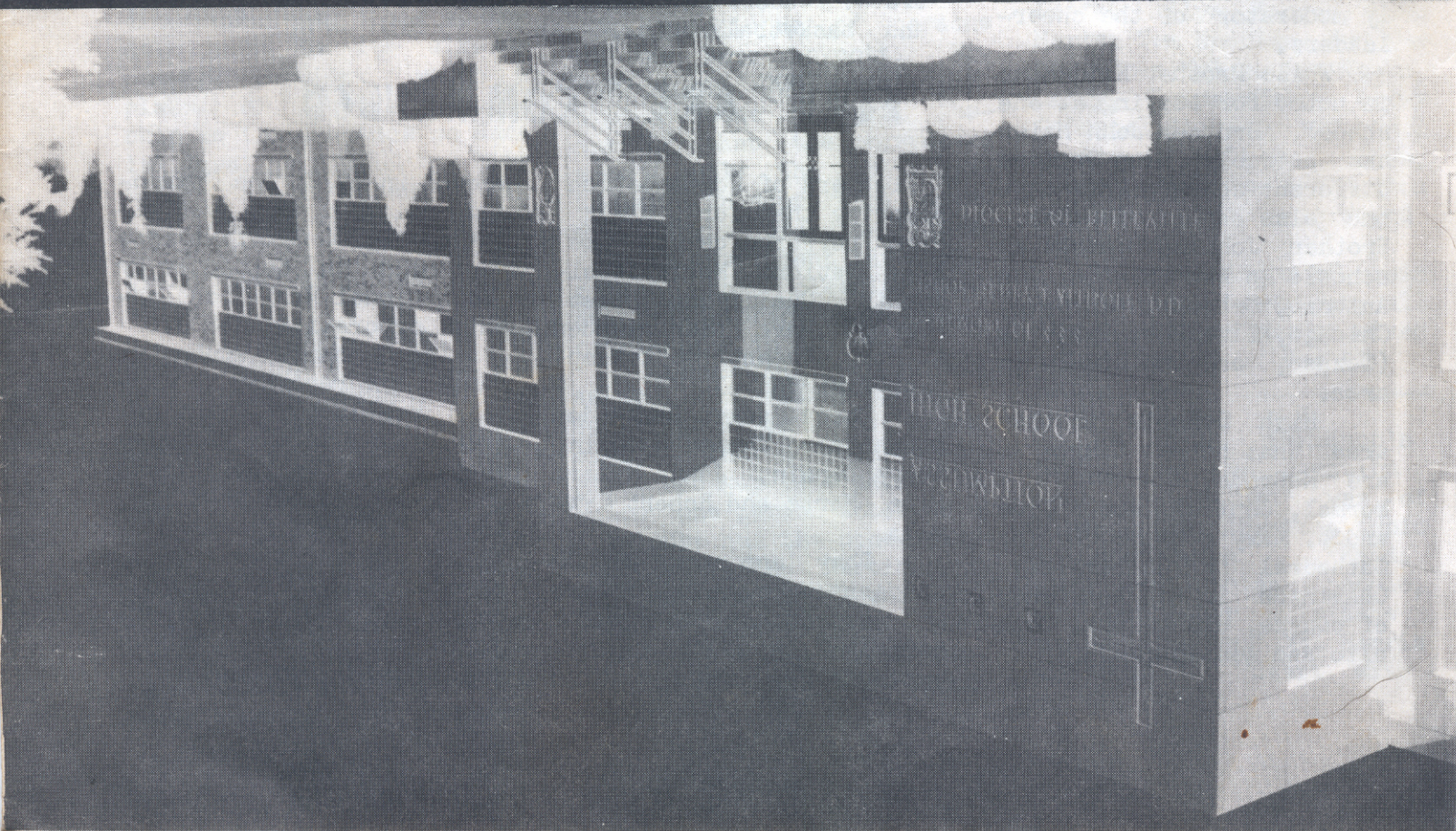




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BROTHERS NOTE 50 YEARS

This year two of Assumption's faculty are celebrating fifty years of religious life. Brother Henry Heidemann and Brother John Maier entered the Society of Mary in 1922. Both are still actively involved in high school activities.

Brother Henry originally from Breese, Illinois, has been at Assumption longer than any other teacher. He first came to Central in 1937 and, except for one year at Cathedral, has remained at Central-Assumption ever since.

He began by teaching English, and in the intervening years, has taught courses in business, book-keeping, short-hand, and typing.

Brother Henry has coached many sports over the years. In 1942 his softball team won the B team prep championship. He is currently moderator of the cheerleaders.

While Brother Heidemann is noted for staying at one school, Brother John Maier has probably been to more different schools than anyone else on the faculty. Brother John has taught at schools in New Orleans, San Antonio, Detroit, Winnepeg, Chicago, Milwaukee, Victoria (Texas), and the St. Louis area.

High Schools in this area that he has taught at are McBride, Maryhurst Normal, Central, North Side and St. Mary's in St. Louis; Cathedral in Belleville; Chaminade in Clayton; and, of course, old Central Catholic and Assumption.



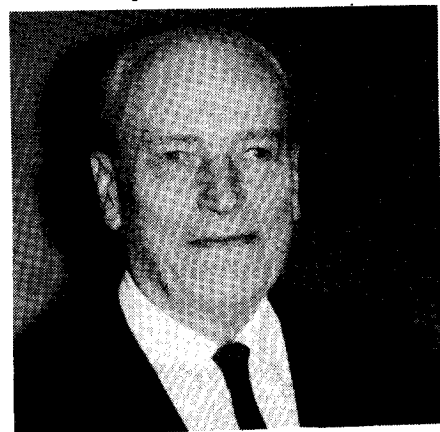
Bro. Henry Heidemann

One of Brother Maier's more favorable teaching experiences was at St. Michael's in Chicago, his home town. He was principal for eight years there, his almatater.

Brother John has received degrees from Dayton and Detroit Universities. Since then, he has done more than teach. He has been an athletic director, coaching track, baseball, football, and basketball teams. At

old Central, Brother Maier headed the school newspaper and the debate team. He worked with several student drama productions, and was one in charge of a glee club. Here at A.H.S., he is the moderator of the Science Club.

During his free time, Brother John likes to keep busy maintaining the school grounds. He is interested in landscaping and horticulture, besides teaching chemistry.



Bro. John Maier

FIVE ARE COMMENDED

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1971 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) have been awarded to five students at Assumption High School.

Those named Commended students are Thomas Modglin, Steve Durbin, John Myler, Mike Martz and Robert Gyzmala.

They are among 35,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper 2 percent of those who are expected to graduate from high

school in 1972. The Commended students rank just below the 15,000 Semifinalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

The Commended students' names are reported to certain scholarship-granting agencies and to the colleges they named as their first and second choices when they took the NMSQT in February 1971. The reports include home addresses, test scores, and anticipated college major and career intentions of the Commended students.

BRO. HERBST PUBLISHES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Brother George Herbst, Assumption's business manager, has compiled and released a budget summary for the school year 1971-72. In noting the financial crisis that all Catholic schools are having, and in particular the shutting down of Notre Dame in Belleville this June, Bro. George says that Assumption High School will not close, not next year, or as far as he can see.

This is not to say that Assumption is not experiencing financial difficulties. The tuition that each student pays accounts for only 47% of the total income, not including the contributed services of the religious

on the faculty. Also, the original budget assumes over \$121,000 from the Diocesan Services Appeal. So far, only \$41,000 has been allotted to AHS by DSA.

The "actual" cost per pupil this year is \$541.67. The "attributed" per pupil cost meaning the cost if the religious faculty was replaced by full-salaried laymen, is \$702.18.

The largest single expenditure is the salaries of 22½ lay teachers (one teacher has only ½ day), which is \$172,565. The amount for activities and athletics (\$18,416.50) is over and above ticket sales for athletic events.

YEARBOOK STARTS AD CAMPAIGN

The 1972 yearbook staff is now working on paying for the book. George MacZura, the yearbook editor, says that they will begin an ad-drive very soon. As business manager, Tom Gasawski is trying to raise three thousand dollars in ads.

Rembrandt Studios has already taken most of the senior and undergraduate pictures, and will be back at school very soon for re-takes.

The new faculty advisor this year is Bro. Bruce Shields, who has in the past been moderator of the Camera Club. Other members of the yearbook staff are Paul Poetgen, Dan Kistner, Steve Sanner, Tom Braun, and Bob Gryzmala. Also assisting are Alan Ratkiewicz, Larry Norman-sell, Mike Martz, and Joe Schmitt.

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL 1971-1972 BUDGET SUMMARY

INCOME

Tuition	\$187,000.00
Parish Subsidy	50,000.00
Fees	23,050.00
Gifts and Donations	7,500.00
Diocesan Services Appeal	121,087.50
Other Revenue	11,650.00
Contributed Services	118,620.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$518,970.50

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 19,900.00
Instruction	359,114.00
Plant Operation	51,665.00
Plant Maintenance	22,350.00
Fixed Charges	40,975.00
Activities and Athletics	18,416.50
Capital Outlay	5,527.00
Other Expenditures	960.00
	\$518,917.50

"Scholar Quiz" Team Announced

The Assumption High School "Scholar Quiz" team for 1972 has been announced by Father John Manahan, S.M., team coordinator.

Representing the school on the KXOX-TV Channel 4 program will be Tom Modglin, Steve Durbin, John Myler, and Bob Gryzmala. Alternates are Jim Francis and Ron Skrabacz.

The show will be telecast on February 26 at 5:00 P.M.

EDITORIALS

After nearly five months of school, the seniors are still enduring the problems of the old senior lounge. They continue to sit in the long, narrow confines, usually with eyes burning from cigarette smoke, or to crowd around the pool table, with its one cracked pool stick. On occasion, a ping-pong ball and paddles are secured for a cramped game of table tennis. Already forgotten are the pin-ball machines which were vandalized and had to be removed, and the broken juke box.

What makes the situation especially lamentable is the fact that the seniors could so easily have been in the new lounge months ago. The only stipulation for occupancy was paying for the \$500 cost for construction of the wall. They were even given the fire extinguisher sales campaign as the means to pay for it.

All that was needed was the support of the seniors. However, this support never materialized, the sales campaign failed, and the seniors never gained their new lounge.

Granted, the new lounge in itself could not have solved all the problems of the old, but if the seniors would have worked for the new lounge, they might have had enough pride not to vandalize and litter it as they did the other one. Appar-

ently, they are waiting for the new room to be given to them.

If this does happen, the seniors will certainly mistreat it as they have done in the past. It would be better to let the juniors try to earn it next year as the seniors dismally failed to do this year.

From The Editor

For the first time ever Assumption students have had a semester of school without enduring an exam day. For many, it has made little difference, for teachers merely gave their exams during regular classtime. However, at least now no teacher can say that he is being forced to give an exam.

Personally, I applaud the removal of exam days. The strain from the end-of-semester cram has been diminished somewhat. Anyway, it is certainly fairer to combine the two quarter grades for the semester average than to include on an equal basis the result of a one hour test.

Another tradition that is fading away is the presentation of honor cards. This is one of those "coveted" awards that makes for competition in the classrooms. The honor cards have reinforced the mistaken notion that grade point averages define success in school.

In other words, the cards (and the accompanying assembly) contribute to the inflated importance of grades. They offend the non-honored and make them feel less important. They have given high school an atmosphere of competition, between the intelligent and the less intelligent.

This is not how it should be. School should be a place to learn and develop abilities. Its aim is to increase knowledge, not grade point averages. The honors assemblies are contrary to this, emphasizing the grades. The Assumption student doesn't deserve to be subjected to this kind of degradation.



Students lounging in Senior Lounge.

--- Steve Durbin

THEATRE ARTS
CLASS PRESENTED
'CHILD'S PLAY'

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The first semester Assumption Theatre Arts Class presented the Broadway suspense drama "Child's Play", early in December. Performances were held for the Junior and Senior classes as well as the public.

The play, which dealt with a student-faculty conflict in an all-boys boarding school, was directed by Glenn Vaughn. Jim Roche was the stage manager, and Mr. Boevingloh was faculty supervisor for the show. All facets of the production were handled by the members of the class, including set construction, publicity, lights and sound, and finances.

Jim Durbin, Kevin Gimpel, and Steve Durbin played the faculty leads, and were supported by Steve Oulvey, Jim Remmler, and Rick Hursey as the other teachers. The nine students were also played by members of the class.

The show grossed less than its cost of production according to Steve Oulvey, who handled finances. Contributions were collected from students after the performances for the two divisions, and a one dollar admission was charged at the evening performances on December 11 and 12. Receipts were still less than the expense, which was \$350.

Junior and Senior students had the opportunity to discuss the show in afternoon sessions on the days they saw the play, noting the ways in which the school in the play can be paralleled to Assumption.



FIRE AND BRIMSTONE... Ron Skrabacz at a pep rally

WORKSHOPS HELD ON RACISM

--- John Myler

Helen Delaney had a toothache. As a Maryknoll nun in the urban area of St. Louis, a dentist near her residence would have been very advantageous, but like everyone near her residence, he was black. She decided to arrange for an appointment with a dentist in Clayton, a St. Louis suburb. Suddenly, though, she realized that she had disregarded the idea of going to a black man for her treatment. She did go to a nearby dentist, and has been ever since. Helen Delaney had discovered her prejudice.

Jonathan Harris did not wake up one morning and realize that racism exists. He was a black insurance man and he had not only seen the effects of racism, he had felt them. A high school drop-out unwilling to conform to "the white man's image of what a nigger should be," as he states cynically, Jonathan Harris recognized the problem as a deeply-rooted feeling in the white man that he is superior to blacks.

Today, Jonathan Harris is an ex-insurance man and Helen Delaney an ex-Maryknoll nun. Together they have presented "workshops on racism" throughout the St. Louis area, to groups as divergent as business executives and high school students.

The workshops are actually group discussions, and Mr. Harris and Miss Delaney share their experiences both in practicing and in confronting racism, with the group. Eventually, everybody involved in the workshop shares his personal contacts with prejudice, and the affair

turns into a clear opportunity for each participant to vicariously learn about the causes and effects of the race problem.

Mr. Harris and Miss Delaney have a pattern they follow in the eight-hour workshop. In a workshop recently held at Assumption High School, which was attended by fifty-six Seniors and seven of their teachers, Miss Delaney started by holding up a cardboard rectangle evidently douged in the center with green paint. "What do you see?" she asked.

A slight pause. Finally someone decided to stick out his neck. "A green dot on cardboard." Several others nodded their concurrence.

"Well, I see a purple triangle," Miss Delaney re-

plied. As the participants questioned her observation, she turned the card around, showing that on the side that had been facing her was a purple triangle. "What you see," she explained, "depends on how you look at it. So does the race problem. From a white perspective, blacks seem impatient, and incompetent. By treating them as such, you are perpetuating one of the one-sided viewpoints of racism."

The group conceded that racism is a white disease, which deigns whites to regard blacks as inferiors. Racism, it is agreed, affects every white American. White text books, a white media, and a white religion keep the black man and his desire for equality harmonious with



Mike Bilbrey playing for the short-lived chess club.

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS NAMED

The Illinois State Scholarship Commission has named 32 Assumption seniors as State Scholars in the 1972-73 competitive State Scholar Program. High School academic record and examination scores are used in the selection.

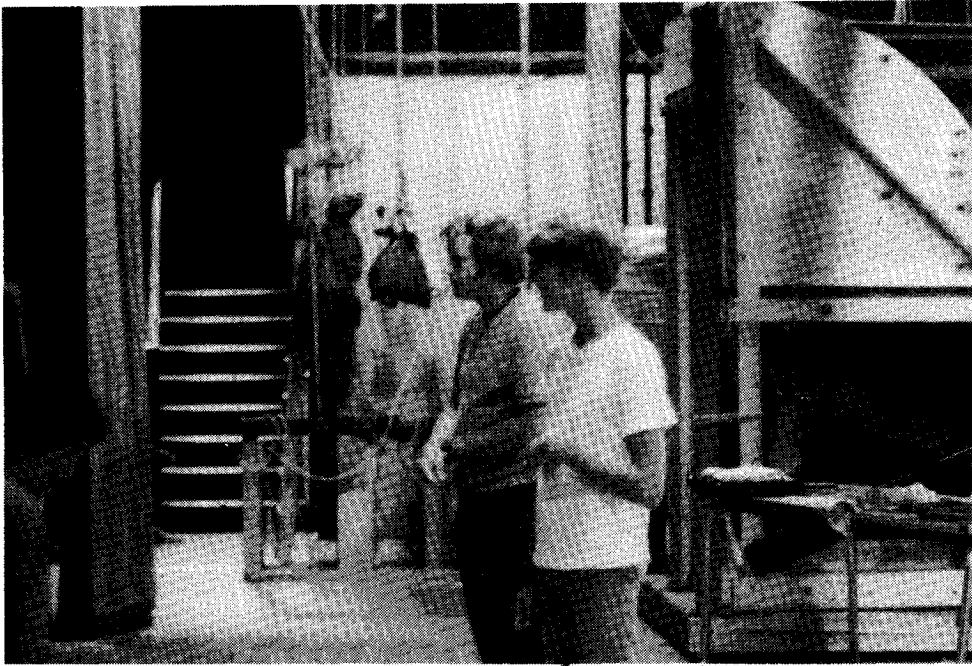
Over sixteen thousand State Scholars from nearly every high school in the state were chosen from the 52,400 students who entered the competition by taking one of last year's examinations administered by the American College Testing Program (ACT).

The Assumption seniors who merited selection as Scholars are: Brian Babka, Ray Bielicki, Michael Bilbrey, Bill Carron, Bob Clark, Roger Dettenmeier, Mike Dixon, Dennis Doyle, Steve Dunaway, Stephen Durbin, Mark Feldworth, Jim Francis, Kevin Gimpel, Ken Golec, and Robert Gryzmala.

Also named were Pat Keefe, Allyn Konrad, Mike Martz, Tom Modglin, Ken Morris, John Myler, Joe Naves, Larry Normansell, Larry O'Connell, Steve Oulvey, Paul Poettgen, Walter Samoska, Steve Sanner, Tom Schuh, Ron Skrabacz, Jim Sterr and Glenn Vaughn.

In recognition of their scholastic achievement, all State Scholars have received a Certificate of Merit.

At the workshop's conclusion, the question "What can we do?" was, of course, the important topic of discussion. "Read, learn about black people, and personally eliminate your own problem," Mr. Harris suggested. "Start with yourself."



Director Don Boevingloh and some of his stage crew inspect the bare stage, soon to be packed with sets.

RACISM continued

his unique heritage as impractical goals.

Although white participants in the workshop contended that they do not openly hate blacks, they discovered that their apathy only adds to the already complex problem, which explains Mr. Harris' membership in the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) and Miss Delaney's involvement in the Action Against Apathy organization, a suburban group which is predominantly white.

Mr. Harris points out that racism exists in the communicating media by citing several newspaper articles which present CORE as a belligerent organization, especially during the group's recent boycott of the products of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. CORE contended that Busch was not complying to federal standards in hiring employees who were members of minority

groups. CORE had received the co-operation on many Busch distributors and solicitors, but the two largest St. Louis newspapers, the Post-Dispatch and the Globe-Democrat, suggested (and in one case flatly stated) that CORE was using threats of violence against both persons and property to win allegiance of persons to the beer boycott. Mr. Harris and CORE completely reject these charges, believing that the newspapers showed only the white perspective in supporting Busch. Mr. Harris presents figures from a government investigation that clearly show Busch's malpractice and discrimination in hiring.

The workshop contained several innovative points, such as a test on black history and culture and a group breakup into pairs, in which one person acted as a foreigner and the other played an American. Participants playing the Americans said they discovered that they couldn't really give adequate reasons for their racism.

BASKETBALL NEEDS EXPERIENCE

--- Steve Durbin

The AHS varsity basketball team, with a 4-5 record, is still learning to play ball together. In a very youth-oriented club, their playing has been erratic, although improving.

The two leading scorers are juniors Bob Young and John Peichoncinski. Young has scored 146 points, an average of 18.2 per game, hitting 55% of his attempts. Peichocinski has scored 11.9 points per game, with a total of 107.

In the rebounding department, two juniors, Young and Ray Kemecky are tied with 58 each.

The only senior leadership has come from Bob Moser, Mike Thompson, and Terry Visintine, none of whom saw very much action last year. Visintine is the fourth leading scorer with 68 points and thirty rebounds. Moser a regular starter at guard, has pitched in 26 points, as has Thompson, who has seen limited action.

As an example of the youth of this ball club, sophomores Larry Bryant and Tim Pawlow have played quite often, scoring 62 and 36 pts. respectively. Other members of the team are Fred Kimbrough, Ray Hogan, and Tom Stanton.

The Pioneers opened the season with an unimpressive 66-60 victory over lowly Gibault. Althoff then gained revenge for their setback on the gridiron with a 62-60 decision against the Pioneers. The team didn't play too badly, but their shooting percentage was too low to win the game.

The team then put together their finest effort of the season, handily beating the perennially

tough SLUH with a score of 71-63. The inexperience of the club then showed by losing clumsily to Augustinian, 63-58. The Pioneers obviously were unable to sustain the consistency and teamwork of the SLUH game.

The team paused to defeat a scrappy Dupo team, 70-65, before heading for the Mater-Dei Christmas Tourney. There, in the school's worst showing in years, the Pioneers lost to Greenville, 72-61, and Tingley Park, 67-56, in the two most disappointing games of the season.

In the next game the squad put up a tough fight against its Bi-State opponent CBC, but lost 55-53. The Pioneers then journeyed to Lebanon where they put together a fine 76-63 victory.

Overall, the Assumption defense has allowed 63.3 pts. per game, but the offense has only scored 63.4 pts. per game.

If the team can gain greater consistency and learn to play with each other better, some exciting basketball can be expected for the rest of the season.

WRESTLING SUCCESS

Although in only its first year of junior varsity competition, the AHS wrestling team has fared quite well, with a respectable 3-4 record to date. The three victories have been over Collinsville twice and SLUH, with losses to East St. Louis, Augustinian, Belleville East, and North St. Louis Tech.

The team, coached by Mr. Bill Monken, is forced to practice in the mornings before school. Max Colston, undefeated in his first six matches, has compiled the most impressive record. Other consistent grapplers have been Steve Walters, Tom Reiniger, Joe Schmidt, and Roby Rich. Also scoring for the team are Bob Kratky, Augie Werner, and brothers Mark and Ralph Wappel.

Since it is a junior varsity squad with no senior Coach Monken and the rest of the team can look forward to next year. The team will get its final taste of varsity competition at the Bi-State Conference meet at the end of this season.



Some spirited seniors at a basketball game.