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## Math Department Head To Give Speech

Sister Rose Marie, head of the mathematics department will be Bishop Borgess' representative at the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics convention. The convention will be in Grand Rapids, October 14 through 16.

Sister Rose Marie was asked to attend this convention because of a talk she gave at Wayne State university about the Bishop Borgess Math club. In this talk Sister explained all the activities the Borgess Math club was participating in, such as the computer dance and their various field trips. An officer of the Michigan Council of

Teachers of Mathematics heard this talk and asked Sister Rose Marie to talk at the upcoming convention.

Again the Borgess Math club will be the topic of the talk Sister Rose Marie will give. She is looking forward to going for a variety of reasons. One of the main reasons is that she wants to "spark interest in Math clubs in general" because these clubs help to have Math seen in different aspects. Also, Sister Rose Marie plans to take advantage of the other teachers' backgrounds and experiences and apply them to her classroom.

## 1970-'71 Harbinger Gets Commendation

The HARBINGER has won an International First Place Award from Quill and Scroll, the international honorary society for high school journalists, for its 1970-71 editions. The award is the second highest given, that for newspapers of substantial achievements, and is the first won by the HARBINGER.

Each year, Quill and Scroll conducts a newspaper evaluation for high school newspapers. The purpose of it is to determine how good a school paper is and how well it serves its readers. The judges are professional journalists with extensive experience in advising scholastic publications and in working for professional newspapers.

The evaluation points out that "the Harbinger excelled in the areas of community and teenage news: "there is ample evidence

of community involvement. That is particularly commendable for a private school." The HARBINGER's editorial page also won commendation. "This is one of the best editorial pages I've seen in a high school paper. Darn good provocative editorials, well written. Great letters forum, good cartoons. Well done, keep it up."

In the category "Newspaper as a Business Enterprise" the HARBINGER received its lowest rating of the evaluation, 85 points according to the evaluation the HARBINGER should have more advertisements and more subscribers.

This year, however, due to a change in circulation policy, the entire student body is receiving the Harbinger.

## Debate Team Set For 'Eventful' Year

Sunday, October 24, Bishop Borgess will host the first tournament for the Detroit Catholic Forensic League 1971-72 debate season.

This year, 40 to 50 teams will be at the debate representing 26 Catholic, Lutheran and Detroit area public schools.

"The topic is a hard one this year," stated Miss Joanne Start, debate coach. "It necessitates much reading about the history and operation of the American jury system and also research into current court cases, laws, and practices."

The national topic area this year is the American judicial system. The specific proposition that will be debated is "Resolved: that the jury system of the United States should be significantly changed."

This year Borgess students will be debating on three levels: Championship Division (two man teams - switch sides debate), Varsity (four man teams - cross examination

format) and Novice (first year debaters).

This will be the Spartans third year in the league. Last year the Varsity squad took second place in the Grand Tournament league finals. The novice squad won the Michigan High School Forensic Association plaque award for maintaining an excellent team record throughout the season's competition.

"I'm looking forward to an eventful season and a tough one because the competition gets better every year," commented Miss Start, "There are so many argument possibilities in the year's topic it is hard to predict how things will go. We're working hard now to get ready for the October 24 opener and the league series."

Miss Start has been elected vice president of the league, (which is the largest in Michigan), and will be chairman of all the league's debate activities.

## Borgess Prepares For Homecoming

Bishop Borgess is once more preparing for its Homecoming activities which include a dance and a football game Saturday, October 30.

The first preparation is the voting for a queen and her court. The primary voting was September 30. Out of the nominees of this election the top three girls from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes are once more placed on the ballot for the final election which will be this Friday.

From these nominees the Sophomore and Junior classes will each be able to select a girl to represent them. One of the three seniors will be elected queen by her classmates. The other two seniors will be in the court.

### Jrs. Take Tests

Bishop Borgess juniors will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, October 19. This year the two tests will be combined.

"The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test will enable students who wish to go to college to see if they can handle it," said Miss Dolores Kaczmarczyk, guidance counselor.

A scholarship won from the National Merit Corporation could range from paying for one year of schooling to four full years of school.

## Tom Farrell High Scorer In NMQT

Thomas Farrell, Borgess senior, has been named a semi-finalist in the 1971-1972 National Merit Scholarship program.

Tom, along with some other 15,000 semifinalists, is considered among the nation's most intellectually talented high school seniors. The semifinalists were the highest scorers in their states on the National Merit Qualifying Test (NMQT), which was given last February to more than 655,000 students.

Of the 33,290 students in Michigan who took the test, Tom was among the top 20. The top score was 159; Tom's was 156.

According to Tom, "It's nice to have qualified because of the chance that I have for a scholarship, but other than that it really doesn't mean anything. I don't think that the test is necessarily an accurate gauge of achievement, since there are other students in this school who were just as likely to qualify."

Edward C. Smith, President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation stated: "The semifinalists are representatives



Bishop Borgess' marching band prepares for its debut at the Homecoming game, October 30. Leading the band is drum major, sophomore Steve Bucinski.

The difference between this year's elections and last year's is that the Homecoming queen will not be announced until half time of the Homecoming game. At this time she will be presented with a trophy and roses. Consequently, the girls are not required to wear formal gowns to the game.

Another event which will take place October 30 is the judging of the floats entered by the different classes and the cars entered by various homerooms and clubs. After the judging at 12 noon in the Borgess Parking lot the cars and floats will

parade to Thurston field before the game against Gabriel Richard begins. During half time prior to the announcement of the Homecoming Queen, the cars will parade around the field and the winning float and cars will be announced.

The final event of the day will be a semi-formal dance to which all former Borgess students are invited. The dance, "A Long Day's Journey Into Night," will be held in the cafeteria. At the dance the queen and her court will be presented and then last year's queen Debbie Young, will crown the new Homecoming queen.

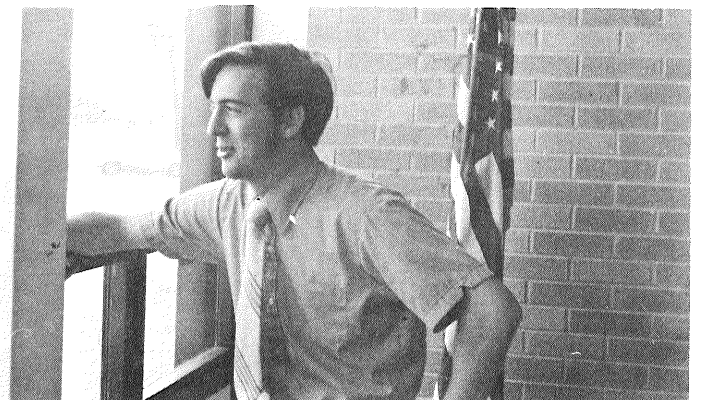
of the country's most intellectually able young people. From this group will come many future leaders in business and industry. These students bring honor not only to themselves, but also to their families, their teachers and their communities. The future success of these young people will, however, depend on their ability to become productive at the high intellectual levels that they are capable of attaining."

These semifinalists must advance to the finalist standing to be considered for the Merit Scholarships. Semifinalists

become finalists by receiving endorsement of their schools, substantiating their high NMQT performance on a second examination and providing information about their achievements and interests.

In selecting the Merit Scholarship winners, finalists are evaluated by their test scores and high school grades. Participation in extra-curricular activities and leadership qualities are also considered.

Tom is considering attending the University of Michigan. He plans to go into liberal arts.



Tom Farrell

# Performance Put on By BB Cheerleaders

Almost everyone who goes to Borgess football and basketball games goes because they want to see the Borgess athletes perform. What they don't realize is that there is a far more interesting performance going on right in front of them. This spectacular performance is put on by the Bishop Borgess cheerleaders.

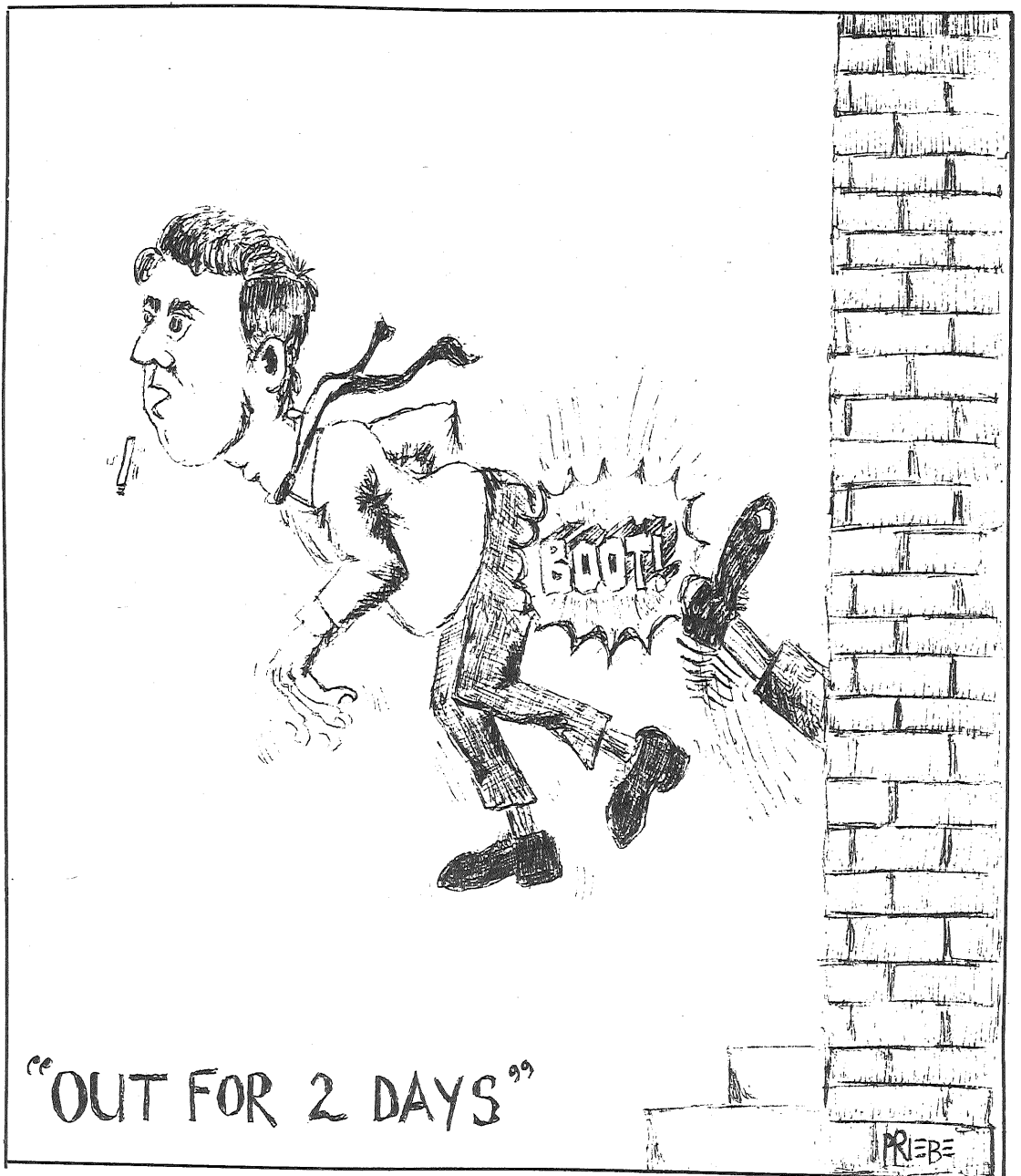
This performance includes tears, laughter, several forms of hysteria and tremendous amounts of vitality. The only thing wrong with this is that the cheerleaders expend so much of this vitality while just watching the game that when it's time to give a cheer most of them seem like robots.

While the cheerleaders seem to be improving, many of their cheers are almost completely the same, the only difference being the words. On top of this the cheerleaders seem to be so worried about which way to move their arms and when they're supposed to jump, that most of the time they forget to yell.

The main job of cheerleaders is to lead the cheers not to see how many people they can entertain. If the cheerleaders would quit worrying about the actions they're supposed to go through and start concentrating on getting the crowd to join in with them, the cheers would improve a great deal.

This may seem like a great deal to ask, but after all, the Varsity cheerleaders have been around for quite a while so they should begin to show some professionalism. After all if they were so good that only one new girl made the Varsity squad, then their performance should be above average.

A.B.



## Students Comment, Express Views

If Borgess is to remain part of this world of rapid advance in automation and medical technology, it must soon develop an inoculation for that virus which now has plagued it for over five years. Although this virus is unidentified, its presence is quite obvious. It has infected every artery and cell, which although disinfected nightly are ever clotted with useless tissue, both animate and inanimate.

Students are crippled by this disease and (certainly the heart of the matter), many are left in a socio-cultural coma. This coma, according to our diagnosis, is the outright rejection, by students, of the panache which physicians before us have attempted, in this very ambitious operation, to transplant to them.

Although many groups have in the past attempted therapy for the whole student body, most have fallen themselves before any sign of success. One is tempted to comment, "Physician, heal thyself."

We see that the only way to find a cure for ourselves is to isolate the virus. Then, if students and faculty will both act as antibodies, the malady can be destroyed.

Certain students and faculty members, appointing themselves personal physicians, have attempted to heal the ailing patient, but succeeded only in bleeding it to delirium with leeches of self-righteousness.

The HARBINGER, with its newly improved circulatory system, can and must become the medium for the synthesis of Borgess as a culture immune to such cancerous defects.

J. Michael Mitchell  
Tom Farrell

A sincere thanks to the baby who stole my lock. I say this because only babies can't

decipher between right and wrong and are self-centered. (Oh sorry for using more than two syllable words - you can't understand them.) If you think it was funny, well laugh your head off. You're only hurting yourself. I hope you realize you don't belong in this school. The majority of students live by morals. You and others like you are corrupting the school. Why don't you grow up?

Property Valuer

## Students Get Harbinger

For the first time, every student is receiving a subscription to the HARBINGER at the suggestion of the school board.

What is the significance of publishing a high school newspaper? The four main purposes are: 1.) to inform readers; 2.) to form and express opinions; 3.) to provide a forum for student opinion; and 4.) to entertain.

The letters to the editor section of the editorial page is to fulfill the second and third purposes stated above. The editorial staff urges you to participate and show you are interested and involved by writing a letter to the editor.

## Smoking Problem Is Discussed

by Cathi Cole

As the new school year begins students are faced with new punishments for old crimes. The new punishment for smoking and being caught is a two day suspension. Two 2-day suspensions result in no credit for the quarter.

This is a good way to make known to the public how you feel about certain matters. The letters should be no longer than 250-300 words in length, and should be typewritten or neatly printed. All letters should be doublespaced. They may be dropped off in Room 232 or in the HARBINGER office.

Your name should be signed but please indicate if you do or do not want it published with your letter.

We do consider all of the letters and publish those of the most general interest. Please understand that we cannot always publish all of the letters that are submitted to us.

In a recent poll Borgess students were asked, "do you feel the punishment for smoking will help curb the smoking and why?" According to senior Kathy Grates, "It will probably have an effect on the majority of the smokers, but there are always a few who insist on breaking the rules, and will continue to smoke on school property."

Chuck Tamashuanas, junior, feels, "It won't do any good at all. I just snuck out this morning and had one right in front of school and didn't get caught. I smoke just as much this year as I did last year."

Junior Pat J. Smith seems to agree with him. She says, "It won't help because if someone wants to smoke they will anyway."

Senior Jan Webb stated, "It has curbed mine, but kids still do smoke. I won't light up but I'll smoke someone else's."

Chuck Peterson, junior, has already "noticed a change in the johns. People are scared to smoke. But since there is a two day suspension for smoking there should be more johns open."

Gus Augustino, sophomore brings up the point that "It's just a bigger challenge to smoke and not get caught."

Senior Cathy Rybski says, "No, it won't help. I think the two day suspension is for the birds. People are still going to gamble and smoke. There are a lot of dumb kids in this school."

"I feel the punishment is too strict," said Rob Bialowicz, freshman. "If smokers get caught once they should be

warned; if they get caught again they should be suspended."

Senior Frank Knasiak feels, "The two day suspension won't stop it but will help to curb it a little bit."

Sophomore Marianne Piro states, "The punishment might help but I doubt it. If kids are determined to smoke they will."

To senior Craig Lanto, "the punishment won't do anything. If they're going to smoke they will."

Freshman Tom Hubosky feels "It will stop because if you're caught and suspended your parents will really put the pressure on you."

Judy Mobley, Student Council Co-President feels, "If it's strictly enforced and they don't let anyone off then it will work." Jerry Sharon agrees with her, saying, "It won't do any good unless it's enforced."

Pam Murad, senior feels, "It won't do any good. Kids will do it no matter what." Pam places the blame on the parents. "Parents don't think smoking is as bad as it used to be, with drugs and drinking now, so they don't put enough emphasis on it. If parents don't care, kids don't care."

Sophomore Sue Knasiak says, "I don't think it will help. Everybody still smokes."

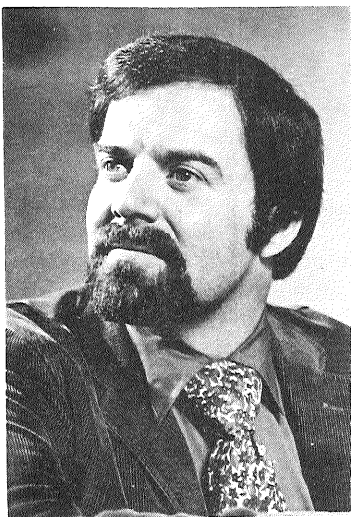
Finally, senior Marla Lopez feels, "It will help a little bit but the smokers will just be more cautious. It makes the smokers more cautious rather than forcing them to quit smoking on school property."

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Bob Talbert

Would you believe writer Bob Talbert, started out writing as a joke? He entered a poetry contest because he thought that

by Kitty McCarthy  
and Nancy Gavin

it would be pretty funny - "a big dumb football player trying to write of all things, poetry. And it was bad, a really bad poem, but it won. I guess it was around then I got turned on to words."

Mr. Talbert is a well-known feature writer for the Detroit FREE PRESS. He is a man to whom many people can go, with a problem or a joy, and feel comfortable. He feels that he wouldn't have a job if people couldn't freely come to him. Mr. Talbert has a receptive ear.

Talbert went to the University of North Carolina, where he majored in journalism. He said that it wasn't until he had entered college that he found he actually had to work for his grades. He reminisced: "I breezed through high school. I told the ugly teachers how pretty they were, and the male teachers how virile they were. I was the typical big man on campus; student body president in my senior year, and football player."

He started writing part time in the sports department of his hometown newspaper during his last two years of college. After he graduated, Talbert began to work full time for the paper. He acquired a following, finding

that people enjoyed his home-spun observations of life.

Mr. Talbert is married and the father of two children, Daphna who is eleven and Jason, age four. He said with a fond smile, "one of them is adopted, but I don't remember which one it is. I love them both the same."

Bob said he had decided long ago not to name a son 'junior'. If a man's father is any kind of famous or infamous character, it can be bad for the son. That is why my son is Jason."

He won the interest of someone connected with the Free Press who was visiting in North Carolina. Bob got an offer for a job as a feature writer in Detroit with the paper shortly after.

Mr. Talbert moved to the city during the paper strike three years ago. He said that almost immediately the readers began to recognize him. He feels that for a time this familiarity could be attributed to the beard. (Since this picture was taken, Bob has shaved it off.) "I suppose it'll take a while for them to recognize me again."

Bob spent the first few months getting the "feel" of the people. "I drove my car around the city and got lost and would have to stop and ask for directions. I got to know an awful lot of people that way," he remembered. "That's the way I found the tone of the people, what they were interested in. Now people see me on the street and say 'I think you're really great. I've been reading your column all of my life. You really know what's happening around Detroit.'" Not bad for a guy who has only been in the city for three years.

## Students Go to Stratford to Play

by Kitty McCarthy

Not much more than one hundred miles from Detroit there is a quaint town that almost anyone would enjoy. This is Stratford, where about forty Borgess students and one drama teacher went to see the Shakespearean play, "Much Ado About Nothing."

The bus got to Stratford about twelve noon Canadian time. We all climbed out, remembering the admonishment of Mr. St. Charles to be at the theatre, in our seats by two o'clock, for "unless there is something wrong backstage, the play will start on the minute."

By that time, the day had become very beautiful and there were picnics at tables overlooking the Avon River, with some ducks making fast business of sandwiches.

When two o'clock came, and the lights went out in the theatre, each and every Borgess student was in his seat, intent on the stage.

Much more so than reading the play, one can understand the comic relief that it seemed every minor character provided. There was the waiter who had his hair fashioned in an extremely neat French twist, complete with two "split curls" on the sides. There was the small boy, so young that a person's heart went out to him, hoping that he could remember his lines, only to hear him speak exactly like the other professionals, and have the audience roar. And there was another waiter who had such a fat stomach that when he was hurrying with something from the stage, everyone broke out in laughter.

The last scene of the play was a master piece. The music, which had been fantastic throughout, got even a little better. It was a dance scene, and at first they were dancing the type from the period (nineteenth century) but then the orchestra broke into music every flapper would recognize, and finally the vibes of today. It was quite a sight to see women in long, very austere dresses doing the funky chicken.

One of the actors from the play stayed and answered any questions that the audience had. The audience was made up

primarily of students, and some of the questions were quite funny. One girl got up and said, "I've got two questions, how much do you weigh and does your nose come off?" The man said that his extra girth could all be attributed to padding and his nose did come off, but it was a long painful process.

The man told us about the company to which the actors belonged and said that it had only taken three weeks to rehearse the play. September 29, was the one hundredth and first performance. They have certainly achieved perfection!

To top off the day was the ride to the restaurant, where the city slickers were mentioning all of the buffalo, kangaroo and turtles in the fields we passed. Ah yes!

When we got to the motel dining room, and waited no less than forty five minutes for the food, there were some mutterings about "you know that buffalo that was lying down back there? Well, he's the sick one and as soon as he dies of natural causes, they'll cut him up. Fiendish minds seem to work even better on very hollow stomachs.

Everything considered, it was a great trip, with everyone coming home just a bit tired and hoarse. But that must be the price of culture.

Junior, Susan Gross won a third place award for the following poem in a contest this past summer:

### Senselessness

I had 2 eggs for breakfast  
Flunked math  
Kissed 2 boys and  
got slapped 2 times.

Ran up some stairs  
fell down the others  
Got a letter today  
2+2=4

but is a conjunction  
Today is Valentine's,  
Tomorrow is Easter,  
Yesterday was Christmas.

Planted roses  
dog dug 'em up.

Glasses are made of china  
but windows are made of glass  
i can spell  
run backwards  
sing  
play "Ants in the Pants"  
jump up and fall down  
throw a baseball  
run track  
play hockey  
and best of all...  
eat.

## WSU News

The Eighth Annual Southeastern Michigan Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, co-sponsored by Wayne State University and the U.S. Army Research Office will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26, 1972 in the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on the WSU campus.

The Symposium is planned to stress the interrelationship of science and the humanities and their dependence on each other and to stimulate interest in these fields among high school students. The theme of the 1972 Symposium is "Probing the Secrets of the Universe." Approximately 150 high school students and teachers from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Washtenaw counties will be invited to participate in the Symposium.

Dr. George W. Beadle, 1958 Nobel Prize Winner in Medicine and Physiology, former president of the University of Chicago and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will deliver the principal scientific address. His topic will be "Probing the Secret of the Cell."

One of the most important features of the Symposium is the presentation by student participants of original research papers in the sciences and the humanities. Of the more than 60 papers generally submitted, 12 are selected for actual presentation at special sessions. Students interested in participating in the Symposium should contact their high school principal, English or science teacher for information.

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# Craig Scott's Field Goal Captures Needed Victory

Craig Scott's 28 yard field goal was all the Spartan's needed to capture their second victory in as many games, as they make their bid for the A-West Division championship.

The 3-0 victory over St.

Clement's marked the second straight shutout for Borgess. The tough Spartan defense has yet to be scored upon. The previous week the Spartan's downed De La Salle 6-0 in their season opener.

In the first two games, the defense has given up an average of 96 total yards. The opposition has averaged only two yards per carry and five yards each time a pass is completed. The defense also has five passes intercepted to their credit; three by Tim DeBelsio and two by Shawn McCarthy.

The offense, although not scoring many points, has much to be proud of also. Quarterback Jerry Sharon picked up 44 yards in seven attempts, to lead the Spartan attack against St. Clement. The blocking was supplied mainly by center Mike Brennan, guards Marty Kennedy and Greg Husek and tackles Paul Banion and Kevin Clifford.

Against De La Salle, a four yard score by Jerry Sharon with less than two minutes to play, provided the Spartans with their first victory. Neil Falls led all rushers with 96 yards in 23 attempts and fine running was also supplied by Jim Rice.

It wasn't until the final drive that the offense caught fire under the fine leadership of Jerry Sharon. Sharon moved the team past the De La Salle defense with two passes - one to Craig Scott and another to Chuck Abraham - and running the ball himself, picking up first downs when the Spartans needed them.

However, the game was truly a defensive battle and the tough Spartan defense again performed well under pressure. Frank Knasiak and Paul Banion led the defense, which only gave up 90 total yards. Brian Karol, Phil Berent, Dan Kelly, Ken Lewandowski, George O'Malley and Kevin Clifford round out the Spartan defense.

## Victories For J.V., Freshman Show Successful Fall Ahead

Borgess' junior varsity and freshman football teams began the 1971 season the same way they finished last year's - with a victory.

The Spartan Junior varsity beat St. Clement's by a score of 28-6. Coach John Kolf said his team was in control of the whole game.

Bryant Ruiz was the lead rusher for Borgess with 179 yards out of the total offense accumulation of 281 yards. The offense shined not only in rushing but receiving as well. Devin McCarthy pulled in a 35 yard pass from quarterback Phil Parker for a touchdown.

Greg Drypen stood out exceptionally on both offense and defense, with two touchdowns and one interception. Steve Jaremski hauled in two interceptions for the Spartan cause. Borgess' defense held St. Clement's offense to only 95 total yardage. The only touchdown the Spartans defense allowed was a long pass into the end zone.

Coach John Kolf also added, "I think we are just as good as we were last year." Which very well may mean another championship season for the Borgess junior varsity football team.



Dan Madden (right) and Steve Legel run toward the finish line in a cross country meet.

## Cross Country Victorious

"I think we have great possibilities to win the Catholic League championship," commented Coach Tom Kennedy after his cross country team had beaten its first four opponents.

Thursday, September 30, in a dual league meet, Borgess defeated St. Alphonsus 15-50. The Spartans swept the first nine places. Dan Madden paced the runners with a time of 12:11. He was followed closely by Jim Bearden who ran 12:19.

Tuesday, September 28, Borgess runners captured the first ten places over Aquinas, and shut them out with a score of 15-50. Jim Bearden scored an upset victory over team mate Dan Madden. Bearden won with a time of 12:32.3, while Madden finished at 12:33.

In the only other league meet Borgess defeated St. Frances Cabrini 15-49. The Spartans

captured the first six places in recording their twenty-first league victory. Dan Madden led the way with a time of 12:34.

In non-league dual meets Borgess defeated Catholic Central 22-35. Again, Madden led the way, by recording a time of 12:34.9. This was also a victory over former coach, Mr. Brian Schwall, now coaching at C.C.

Out of the top ten runners eight are returning letter winners: seniors, Dan Madden, Craig Lantto, Chuck Rossiter; juniors: Jim Bearden, Doug Kruecher; sophomores: Mark Oller, Steve Legel and Ken Yates.

Rounding out the top ten are senior Tom Mulvihill who acquired his letter in the Cabrini meet, and freshman Phil Ostafinski.

offense to go along with its already strong defense.

"In the beginning of the season," said Coach Grewe, "you will usually see this. It takes awhile for the offense to begin working out its plays and such, so quite naturally, defense will have the advantage at the start of the season. It's just something we'll have to work on."

The freshman team finds itself placed in the west division along with Brother Rice, Catholic Central, U of D, Aquinas, Cabrini, and Divine Child.



Neil Falls dodges a De LaSalle tackler in the season's opener.

## Spartan Golf Team Wins

Already surpassing last year's efforts, the Borgess golf team is entering its season with much hope and promise.

The team, with two victories in its first four matches is looking forward to the best season in the team's history. Coached by Mr. Donald Yee and Mr. Michael Conklin, the team has improved in many different areas over last year.

"I'm really impressed with this year's team," says Coach Yee. "We have a fine group of guys who enjoy golf and are willing to work hard at it. I

think our depth has been greatly strengthened over last year and, of course, during the summer, many of the players put in a lot of practice which is going to be a big help to us this year."

The Bishop Borgess golf team will have its next match tomorrow, October 7 against Cabrini at the Rouge golf course. This year's team consists of Kurt Von Mach, Bob Carzon, Mark Caesarz, Dan Kompoltowicz, Mike Humphrey, Sam Richard, Marty Predmeskey, Mike McCrossin, Chris Foxworth, Tony Sahl, and Greg Stanisz.

## Viewpoint . . .

by Mike Retzler

"Well, we would have won the championship but our star halfback broke his leg in the third game, and our middle linebacker broke his..."

How many times has this been heard? The story goes that way every year, with every team, except the ones who win it all. Never does a football season pass without some valuable players getting hurt. It's a terrible thing yet it happens to everybody and the champs are the ones who can overcome these injuries.

However, the fans who use the cry "we would have won but he got hurt" don't realize the worst part of it. They just think it's not fair because they couldn't play with their best players. But the worst part is the pain inside, knowing he is not able to play.

In high school football, the jock is not getting paid to play; he is out there everyday because he wants to be. He goes through a great deal of work lifting weights, running himself into shape, and practicing through the long hot summer. Then when the season comes and he can't play after all the hard work he has gone through, that's when you ask yourself if that's fair. Ask Tom Burke if he thinks it's fair. Or Chuck De Coster or Rick Cudini. Standing on the sidelines and not being able to play could possibly be the hardest thing to take. Even harder than all the work they did just to get in shape.

So it's harder to take for the player but it can only hurt the team if there is nobody to replace him. The team that can replace him without losing much talent will be the team with the best shot at the championship. It's called depth and this year's Borgess team has plenty of it. The backfield has four outstanding runners in Neil Falls, Jim Rice, Mark Szpond and Glen Varlesi, each with the ability to break off a touchdown at anytime. There is much depth at linebacking position. Frank Knasiak, and Ken Lewandowski do a real fine job, however, if Marty Kennedy or Greg Husek go in, they're not too likely to give up much yardage either. The list in depth goes on for every position. And this is a sign of a real winner, especially when injuries play an important part in football.

My pick for the A-West championship: Borgess.

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