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## 4 Funding Parishes Form School Board

"An advisory organization whose primary responsibility is fiscal and budgetary control for the school," is how Mr. Charles Diebolt, president of the Borgess School Board explained its function.

Outgrowths of this major responsibility have been hiring a new cleaning company for the school and purchasing two cars for the sisters' use. The Board believes considerable savings were effected in both cases. Most of their work thus far has been concerned with making up a budget and getting business organized for this fiscal year.

Other functions of the Board as outlined by the Archdiocese of Detroit "Constitution and By-Laws for a Parish Board of Education" include "evaluating the effectiveness of the educational program," creating policies under which "administrative officers shall operate the educational program and determining such items as admissions, hiring, dismissal and tenure of lay personnel and other matters relating to education." The Board must serve as a "planning and building committee for new educational facilities," implement policies of the Archdiocesan School Office and act as a liaison body with local state school officials." The Borgess School Board formulated its constitution similarly.

According to Mr. Diebolt, the Board "was established with the consent and best interest of parents, students and teachers in mind."

Members of the School Board were selected by either the Parish Council or in the case of no Council, through the discretion of the pastor.

Voting members of the Board include the pastor and two representatives from each of the funding parishes. Comprising the organization are Fr. Edmund Wolschon, Mr. James Butler (secretary) and Mr. Donn Kluck from St. Hilary; Fr. George Stromske, Mr. James Walsh (treasurer) and Mr. Ray Carbutt

## Homecoming Events: Queen, Dance, Game

Homecoming activities, including a dance and a football game, will highlight the Halloween weekend this year at Borgess.

First sign of the event will be this Friday when the Seniors nominate three candidates for queen. Then, October 16, a final ballot will place the girl with the most votes as queen and the other two as members of the court. The Juniors and Sophomores will choose one member each for the court in a similar manner.

A semi-formal dance Friday, October 30 will set the scene for the queen's crowning. She will



Mr. Patrick Uetz and School Board President Mr. Charles Diebolt line-up for HARBINGER camera.

from St. Robert Bellarmine; Msgr. Victor Lorenz, Mr. Paul Behe (vice-president) and Mr. Robert Rund from St. Suzanne; and Fr. Egbert Heinlein and Mr. Diebolt from Our Lady of Grace. Mr. Robert Mc Carthy was originally the second member from O.L.G., but has resigned for personal reasons.

The non-voting segment of the Board includes Mr. Patrick Uetz, principal, Mr. John Griffin and Sr. Nadine, O.P., assistant principals, and a representative from the Parent-Teacher Guild.

## Accreditation Achieved To Aid College Bound

There are now 641 accredited high schools in the state of Michigan; accreditation for Borgess has finally been completed.

Tuesday, September 22, Doctor Phil Hanson announced to the faculty that Borgess is accredited.

then reign over the dance and the game.

Borgess' varsity football team will face Sacred Heart Dearborn for the homecoming game November 1 at Thurston field.

As last year, a float parade will be featured. Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores will enter floats, and all homerooms may enter cars. The class with the best float will be presented the trophy from last year. Cars will be part of a separate contest. Judging will be done by impartial judges. This year a theme will be followed.

Alumni are invited to the dance and the game.

## Informing Voters

## Students Work To Defeat 'C'

"We have to make it our business through whatever means possible, to inform people about Proposal C."

That is what Fr. Bernard Harrington told student representatives of Michigan Students Against "C" from non-public schools as far away as Muskegon, as they rallied to organize to defeat "C" September 26, at Borgess.

According to a recent survey of teachers and principals in the Marquette diocese, 50% were not fully aware of the implications on the November Michigan ballot.

There are three basic parts to the proposal. Part one prohibits public funds to any elementary or secondary non-public schools. This is what that above 50% understand the bill to mean.

The second part repeals all present funds, except for transportation to all non-public schools. This includes speech correction, remedial reading, street crossing guards, health and nursing services, assistance to

mentally, physically and emotionally handicapped non-public school children, shared time, drivers' education and any use of public school equipment by non-public schools.

Part three repeals tax exemption for non-public schools. It is estimated that this tax would exceed \$100,000 at Borgess, each year.

There are less than 30 days to

inform three and one-half million people about "C".

Activities at Borgess thus far include a \$100 donation from the Student Council, and a mass telephone campaign to make sure all parents were registered to vote by last Friday.

The organization, formerly Students for a Quality Education, is a branch of Michigan Citizens Against Proposal "C".

## Tournament At Borgess To Initiate Debate Season

To kick off the season this year, the Borgess debate team will host a tournament Sunday, October 25, at one o'clock. Twenty to 25 parochial schools from the Archdiocese of Detroit are expected to participate.

The year's topic for debate will be "That the federal government should establish, finance, administer programs to control air and water pollution in the United States."

Those students representing Borgess will take both sides of the question at different times. Borgess teams will include debaters from last year, as well as members of the debate class.

According to Miss Joanne Start, debate coach and a

member of the Detroit Catholic Forensic league, Borgess will be able to participate in more debate activities this year, even with a lower budget.

Through the efforts of the league, whose central office for the Archdiocese of Detroit is at the University of Detroit, a less expensive system for debate and forensic tournaments has been developed. What costs a public school \$150, is now available to Detroit parochial schools for \$25.

Not only is the price lower, but more events are offered to League members and the team will still be able to participate in state-wide programs.

## 16 Girls Chosen As Cheerleaders

Squeals of delight, jumping, hugging, outbursts of tears - both happy and disappointed - marked the selection of cheerleaders for the first time at Borgess.

Out of 130 original contestants, ten varsity and six junior varsity cheerleaders made it to the end. Varsity members are seniors Kathleen Papi (captain), Kathleen Hull, and the only boys, Michael Patra and Gerard Meloche; and juniors Gail Gordon, Barbara Lewicki, Judy Mobley, Linda Slusarczyk, Nora

Wright and Janice Young. The junior varsity, made up entirely of sophomores is Mary Abramczyk (captain), Kathleen Blem, Debbie Giordano, Monica Meloche, Diana Skrzycki and Cecile Zacharias. Adviser for the cheerleaders is Miss Joanne Start.

Reorganization of the pep club is now underway. Sr. Ephemina will again be adviser, and will work with Miss Start, the cheerleaders and "all those truly interested in building school spirit."



Caught in the middle of a cheer are varsity cheerleaders (l, r), Judy Mobley, Barb Lewicki, and Jan Young.

# Problems Created by School Board Analyzed

Recent introduction of the school board to the Bishop Borgess Student Council power structure has raised a flurry of questions concerning its composition, purpose and power. In an effort to clear muddy water, here are some answers. Some questions are left unanswered because parties involved did not comment or disagree on major facts.

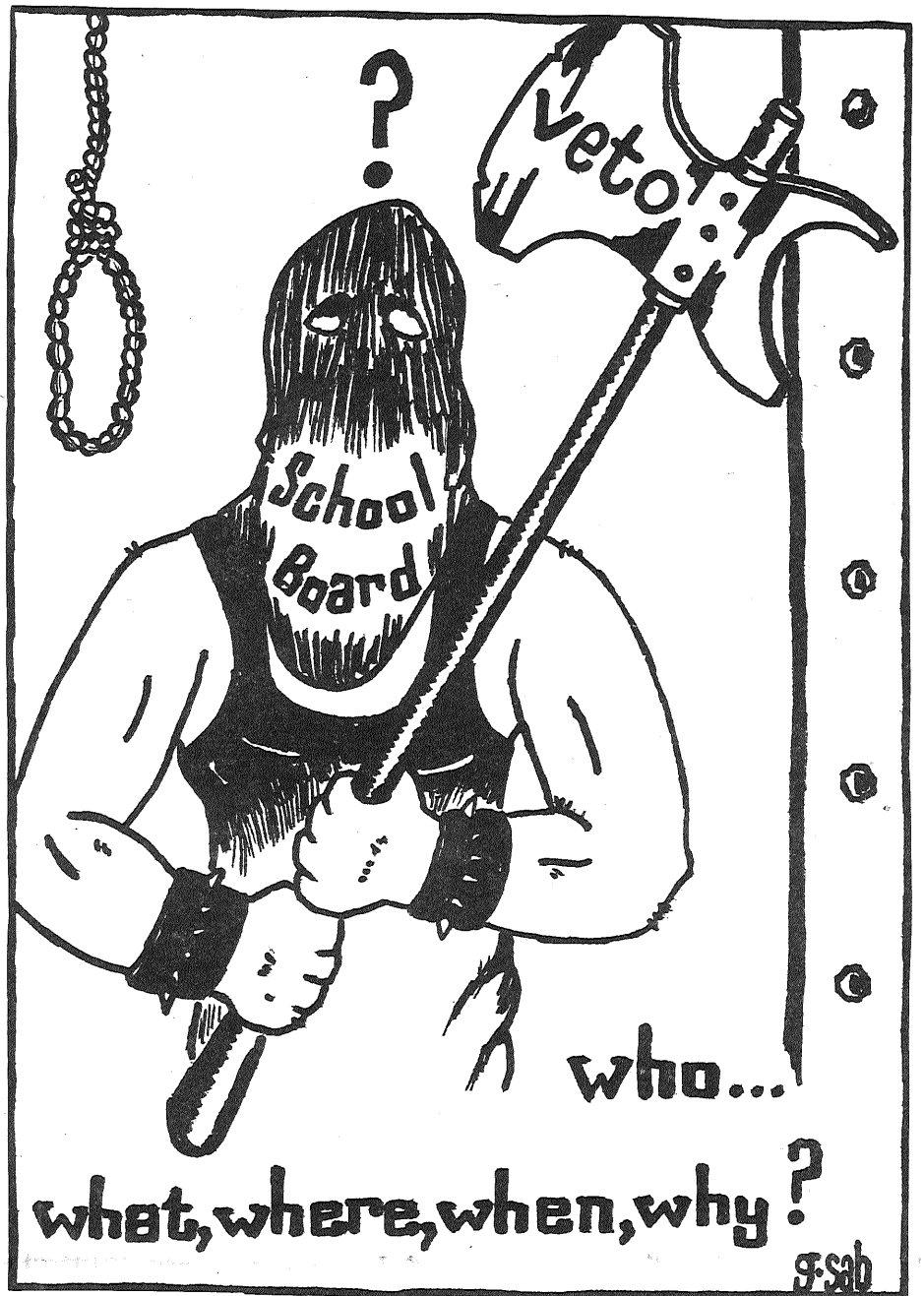
The members of St. Robert's faction of the school board were chosen by the local parish council. This is legitimate as the parish council is a duly-elected organization. The members of St. Suzanne's and Our Lady of Grace's factions were appointed by the local pastors. This is bad because the school board is supposed to represent the parents of Borgess students. Certainly the indirect-democracy of having the parish councils appoint the members would have been better. No confirmation was available from St. Hilary's rectory as to how their members were chosen.

The purpose of the school board is two-fold. That is, two different sources gave two different answers. Mr. Uetz outlined the purpose of the school board as "to help share in the administrative duties" or assisting the school board in administrative matters. In short their powers are limited but they have invited themselves to take part in the student council power structure.

On the other hand, the school board claims its primary function is "fiscal and bugetary control for the school". Also included in their constitution is "determining such items as admissions, hiring, dismissal and tenure of lay personnel". If this is taken seriously by Mr. Uetz and the school board then Mr. Uetz is responsible for his job to the school board and technically would be under them.

Allowing the school board to exist, uninvited, within the 1/3 - 1/3 - 1/3 vote complex is a slap at the integrity of the student council. Actions should be taken by the parish councils to see that the school board is elected or chosen in a representative fashion. Also, any influence of the school board on student council decisions should be ruled unconstitutional as they find no legitimate place within the 1/3 - 1/3 - 1/3 power structure as provided by the legitimate constitution.

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## Please Note

In the first edition of the 1970-71 HARBINGER, it is necessary for the editorial staff to make known to its subscribers the editorial policy of this publication.

First of all, one very simple ground rule can be found on this page in each and every issue. It is as follows: "Any opinions stated herein do not necessarily represent the official view of the administration and faculty. They are the views of the staff members only." This statement is self-explanatory.

Secondly, we urge you to write letters to the editor. The HARBINGER is a good way to make known to the public anything that you might have a beef about, either inside the walls of this operation or out. The letters should be no longer than 250-300 words in length, and should be typewritten or neatly printed. All letters must be double-spaced. They may be dropped off in the HARBINGER office or in room 232. If you wish, your name will not be attached to your letter when it appears in the HARBINGER. However we must know who wrote the letter when it is submitted to us.

Understand that while we cannot possibly publish all the letters that are submitted to us, we do consider all of them and publish those of most general interest.

## Students Offer Question and Comment Control Board

In the past, Bishop Borgess has performed quite well under the direction of Father Thomas Mc Anoy. It seems to be doing the same under Mr. Patrick Uetz. So, why has a school board been formed, and what right does it have to deem itself superior to all authoritative figures?

The board, consisting of a few students' parents and Mr. Uetz, suddenly appeared out of nowhere, exercising its superior power by vetoing a student proposed dress code, as verified by a member of the Student Council Executive board. Whether the dress code is good or not is not the issue. What is at hand though, is the question of whether this school board's apparently self-assumed position is existent in regards to our new Constitution.

Drawbacks of this cabinet are few, but those that exist are detrimental to the "operation" of Borgess. Student representatives, elected by the school, must be placed on such a commission to insure the voice and feelings of the students. We must remind the board that in such a situation, we are first of all students, and no longer need to be told how to make opinions (usually). Faculty representation should also be granted to insure that their views are also taken into consideration. Members of the school board should be elected by parish members.

The student body must pressurize the student council into acting upon this matter quickly. If worse comes to worst, this school board could

end up controlling our dances, athletics, classes, degree of literacy, and most important, minds.

More student council action on this must be taken, if the school board will let us that is.

Leonard Hill

Kent Aitchison

### Please Resign

Recently, two very significant events took place which will greatly affect the operation of this school.

First, our school was "blessed" with the formation of a school board to "help" in the running and governing of our school.

Second, Article VII (1/3, 1/3, 1/3 vote) of our Student Council constitution was acclaimed the best new idea in school government at a week long leadership seminar sponsored this past summer by the University of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Student Councils.

We are sure that if any of the people that attended this seminar came to our school today, their impression of Article VII and likewise the entire Student Council would be that of a farce! This is not through any fault of the Student Council, the administration, the faculty or the student body but of the school board. Their interference in the governing of our school has not only become a nuisance but a dangerous threat to the good of our school. This is significantly demonstrated when the school board unjustly rejected our accepted dress code and put into effect one of their own liking without the least consent of the student body.

We cannot help but feel that we are not alone in our belief that the school board has been a hindrance rather than a help and has been out of place in reference to the efficient operation of our school.

To call for their resignation might be a little far fetched, but it is certainly something to think about!

Neil Murray

Jim Sherry

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# SC Co-President Crowned Queen of Ball



Pat Bugajski, crowned this year's Muscular Dystrophy Queen.

By KAREN McDEVITT

She's a Queen!

Miss Patricia Ann Bugajski, student council co-president, was crowned Michigan Muscular Dystrophy Derby Ball Queen Saturday, September 5, 1970.

The ball was held to raise funds for the special summer camp created for children afflicted with muscular dystrophy. Pat has worked as a volunteer attendant at the camp for the past three years.

The MD camp is not an ordinary summer camp. Every effort is made to create a world just for the wheelchair-confined child. There are activities such as swimming, boating and wheelchair nature hikes. To take the place of the missing strength in the campers' arms and legs are the teenage volunteer attendants.

Patty was nominated to be queen of the Derby Ball along with nine other girls who had worked at the camp. The girls were interviewed by former Mrs. America, Lila Masson. Mrs. Masson's main question directed individually to each girl was pertaining to their personal reflections of camp.

Pat's answer was simple and direct. "It's giving of yourself and not expecting anything in return that make's you a better person," she explained.

Association which covered the entire cost of the Michigan Derby Ball.

The ball held at the Raleigh House, September 12, was a complete success. One hundred percent of the contributions go to support this year's summer camp. This was made possible by the Hazel Park Racing

The evening was dedicated to those who, like Patty, donate their time to making the special summer camp possible. Without their help the children would be unable to attend the annual event they so much look forward to.

## except for sometimes

all i want to do is walk  
except for the minutes i want to run  
but i don't want to stop  
just start and start some more

sometimes to you it might seem like i'm stopping  
but i'm really not  
i'm growing

sometimes to you it might seem like i'm ungrowing  
but i'm really not  
i'm walking

except for the minutes i want to run

i wish to be what i am  
to live what i be  
to act what i live  
to am what i wish

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## 'Wild' Trip For Borgess Tourists

By CELINE DIEBOLT

Beware of champagne when flying over the Atlantic, as Barb Budde can well relate. A three hour span of darkness is really something else. Just imagine looking out the plane window and seeing the coastline of France!

Students who participated in the American International Academy's Classical Europe tour had these many wild and different (to put it mildly) experiences over the past summer.

How do you tell an Italian waiter whose only grasp of English is "thank you-pleez" that you are dying of thirst? "Aqua! Aqua!" of course.

What in the world do you do with a crazy senior namely Mike Patra, who dances around a fountain in Rome, at three o'clock in the morning clad only in his skivvies?

Picture the lights in your hotel room going out. Now get brave and wander down the hallway, armed with your dimming flashlight. All of a sudden there's a man climbing in through the window. At this point Cecilia Farina, Karen Brackett, and I did the 100 yard dash in six seconds flat.

Stroll through a Roman meat market and get "attacked" by a camera-happy butcher who loves to have his picture taken.

A true thrill is arguing with an Italian merchant. The price battle is performed with the help of paper and pencil. The real thrill comes when you discover that your "unbelievably low price" is unbelievably higher than what someone else has just paid.

You haven't lived until you've visited a German beer hall. And you've never had a hangover like the one you get the morning after you've visited a German beer hall. Just ask Rick Jacobs, Paul Busch or John Slawinski.

Try to see "Funny Girl" in Lausanne and explain the plot to Chris Jung, Gerry Sabatini and Ron Biava. Especially when it's in French and you never really did translate well in class.

Ahh...the Palace of Versailles! You could be doomed to a permanent residence there if you were as smart as Barb, Karen and I to miss your bus. Be really clever and don't bring a map. It makes it much more exciting to figure out how to get back to Paris which is twenty miles away.

There's never a dull moment in London. Take for instance, the bus' brakes giving out in rush hour traffic. That's fun! See "1776," that hit musical from the "colonies." And see "Hair" while your advisers slink under their seats in embarrassment.

Make sure to have a really messy shaving cream fight to top off a really crazy trip!

But, unlike Pam Smith, don't miss the plane to Detroit from New York.

Besides previous graduates, other Borgess "nuts" that were let loose on the European continent for 42 days during the past summer were Linda Purchiaroni, Debbie Kietrys, Laura Spampinato, Sister Josephine, and Sister Jean Lawrence.

Will Europe ever be the same??

## Bill Poses Threat

"Public schools would seem to be barred from sharing gym or gridiron facilities, gate receipts, expense allowances and the like with non-public students and schools."

The above paragraph was taken from an article in the DETROIT FREE PRESS dated September 20, 1970, in regards to the Educaid bill.

If this anti-parochial amendment is passed in

November, among the many who will suffer will be the Borgess athletic department.

No longer will the teams be able to play football except on their own fields. Rouge Park will no longer be available for the cross country and baseball teams. The track team will no longer be allowed to use Henry Ford for either their practices or their meets.

This is not a threat, it's a fact!

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# Varsity Men Blank E. Cath.

After being set back in the opener against Benedictine, 28-0, the Spartans came back to blank East Catholic 12-0.

Against East Catholic, Jim Rice gained 95 yards on 24 carries and accounted for all of the Spartans 12 points. A one yard plunge in the second quarter and a two-yarder in the third by Rice were all that either team managed to push across throughout the game.

Benedictine halfback, John Carpenter starred for the Ravens in the first game by scoring 13

points on two touchdowns and an extra point.

Borgess netted only 56 yards in the first game as compared to Benedictine's 190. However, in the second game they managed to accumulate 268 yards to East Catholic's 98.

Turnovers also revealed another improvement as far as the Spartans were concerned. Against Benedictine, Borgess lost four turnovers and came up with only one on a fumble recovery

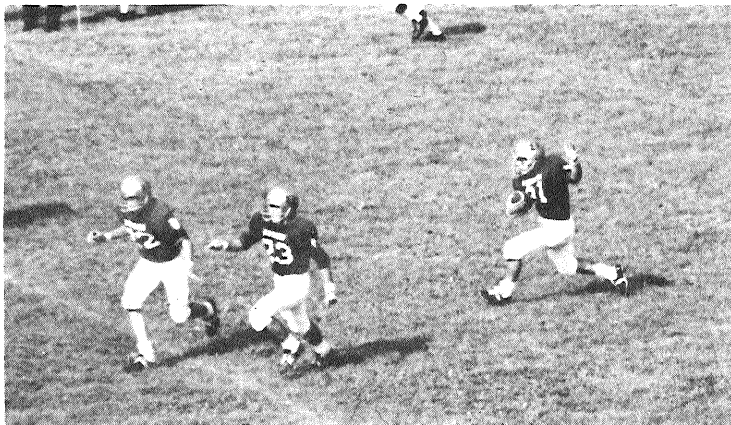
by Paul Banion. In the second game Borgess had an interception by Frank Knasiak and one fumble recovery apiece for Kevin Downey and Kevin Clifford.

The receiving also shone in the second game. Where in the first game quarterback Jerry Sharon was able to complete only two passes with the same number of interceptions, he completed 8 of 15 for 97 yards in the Second.

Craig Scott has the most receptions with three, while Chuck Abraham, Brian Karol and Jim Rice all follow with two each. Rice has also gained the most yards receiving with 43 yards for his two receptions.

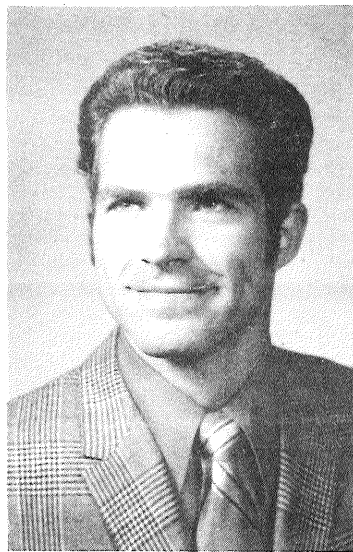


Kevin Downey (87) and Paul Banion (71) fend off blockers while attempting to get in the way of a Benedictine sweep.



Brian Karol (22) and Chuck Abraham (23) lead interference for Joe Rice (21) on a kick return.

## Denewith Moves Up



Mr. Denewith

Mr. Tom Denewith, beginning only his second year at Borgess, has taken on additional duties as the new athletic director.

Mr. Denewith succeeds Mr. Patrick Uetz, who vacated the position at the conclusion of the 1969-70 school year to become principal. In addition to his new responsibilities, Mr. Denewith will continue to coach the varsity basketball team.

The football programs, sold at the games were initiated through the new athletic director. This reveals some of the enthusiasm with which he has accepted the job. He is also looking into the possibilities for intramural sports for the boys. However, it would not be in the near future and he states, "if it comes about at all, next year would be the earliest possibility."

## Viewpoint ...

By FRANK FOREST

How important is a captain in team sports today?

Your answer would quite possibly be "it depends on the captain himself. His leadership in the field and his inspirational qualities are the determining factors." This may be true, but look beyond this outer shell for an answer that is different and much more precise.

Become a member of a team and realistically evaluate your captain, as a captain. If he is at least adequate on the field, and no doubt he is, then he is receiving most of the acclaim.

But you have worked as hard, if not harder, and you're not even noticed. In this situation your feelings are summarized by "It's just not fair!"

Consider another example. Suppose your captain is unsure of himself, leading the team nowhere and going the same place himself. Here you might have felt that many others would have done a better job, and the problem is that they just might have.

Team captains are usually unqualified in their primary task of unifying the team, resulting in

resentment among team members. When someone is elected or selected captain of a team, there are usually a few other team members who have to be disappointed. How likely is the possibility that these few disheartened performers will follow the 'inspirational leadership' (as good as it may be) of their new captain?

Today the trend is leaning more toward individuality than toward teamwork. Joe Namath, Denny McLain and Pete Maravich are examples of what today's youth looks to for leadership qualities in the sports world. In no way do these men reflect teamwork in their style of play or the way they describe their styles of play. The days of the powerhouse teams, such as the Green Bay Packers with their co-captains Bart Starr and Ray Nitschke and the Boston Celtics with Bill Russell, where teamwork was exercised and lauded, are all but gone.

Because in today's sports a captain stands in the way of individualism, and in this way hinders progress, he is unnecessary and usually unwanted in the make-up of a team.

## JV's Start Big In Grid Season

In their first league outing, the junior varsity was successful with a 32-6 victory over Aquinas.

The JV's were victorious in their four pre-season games, including a 56-0 romp over Riverside.

Due to a coaching change, East Catholic was forced to forfeit their game to Borgess. This victory, which was the first league decision, gives the JV a 2-0 league record so far.

Coach Steve Strauch, who is aided by Coach John Kolf, is aiming toward a second straight title.

The team is using six freshmen on the team. Three of them, Dan Kelly, Glenn Varlesi and Greg Drypen are used as starters.

To attain a second straight championship, Mr. Strauch sights Cabrini, Sacred Heart, and Pontiac Catholic as the major threats, all of which are homes games. The loss to Pontiac Catholic, 8-0, last year was the only setback for the entire season.

## Borgess Squad 'Team to Beat'

"We're going to be the team to beat within the next three years," stated Mr. Mike Meloche, who, along with Mr. Pat Mulcahy, coaches the freshman football team.

The freshmen are a strong and versatile team: strong, because they have players that weigh in at 180 plus; versatile, because they have power in both their running and passing attacks. However, Mr. Meloche is much more enthusiastic about the defense which carries most of the weight.

"Freshmen ball is hard to judge, (in terms of how tough a team is) but I think if we beat Divine Child we should be over the hill," commented coach Meloche.

The frosh tied their first regular season game September 26, 6-6 with Bishop Gallagher.

## CC Runners Undefeated

"We should be stronger than we have ever been because of our depth," commented Coach Brian Schwall after his cross country team had beaten its first three opponents.

Tuesday, September 29, was a Borgess first as the Spartan team brought home two shut-outs. The JV team took on the first

six places to shut-out Gabriel Richard's JV team 15-49. The charge was led by Craig Weiland with a time of 11:34, followed closely by Sam Lamia.

Borgess runners took the first ten places for the varsity team. Al Rewekant and Bob McCarthy provided some excitement with a close finish. Rewekant won with a time of 10:31, while McCarthy finished at 10:32.

In the only other league meet

Borgess shut-out the Cabrini team, 15-50. The Spartans captured the first 22 places in the process of recording their perfect score. Co-captain Al Rewekant again led the way with a time of 12:57.5.

In non-league dual meets Borgess defeated Bishop Gallagher 19-44 and Catholic Central by the closest score possible, 27-28. Al Rewekant led the way in both meets. Against Catholic Central he recorded his best time, 12:26.

## MSU Grad - Top Coach



Jerry Sharon (14) listens closely to the words of Coach Mushinski.

Borgess has acquired a three-year veteran of Michigan State varsity football as their new head football coach, Mr. Fred Mushinski.

He was appointed to his new position near the end of the 1969-70 school year. Like Mr. Denewith, he fills a spot opened when Mr. Uetz became principal. Between Dearborn Divine Child and Riverside high schools, Mr. Mushinski has accumulated 6 years' experience as an assistant football coach.

When asked what he expects from his players, Mr. Mushinski stated that, "it is their dedication to the school. I look

for the reflection of this on the field, both in practice and the games." He also expressed his pleasure in the way his team had managed to fill these expectations so far.

Of the first loss of the season, to Benedictine, he believed, "it was mostly the inexperience of the team. We weren't mentally prepared for the game."

He feels that the proper changes have been made and is extremely hopeful for the remainder of the year.

In conclusion, Coach Mushinski added, "I'm pleased with the support of the students so far and I hope it continues throughout the year."

## GAA Basketball Underway

GAA intramural basketball, involving approximately 200 girls, is underway at Borgess.

The schedule lasts about 7 weeks and will be concluded by a tournament to determine the school champion. The tournament will consist of a one game knock-out series between one team from each of the four grades.

Miss Kathy Collins, director

of the program, pointed out that "I am not picking a junior varsity or varsity team from these tournaments. I am asking girls to tryout for the teams. However the purpose of this is to cut down the numbers that have occurred the last few years for varsity and junior varsity tryouts-which have been over 100 each year. I hope this will be a more fair way of selecting girls."