Monsignor Kelly **Evaluates Year**

"Academically, in interscholastic competition, athletics, and in the fine arts and in almost every field. our success this year has been greater than past years."

This statement was made by Msgr. Kelly when asked to compare this year's accomplishments with those of past years. He also said that this year's students have shown "the desire and skills to win local, state, and national recogniand that this was an "exceptional year."

Monsignor also dwelt on the current topics of the new addition and the tentative schedule for next

Concerning the new addition, he stated that it was in the "planning stage" and that Mr. James Duffy, architect, "is presently making a study of our existing facilities and their relationship to our projected needs with a view of determining what facilities must be included in the addition." The superintendent felt that the areas of the cafeteria and locker-rooms are most affected by the population squeeze.

Monsignor cited figures which indicated that by the year 1970, the total number of students will be about 850. He declared, "Our anticipated enrollment for the coming school year is 630, and that this number exceeds our comfortable capacity at the present time."

The schedule planned for next year is a complex one. Its basic purpose is to promote a greater flexibility and to place upon the students more individual responsibility for securing an education. The greater flexibility gained by stretching out the present schedule to seven hours. It will be set up so that the first and last periods of the day will be used for subjects that are "beneficial to students but not necessary for either terminal or college preparation. This would include band, debate, sports, etc. The last one or two periods of the day will be open study halls for those who do not have class. They will have no rosters and those not wishing to use the facilities offered are free to go

National AVMA Award To Cole

Well, Dan Cole has done it again. He took first place in his division in the National Science Fair International, held at Baltimore, May 5-9. He swept first place honors in the Veterinary Medicine Association section of the fair.

Cole received a gold medal, a certificate, and a plaque with his name and a replica of his medal on it. The plaque will be framed and placed in the School's trophy case as a proud reminder of his accomplishment. Also the school will receive a plaque from the AVMA.

Aside from the fair itself (and a series of dinners and banquets held in conjunction with it) Dan and physics instructor Sister Mary Generaso, BVM, enjoyed numerous tours, provided at the expense of the national fair.

Dan and Sister spent May 2-4 at the New York World's Fair. Of the numerous exhibits they visited, both agreed that the Vatican Pavilion was the best. Sister especially like Michaelangelo's Pieta. She said, "It is the most wonderful work of art I have ever seen."

Cole said the General Motors Pa-

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These five senior Honor students were selected to represent St. Edmond in the Foundation for Academic Achievement banquet held May 21 at the Hotel Warden. From left to right, Brian McTigue, Doug Goodrich, Christine Oberg, Dan Pingel, and Lois McNeilly.

Debaters End Successful Year

The St. Edmond debate team has finished a fruitful season with a .500 record after winning five of 10 possible trophies. The team has debated the question: "Resolved: that Social Security Benefits Should Be Extended to Include Complete Medical Care."

The trophies were won at Heelan of Sioux City, where 26 teams were competing for the golden trophy. Next was Manson where the team acquired the second trophy of the year. Mason City was the third battleground for the team where they conquered such teams as Dubuque, Wahlert; Rochester, Minnesota, and teams of that fine caliber. The Dodger Invitational furnished the next competition and victory. Diocesan tournament Kuemper was the scene where the team with a perfect record captured the coveted Diocesan trophy for the third year in a row. Those responsible for the trophies were Seniors, Dan Pingel, and Dan Cole, Brian McTigue, Tom Segreto, and Junior Mary Ann Cahill.

Sister Mary Joan Patricia has been very satisfied with the past year's record. Although Sister is sorry to see her quartet of seniors leave, she is looking forward to next year with the strength of her young debaters: Marge Welch, Mary Ann Cahill, Ted Underberg, John Kruger, Tim Savage, Julie Mills, Stephanie Bednar, Nancy McCarthy, Kay McTigue, and Jo Ellen Lingreen. These will be debating in the area of Control of Nuclear Weapons. The hard work Sister has put into the team has paid off in this year's record and next year's promise.

In addition to the five team trophies, individual trophies were won by Marge Welch and Dan Cole in original oratory, and Brian Mc-Tigue in extemporaneous.

89 Grads To Attend College

The 1964 St. Edmond graduating class, largest in the school's history with 125 members, is sending seventy-one per cent of its members on to higher education. This figure may seem very remarkable, but actually, in this age of specialization, it could be termed normal. More and more, college is becoming a prerequisite for obtaining good jobs. The breakdown of the eightynine students who are continuing their formal education shows: Fort Dodge Community College-42; Catholic colleges-39; secular colleges-8.

Those who will attend junior college in Fort Dodge next fall are: James English, Constance Collob, Alvin Hart, Norman Hoft, Joseph Culver, Paul Wright, Kelly Smith, Sue Risetter, John Webster, Edward Ruddy, Paul Stevens, Christine Grannan, Carol Mahany, Sheila Mallinger, Marcia Mulroney, George Hedegard, Colleen O'Leary, Matthew Conway, Margaret Fachman, Craig Balm, Ernest Peters, Janice Kemp, Frank Morse, David Klinger, James Mitchell, Robert Donahoe, Douglas Meyer, Michael Gentile, Donna Wiese, Carol Tracy, Carolyn Powers, Daniel Pingel, Tom Segreto, Loren Hood, Ron Rusnak, Colleen Stirling, Karen St. John, Bill Hruska, Janet Malloy, John Clements, and Tom Blanchet.

The 39 members of the Class of 64 who will attend Catholic colleges include: William Hood, Patrick Kearney, Bill O'Leary, Jim O'Leary, and Larry Underberg, St. Benedicts: John Bednar and Steve Ryan, St. Mary's of Winona; John Anderson and Patrick O'Brien, St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.; Mark McCarville, Steve Stedman, and Doug Goodrich, Loras; Daniel

Cole, James Worley, John Crawford, and Bruce Schwering, Creighton; Michael Flaherty, Immaculate Conception seminary, Conception, Mo.; Brian McTigue, Notre Dame; Maureen Micus, Sacred Heart College, Detroit; Marcia Perry and Janele Castagnoli, Mt. St. Clare, Clinton; Lois McNeilly, Marymount College; Margaret Quade, Mt. Lor-Dubuque; Christine Oberg and Marsha Welp, St. Catherine's; Janet Hanson and Marcia Bickford, Clarke College, Dubuque; Carol Fitzgerald and Portia Walz, Briar Cliff; Michaeleen Deaner and Agnes Mallinger, St. Mary's, Omaha; Jean O'Connell, St. Teresa; Barbara Hickey, Mt. Mercy; and Alice Breen, Mt. St. Scholastica.

Iowa State University in Ames was the choice of Kenneth Buchanan, Linda Segebart, Steve Dapper, Frank Kopish, and John English. Gary Ray will continue his education at Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne, Nebraska. Joe Rees will attend the College of Art in Oakland, Cal.; Mary Kurt and Paula Bestick have nursing in mind for a career and plan on going to St. Joseph School of Nursing in Sioux

There are seven St. Edmond High graduates who will enter business school next fall: Peggy Maguire, Bernel's Beauty College; Mark Webster and Beverly Coughlon, A.I.B.; Norman Pliner, Universal Trade School of Omaha; William Maguire, N.B.T. in Sioux City; Rosemary Gochee and Teresa Hrus-

Twenty-six members of the class are planning on going into the business world following gradua-

Two Added To Faculty

Two new faces will be added to the ranks of the St. Edmond faculty next year. John Shehan will replace Tony Kaminski who has accepted a position at La Salle High School in Cedar Rapids. Mr. Shehan is a graduate of the State College of Iowa where his major was biological sciences and his minor was physical education. He coached and taught at Albia, Iowa, this year. Shehan will be assistant coach in all sports and will teach biology and general science.

A new mathematics teacher in the person of Clyde Tahara will also supplement our faculty. Tahara, like Shehan, is from State College of Iowa. His major was mathematics and his minor was music. He is presently teaching in Sabula, Iowa.

Mrs. Donald Heires, part-time instructor of speech and dramatics, this year, will turn her talents to full-time teaching next year. She will conduct English, Spanish, and dramatics classes.

McCarthy Score Tops In Latin Exam

Thirty-seven St. Edmond students scored high in this spring's National Latin contest.

Nancy McCarthy, a sophomore with a score of 118 out of a possible 120, and Barbara Christenson, a junior scoring 115, received certificates of Superlative Merit and an Auxilium Latinum medal pin.





Certificates of eminent merit for scores between 110 and 115 were awarded to: Lois McNeilly, Christine Oberg, Cheri Welp, Tim Savage, and Michelle Rodenborn.

The following merited the Superior Merit certificates with scores between 100 and 110: John Bednar, Jean O'Connell, Dan Pingel, Marian Ryan, Mary Kay McTigue, Dan Lawler, Carolyn Kruger, Diane Jankowiak, Joe Halbach, Mary Condon, Evonne Condon, Stephanie Bednar, and Lois Bradley.

Achievement certificates of Honorable Mention were awarded to: Tom Segreto, Margaret Condon, Robert Shaw, John Kruger, Jan Stevens, Caroline Sheker, Charles Pliner, Barbara Nolan, Mary Ann King, Noel Adams, Marnell Durschmidt, Mark Crawford, Dean Brown, Kathleen McCormick, Barbara Hammer, and John Brown.

Father Munn Gives Baccalaureate Address

On Wednesday, May 27, the Rev. Thomas Munn will address the graduating seniors in the annual Baccalaureate Mass. Father Munn is the chaplain at Woodward State Hospital and teaches history at Granger, Iowa, which is in the Des Moines diocese. The purpose of the Baccalaureate address is to give some final instruction to the graduating group before they leave the confines of the secondary insti-

Under the Crowns

A STAR IN THE HEAVENS

by Paul Stevens

The Saint Edmond Class of '64's ship and its crew were only ten days from their destination. Together they had braved the storms and hardships, the winds and waves of four years on the sea of high school life. They were a close-knit group and together they shared all the victories, all the spoils, and now they must share the hardships. One of the crew was lost. God washed him from the ship, for this crew member was not destined to attain the goal his fellow mates will soon reach. His loss will be felt deeply by the rest of the crew. He was very popular with his shipmates and his humor and wit, along with his modest, easy-going personality, many times uplifted the spirit of the crew in time of sadness. Now the crew, one less in number, must continue on. And sorrow will be a glue for our ship, a glue that will tighten the Class of '64 together and hold it steadfast in its course. His memory shall never be forgotten -for the night after he was taken, a star appeared in the heavens, a star though insignificant among millions which will forever serve as a guiding light to the ship. And we can only pray that a hundred years from now, you and I will join Denny Lentsch, Class of '64, in heaven and become stars also, stars which might lead future generations to their destinations in life. May God bless his soul.

EDUCATION WITHOUT PAIN

By Father R. J. Waters Director of Guidance

The thought perhaps has occurred to but a few, but is nevertheless true, that we the teachers are also here in this Catholic high school to learn. This is the real greatness of the teaching profession: you never quite arrive, you are never finished. Education can always be better. We must "trip merrily along" the way to perfection, without ever really reaching the goal. The exploration must go on!

We the teachers, especially those of us who played any part, however small, in the Spring Musical, so beautifully performed on our stage recently, learned. We learned that student talent can never be underestimated. We saw the athlete take to the boards of the stage for dance, as bravely, as expertly, as manly, as he took to the boards of the basketball court, or the cinders of the track. We enjoyed beyond measure seeing the serious top-ranking student, the somewhat slower scholars as well, join ranks with equal sincerity and devotion (not to mention, skill), to work for a common cause. What they must have learned and taught each other, in the best sense of these words! We noticed, too, the senior and the freshman who had never met before, and chances are great they never would have met, form a wholesome friendship. Now, when they meet in the halls, or on the dance floor, or on the street, they can smile at each other a smile which glows with the knowledge of having shared a very successful and happy living experience.

The students were taught and taught at one and the same time. The teachers taught and learned simultaneously and the audience learned and taught others. All this was accomplished through the media of song and dance. Truly, "education without pain."

So you see it is true, we didn't really know you, we had not completely taught you, we had not seen the best you had to offer, until we all "experienced" our show—until we had seen our performances in the classroom of lights, curtains, make up and costume. Please, let this "show" go on—.

Creed For Teen-Ager

A Kansas judge, J. L. Naff, has prepared a "Creed for A Teen-Ager," which he gives to young people whenever he has an opportunity.

It is worthy of serious consideration by all young people. Here it is:

I believe that every day it is my duty to myself to develop a well-rounded, radiant personality, using the abilities which I myself possess.

I am going to improve my health, my figure, my appearance, my voice, my enunciation and diction.

I am going to learn from Nature and from man because I believe in the state of joyous growth; a growth toward beauty of the physical being, a growth toward knowledge and power of the mental being, and a growth toward God of the spiritual being.

I am going to use the gracious ways in my contact with others, holding fast to the resolve to do all things in love and humility. Softness often conquers where rough opposition fortifies.

I am going to strive for true wisdom by welcoming higher ideals and aspirations. Wisdom is a knowledge which leads to perfect happiness by discerning man's real wants and sovereign desires.

I am going to develop my senses in the appreciation of beauty that I may more clearly see the infinite beauty and glory of the whole world as well as the beauties which exist in the thoughts and actions of those all around me. Increase of physical coincides with increase of soul beauty.

I am going to live valiantly, finding the great in what is small, repaying injury with kindness, remembering that the more I give others, the more I will have for my own.

I am going to desire only what I am capable of possessing, knowing that the good which belongs to me will come to me; the tight clutch cannot hold what is not mine.

I am going to acquire the daily habit of prayer and meditation, giving my first thought on waking to God. I am going to practice the Golden Rule—"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them!"

IN MEMORIAM



DENNIS LENTSCH 1945-1964

Vanishing Americana

America has had more than its fair shares of resources and customs smashed to pieces by the never yielding wheels of progress.

Our streams and lakes and minds have been polluted by a society which moves ahead so fast that it has no time to look back at the destruction it has caused.

But fear not! This time the Admen and production managers who have so much say as to what will influence our lives have gone too far. They're taken the liberty to tamper with an American tradition as old as the Lady in New York harbors. They've tampered with the beer bottle.

Let your imagination take you to the year 2,000. It's a hot summer night and you and the wife are in the mood for some real gusto. She walks to the refrigerator and takes out a couple of bottles. Walking back to the porch, she stops to salute the picture of Lenin on the wall, yes, America is Communist dominated! She hands you your bottle(s) and you flip the cap off with your little finger as you've done so many times in the past. But this time you stop and think. You remember back in 1964 pop top bottles were the new thing. You remember that you didn't like them but that the lady on TV had said they're the "most fun since the pop top cans." So you went along with the masses and did not

Then the beer companies innovated more and more changes. They bought more and more time on the TV networks and had a well dressed man and woman appear on the silver screen and tell you how all of these changes were for "the good of the people." Time progressed and all the beer companies mergered and raised their prices. It did no good to protest because the president of the national was also president of Hamms. He had been elected because of his promise to return all the sky blue waters that had been polluted. Then the next thing you knew-domination. The leaders of the beer companies were communist and you were a "comrade." And all because you were content to ride along with the mass medium and not complain.

But this is not the year 2,000! This is 1964. Speak out now! Write to your congressman and tell him you don't like the subtle changes that are taking place.

(Write him about water pollution while you're at it.)

All those seeking an explanation to the above editorial, see Bill O'Leary. (Continued from page 1)

vilion was also very interesting. Both Dan and Sister had planned to visit the Dupont Co. exhibit, but "the line was always too long. We would have had to wait all day to see it."

During their three days in New York, Sister and her companion, Sister Mary Carlyle, FSPA, of Carroll Kuemper, stayed at night at the Kennedy Child Study Center, operated by the Daughters of Charity. While in New York, they assisted at two Masses celebrated by Sister Mary Generosa's brother.

After moving on to Baltimore and setting up Cole's project, Dan and Sister toured scenic Baltimore and its famous harbor. They were also shown through Fort McHenry, and Sister declared this one of the highlights of the tour.

On May 6 they visited the Martin Company, where the Project Gemini launch vehicle is presently being built. Cole remarked at the cleanliness and safety precautions taken there. "It was cleaner than most hospital operating rooms," he said.

The next day the pair were given a guided tour of Johns Hopkins Hospital of Baltimore. The hospital is six blocks square and specializes in "everything" Cole said.

According to Cole, they saved the best for last. On the last day of their stay in Baltimore he was given a tour of the United States Food and Drug Administration laboratory, which he thought was the most interesting of the Baltimore tours.

Sister Mary Generosa toured the

Agricultural Research Center of the United States Department of Agriculture in Bellsville, Maryland. She declared that the tour was "very interesting."

On leaving Baltimore, the tall senior and his pedagogue proceeded to Washington, D. C., where they visited the White House, Capitol, Senate and House of Representative chambers, and the Lincoln Memorial. They also toured Georgetown University and the Iranian Embassy, which Sister termed beautiful.

While in Washington, they were to be addressed by President Johnson, but the president was unable to put in an appearance.

Dan and Sister arrived back in Fort Dodge on Monday, May 11.

On their return, both were asked what, aside from the fair, they liked best of anything they saw, or did while they were away.

Cole chose the tour of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. "It was the first time I ever had any cognizance of the care with which our government protects us from quackery, unfit foods, and harmful drugs," he admitted with wonder.

For Sister the decision was a little tougher. "I don't know," she said. "It's hard to say because it was all very interesting, very educational, and very different. It certainly was a wonderful trip."

For his winning effort, Cole, who intends to become a doctor, was also awarded an invitation to attend the American Veterinary Medicine Association's annual meeting in Chicago next July.



COLE'S WINNING PROJECT



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SPRING FESTIVAL COMPLETE SUCCESS



The annual Spring Concert held by the St. Edmond music departments was another walloping success and much credit is due to the fine acting and dancing of a few of the cast. Shown above is a sequence from a Charleston routine done by, from left: Rich Bestick, Peggy Cognini, Jim Bocken, and Laurie Lennon. Another noteworthy part of the festival was the "Hello, Dolly" excerpt by Doug Goodrich, Gary Ray, Gary Peterson, Larry Buchanan, Steve Miller, Bob Donahoe, and Janet Hanson as Dolly. Hats off to another fine effort by Sister Michaelo, Mrs. Groff, Mrs. Cervene, and the entire supporting cast.

HONORS BESTOWED ON 227

Two hundred and twenty-seven students were given awards at the annual St. Edmond's honors assembly, May 21. The honors included: those students who have been on the honor roll for the first three quarters and semester: Seniors Douglas Goodrich, Marsha Welp, Daniel Cole, and Stephan Ryan; Junior Margaret Welch; Sophomores Carolyn Kruger, Nancy Mc-Carthy, Timothy Savage, and Michelle Rodenborn; Freshmen Kathleen McCormack, Barbara Ham-mer, Jane Mills, Marilyn Kruger, Judith McCarthy, Donna Gochee, and Kevin Maggio. Perfect attendance for the year was attained by eighteen seniors, twenty juniors, twenty-three sophomores, and thirty-six freshmen.

Awarded membership in the St. Edmond Chapter of the National Forensic League were Mary Ann Cahill, John Kruger, Ted Underberg, Margaret Welch, Stephanie Bednar, Nancy McCarthy, Kay McTigue, Judith Mills, and Tim Savage. Letters in debate were also earned by Margaret Welch, Mary Ann Cahill, John Kruger, and Ted Underberg. "All-lowa Superior Debater" certificates were given to Senior debaters Brian McTigue, Daniel Pingel, Tom Segreto, and Daniel Cole.

For outstanding work over the past four years in Dramatics a pin was awarded to Marcia Bickford.

Certificates of Educational Development for outstanding performance in the National Educational Development Tests taken March 9 were awarded to eighteen sophomores and thirty-three freshmen.

MATHEMATICS:

First Place Winner at St. Edmond's in the Annual High School Mathematics Contest sponsored by The Mathematical Association of America and The Society of Actuaries is *Brian McTigue—(Pin awarded to him).

Award of Honor to:

*Tom Underberg—2nd place

*Steve Dapper—3rd place

MUSIC AWARDS:

For their outstanding work in the Mixed Chorus this year, special awards are being given to:

*Doug Goodrich *Janet Hanson

BAND AWARDS:

Four year band awards to: Letter & Gold Bar to: Richard Vohs.

Gold Bars to: Edward Ruddy, Portia Walz, Peggy Fachman, Teresa Hruska, Peggy Maguire.

Third Year Band-Gold Bar:

Barbara Christenson, Charlotte Kelley, Jane McCarville, Steve Miller, Joseph Kelley, Pat Loots, Robert Shaw, William Bunker, Carmen Condon, Joseph Peed.

TRACK LETTERMEN:

The track letters were awarded to: John Bednar, Norm Hoft, Steve Stedman, Jim Worley, Greg Sells, Doug Meyer, Jim O'Leary, Bill O'Leary, Steve Dapper, Pat Loots, Dan Day, Dennis Semprini, Jim Brokaw, and Gary Peterson. Student Manager letter to Richard Scott.

Track man of the year was Doug Meyer, a three-year letterman.

"WHEN SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU DIES, YOU MUST GO RIGHT ON LIVING."

Dennis Lentsch, May 10, 1964

Tri-Crown Salutes

by Bill Hood

Three cheers to the music department. The performances by the mixed chorus, glee club was really enjoyable. So was the concert presented by the band.

We have a very fine music department this year, and should be especially proud of the fine work of Sister Mary Michaelo and Mr. Drollinger.

Lauds to the five top students Lois, Doug, Dan, Chris, and Brian, our delegates to the achievement banquet.

Hats off to the track team for their fine victory at the district meet.

More congratulations to Chris Oberg for her victory in the state labor contest.

It has been the policy of this column to praise the works of our students. However, the author, with George Washington's passion for the truth and the Saturday Evening Post's desire for justice (sophisticated muckraking) we feel that we must expose Dan Cole as a fraud. His square wave was actually only a rhombus, and his rabbits trained to sleep on command. We do congratulate the rabbits for their talent. They had the National Science judges faked out.

A "way to go there" to the golf squad for their fourth place finish in the Diocesan golf meet.

Congratulations to Doug Pingel -future student body president.

A few words from the mouths of the Tri-Crown staff are hardly valid praise. But we have the words of Mrs. William O'Leary who says, "This paper is very good; I read it from cover to cover." Her statements were echoed by Mr. and Mrs. Underberg, Stevens, and Hood.

IT SEEMS TO BE

by Bill Hood

There are times when words are just poor symbols. Words, feelings, emotions—all are inadequate. We are only human. Time, life goes on and we are powerless to change it. We may influence some lives; but in the end it is the individual who decides. We guide our own fate. We may have been great in another time, or a different locale. But we are victims of the times, and our geography.

The important, tangible things are now, as the recent tragedy has shown. There is no guarantee; the way of life is not a straight paththere are no traffic signs. We need a motivation. Here they try to motivate the student through grades and personal contact. At times, I feel that really this mark isn't worth working for. A grade is just a symbolic pencil mark, but it stays with us; we may forget about it but it is indelible. Knowledge is a great thing. But wisdom is even greater. Some knowledge includes pure factual information. Wisdom is deeper. Wisdom probes the facts for the why-the why of man's existence, the why of humanity. But who is wise? Does a wise man know that he is wise? A wise man sees himself in relation to the world. Just what are any of us? There are pygmies in Africa who have never seen anything to compare with our lives. There are people who hate and live to destroy the faith of Christ. There are people who are indifferent and callous to the cries of the world. It's nice to dream, to think about things and to just forget about all the problems in the world. But you can't hide. Sure we are fortunate. Our local poverty is small. We can ignore it if we don't look too hard, but in half the world it cannot be ignored. It's a way of life.

Poverty, disease, antagonisms, blood and for what? Humanity is far from perfect. We have less concern for each other than some animals. Our sense of self protection is too great. We don't want to get involved. God has given us much. I think about the cruelty of life, and wonder where is the space age going. Has man moved closer to Christ now that he has harnessed the atom?

Yes, we have advanced. But how far? The theme of this age is how to succeed without really trying, how to climb the heap—look out over the top and exhibit your status symbol.

Do you know that religious attendance has had its first decline since the war, that Americans are the most generous people on earth? What we don't give away, Uncle Sam does. But what is our foreign aid going for? Excuse my ignorance but I've got the impression that a good deal of it is military: you be our allies and we'll build you a fleet. Sure for what? Our freedom is precious, but just where is our democracy going? How many five-year-old atheists do you know? Our benevolent supreme court is protecting them tonight. This column has veered quite a bit from its usual motif-but you have to be in the mood for that kind of stuff and I'm not. The world will roll on and on, people will live, suffer, and die. There's not much we can do for the world-but it is doing something for us. It is giving us our chance. We have only one life; when it's all over. there's no chance to call in the reserves. The game is over. The seniors are leaving. They will go out and face the world. The world, themselves, and God will judge what they do. They may make mistakes, hurt others, fail, succeed, or lie stagnant. Some of us may let our brain relax and give up thinking. The reason knowledge or wisdom is so valuable is because the more truth you know, the more you love God. There is an image of the Creator in all truth. Happiness is hard to attain. We look for it all the time. We go to movies, dances, read; but a lot of this is really diversion, not moving us in any direction. Real happiness comes from love. Most of us teenagers are too selfish and confused to really appreciate truth, or intrinsic value. We buy the cover but not the core. We let too much of our desires disguise what our heart needs and wants. we need compassion. Pity is cheap, really quite worthless; but compassion has value. Value, if we realize that all the sorrow on the earth is due to sin. Adam put sin and sadness on the earth. This is easy to deny, impossible to prove to an atheist, but it is a truth. The greater a sinner becomes, the more he depends upon his sin for more diversion; the more sin in the world, the more suffering. What confuses us is that often the people who do the most sinning don't appear to be suffering. will, and they do. The worst suffering is not physical. It is spiritual, knowing you have a purpose in life, and ignoring it for a lower motive. So we are back to St. Ed's. Few people encounter starving skeletons-or depraved dirty old men on their way to school; but we

We can all afford a lot of diversions. We can relax and let the wide-spread mediocrity numb our minds. We may live our lives in uninvolved comfort. But may I suggest that we all make a small effort to feel some of the pain of our fellow man. To not try and live our lives ignoring them. We intend to love and aid our fellow men. If all the love squandered on puppies, kittens, and ponies could be divided and given to the lepers, the outcasts, and those who displease us, the world would be better off. Give a man a helping hand, he may bite it—but someday you may encounter a person who really appreciates the good word, or the gift. There is joy in giving. Far more important than the gift is the love of the giver. Now if there are any persistent chaps who are still with us remember if everyone lit just one little candle it would be a bright world.

A human candle can be a torch or a stink bomb. But if you give just a little more light now than before—who knows what may happen.

Senior class valedictorian Christine Oberg won a \$500 scholarship in the Iowa Federation of Labor Contest. Miss Oberg topped a field of 600 in the statewide competition.

The winner was decided on the basis of a 500 word essay on the problems the labor movement will face in the sixties.

Miss Oberg plans to use the money to defray expenses at St. Catherine's College, St. Paul, Minn. Senior Margaret Fachman was awarded the President's Scholarship in the amount of \$350. The scholarship is designed to cover expenses of students of Duchesne College.

However, Miss Fachman is planning to attend Fort Dodge Community College next fall and intends to determine whether or not she can apply the sum to her second year expenses at Duchesne.

CINDERMEN TAKE DISTRICT MEET



Ten members of the St. Edmond track team represented their school in the state track meet, May 23. They include, from left to right: Coach Jerry Thomsen, Steve Dapper, Dennis Semprini, Jim Brokaw, Doug Meyer, Gary Peterson, Bill O'Leary, Pat Loots, Jim O'Leary, Dan Day, and Greg Sells. Dapper, the Gael of the Month, set two new school records in both the low and the high hurdles.

GAEL OF MONTH



Steve Dapper was chosen as the final Gael of the Month for this school year. The lanky senior has collected the most points of any individual in track this season with fifty-four. Coach Thomson had this to say about Steve, "a wonderful person and a good athlete; worked hard every night on the hurdles; a good sense of humor and a good inspiration to the other kids." Dapper won the diocesan high jump with a leap of 5'4". He broke the school low hurdles mark of 21.4 with a time of 21.3, in the District at Cherokee. He plans to break the school high hurdles record in the upcoming state meet. May 23. The school record in 120 high hurdles is 16.4 seconds; Dapper's best time is 16.6 at Cherokee and Belmond. Other accomplishments of the three-year letterman include: winning both hurdles at the Belmond Relays; capturing first place in the high hurdles in a meet against Webster City; qualifying for both high and low hurdles in the state track meet.

COMING EVENTS

May 25-26—Seniors' Tests
May 27—Baccalaureate Mass
May 27-28—Undergraduates semester exams

May 31—Graduation in gym— 2:30 p.m.

May 31-Aug. 28—No School Aug. 28—Beginning of School Schedules Issued

Bits and Pieces

by Paul Stevens

Cleaning up the desk at the end of the year has turned up some interesting bits of information concerning the basketball and track season.

Coach Don Romes, who had a creditable initial season of 14 wins and seven losses and the Diocesan championship, had these evaluations of the seniors leaving the team:

"In John Anderson, we had our leading scorer and rebounder.
John's 20.5 average was the highest in the school's history and he also had the one game high of 50 points.

"Doug Goodrich was the best allaround player on the squad. He is a good shooter, feeder, rebounder, and defensive man. He averaged 17 points a game.

"Greg Sells was very strong on the boards and he always gave 100%.

"Ron Rusnak was a part-time regular and an excellent outside shooter.

"Steve Dapper was a part-time regular and a boy who gave his best.

"Gary Ray was a part-time regular.
"Mick Flaherty was a reserve

center with a good hook shot and was tough on the boards.

"Doug Meyer was a good ballhandler and a hard worker.

"Craig Balm was a fine little man who was a good ballhandler, a clutch shooter, and a hustler." That about does it for the basketball season. The current sport is track and Coach Jerry Thomsen, also in his first year, had this to say about the senior cindermen who were members of the fine squad that took the District at Cherokee.

Cherokee. Steve Dapper — "A wonderful person and a good athlete. Worked hard every night on the hurdles. A good sense of humor and also a good inspiration to the younger kids."

Greg Sells—"A tremendous person as well as a good athlete. A true competitor, taking any obstacle and attempting to conquer it. A real inspiration to the younger set of athletes by his desire and hard work."

Doug Meyer—"A fine half-miler who showed he had enough guts to not let anyone pass him in the final stretch."

John Bednar—"First year out for track. With hard work he made the varsity two mile relay team. Probably did the roughest workout every night even though his feet constantly ache from fallen arches."

Norm Hoft — "A person who thought he was doing the best he could. Has good running form, but with a little more kick could have run a very fast mile."

Steve Stedman—"A good strong half-miler who has done quite well in the two mile relay."

Bill O'Leary—"A slow start but has come on considerably. In fact, he has blossomed out to be both a quarter miler and a sprinter."

Jim Worley—"A little guy who kept pace with about any half-miler under competition in the two-mile relay."

Jim O'Leary — "A fine quarter miler and 220 man. His running stride is very unique but covers the track very rapidly. Good sense of humor and team morale builder."

Forty Girls In League Bowling

One of the lesser-known or publicized activities on the St. Edmond sports slate is the girl's bowling leagues. There are forty girls in this league who are divided into ten teams. The teams include: Pinsters, Top Kats, Sparemakers, Holy Rollers, Jinks, Gutters, Ten Pinners, Lowly Bowlers, Pinheads, and Barnadies. The top bowlers and their averages are listed below: Seniors

Rosemary Gochee 115 Paula Bestick .114 Sylvia Gochee 111 Donna Wiese .. Juniors Terry Andrejka . 131 Mary Sue Hayes 120 Sandy Derrig119 Sandy Ludwig .114

 Pam Knous
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 Sophomores
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 Barbara Jorgenson
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 Karem Kolocia
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 Dee Bednar
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 Tarfa New
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 Freshmen

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Baseball Prospects Appear Good

With track season drawing to a close, practice for St. Edmond summer baseball began Monday, May 18. Approximately thirty-five prospects turned out. Some of last year's lettermen returning are: Tom Cain, Bob Flattery, Craig Balm, Tom Anderson, Richard Rieff, and Phil Condon. There are several prospects for this year's team who played for the Demons last year. They include Tom Hermans, Mark Crawford, and Tom Hoerchler.

Coach Don Romes feels that with a large group of regulars returning from last year's team, the season could hold much promise. He said that work will commence on the diamond after school has ended. Cheerleaders will not be present, and so the students will have to support the team.

Coach Romes announced the schedule for this season which will run from June 5 to July 6. There will be five homes games, all of which will begin at 5:00. The first games will be at the St. Edmond diamond against Rockwell City. Besides the regular schedule, there are two games pending with Bancroft Legion and one with Carroll Kuemper.

THE SCHEDULE

June 5—Rockwell City Here 5:00 June 12—Pocahontas Legion Here 5:00

June 15—Rockwell City There 5:00 June 17—Algona Garrigan There

June 28—Boone There 7:45 June 28—Pocahontas Legion There

June 29—Boone Here 5:00 July 2—Algona Garrigan Here 5:00 July 6—Webster City There

Cheerleaders Chosen

The six St. Edmond varsity cheerleaders for next year are Marge Welch, Judy Jennings, Judy Mitchell, Jane Rodenborn, Janet Whelchel, and Stephanie Bednar. Mary Sue Hayes was chosen as alternate. Congratulations are extended to these girls who will represent our school next year.

Shouts of "We're so happy" reflected within the bus as the Gael cindermen rejoiced over the capture of the District title. The clamors also signified their jubilation in earning a trip to the state meet May 23.

This was the first time in the school's history that the track men have won a meet. Last year Garrigan was defeated but that was in a dual. It was also the most trophies and medals ever captured by a St. Edmond team in a single contest. A total of seventeen gold medals, one silver, a number of ribbons and four trophies was the booty brought home.

The meet was run on a night when many of the other district contests were seen fit to be postponed.

The five first places came in the 880 relay, (Dennis Semprini, Dan Day, Jim O'Leary, Greg Sells) and medley Relay (Pat Loots, Dan Day, Greg Sells) and Day, Greg Sells, and Doug Meyer), the 440 relay (Dennis Semprini, Gary Peterson, Bill O'Leary, Greg Sells) and mile relay (Pat Loots, Dan Day, Jim O'Leary, Doug Meyer) and Steve Dapper came in first in the 180 yd. low hurdles with a 21.3 (new school record). Steve also took second in the high hurdles at 16.1, one tenth of a second behind the first place winner.

The two mile relay team (Norm Hoft, John Bednar, Jim Worley, Steve Stedman) just missed qualifying for state as they came in third.

Dennis Semprini, besides qualified in the one hundred yard dash by running 10.3—one tenth of a second under the state standard of 10.4. Jim Brokaw came in fourth in the discus but qualified because his effort was five inches over the state standard of 135 ft. His throw was also 13 ft. 5 in. farther than his previous best of 122.

It is expected that the school record will fall in every relay with the possible exception of the mile medley, which will have to cut off three seconds in order to beat last year's state team.

Four Records Set In State Meet

Friday, May 22, ten Gael trackmen journeyed to lowa City for the state Class A track meet. The squad consisted of Greg Sells, Jim O'Leary, Doug Meyer, Steve Dapper, Bill O'Leary, Dennis Semprini, Jim Brokaw, and Gary Peterson.

The team did not do as well as expected, as the 880 yard relay team was the only one to place.

Six seemed to be an unlucky number. Steve Dapper came in sixth in the low hurdles, as did the 440, mile, medley mile relay teams. Jim Brokaw did not qualify in the discus throw. He threw the discus 120 feet, far below his 135 foot effort at the district meet. Dennis Semprini also failed to qualify in the hundred yard dash. He ran it in 10.5.

Despite the meager point total of the team, four school records fell. They were in the mile relay, 3:36.1; 880 relay, 1:33.7; the high hurdles, 16.3; and the low hurdles, 20.4

Although the team finished with only four points, it is the best showing a St. Edmond track team has ever made, and Coach Thomsen was well pleased.