyck, Yvonne Mitera, Alfred Hanus, Pat Wiedel and Ted Pfeifer. Dennis opened the discussion by a talk on Catholic Student Vocation. He encouraged all to fulfill their duties as Catholic students now so they will be prepared for the tremendous job that lies ahead.

Yvonne Mitera discussed school Social Life. She explained a few of the little social graces that make the difference between gentlemen and rowdies and boors on the other.

Alfred Hanus spoke on Class-work. He explained how classes in school demand individual work and teamwork on the part of each student.

Patricia Wiedel kept the attention of everyone during her interesting talk on extra curricular activities. She put special stress on the school's sports program.

Last, but not least, Ted Pfeifer, talked on authority. Although he began by quoting Patrick Henry—"Give me liberty or give me death!"—he convinced all of the importance of legitimate authority.

Annual Boys'-Girls' State Candidates To Be Chosen

Candidates for both Boys' and Girls' State are now in the process of being selected. The names of the recipients of the honor will be published in the April issue of THE VENTURE.

Mr. Ritch conferred with Sister M. Rayneria, Principal, about the ten boys who have submitted their names. The Lyons and Rotarians will sponsor the Boys' State selection.

Mrs. Paul Pfeifer also met with the principal relative to the girls desiring to try for Girls' State honors. The Catholic Daughters of America will sponsor the girl chosen to represent St. Bon's High.

Contest Awakens Student Interest

A Constitution Contest in which St. Bons had three participating students was held at Kramer High School. This contest, which was designed to stir up a new thirst for interest and knowledge of our Constitution, succeeded in arousing the interest of the majority of the student body.

Students chose their speaking topic from an issued list of topics pertaining to our Constitution. Knowledge on the Amendments was required by the entrants. The speeches were to be at least ten minutes in length and were judged on originality, clarity and ability to put the main ideas across.

Students from St. Bon's taking part were Virginia Mimick, Yvonne Mitera and Allen Pensick. Leland Settast of Kramer High carried away the honors. He will compete in the state meet.

Various Classes Present Interesting Convocation

Representatives from different classes presented an interesting and lively convocation.

To round out the Catholic Press month, the senior girls presented a playlet.

With the accompaniment of Kathleen Sokel at the piano, the freshmen, Joyce Haney, Kathern Kuta and Jean Eneyart, sang "He" and "Moments To Remember." Lorraine Paprocki, a freshmen accordionist, played "The Rock and Roll Waltz," "The Beer Barrel Polka," and "Let The Sun Shine In."

To conclude the convocation, Darlene Bollig gave a monologue entitled "An Opera Star." She used "Mary Had a Little Lamb" as her theme at different stages of her career. The response of the student body brought her back with "Thips" as her encore.

St. Bon's Band - Glee To Make Fremont Trip

On April 12 and 13, eighty-two students from St. Bonaventure's band and glee club will journey to Fremont for the annual District Music Contest.

For their entry numbers the band will be heard in—"Mountain Majesty" by Yoder and "Metropolis" by Carter!

Seventy glee members will render—"Off to Dreamland" by Strickland, and "Morning in Spring" by MacKay.

Quartet and Duet Offerings
A clarinet quartet composed of Yvonne Mitera, Delores Shefyck, Geraldine Cockson and Sharon Messersmith will present—"Joyous Song" by Mendelssohn, and "Sonata in C Major" by Hayden.

"Friends," a trombone duet by Smith and Holmes will be entered by Chuck Micek and Joe Woerth.

A soprano solo, by Marian Shonka, will again be entered this year. She will sing "Musette Waltz Song" by Puccini.

The purpose of the contest is to have local band and glee clubs rated superior, excellent, good, fair, or poor.

A secondary purpose is to receive the criticisms and comments of these organizations.



SYMPATHY

The faculty and students offer their sincere sympathy and prayers to Sister M. Gerarda on the death of her sister, Sister M. Adelheid.

To Mary Jo Tusek on the death of her grandfather, John P. Sellers. R.I.P.



Sister Bernardis coaching geometry students Sharon Messersmith, Bill Reuss, and Eva Stachura.

Ask God's Grace

There are many different kinds of vocations or callings. However, March is concerned chiefly with religious vocations. During this month one is not only asked to develop a vocation oneself, but one is also asked to pray for grace to follow God's call.

Religious vocations do not, as some people think, come as a result of one-sided romance or unhappy childhoods. Priests and sisters choose this way of life of their own free will and very few regret it. No other life is closer to God or more satisfying. Daily union with Christ through Holy Mass and Communion help priests, brothers, and sisters to find peace of mind in a world of turmoil and unrest. Living the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy is a great privilege though few people recognize it as such. Truly it does take grace to pledge oneself to a life of prayer and sacrifice, but it has many recompenses. These far outweigh the sacrifices. Priests and religious are the happiest people in the world.

So in this month of March dedicated to vocations, make an honest effort to pray every day for vocations, or rather fulfillment of vocations, remembering always that "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen You."

—Elaine Wieser

Go To Joseph

"He ad Joseph" are words recalled especially during the month of March, because of its dedication to the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of our Lady.

St. Joseph is known by many titles such as terror of demons, patron of the dying, hope of the sick, pillar of families, protector of virgins, model of laborers, mirror of patience, and many, many others. These names should give one some idea of the character of St. Joseph.

For instance, "Patron of the dying." He received this title because of the well deserved happy death that he had with Jesus and Mary at this side.

This fact recalls to mind an ejaculation that was learned when but a little child. If said often, St. Joseph will not fail anyone at that all important moment.

"St. Joseph, patron of the dying, obtain for me the grace of a happy death."

—Janet Melcher

Truth Made Known

This will probably come as a shock to all you readers, but the truth must be known! Things have been happening at St. Bon's that would make any red-blooded American aliev cat shudder!

Yes, the rumors are true that you have been hearing! All the juniors in Sister M. Edwina's chemistry class have the brown-rings! This was definitely proved last Friday, at approximately 11:00 A.M.

As the students industriously mixed sodium nitrate with water and then added ferrous sulfate and concentrated sulfuric acid, the brown-rings slowly began to appear. They separated the heavier sulfuric acid at the bottom of the test tube from the mixture of sodium nitrate and ferrous sulfate.

Some of the brown rings were, of course, darker than others, but all the students had them! This was really the test for the nitrate radical! The experiment was very successful, and the students regretfully washed their brown-rings down the drain at the end of the lab period!

Sister Bernardis to Algebra II class—"Class open your prayer-books."

* M *

Last year it was the "Pony Tail" hairdo. This year's version by Barbara Cielochá is the "Cotton Tail."

* M *

Yvonne Mitera — "When I'm milking, the cows don't like my long fingernails."

Little Brother Jim — "Neither do humans."

Do Cats Wear Spikes?

One day while in English class, we saw a cat sitting on the window sill. We didn't think anything about it at first. Not that we shouldn't have because we are on the third floor.

Suddenly, as if we all thought of it at once, we turned to the window. Of course the cat was still there.

We brought the cat in and put our heads together trying to figure out how he got up there. There was no fire escape or any possible way of getting up. All at once we heard a click clack, we looked at the cats feet and he had spikes on.

He didn't have much trouble, because the building is so old that the bricks are soft and easy to get the spikes into.

Breakfast Baggers Busy

Every morning in the little kitchen at school there is a bang and clatter of bottles, and the rumbling of paper bags.

Sister Gerard is busy, with the help of several girls, fixing breakfast for the students who receive Holy Communion during the eight o'clock Mass. There is little profit and this responsibility is not too easy.

Sister is busy making sure everything is okay, and the girls are busy putting rolls in paper bags.

After this, the girls keep busy eating breakfast in the kitchen.

Then the bell rings and everyone runs off to Mass. After Mass everyone can partake of a good breakfast.

Students Tell Tales

Marian Shonka



David City, Nebraska, first claimed me as a citizen—that was in the Year of Our Lord, 1938.

When the days of high school began, the family brought me to St. Bonnies as a green but growing freshie. Now I have reached the wonderful status of a senior.

For favorite past time the following take it—books and working at the Columbus Theater as usher.

I enjoy all of my studies, but modern problems and trigonometry head the list.

My big ambition is to make 5' 33". I'm now 5' 2¼" and to be a Flight Nurse for the Air Force if and when I receive my Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

Darlene Wemhoff



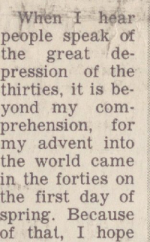
On April 20, 1939, there was an addition to the population in the "Garden Spot of the World". Humphrey, Nebraska. The Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wemhoff welcomed me in their midst.

Grade school days were spent here at St. Bonaventure. Then I spent my first two years of high school at St. Joseph's in Colorado Spring, Colorado. Now I am back again in the rank and file at St. Bonnies.

No special hobby takes precedence, but my time is fairly well divided in dancing, skating, attending movies, glee, choir, and loafing.

According to present plans, I shall attend Van Sant Business College in Omaha, Nebraska, after completing the required high school course.

Dennis Daly



When I hear people speak of the great depression of the thirties, it is beyond my comprehension, for my advent into the world came in the forties on the first day of spring. Because of that, I hope I shall be a "spring song" to my good parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daly for a long time to come.

My career as a student at St. Bonaventure commenced as I entered the first grade. Now at the near completion of ten years at St. Bonaventure's I must say that all concerned in my education have been most wonderful.

I am a member of the band and I also participate in football and track. As for the future, I am contemplating a law career.

Geometry Is Buzzin'

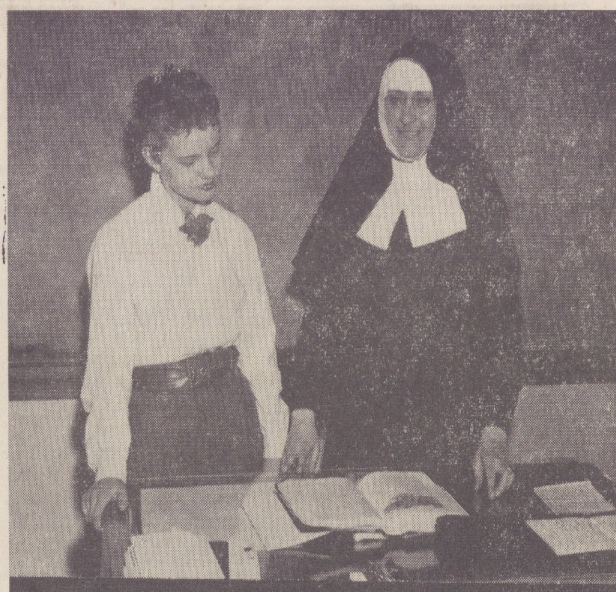
While studying the proof of line tangency, the class became tangent to an unwelcome visitor—a bee! It flew in the rectangular opening (window) and made himself obnoxious by making the students duck, thus forming acute, right, and obtuse angles.

After his brief performance, he made his exit by teaching the students a new line; namely a "bee-line" for the open window!

Chemistry Odors Allure

I wasn't in the 10:20 chemistry class, and was I ever glad. Those junior mad-scientist got the entire first floor so smelly that I often wondered just what they do brew in their sanctuaries.

I confess that one day my curiosity got the better of me, and the next thing I knew I was peeking through the key-hole at my classmates, who turn mad-scientist everyday at this time. Fires were burning, test tubes filled with who knows what, and my pals mixing things causing a smell I hope never to experience again. But instead of fearing what I saw I just wanted to join them. In conclusion, my day's curiosity convinced me that if I can't fight them, I'll join them.



Sister Leonella showing Evelyn Koziol an important item in American History.

Vocation Time -- Thinking Time

Hi there! It's vocation time you know, and time to start thinking of your future. Will it be happy? It will if you choose the right vocation, of course.

Everyone varies in selecting his vocation. Some may wish to be nurses and doctors, some may wish to get married, and others may desire the religious life. What do you wish to do? The way to find out is to pray to God to guide you to the vocation fit for you. Here is a prayer seeking that knowledge.

"Prayer to Know One's Vocation"

O my God, Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and knowledge, Spirit of light and love, enlighten my mind that I may know Thy choice of a state of life for me in the holy Providence that has created, redeemed and sanctified me; fortify me in my desire to follow Thy will in order to glorify Thee, and reach my destiny in union with the Blessed Trinity in this life and the next. Amen.

(200 days Indulgence)

—Judie Bator



Sister Cyril with members of the adult typing class. Left to right: Mesdames Tooley, McGowan, Morrow, Olivetti, Woodworth, and Costello.

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Polio is not licked yet, but thanks to all America the victory is now in sight. Thank you for doing your part.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Basil O'Connor
President

District Tournament Gives Green and White Second Place

Blue Devils Steal Overtime Tussle

Glenn Hondersheddt's 20-foot shot at the buzzer sent the game into overtime and Wayne came through with a 65-58 victory over the Shamrocks. Bonnies had a 9 point lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but the loss of Ed Kavanaugh, on fouls, proved costly to the Shamrocks. Ed had dumped in 26 points for the home team. Noonan followed Kavanaugh in the Irish scoring column with 16 points and Dennis Shefcyk accounted for 10.

First Quarter Scoring Low
Both teams were rather tight in the first quarter of the game, and the scoring wasn't heavy. St. Bons took a 4-0 lead on Shefcyk's field goal and two free throws by Arasmith. They led in the first quarter 12-11, but in the second quarter Wayne accounted for 25 points to the Irish's 20.

Hofeldt Boosts Score
The score was dead locked at 32-32 until the waning moments of the half; then Hofeldt boosted the invaders into a 36-32 lead.

Bonnies Take Reserve Game
The reserve game went to St. Bonaventure. Ted Pfeifer paced the winners with 21 points and George Arasmith had 17. Pat Tooley turned in a good floor game with 12 points.

Happy Birthday Add Another Candle

- March
15 Marilyn Adamy
16 Betty Jane Markytan
16 Robert Hanke
21 Dennis Daley
22 Dorothy Peterman
26 Ed Kavanaugh
28 Frances Valasek
28 William Schuele
29 Don Noonan
- April
1 Ted Pfeifer
5 Dwayne Johnson
5 Bob Bartholomew
9 Bob Snell
13 Cliff Roddy
16 Joye Soulliere.
18 Three Guesses
20 Norma Kretz
22 Beatrice Euteneuer
25 Elaine Wieser
26 Robert Bures
30 Gaylord Kafka
Betty Wozny



Interested Athletes Answer Invitation

Coach Costello issued a call for track members on March 12. Ten seniors, four juniors, sixteen sophomores, and seven freshmen answered the invitation to become members of the 1956 roster.

- Seniors—**
Lloyd Bartholomew *
Ed Kavanaugh *
Milo Herink *
Jim Laska
Lorus Luetkenhaus
Don Noonan
Kenny Nosal
Leonard Nosal
Ambrose Placzek
Tom Stevens
- Juniors—**
Mike Micek *
Ted Pfeifer
Dennis Shefcyk *
Bob Steiner
- Sophomores—**
George Arasmith
Kenny Backes
Jerry Braun
Dennis Daly
Donald Kaminski
Gaylord Kafka
Tony Kroenke *
Dale Hanke
Paul Langan
Bill Reuss
Joe Ryba
Dick Sansoni
Pat Tooley
Carrroll Wemhoff
Nick Wheeler
Al Jarecki

- Freshmen—**
David Altmanshofer
Duane Blahak
Leo Kosiba
Francis Krzycki
Allen Kusek
Bob Hanke
Donald Gablenz
- * Indicates lettermen

Shamrocks Take First Round Play

The St. Bonaventure Shamrocks under the guidance of Coach Bob Costello scored a victory against the Guardian Angel Bluejays to capture first round victory in the tournament at Oakland.

Ed Kavanaugh dropped 24 points to lead Bonnies in the conquest of the Bluejays. Guardian Angel made a final attempt to overcome Bonnies after Kavanaugh departed on fouls, but the rally fell short.

The game was a minute and a half old before the Bluejay's Gene Schlautman could sink two tosses. A slim margin of 6-5 was held by the Irish going into the second quarter.

With Kavanaugh leading the attack, they netted 24 markers, holding a 30-16 margin at intermission. They widened the gap even further going into the final canto. The Bluejays made their final thrust when Kavanaugh fouled out, but they were through for the evening.



Ed Kavanaugh gets honorable mention in Class B team

Ed Kavanaugh, standout St. Bonaventure center, gained honorable mention on the all-state Class B team announced today by the Omaha World-Herald.

Kavanaugh, a 6-4 senior, excelled in rebounding and was an able performer in all departments of the game. He scored 381 points in 20 games, an average of 19 per contest, to pace the Shamrocks to a 15-6 record and a No. 3 ranking in state Class B circles.

A three-year letterman, Kavanaugh holds the St. Bonaventure career scoring record of 846 points.—Columbus Daily Telegram.

Green and White Down Foes 66-54

The Shamrocks won their way into the finals of the District Tournament by downing Oakland, 66-54.

St. Bonaventure got a 30-point performance from Ed Kavanaugh to get past Oakland. It was a good ball-handling team which stayed in contention until the last few minutes of the game. Floyd Arasmith tallied 11 points, while Noonan and Kroenke accounted for 10 apiece. Micek did an able job filling in for the injured Shefcyk. He hit five points and battled hard for rebounds. Martin pepped the Oakland crew with 20 points.

Oakland Takes Lead
Oakland held a 15-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, and a slight 26-24 margin at intermission.

Shamrocks Go Places
In the third quarter, the Shamrocks went on a 12-point rampage, and zipped into a 39-28 count. Oakland came bouncing back and worked into a 49-49 tie in the early minutes of the fourth quarter. However the Irish pulled away on accurate shooting from Kavanaugh and Noonan to end the game on the long end of 66-54 score.

St. Bonaventure is rated 8th

St. Bonaventure wound up eighth in final state Class B ratings announced today by the Omaha World Herald.

Coach Bob Costello's club compiled an overall record of 15-6 in the past campaign, featured by victories over Omaha Holy Name and Lincoln University High, and an overtime setback by Wayne, Nebraska's "B" champion.

Shamrock hopes of making a regional playoff, and possibly gaining a state tournament berth, faded in the district finals through injury to a key player. Howells won the district title, 70-63.—Columbus Daily Telegram.

Howells Take Bow In District Finals At Oakland 70-63

Howells edged away from St. Bonaventure in the last few minutes of the Class "B" district finals at Oakland 70-63.

The lead changed hands 14 times and the score was deadlocked on 18 occasions. It was a see-saw battle between two offense-minded clubs for three and a half quarters.

Howells scored only 49 points the night before and picked a good night to be red hot along with the absence of Dennis Shefcyk.

Wragge Paces Winners
Wragge, a promising 6-5 sophomore, paced the winners with 28, ten of which were made on intentional misses at the free throw. Molacek backed Wragge with 16 and Hilz 14.

Kavanaugh Scores 80
Ed Kavanaugh led the Irish with 26 points, giving him 80 for the tournament. Three of his teammates also scored in the double figures. Don Noonan had 14 and Arasmith 10 along with a good floor game.

Despite the torrid pace both teams played with iron-man performances by their starter.

Arasmith Helps Irish
Arasmith put the Shamrocks back in the game when he connected from the field with 1:40 minutes to go and the score was 63-66. Wragge sewed the game up with a set up and another bucket from Molacek.

Bonnies Agenda

- March
22—Election of County Officials
27—Dual Meet, St. Mary's, David City
30—Holy Hour for Students, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- April
1—Easter Sunday
2—Easter Monday
3—Classes Resumed
9—Norfolk Junior College of Music Concert
10—County Government Day
11—Columbus Invitational Track Meet
12-13—District Music Contest at Fremont
15-16—Senior Class Play
20—Norfolk Invitational Track meet
26—Doane College Invitational Track Meet

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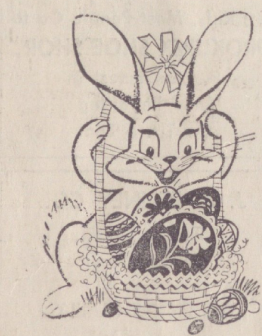


Say It Again

A famous lecturer was asked the formula of success in public speaking.

"Well," he said, "in promulgating your esoteric cogitations and articulating superficial, sentimental and psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your extemporaneous decantations and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without redomontade and thronical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pusillanimous vacuity, pestiferous profanity, and similar transgressions.

"Or to put it a bit differently," he concluded, smiling, "talk simply, naturally, and above all, don't use big words." Selected



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April One Heralds Lord's Joyful Day

This year, April 1, heralds the Lord's joyful day—Easter Sunday. This fact brings to mind that all the days of March are days of Lent, and should be treated as such. Lent is a time for special prayer and selfdenial in little things. (And big ones too, if you can take it.) Some of these little denials, which could be made by any individual, are those of candy, after-school cokes, gum, movies, and dances. Little denials like these have never hurt anyone. Quite the contrary—they help a person spiritually. The perseverance in these denials helps build up ones will-power to fight and overcome temptations.

Another sacrifice to be practiced during Lent (which shouldn't be termed sacrifice at all) is the attendance at daily holy Mass. A Catholic should be overjoyed at the opportunity to attend Mass, but so often it is considered a sacrifice. This too, then, could be added to the list entitled "Lenten Sacrifices and Selfdenials."

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday—
5:30 p.m. Low Mass for the entire school. All are expected to receive Holy Communion at this Mass. The second Mass is reserved for the adult members of the Parish.
7:30 p.m. The regular Holy Thursday Mass and service for the Parish.
N.B. Adoration will begin after this second Mass on Holy Thursday and continue throughout the night and on Good Friday until the evening services.

Good Friday—
3:15 p.m. Way of the Cross.
5:30 p.m. Regular Holy Week services for the Parish.
7:15 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Novena.

Holy Saturday—
8:00 p.m. Services for the Parish. This will be the Easter Virgil service. The entire Parish is invited to attend.
N.B. There will be no services in the morning during these last three days of Holy Week. All services must be held in the evening.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Beginning on March 29, two freshmen and two sophomore boys will be guests at the Optimist luncheon. Thereafter, every week four more student participants in the forth-coming Oratorical Contest will be guests of the Optimists. At the luncheon the boys will have the opportunity to give their contest speeches. This will be a preview to help the boys add to or subtract from their contest entry.

and Robert Bartholomew have answered the urge to sail the deep blue seas for Uncle Sam. They will leave for The Great Lakes region or San Diego the last week of March.

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The coming Columbus Centennial Celebration is becoming more evident as the days go by.

The following conversation might illustrate better just what is meant—

Wanda: "Did you shave this morning, Bob?"

Bob: "Yes, I did."

Wanda: "Well, next time stand closer to the razor."

In other words, Bob Snell and a few more boys have joined the ranks of "The Brothers of the Brush."

A week or two hence the girls will begin to appear in the apparel of the "Gay Nineties." Won't it be interesting to see a natural look sans all paint and powder? Then perhaps will be verified the statement—

"Little dabs of powder,
Little specks of paint,
Makes a woman's face look—
Just like what it 'aint."

Norfolk Junior College To Present Rare Treat In St. Bon's Social Hall

On April 9, at 8:00 p.m., in St. Bonaventure social hall, the Norfolk Junior College will present a rare treat to the Columbus lovers of music.

The College of Music, in its annual spring tour, will offer a varied program featuring:

- Concert Band
- Women's Ensemble
- Gentlemen of Note
- Mixed Ensemble
- Solos
- Novelty Numbers

St. Bonaventure High School will be host. There will be no admission charged.

The annual CDA poetry contest was entered by the members of the junior, sophomore, and freshmen English classes.

Poems were submitted by all, but by a screening process some were eliminated. Those passing the first test have been submitted. Judging will take place late in March or early in April.

Gerald Micek, Mark Kobus, Clifford Roddy, Robert Clinkscales,

Daily History Class Features Add Spice

The junior history class, during the sixth period, is really a ball. With alacrity all work is completed and much fun is had in the doing of it. The special features add spice.

Thereupon follows a discussion with Miss Power about some person or situation. This is almost a daily happening. For a diversion, some students give reports about famous people.

Maybe it isn't only the subject that is interesting, for the class surely makes up for anything that might be lacking.

Music Hath Charm

One special time that every person in the music department looks forward to is the contests in Fremont. Bands and glee clubs are rated, along with triple trios, clarinet quartets, solos, and so forth. Everyone has a good time and makes new friends no matter how high or low the rating received.

This is one reason why more students should belong to some activity in the music department. There is nothing that makes a person feel better than to stand before the judges and receive a good rating. However, if it isn't so good, one only wants to work harder and do better the next year.

Mr. Rambour Gives New Library Books

Through the generous donation of Louis Rambour, two very interesting books were placed on the library shelves: "Representative Nebraskans", by Johnson and "Crazy Horse," by Meadowcroft. Some new books have been added in every field, but most of the new books are in the reference section, in the fields of social studies, science, personal adjustment, and biography.

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— Flash —
Patricia Wiedel received the "Club Prize," a CT pin, for the first set of Competent Typist Tests submitted to TODAY'S SECRETARY. Her score—47.7 w.p.m. Forge ahead, juniors!

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Seven Junior Classmen Receive Call To Edit Remaining 'Venture' Issues

Boettcher Draws April Issue

A new VENTURE Staff has been selected for the coming school year, and to edit the two remaining issues of this year. For the first time in the history of the paper, the Venture Staff now boasts seven editors and seven co-editors! By lot, Elaine Boettcher was designated to be editor-in-chief of the April issue.

Method Lightens Load

Because the editing of the Venture is an out-side class activity, it is hoped this new method will distribute the burden and responsibility more equitably. In the begin-

ning of the fall term all dates of issue will be placed in a hat. Each editor will draw therefrom, and the date drawn will be his issue to edit. In this way, each editor will put forth his best efforts for that specific issue. It is also hoped that thereby new ideas will be in abundance. However, each editor will work with the others in getting the issue to press at the designated date.

Juniors and Sophomores Fill Posts

The editors were chosen from the junior class and the co-editors from the sophomore group. The co-editors will each be assigned as helper to an editor. The editors are: Joan Badstieber, Nancy Beck, Elaine Boettcher, Mike Micek, Y'Vonne Mitera, Elaine Weiser, and Pat Wiedel. The co-editors are: Judie Bator, Geraldine Cockson, George Hanus, Tony Kroenke, Dick Sansoni, Delores Shefcyk, and Mary Kay Wozny.



Elaine Wieser has been a reporter on the VENTURE staff since entering high school and it has been an enjoyable task and an enlightening experience.

At this time, editing comes to the fore and that should be an entirely new phase of journalism.

For favorite hobbies reading takes the lead since two or three books a week are absorbed. Then follows the enjoyable pastimes of good movies, music, and baseball. As a member of the St. Bonaventure band, Elaine plays the baritone. This instrument is also played in the pep band.

In April, Elaine became a member of the Quill and Scroll. This is an award reserved for those outstanding publication staff members who meet the basic requirements of the Society, namely; to be of at least junior standing; to be in the upper third of the class in general scholastic standing; to have done superior work in some phase of journalistic or literary endeavor; to have been recommended by the adviser; to be approved by the executive secretary.

As one of the new Editors of the VENTURE, Elaine places high hopes in the ability to become a good editor for the coming year.

Parent-Teacher Association Re-elect Mrs. M. Woodworth, Mr. F. Haney

Last evening, the St. Bonaventure Parent-Teacher Association had election of officers for the coming year.

Mrs. M. A. Woodworth and Mr. Francis Haney were unanimously re-elected president and vice-president respectively. Mrs. John Byrnes was elected secretary; Mrs. George Bixenmann, treasurer. Mrs. James Douglas, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the nominees. An auditing committee was appointed, headed by Mrs. Art McAulif and assisted by Mrs. Gary Altmanshofer and Mrs. James Gregorius.

Annual Staff Members Throw Autograph Party

On Tuesday evening, the Annual Staff of St. Bonaventure high held an "Autograph Party." All students who had paid the full price of their annual were invited guests.

This year, the annuals will not arrive until the middle of August. Since some of the seniors, whose autographs are wanted, will probably be gone by then, the autograph pages were sent in advance. The purpose of the party was to have the kids get together and sign each others pages. At the end of the evening's fun the pages were turned in to be sent back and bound in the annual.

The staff is planning another such party for August, when the annuals arrive.



Joan Badstieber, an energetic junior, belongs to the lucky seven group. This is a broadening of the journalism work begun as a freshman.

During the grade school days, St. Anthony's School claimed the full time of this student. However, high school days brought her to St. Bonaventures.

Many and varied are the interests that keep Joan a busy girl. She is an active member of the band, pep club, sodality, Youth Center, and Quill and Scroll. As sophomore, she held the office of class secretary-treasurer.

For the past three years, Joan has also been an active member of the Senior Girl Scouts. This takes up much of her time. Working at Scott's Store provides the necessary wooden nickels to pay for all the extra-curricular activities on a crowded schedule.

Announcements were made relative to the Centennial Dinner to be held in the social hall; the spring concert to be presented at the Kramer High school auditorium on May 2; the forthcoming grade school picnics to be held on May 15 and 17.

Mrs. William Boettcher, Girl Scout leader, introduced scouts from all phases of scouting. Slides depicting the activities of the Girl Scouts at Camp Sheldon and at Santa Fe, New Mexico, were shown.

Mr. George Bixenmann introduced Eagle Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cubs. A short film on scouting was shown.

Mrs. James Gregorius, chairman, and Mrs. James Douglas, co-chairman headed the refreshment committee.

Students Merit Excellent Rate

On April 12 and 13, the students of St. Bonaventure band and girls' glee club attended the annual District Music Contest in Fremont. Several students came home with "excellent" ratings.

Those rated excellent were the trombone duet composed of Joe Woerth and Carroll Wemhoff; the clarinet quartet composed of Y'Vonne Mitera, Delores Shefcyk, Geraldine Cockson, and Sharon Messersmith; Mariann Shonka, girls' high voice, and piano solo by Pat Wiedel.

Judged as good were the band and glee club. Besides the rating the musicians also received criticisms and comments on the various organizations and presentations.

Clary Adder Aids Busy Bookkeepers

Bricker Typewriter Co. left a Clary electric adding machine at school for the busy bookkeepers' use. The students do not find adding long columns a chore at all.

All say that it is a pleasure to push the keys and as a reward get a correct solution after a first try.

Senior Bookkeeping Merit Certificates

Returns from the International Bookkeeping Contest, conducted by Business Teacher, brought Award Certificates to Marilyn Adams, Anita Augustine, Barbara Cielocha, Sharon Hoshor, Norma Irwin, Esther Liss, Frances Merrill, Joyce Schaefer, Maxine Schuele, Patricia Schuele, Joyce Soulliere, Thomas Stevens, Patricia Tworek, and Frances Valasek.

Honors for the contest were carried off by Marilyn Adams. Marilyn was awarded the blue and gold OBE pin for the best paper submitted.

"City of Power and Progress" To Celebrate 100th Birthday

Columbus, the city of power and progress, will celebrate its one-hundredth birthday this spring of 1956. This progressive city receives its name from the city of Columbus, Ohio. In the year 1856, a number of courageous pioneers ventured forth from Ohio, in search of good soil and a bountiful territory.

Upon arriving at the present site of this great city, it was realized that the end of a search had been reached. The city of Columbus and the land upon which it exists was then, and is now, truly rich and bountiful.

City Boasts Prosperity

Today this city is prosperous in that it possesses a flourishing business district. It is bountiful due to the farm lands which surround it, and its progress is exemplified in its various industrial sites. But most important of all, it is a city of power because it is the source of electrical power for the entire surrounding territory.

Two Clubs Formed

Two clubs have recently been formed; the "Brothers of the Brush" and "The Centennial Belles." The function of these clubs is to get all citizens Centennial minded and to draw the attention of the outlying districts to this fact. The distinctive mark of the "Brothers of the Brush" is the growing of beards, side burns, mustaches, and any other facial adornment that is otherwise eradicated by an electric razor. The "Belles"

Sodalists Will Honor Mary, Mystical Rose In Special Ceremonies

All Mystical Rose Sodalists will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special manner in the annual May ceremonies to be held Sunday evening, May 6, in the parish church. Sodality members will take part in a Marian procession, and the senior sodalists will have places of honor.

The Prefect and Vice-Prefect, James Laska and Maxine Schuele respectively, will take charge of the crowning. Mariann Shonka will carry the crown; Joan Minette and Janet Bures will serve as Maids of Honor.

Beatrice Euteneuer, Esther Liss, Janet Melcher, and Joyce Schaeffer will be the statue bearers. Lorus Luetkenhaus, Bill Markhofer, Carroll Novicki, and Larry Sleddens will be their escorts.



Elaine Boettcher is one of the seven new editors for the coming school year. Acting as a reporter on the Venture Staff has been a must since the beginning of high school days and this year serving as first page co-editor was added.

The French Horn is the instrument played in band, pep band, in the brass and horn quartet. Membership in these school organizations dates from freshmen year. As a frosh and soph, glee and choir were extra curricular activities, as was cheerleading in the sophomore year.

Being president of the junior class carries with it an honorary place on the Student Council.

The remaining idle minutes of Elaine's day are devoted to Senior Girl Scouts, working part-time at Potter's Grocery, being a member of "The Mystical Rose Sodality", and pep club.

by their costumes — bonnets and floor lengths gowns of 1856 vintage—have the same end in view, namely; focusing all eyes on COLUMBUS and thus bringing business to this fair city.

Pageant To Be Held

The big civic ceremony will go into high gear during the last days of May and the first days of June. General Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander, and other celebrities will honor this city by their presence. A beauty pageant is scheduled for these days, and a play with over 500 actors depicting the history of Columbus will be the highlight of the festivities.



Besides being busily happy with the undertakings of daily high school life, Nancy Beck is now looking forward to the enjoyable task of being an editor on the VENTURE staff. Reporting and acting as page co-editor has been indulged since high school entrance days.

Extra-curricular activities calling for attention are: music, sodality, youth center, glee, choir, and 4-H work.

Chemistry is pursued with avidity in preparation for a career in the nursing field. Nancy wishes to specialize in anesthesiology or surgery. Her ambition is to attend an out of state college, but will be happy with that which Providence provides.



One of the newly-chosen editors of the VENTURE is Pat Wiedel. Three years of reporting for the paper has been Pat's contribution. Along with the other members of the staff, membership in the Quill and Scroll society has been attained.

The one great interest that receives the most attention is music. At the present time, this art is fostered by being a member of the band, pep band, glee, horn quartet, and by taking special piano work under the tutelage of Miss Isabelle Micek. Active part has been taken in the Choral Clinic, music contest at Fremont, and the annual fair parades.

Other interests that claim Pat's attention are: the "Mystical Rose" sodality, Ground Observers Corps, and Girl Scouts. The latter group is now planning a summer's trip which requires extra spare time. For favorite pastimes reading and typing come first.

To date, no definite plans for the future have been made, but a little thought has been given to a career in music or secretarial work—maybe both will be pursued.



In the person of Y'Vonne Mitera, a very ambitious junior has been selected as one of the VENTURE's new editors.

In order that a better knowledge of this new editor is obtained, here's a summary of present activities, and also some plans for the future — especially for the future issues of the school paper.

Y'Vonne is a member of most activities sponsored by the school, such as: Youth Center, Sodality of Our Lady, pep band, concert band and Quill and Scroll. For outside school activities, the best are in the line of 4-H and Girl Scouts.

For the future, Y'Vonne plans to attend college to become a laboratory technician. As for the future for the paper—just be all set to notice more up-to-date news items and a variety of smaller articles. Be assured that the best possible effort will be incorporated in all work submitted.

Like Alice In Wonderland, Saint Bonaventure Students View Spring Mirror Reflecting Ideal Students---Various Teachers

The Ideal Student—

is a person who is friendly and courteous to fellow students and also to teachers. He is attentive in class and respects the teacher's authority. He does not necessarily have to be a leader, but if not a leader then a person who can and will follow the orders and advice of a leader. Intelligence has nothing to do with it but effort has. The ideal student should study to his best ability, and make use of the brains God has given him.

As far as extra-curricular activities are concerned, a student should take part in as many as is humanly possible. Above all, he should be loyal and help in every way to build up the school spirit.

Lastly, he should also be well groomed, neat, and always wear a ready smile. A student who has to show off and be loud and vulgar in order to get attention is definitely not ideal.

Most students, with just a little effort, could be and should be ideal.

My Ideal Teacher—

is truly appreciated by most students because she is a good teacher. By that is meant—not a smart one, but one that can take a joke, get along with the students, does not impart everything verbatim from the book, and does not expect the students to do so either.

Furthermore, my ideal does not give assignments that are too long, for she realizes the capabilities of each member of the class. Neither does she give special ones easier assignments, but allots an equal amount of work, especially outside class work, to all.

Above all, she does not make special pets of certain ones, but she aims to treat all students alike. She is careful not to offend or embarrass a student before the entire class.

Her winning smile is a reminder of Our Lady, and that naturally makes one lift his heart to God.

Springtime Brings Change—

Every student attending St. Bonaventure High notices a definite change in the teachers in the spring.

One big change noticed is more radiant smiles and fewer punishments for grave evils. By this is meant that there are not so horribly many staying after school for that miserable ninth period.

Another thing noticed is that the assignments are lessened a great deal in the springtime. According to the opinion of some students the teachers are even happier to see the last day of school approaching than are the youngsters.

Algebra Has Study Appeal—

because Sister M. Bernardis, the algebra teacher, is understanding. She is also very patient, helpful, and yet one who means business. When an assignment is beyond the students' comprehension there is no hesitation about going to class without the finished product. Each one knows that Sister will help and explain away the difficulty. This situation naturally changes the lesson plans for that day, but—

Just as an example of what happened recently; a fellow student just couldn't get graphs, so every day since one graph is given at the beginning of the class period, then follows the regular assignment for that day.

One thing especially liked by all is the fact that even though it is definitely an algebra class, there are always a few moments for a side line that evokes a laugh. After the audible smile has subsided, all feel like studying a little better and a wee bit harder.

**Happy Birthday
Add Another Candle**

May	
5	Dick Sansoni
6	Richard Blahak
21	Roberta Podraza

Interest Never Lags—

when the Latin teacher, Sister M. Edwina, conducts the class she is very patient and helpful. She is also very understanding and always tries to iron out the difficulties that harass the learner when a hard phrase or clause is causing trouble.

In every difficult sentence the syntax is explained satisfactorily. Sister stresses the importance of hard study in acquiring a working knowledge of Latin. This, she argues, is for the future welfare of everyone in the class.

Latin, in itself, is not too difficult; but it is complicated. Most of the Latin words are similar to those used in English. A knowledge of the words aids in the understanding of the case, gender, and number. All of this, in turn, aids in the translation of the sentence from Latin into English or vice versa.

All in all, the Latin lessons are very interesting and it comes easy when one studies.

Radio Broadcasting Intrigues—

Sister M. Leonella, sophomore B sponsor, who has taken charge of the school activities at the local radio station KJSK.

So far this year six broadcasts have been completed, and another one is in progress.

The first program, by a group of senior girls, was a short drama on good reading and how it affects our lives.

Carroll Wemhoff and Dick Sansoni, sophomore B students, highlighted the second broadcast. The former gave current school news; the latter interviewed Coach Costello on sports at St. Bonaventure and the part it plays.

Again in the third broadcast, Carroll Wemhoff was the newscaster, Kathleen Sokol rendered piano solos, and Ed Stevens concluded the program with the reading of an original poem—"Spring."

The fourth program consisted of news by Carroll Wemhoff, and the reading of the original poems by the winners of the CDA Poetry Contest. The winners and readers were Judie Bator, Elaine Wieser, and Margaret Mielak.

School news by the "Voice of the School"—Carroll Wemhoff—opened the fifth broadcast. School sports news was reviewed by Tony Kroenke. Lorraine Paprocki contributed selections on the accordion.

News by Dick Sansoni and sports news by Tony Kroenke was heard last Tuesday on the latest school broadcast. Also heard was the clarinet quartet, consisting of Delores Shefcyk, Sharon Messersmith, Y'Vonne Mitera, and Geraldine Cockgon. Trombone duets were contributed by Joe Woerth and Carroll Wemhoff.

Sometimes This Is Heard—

"But, Sister, I just can't seem to find anything to write about!" "How will we ever get this lay out to work?" "No words seem to fit these articles—headlines are brain crackers!" These complaints and questions are all directed to Sister Cyril, the sponsor of the school paper, and she always comes up with the right answer!

Before each issue of the VENTURE, Sister Cyril is plagued by problems like those mentioned above, and many, many more. She is always ready to help when the going is rough, and that, brother, seems to be all the time! Sister is the brain behind the paper, the one who keeps the wheels going and the issues of the VENTURE rolling off the press for you to read.

Members of the VENTURE Staff think it is high time Sister Cyril comes from behind the scenes and takes a bow for all the wonderful work and help! Thanks a million, Sister Cyril!

Can You Improve?

Everyone can improve his school spirit. Students should go to the football and basketball games, and track meets. Attendance at sports events isn't all a student should do to have school spirit. Students should act courteously while at school and while away from school. Outsiders judge a school by the behavior of the students. If all students have good school spirit St. Bon's will have a good name.

Is This You?

Are you the one who attends school, gets through your lessons after a fashion, but never joins any branch of athletics, or, are never willing to participate in any extra curricular activity that comes up?

It is not only sports and music that calls for participation, but what about the different contests that are part of every school term? Just because a morbid fear of failure grips one, a contest is not even entered. Ordinarily one of this type is dubbed "chicken." Is that a name quite fitting a slacker?

On the other hand, try to realize experience is the best training that can possibly come to anyone. Remember always it's not what you win but how hard you tried.

Delores Shefcyk

God In Nature

I Look at Nature, and what do I see,
The Supreme Creator of you and me.
I see Him in the grass and trees,
Amidst small twigs and fallen leaves.
I see Him in the blossoms fair,
I see Him present everywhere.
I see Him in a sparkling spring,
I see Our Lord in everything.
—Margaret Mielak

SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

Five most important words:
I AM PROUD OF YOU
Four most important words:
WHAT IS YOUR OPINION
Three most important words:
IF YOU PLEASE
Two most important words:
THANK YOU
Least important word:
I

A Tall Door Will Open!

The February issue of THE VENTURE referred to the "three r's" of the seniors as being—"relaxation, romance, and remorse." How could any three adjectives be more correctly stated!

Speaking for yours truly, these last few months of the senior year hit a person with the impact of a door being slammed in his face.

A certain relaxation ensues from the fact that one's memories of school life are fast becoming mere memories, and the ink on all permanent records is practically dry, so that's that.

(We'll ignore the romance except to say that the fifty-sixers are definitely not slackers!)

Next comes remorse, and one hears such things as—"Just think! Graduating!"; "Golly, I just can't believe it, twelve whole years!"; "Oh, if only I had studied!"; "Brother! What am I going to do now?"

A person realizes that everyone he has practically grown up with will walk out of his life, leaving a pretty wobbly foundation for his "brick wall," and it's no skin off anyone's back but one's own to re-cement the crack with the same knowledge, confidence, and abilities "supposedly" learned in school.

You're probably thinking: "Same old story from a nutty senior. Easy to talk!" But really, it hits a person hard, so try to prepare for it. Make every minute count; live every day as if it is your last.

To quote James Metcalf: "We cannot gain our goal unless . . . We conquer every doubt . . . Or hope to have our ship come in . . . Unless we send it out."

Then, instead of a slamming door, there'll be a bigger, taller one, opening up just for YOU.

Judy Olivetti

Mother, 'Tell Me What To Do'



Our Lady of Good Counsel is the appellation by which the Blessed Mother is most popularly hailed at this season. May brings with it many thoughts of the future. Teen-agers ask themselves the ever-recurring question . . . "What shall I do with my future?"

Those facing graduation have an immediate problem to be reckoned with. Some few definitely have chosen careers, some plan further training, still many others feel bewildered and at a loss. How urgent the need seems to turn for help to one who knows and cares. "Our Lady of Good Counsel—tell, or tell me what am I to do."

Like a loving mother, Our Lady lends her ear to the petitions and requests of these young ones she loves. How dear to her must be the confidence and trust of her clients. Carefully, lovingly she answers those loving petitions. Through inspirational thoughts, through seeming coincidences, and other apparently accidental occurrences, is found the answers to requests. Thank you, Dear Lady of Good Counsel, for your loving care.

—S.M.L.

Heavenly Fashions

I've often wondered, Jesus
What do the angels wear?
Long white gowns or overalls
And do they really care?

Do they have fashion magazines?
And varied fabrics too?
And do they ever use star dust
Or rinse their socks in dew?

But really, Jesus, when I think
It really hardly matters
As long as we can worship God
Be it in silks or tatters.
—Elaine Wieser

Ted Has Pipe Dream

New School Completed—
Saint Bonaventure's new high school building was completed this week. This beautiful up-to-date building can accommodate 1,000 students. It has 50 spacious, well-equipped class rooms. Sixty teachers are ready to begin the fall semester's class work.

Best of all, students from all over Nebraska are trying to attend this school because it is the last word in modern school buildings in the midwest.

St. Francis

St. Francis a friend, a true friend to all;
Advisor to big, consoler to small.
Why did all praise him, till his very last day?
He did little things, in a very big way.

His father disowned him, for he wished to be poor;
His love for God continued to endure.

So you see St. Francis, is with God this day;
Pray to him always in your work and in play.

—Judie Bator

Flash! Flash!

Paul Langan won first place in the Optimist Oratorical Contest.

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Students Tell Tales

LARRY SLEDDENS

August 10, 1938, was the date in which I first came into this great world of ours. Because it was the feast of St. Lawrence, I was named Lawrence.



I am 5' 10" in my stocking feet and my weight is 170 pounds. The first eight years of my school life were spent in District 25, and my high school days were all spent in good old St. Bonnies. Now for my specials in life. Sleeping takes precedence. (I still must learn that—"Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.") Next, I enjoy wood work of any kind. (Perhaps someday they will say—"This is the house that Lawrence built.") After graduation, which I hope to do in May, I will spend about four years in the Navy, or maybe even twenty years—if I like it.

ELIZABETH ANN WOZNY

On the last day of April in 1939, the Joe Wozny family welcomed a third daughter as a member of the family tree. The baptismal name bestowed was Elizabeth Ann, but through the years it has become the diminutive Betty.



Initiation to school life was begun at Second Ward, as a member of the kindergarten. The eight ensuing years were spent at St. Anthony grade school. Upon completion of the above years, St. Bonaventure High became the next educational venture, and the senior class will be coming up in September. Many interests, which include sports, art, music, dancing, and reading consume time after school hours.

For the future, plans are not yet definite. However, a desire to join one of the women's branches of service is now an attraction. For further educational developments, art and fashion allure.

PAUL LANGAN

Well, first of all I think it would be wise to remind you (the reader) that my name is Paul Langan. Usually at this point I should tell you where I was born, when, and so on. But I am going to be just a bit different! I am not going to tell you that I was born in Platte Center on a warm July morning way back in 1940, nor am I going to remind you how startled my parents were. At least we're all sure that I was born—aren't we?



As of now, I am proud to say I am a student of St. Bonaventure High School, and I am progressing quite well, let's not go into that subject, it's rather embarrassing from a scholastic standpoint! Now for the future. That's a little uncertain. If within your broad minds you have any good ideas, let me know about them. Will you?

KATHLEEN SOKOL

In the year 1941, on a sunny April morning, the 30th to be exact, I saw the sun come creeping in at morn for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sokol claimed me as their daughter. I have but one brother, younger than I, and no sisters.



I attended St. Stanislaus grade school in Duncan, Nebraska for eight years, whereupon I entered St. Bonaventure High, where I am now a freshman. My favorite hobbies are playing the piano and swimming. After completing my four years at St. Bon's I hope to take up nurses' training.

Pontiff Names St. Matthew Patron Of Bookkeepers

Vatican City, RNS—Pope Pius XII named the Apostle Matthew as the patron saint of bookkeepers. Matthew, whose feast day is celebrated by the Catholic Church on September 21, was a tax collector called Levi before his conversion to Christianity. The Apostle wrote the first Gospel in Aramaic, the language of Christ and of the fellow converts in Palestine. According to tradition, he preached in Persia, Syria, and Ethiopia. The saint is also the patron of bankers.

Girls Count Blessings

Three students from St. Bonaventure High, Darlene Bollig, Margie Sliva, and Corrine Sebek, are counting blessings. These girls miraculously escaped death last Sunday when the car, in which they were riding, struck loose gravel and overturned. All three occupants were thrown from the vehicle. First aid was administered at St. Mary Hospital. The girls sustained only minor cuts and bruises. None had to remain at the hospital. The car suffered the greatest injuries since it is a total loss.

Bonnies Agenda

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| April | 20 County Government Reports |
| | 21 Science Fair at Lincoln |
| | 28 Junior Class Bake Sale |
| May | 2 Spring Band Concert |
| | 3 District Track Meet |
| | 6 May Procession and Crowning |
| | 9 Junior-Senior Prom |
| | 11 Freshman-Sophomore Hop |
| | 11-12 State Track Meet |

Catholic Daughters of America Announce Margaret Mielak Girls' State Representative

Virginia Mimick Alternate Stater
Margaret Mielak, a junior of St. Bonaventure High, has been announced as representative to Cornhusker Girls' State at Lincoln, Nebraska. The local Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring the trip.

Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mielak. Girls' State is an important project in Americanism and citizenship. In this educational program, the participants learn to do by doing.

To be eligible for this honor, one must be in the upper half of the class scholastically. Besides this, Margaret is outstanding in extra-curricular activities. In this field may be noted: band, pep band, glee club, high school choir, sodality of Our Lady, Student Council, Ground Observer Corps, Senior Scouts, Youth Center, junior librarian, and president of the Pep Club.

Virginia Mimick has been named alternate stater. Like Margaret, Virginia is a good student and an ardent participant in all school

CDA Announces Prize Winners

Mrs. Mike Novicki, chairman of the local Catholic Daughters of America, announced the winners in the creative poetry contest.

Judie Bator, a sophomore won first place in the Grades 10, 11, and 12 division with her poem, St. Francis. Judie received \$5. Elaine Wieser, junior, took second place and was awarded \$3. Margaret Mielak, sophomore, took third place and received \$2.

The contest is an annual event sponsored by the CDA on local, state, and national levels. All poems must have a Catholic theme. All the local winners read their poems at the April meeting of Court Little Flower, Catholic Daughters of America.

Student Council Select Presidential Nominees

An important Student Council meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon to select the nominees for the presidency of the Student Council for the forthcoming school year. Those selected were Elaine Boettcher and Dennis Schefcyk. Present President, Allen Pensick, presided at the meeting. All names of the eligible boys and girls were submitted. Those considered were as follows: Elaine Boettcher, Margaret Mielak, Ted Pfeifer, Dennis Schefcyk, and Joe Woerth. All members of the Council then voted and the outcome was posted immediately. To qualify for president of the Organization, one must be of senior rank, have served one year on the Council, hold no other presidency or ruling office, and be of able leadership to carry on the affairs of the school. Elaine and Dennis will be campaigning during the coming weeks. A general election by the entire student body will be held at the close of the campaign.

Juniors' Top Secret Baffles Senior Class

Seniors! Don't get shook! The colors of the prom are not green and yellow. You have probably noticed the juniors carrying paper of these two colors. Don't get the wrong impression. As you know the true colors of the prom are to be kept top secret as long as possible. This is also true of the theme. The hard-working juniors are busy making careful plans for this unforgettable occasion. Many items must be taken care of regardless of importance and size. A very necessary meeting was held Wednesday, April 11, for the juniors' mothers. At this meeting the menu for the banquet was planned. The juniors will hold their last money-making project on Saturday, April 28. It will be a bake sale held at Gambles. The date of the prom is Wednesday, May 9; so boys, hurry and get your dates!

'Freedom, Our Most Precious Heritage' Become Sophomore-Freshman Bywords

"Freedom, our most precious heritage," have become bywords for sixteen freshie and sophie boys who have written, practiced, and delivered speeches on this topic to the Optimist Club during March and April. By doing this, they gained the needed experience for the First Elimination Oratorical Contest which was held Thursday, April 19, at the social hall. The winners of this contest are entered in the final contest which will be held the last week in April to decide the local winner. Under the able guidance of Sisters Leonella and Bernardis, these future statesmen developed speeches which could be ranked with Patrick Henry's, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

St. Mary's Down Bonnie Trackmen

The Irish track squad was downed by St. Mary's of David City, 66-32, in a dual meet. The event winners and those who placed for Bonnies were as follows: 60 high—Noonan (St. Bons) :09.9. 100—Peters (St. Mary) Daly, Luetkenhaus, Kusek (St. Bons) :11.2. Mile—Coufal (St. Mary), Pfeifer 3rd (St. Bons). 5:35.5. 220—Peters (St. M), Luetkenhaus and Daly 3 and 4 (St. B). :25.1. 100 lows—Pohl (St. M), Ryba (St. B) rd. :13.2. 440—Meysenburg (St. M), Micek (St. B). :58.4. 880—Kroenke (St. B), Noonan (St. B) 2nd. 2:20.7. Broad Jump—Dill (St. M), Luetkenhaus (St. B). 4th 17-9%. Shot—Dill (St. M), Micek (St. B) 3rd. 33-9. Because of the wind, the pole vault and high jump could not be held. St. Bon's ace hurdler, Dennis Schefcyk, was still recovering from a foot injury.

FLASH!

Bookkeeping Awards Bestowed
Marilyn AdamsOBE Pin
Certificates to other members of the class.
Typing Awards Earned
Joan Badstieber CT pin-47 wpm
Y'Vonne Mitera CT pin-51.3 wpm
Delores Roebuck CT pin-51 wpm
Alfred Hanus CT pin-57 wpm
Certificates for 40 or more wpm and 30 or more wpm were earned by fifteen members of the class.
Shorthand Contest Returns
OGA Pins were awarded to—
Esther Liss
Maxine Schuele
Thomas Stevens
Darlene Bollig
Corrine Sebek
OGA Certificates were awarded to other members of the class.
Winners for the first Optimist's oratorical contest were: Paul Langan, Dennis Daly, Duane Blahak, Pat Tooley, George Hanus, Leo Hanus. These boys will compete for first place honors April 25. This winner will compete for state honors.

Latin Students To Take Nation-Wide Merit Test

Both boys and girls from the freshmen and sophomore classes are studying diligently in preparation for participation in a nationwide Latin merit test. Latin II students, under the direction of Sister M. Rayneria and Latin II class, under Sister M. Edwina, will be taking the test. To win a medal, the student is allowed no more than five errors. All papers are to be sent to the contest headquarters where they will be scored. Results will not be made known until award day.

Don't think that every sadyey woman has loved and lost; she may have got him.—Powergrams.

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Funny, but blunt people usually make the most cutting remarks.—Joseph J. Quinn.

The boys who delivered these speeches at Jack's Cafe, after delicious meals of fried chicken, ham, steak, and all their respective trimmings, were: Lyman Andreas, Duane Blahah, Dennis Daly, Gerald Haller, George Hanus, Leo Hanus, Tony Kroenke, Francis Krzycki, Allan Kusek, Paul Langan, Virgil Pilakowski, Bob Reuss, Joe Ryba, Dick Sansoni, Pat Tooley and Carroll Wemhoff.

Fourteen Juniors Attend County Government Day

On Tuesday, April 10, fourteen juniors from St. Bon's had the privilege of attending County Government Day at the Courthouse. Sheriff Leads Tour
At 9 o'clock the students registered and filed their election certificates in the County Clerk's office. After that, they assembled in the District Court Room, and took their oath of office. That being completed, an interesting film entitled, "Living Under Law," was shown. Then, as a special treat, Sheriff Christiansen took all the students on a tour of the County jail. One thing learned by that tour was that the doors to the cell block were opened and closed by a combination system located in the adjoining room. Next on the agenda, the students reported to the office to which they were elected. There, the duties and functions of their office were discussed.

Mr. Lang Addresses Group

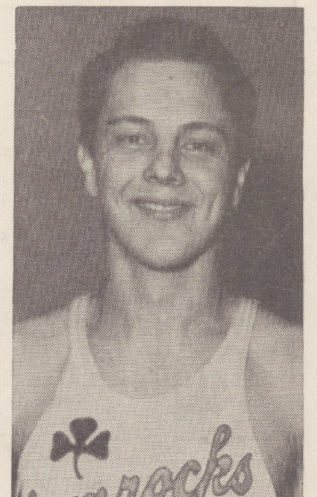
At noon the students, sponsors, and officials had lunch at the city auditorium. It was furnished and prepared by the American Legion Auxiliaries of Platte County. At this time also was enjoyed a talk on the founding of County Government Day, by the guest speaker, Mr. Roy Lang.

After lunch the students again reported to their respective offices, and continued the study of the duties and functions of the office.

Officers Give Reponse

At three o'clock all the students met in the District Court Room again, where one member from each office gave a short report on what had been learned during the day.

At four o'clock the students, some more learned than before, some less learned than before, and some a little confused, were dismissed.



Mike Micek

Being well known for good work in the athletic field, Mike Micek, now comes to the fore as an editor. This is not an entirely new field for Mike, because during this year the task of assistant sports editor was his lot. Prior to this year, work as a reporter has been very well done.

Last November, Mike attended the Press Convention held in Lincoln, Nebraska, and received third place in Sports Writing. The freshmen elected him President of the class, and the juniors gave him the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Throughout school life, Mike has been active in sports. Thus far, he has lettered twice in football and once in basketball and track. Class B football honors were bestowed by the Lincoln Star this year.

A college education for the future is being planned with emphasis on football.

ORCHIDS TO WEAR

The incoming staff present orchids to the outgoing VENTURE Staff Members. After a try at a first issue, some of the difficulties of getting a paper ready for press is realized! Many thanks for all your hard work! God bless you!
—The New VENTURE Staff

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Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther will address the St. Bonaventure Graduating Class at the Ag Park on May 27 at 4:00 p. m.

George Hanus Receives Superlative Merit Award In National Latin Contest

George Hanus was the recipient of a Superlative Merit Certificate and a medal pin in the APSL Nationwide Competitive Latin Examination.

Over 25,000 Latin students from United States, Alaska, Canada, and Mexico participated.

The highest possible score attainable was 120 points. George scored highest in the St. Bonnie's entries with 115 points.

Achievement Certificates of Honorable Merit for scores of 90 or over were merited by Paul Langan—93; Edward Stevens—92; Arda Meysenburg—90; Mary Jo Dush—90; Bob Augustine—90.

Freshie-Sophomore Hop Provides Fun and Frolic

Music and dancing highlighted an evening of fun and frolic Friday at the freshman-sophomore hop.

Promptly at 7:30 (because of curfew at 11:00) underclassmen arrived ready for a big time. From a brightly lighted juke box the latest platter hits beckoned the dancers. After the Grand March the girls took the initiative and ventured forth with the latest in rock and roll. Finally, after a lull in the fast ones, the boys caught the rhythm and joined the girls.

Invited guests included the Reverend Fathers, the Sisters, lay faculty members and the chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Haney, Mrs. L. Markytan, and Mrs. A. Kusek.

Several junior girls were on hand to be of service in the refreshment stand.

All preparations for this unforgettable event were sponsored by Sister M. Bernardis and committee—Kathleen Sokol, Patricia Badstieber, Tony Labenz and Alan Kusek.

Bonnie's Agenda

- May 17—Election for President of Student Council
- May 17-18—Senior Final Exams
- May 18—Award Assembly
- May 23-24—Junior, Sophomore, Freshmen Finals
- May 25—Report Cards
- May 25—Adios to All
- May 27—Senior Corporate Communion and Breakfast
- May 27—Mass and Graduation Ceremonies at Agricultural Park

Student Council Election Gives Dennis Presidency

After a brisk campaign, election for Student Council President was held. Again this year, the honor goes to a man—Dennis Shefcyk.

Election of officers for the "Mystical Rose Sodality" were also held at the same time with the following results:

Prefect—Ted Pfeifer; Vice-Prefect—Margaret Mielak; Secretary—Marian Skorupa; Treasurer—Joe Woerth.

Faculty Members' Tables To Turn

Sometimes when it nears the end of school and teachers seem nearly as eager as the students for that "last day" to roll around—one stops and wonders—"Why are they anxious?" "I wonder what a teacher does when she isn't teaching school?"

To satisfy this curiosity, some of the faculty members were interviewed and this brought a few surprises. In some cases, the tables are turned and the teacher sits on the other side of the desk and becomes someone else's student.

Sister M. Bernardis says she is spending the summer at Creighton University in Omaha. Besides attending classes she plans to attend conferences in math and education. Sister said that one of the highlights of the summer is a picnic given for the Sisters by the Knights of Columbus. Sister ends her summer with a retreat and then back to school. She calls it a busy but satisfying summer for a teacher.

Sister Rayneria, too, will be in Omaha this summer to attend a supervisor's workshop. This group of about 12 will work on revising the archdiocesan curriculum for high schools.

A bit of traveling is on Sister M. Edwina's agenda. First to her own home in Plattsmouth, then to her home in Colorado Springs, and finally to the land of enchantment—Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Sister will teach Latin in the College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande.

Our coach, Mr. Bob Costello, says he is planning to do some outside work, like that of construction, during the summer. He will also attend coaching school at the University of Nebraska from August 13-16.

Sisters Gerarda, Cyril and Leonella travel Indiana way. Sister Gerarda is to visit her family, after which she will return to Columbus for the remainder of the summer.

Juniors and Seniors Spend Evening Frolicking 'In A Garden of Dreams'

"In a Garden of Dreams" the juniors and seniors celebrated their annual prom banquet and dance held on Wednesday, May 9th.

At five-thirty o'clock the promenade led by the junior class president Elaine Boettcher and her escort Leonard Nosal and the senior class president Ann Shiltz and her escort Ralph Hadcock proceeded from the high school to the monastery where they were joined by the Pastor, Father Rock, members of the faculty and guests of honor. The procession of pretty girls in beautiful formals and their bright-faced escorts then made their way to the social hall where the banquet was served.

Dolls Deck Head Table

Two miniature boy and girl dolls dressed as graduates adorned the head table as the main centerpiece. They stood underneath an arch entitled "Garden of Dreams." Signposts, pointing the way to the future, were centered on the other tables. Little rose nutcups, floral bouquets, and candles matching the theme's colors completed the table decorations.

The tables were arranged in a big horse shoe. At each table setting were Memory Booklets picturing a girl dressed in a formal entering under an arch into the clouds. The Booklets appropriately corresponded with the "dream" theme.

All Enjoy Banquet

The delicious prom banquet prepared by the mothers of the juniors was truly enjoyed by all! The menu consisted of orange and grapefruit juice, turkey and dressing, whipped potatoes and gravy, golden salad, buttered peas, rolls, butter and jelly, ice cream, mints and nuts, coffee and milk.

Virgil Liss was the toastmaster for the evening. He introduced Father Roch who led the grace. He then called on Elaine Boettcher, who gave the junior welcome, and Ann Shiltz, who gave the senior response.

Following the banquet Margaret

Mielak presented the junior class prophecy. This was followed by the seniors' last will and testament which was read by Leonard Nosal. Dennis Shefcyk paid a tribute to the school and faculty on behalf of the student body.

Short speeches were given by Father John, Mr. Robert Costello, and Mr. Van Ackerman. Then Virgil called on the guest speaker for the evening, Monsignor Cooper of Presentation Parish of Bellwood.

Mr. Van Ackerman and Isabelle Micek provided the guests and students with dinner music. A sextet composed of Jean Enyeart, Virginia Mimick, Margaret Mielak, Marian Skorupa, Kathleen Briggs, and Rose Mary Siemek, accompanied by Patricia Wiedel entertained with "Sentimental Journey" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." The entire junior class sang the theme song "I'll See You In My Dreams."

New Look Adds Charm

Under the fringed orchid and purple ceiling the old high school auditorium took on a charming new look. The purple fringes were hung in diamond shapes in the orchid squares. The walls were covered with twisted orchid and purple streamers which added to the effect.

An arch covered with yellow roses provided the entry through which the girls and their escorts entered into the "Garden of Dreams."

Lawn chairs and tables turned the auditorium into a real garden. Flower boxes were found upon the stone-wall covered radiators. On each side of the hall were trellises covered with yellow roses.

SYMPATHY

The faculty and students offer their sincere sympathy and prayers to Rev. Roch Hettinger, O.F.M., on the death of his mother, Mrs. Rose Hettinger. R.I.P.

Have You Heard---

Allen Pensick and Bill Markhofer played clarinet and sousaphone solos at the Mother - Daughter breakfast Sunday. Pat Wiedel was the accompanist.

* M *

Because this is National Music Week, the clarinet quartet performed for the C D A monthly meeting, May 14. On Tuesday evening, May 15, the girl's sextet sang two numbers: Allen Pensick and Bill Markhofer rendered several selections for the PTA final meeting of the year.

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Over the P A system, the candidates for Student Council president gave their campaign speeches. Elaine Boettcher and Dennis Shefcyk are out for votes.

* M *

St. Bonaventure Band will travel to Marietta to give a repeat performance of their Spring Concert.

* M *

Wedding Bells will ring on June 16 for Donna Marie Jarecki '54 and John Robb, '53. Congratulations from the Alma Mater.

* M *

Dave Miller, Carroll Fix are now in Japan. Robert Messersmith is stationed in Germany. These boys visited faculty members and students before they crossed the waters to their new assignments.

* M *

Phil Zarek managed to be home for the Junior-Senior Prom. His helping hand did much to make easier the last minute rush. Phil returned to his post in San Diego on Monday, May 14.

* M *

David Bowe, home from Hawaii, came to see how things are progressing here at school. He will finish his term in the armed forces in August, and then he plans to enter St. Xavier College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The right side of the stage was transformed into a grotto for the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was enshrined in a stone grotto which was covered with flowers and surrounded by rocks. Near the grotto was a fountain spraying real water, ingeniously made by some of the junior boys.

Little mannikins representing boy and girl graduates stood on a footpath leading to an archway on the left side of the stage. Past the arch was a sign post with the words Education, Religion, Business, and Service painted with luminous paint.

Across the front of the stage was the senior class motto "Climb Though The Rocks Be Rugged."

The refreshment stand also was decorated in accordance with the theme.

Duffy Belhorad and his orchestra provided the dance music.

As has been the tradition in the past, the sophomore girls acted as ushers in the afternoon and evening, served as waitresses for the banquet, and took charge of the refreshment stand at night.

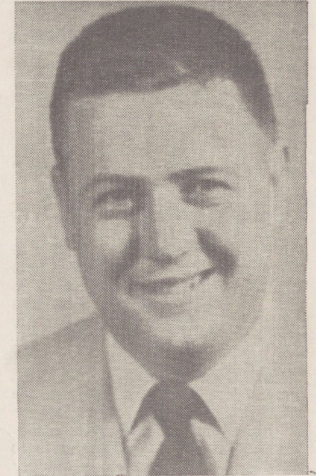
The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Markytan and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skproua.

Board of Regents Notifies St. Bonaventure Winners

The Board of Regents, of the University of Nebraska, has notified St. Bonaventure's that Carroll Novicki has been awarded a Freshman scholarship, and that Allen Pensick is an alternate winner.

Three hundred of these \$100 awards are given annually on the basis of a competitive examination. The awards that are not accepted by the winners are offered to the top-ranking alternates.

Carroll and Allen scored well in the upper fifth of the 2799 candidates who took the test.



Charles Wolever

Mr. Wolever To Become St. Bon's Assistant Coach

Next year, a new member will be added to the coaching staff at St. Bonaventure's in the person of Mr. Charles "Lindy" Wolever. He has been teaching at Silver Creek this year.

Mr. Wolever will act as assistant to Bob Costello. He will put special emphasis on sports in the grade school. Social studies will be taught by him in high school.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, is Mr. Wolever's home town. He graduated from Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri in 1953. He majored in physical education and history, including all social sciences.

Two years were spent in coaching in Talmage. Until injuring his ankle in 1950, Mr. Wolever, played a season of pro baseball.

Two years were spent in the Army infantry and 12 months were spent in Korea. He is married and the father of one daughter.



Ann Schilz and Ralph Hadcock lead the Grand March followed by Elaine Boettcher, Leonard Nosal, Anita Augustine, Floyd Arasmith, Marian Skorupa, Joe Woerth, Sharon Hoshor.



Dancers enjoying the evening "In a Garden of Dreams."

Popularity Poll Reveals St. Bonaventure Top-Notch Personalities

SENIORS		JUNIORS		SOPHOMORES		FRESHMEN		
1. Most Likely to Succeed	Carroll Novicki	Judy Olivetti	Dennis Shefcyk	Elaine Boettcher	Paul Langan	Delores Shefcyk	Tony Labens	Kathleen Sokol
2. Most Active	Carroll Novicki	Ann Schilz	Mike Micek	Elaine Boettcher	Tony Kroenke	Judie Bator	Jim Gregorius	Jean Enyeart
3. Best Behaved	Tom Stevens	Beatrice Euteneuer	Jack Jones	Elaine Wieser		Billie Jean Coles		
4. Most Marylike	Jim Laska	Beatrice Euteneuer	Mike Micek	Elaine Wieser	Edward Stevens	Judy Tylle	James Schmidt	Joyce Haney
5. Top Personality	Carroll Novicki	Jackie Michaelson	Ted Pfeifer	Marian Skorupa	Leroy Siler	Judy Tylle	Jim Gregorius	Joyce Haney
6. Best Dressed	Carroll Novicki	Judy Michaelson	Ted Pfeifer	Marian Skorupa	Dick Sansoni	Bea Micek	James Schmidt	Jean Enyeart
7. Best Dancer	Lloyd Bartholomew	Joan Minette	Joe Woerth	Margaret Mielak	Pat Tooley	Billie Jean Coles	James Schmidt	Patty Badstieber
8. Most Talented	Carroll Novicki	Mariann Shonka	Joe Woerth	Rosemary Shemek	Joe Ryba	Lea Markhofer	Allan Kusek	Jean Enyeart
9. Most Talkative	Kenneth Nosal	Mariann Shonka	Mike Micek	Pat Wiedel	George Hanus	Billie Jean Coles	Gerald Haller	Kathleen Sokol
		Frances Merrill			Bill Reuss	Janet Sebek	Jim Gregorius	Carolyn Backus
		Judy Olivetti	Mike Micek	Shirley Slade	Tony Kroenke	Margie Sliva	Ernie Hauk	Lorraine Jarecki
10. Best Pals	Ambrose Placzek	Jackie Michaelson	Dennis Shefcyk	Laverna Bartholomew	Dick Sansoni	Lea Markhofer	Duane Blahak	Carolyn Backus

Play Ball!

"Strike three!" "You're out!" "He's safe!" Yes, the baseball season is really on, and it looks as though plenty of thrilling action will be seen in both major leagues.

There's sure to be plenty of excitement in the National League because it is the first time the Brooklyn Dodgers are defending their world's championship!

Those "bums" from Brooklyn still appear to be packed with plenty of power and pitching and as usual their farm clubs are offering several potential stars.

This season lines up to be another proper one for the Dodger fans if this team does not make the same mistake it did in 1952.

As can be recalled—in that year the Dodgers set a terrific pace, having won about twenty more games than any other team in the league by mid-July.

Most people do not know whether it was too much self-confidence or pride or just plain bad luck, but the Dodgers started slipping and their lead slowly dwindled away. The New York Giants, taking advantage of this, made a rushing surge in the home stretch. As the season closed, the two teams were tied for first place.

This, of course, called for a play-off. The winner of two out of three games would represent the league in the World Series.

Tension mounted as the first game drew near. The fans crowded into the ball park to see the lads from New York, inspired with high hopes, win the first game.

Everyone thought the Giants had it in the bag, until the Dodgers came back the next day to even the series.

Now, the last and decisive game came. The Dodgers, re-encouraged by their previous victory, worked up a 6-3 lead as the game entered the last of the ninth inning.

The Giants' cause seemed hopeless to the crowd—but not to the Giants. Before one man was out they had pushed across a run and had two men on base with Thomson at bat. The Dodger manager switched pitchers and the Dodgers' hopes were renewed as the big Thomson swung and missed the first pitch. On the second pitch he swung also, but . . . he didn't miss! All the people cried out: "It's going . . . going . . . gone for a home run!"

Yes, that was the day the Giants beat the Dodgers 7-6 and that was the day the Dodgers will never forget.

Will Lady Luck be kinder to the Dodgers this year?

The easiest way to find out will be to wait until September when the season closes, but the most exciting way will be to follow the crowds to the baseball parks and join in on the familiar cry across the country: "Play Ball!"

Wayne, Schuyler, Norfolk Invite St. Bonaventure Cindermen to Play

Dennis Shefcyk was the only one who accounted for St. Bonaventure's points in the Wayne College invitational. He won the 120-highs in the time of 16.2. Although he had good qualifying time he was unable to place among the first four and missed "getting into the money" by placing fifth.

Leo Kosiba paced St. Bonaventure freshmen in a meet at Schuyler. Kosiba placed second in the 440, third in the 180 dash, fifth in the discus and fourth in the 440 relay which included Don Gablenz, Alan Kusek and Duane Blahak.

In the 15 school meet at Norfolk invitational, the Shamrocks placed eighth with 18 points.

Scoring was done by sophomore Tony Kroenke who remained unbeaten in the half-mile by running it in a strong 2:07. Dennis Shefcyk placed second in the high hurdles with a time of :15.8 and the mile relay got a fifth run by Jim Laska, Don Noonan, Mike Micek and Tony Kroenke, and again by Shefcyk when he got 4th in the lows.

Shefcyk's :15.8 was a school's record as was the mile relay which was run in 3:48.7.

Jovial Paul Day Dreams

In front of me, in the fourth row, sits Paul, the most jovial boy in our English class. He is day dreaming about the window pane as it glimmers on his well-groomed appearance. His pretty blue eyes seem to indicate an enjoyable dream. But then as the cool breeze blows about his pink shirt collar, he is aroused at my staring. He turns around, winks his pretty blue eye and then continues with his dream.

Beautiful Marie Attracts Girl Classmates Attention

To my right sits a beautiful girl named Marie. The April sunlight gleaming through the window casts a glare upon her sparkling white attire. Her rich brown hair is neatly combed and pinned.

As Marie writes, her pen glides over the paper like a robin in flight and her light brown eyes seem to concentrate with the utmost enthusiasm. When Marie has finished her assignment, she closes her tired eyes and pauses a few moments in deep thought.

People See You This Way

This friend of mine has blue eyes, a very light and delicate blue. They are always shiny and never dull. She has a few freckles on her nose. Her hair is usually pulled back into a pony tail.

In school she sits with her head bent over her book and her eyes cast down. As she studies a slow pleasant smile turns up the corners of her ruddy lips. Now she holds her head erect so the sun is beaming directly on her face. The sparkle in her blue eyes and the freckles on her face are even plain-er enhanced by the bright light.

Shefcyk-Kroenke Qualify For State Cindermen Meet Held In Lincoln May 11

Dennis Shefcyk along with Tony Kroenke were the two Shamrock qualifiers for the State Track meet. Dennis received his ticket when he finished second in the 120 highs and Tony his, when he finished third in the half-mile.

The mile relay which came in fourth did the other scoring for the high and included Leo Kosiba, Mike Micek, Don Noonan, and Tony Kroenke.

Because of the heavy downpour in the morning, which left the track sloppy and muddy, there were no outstanding marks.

N.B. Tracksters better than Dennis and Tony took the honors at the State Meet.

Juniors Take Platter Poll

What's spinning, music lovers? To answer this question, the juniors took a "platter poll" of top hits this week. Each student gave the name of his favorite. Elvis Presley seems to have taken St. Bon's by storm for amidst much sentimental sighing from the feminine voters, he rated tops in popularity—holding the first three places. "Money Honey" topped the list with "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Heartbreak Hotel" coming in for a close second and third.

Hitting the number four position is "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" by the Teenagers.

In the half-way position is Lonny Donnigan's "Rock Island Line."

Slightly falling from the top, but still sticking to the top ten are three ties — "Ivory Towers" by Kathy Karr; "Man with the Golden Arm" by Richard Maltbe; and "Hot Diggity" by Perry Como.

Holding the ninth spot in popularity is "Poor People of Paris" by Les Daxter.

The tenth most popular record is Little Richard's "Long Tall Sally."

His Last Trip

One of the most feared moments in the life of any baseball player is the day he makes his last trip to the plate. The most widely publicized event of this sort occurred in 1933 when the great Ruth, the mighty Bambino, made his last walk to the plate.

It was a fitting day for so thrilling an experience. The house that Ruth built, Yankee Stadium, was filled to the brim. Here was tension, tension that people still say today has never been equalled, even in the seventh inning of the 1922 world series. The inning was the ninth, the Yanks were ahead by 13 runs when suddenly from the public address system a sharp, clear voice spoke the words that were heard around the world. The voice simply said: "George Herman Ruth will complete his baseball career this afternoon." A sigh and a gasp arose from the throngs gathered there that day.

Then again the announcer spoke. This time was heard: "Lazzeri up, Gehring on deck, Ruth in the hole."

The pitcher then was a young fire-ball rookie. He had held the Yanks' hitless for six innings, after the first pitcher was knocked out by the 13 run outburst of the Yankees earlier in the game. Lazzeri, as fleet of foot as he was, attempted a bunt but was easily thrown out at first. Gehring, a mighty hitter himself, was struck out on three pitches. Then the time came for Ruth. He stepped out of the dug-out, picked up his bat, and began the longest walk of his life. His head was high though everyone knew there was a tear running down his cheek. He stood by the plate for a moment, turned, looked at the crowd, looked at the pitcher, and then pointed toward center field some 450 feet away. The young hurler sneered and shouted at Ruth: "Come on and bat, quit stallin'."

The Babe calmly stepped into the box, the pitcher reared back and fired the ball. A loud crack was heard, and the ball sailed high into the air. Soon it was out of sight, and out of the ballpark. The Bambino trotted around the bases for the last time, tears streaming from his eyes as the people in the stand, in complete unity stood and applauded, and yelled, and even cried.

The Babe was through now. That winter he died. Though he is now in heaven, the world will never forget him. He is in the mind of every young boy in America. The man Ruth, his deeds and his last trip to the plate will live in the minds of young and old alike forever and ever.



St. Bonaventure Band, with its director Joseph J. Van Ackeran, perform a Centennial novelty act during the Spring Concert.



St. Bonaventure

Class of 1956

Marilyn Adamy

Glee 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3; Sodality 4; May Crowning 4.

Anita Augustine

Sodality 1, 4; Sodality Convention 1; May Crowning 4; Glee 1, 2, 4; Y. C. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; Homecoming Attendant 4; Class Play 4; Glee Contest 1, 2, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; Venture Staff—Reporter 2, 3; Page Editor 4; Annual Staff—Business Manager 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; U. N. Convention 4; Democracy Contest 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Rosary Leader 4; Chairman Float Committee 2; Float Committee 3, 4.

Janet Bures

Band 1; Class Play 4; Venture Reporter 4; Sodality 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Monitor 3; Prom Committee 3; May Crowning 4; Co-Chairman Y. C. Party 3.

Barbara Cielocha

Cheerleading 1, 2; Choral Clinic 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3; County Government 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Class Play 4; Sodality 4; May Crowning 4.

Alberta Cutsor

Y-Teen 2; Cheerleader 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 1; Class Vice-president 4; Physical Ed. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; County Government 3; Sodality 4; Pep Club President 3; Junior Play 3; May Crowning 4; Athletic Queen 4.

Beatrice Eutenauer

Sodality 1, 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; May Crowning 4; Monitor 4; Pep Club 1, 2.

Sharon Hoshor

Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary of Class 2; Sodality 1, 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Glee Contest 2, 3, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Democracy Contest 3rd place 4; May Crowning 4; Annual Staff—Section Editor 4; U. N. Convention 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary Y. C. 2; Monitor 4; Rosary Leader 4; Chairman Prom Decorations 3; Float Committee 2, 3, 4.

Pat Kula

Cheerleader 4; Y-Teens 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff Editor 4; Class Secretary 1; Physical Ed. 1, 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; Sodality 4; Junior Play 3; May Crowning 4; Athletic Queen's Attendant 4.

Ed Kavanaugh

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2; Class President 1, 2; Youth Center, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jim Laska

Basketball 2, 3; Track 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Sodality Prefect 4; Youth Center 4; Monitor 4; Student Council 4.

Esther Liss

Cheerleader 1, 2, 4; Glee 1, 2, 4, 4; Glee Contest 2, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; Sodality Treasurer 4; Sodality 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; May Crowning 4; Class Play 4; Venture Staff Typist 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Float Committee 2.

Lorus Luetkenhaus

Track 1, 3, 4; Democracy Contest 2, 3, 4; Oratorical Contest 2; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Governor's Third Youth Safety Congress 4.

Milo Herink

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3; Monitor 4; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; May Crowning 4; Sodality 4.

Norma Irwin

Glee 1, 2; Sodality 1, 4; Attendant for "Queen of Hearts" 4; Venture Staff Typist 4; Annual Staff 4; Youth Center 1, 2.

Bill Markhofer

Glee 1, 2; Boys' Quartet 1, 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Band Council 4; Band President 4.

Janet Melcher

Cheerleading 1, 2; Legion of Mary 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2, 3; Majorette 3, 4; Oratorical Contest 2; Democracy Contest 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Page Editor 3; Editor 4; County Government 3; Glee 1, 2, 4; Press Convention 3, 4; Sodality 1, 4; Leader for Magazine Drive 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec.-Treasurer 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Class Play 4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Sodality Convention 1; Music Contest 1, 2, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; Noel Choir 1; Band Dan 3; Monitor 4.

Frances Merrill

Glee 1, 2, 4; Choral Contest 2, 4; Sodality 1, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; May Crowning 4; Democracy Contest 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jerry Micek

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; Homecoming Attendant 4; Democracy Contest—First Place 4; Sodality Prefect 4; Comedy Skit 4; St. Joseph Seminary 1.

Jackie Michaelsen

Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Reporter 2, 3; Cheerleader 4; County Government 3; Annual Staff—Copy Editor 4; Class President 3; Student Council 3; Class Play 4; State Music Clinic 4; Cheerin' Convention 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3; Noel Choir 1, 2, 3; Fremont Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Democracy Contest 4; Choir 1, 2, 3; May Crowning 4; Monitor 3, 4; Float Committee 1, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Chairman Y. C. Party 3; Fremont Contest—Piano Solo 3; Junior Triple Trio 2.

Joan Minette

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Sodality 1, 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; All Girls' State 3; Noel Choir 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3; Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Editor Annual 4; Mock U. N. 3; Press convention 4; Monitor 3; Class Play 4; Queen of Hearts 4; Music Contest 1, 2, 4; Float Committee 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Sodality Chairman—Publicity Unit 4; Chairman Y. C. Party 3; May Crowning 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; Quill & Scroll 3.

Don Noonan

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Class Officers 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 4.

Leonard Nosal

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Sodality 4; Altar Boy 1; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Sports Editor—Annual 4; Class Play 4; County Government 3; Baseball 2; Toastmaster Prom Banquet 3.

Carroll Novicki

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Reporter 1, 2, 3; Venture Sport's Editor 4; Quill & Scroll 3; Press Convention—First Place Yearbook Layout 4; Student Council 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Democracy Contest 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Annual Editor 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; May Crowning 4.

Judy Olivetti

Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Venture Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; Class Play 4; Noel Choir 1, 2, 3; Press Convention 3; Y. C. Officer 1; Sodality 1, 4; Democracy Contest 3; Pep Club Officer 4; Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Chairman Float Committee 3, 4; Monitor 4; May Crowning 4; Prom Committee 3; Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Editorial Writing—First Place 4; Chairman Y. C. Party 2.

Allen Pensick

Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council—Vice-president 3; President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Council 4; Student Rotarian 4; District Music Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; County Government 3; Glee 1, 2, 3; Boys' Quartet 3; Democracy Contest 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; City Youth Council 3; Annual Staff 4; Venture Staff—Advertising Manager 4; Sodality 4; Altar Boy 1, 2, 3, 4.

Joyce Schaefer

Glee 1, 2, 4; Sodality 4; Secretary of Sodality 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Contest 1, 2, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; Class Play 4; May Crowning; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Hall Monitor 4; Float Committee 2.

Ann Schilz

Venture Reporter 1, 2; County Government 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Press Convention 3; Girls State 3; Monitor 3, 4; Chairman Junior-Senior Prom 3; Pep Club 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Sodality 4; May Crowning 4; Class President 4; Student Council, Secretary 4; Chairman Venture Party 4; Chairman Homecoming Float 4.

Marian Shonka

Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer Band 4; Vice-Prefect Sodality 4; Sodality 4; May Crowning 4; State Music Clinic 3, 4; Venture Reporter 4; Senior Class Play 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Civil Air Patrol 3, 4; Vocal Soloist 2, 3, 4; Junior Bowling League 4; Triple Trio 3; Senior Girl Scout 3, 4; Assistant Brownie Scout Leader 4.

Maxine Schuele

Vice-Prefect Sodality 4; Sodality 4; May Crowning 4; Venture Typist 4; Freshman and Sophomore Years at Cedar Rapids and Clarke, Nebraska.

Patricia Schuele

Sodality 4; Freshman Year at Cedar Rapids, Nebraska.

Larry Sleddens

Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 4; May Crowning 4.

Joyce Soulliere

Glee 1, 2, 4; Choral Contest 2, 4; Sodality 1, 4; Choral Clinic 1, 2; May Crowning 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4.

Tom Stevens

Football 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 4; Sodality 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Venture Typist 4; Annual Copy Writer 4; Sodality May Crowning 4; Monitor 3, 4.

Patricia Tworek

Sodality 1, 4; Cheerleader 1; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Choral Clinic 1, 2, 3; Committee Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Play 4; Class Play 4; May Crowning 4.

Madge Tank

Glee 1, 2, 3; Sodality 4; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 3, 4; Venture Reporter 2; Annual Staff 4; Mock U. N. 3; Class Play 4; Noel Choir 2; Music Contest 1, 2, 3; Band 1; Basketball 1; Choir 2, 3; May Crowning 4; Monitor 3, 4; Float Committee 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Choral Clinic 2, 3; Junior Triple Trio 2.

Richard Tworek

Sodality 4; May Crowning 4; Monitor 4; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4.

Frances Valasek

Glee 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Class Secretary 1; Music Contest 1; Youth Center 3, 4; Sodality 4; Monitor 4; Queen of Heart's Attendant 4; Committee Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Choral Clinic 3.

Bob Zoucha

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 2; Track 1, 2, 3; Youth Center 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Homecoming King 4.

(Pictures Not Available)

Kenneth Nosal

Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 2; Football 4; Sodality 4; Annual Assistant Sports Editor 4; Class Play 4.

Ambrose Placzek

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Baseball 2; Youth Center 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4.

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