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Mr. Brisky elaborated that the board members will discuss complaints from a group of students against a particular teacher at their meetings. "However, we will not put a teacher on the carpet.'

"Great success" is foreseen for the board by member Mr. Tom Kennedy. "The kids on the board have real understanding and are responsible. They're very interested in the school.

Mr. Kennedy hopes that the board will be able to solve "all the problems that arise. We want to help promote understanding in the school."

Tightened Belts' To Keep School Open

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This is the basic philosophy behind the plan to keep Borgess open next year, as explained by Mr. Patrick Uetz, principal. It will be necessary to "tighten belts" all over.

change in student-faculty ratio is one of the biggest steps to keeping the school open. At present, Borgess has about 20 students for every teacher, giving it one of the lowest student-faculty ratios in the city. The projected ratio for 1971-72 is 26½ or 27 to one. This will be accomplished by increasing enrollment about 180 students, reaching a total of 1700. Therefore, it will be unnecessary to cut down on the faculty.

Mr. Uetz enumerated a few ways to increase enrollment. The incoming Freshman class should have about 425 members (425 is the ideal number in each class for 1700 students). Recruiting students from local high schools that may be closing is another possibility. If too many students do not leave Borgess next year, the enrollment will come clost to 1700. Mr. Uetz admitted "We don't anticipate any problems with enrollment."

Extra money (approximately \$99,000) brought in from additional enrollment will be free for other expenses, since there will be no extra teacher salaries to pay.

Mr. Uetz explained that Borgess' high quality curriculum will not be affected by the ratio change. The current low ratio is due to the large number of electives offered. Certain courses will be offered only every other year or perhaps every other semester. Students will have to keep this in mind when planning their schedules.

Classes other than honors, advanced or other exceptions will require a minimum of 20 students to operate.

Thus far, the flat tuition rate will remain at \$549 per person. But as this year, how much the student will pay depends on the parish subsidy (to be announced at the parishes by February 21).

Parish subsidy is a big point. The amount a parish can subsidize depends on the amount of weekly collections. Mr. Uetz pointed out, "Parishes have gone through Sunday envelopes and wherever parents of Borgess students are not giving what the parish considers a fair amount, they have been contacted.'

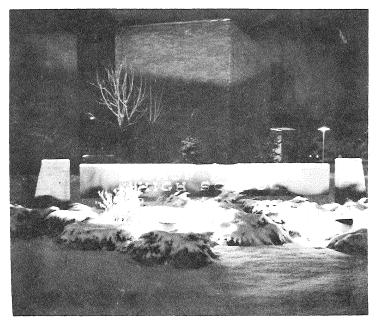
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this, \$5 is a non-refundable registration fee. The other \$25 will be applied to the first quarter tuition and fees, which is non-refundable after June 30, 1971. Other registrants will follow the same pattern, but a \$50 basic fee will be charged, of which \$10 is a registration fee.

Registration will begin the week of March 15. Monday through Friday, future freshmen will register from St. Suzanne, Our Lady of Grace, St. Robert

Bellarmine, St. Hilary and St. Monica, respectively. March 22-24 returning seniors, juniors and sophomores will register. March 20 and 27, non-parish registration will be held.

There are a number of plans to help pay tuition, including that for disadvantaged members of the parish, but as of yet, they are indefinite. They too will depend on the individual parishes.



The School Board, Administration, Faculty, and students are all working to keep Borgess operating.

Borgess Question of Burden

I am writing this letter in reply to numerous statements and suppositions in the last issue of HARBINGER entitled "Permissiveness Destroys Catholics' Organization." While I do not intend to convey a definitive or conclusive position, I do feel that my background in theology and religious education is sufficient to question some notions that were presented.

E.J.Z. is somewhat correct in his initial observation that indeed an ever-widening gulf exists within the Catholic Church and likewise in a possible assumption that such a widening gulf may indeed result in a "split" (though personally I think we're beyond the point of posting "95 Thesis"!) between liberal and conservative groups. However, the cause given has, in my opinion, little or no basis: I disagree that the cause is a "result of new permissiveness within the Church." Vatican II certainly did eliminate many of the old regulations (burdens?) hampered personal Christian freedom and growth, but instead of viewing the conflict between factions as coming from permissiveness it more accurate to understand this as a result of a new and growing awareness that while God does speak through the Pope, hierarchy, and rules of the institutional Church, he likewise speaks to and through the heart of each man. Vatican II's statements on collegiality and the Church as "the people of God," not to mention those on conscience, only reinforce

The Gospel tells us that one cannot put new wine in old wineskins. To attempt to put new theological understanding into old, and in many cases inadequate structures, is an impossibility. It is this attempt by "conservative" groups within the Church which has greatly helped to widen the existing gulf.

It is doubtful that the Catholic Church will cease to exist as an organization (a superficial grasp of history would tend to indicate the contrary), but it certainly does seem realistic to say that only when the Church deals with the real problems and conflicts of modern man will the world be interested in anything the Church today has to say. The writer of the editorial in question states that youth today tend toward apathy or liberalism in the Church. Youth, oriented toward the 21st century, takes little comfort, let alone interest, in questions and problems in 14th century terms.

I find the assumption that the change in the Church is sought to make this "easier" is to totally miss the spirit of renewal. But on the other hand, if the author's view of religion is one of burdens and multiplicity of rules then he would necessarily view change as "easy."

Anne Evans

In Memoriam

Patricia Ringvelski, teacher at Bishop former Borgess, was buried February 1 from Our Lady Gate of Heaven church. She died January 28 after a long illness.

Miss Ringvelski came to Borgess from Nativity high school in 1969 to teach home economics. She graduated from Madonna College and held a masters degree in home ec.

Responds

Vigalance

It has come to my attention that certain former members of the executive board of the student council are somewhat dissatisfied with the election results. In fact they blame these results on the newspaper. They maintain that school opinion was not turned against them until the paper printed an editorial uncomplimentary to the image of the student council.

I must say that the student council's line of reasoning leaves much to be desired. Only factual information was presented to the public. This is like building an inferior wall so that the light will not reach those behind the wall, and then blaming the sunlight for streaming through the cracks of the wall.

These are the same people who arm themselves with the pseudo-intellectuals of school, and attempt to cover the truth with a whitewash of phrases purportedly as witty as they are, in reality, meaningless. Fortunately, for us, the new executive board seems to be above that sort of thing. We appear to have been saved by the vigilance of this paper.
Voice of Reason

Heavy, Heavy. . .

Dear Heads,

We know who you are; we know who the pushers are. Stay away from the pushers, they will be busted soon. If you don't stay clear you could be busted also. We believe this is fair warning, so beware.

Dear pushers, you'll get yours.

Drugs are dumb!

Narco

However

I know that the past executive board of Esperance made mistakes, but I think that this always happens in the process of growing. Hopefully, through the support of the students, faculty, and administration, the new executive board will not make the same mistakes. The old executive board did their best, although under circumstances this must not have been enough. I know that I, as a member of the old executive board and the new, would appreciate some support.

Donna Cole

Apathy, An Old Hat

Apathy, as defined by Webster, is "lack of interest in things generally found exciting, interesting, or moving." This, then, is the point of my writing. Apathy is destroying the very premise upon which we come together, our school. Mind you, the school won't topple down or shut, but simply fall down, little by little

I say, let's give a damn.

Dave Forest

Make New Class Reviews Available

Borgess is one high school that is fortunate enough not to have simplified four year programs of English and religion courses.

At the end of last year, students were given a list of numerous English and religion classes with a synopsis of each course. After a student survey was taken, the classes were arranged for this school year with student perference in mind.

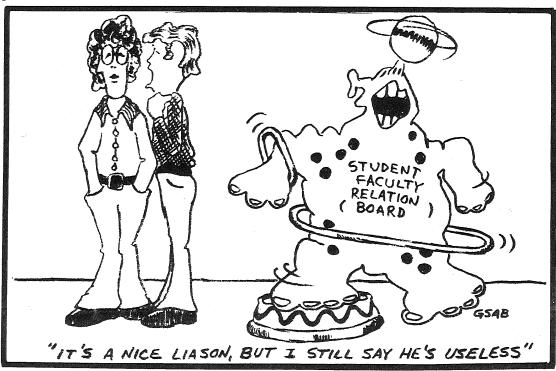
Now that the second semester is well underway, it is easy to see that there has been some degree of dissatisfaction among students over student preference and the expected course.

All too often students are unaware of what they are getting into when choosing a specific course.

Some of that disappointment was avoided in the second semester. Students heard from other students exactly what their classes were like. In the majority of cases, it is the teacher, not the subject matter, that is the first thing students consider when choosing a class. Particular students perform better with particular teachers.

In order to avoid any excessive and disillusionment, students unnecessary should write their own class synopsis. A few varied opinions could be used to introduce classes to prospective students. Students would more than likely benefit from other students' experiences than a teacher's proposed format.

K. McD.



New Religion Curriculum Necessary

Religion is divided into two forms, dogmatic and pastoral. Dogmatic form is the philosophy, the "why" of religion. Pastoral form is the application of beliefs into temporal life.

A person must know what he believes and be able to rationally analyze his beliefs before he can meaningfully act them out. Man is man because he is a rational being.

After four years of high school can a student answer questions like "what makes a Catholic a Catholic?" or understand those points of religion that help form his daily life? Or what differs a Catholic from Episcopalian, a pagan?

Christ, in his life on earth and through continued revelation through the Magisterium (the Holy Spirit acting through the historical church) revealed facts of His and man's existence. These facts are dogma. An example of revealed fact (dogma) is the Trinity.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name if the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28: 19-20.)

Here Christ gives the Church its pastoral mission. But how can men baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit if they have no idea who they are? How can they follow Christ's commands if they don't know them?

If a man is in the likeness of God and God is Trinity. then how can man if he does not understand to the best of human ability, this mystery of God's existence?

"And behold, I (Christ) am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." Matthew 28:20.

Christ has asked men to spread the Good News; He is with us. Christ guides men with His dogma, through His Church. If man cannot answer the question of what is His Church, then, can he know what Christ wants of him?

The study of answers to these questions about Christ, man and His Church, and the reasons for those answers (in defense thereof) is known as apologetics. This should be the basis of religious instruction at Bishop Borgess. The Good News of who Christ is, is man's salvation. To know Christ is to love Him. to love Him is to obey His commands.

A revamping of Borgess' religious curriculum is knowledgeably imitate God necessary to fulfill Christ's commands.

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Big Brothers In Disguise To Save Students

by Karen McDevitt

month This administration has delightfully surprised us all with a new addition to the already lengthy list of those big brothers in disguise - monitors. To date, Bishop Borgess is the home of cafeteria monitors, lunch monitors, john monitors, library pass monitors and now - ta daa hall monitors.

The studentcheckingstudent system seems to have real possibilities to eliminate all illegalities if put to its full use. Of course there will be ultimate perplexities should monitor confront monitor...

"Um, could I see your hall pass, sir?"

"Listen, man, I haven't got a hall pass, but I..."

"No hall pass! Your I.D.

"But I really need to get to my locker for...'

"Oh, but you do know the

"I'm not kidding. I have to get the keys out of my coat pocket."

"What class is this for, sir?"

Dept. Head Visits Soviet Union



Sister Marie Arthur

by Celine Diebolt

Leningrad to Kiev to Moscow to Prague... Nine cities and seven countries in two weeks!

That's how Sister Marie Arthur, head of Borgess' social studies department, spent her Christmas vacation.

She, along with a group of teachers and professors from all over the United States, toured the Soviet Union and various behind the Iron countries

"As a social studies teacher, I was interested in the Soviet Union, particularly in the atmosphere of the country," Sister Maris Arthur explained. "I wanted a taste of what Napoleon and Hitler had faced through their defeat by the Russian

Sister made several comparisons between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Quite unlike conditions in the U.S., Sister felt "very secure on the streets at night. I was never scared. But, there are police and soldiers everywhere.'

Also, in the Soviet Union, "very few people have cars. Buses run instead, and they run whether they're empty or full.'

One peculiarity that Sister remembers is that no fare is collected upon entering a bus.

"Instead, they have an honor system. You're expected to place your fare in a little box; then you receive a small receipt. Our guide explained that there are plainclothes policemen on the buses to make sure that everyone pays their fare. If they don't pay, then they get a prison term. There are no fines in Russia, just prison terms.

Throughout her travels, Sister learned enough Russian "to get by on." However, she claims that she had no actual contact with the Russian people.

"The Russian people will not come near you. They stay away from strangers as they have a great fear of being classed with Westerners!"

Sister Marie Arthur was most impressed by the "repression everywhere. There was a lack of joy and happiness in the faces of the people. They are always very serious and suspicious.'

"There are old women in every room of the beautiful museums it seems," Sister commented. "There is no welfare in Russia. Everyone works. No one rests."

"There isn't any class. Charley, I'm your friend. The keys are for my mother, Charley. My mother, Charley. She gave you a ride to school this morning, Charley. Let me go for my mother's sake!"

"Well I just can't ... "

"Look, I've got an extra library pass here. I monitor third and fourth mods and I'll let you in if you just let me go to my locker. Whata ya say, man?'

"I've got about a dozen library passes now. And besides, there's a couple of freshmen girl library monitors that will let

Suddenly there was a flash of lightning and a giant thunder clap and both the hall monitor and library pass monitor knew they were doomed. The Protector of All Evils had unexpectedly appeared from behind the staircase. It was the Monitor Monitor.

"As monitor of all monitors, I will oversee this act of injustice," said the Monitor Monitor.

And ZAP went the Monitor Monitor. And the hall monitor

and the library pass monitor were monitors no more. They now existed only as mere, commonplace STUDENTS.

Two had lost their ranks, but the problem was solved. The newly demoted students were both given sentences to serve for being in the hall without a pass. And once again lockers were safe and halls were free of noisy students and all was well...until next mod.

Fr. Van Exhibits Works of Art

by Neil Murray

If there ever was anybody who can be considered an authority on Great Lake ships, Father Peter Van der Linden is the man. Thirty of his paintings, all of Great Lakes freighters, are now on display at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle

Starting just two years ago - in February, 1969 - with the help of Sister Jean Lawrence, Fr. Van has done some 56 paintings of freighters. Besides Sr. Jean, Fr. Edward J. Dowling S. J. of U. of D., and Frank Crevier, Army Corps of Engineers, have helped stimulate Fr. Van's interest in

This interest began in his youth. Since the age 12, he has accumulated 20,000 ship pictures besides numerous souvenirs from freighters. In addition, he is a 25-year member of the Detroit Marine Historical Society (of which he is vice-president) and president of the Great Lakes Institute,

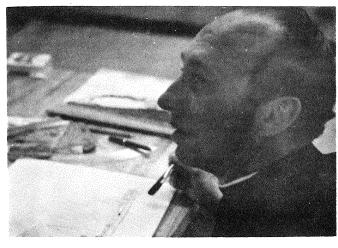
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shipping. Coming Borgess to September, 1969, after teaching at Aquinas for two years, Fr. Van thinks that Borgess is a really good school. "I've come to a much better school," he related. "There are a lot of nice kids here."

While making a name for

himself with his paintings, Fr. Van has achieved some success on the hockey rink. Now a coach for a hockey team, he retired from active participation in 1964 after playing goalie over 16 years on various teams.

Fr. Van's paintings will be exhibited until March 30. The museum is open from 10:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. everyday except Monday and Tuesday.



Fr. Van creates an addition to his collection of boat paintings.

Romantic Night Held At Heartbreak High

As we last left Heartbreak High, horrendous amounts of publicity had caused a tremendous attendance at the Valentine dance, "Love is a Many Spender's Thing," sponsored by the invincible innior class junior class.

Excitement flourished more than eight days before the dance with a thunderous, earsplitting announcement exclaiming the elaborate event.

A multitude of rosy red posters jammed the hallways and cafeteria proclaiming "Love is... taking her to the Valentine's dance." And because of the multitude of love present at Heartbreak, thirteen male students mobbed the ticket office three days BEFORE the dance.

Elaboration does not begin to describe the 1971 Valentine dance at Heartbreak. Guests arrived in masses well before the dance commenced. Elegant corsages refused to wilt in the slightest in the passionate heat of the wall pressing crowd. Musical arrangements performed by the "Ears Are Tired" provided the romantic atmosphere for "Love is a Many Spender's Thing".

The end came only too soon evening

breath-taken patrons. But, juniors at the dance reassured the reluctant-to-leave guests that they would not sponsor the 1972 Valentine fiasco.



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"The meetings will be called

whenever something is brought up," Mike Patra stated.

Mr. Brisky elaborated that the board members will discuss complaints from a group of students against a particular teacher at their meetings. "However, we will not put a teacher on the carpet."

"Great success" is foreseen for the board by member Mr. Tom Kennedy. "The kids on the board have real understanding and are responsible. They're very interested in the school."

Mr. Kennedy hopes that the board will be able to solve "all the problems that arise. We want to help promote understanding in the school."

Tightened Belts' To Keep School Open

"You have to say no to a lot of people; everyone cannot have all he wants."

This is the basic philosophy behind the plan to keep Borgess open next year, as explained by Mr. Patrick Uetz, principal. It will be necessary to "tighten belts" all over.

The change in the student-faculty ratio is one of the biggest steps to keeping the school open. At present, Borgess has about 20 students for every teacher, giving it one of the lowest student-faculty ratios in the city. The projected ratio for 1971-72 is 26½ or 27 to one. This will be accomplished by increasing enrollment about 180 students, reaching a total of 1700. Therefore, it will be unnecessary to cut down on the faculty.

Mr. Uetz enumerated a few ways to increase enrollment. The incoming Freshman class should have about 425 members (425 is the ideal number in each class for 1700 students). Recruiting students from local high schools that may be closing is another possibility. If too many students do not leave Borgess next year, the enrollment will come clost to 1700. Mr. Uetz admitted "We don't anticipate any problems with enrollment."

Extra money (approximately \$99,000) brought in from additional enrollment will be

free for other expenses, since there will be no extra teacher salaries to pay.

Mr. Uetz explained that Borgess' high quality curriculum will not be affected by the ratio change. The current low ratio is due to the large number of electives offered. Certain courses will be offered only every other year or perhaps every other semester. Students will have to keep this in mind when planning their schedules.

Classes other than honors, advanced or other exceptions will require a minimum of 20 students to operate.

Thus far, the flat tuition rate will remain at \$549 per person. But as this year, how much the student will pay depends on the parish subsidy (to be announced at the parishes by February 21).

Parish subsidy is a big point. The amount a parish can subsidize depends on the amount of weekly collections. Mr. Uetz pointed out, "Parishes have gone through Sunday envelopes and wherever parents of Borgess students are not giving what the parish considers a fair amount, they have been contacted."

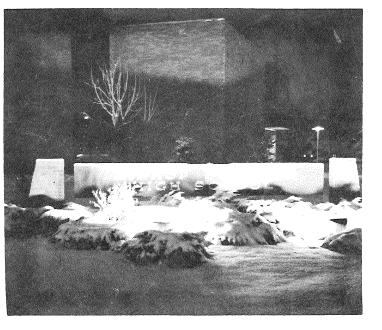
Registration for 1971-72 will be handled differently. Upon registration all students from each of the five feeder parishes will be required to pay \$30. Of this, \$5 is a non-refundable registration fee. The other \$25 will be applied to the first quarter tuition and fees, which is non-refundable after June 30, 1971. Other registrants will follow the same pattern, but a \$50 basic fee will be charged, of which \$10 is a registration fee.

Registration will begin the week of March 15. Monday through Friday, future freshmen will register from St. Suzanne, Our Lady of Grace, St. Robert

and sophomores will register.
March 20 and 27, non-parish
registration will be held.

There are a number of plans

to help pay tuition, including that for disadvantaged members of the parish, but as of yet, they are indefinite. They too will depend on the individual parishes.



The School Board, Administration, Faculty, and students are all working to keep Borgess operating.