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Symphonic Band Concert To Be Presented Soon

Borgess' Symphonic Band will present its first band concert Sunday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the concert will be adults, \$1.00, students, 50 cents.

The program will feature a guest flute soloist, Mr. Ervin Nichols, who has performed previously with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will play "Concertino" by Chaminade. In addition, the Symphonic Band, composed of Varsity band members and other students who play instruments but who are not in the band, will play such Rodgers & Hammerstein hits as "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific" and "Noble Men," a lively military march by Henry Fillmore.

Proceeds from the concert will go to defray costs for a trip which the band is scheduled to take in February. Sunday, February 21, the band will travel to Grand Rapids to participate in the Michigan Catholic band festival. Monday, in an exchange program, the band will travel to Manistee to give a concert with

the Manistee Catholic Central High School band, and return to Detroit that night. Late in April, their band will return the visit, coming to Borgess to present a concert, and spend the night in Detroit.

Students To Print Newsletter

Business news, including guest speakers, course events, job openers and outstanding student achievements will highlight the newsletter being printed in conjunction with the business department.

Mr. James Rowe's Business English class will write the four page paper and the business department will publish it.

The newsletter which is being paid for by the business department, will be available to the whole school. The first edition will be available soon.

Broadway Hit Chosen As Spring Production

OKLAHOMA! a musical production with music and lyrics by Rodgers and Hammerstein is the music and drama departments' choice for presentation at Borgess this spring.

The weekends of April 23, 24, 25, and April 30, May 1 and 2 have been named by Mr. Thomas St. Charles as performance dates for this famous musical.

OKLAHOMA! was first presented in 1943, and since its run on Broadway (a record breaking run of five years, nine weeks) according to critics, has grown to be one of the best liked musicals of all time.

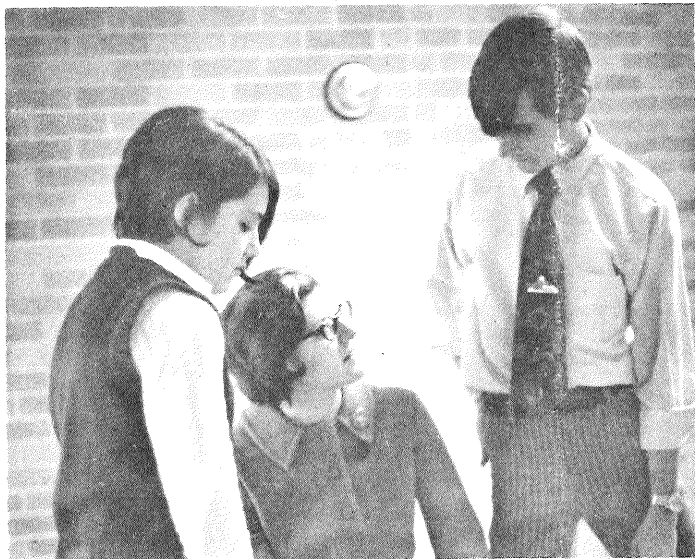
The setting is the Indian territory that later became the state of Oklahoma, the time is 1907, the year of Oklahoma's statehood. The competition between cowhand and farmhand over land rights and for women presents a fast moving plot made even more exciting by the songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. "People Will Say We're in Love," "Oklahoma!" (adopted as the official state song of Oklahoma in 1953), "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," and "Surrey With the Fringe on Top" are some of the well known and well liked songs written for OKLAHOMA!

Backed in a joint effort by drama and music department heads Mr. St. Charles and Mr. William Jones, OKLAHOMA! will demand a large cast. According to Mr. St. Charles, "OKLAHOMA! is a real challenge to all students here at Borgess. Every student is urged to audition in order that we might come up with a cast that is youthful and enthusiastic. Musicians, actors, actresses, singers, and dancers (both ballet

and can-can are performed as well as choreography) are all part of this large and famous production."

New Committee To Promote Student-Faculty Cooperation

One member of each class and four faculty members have been named to positions on the student-faculty relations board. Students are Michael Patra, senior; Michael Mitchell, junior; Mark Kava; sophomore and Mary Suzio, freshman. Faculty members are Sister Camille, Miss Teresa Passeri, Mr. James Brisky and Mr. Tom Kennedy.



Freshman, Mary Suzio; biology instructor, Miss Teresa Passeri, and senior, Mike Patra speculate on their roles as members of the student-faculty relations board.

Semester Elections Reveal Dissatisfaction

Need of the constitutional article providing for semester elections in Esperance was at least partially proven by the election of an almost entirely new executive board.

New faces include co-presidents Kent Aitchison and Suzanne Murray, seniors, treasurer Allan Rewekant, senior management and work committee chairman, Steve Bornocco, freshman, sub-committee chairman, Thomas Farrell, junior. Re-elected were secretary Maureen Dooley, and sub members of the management and work committee Donna Cole and Cindy Burdick, all seniors.

The election, which was held last Friday, was preceded by a primary runoff for the male co-president position last Wednesday.

The most important issue of the campaign seemed to be concerning the current atmosphere in the school concerning the activity of the executive board. Thursday's campaign speeches included statements such as the following

by Kent Aitchison; "I find it impossible to operate under the stagnant atmosphere that now exists," and "We've carried our game too far. It's time we stop it," from Sue Murray.

However, the current executive board seemed to be content with their progress in the first semester. Pat Bugajski maintained that four months is not enough time for the executive board to function sufficiently. Karl Gabrys stated,

"I feel I've carried out my responsibilities to the best of my ability."

After the announcement of his victory, co-president-elect Kent Aitchison stated, "I'd just be kidding you if I told you I didn't think this was a negative victory. Our task in the next four months would be to try to turn it into a positive one. We will try to embark programs and policies of our own, and in general, restore confidence in Esperance."



Kent Aitchison and Suzanne Murray, newly elected Student Council co-presidents.

French Club Holds Raffle

French club members will soon be selling raffle tickets for a Ross balladeer AM radio and cassette recorder-player, first prize; and a Polaroid Swinger Camera, with a roll of film.

Donation for the tickets is 25 cents each or five for \$1.00. Drawing for the raffle will be February 1.

A percent of the proceeds for the raffle will be given to the school and the rest will be used to help pay for a trip to Quebec.

The trip, which is open to any junior or senior who has taken French, includes a week's stay in the cities of Montreal and Quebec. Price is \$75 for non-French club members and probably somewhere between \$60 and \$65 for members. This includes room, board and transportation.

Carol Kramer, senior, who took the trip last year explained, "I really enjoyed the trip to Quebec because we had lots of time to do what we wanted to do. I'm going again this year because there were so many things I missed last year that I want to go back and see."

an article providing for the establishment of a student-faculty relations board was read to the voters, who in turn voted. It was passed, but there were doubts about its validity, since it was not written down. After a motion at a general meeting, a committee was set up to investigate the need, and at another general meeting, it was decided to establish such a board.

Official functions of the student-faculty relations board have not yet been defined. They will be outlined by the relations board members with the advice and suggestions of the executive board, the administration and any interested faculty members.

It is hoped that "the board will lead to increased student-teacher cooperation in the school," according to Patricia Bugajski, Esperance co-president.

Co-president Karl Gabrys believes that "the effectiveness of the board will depend on the guidelines they set up, and the cooperation they receive from the students, faculty and administration."

Used Book Store : An Economic Asset

With approximately 60 classes beginning at the start of the new semester, used books will be in great demand.

Unfortunately, the student who needs a book and would rather not buy a new one, cannot find anybody with an old one; and the owner of the used text cannot find a buyer.

To aid students in buying and selling useful old books, a used book store should be established.

Operation of such a book store could be easily handled by any school organization. Students wishing to sell books could take them to the book store and be given a receipt. The seller would set the price and would be paid when the book is sold.

Anyone who wishes to buy a book could go to the store and price what books are then available to him. He could then choose the lowest priced book, possibly preventing the seller from overpricing.

As an incentive for the organizers, a small service fee (perhaps 10 cents) could be charged for each book. That's \$10 for every 100 books.

E.S.

Rap Centers "Open Up"

All teens have problems. These problems are important no matter what they are. Almost all kids at one time or another are faced with a problem which they feel they are unable to solve. These problems, combined with other pressures sometimes succeed in really confusing and upsetting a person. At times like these, teens desperately long for someone to confide in.

While some young people turn to their friends for help, others prefer not to because they are either afraid that their friend won't keep his mouth shut, or feel that their friends aren't qualified enough to advise them on how to solve these problems.

Teens seldom turn to teachers with their problems. Even though the student may think the teacher is really nice, there is always the fear that the teacher may inform the parents of the things that their child had confided to the teacher.

Parents also are usually avoided when a problem arises. Most young people think that their parents are too old to understand or are just too busy to listen.

Yet kids today have to talk to someone. One of the things many teens have turned to are advice by phone centers such as Hearing Aid, 565-1400; Common Ground, 645-9676; and Open City, 831-2770 and 831-1650. Kids have confidence in these centers for a few very understandable reasons. For one thing, the people whom the teens usually talk to are also teens. However, the youths at the centers have been trained to do their job as efficiently as possible. One of the first things they learn is how to hear what is being said, not just to listen.

One of the main attractions of these centers is that all information is confidential. Many times it's easier to tell problems to someone who will never be able to discover one's identity. Another safeguard is that any time the caller feels he has said enough, all he has to do is hang-up.

These centers are doing a great service for young people and also for parents. Instead of receiving faulty information from friends, the callers receive stable advice from trained counselors. If the caller still feels that the problem is unsolved, he can be referred to other agencies which specialize in specific problems.

A.B.



Permissiveness Destroys Catholics' Organization

The Catholic Church is coming ever closer to a total split between liberal and conservative factions within itself. This break is a result of the new permissiveness within the Church.

The conservative or Orthodox Catholics continue to follow the directives of the established Church hierarchy while the liberal or Reformed Catholics tend to follow the rules set by local lay boards and/or bishops.

Conceivably, individual Reformed Catholic groups may continue changing until they are as different from the Orthodox and other Reformed Catholics as night and day. The trend of attitudes in American youth today tends to lean toward either religious apathy or liberal ideas. As a result, within the next few years the Catholic Church may cease to exist as an organized unit.

Solutions? Perhaps man is doing right in this change. Perhaps Christ did not intend His Church to be organized as it now is. However, if we seek change only to make things easier on ourselves, then is that not a step in the wrong direction? Can we disregard the word of the Pope who acts as Christ's acknowledged successor? The future of our Church must be decided within the hearts of all people.

E.J.Z.

Spartan Speaker

Letters

Express

Criticisms

Counterattack

I am writing this letter to challenge the validity of the arguments presented by the editor of our school newspaper in an editorial of the last edition. It is evident that the editor is capable of making rash statements but I question his ability to back them up. For his benefit and the benefit of any other interested student, I would like to clarify a few points. One, in particular, whether or not Esperance is in actuality helping or hurting Bishop Borgess.

Esperance has provided the only means by which a student can voice his complaint and see it acted upon. The executive board has done all that is possible in laying out the groundwork for action. The problem is that the faculty and administration have been unwilling to accept the responsibilities of combined government.

The students have too many times been forced to accept less than sufficient answers on vital questions. They have been forced time and time again to sit and bite their tongues amid statements from administrators such as, "That's as official as you are going to get."

Good relations between the executive board and the administration, Mr. Kelley? We have time and time again accepted the buck when it should have gone just a little farther up in an attempt to establish better relations with the administration, such as in the foul up over the student-faculty relations board. I frown upon the editor's idea to quit if you're not winning. Esperance has shown in the past, such as in the battle against Proposal C and its role in stopping smoking in the lavatories that it is not only willing but able to tackle the problems facing our school.

The students have done all they can and now on their behalf I call upon the other 2/3 of Esperance to do their share.

Karl Gabrys

Editors Note: The movement to defeat Proposal C was not a product of Esperance at all. It was, in fact, the efforts of the Borgess chapter of a statewide organization appropriately named Michigan Students Against C.

Number One Pride

This letter is in reply to an article criticizing the football team, which was published in the last edition of this paper. This article specifically criticized the coaching staff for their inability to make two championship JV teams into a winning varsity team. The coaches were also abused for their trend to play certain people more than others.

As members of the football program we should know more about the team than any other student. After being on the varsity football team this year, we realize what a vast difference there is between the levels of JV and varsity. You may look at the statistics all you please, but those only show the physical side. Just as important if not more is the mental side in which

we first know our responsibilities while on the field. The coaches can only show us what to do. It is through experiences that we learn to do our jobs correctly. A championship JV team is by no means an experienced varsity club.

As avid fans you see us play once every weekend. However, there are six other days in which the right to play in the upcoming game is either won or lost. It is during the week that a player proves his capability of handling a given position. Those who prove to be the most worthy during that time are the ingredients of the starting lineup on Sunday.

Therefore, in closing, we hope we have opened some eyes as to the intricacies of the football team. This letter expresses the feelings of all the members of the team. WE are proud to be a part of the football program and guided by the coaches we have.

"1" in '71

Gossip...

School spirit is one thing, and then there is something else - very characteristic of Borgess, and maybe all other high schools - vicious, unfounded gossip...

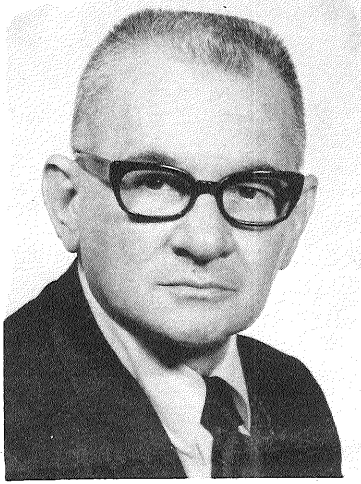
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Commissioner Reveals Philosophy On Youth



Police Commissioner Nichols

by Nita Clos

John F. Nichols is a sincere man - honest and direct, who has one of the toughest jobs in the country. He's much the same as anyone's father, except that he is Commissioner of the Detroit Police Department.

Being Commissioner is not an easy job, and Mr. Nichols knows this. But that of course couldn't remove the surprise or the happiness he felt when he was appointed. The Commissioner is what Mr. Nichols calls, "a civilian," not a policeman. He worked his way "up through the ranks" and earned one of the

most difficult jobs in the country.

"I don't feel any different," Mr. Nichols smiled softly, "except maybe more respectful of the job."

There are problems that have to be conquered in a large city, and that of drugs hasn't failed to concern the Commissioner.

"You have to get to the heart of the problem," Mr. Nichols stated. Not just to the "street corner pusher," but to the very roots of the source and supply.

"Hard core addiction is an increasing thing," the Commissioner said thoughtfully. "Addicts are usually forced into illicit activities. If we could get rid of the drugs, we could get rid of much of the crime."

Before that could be done, the public has to be "more completely aware" of the situation and accept their responsibility." Commissioner Nichols honestly feels that a great many people never face the actual problem until it hits their own front porch.

Population density, economical and cultural environment and education greatly determine the location and size of drug traffic. Mr. Nichols frowned, "If you know what you want and where to go, it'd be the same here as in the inner city."

Mr. Nichols isn't "convinced in either direction" on the

legalization of marijuana. "I'm not a medical authority," he stated, "But either way, the policemen will enforce the law."

The traffic of dope in Detroit "has to be curbed. It'll eat the heart out of the youth of America - it's not just a big merry-go-round."

"I don't regard myself as the guardian of village laws," Commissioner Nichols smiled. "But it would be impossible to

live without a set of rules - not laws, but rules."

"If there were just one thing I could accomplish as Commissioner," he pondered quietly, "it would be so that people could walk the streets at night without looking back over their shoulders."

There's a generation gap between policemen and teenagers, just as there is with parents and children. Mr. Nichols stated, "There's a lack

of understanding from both groups of individuals. It was the same when I was young."

As for being called "pig", he grinned. "It doesn't bother us a bit. It's a big laugh. I even have my own pig. And a good policeman can laugh at it."

Mr. Nichols is a unique person, and after having talked to him, one can't help but realize that the Police Commissioner of Detroit is just an average, friendly citizen.

Club To Help, Not To Destroy

by Althea Barber

Club is an organization which began at Borgess about two months ago. Although everyone is invited to join, many students don't know exactly what Club is, or what it is trying to do.

"The purpose of Club is to appeal to the apathy of Borgess students," according to chairman Terrie Olesky. "We want to bring a feeling of awareness and concern to the students about other people besides themselves and the people who they are directly associated with."

Club tries to avoid the formality which is usually present during meetings of other groups. Because the group isn't extremely large, it is able to function without a great deal of organization. Realizing some need for organization, members have chosen Dianne Cini as secretary and Larry Phelan as treasurer. Miss Janet Cross and Miss Virginia Desobry act as advisers to Club.

Club was responsible for distributing the pamphlets describing the different kinds of pollution and ways to prevent it. One of Club's major activities was "Rice Day." Members of Club sold rice during lunch mods and the proceeds of \$46.90 went to East Pakistan to aid victims of recent catastrophic floods.

Club plans to sponsor an activity night March 5. All proceeds will be used to help keep Open City in operation.

Club's first appearance caused various reactions from the faculty as well as the students. "Some students and teachers welcomed us. They appreciated what we were doing," said Larry. "Others didn't though, because we didn't go through the student council or because some members of Club were infamous for things they had done last year."

Some people have the idea that Club was formed as an "underground" student council. "This idea is completely false," stated member, Bill McKettrick. Bill wrote a constitution for Club. He sees Club's goal as "destroying student apathy."

"We're not here to overthrow the student council," Terrie said firmly. "We're here to work with the student council to satisfy the needs of Borgess students."

"We're here to help the school, not destroy it," added Larry.

Incognito 'Men' Pull 'Uplifting' Capers

Remember the Christmas tree decorated with empty beer bottles and the poster of Santa Claus drinking a beer on the school roof?

That was the Munich Men.

In their fifth month of existence, seven students commonly known as the Munich Men (and more commonly known as "The Six-Pack Plus One), have succeeded in pulling seven capers and are now working on Number Eight.

"Number Seven had to be the caper of all capers," all members agree. The Men had planned their Christmas caper since the beginning of school.

"We figure that with all the beer we drank and the Christmas tree, we spent about fifty bucks," proudly admitted one of the Men.

But who are the Munich Men?

They're Borgess students interested in "Lifting the spirits" of the other students.

"We keep all our capers clean. We just want to give everybody a good laugh - which they really need. The only bad thing is that they (the Administration) always take down the stuff too early - before I get to school," said one of the Munich Men known as "Hangover".

The idea all started just before school opened this year. "We were out drinking one night and had a few empty beer cans," explained "Jumbo."

The "few empty beer cans" just happened to appear on the school roof along with six jumbos, one empty apple wine bottle, and a great illustrated sign welcoming all students back to Borgess.

The Munich Men even have their own artist. One of the Men's fathers designs all of their signs and posters. They are now considering having a contest to be "the first kid in school with all 25 Munich posters."

The Munich Men aren't afraid of getting caught, but they do take pride in keeping their identity a secret. "We haven't done anything wrong. We just like to have a little fun," said "Hangover".

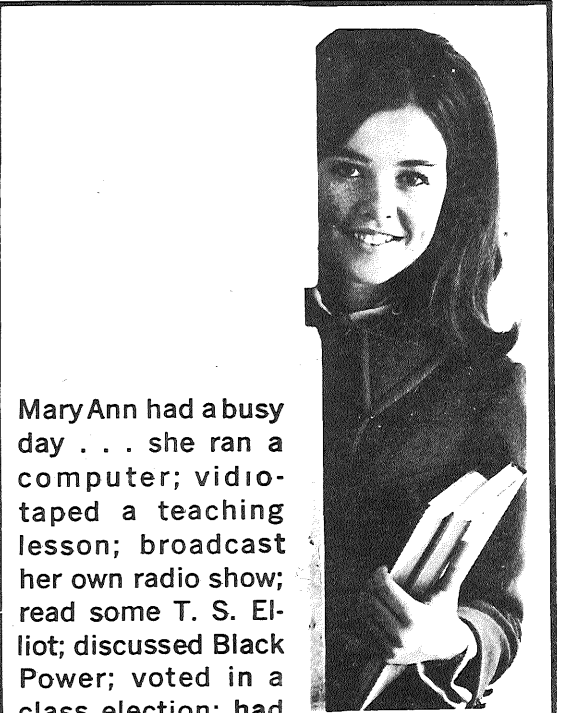
But how do the Munich Men account for their apparent success?

"We've had some pretty close calls," they admitted. "Once one of us was on the roof trying to set up a case of empty bottles and Mr. Griffin came walking out of school." The Munich Men saved their identity by laying flat on the roof - in the melted snow and all. "It gets tricky, and you have to be pretty sneaky."

Other members of the group are "Suds," "Six Pack," "Bartender," "Ring Top," and "Bottle Cap". They all are very thankful to whoever put up the school roof.

Still publicly unidentified, the Munich Men promise their plans for the future are well worth waiting for.

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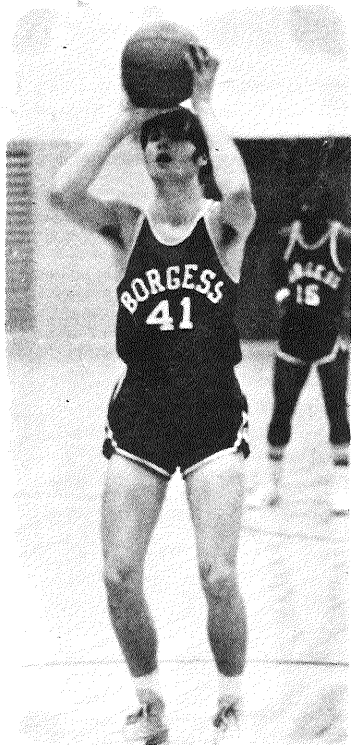


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Victory Over S.H. Shamrocks Boosts Spartans To 6-1 Record

Jumping off to a quick 17-10 first quarter lead which was held throughout the game, the Spartan cagers rambled past Pontiac Catholic 75-65.



Mike Tanana takes aim at the foul line.

Bob McCarthy led the scoring with 23 points while hitting 64 percent of his shots. Mike Tanana followed with 14 points and also added nine rebounds. Jeff Crowley led the Spartans in rebounds by picking up 10.

Rick Schachern was high for the Titans with 20 points and Kellie Dean added 12. Pontiac Catholic was able to edge Borgess in the rebounding department, 45-41.

The Spartans found the going much tougher against Dearborn Sacred Heart, but still managed to salvage a 71-65 victory.

The Shamrocks jumped off to an early 7-0 lead, which was lost by the end of the first quarter when the Spartans had pulled ahead 17-16.

Bob Davis led Borgess by picking up 24 points and 22 rebounds. Jeff Crowley, who was 8 of 12 from the floor and successful on all three of his foul shots, picked up 19 points and 10 rebounds. Mark Sopko, sophomore, was good for 10 points and 9 rebounds.

Pat McCloskey, of Sacred Heart, led all scorers with 27 points while his brother Terry added 16.

Borgess lost a late second quarter 29-21 lead when they were outscored 19-6 during one stage. However, eight points in a row managed to return the lead to the Spartans.

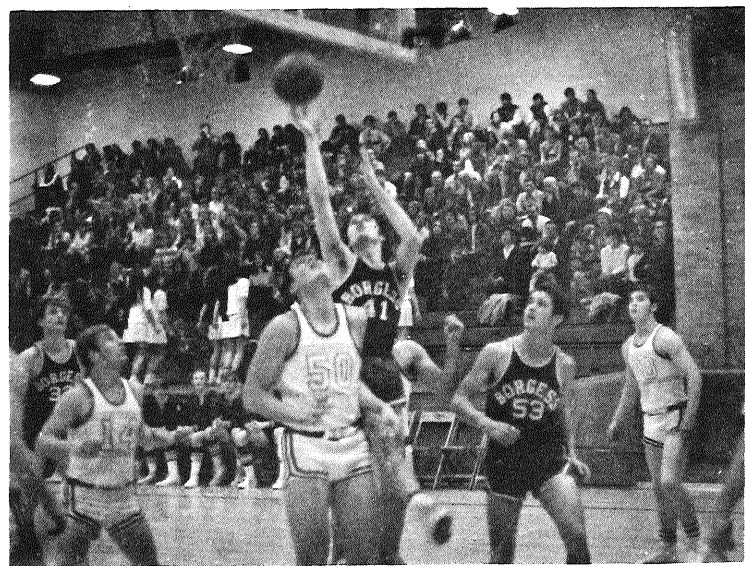
Ahead by only 63-61 with 1:05 remaining in the game, baskets by Davis and Sopko gave the Spartans the breathing room they needed.

The victory over Sacred Heart left Borgess with a 6-1 won-lost record, tied for the league lead with Aquinas. Aquinas was defeated by the Spartans earlier in the year by the score of 65-51.

JV's 5-2 At Season's Half

Borgess JV's bounced back after a 61-57 setback against Pontiac Catholic with a 60-58 victory over the aggressive Shamrocks from Dearborn Sacred Heart.

Gary Percha's eight field goals and five free throws netted 21 points as the Spartan forward led the game in scoring. Shawn McCarthy, currently holding a 17.0 points-per-game average, hit seven field goals and four free throws totaling 18 points. Craig Weiland sank a personal high of 11.



Mike Tanana lays the ball up against Sacred Heart while Bob Davis (53) and a host of Shamrock defenders look on.

Davis (53) and a host of Shamrock defenders look on.

Wrestling Team Looks Ahead

To strengthen the wrestling team's performance, Coach Tom Kennedy has established a program of inter-team competition and weight lifting.

Mr. Kennedy has helped to make wrestling a varsity sport at Borgess and is trying to obtain more wrestling equipment in order to aid in the development of the team even more. The team has dropped all five of their matches so far this season.

"Wrestling is a very valuable and rewarding sport, and I think there should be a wrestling program in every school." He added, "I feel in a few years Borgess will have a champion wrestling team."

Frosh Five Lead League — Unbeaten

Spirit and dedication have consistently placed the Borgess freshmen in the winning column and have kept them on top of the A-West division. Under the coaching of Mr. Mike McCloskey, the frosh presently sport a 5-0 league record and are 7-0 overall.

After soundly defeating Aquinas 57-39, victories came even more easily, as the frosh sank Cabrini 71-49, and trounced Gabriel Richard 84-31. Defensive tactics almost completely sealed off Cabrini in the first half when the Spartans held a 44-2 lead.

Against Catholic Central, Borgess encountered its closest contest, still managing to come out on top, 59-53. Along with 11 rebounds from Mike Miloshe, Dan Kelly's 25 points and Greg Drypen's 13, provided the Spartans with the winning margin. Catholic Central's 21 field goals topped Borgess' 20, but the Spartans hit 19 free throws over CC's 11 to pull up the slack.

Victories over Pontiac Catholic, 67-46; U of D, 60-34; and Sacred Heart, 84-51 were the last three wins in the undefeated record. Kelly who is presently holding a 12.1 point-per-game average, hit for 21 against U of D. Borgess' scoring attack displayed a great deal of depth in the Sacred Heart game as six players sank nine points or better.

Girl Cagers Without Win

The girls varsity basketball team, unable to come up with a win so far this season, fell short of victory against Mercy in their contest by the score of 30-21.

Mercy led by only three points at the end of the third quarter, 19-16. The 11-5 deficit of the fourth quarter proved to be the downfall for the Spartans. Kathy Hull and Ann Klein scored five points apiece for Borgess. The JV team was edged out by Mercy by the close score of 23-20.

Nancy Jakuszewski was high for the Spartans with eight points and Jane Ilitch followed closely with seven points.

Jane Ilitch, with 14 points against Immaculata, holds high game honors for both the varsity and junior varsity this year.

The JV's came up with a second place in the Rosary Tournament, which was played just before Christmas. They lost out by the score of 23-17 in the finals against Rosary.

An all-star player was selected from each team which participated in the tournament. Co-captain Nancy Itnyre was selected from the Borgess varsity and Sue Franz, who scored 8 points against Rosary, from the junior varsity.

Viewpoint . . .

by Frank Forest

What really matters in sports always happens in the games. Games are won, lost, and tied by what happens on the field of play.

The practice sessions before the game or the star who broke his leg cannot determine the outcome of a contest. Neither does the player who constantly sits the bench. The question now arises—why does he continue to stay with the team?

From his seat on the bench many times he seems content, but that is doubtful. The chances are that he would jump at the chance of entering the game, no matter how close or demanding the situation.

Practice after practice seems almost worthless when game after game is spent wasting away on the bench. The reason for his perseverance could be the desire for competition, which is mostly encountered during practice, or maybe just a case of nothing better to do. But whether it is one of these or of a hundred others this athlete always carries the hope that someday he will be needed and he will produce and he will be, without reservation, the star.

These players are actually a vital piece of insurance for every coach and his team. This begins from the little league and continues through high school, college and in many cases is even carried on in the world of professional sports.

Every team needs their "insurance" players around and will continue to stock themselves generously as long as sports continue. The more that the teams do this the more players will be found who are itching to get their break but must settle for the less than spectacular seat on the bench.

No matter how slim the chances may be a hope still lingers, even if this is the only reason for hanging on. It has been proven by athlete after athlete that it is enough.

Lions' LeBeau Gives Views

by Neil Murray

There is much more to Dick LeBeau, the versatile eleven-year veteran of the Detroit Lions, than just being a football player. Besides his excellent performances on the gridiron (he has been selected for the Pro Bowl this year for the fourth time), LeBeau also exhibits skill off the field with just about anything he endeavors, like composing songs for the Joe Schmidt Trio and playing the guitar.

Looking back on the Detroit Lions' 1970 season, he said, "We had some good stretches in our season and some stretches where we played rather poorly. I think we have an excellent football team, in which the strongest point is the absence of weaknesses. Throughout the season, this team had never lost its desire to play winning football." LeBeau believes that, "the closeness of the team was a premiere strength; there were no petty differences."

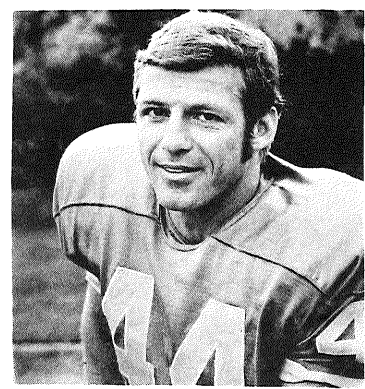
This quality of the Lions led him to comment on the possibility of playing all members of a sports team, whether in a winning or losing season. "This is an idealistic

viewpoint, and while idealistically it would be nice if we could all play, you're not rewarding excellence and industry." However, LeBeau pointed out, "You can't win a football game with just eleven people. Each member of a team should feel he is contributing to that team or he shouldn't be on it."

LeBeau has a variety of off-the-field activities and interests. "I've always been interested in anything I don't know about." Pro football may be his profession, but history is his forte. "I just got hooked on it. For a while, all I read was history. I think that if there is a key to the way things are today, it's through history."

Ben Franklin is LeBeau's favorite historical figure because LeBeau revealed that he can communicate with him. "Ben and I are real good rappers—we're tight. Whenever the old world has gotten me down, I just talk it over with old Ben every now and then." He added that Franklin once told him, "Expect the worst and hope for the best, and you'll always be ready for what happens."

Football players enjoy their job for various reasons, and Dick



Dick LeBeau, Lions All-Pro cornerback.

LeBeau is no exception. LeBeau explained, "The whole deal is an enjoyable one. When we work, we work hard, but when the season is over, we are pretty much on our own to do whatever we want. I think that is a very attractive phase of professional football."

LeBeau is definitely a positive thinker. He calls life a funny thing. Stressing that life is a series of ups and downs, he believes that "the more you put into something, the greater the satisfaction you get. However, I try not to get too disappointed when it's against me."