

The

PIONEER

OCTOBER, 1969

Freshmen Board 'Good Ship'

August 25 was back to school day for many; but for the freshmen, it was the first day of high school. When the rest of the school dismissed, their orientation to Assumption began.

After being welcomed to the "Good Ship Assumption" by Principal Brother Henry Ringkamp, John Kennedy, Alex Feigl, Joe Prosser, Randy Edmiston and Steve Wappel familiarized the freshmen with the various aspects of life here.

John Kennedy, Student Council president, explained the operation and purposes of his organization. Vice-president Al Feigl spoke of the rules and regulations at Assumption, while Secretary Joe

Prosser covered the academic side of the school. Randy Edmiston, treasurer for the council, explained the sports program, and Steve Wappel rounded off by covering extracurricular activities and clubs.

Two Die in Accidents

A sophomore, Floyd Hackworth, and a freshman, Peter Rees, died as a result of accidents occurring within the first week of school.

Floyd Hackworth, 16, died on August 23 when the car in which he was traveling struck a tree in Bercher, Missouri. A member of Holy Angels Parish, Floyd lived at 1410 N. 32nd Street in East St. Louis.

Peter Rees, 14, drowned in a swimming accident at Alton Lake in St. Charles, Missouri, on Sunday evening, August 31. Peter, who lived at 2226 Cleveland Avenue in Granite City, was a member of St. Joseph Parish.

Council Seeks New Solutions

John Kennedy, Al Feigl and Randy Edmiston, three of the Assumption Student Council officers, attended a leadership workshop at the Marianist Apostolic Center in Glencoe, Missouri, August 26 through 28.

The purpose of the workshop, entitled "Project: Impact," was to share ideas and plans with other student councils in order to equip the school groups to work more efficiently. The Assumption officers termed the trip a success, bringing home ideas concerning elections, administration, co-operation, spirit boosting and discipline.

Included in the weekend were discussions, school presentations, interviews with area principals and recreation usually extending throughout the night.

Student officials from other Marianist high schools in the St. Louis Province along with those from Rosary and St. Thomas Aquinas high schools attended the workshop.

COVER

Juniors Mike Halloran, Mike Wappel, Steve Ratay, Jay Johnston and Dennis O'Brien decorate the centerpiece for the Autumn Leaves dance.

The Pioneer

Vol. XXVIII

No. 1

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

East St. Louis, Illinois

Editor-in-Chief Steve Wappel
 News Editor Kevin Slimak
 Assistant Pat Dougherty
 Editorial Editor Bob Galan
 Assistant Duane Georgeff
 Feature Editor Thom Dammrich
 Assistant Ed Bonk
 Sports Editor Al Feigl
 Assistant Bob Maziarz
 Layout Editor Tom Smith
 Business Manager Randy LaMotte
 Assistant Bill Oulvey
 Headlines Ron Mallett
 Artist Tom Smith
 Photographers Bob Manning,
 Mike Gorsich, Ken Aubuchon.
 Reporters John Maxwell,
 Bill Oulvey, Mark Diak, John
 Kennedy, Steve Jankowski, Tom
 Lauck, Fred Furmanek, John
 Schanot, Bill Butler, Mike
 Boyne, Rich Schuh, Dave Unger,
 Bob Keefe, Randy Easton, Don
 Briddell, Mike Nevinger, Tom
 Keefe and John Mercer.
 Typists Mike Egan,
 Bill Kimutis, Tom Lauck, Bob
 Flynn.
 Advisor Mr. Don Smithes



Former Teachers Go Elsewhere

It is not unusual for a former Assumption teacher to play soccer and baseball. But, Mr. Michael Villa is doing his thing for the United States Army. On August 1st, he reported to Fort Leonard Wood for instructions.

A little closer to home is Mr. William Regan who is now recruiting for St. Louis University. Mr. Regan and Mr. Villa both taught social studies last year at Assumption.

Mr. Joseph Brady, former geography and World History teacher here is now teaching in his hometown of Geneseo, Illinois. The language department lost Mr. Steve Tarchala as he returned to Chicago after receiving his first teaching experiences at Assumption High School.

Four Marianists were transferred this year. Brother David Hope, physics teacher here last year, is now stationed at St. Joseph's High School in Victoria, Texas. At the Brother's house there, Brother Joseph Grieshaber is the religious superior. Brother Grieshaber, as well as teaching

English and mathematics to Assumptionites, was moderator of the Student Council.

With his valuable counseling experience, Father Warner Rohrbach is doing retreat work in New Haven, Missouri, at the Marianist Retreat house there.

Administrative duties have been assumed by Brother Eugene Fitzsimmons as he is now vice-principal of McBride High School in St. Louis. The speech team was led by him last year. He also taught Freshman Speech and English.

Join the "In" Crowd

Wear Shoes from

Loisel Bootery

LOISEL VILLAGE

398-3257

Hrs. 10-9

College Night Planned

Thirty colleges and universities will definitely be represented at the 1969 AHS-STA College Night on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:30 p. m. Others have yet to answer invitations, while some who are uninvited are still asking if they may attend.

The three-hour program will consist of four thirty-minute sessions. Each group of visitors will have three interviews with representatives from different colleges in separate classrooms and one other session in the "browsing room."

This room, a new feature, is planned to broaden the horizons of prospective college students. It will be in the gym where cafeteria tables will be spread with literature from all schools present in the individual sessions. Some institutions will participate only in the

group periods.

Mr. Ray Einig, Guidance Department head and organizer of College Night, hopes to see approximately 100 colleges in the browsing room. Some schools, due to lack of demand in the individual sessions, may be in the gym more than one period; but every college will be in the browsing room at some time during the evening.

Procedure will be the same as last year, with each session indicated by a distinctly colored ticket. In any event, Mr. Einig promises that it will be "twice as good as last year."

Colleges invited since June 5 and which will be represented are of three types. All-male schools include Saint John's College, the Air Force Academy, Saint Bene-

dict's College (Kansas), and St. Procopius College.

Institutions in attendance that accept only women will be Saint Xavier College, Maryville College of the Sacred Heart, Clarke College, Mount Saint Scholastica College, Fontbonne College and Saint Benedict's College (Minnesota).

Co-educational schools to be present include Loyola University of Chicago, Saint Mary's University (Texas), De Paul University, Southern Illinois University (both Edwardsville and Carbondale), Harris Teachers' College, Parks College, Saint Louis College of Pharmacy, Rockhurst College and St. Joseph's College.

Creighton University, Bradley University, McKendree College, Quincy College, Saint Louis University, Washington University, Culver-Stockton College, Briar Cliff College, Avila College, University of Illinois (Urbana), Belleville Junior College and Springfield Junior College are other co-ed schools that will be represented.

Council Forms Advisory Bodies

Fifteen seniors and juniors have been appointed to head Student Council committees during the 1969-70 term, according to Student Council President John Kennedy.

Mike Kinsella and Doug Dusek head the spirit committee which is responsible for promoting support for athletic events. They also award the Spirit Banner, a token given to the homeroom showing the most enthusiasm over a certain period of time. The newly initiated sign and poster unit, captained by Tom Smith and Mike Wappel, publicizes school events and Student Council activities.

Homecoming chairmen are Bill Butler and Marino Garcia, while Pat Dougherty and Mike Vodde top the student directory committee. Thom Dammrich and Jerry Benhoff have been appointed to supervise council elections along with their fellow committeemen.

Dan McGinnis and Jay Johnston lead the secretarial committee, as Steve Jankowski and Pat Sullivan chairman the pep rally squad. Dennis Johnson heads the dance committee.

Each senior chairman attends Student Council meetings and has the opportunity to give his ideas in an opinion vote.

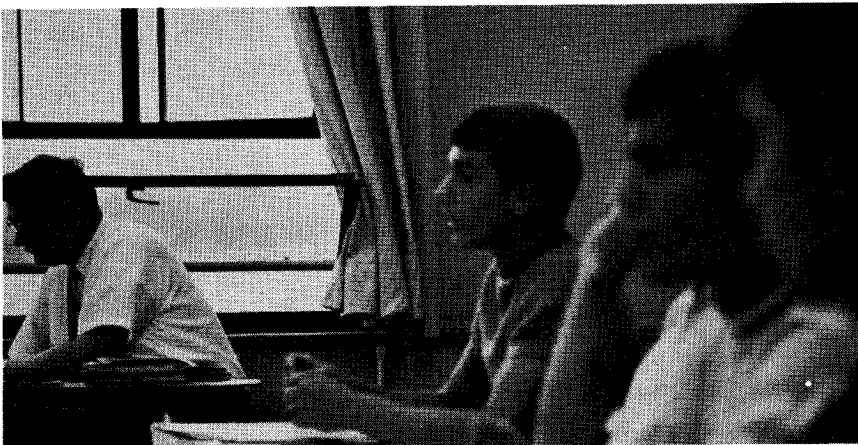
Yearbook Work Begins

Work on the 1969-70 Pioneer yearbook has already begun with the appointment of the new staff. Paul Schmitt, yearbook editor-in-chief, promises "a bigger book (than last year's) if more money can be brought in."

Under the supervision of Father Bernard Rochon, the staff has started to collect pictures and is looking for a yearbook theme. This staff is composed mostly of seniors with only three underclassmen in the main organization.

Assisting Schmitt is junior Mike Belz, while Bob Maziarz handles finances with the help of sophomore Jim Durbin. Business managers are John Sheahan and Mark Wilcox. The underclassman editor is John Mercer whose assistant is Tom Cichon.

Junior Jim Roche aids Tom Lauck in editing the activities. Thom Dammrich and junior Jerry Benhoff handle organizations, and sports editing is done by Bob Schutzenhofer and Mark Diak. Photography is in the hands of Bob Manning.



Student Council President John Kennedy addresses first Council meeting.

Academic Council Debates Issues

The Academic Council of Assumption High School met for the first time this year on Thursday, September 18. The main policy-making body of the school, the council is composed of members of the administration and department heads.

Topics covered at the meeting were purported action by the "Students for a Democratic Society" at Assumption, changes in the Council itself and a proposed concert tour by the AHS-STA Band during the Easter vacation.

During the week of September 15, "several" juniors wore white

Student Council Plans Homecoming Festival

Early dismissal, a pep rally and a big dance complete with snack bar have been proposed for this year's Homecoming on Friday, October 17, when Assumption plays its Collinsville football game.

Bill Butler and Marino Garcia, Homecoming Committee co-chairmen, have asked for early dismissal in order to hold a pep rally before the 3 p. m. game at Parson's Field. Other suggestions made by the committee include a Grundy Day and early dismissal for St. Teresa's.

The opening of the cafeteria as a snack bar for those who don't go home after the game has also been proposed. A parade is not planned because the committee does not believe it would help the spirit.

Vocational Test Given

The Armed Services' Vocational Aptitude Battery was given to all Assumption High School seniors on October 10.

This series of tests does not judge a person's educational achievement but rather gives the student an indication of the occupation to which he is best suited.

The Vocational Aptitude Battery takes the place of all other military tests combining them all to show which military field is best to enter. It in no way obligates any senior who takes it to military service, but, if taken properly, can help him in his vocational choice.

armbands to school. According to vice-principal Mr. John O'Brien, "several teachers over-reacted to the armbands," and forced the students to remove them. The main question put to the group was what should be done. After some debate, the councilmen voted to bide time and allow the students to make the next move without sacrificing discipline.

A concert tour of northern areas by the AHS-STA Band has been proposed for the Easter vacation by Mr. Philip Atkins, band director. Mr. Atkins stated that invitations have been received from schools in Chicago and Milwaukee. Although these offers have been made before, the band was never able to take advantage of them. The council gave approval to continue planning for the tour but reserved a final decision until a later date.

Father James Genisio reported on the election procedure for two Academic Council members-at-large. His suggestions, which were supported by the council, included a series of two elections to choose these new members.

A primary ballot would first be held in which all faculty members not already on the Council who wish to take a seat would be eligible. In the final election, candidates would be those who polled the highest number of votes in the first race.

Dances Highlight Season

Autumn Leaves, replacing the Wagon Whirl for this year, was held October 3 from 8 to 11 p. m.

Dress at this dance was semi-formal, as dictated by vote of the student body and announced September 17 by the Student Council. Earlier this month, the homerooms voted to have the dance; the price of which was \$3 per couple.

Two other dances preceded the October 3 affair this year. On August 18, Assumption held its first Yearbook dance and on August 30, the Back-to-School dance took place.

The Yearbook dance was an attempt to distribute the 1969 year-



John Lesaganich

Speaker Second In World

Junior John Lesaganich spoke his way to \$1500 and the runner-up position in the Optimist International Speech Contest last June in Miami Beach, Florida.

John was one of two participants representing Illinois among contestants from the United States and Canada. Each of the participants had won club, zone and district meets to earn the right to go to Miami.

As a runner-up, John received a \$1000 scholarship from Optimist International to which his East St. Louis sponsors added a \$500 scholarship.

The official contest topic was "Respect for Law, Cornerstone of Citizenship."

books, particularly to last year's seniors. This affair was also an effort to raise money for the 1970 yearbook. "Othello" provided the music.

Something new was added to this year's Back-to-School dance when both "The Truth" and "The Spur" played. This was the first dance held at Assumption where two groups entertained in other than a battle of bands.

According to Student Council President John Kennedy, a \$300 profit was realized at the August 30 dance despite the \$500 bill for the bands.

Nine in Top Two Per Cent

Scholars Honored in National Tests

Two Assumption seniors, Joseph Prosser and Kevin Slimak, have been named Semifinalists in the 1969-70 National Merit Scholarship Program. Seven other seniors were among the 39,000 students receiving Merit commendations. They were Mike Ratay, Eugene O'Donnell, Mike Kinsella, Ken Schrage, Tom Keefe, Dan McGinnis and Steve Rittenhouse.

Prosser and Slimak are among the 15,000 Semifinalists chosen from the "most scholastically talented" high school seniors in the nation. Each has a chance at as much as \$6,000 in scholarships. The Semifinalists were the highest scorers in their states on the basis of the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This test was given last February to some

750,000 students in 17,250 schools nationwide.

Semifinalists must advance to Finalist status next spring to be considered for approximately 3,000 Merit Scholarships. About 97% of Semifinalists are expected to become Finalists. High school grades, accomplishments, leadership qualities and extracurricular achievements are evaluated along with test scores to select the Finalists.

Winners of four-year Merit Scholarships may receive up to \$1,500 a year according to their financial needs. Winners of the \$1,000 scholarships will receive their one-time non-renewable awards upon entry into an accredited college or university.

Teachers Discuss Human Relations

"Human Relations Today," especially student-teacher relations, was the theme of the faculty orientation day held on August 22 at Assumption High School.

After an informal introduction of old and new faculty members, Father J. Barry Jones delivered a speech on "Human Relations Today." The faculty then separated into small groups to discuss the topic. Leaders from each group reported the results of these discussions to the entire faculty.

Orientation of new and old members of the faculty in their duties for the school year was a primary purpose of this meeting. Departmental meetings were held to explain the various duties of each teacher and also outline policies and programs of the departments. Anticipated problems during the school year were discussed by each group.

Brother Charles Schmitt and

Mr. Vincent Chawgo were named divisional moderators for the seniors and juniors. Mr. Charles Evans was renamed sophomore moderator and Brother Lawrence Doersching was renamed freshman moderator.

Religion Office Initiated

Many renovations and repairs took place over the past summer, and one of the most important was in the religion office. This change includes the refurbishing of the old sacristy and chaplain's office into what is now known as the religion office.

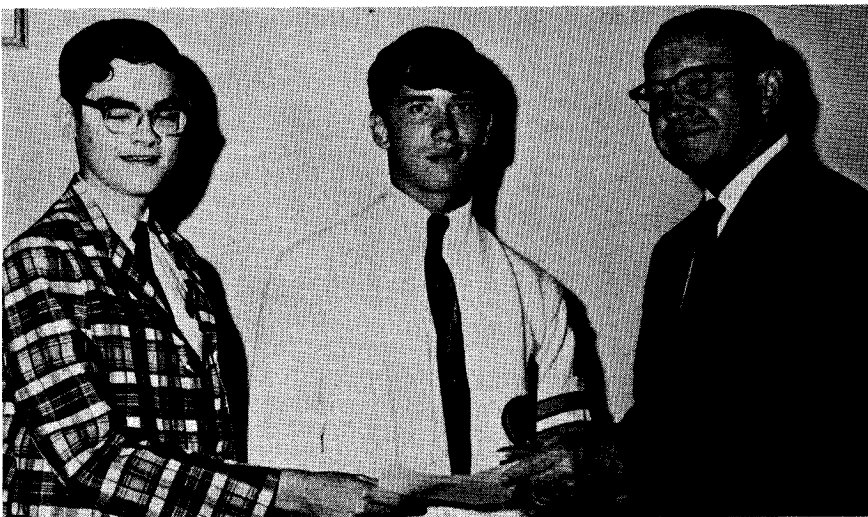
The sacristy and chaplain's office have both been painted and arranged so they could be used for counseling purposes. This will be an outgrowth from the required religion classes.

The credit for the idea or setting up of this office goes to Father William Wightman, head of the religion department. The office will be manned by the other full-time religion teachers, Brother Lawrence Doersching, Father Bernard Rochon, and Father Thomas Smith along with Father Wightman. Aiding them will be Father James Genisio, Brother Joseph Visse, Mr. Charles Evans and Mr. Fred Tessler, part-time religion teachers.

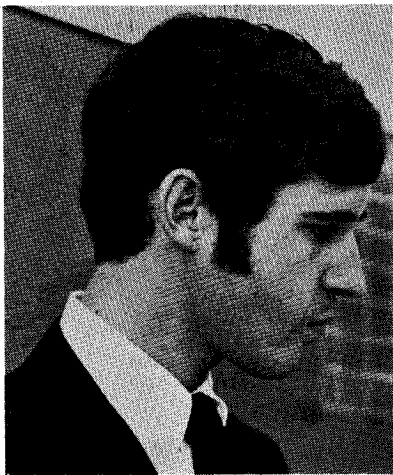
The office is open to all students at any time. They may come in and discuss their personal problems about religion or anything that bothers them. This office will act as a resource center as books will be available to anyone who wishes to use them.

From time to time a roving art show may appear in the area. The art work will be provided by Brother Melvin Meyer, an artist stationed at Maryhurst Prep in St. Louis.

Brother Doersching feels that the office was necessary and one of the best things to come to Assumption. He feels that it will teach people to work together and improve communications which may help in solving the problem of the generation gap between students and faculty.



National Merit Semifinalists Kevin Slimak and Joe Prosser receive congratulations from Principal Brother Henry Ringkamp.



Brother Alan Byrd

Brother Alan Byrd has his B. A. degree in French from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas. Besides teaching English III and French, Brother Byrd also organizes the French Club, only in its second year at Assumption, and junior homeroom 103. Brother is from across the river in St. Louis and is working on his Masters degree in counseling and guidance at St. Mary's University.



Mr. Joseph Hudanick

A man who loves to travel, Mr. Joseph Hudanick is also very interested in bridge, photography and chess. Mr. Hudanick teaches geography and physical science and takes care of sophomore homeroom 210.

The frosh-soph vocation coordinator, Brother Joseph Visse, has taken over the job of compiling and calculating the loyalty points of the Pioneers. Brother also coaches original oratory in extracurricular speech. While having his B. A. degree in history from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, Brother Visse teaches English I and Religion II and moderates freshman homeroom 220.

Assumption Students G

An assistant track coach, Mr. Fred Tessler is one of the many teachers at Assumption who comes from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Having his B. A. degree in world history from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Mr. Tessler teaches World History and religion to freshmen. He is interested in wrestling and would like to see a wrestling team here. Moderator of freshman homeroom 135, Mr. Tessler chose to teach at Assumption because he likes the spirit of Marianist schools.



Mr. Fred Tessler

In his first assignment since returning years in Peru, Father Bernard Rochon, member of the newly formed Religion Committee, a member of the guidance and moderator of the Pioneer yearbook, is a well-traveled man, having attended the Universities of Freiburg, Madrid and Ottawa, and the Universities of Dayton and St. Louis. In Detroit, Father enjoys sports and playing

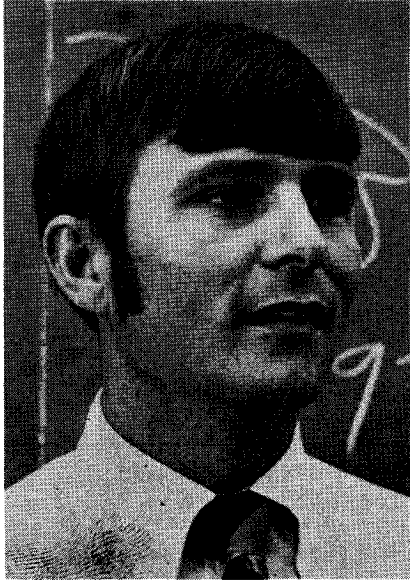


Father Bernard Rochon



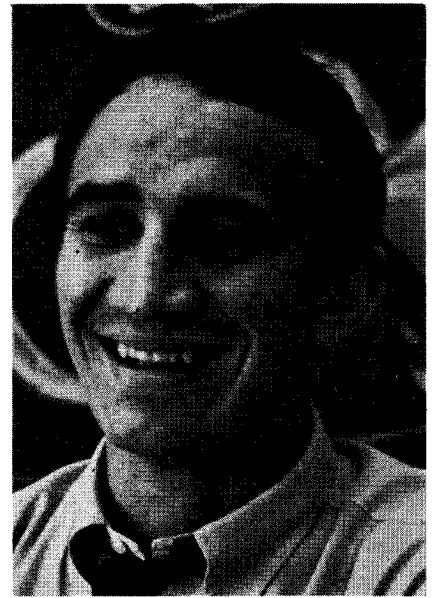
Brother Joseph Visse

Meet Nine New Teachers



Mr. Terrence Florek

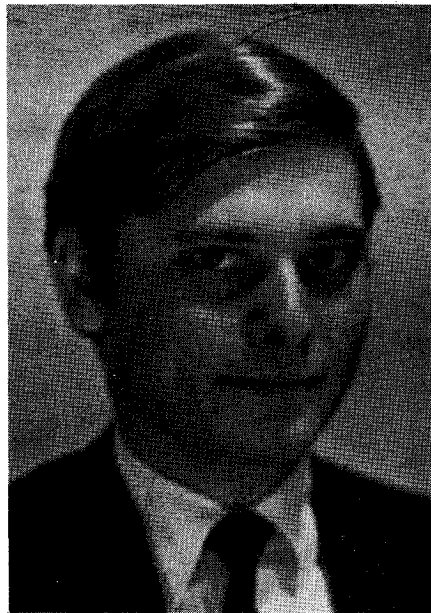
A graduate of Assumption, Mr. Terrence Florek, in his first full year of teaching, teaches Business Law, Accounting and freshman physical education. Mr. Florek is coach of the freshman basketball team, and manages homeroom 223. He received his B. A. degree in business administration from McKendree College.



Mr. Robert Mays

A professional boxer and lawyer, as well as teacher, Mr. Robert Mays assists Mr. Chawgo with the freshman football team. Mr. Mays, in his second year of teaching, has a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from St. Louis University and a B. A. degree from the University of Illinois in economics and history. A graduate of Assumption in the class of '62, Mr. Mays teaches American Problems to five senior classes and moderates senior homeroom 221.

...ning from 3½
 ...n has become a
 ...rious Activities
 ...nce department
 ...ok. Father is a
 ...he Universities
 ...as well as the
 ...s. A native of
 ...ying the guitar.



Brother Bruce Shields

Leader of the freshman Caterers Club, Brother Bruce Shields also oversees the activities of the Camera Club. A graduate of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, Brother has his B. A. degree in history and teaches World History to freshmen classes. Brother Shields is from St. Charles, Missouri, and takes control of freshman homeroom 129.



Mr. Dale Peimann

Mr. Dale Peimann, in his first year of teaching, teaches geometry and algebra. He has his B. A. degree in mathematics from Washington University and his Masters degree in mathematics from St. Louis University. A native of St. Louis, Mr. Peimann is interested in golf as a hobby and moderates homeroom 202.

COMMENTARY

Life... or... Death?

Ask anyone to give a general description of East St. Louis and it's always the same: a summary of murder, rape, slum take-over, etc.

Such is the typical description made by non-residents. The shameful part of it all is that this description is also accepted by most residents. All too often the minor incidents of any other fair-sized city are blown out of proportion if they happen to occur in East St. Louis.

Why is it that most East St. Louisans think this way? A number of reasons can be given. The primary reason is that social inactivity is a result of exceptionally poor race-relations.

Some light is being shed on the subject with the birth of a new organization — the Diplomats. The function of this non-politically controlled organization will be to change the misshapen image of East St. Louis.

Still in the evolutionary process of organization, the Diplomats are presently concerned with resident interest and adult initiation. After obtaining this objective, the Diplomats hope to extend their "realm of concern" to the younger people of East St. Louis through high school visitations, public seminars, etc.

The primary obstacle is that of lack of funds. Due to this financial barrier, the Diplomats have not been able to inform the people by mail or public advertising about their organization.

The Diplomats are looking forward to making East St. Louis an "attractive" business location. Presently, business and industry are moving out of East St. Louis at a rapid rate. Subsequently, unemployment is on the rise.

To make the least bit of progress, both races will *have* to make a unified effort. The only obstacle that can stop it is the continuation of the hereditary prejudices born out of our segregated societies.

Let us hope that the Diplomats will be the start of something great in East St. Louis. If not, East St. Louis will become every bit of the "general description" and there will be no one to blame but ourselves.

"A climate of war creates its own horizons, its own justification and method. Subjected to such an atmosphere for a period of time, men come to accept it as normal and self-evident."

**— Father Daniel Berrigan, S. J.,
"They Call Us Dead Men"**

Is it Worth the Price?

On the first day of school the seniors were "informed of their rights." All the can and can't do's of Pioneer regulations were once again repeated for the benefit of the forgetful.

Seniors were also informed of their privileges — which are, to say the least, greatly appreciated. But why the constant reminding and subsequent threats of revocation? Such constant reminding of the student regarding his privileges negates the basis of having privileges and gives rise to a more than subtle irritation.

The concern of the Administration to see that the senior privileges are not revoked is very impressive. However, the implications of concern are being over-expressed in the form of "I DARE YOU!"

Up to this point there have been bulletins read and posted in the homerooms, papers distributed among the seniors, reminders on the morning bulletins, and an assembly — all for the same purpose of "reminding." Stressing the purpose of a good education — which is the primary function of Assumption — has never been as great.

We are not "knocking" the privileges because they are wanted. But why have them if they cannot be exercised in the least without a reminder of their proper usage? The alternative has been emphasized to a point of excessive familiarity — and as the old adage says: "Familiarity breeds contempt."

Foreknowledge:

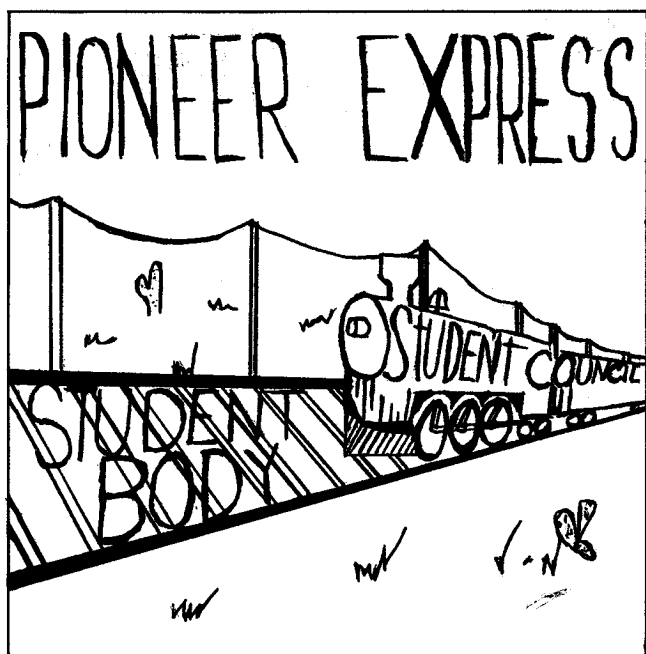
Is it Necessary?

On Monday, August 25, the first day of school, several Assumption students were put on probationary suspension for what has generally been termed "radical hairstyle."

While supporting the right of the Administration to establish minimum standards of dress and appearance, and having established and *publicized* these regulations not in generalities, but in particular and clear terms, we feel the action taken by the Administration toward these students to be at best, unfair, and at worst, unjustified.

One of the basic principles of American justice is that a law must be publicly known to be broken with intent. Thus, when the specifics of a rule are changed, those affected should, and rightfully must, be notified before they are liable for any violations. Any other action would border "ex post facto" law, which makes an action a crime after it has been committed.

As these students were suspended on the first day and as no complete list of regulations has been compiled since 1965, we feel that the Administration should first have issued a warning before enforcing its new regulations and depriving students of education because of indeliberate ignorance.



Pioneer Platform

The 1969-1970 PIONEER staff has composed its policy, or platform. This policy, while keeping in the tradition of past years, will have certain modifications and revisions.

The PIONEER will maintain the highest standards of journalism. It will write with the student in mind and strive to provide interesting and pertinent news, whether good or bad. It will try to arouse and promote student interest and participation in all school activities.

All editorials will voice the opinion of the majority of the staff and, in order to provide a direct outlet for opinions of students and faculty, it will print "Letters to the Editor." It is the wish of the staff that these be presented in signed letters to any staff member. If anonymity is requested it shall be respected.

Parliamentarian

Presently, there appears to be a "behind-the-scenes" distortion in the unity of the Student Council. Expressed discontent concerning the Student Council procedures at the meetings is stemming from the underclassmen representatives and is expected to grow.

Complaints are generally centered upon the "railroading of issues" by the senior representatives in co-operation with the Student Council officers.

This general complaint can hardly be disputed when one takes into consideration the erroneous parliamentary procedure witnessed at Student Council meetings.

It has been noted that the only proper parliamentary procedures have been the "opening" and "closing" of the meetings. For the duration of the meetings, taking care of general business has been a total disorder. Most of the proposed motions never receive the required "seconding motion"; discussion on motions is frequently out of order; separate motions are voted upon two or three times before a final decision is resolved.

Such inexcusable activity is the primary result of the absence of a parliamentarian in the executive structure of the Student Council. It is no wonder that meetings can be programmed and executed according to the aspirations of the senior members!

One cannot avoid asking: Why doesn't the Student Council have a parliamentarian?

Earlier in the year, it was decided by the Student Council officers that there would be no parliamentarian because his is a "wasted position." Another reason given was that each of the Student Council officers is "well-versed" in parliamentary procedure . . . evidently not!

Therefore, it can only be concluded that acquiring a "well-versed" parliamentarian should be of primary concern to the Student Council. Such a measure would not only restore proper meeting procedures, but also promote the appeasement of the "discontented."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The reason for my letter is to find out why a homeroom, in order to use the school gymnasium in the evening, has to have collected at least ten dollars for the missions. As far as I know, it has been the policy of the school in the past to allow a homeroom to use the gym, as long as the gym was not being used for another activity, for no cost at all.

In my opinion, I don't think that this is fair to the students who wish to use the gym. The missions is a charity to which a person gives of his own free will. It should not be a pre-requisite for

the use of a school facility, such as the school gymnasium.

I hope that this policy will be discontinued and the students will be allowed to use the gym without having to first collect money for the missions.

**John Mercer
Homeroom 221**

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter concerning your editorial which points out the need for a Student Council parliamentarian.

I do agree that this need exists but I also believe that a student

council has more important duties than following proper parliamentary procedure.

This year's council has successfully promoted attendance at athletic events, has given each student the opportunity to become involved in his school, and has made progress toward completing the senior lounge and student office.

I believe that these accomplishments should have been acknowledged and that they are more important than the direct following of parliamentary procedure.

**Pat Dougherty
Homeroom 218**

Who's Who Nears October Deadline

"The Who's Who," the 1969-70 St. Teresa-Assumption student directory, will go on sale in October.

The "buzz" book will have many changes in its format this year. According to directory committee chairman Pat Dougherty, new features will include an activity calendar of athletic events, free days and Student Council functions.

Members of Dougherty's committee include Mike Vodde, Steve Wappel and Terry Biggs of Assumption. Jan Schlattweiler, Pat Roewe, Denise Jacquot and Monica Wondolowski represent St. Teresa's on the directory committee.

Advertisements in "The Who's Who" are currently being sold to lower the cost of printing and "bring the students an unusual directory at the usual price."

Classes Updated

"Religion at Assumption has changed to meet the needs of the day and will probably change again," according to Father William Wightman, director of the religion department.

In an interview, Father Wightman was asked whether more changes were anticipated in the near future. "Very definitely," he responded, "some are already being considered and in general we are always open to any changes that will be helpful to students."

Changes that have already come into effect in the classroom were described by Father Wightman: "More discussion, less stress on content, use of the mass media approach, less insistence on grades and tests in an effort to get students to look upon religion as not just another course but as something that will influence their lives deeply if they let it."

The main question, however, is that of student participation. When asked about this, Father was doubtful. "Frankly, I don't know," he said. "This, of course, is our great hope and the reasons we are changing our approach."



by Al Feigl

The football practice field has a new look this year. It's a Monken conception that is commonly termed the "concentration course."

It consists of a number of tires bolted to boards with the boards

'How to Succeed' Coming

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," will be presented by the Assumption High School Theater Department November 21 to 23.

Rehearsals are already underway with the cast selected from students of Assumption, St. Teresa and Notre Dame. The main actors will be Thom Dammrich as J. P. Finch, Steve Wappel as Bud Frump and Dennis Kinsella as J. B. Biggley. The main actresses will be Gigi Dowling as Hedy LaRue, Denise Calais as Rosemary and Erie Mills as Smitty.

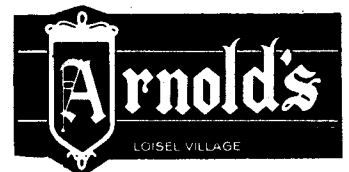
Supporting actors include Jim Durbin, Terry Visintine, John Sheahan, Doug Buechler, Paul Tissier, Charles Zaegel, Bob Warover, Dennis O'Brien, Walter Grogan, Tom Hooks, Mike Vodde, Tim Schirmer, Ray Stack, Mike Brinker, John Lubus, Mike Stack and Steve Ratay.

Supporting actresses are Katie Gleeson, Patti Garrett, Sherri Tolar, Debbie Kelly, Joan Gray, Connie Cluck, Pat Byrd, Marcia Brummer and Judy Yovandich.

posted parallel to each other. After running through the tires the player continues and encounters a table under which he must crawl through on all fours.

He does this under two more tables and then comes to the seven man sled on which he hits every pad. After this the player continues on a short lap and prepares to begin the course again.

The course is very exhausting and as defensive tackle Bill Butler stated, "This course requires the utmost in physical stamina."



Loisel Village Shopping Center
Highway 157

(Between Hwy. 50 & State St.)



"We Give
& Redeem
Eagle Stamps"

B & P

OFFICE SUPPLY CO.

342 COLLINSVILLE AVENUE

874-0233

Authorized Dealers

Royal Typewriters

New and Used Typewriters
Typewriter Rentals

Pioneers Await First Victory

Assumption Pioneers will try to complete a perfect Homecoming week by making the Collinsville Kahoks their first victim of the 1969 football season.

The Pioneers fell victim to the highly rated Jacksonville Crimson on the evening of September 12.

The Pioneers strove valiantly for the victory, but through their plague of injuries, their power dwindled. Brian Keeney, strong side tackle, had to be sidelined due to a knee injury for most of the game. Luke Weir was injured during the 3rd quarter while attempting to stop the Jacksonville powerful running attack. To add to the list, Steve Strayhorn, soph defensive back, was upended while trying to intercept a Crimson pass.

During the first quarter, Assumption held its own. Led by a combination of quarterbacks, Tom Friend and Frank Papa, Assumption delivered several attacks, leading to goal-line threats which were subsided by interceptions and an exceptional Crimson defense.

Assumption's running attack was lead by letterman Mike Kinsella and assisted by Jerry McBride and Ron Welzbacher.

Coach Jim Monken openly admitted that the loss was an unexpected upset, but had a much more optimistic view for the future season.

Next the Pioneers took the field against the Vashon Wolverines and were leading at halftime 20-18. After an explosive second half the Wolverines emerged with a 40-20 victory.

A week later the Pioneers faced the top-rated team in the Bi-State Conference, St. Louis U. High. Despite a hard fought game, the Pioneers lost, 48-6, due to a poor first half.

On October 5, the Pioneers took the field against another Bi-State foe, Augustinian. With an improved attack they fell slightly short, losing 18-6.

The Pioneers then faced the number two team in the Metro-East area, Lincoln. After an impressive performance in the first half, they found themselves on the short end of a 28-8 decision.

Sophs March On In Winning Season

The sophomores of Assumption are taking up where they left off last year with a 6-2 record under the coaching of Mr. Vincent Chawgo. This year, behind the coaching of Mr. Stan Schaeffer, the Pioneer squad opened their season with a 32-0 romp over the Braves of Augustinian.

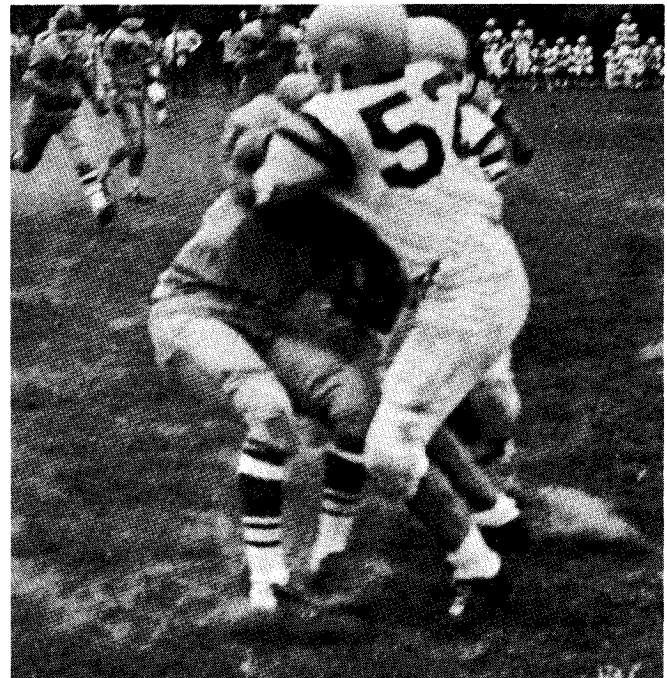
The team is being quarterbacked by Al Konrad with Frank Zirklebach, Mike Hartman and Jerry Miller in his backfield. On the line there are such people as Tom Wood, Al Ratkewicz and Al Bregen, who put the punch in front of the running attack.

When asked about his team, Coach Schaeffer credited his victory to the fine blocking of his line.

On September 23, the Sophs continued on their winning ways with a 38-8 massacre of the Marquette Explorers. The team's string was stopped when they lost to a difficult St. Louis U. High team in a Saturday morning game 32-8. Next, the Pioneers traveled to Jerseyville where they left their mark with a 24-14 victory.



Steve Strayhorn (13) makes a run with the ball in the Jacksonville game as Jerry McBride (31) and Mike Kinsella (25) assist.



Greg Darty (32) is tackled by an Augustinian player in the Freshmen's 32-0 romp over the Braves.

Cross Country Runs Wild

Assumption's cross country season opened this year with a triangular meet involving Assumption, Waterloo and New Athens. The Pioneers placed second behind a strong Waterloo team.

Opposing Lincoln in their next encounter the harriers lost to their cross town rival 16 to 42. The Lincoln loss was followed by a 17 to 51 defeat by Belleville East.

Entering the St. Paul (Highland) Invitational meet with an unimpressive 0 and 3 record the Pioneers finished a respectable 12th among 20 teams. Ike Austin placed 18th among 140 runners.

Inexperienced underclassmen dominate the cross country team this year with sophomore Ike Austin the only runner with previous varsity experience. Members of the team that have placed in meets this year include juniors Terry Biggs, Rich Sminchak, Dan Delaney, Rich Smoski and Gary Varady and sophomores Jim Shofner, Dan Stanton and Tim Reed. Rich Rudelic, the team's only senior, has been side-lined indefinitely with a foot injury.

Besides meets with traditional foes like Lincoln, Madison and Columbia, the Pioneers will compete in the Bi-State meet, the Waterloo Invitational and the District meet this year.

On September 18 the harriers lost to Columbia but came back four days later to defeat Madison, 45-23. Continuing on their winning ways, they took revenge on Lincoln for an earlier defeat, beat St. Henry's, Mater Dei and Granite City. Consecutively winning their last five meets, their record stands at 5-4.

When asked for an appraisal of this year's team, Coach Richard Ryan said, "This team has a good attitude and is willing to work. They can develop into a fine team if they stick together."

Freshmen Strong in Openers

Can this year's Frosh improve on last year's record? Coach Vince Chawgo says, "yes." This year's squad is bigger and stronger.

Outstanding prospects include Bob Mitchell, a 5'10" 180 lb. quarterback. Bob handles himself well in the backfield and has shown the ability to throw the ball.

Heading the receiving corps will be Bob Young, a 6'3" 170 lb. split end. He has speed and very good hands.

Mitchell will be protected by such linemen as Mike Lucier, 6'0" 195 lbs., and Vic Faust, 6'0" 195 lbs., and Jim Means, 6'2" 190 lbs.

Passing alone cannot move a ball club; you must have men who can consistently gain on the ground. The Frosh have such a

man in Ray Darty, a 5'11" 180 lb. running back.

Coach Chawgo plans to use a 4-3-3 defense and multiple offenses. The team's cry is WIN. They have gone so far as to predict a conference championship.

The frosh opened their season with an 8-0 victory over Webster of Collinsville and came back the next week to take a victory over Augustinian by a score of 46-12.

On October 1 the frosh lengthened their undefeated string with a victory over C.B.C., 10-0. The "baby Pioneers" then dropped their first game of the season, losing to Althoff 14-8.

The DeSmet game, which was to be played October 11, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

IDENTIFY . . . WITH YOUR
MINI - LETTER

"SCHOOL SPIRIT"



HEY STUDENTS! . . . Let Everyone Know
What School Crowd You Belong to . . .

The Latest Thing Sweeping Schools Throughout America! Build School Spirit with Letter Identification!

Available for the Following Schools:

- Cahokia
- East St. Louis
- Belleville East
- Assumption
- Belleville West
- Lansdowne
- Althoff

PRICE PER LETTER . . . \$2.00

Belleville
Downtown
19 East
Main Street

Union
CLOTHING CO.

East St. Louis
138
Collinsville
Avenue