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## Clubs Plan Holiday; Study European Culture

"Learning should be an exciting, continuing process" for some Spartans. European culture will be learned through experience, a tour of Europe in the summer of 1969.

Leaving New York on June 24, a jet will take Sr. Ann Christopher and Sr. M. Rosaire, chaperones, and the French students on a classical tour of Europe. They will visit historical and cultural sites in Rome, Venice, Luasanne, Munich, Paris and London.

Sister Jean Lawrence, along with the American International Academy, planned the art tour of Europe to study art, music, drama, history and literature of the old world in an

effort to understand the cultural ties.

"The students will see all they have learned in school; it will be very enriching," Sr. Jean Lawrence said.

Nine hundred and fifty dollars will cover the costs of transportation, meals and lodging for the 38 day tour.

Debbie Drogosh, junior, is planning to go. "I'm going for my personal satisfaction and education. My Dad is financing the trip. When I get back I'll have to get a job to pay him back."

"At the present time definite plans for the French tour are sketchy; the plans we made didn't go through," Sr. Rosaire stated.

## First Junior Council Debuts With Paper Drive

The Junior council is in operation representing the first Junior class. The junior's representative body is measuring up to the expectations of Mark Santieu, class president, and the other class officers: Nancy Brook, vice-president; Sue Ford, secretary; Dennis Lakomy, treasurer.

The purpose of the Council

is to plan and execute activities for the Junior class. The Council plans on using the ideas of class advisers Mr. T. St. Charles and Sr. Lisa Marie, as well as the ideas of students and representatives.

At the top of the agenda was a class sponsored paper drive to raise money. It was conducted the week-end of December 13.

This money is being used for a sleighride during Christmas vacation. It includes a dinner, skating, tobogganing, and a dance. The event will be December 28, from 6 — 12 p.m. at Upland Farms. It is open to juniors and sponsored guests. The cost is \$2.50 per person.

The class is also planning Midnight mass on Christmas eve for all the high school students.

The Sophomore class sponsored a Cocoa House earlier this month. Members of the Sophomore class were involved in baking and selling hot chocolate and pastries. Proceeds from this activity will be used to finance the Sophomore dance January 30.

Sophomores are also planning for the Junior ring dance, which they will sponsor in the Spring.

## UFW Honors Borgess Junior

Cindy Bilicki, junior, won a \$25 bond and a chance for further competition in the 22nd annual Freedom's Challenge writing contest.

English instructors Sr. M. Ligouri, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. B. Schwall and Speech and Drama instructor Mr. T. St. Charles judged the speeches.

Other contestants were Sue Cabay, Diane Zalewski and Pam Mager.

Cindy, a member of Mr. Schwall's 7th hour Creative Writing class says of her speech, "I wrote about a man who, while enjoying his own freedom, was stepping on the freedom of others. We won't be truly free until all men are."

## Twenty-seven Students Join the Honor Society

Twenty-seven students are members in the Bishop Borgess chapter of the National Honor Society. They are: Carol Adams, Cynthia Bilicki, Nancy Brook, Susan Cabay, Diane Cicchini, Cheryl Clifford, Patricia Daly, Kathryn De Santis, Jerome Diebolt, Susan Droste, Alan Dynak, Diane Finney, Sue Ford, Joslyn Hubacher, Jeffrey Klien, Dennis Lakomy, Kathleen Lewandowski, Pamela Mager, Christine Micensky, Mark Parzuchowski, Jane Reschke, Carol Rugg, Mary Anne Sharp, Mary Sherry, Mary Steffy, Nancy Wrona and Diane Zalewski.

All members have at least a 3.00 grade average and were judged by their homeroom teachers and instructors. These teachers evaluated the students on several points: cooperation, attitude, ability to innovate, appearance, approachability and intellectual curiosity.

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Their

purpose was to stress the importance of scholarship, make it popular, and have its members encourage others to take an interest. Those in the Society are also eligible for scholarships.

Many of the new members are also working on the tutorial program. Students having

difficulties with their studies are being given private instruction by fellow students who excel in particular fields. This project is just getting off the ground, but, according to Miss D. Kaczmarczyk, Guidance Counselor, should be under way by the end of the first semester.

## Teachers, Students To Attend Meeting

Science instructors, Sr. Ann Christopher and Mr. Charles Evans and students Pam Mager, Dan Wilczak, and Jeff Klien will attend the fifth annual Science and Humanities Symposium. The meeting will be held on February 28 and March 1 at Wayne State university.

Besides guest lecturers and research students from Wayne State, 18 high school students will present research papers. The purpose of the symposium

is to stimulate teachers and students in science and the arts.

The three students were recommended because of their ranks in class and grade averages. Sr. Ann Christopher said that Pam was chosen because she is an all-around good student; Dan because he is considering a career in science or math; and Jeff, because of his research during the summer with the Cancer society.

## Music Department Offers "Christmas in a Mellow Mood"

Bishop Borgess music department will present "Christmas in a Mellow Mood" under

the direction of Sister Lisa Marie, Mr. T. St. Charles, and sophomore choreographer Lau-

ra Gawronski. General chairman of the program is Jeff Klien, who will be assisted by James Whitcomb. General stage managers are Barbara Budde and Anthony Valentini. The program will be presented December 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. It will include such traditional songs as "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas," "Twelve Days of Christmas" and many others.

Joseph Elder's committee in charge of set construction will provide the background for staged numbers. Besides the music students' participation, the art class will present a tableau of the Nativity. Members of the technical crew are Dennis Dewel, Edward Wyboriski, and Michael Cunningham.



Ticket committee chairman, Kathy DeSantis shows tickets for the Christmas concert to Jane Reschke and Nancy Kluck.

# Beware of Grass That's Not Green

Should marijuana be legalized? This is a question pertinent to many young Americans. Opposing the died-in-wool hippies, kick-seekers, week-end hippies and escapists in the fight are a great number of doctors, pharmacologists, law enforcement officers, and countless people who are familiar with drugs.

Those who want to see pot readily available to the public have one main argument. Pot is no more harmful than alcoholic beverages. Does alcohol cause the user to experience distortions in time and space relations? Marijuana does. It is more likely to cause hallucinations and increase the user's susceptibility and suggestibility.

Doctors are discovering adverse physical effects from the drug. The most alarming of these is evidence that pot causes lasting genetic changes as happens with LSD.

A recent report from the American Medical Association makes it clear that grass is a mental crutch, producing psychological dependence, "listlessness, apathy, neglect of personal appearance, indifference to accomplishment."

Potheads have reported various reactions to the narcotic — panic, fear, disorientation, hallucinations, depression, distortion, depersonalization.

Should marijuana be legalized? All evidence is against it. Since some people are not informed enough, the law must decide for them.

S.F.

## Spartan Speaker

### Writers Consider Council, Cliques, Spirit

At Borgess there are many references to cliques and gangs running everything. Before you say anything more, why don't you see what cliques really are?

I think you will find that they are merely a group of kids with common interests who live close to one another, and so they naturally hang around together. If you look a little harder, only this time in a mirror, I think you will find that you too are a member of some group. It is a natural thing for kids to spend a lot of time with other kids who have the same interests. After you get used to that idea, you might say that these cliques are stuck-up or unfriendly. Are you sure that it is they who are stuck-up, and not you? I've seen people walk down the halls, smile and say hi to everyone.

Some of you who do so much complaining, simply pass those people by and excuse their friendliness as a put-on. How can you break down the so-called clique barriers if you don't give people a chance to be themselves? Whether you think it is fake friendliness or not, you will never know unless you meet people half way. I have tried continually to solve this problem, and show that neither I nor some of my friends have a clique. The opposition I have met with makes me think that there is no chance for any breakdown. I

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know that I try to be friendly with everyone. This proves that I am not cliquish. If everyone would make a positive effort instead of criticizing others, I think Borgess would be more unified.

Margie Kliensmith

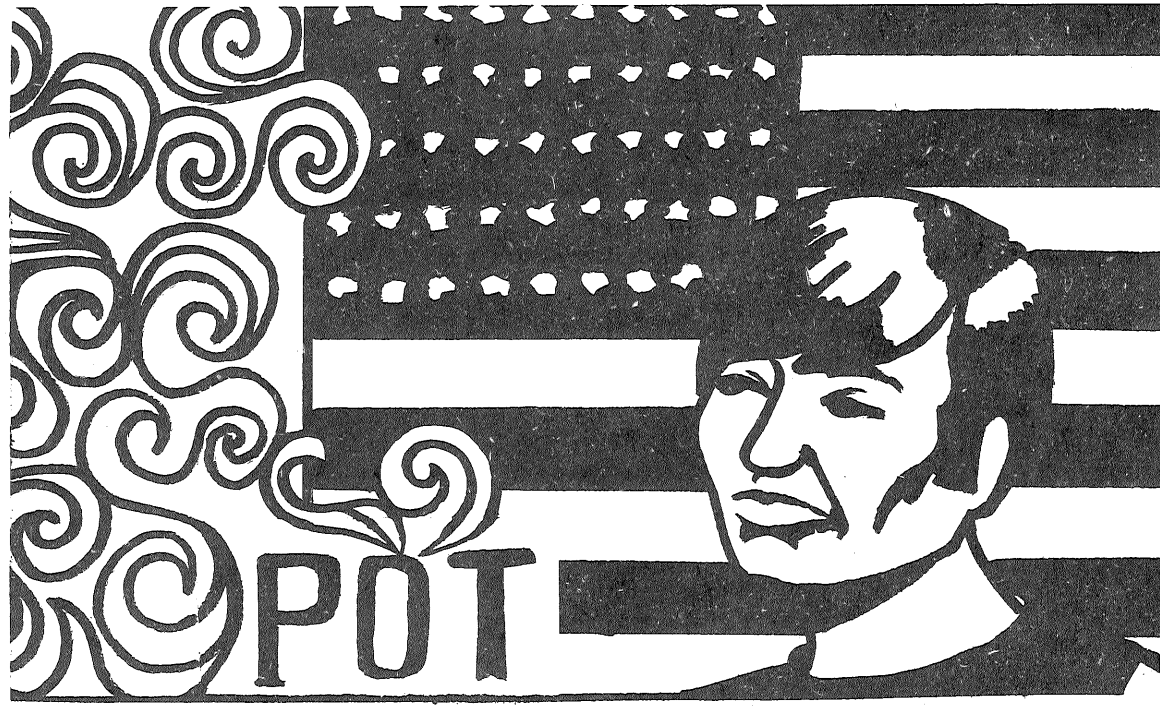
Here I sit, a class representative of Homeroom 116, wondering if the majority of students here at Borgess will ever realize exactly what is happening during those famed meetings taking place every Wednesday, in which the Student Council officers meet with class representatives.

The majority of the students seem to constantly proclaim that our Student Council is useless because the officers are not completely overthrowing Fathed McAnoy and the faculty. They say the Council is incapable of getting anything done. This is not true!

I would like to invite you non-participants to just one of these meetings. Note how long it takes some of the representatives to come to the meeting.

When the meeting is finally called to order, Ray opens the suggestion box. What an avalanche! There are 5 suggestions — one unreadable because of someone's great sense of humor, 3 clamoring for dances, and one suggesting the complete abolition of the student council.

These are the kinds of suggestions received, and you feel you have the right to say the



WHERE ARE WE GOING?

## Crime: An Inexpensive Commodity

The penal system in Bishop Borgess is serving no purpose to deter wrong doings in school. The penalty, a "jug," which is from one to four hours long, during which a "felon" does nothing but stare at walls, is no punishment at all.

I myself spent some time in jug. The anguish which is supposed to be felt in order to rehabilitate students is nonexistent. The period of time can easily be taken up by sleeping, day-dreaming or fooling around. It is doubtful if any student finds this a punishment.

Moreover, enforcement of this nominal punishment is nil. Students callously refuse to even show up for detention. This is demonstrated in the case of one student with whom I am acquainted who has received nine consecutive "jugs" and has only served two of these.

Even if proper accounting of these delinquents was undertaken, it is doubtful, after having talked with students who have served "jug" and after having served it myself if it would deter any but the most tepid soul from their refutable deeds. Smoking for example is a big point. One student I know of, was caught three times in one week. A total of twelve hours accumulated. Yet I have seen the same person smoking since.

Pitching is the same old song with a different "clink." The lavatories are raided daily. Yet never does the clinking of coins cease. In light of the penalty for such acts, I would be putting my two-bits in if I saw the least bit of profit or pleasure.

R.S.

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Student Council is not doing its job?

After the meeting the reps go back to their rooms and practically beg for suggestions. None of the students will even listen to what we say, let alone contribute anything worthwhile.

It has been said and it will be said again. The Student Council is not the ruling body of this school. It represents the students and cannot function properly with much success unless we help it.

Any suggestions?

Cecelia Reed

Nothing does more to deflate school spirit than the constant haranguing about it. Every time you turn around school spirit is being crammed down your throat. Redundant cries of "Go to this," "Go to that," "Join this," "Join that," "Sell this," "Sell that" do much to dampen school spirit.

As if this weren't enough, we are regularly being paraded down to the gym to make noises, very closely resembling jungle sounds. At these assemblies we are forced to sit through tired skits and old jokes.

School spirit is a feeling of pride in the school. Some people don't feel that even though they are drowned in a deluge of rhetoric about it. Given something to have pride in, all people will respond. Therein lies the answer.

Dennis O'Brien

Mike Mitchell

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## Fran Garten Visits Detroit; Speaks Out For Teens

The Detroit Press Club is a plush establishment, rather frightening to the high school reporter. But Fran Garten's quick smile and relaxed manner put her interviewers (mostly high school students) at ease.

Miss Garten began a one year reign as "Miss American Teen-Ager" September 6. As winner of the Palisades Amusement Park contest, held in New Jersey, she received a '69 Dodge Charger, diamond ring, lynx fur coat, \$1,000 wardrobe, a modeling contract and other enviable prizes.

What kind of girl is Miss American Teen-Ager? Fran is a petite high school senior with sparkling brown eyes to match her personality. She carries a B average at Great Neck South high school, Long Island, is active in school government, clubs, and extra-school projects.

She explains her many volunteer activities by saying, "I hope to aid others in any way I am able." She has been carrying out her ambition as a UNICEF ambassador, junior nurse's aide, a volunteer at Cerebral Palsy and muscular dystrophy centers, athletic director for underprivileged children, and a campaigner in American Cancer society's fight against teenage smoking.

Miss Garten was in Detroit for the 53rd Detroit Auto Show Nov. 23 through Dec. 8, making appearances at the Dodge exhibit.

"Miss American Teen-Ager" has some definite ideas on life. She commented on everything from the consequences of her title ("a position of responsibility") to pot ("Marijuana



is a crutch, it's just an escape. People shouldn't escape things").

The New York teen objects to criticism of rock music by adults. "I wouldn't condemn anyone else's music and they shouldn't condemn ours." She argued that if music is so suggestive to an individual, then he is not a very stable person.

Fran plans to study physical therapy at the University of Pennsylvania. Her greatest ambition is "to be the type of person that other people can respect and, more important, that I can respect."

## Clubs, Classes Initiate Activities

by Ann Davidge

Health Careers club is the first occupational organization to be started at Bishop Borgess. Sister Pamela, club moderator, hopes that the club will spark an interest in health careers and offer students a chance to work together. The club is intended for those who are interested in future health careers in such fields as medicine, dentistry, and medical research and laboratory work.

Newly elected officers are: Suzanne Gavlas, president; Therese Bok, vice-president; Margaret Rapnicki, secretary; and Christina Wilk, treasurer.

The club conducted a raffle to raise money to buy Christmas presents for the patients of the Howell State hospital for the mentally retarded.

The Latin club had a Thanksgiving program and attended a program given by the Detroit Classical league.

Latin students took part in a public school-sponsored seminar, which explained the activity of the Junior Classical league of which the club is a member. On December 18 the club celebrated the Roman Christmas, "Saturnalia."

The Math club visited the  
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Ford Computer center and the General Motors Technical center last month. December 10 the Math Quiz-Em was held.

President Jerry Diebolt has extended an open invitation to interested students to attend the meetings. The club meets in the math research room, 113.

Current Events club, which sponsored the mock elections, has tentative plans for future speakers. They are considering either a policeman or a member from the Students for a Democratic Society.

Miss N. Haggerty's fifth hour religion class is knitting slippers and mittens, for the children at the Caro State Home for the mentally retarded.

Mrs. C. Budde's sixth and seventh hour religion classes are planning on working at a nursing home and an orphanage.

Some thirty second, third and fourth graders from St. Boniface were about to enjoy a wonderful closing day at the Children's Zoo. The Spanish and English speaking children were anxiously awaiting the trip, sponsored by the Spanish Club. A school bus was arranged to meet them at the

school. The students showed up, but the buses never did. The Spanish club would like to make up for the disappointment by taking the youngsters sledding during Christmas vacation.

The Junior Home Economics majors are making stuffed animals for orphans at Christmas time.

The Junior and Sophomore Home Economics students are tentatively planning to make gifts and cheer up some people at a nursing home.

## Survival of the Fittest Challenged in Cafeteria

by Bob Walkowski

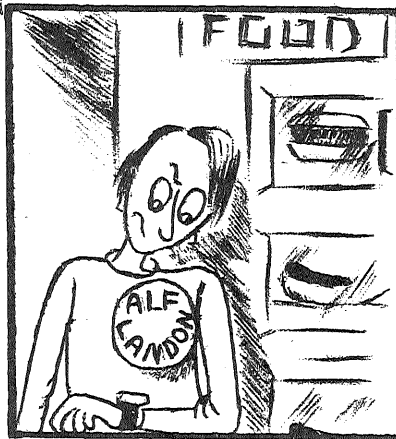
If you like fun, if you like adventure, if you like having your guts ripped out, then I suggest you stand in line for lunch someday.

When doing this you will find the answer to why hurricanes are named after women.

When entering a line, I suggest you bring a few morsels of food and an interesting friend to talk with. After all, the stomach has been known to break many a man and you may not wish to converse on the subject of Linda's boyfriend or the finky study hall teacher, so bring a friend (intelligence not necessary) so that the soul does not pine away.

The first person in line is always very popular and friendly and lets the entire school plus the immediate family ahead of her to rob automation of your lunch. Then a second line is formed of the family making your line obsolete. So you stand in line and become like Jesus and fast for forty days; it takes away from your time in Purgatory, but if you believe in reincarnation you're sunk.

Next obstacle is the sweet young thing who can't either



make up her mind or find her change which moves you to boredom. However, she may be replaced by the rumrunner who goes back to the table to find out the preferences of the rest of the coven. When the coven finally decide, you find out that either your lunch period is over or your heart has stopped pumping.

Right behind you is a rather loose woman who is trying to get your wallet. Or you may be confronted by an extremely loose woman who is trying to seduce you into buying her lunch.

Some people decided to fight the system by lightly pulverizing the nymphs but proceeded to having their faces demolished by having a purse laden with 200 lbs. of lipstick, pencils, cosmetics and tidbits repeatedly pounded into the face.

However, if you still enjoy food here are a few suggestions on what to do:

1. Wear an "Alf Landon for President" button; then everyone will take you for a nut and walk away from you.
2. Run up to the front of the line and scream "the ice cream machine is broken" and have the crowd run to the ice cream machine.
3. Initiate a student uprising during cafeteria, then you sneak up and get your lunch.

If all this fails, try a care package from home.

## Students Travel To Tournaments; M. Rath Wins Competition

Borgess tennis and badminton players were on the move during Thanksgiving vacation representing the West Detroit Tennis and Badminton club. Mark and Joel Rath (junior and freshman) spent six days in Puerto Rico playing tennis. Junior Jim Brogan traveled to Chicago for badminton competition.

The Rathes were participating in the Second Annual Caribbean Invitational Tennis Tournament held in San Juan. The field of competitors included athletes from seven

countries — Mexico, Peru, Columbia, Trinidad, Tobago, Haiti, Puerto Rico and the United States.

Mark and his partner Gevan Marharaj from Trinidad-Tobago took first place in the 18-and-under Junior doubles, defeating the final Grau and Rene' Otero 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 in the final match. He also played in the 16-and-under singles but was eliminated in the round of sixteen.

In addition to his suntan, Mark brought home an engraved glass bottomed pewter

mug (his trophy) and several small bottles of Puerto Rican rum (as gifts).

Joel participated in the 14-and-under singles and doubles. He was defeated in the second round of the singles and he and partner Ricky Diaz, were beaten 6-2, 6-4, midway through the doubles contest.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, Illinois, Jim Brogan was competing in the Golden Bird Badminton Tournament. Jim was victorious until the quarter finals of class C competition.

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## Potpourri of Athletic Scene

\* Varsity letters were given out for the first time in the history of Borgess to 32 football players and 10 cross-country athletes who made the grade. These letters will be worn on the new green varsity jackets and sweaters. Plans are now underway for a varsity club to be formed sometime in January.

\* Also on letters, athletes who participated in sports before received a stripe on their letters. Joe Elder received a gold stripe for being named All-Catholic All-City and Bob Zawacki received a blue stripe for his honorable mention.

\* 'Coach' Mark Quay guided Our Lady of Grace athletes to a victory over St. Hilary and St. Suzanne in Cross-Country's first annual Turkey Trot. 'Coach' Quay's team won a trophy and coach 'Quay' brought a turkey to the Our Lady of Grace convent. 'Coach' Dan Pehrson took the reins for St. Hilary and 'Coach' Al Rewekant led St. Suzanne.

\* Mr. Steve Strauch, math teacher, plans to enter the first professional track meet in the United States. The meet will be in conjunction with the AAU and California Athletic association with four million dollars in prize money offered. Mr. Strauch plans to enter the 100 meter run and be on a relay team.

\* After months of preparation, a girl's swimming-diving team has been formed with 25 swimmers and 3 divers. They are coached by Mr. Gill Harding, assisted by Mrs. Jackie Cooley, with Mr. Bill Mobley co-ordinating. Practices are held at Cody on Tuesday and Friday with the first meet in early January.

\* Some day when you are off in the back of the school and hear a loud clang, don't be alarmed! It is not a student uprising which nobody let you in on. It's only Jerry Giffen, Ron Berry, John Wright and Jerry Cummings high-jumping for next track season. Somewhere else you may see Mark Parzuckowski, Frank Rozinski and Dennis Kolthunchick running to cut down their times.

\* Newest attraction in GAA is the Bowling league with 100 girls signed up. Each team will have 4 bowlers and bowl from 3:00 to 6:00 on Mondays at Crown lanes.

## Athletic Department Introduces CYO B-Ball

Borgess CYO basketball team opened its first varsity and junior varsity season Dec. 15.

Belonging to the Northwest AA Division, the girls will be playing the top teams of that league including Rosary, Ladywood, Immaculata, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Michael of Livonia.

Students on the varsity team are: Rose Carey, Vicki Purell,

Sue Rochford, Vicki Gibson, Connie Forfinski, Pam Gretchen, Kathy Hull, Jan Wesner, Charlotte Palmero and Janette Gaudreau.

Although the team has no previous experience, Miss K. Collins, coach of the team says, "Chances are always good until the season is over. The team is good and will do well in the league."

## Cross Country — Successful Season

Borgess wrapped up its Cross Country season with the Catholic league's A-East Division championship by a 18-43 victory over Divine Child.

At the State Regionals Borgess moved from last place, in 1967, to 4th, in 1968. Mark Quay and Bob McCarthy finished 13th and 14th out of 140 contenders. This entitled them to compete in the State

finals and gave them bronze medals.

In the final weekend of the 1968 season, Mark Quay and Bob McCarthy finished 49th and 72nd in the State final run. But in the Lipke Invitational meet, it was the sophomores who took the honors in the Freshman-Sophomore 2 mile run. Bob McCarthy came in first with a winning time of 10:25.5.

## Spartans Take Opening Games

The Spartan cagers opened up the season with two straight victories over Gabriel Richard 59-46, Nov. 29 and Bishop Foley 53-42, Dec. 6.

In the Richard game, Jeff Crowley was high man with 15 points; Mark Quay and Dave Cronovich had 13 points

apiece. Wally Suchara had a fine night under the boards with 20 rebounds.

In the Foley game, Mark Quay hit the high with 24 points and Wally Suchara led both sides with 15 rebounds.

While the varsity has won its first two games, the junior

varsity lost its two games.

In the Richard game, 37-30 loss, Rich Snares was high man with 9 points and Ken Rezler had 8 points.

In the Bishop Foley loss, 41-39, Rich Snares was high man for the J.V. with 18 points and Craig Scott was next with 12 points.

## Borgess Hockey To Start

Borgess will be taking the ice this year as a varsity hockey team. However, the school will not sponsor this endeavor because there are not enough schools with hockey teams to compete against. Therefore, sponsors are going to come from outside sources.

So far there are 50 boys out for the team which will be split into the midget or reserve and the juvenile or varsity. They will be playing accord-

ing to age groups with independent teams.

The coaching staff at the moment includes Mr. Steve Strauch and Mr. Dave Neal. Mr. Strauch has been in organized hockey for eight years. Mr. Neal is presently playing with junior teams.

The schedule and practice will be held at O'Shea field and Winter Wonderland ice rink.

## Grid Team Looks To '69

What makes a good football team?

It takes a combination of many things. It takes a group of guys like this year's Spartan gridgers. And it takes dedicated coaches like Mr. Pat Uetz, Mr. Jim Brisky and Mr. Bob McDougal.

This winning combination brought Bishop Borgess a 5-2-1 record against long established schools.

Coach Uetz remarked that he was "very pleased" with the varsity's performance. Declining to single out individual players for praise, he said,

"They all did a good job."

"We'll do better next year," said head coach Uetz, "and that's up!"

It is not certain if Borgess will remain in A West Division. Coach Uetz would "prefer to stay as is but Borgess will be affected if the Catholic League is re-organized."

### LATE SCORES

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| Boys' Basketball:            |    | CYO Girls' Basketball:       |    |
| Borgess Varsity .....        | 56 | Borgess Varsity .....        | 19 |
| St. Hedwig .....             | 75 | Rosary .....                 | 30 |
| Borgess Junior Varsity ..... | 63 | Borgess Junior Varsity ..... | 9  |
| St. Hedwig .....             | 45 | Rosary .....                 | 12 |

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