

## Two Seniors To Compete For Honors Scholarships

Sharon Bucinski and Timothy Jagusch have been chosen from the top 15 seniors in the National Honor Society with the highest grade point averages to participate in competition for scholarships awarded through the NHS.

Sharon spends much of her time teaching CCD at St. Suzanne school and is also in the newly formed catechetics group at Borgess. Besides her teaching she also has been active in previous musicals and is in the chorus for "Mame."

Sharon plans to major in nursing at U of M, Ann Arbor, then to specialize in surgical nursing. After schooling, she wants to join the armed forces.

Timothy Jagusch is known to most people because of his job as one of the student custodians on the "keep Borgess gorgeous" crew.

Tim was a semi-finalist in the Michigan Math Prize competition test this year. He also attended the American Legion Wolverine Boys' State last summer. He has been a chorus member in previous musicals and presently is in the chorus of "Mame" and is in Rosary high's "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tim plans to attend U of M, Ann Arbor. A U.S. certified diver and life saver, he plans to enter the field of oceanography and marine biology.

Two students from each school having membership in NHS are permitted to compete. Result of this competition will be available in May.

In May NHS will also announce all of the seniors who have maintained a 3.7 and better grade point average through the four years of high school who will be honored by Phi Beta Kappa, another honor society.

## Quacks Become Valuable

by Althea Barber

Comic books are no longer just kid stuff, they're "valuable collectors' items" according to Mr. Michael Conklin, social studies teacher at Borgess.

Ever since he was a child, Mr. Conklin has enjoyed reading and collecting comic books. Although, at first, he kept most of his comic books so he could re-read them later on, over the years he began to realize that his collection was valuable.

Mr. Conklin now has approximately 700 comic books in his collection. Although the 'super-hero' type is more valuable, he prefers to collect Walt Disney stories and comics, especially Donald Duck. "This is also one of the reasons why these books are worth so much money."

## Jrs., Srs. Plan Activities

While the Seniors are planning for a card party and a donkey basketball game in March, the Juniors are making preparations for another 'movie day' and another paper drive for May.

The card party, "Shuffling Shamrocks" will be held March 15 at 8:00 p.m. According to Kathie Reschke, Senior class vice-president, the class is hosting another card party "because we have found them easy to organize and also the parents seem to enjoy themselves." Free refreshments will be served.

The donkey basketball game will be played March 20 in Borgess' gym. The senior boys will challenge the male faculty to play a basketball game while riding donkeys.

The Juniors plan to sponsor another "movie day" because of the great success of the last one. Profits from this event will be used to finance the Senior Brunch this spring.

Another activity which is being planned by the Juniors is a paper drive. The purpose of this drive is "to unify the Juniors and at the same time to help our environment" stated Glenn Craig, chairman.

## New Form For 'Labyrinth'



Yearbook staff members (left to right) Jeff Diebolt, Denise Lewandowski and Krista Nellenbach find time to pose even though they are past their deadline.

"LABYRINTH staff members are making preparations for the third edition of the yearbook. Although it will not be published until next fall, the staff is very busy creating a yearbook that is, according to Mr. Tom Janeczko, staff advisor, unlike any other yearbook.

"The staff must work much harder now than before, especially since we switched publishers," Mr. Janeczko explained. As a result of this change there are now five deadlines to meet instead of the two they previously had to meet.

Another change caused by switching publishers is the ordering date. Whereas before the staff could order a surplus of

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## "Mame" Rehearsals Underway

by Althea Barber

Rehearsals for "Mame" are now underway. Although they seem to be coming along pretty well there are some drawbacks. According to Mr. St. Charles, producer and director, the trouble with musicals is that they're "frustrating, because they have to be rehearsed in bits and parts."

This year's spring musical is the story of a wealthy New York socialite, who becomes the guardian of her nephew, Patrick, after her brother's death. As a result of the stock market crash of 1929, "Mame" loses her money and is forced to get a job.

One of the most expensive problems facing the production staff of "Mame" is costumes. Since the play takes place during a time when there were many fashion changes, the costumes worn by the cast must also reflect these changes. Thus the dances are required to change costumes five times and Mame herself must change at least seventeen times.

Fortunately she meets a wealthy Southerner with whom she falls in love with and marries. After his death she returns to New York and immerses herself in the life of her nephew. According to Mr. St. Charles the play will be a success because "it is full of glamor and glitter which are two elements which make up a good musical."



Mr. Jones, musical director of "Mame", plays the music for the show as Mr. St. Charles sings along.

## Upperclassmen Achieve 1972 N.H.S. Membership

New and renewal memberships in the National Honor Society have been announced by the guidance office.

Students who have maintained a 3.10 and better cumulative average through the fifth semester in high school are elected to the organization.

To retain their membership, the students must keep the minimal 3.1 average through the sixth, seventh and eighth semesters.

Sixty-five students are newly elected to NHS. Fifteen of these are seniors: Josephine Albano, Thomas Burke, Marilyn Grad, June Hattemer, Thomas Katona, Jeffrey Koppy, Mary Ellen Koss, Barbara Lewicki, John McAinsh, Linda Micensky, Neil Murray, Lynn Standley, Steve Steffy, Mary Wolkowicz and Gary Wisniewski.

Sixty-one seniors have been renewed as members of NHS: Paul Banion, Nancy Belanger, Nancy Benninghouse, Kathy Jo Bock, Susan Boldys, Sharon Bucinski, Maureen Burchart,

Suzanne Callaja, Laura Courtney, Nancy Cunningham, Valerie Dymek, Thomas Farrell, Constance Galvin, Sharon Goniwiecha, Gail Gordon, Claudia Graham, Cynthia Grywalski, Mary Ellen Hiltz, Edward Holinski, Mary Horger, Michelle Jacob, Timothy Jagusch, Karen Jankowski, Darin Laskowski, Denise Levasseur, Denise Lewandowski, JoAnne Marshall, Connie McDevitt, J. Michael Mitchell, Judy Mobley, Terrance Moran, Denise Mrakitsch, Margaret Murray, Krista Nellenbach, Maureen Nicholl, Kevin Novack, Joseph Ostafinski, Maureen O'Keefe, Dorothy Parrish, Mary Ann Poupore, Thomas Pawlicki, Pamela Rizzo, Kathleen Reschke, Frances Roginski, Dominic Rusin, Craig Scott, James Sherry, Linda Slusarczyk, Mary Sobiechowski, Margaret Spade, Constance Sroka, Douglas Strawinski, Barbara Szymusiak, Sharon Vadovic, Kathleen Victor, James Wilczak, Nora Wright, Timothy Wisniewski, Janice Young, Michele Zalewski and Linda Zarek.

Fifty juniors are newly elected to NHS: Althea Barber, Colleen Bardon, Denise Baron, Deborah Bazman, Patricia Busch, Edmund Browalski, Jeanne Budde, Christopher Capoccia, Carmela Caruana, Sharon Dynak, David Forest, Donald Forest, Linda Flower, Debra Giordano, Colleen Harrington, Bridget Hier, Denise Headrick, Lee Ann Hlavaty, Anne Klein, Joyce Lewandowski, Debra Lewandowski, Kathleen Macek, Roger Matzke, Jeanne McCann, Karen McCormick, Jacklyn McParlane, Linda Merz, Kathryn Myszkowski, Laura Nemzek, David Olah, Daniel Postler, Valerie Ronchetta, Dianne Roussel, Cheryl Rothchild, Janet Sangeorzan, William Sanders, Richard Schornack, Sandra Sosnowski, Gerald Stefan, Mary Stokes, Susan Suchowski, Kevin Sutherland, Kathy Treanor, Christopher Van Hoeck, Bernard Wagner, Mary Beth Wilczak, Janice Winston, Cynthia Zawacki, Cecile Zacharias, Jo Ann Zeisler, Michele Zimmerman and Loretta Zurowski.

## Dad's Club Aids Projects

Through recent months, Borgess Dad's Club has carried out projects to aid the entire school.

As originally stated in its constitution, the purpose of the club is to organize the fathers of Bishop Borgess students to help the school. The Dad's Club has helped many of the programs at Borgess, not just the athletic department.

One of the Dad's Club's first acts was to donate \$1500 to the school for audio-visual equipment and the multi-media center. Last summer a bus (dubbed the "Green Monster") was donated for the general use of the school.

The Dad's Club has already pledged to pay half the cost of the curtains which are being purchased for the stage. The Dad's Club will also be repairing the bleachers in the gym in the near future.

Recently, members of the Dad's Club painted the weight room behind the service area of the cafeteria. At the same time, tables in the cafeteria were repaired. The Dads are also constructing a record board of the school records in varsity track on the west wall of the gym.

A raffle was held this past December which raised approximately \$10,000 for the development of an athletic field adjacent to the parking lot.

According to Mr. Charles Doemer, head of development on the field, a completion date of June 15 has been tentatively set, but a track can be expected as early as May 1. The track will be 365 yards around and will enclose an all-purpose field. The field will probably serve as the practice area for Borgess' football teams next fall.

# Students Subject to Rule

There are many different kinds of teachers at Borgess. Some are quite intelligent and really seem to enjoy teaching. However, there are some who are either disillusioned with their profession, fed up with teenagers, or had no real dedication in the first place.

As a result of their lack of enthusiasm, these teachers indirectly take it out on Borgess students in various ways. Some do this by assuming complete authority in their classrooms. They refuse to let a student transfer from their classes or drop the classes, even if they have sufficient reason. Even if a student can't keep up with the rest of the class, no matter how hard he tries, he's stuck in that class unless he decides to skip it for the rest of the year or go to the guidance office and create a scene.

There are others who delight in giving lengthy assignments with little or no explanation at all. Then, if the majority of the kids don't do the assignment, the teachers yell and scream about the students' stupidity and proceed to test them on that same material.

Students at Borgess are also subjected to teachers who preach at the students about acting like adults and then turn around and give long tasks, such as writing a chapter out of a textbook 10 times when students fail to quiet down one minute after the class begins.

A few teachers make a practice out of refusing to let a student in the class when he's half a minute late. Regardless of the reason, the student is not allowed to stick

up for himself; he's either sent to Mr. Brisky for a late slip, or subjected to a lecture about tardiness.

In most professions, a person is required to do his job everyday. Some teachers at Borgess seem to feel that they're exempt from this rule. Whenever they have personal business to attend to, they conveniently assign lengthy class assignments so they can take care of their own business.

While it's true that the majority of teachers at Borgess are truly dedicated, and for the most part, understanding, there are some teachers at Borgess who don't quite match up to these standards.

This situation is really unfortunate. After all, no one really suffers except the students; and they're the ones who are not able to do anything about it.

While the administration has the ruling voice in choosing the faculty, the students should also have some voice in selecting the teachers they want.

The administration should send out a form to every student by which the student could evaluate the teacher's teaching methods. On the survey, the student could indicate, for example, how often visual aids were used, how often they were tested, how well the teacher presented the material, how well he controlled his class, and whether or not the teacher favored any particular pupil. From this survey, the administration could then evaluate the teachers more intelligently.



A.B.

## Comment On Swim Team, WBOR, And Hair

### Hairy Retort

To Barb Ershopp:

Your letter reflects your own personality, your upbringing and your thoughts in life.

I am one of those "dumb clucks" you refer to. May I also answer your questions.

We long-haired people are one of you, one of all, we are proving nothing except we like hair. What we want from you is a little thought and a little care. Hair is what grows on your head and other parts of the body, since you don't seem to know.

What is a true Christian? It is a person who can go out and help others, care for others and spread a little cheer. A Christian is not a soldier who fights war against evil for who is to say what is evil. No one is our enemy.

You must also be very racist because you attack us; you must hate others of a different color or creed. For you are not a Christian young lady. Why don't you pull your head out of your shelter and take a look around at the world and what is really is.

Hair is not a person; his soul is. And no matter if you like it or not, all souls are the same. I am proud of my hair and I hope I sit in front of you in every one of your classes. I am also proud of my name while you hide behind yours.

Joe Pfeiffer

### Discrimination

Discrimination? Is there such a thing in a "Catholic" school. There's not supposed to be, but there is. And who's it against? Would you believe girls! A girl's place is in the home, that's what the administration seems to think. Girls are dummies, they don't rank near guys in intelligence and sports.

Last month at Borgess, there was a "draft day." Here was an opportunity to learn anything you wanted to know about the draft, if you were a guy. Girls aren't supposed to know about those things. Girls could not attend this assembly because the draft would have nothing to do with them. The administration says you aren't allowed to learn anything that might not affect

you. After all you are only paying tuition for the courses you need. Just learn what you have to, don't worry about the rest. Another reason girls could not attend was because there would be 300 guys and only about 25 girls. That was one reason given (right from the horse's mouth) to the girls as to why they couldn't attend. What's that implying. You tell me.

Girls get discriminated against in sports too. They aren't important enough. There was never any mention of the girls' accomplishments such as, the girls baseball team being city runner-ups champs in 1970, and divisional champs in 1972. That isn't important. Of course not, and you know why, because they just happen to be girls.

What most people don't realize is that girls also make up Borgess high, whether you people like that or not. Girls want to belong. How about letting them join?

Concerned

### Swim Team

Guess what! We are going to let you in on one of the best kept secrets in the history of Bishop Borgess. Now brace yourselves because this will come as a shock. Are you ready? BISHOP BORGESS HAS A GIRL'S SWIM TEAM! And, if you are over the shock from this revelation, here's another. Bishop Borgess had had a girl's swim team for four years. Do you think that we're kidding? Well, if you don't believe it, ask anyone of the five or six spectators we get as an average at our meets. Or, ask Mr. Brisky, Mr. Yee, Sr. Nadine, or good ol'

Mr. Conklin who has shown up for almost all of our league meets (thanks Mr. C). They'll tell you that we really do exist. And if that's not enough proof, ask any member of the team, if you have any idea who they are.

Well, some people will never be convinced. Too bad you didn't prove it to yourselves and go to one, just one, of our meetings. Thanks a million for your fantastic support.

The Girls' Swim Team

P.S. We would also like to thank the HARBINGER for the complete coverage they gave us this season.

### Sick Of Acid

During the past weeks of WBOR's trial period it has become obvious that the Borgess radio station is only a legal excuse for hard rock music to be constantly played. The purpose of the station is to provide a variety of music for a variety of students. We know of many individuals who are sick of being blasted out of the cafeteria by the constant sound waves of acid rock.

"Karen & Richard Carpenter"

### Ad-Patron

Seeing the progress of the Ad-Patron drive now in progress, our school's spring musical "Mame" will be a flop or maybe it won't even get off to a start. If we keep up with as many dog houses as we have now we'll never reach our quota of \$7,000.

But if you're one of the proud losers in the school I know you'll be the first to blame the other guy for not bringing in his quota or for not buying a ticket.

Come on and bring in your share of the quota and get your quota button and smile. You'll feel better.

Snoopy

### Good Sports

We think credit should be given to the boys who sit on the bench all season. These boys deserve commendation for their good sportsmanship. Boys who are qualified to make the team should be allowed to compete with other schools. Just because the coach has to prove something to himself about certain players, how can he forget that the team is playing for the WHOLE SCHOOL—not just for him.

C.C.C.D.

### Reply Is No

You asked in your last paper, "Does this mean that the elections were in any way tampered with by anyone connected with them, or were these names, by mistake, deleted from the attendance records for an entire year?" The competent and responsible officials of the executive board would like to clear up this question. The answer is "No."

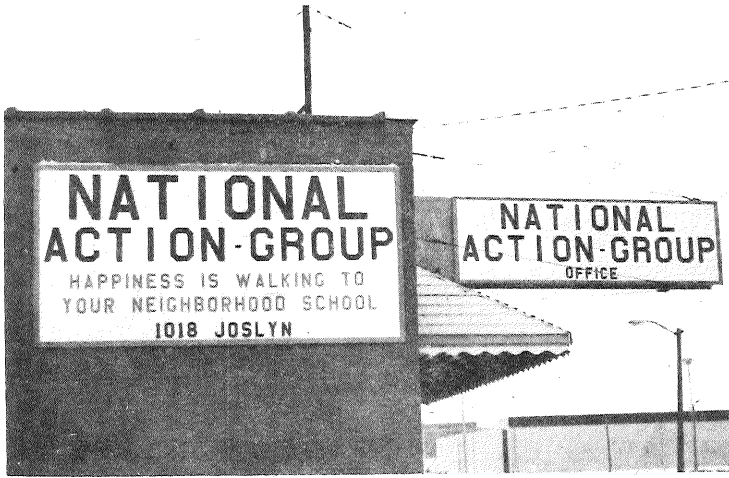
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# NAG President Protests Pontiac Bussing



In Pontiac, the National Action Group proudly displays its motto on the side of their headquarters.

by Bob Miles

Mrs. Irene McCabe, (president of the National Action Group, NAG) is a persistent right-wing conservative. Born in Pontiac, Michigan, of Greek descent, she has always lived there, and was educated through high school in the integrated Pontiac school system, and graduated as a National Honor Society

member. After graduation, she studied to be an X-ray technician. At the age of nineteen, she married and is now the mother of three children.

She was elected president of NAG, which is a group established to oppose school busing to achieve integration, after serving as spokesman for the group. NAG has been known

as an information dispensary, and has been very instrumental. Mrs. McCabe feels as though Judge Keith's court order, which forced busing in the Pontiac school system "was very unjust." She stated "If NAG hasn't achieved anything, at least we got the people aware and involved with the government."

Mrs. McCabe has had many threats made on her life since she became involved with NAG, but feels that people should stop running from intimidation. She, ironically enough, believes in integration. If she didn't, she says she would have to leave Pontiac. But she doesn't feel that integration should be forced on the school system.

Mrs. McCabe, who considers herself a person who likes to be

involved, has attended Pontiac school board meetings for the last two years.

"To make Congress and the House of Representatives aware of the situation, it's necessary to use political pressure," comments Mrs. McCabe. Believing the way that she does, she has set up a march from the Pontiac school board office to the Capitol building in Washington, D. C.

She will begin her 600 mile walk March 15, and she is scheduled to arrive in Washington April 29. Her plan is to get fifteen miles closer to her goal each day. Five other Pontiac women will accompany her on the march. They have been conditioning themselves by

taking hikes for the past several weeks. The NAG group will pass Borgess March 16. The expenses for the walk will be about five thousand dollars, and will be financed through donations.

NAG has stated that it will not endorse any political candidate, but has made known that during election time they will make known who did or did not support them.

Mrs. McCabe believes that it is up to the parents to ensure the best education for their children. As an alternative to busing to achieve quality education, Mrs. McCabe suggests that the government use the revenue from income taxes rather than property taxes to finance schools.

## March 17, A Lucky Day: Is It Just For Irish?

by Kitty McCarthy

For all of the people who have a touch of green in their blood, the 17th of March is a special day. St. Patrick's Day is an occasion for people to celebrate their heritage, by wearing green, watching parades, singing Irish songs, and in general, enjoying themselves. One of the oldest of these customs in the United States is watching parades.

Irishmen have marched through the streets of New York City for over two hundred years on St. Patrick's Day. During colonial times, one of the most popular ways to celebrate was at banquets held at nearby taverns, where many eloquent toasts were made by slippery-tongued speakers. One of the most vindictive of these was aimed at the enemies of Ireland: that they be besieged with itching, without the benefit of scratching.

Until 1932, the tradition was for the grand marshalls to ride on horseback. Then Mayor James J. Walker, moved away from the horse he was supposed to mount, with an expression of "no way", saying that he remembered another grand marshal, Paddy Collins, and what had happened to him. It seems that the courageous stallion on which he was riding became a bit insecure about the crowds lining Fifth Avenue, ended up in the cellar of a nearby tavern. "It took two hours to get Paddy out of the cellar, and two days to get the horse out," Walker recalled. "Besides I have a Board of Estimate meeting tomorrow, and it wouldn't do for me to preside at it standing up," Mayor Walker said.

Bands marching in the parade usually play songs that are near and dear to the hearts of the Irish, like "The Wearing of the Green," "Tammany," "McNamara's Band," and "Harrigan." A problem arose several years ago when a band began playing "The Isle of

Capri." A few upset Corkmen were just about to take the band apart, bagpipe by bagpipe, when a quick thinking and less hot headed Irishman said that he remembered hearing that the composer was Irish. It has been agreed that his timely remark saved the day for then they all joined in, extolling the virtues of the Italian Island.

The St. Patrick's Day parade, unlike any other is held on the day that the seventeenth of March falls on, not the Sunday before as are other parades. Many of the businessmen of Fifth Avenue if given their wish, would come down to the Avenue the Sunday before St. Pat's Day, and watch the parade with their families, instead of watching it from inside their empty stores.

In Detroit, the fourteenth annual parade will be held March 12. The President of the United Irish Societies, Mr. James Finn, said that he welcomes anyone to join the parade whose sole purpose is to have a good time, not further their own interests. This year the co-grand marshalls of the parade will be Judge Vincent J. O'Brien and Police Commissioner John Nichols.

Around Borgess, few and far between though the Irish are, some dedicated souls have tried to revive the feeling that even for one day of the year, though it may be blustery cold, the world is filled with kelly green shamrocks.

Tom Farrell, senior, enjoys wearing green, and "celebrating in the true spirits of the Irish."

Senior Jim Sherry says "I bow my head towards Dublin, dig up snow looking for three leaf clovers, and partake in the Irishman's favorite past-time, which as everyone knows, is drinking milk and eating Oreos."

Mr. Michael Conklin says that on St. Patrick's day, "I go to Mass and say three or four Our Fathers and Hail Marys and then I walk from here to Armagh on my knees."

## Sophs College Bound In '73



These are the sophomore girls who will graduate with the class of '73: (l to r) Adrienne Kania, Karen Winalis, Sue Brzezinski, Margaret Murphy, Mary Gribbin. (Not pictured - Mary Ellen Turek).

Because of the high scores that six sophomore girls have achieved on the preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, they are planning on graduating next June with the class of 1973. The girls are Sue Brzezinski, Mary Gribbin, Margaret Murphy, Adrienne Kania, Mary Ellen Turek, and Karen Winalis.

Miss Dolores Kaczmarczyk, guidance counselor, said that some of stipulations of the program were that the parents of the students must approve the plan, and the girls must have plans for continuing their educations in the year immediately following graduation.

Commenting on the program, Miss Kaczmarczyk said, "In many instances the high school is reluctant to let the student go at the end of three years, but with the high cost of education, they could pay for the tuition of their whole first year at college, in many cases, for what they pay at Borgess."

Sue Brzezinski will possibly go to either the University of Michigan or Michigan State, to study psychiatry. She is eager to enter college and begin studying what she will require as a psychiatrist, for she feels that this is one of the biggest problems of high school students having to take classes that won't help them in later life.

Mary Gribbin will be pursuing a pre-med program at either the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, or Oakland University. She says that when she graduates next year, she will have taken all of the necessary courses to prepare her.

Adrienne Kania is thinking of traveling to Ecuador to study for a year, and accept a scholarship that she has been offered there. She does plan on going to the University of Michigan to study medicine. "It doesn't bother me to leave school early, because I have always wanted to be a doctor, and getting into college

earlier will mean that I will be able to practice sooner.

Margaret Murphy plans on going to Ecuador also, where she will earn college credits. She wants to attend the University of Michigan to study pre-med. "I'd like to open a clinic for all of our little buddies who don't get a fair deal, the poor blacks and whites, the Chicanos, and the Indians. I want to do something, and I think that the problem is being ignored," she stated.

Miss Karen Nalecz, Mary Ellen Turek said, is the teacher who got the girls involved in the program, through her enthusiasm and encouragement for their educations. Mary Ellen would like to go to the University of Michigan or Michigan State to study medicine. "If I go into medicine, I will have to take a lot of classes, and will take quite a few years, so I might just as well get started," she reasoned.

Karen Winalis hopes to study psychology or veterinary medicine at Michigan State. She feels that the only drawback to the program is that the girls will be a year younger as far as getting jobs to help their parents pay for their educations.

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# Intramural Activity Ends



Todd Schneider (c) leaps over Dave Gillis as Tim Cleary (l) awaits the tip.

by Dave Forest

Borgess first intra-mural league for boys ended its season on an optimistic note as the two cellar teams finally won a game.

Play began in late January and from the onset of the season it became obvious in each division who the top teams were.

In the first division, the Boozer Brothers, a predominantly senior team

coached by Kevin Kleinsmith, relied on superior rebounding and depth to overwhelm their opponents and go undefeated in all 5 of their games. The Tiger Cats, led by Kevin Williams, came in second and were the only team to stay close to the Boozer Bros. Rounding out the division were "Kobs Cons," "Mulcahy's Raiders," and the "Royals," who won their final to share fourth place with the "Raiders."

In the second division, things were different. After the first two games of the season, both the junior team called "Forest Rangers" and the senior "Freakouts" were undefeated and both had easily won their previous contests.

In the third game of the season, the teams met, and the first half ended with the "Rangers" just ahead. Then the "Rangers" were led by the rebounding of Henry Boguslawski and overwhelmed their taller opponents in the second half to coast in the rest of the way.

The "Forest Rangers" finished the season on top of the league undefeated and the "Freakouts" came in second with no other losses. Team No. 7, led by Marty Kennedy, came in third. In the final game of the season, the "Superstars" defeated the "Frosties" and clinched a part of fourth place with them.

The championship was held last Saturday and the all-star game, pitting the top players of each division, will be played this Saturday night at Borgess.

The top six scorers in the league for the five regular season games were Williams (with a season average of 16.4 points per game), Gary Percha (15.2), Tim Treppa (14.2), Dan Kompoltowicz (12.2), John Martin (12.2), and Bob Quay (12).

Though the division leaderships were far from the reach of the teams except for the top three teams, most of the games proved to be exciting. When asked, many of the players felt that they had enjoyed the season and were looking forward to more intramural action, possibly in other sports.

# Borgess Loses Tourney

Bishop Borgess Spartans bowed out of the state tournament in their first game at the hands of Henry Ford by a score of 72-68.

The season ended none-too-soon as the Spartans suffered through the year with a 5-11 record, losing their last five games in a row.

After falling behind at half-time by eight points against Henry Ford, Borgess came out and slowly began to close the gap. Mark Sopko's 14 points in the second half helped pull the Spartans closer, only to fall short by four points. Shawn McCarthy netted 14 points and sophomore Greg Drypen, who played only in the fourth quarter, put in eight points.

In previous action, Borgess dropped games to Austin, St. Mary's of Redford, Pontiac Catholic and Gabriel Richard.

Against Austin, Borgess was totally overpowered as Austin breezed to a 75-60 victory. The only bright spot for the Spartans was Sopko's 24 points, which led all scorers.

Gabriel Richard took Borgess in overtime by a score of 62-61, as Borgess displayed their best balanced scoring attack of the season. Sopko, McCarthy, and Greg Battle all scored 17 points apiece. However, the rest of the team could only come up with 10 points and the Spartans lost.

# Training To Begin For Baseball Team

Spring training for the varsity baseball team will get underway shortly as the Spartans prepare to take on Dearborn Sacred Heart in the league opener, April 17.

Head coach Mr. James Brisky is not certain when he will hold tryouts.

"Right now we have to wait until basketball is over so we can use the gym. The tryouts will have to be in the gym because the weather won't permit us to go outside," Mr. Brisky stated.

The league schedule has been changed this year because of the admittance of two new teams, Pontiac Catholic and Cabrini. Last year the Spartans faced each opponent three times for a total of nine league games. This year they will face each team twice and will play ten league games.

However, Mr. Brisky, along with assistant coach Mr. Dennis Brisky, has plans of scheduling between 20 and 30 games.

"If a ballplayer has enough talent to make the team, he deserves to play, so I schedule a lot of games," Mr. Brisky said. "When you only play a few league games, all the players don't see that much action," he concluded.

As to how many ball players will be on the team, Mr. Brisky is uncertain. "I like to keep as many boys that I think will help the team."

Pitchers and catchers are already working out and are starting to get in shape. This is only on a voluntary basis, however.

## Viewpoint . . .

by Mike Retzler

The season is over and, as the Spartan's record indicates, this year's basketball team wasn't totally successful. There are many reasons for losing and naturally everyone has the answers. But why is the first answer always the coach?

Mr. Denewith has been criticized continually throughout the season. Either he did this wrong or he did that wrong, but never once did the team lose. Last year when we won the championship, how many times can you remember anybody saying, "Coach won that one for us." Coaching must be a tough job because you can't win, only lose.

Mark Sopko was without a doubt our leading scorer and rebounder. But somehow I expected him to be better than he was. Last year, every time Sopko hit that deep corner shot or scored on the baseline drive, you just thought that this year he was going to be great. Maybe I just expected too much from him.

But Sopko doesn't deserve to get blamed. It's the whole team. Paul Davis scored 19 points against St. Clement's early in the season and was relied on for the rest of the season. Well, Davis played for a major part of every game and never hit in double figures again.

But you can't put the blame on Davis, not as long as we still have guards on the team. Shawn McCarthy has one of the best outside shots on the team and hit in double figures a few times. But his scoring was erratic and in one stretch produced only eight points in three straight games.

Greg Battle has talent, but tried to show everybody in his own way. How many times can you remember Battle trying to run the play through the right way? Most generally it was shoot and see how many points Greg can get.

But McCarthy, Battle, Davis, and Sopko don't deserve to get blamed. They are at no more fault than Rick Schornack, Craig Weiland, Brian Karol, or anybody else on the team. Losing is a team effort, not an individual effort.

When a player gives 100% he shouldn't be ashamed of anything no matter if he wins or loses. When you don't give your best efforts, you lose, and start making excuses.

Well, excuses are being made, and the coach is the number one target. But why do we need to make excuses if everyone supposedly gave 100 percent?

# Girls Swim Team Ends Season

The varsity girls swimming team wound up in fifth place in the Catholic League girls swimming championship as the team placed in five of the meet's ten events.

Borgess entered in all events as the preliminaries were held at Oakland University Feb. 21.

In the 100 yard medley relay, the team of Kathy Cooley, Cathy Collins, Pattie Reschke and Mary Lee Cooley qualified for Borgess. Kathy Bush, Kathy Cooley, Pattie Reschke, and Linda Rodgers also qualified for Borgess in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Individually, Kathy Cooley placed in the 50 yard back stroke, Barb Lewicki in the 50 yard butterfly and the 100 yard individual medley relay. Marie Reschke, sophomore, qualified for the championship in diving.

Feb. 28, Borgess continued its fine showing with a total of 20 points in the ten team field.

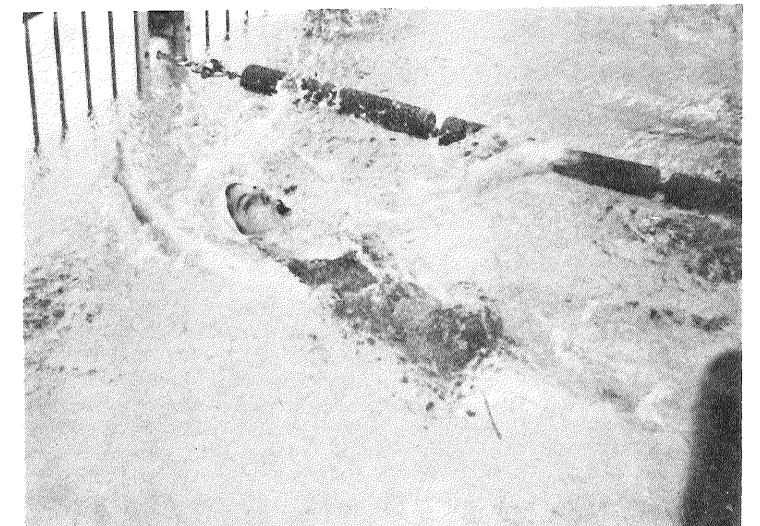
The freestyle relay finished with a medal in sixth place, while the 100 yard medley relay team moved up one from its preliminary showing to fifth place.

## BB Hosts Cheerleading Contest

This year, a new feature was added to 39 Detroit area school's cheerleading teams.

A contest will take place among the west side teams and one among the east side teams. All teams are required to do one team cheer and one original cheer.

The west side competition will be hosted by Borgess, March 9 at 8 p.m.



Above, Kathy Cooley reaches for the finish in the 50 yard back stroke. About to begin the 100 yard individual medley, Barb Lewicki (below) adjusts her swimming cap as she listens for the starting gun.

Kathy Cooley also improved her performance as she finished third in the back stroke. Marie Reschke finished with a ribbon for seventh place. Barb Lewicki received two silver medals for her second place efforts in both the individual medley and the butterfly.

The east side contest will be held at Dominican high March 7.

After the preliminary contests are concluded, the finals will be March 16 at Borgess.

Plaques will be awarded to the top seven teams of the west side and the top five from the east side, while trophies will go to the winners of the final competition.

