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Going to Moscow

Father George Bissonnette, former high school and college professor and baseball coach, has recently been issued a visa by the Soviet Embassy in Washington for his entry into Russia. He will relieve Father Louis-Robert Brassard, once high school dean and college treasurer, of his duties as embassy chaplain in Moscow.

Father George assumes this charge as a direct result of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement of 1933, which provides the embassy with the right to a Catholic chaplain. He will be the fourth Roman Catholic priest to go under this provision. All have been Assumptionists.

The first, Father Leopold Braun, who remained for 12 years before being ousted by the Russian authorities on rather nonsensical charges, last year lectured to the student body on his exploits. Father Antonio Laberge, who served for the three years following, is actually professor of Latin and of Russian in the College Department.

At the age of 31, Father Bissonnette is, of all four, the best prepared for the formidable task awaiting him. Lately he received his M. A. degree from the Russian Center of Fordham University after a year and a half's study. Since September '52, he has been furthering his knowledge of Russian at Georgetown University.

An Assumption graduate of '39, High School, and '43, College, he was a classmate of Father Theodore Lussier, now master-of-novices at the Quebec Noviciate, with whom

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Our Bishop Speaks

This year's first Assumption Book Forum was held November 17, in the Assumption Auditorium, under the chairmanship of Fr. Vincent Dolbec. The first speaker of the year was Bishop John J. Wright, who reviewed the recently published book, "Our Bishop Speaks". The subject of his lecture, "Social Thought of the American Hierarchy," stressed particularly the importance and the significance of the Catholic Hierarchy and also its opinions on the various



present day problems facing the country.

He detailed carefully problems such as labor and management, education and racial discrimination, repudiating at the same time the false idea that the Catholic Church is a censoring body whose main work is condemning movies, books and the like. The Church is not as restrictive as it is progressive and constructive, he said. The letters contained in this book were written by prelates "typically American and intensely Catholic" and are in greater majority "progressive, practical, moderate, and above all, American."

As he concluded his talk, he assured us that if the tyrannical forces of socialism or communism were to invade our shores "the Catholic Hierarchy would produce its full quota of champions of personal freedom and religious independence."

After having given this truly enlightening exposé of the Church's place in American problems he answered the questions asked by the audience. His answer to one in particu-

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NEW COACH

Not a stranger to a basketball court, "Charlie" Bibaud, new Assumption coach, played four years on the Assumption High team and was a well-known figure on the College five.

After successfully coaching the Greyhound baseball team last spring, Charley is now taking charge of the High School basketball squad. Receiving his basketball "savvy" under the coaching of Brother Donat Durand and Bob Cousy's summer school, Charley started putting it into practice, coaching last year's J. V. Now comes his big test. Known as one of the youngest basketball coaches in New England, he may this season prove to be one of the best.

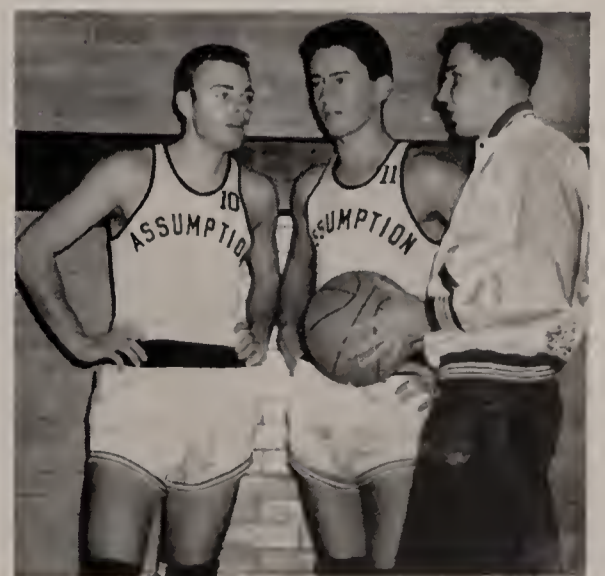
Charley has a way of keeping the respect of the players under him, though he is but a few years older than some of the boys. He is well liked by everyone on the squad, this being an important factor in coaching a successful team.

Stressing very aggressive offense and de-

fense, Charley should have one of the fastest, most alert, hardest fighting squads in the city. The main point of his offense is the famous weave, alternated with a series of plays that brought Holy Cross to the N. C. A. A. tournament in '49.

The two big mainstays of this year's squad

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Tenir Ses Résolutions ... Ha!

Avez-vous déjà pris vos résolutions pour l'année 1953? Alors (franchement parlant) si quelqu'un par malheur vous demandait de les lui énumérer, pourriez-vous? Ah! il est certain que la nouvelle année nous présente une double occasion: tout d'abord, celle de prendre des résolutions et ensuite (et particulièrement) celle de les oublier.

Sincèrement, qui d'entre vous parlera au mois de février des résolutions prises au début de l'année?

L'année est à peine entamée et chacun de nous a plus d'une fredaine (bien grosse quelquefois) sur la conscience.

Pourquoi donc les oublie-t-on ces résolutions? Il me semble que la raison est excessivement simple: nous croyons que nos résolutions sont bonnes, fermes, et utiles, — mais en réalité, elles ne le sont pas.

Beaucoup d'élèves pensent qu'on prend des résolutions pour le "fun"; uniquement par habitude. Ils ne pensent guère aux motifs sérieux auxquels ils nous obligent à recourir.

Avant tout, il faut bien savoir le sens et le but de chacune de nos résolutions. Il est absolument nécessaire que nous les choissions avec une attention spéciale. Ainsi nous formerons de bonnes résolutions.

Est-ce nécessaire de vous rappeler que la résolution doit être ferme? N'oubliez pas cependant qu'une résolution n'est pas une "joke". Enfin il faut choisir une résolution utile; utile à nous personnellement en nous aidant à nous corriger d'un défaut, utile à notre prochain en le rendant meilleur. Avec ces trois qualités, certes, nous serons plus convaincus de la nécessité de tenir nos résolutions.

Nous pouvons tous profiter de bonnes résolutions!

Normand Sauvé '54

SPARKLING START

We're not slowing down for anybody and we're not losing without a good fight", said Charlie Bibaud during the pre-season scrimmages. Thus far, the fast-breaking and good ball-handling Little Greyhounds have lived up to the challenging words of their young and ambitious coach. In seven starts, they have dropped but one and slowed down?? not yet.

Our quintet downed Prouty in the opener without too much trouble they looked good all the way they were calm their superiority was evident. The next four games were all hard fought: Trade, Classical and St. Peter all bowed to the Assumption speedsters, while Leominster upset the Greyhounds in the final quarter.

The Trade, Classical and St. Peter games all followed the same trend. Our precise ball-handling five were quick to take the lead in all three seldom were they behind the first two ended a little on the sensational side while, in the latter, the Greyhounds had a comfortable lead in the final minutes.

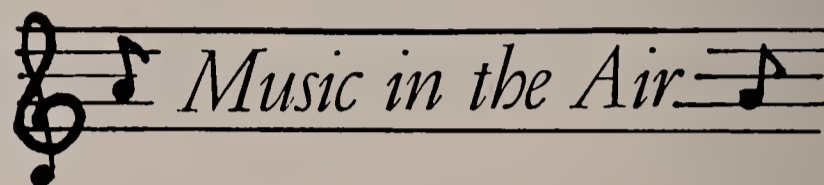
The Leominster game was different: the Greendalers were hot, but so was Leominster. Unlike the previous games, the score changed hands by four or five points several times during the encounter. In the final quarter, height

and familiarity with their box-like gym proved to be decisive factors in the Leominster victory.

Vacation time rolled around and the coming of '53 saw our quintet romp over two smaller schools: Notre Dame and Holy Name.

The outlook for sensation-packed games in the Greendalers gym is bright. Win or lose the Greyhounds will fight 'till the end they've proved this at the Leominster game. They're just waiting for a crack at the champs whether they win or lose, I feel sure our boys will put on a good showing.

Donald Lussier '53



The tedious school day is over. The confining classes are finished for another day. The after effects of a Latin version or a chemistry exam are slowly wearing off and everyone is exhausted. Groups gather outside. And with the opening chorus of "I've Been Working on the Railroad," all the day's troubles seem to disappear. "Music has charms to soothe the savage beast, to soften rocks, to bend the knotted oak" and to relax the anxious minds of tired students.

Attempts to organize this popular pastime into a glee-club have failed in the past. Now with the institution of an active and prospering French club the problem of this extracurricular activity has been made much easier. One night a week has been put aside for group singing. There is every reason to believe that all will enjoy it and welcome this new idea.

This, however, is just a beginning. Later as student interest becomes greater, perhaps it will be possible to form a real glee-club presenting programmes of music much as the classes prepare and present theatrical productions. But we must first show our interest, before leaping into something with which we may not be able to cope.

A song needs voices to sing it. Good or bad, we hope to have them. So looking forward to seeing and hearing some of the more talented (?) virtuosos (?) of the student body on the Monday evenings to come, we anticipate a great success.

"It's a Grand Night for Singing". So let's all join in.

Donat Lamothe '53

THE STUDENT'S CHOICE

Senior Donald Lussier has been proclaimed winner of the Student Government Day election held here at Assumption. Don was the overwhelming choice of the student body as he amassed a total of 157 votes compared to 40 for his opponent. The worthwhile opposition was furnished by another Senior, Mel Dutremble.

On March 13, Lussier will travel to the State House in Boston. There, we all hope, he will make people sit up and take notice of Assumption. Good luck, Don.

Normand Lemaire '53

Pourquoi Parler Français?

Question épineuse, question délicate, qui depuis un certain temps, autour de nous, fait l'objet de discussions assez âpres où on ne cherche même pas à poser en principe que le fait français existe, qu'on ne peut le nier et qu'il faut donc essayer de le comprendre.

Parler français, c'est entrer en communication avec un monde riche de faits et de pensées.

La langue française nous donne d'abord accès à ce grand pays du Canada. Elle nous ouvre la porte sur un peuple qui longtemps a souffert pour ses idéals, ses moeurs, ses institutions, sa langue, sa foi et de cette souffrance est née une connaissance profonde des vérités de la vie. Nos frères Canadiens sont sortis de cette lutte avec une ardeur, un enthousiasme, une hardiesse, un culte de la famille et surtout un sens profond du Catholicisme que beaucoup pourraient leur envier. Le culte de la famille! Si c'était la seule chose que les Etats-Unis puisse acquérir du Canada, ce serait déjà un trésor formidable. L'amour du foyer, l'amour des enfants, c'est là une des plus magnifiques prérogatives et aussi une des plus grandes richesses de ce pays fécond. C'est peut-être justement parce qu'ils n'ont pas ce culte de la famille que les Américains sont toujours à se demander pourquoi ils ne sont pas heureux, pourquoi leur vie est tellement superficielle. Cependant les Canadiens sont surtout remarquables pour la ferveur de leur Catholicisme. "De la souffrance les Canadiens sont sortis trempés dans les vérités vraiment fondamentales du Christianisme. Ils ont reconnu qu'une vie de prospérité en est une où les lois naturelles, voulues par Dieu, ont été respectées et où les facultés naturelles ont eu leur plus grand développement. Ce ne sont pas les Américains avec leurs "ulcers, neuroses, complexes and millions" qu'on doit admirer, mais les Canadiens qui ont su reconnaître les vérités qui conduisent vers l'ordre de la paix.

Notre français nous donne aussi accès à la France et surtout à sa culture. Elle a tout à nous offrir, cette culture française, car elle est le croisement et comme l'achèvement des deux plus grandes cultures de tous les temps; la culture latine et surtout la culture grecque. Méditez ces paroles d'Henri d'Arles, "Aux origines de la langue française il y a l'hellénisme, l'hellénisme qui fut dans l'ordre intellectuel le plus beau moment de l'antiquité." Les Grecques ont excellé dans presque tous les genres littéraires et restent encore aujourd'hui comme des types exemplaires, presque insurpassables. Maîtres en poésie épique, en lyrisme et surtout dans la philosophie, l'éloquence, et l'histoire, tout leur génie a été assimilé par le français. "Le génie français est un génie d'ordre, de mesure qui respecte la hiérarchie des valeurs, qui met la qualité avant la quantité et qui trouve l'esprit de finesse supérieure à l'esprit de géométrie."

Voici, je crois, quelques raisons qui pousseraient à parler français. L'effort, loin d'être complet, est plutôt languissant, mais au moins s'il peut aboutir à éveiller la curiosité pour les richesses qu'offre cette langue, il aura atteint son but.

Fernand Roy '53



PARENTS' REUNION

On November sixteenth, cars from all parts of New England streamed up the avenue. The parents' reunion, first of its kind, proved to be an encouraging success.

The chapel served as an appropriate gathering-place. The parents were greeted with a heart-warming message by the Superior. Fr. Edgar explained the ambiguities and the deep mysteries of the fateful report-card. The Dean of Men, Fr. Amarin, explained the trouble spots in discipline and the need of cooperation between parent and teacher.

During intermission poured forth into the study and the lengthy passages of the building a tremendous number of much enlightened parents.

The reunion presented an occasion to find out the views of the parents on many points. These impressions we pass on to the students.

If you are under the impression that only deans and "profs" are dissatisfied with your work, think again. We find that the majority of the parents feel that their boys "could do more".

All fathers, and some mothers, too, seem to be avid sport fans. They want to see sports at Assumption. They admire the spirit of the "Boys in Blue & White" but they would rather see us lose if the stars have to turn away in order to grind a little harder at the wheel.

They are much disappointed in the number of cultural activities that the boys present themselves; as to plays, musicals, pageants, and the like, "I think that these things are an integral part of education and of student life", said one parent. They also wanted more social gatherings, more social clubs such as the successful "Amis de l'Assomption". While this parent's reunion did not take on a social aspect, others are being planned which will bring the parents more in contact with one another. Perhaps most outstanding will be a proposed gala occasion to take place in the spring. It will demand tremendous work on the part of the students and unlimited cooperation with the faculty. The result will be an exhibition which the parents have asked for.

Pierre A. Tougas '53

Jean-Paul Page '53

† † DEVOUEMENT



Combien de services nous sont rendus sans attirer notre attention, ni éveiller notre reconnaissance? N'en citerai-je que pour l'exemple, le travail de nos frères convers? Tout comme les machinistes derrière les scènes de théâtre, ils font partie de cet acte du drame de la vie que l'on appelle notre vie scolaire. Ainsi que ces travailleurs obscurs, nos frères et leurs oeuvres demeurent presque inconnus.

Il est tout à fait certain cependant, que sans nos frères, la vie de notre collègue demeurerait incomplète. Dans notre vie d'écolier, ils occupent une place de très haute importance. Ce sont eux qui, par leurs efforts infatigables rendent notre séjour à l'Assomption plus agréable.



Cependant jetons aujourd'hui un regard derrière les coulisses de notre "théâtre" où nous jouons un "acte" de notre vie, et constatons que par leur dévouement ces travailleurs nous permettent de jouer notre part sans anxiété et avec plus de chances de succès.

D'abord, allons droit au but: notre régime. C'est un vrai problème que de nourrir un tel nombre d'élèves; il est d'extrême importance d'avoir un homme très compétent, aux décisions rapides, au coup d'oeil sûr. Vous avez tous reconnu notre cher Frère Armand. Loin de nous d'oublier sa diligente direction de notre magasin. Mais en plus, si nous avons le malheur d'attraper la moindre maladie, de sentir le plus petit bobo, c'est encore le Frère Armand qui se charge de nous soigner avec un coeur de maman à l'infirmierie.



Avez-vous déjà constaté la propreté extérieure aussi bien qu'intérieure de notre maison? Vous vous êtes dit: "Frère Vincent a dû passer par là, frottant, balayant, époussetant corridors et escaliers. Vous la connaissez bien cette bonne tête légendaire de notre Frère Vincent. Dans ce travail peu reluisant, notre Frère montre autant de dévouement que d'acharnement. Que voulez-vous, c'est un breton! Serions-nous capables d'autant d'entêtement dans nos études?"



T SANS FIN † †

Entrez dans nos classes, dans notre salle d'étude. Le Frère Vianney et son équipe y font régner la propreté. Il s'attaque à son travail avec une ardeur, telle qu'il y a dû déjà se reposer à l'hôpital. Rarement avons-nous vu une école aussi propre que la nôtre, grâce au travail inlassable de ces frères.

Il est hors de doute, que nous tous, les élèves, nous aimons nous coucher le soir dans un lit où les draps respirent la fraîcheur et la netteté. Mais avons-nous déjà songé à ceux qui rendent possible cette joie; j'ai nommé notre cher Frère Arthur ainsi que nos dévouées sœurs, qui presque sans arrêt mettent en branle toutes ces grosses machines de la buanderie et du repassage pour servir non seulement l'école supérieure, mais la maison entière. Travailleurs diligents à qui vous devez un peu de gratitude.

Si, en certaines circonstances, vous êtes venus à nos fêtes, vous avez pu constater l'ensemble harmonieux, la recherche de nos mises en scène, les créations toujours originales de la graduation ou à l'occasion de la venue d'un hôte distingué. Demandez donc au Frère Vianney ce que tout cela lui rapporte comme maux de tête et irritation de la bile; il se fait tant un point d'honneur de faire les choses à la perfection. Ajoutez-y le bon rire et le tempérament de notre bon Frère Léopold, et vous aurez là le secret du succès de nos diverses fêtes.

En voulez-vous un autre: vous le reconnaîtrez tout de suite, car il se plaint souvent que son "Cadillac" ne marche pas. Peut-être l'avez-vous vu faire le tour du coin sur deux roues en dirigeant vers le champ de baseball pour couper le gazon. Ce n'est autre que le Frère Roger. Ce jeune homme robuste, toujours souriant, inspire la gaieté partout. Il se montre très habile, non seulement comme conducteur de tracteur, mais encore comme plombier et électricien, car c'est une aide précieuse pour ce génial Frère Rosaire, toujours en quête de découvertes.

Richard Brunelle '54
Raymond Haling '54
Paul Archambault '54



UN SUCCES

La petite pièce, "L'homme qui maria une femme muette", fut magnifiquement représentée sur la scène du Cercle Français. Je veux offrir mes sincères félicitations à la classe de Syntaxe, mais surtout à M. Normand Paulhus qui organisa cette séance. Quant aux acteurs, tous jouèrent merveilleusement bien, mais les plus grands honneurs furent mérités par M. Maurice Brassard, un docteur passionné qui fait rire jusqu'aux larmes. M. Dumouchel et M. Sullivan prirent avec beaucoup de naturel les rôles de l'époux et l'épouse.

J'espère que la Syntaxe nous offrira d'autres soirées pareilles et, si faisant, rendra d'autres leçons de sincérité et d'unité aux autres classes. J'espère bien aussi que la classe de Syntaxe ait des imitateurs.

Normand Grondin '53

Cooperative Response..Renders Concert a Success

On November 23, the Worcester Symphony Orchestra made its first appearance in the Assumption College Auditorium. Daniel Sylvester, Sr., founder and conductor-emeritus, honored the College by his presence. At the age of eighty-nine, this astonishing individual is still the guiding spirit of the orchestra.

The newly-reorganized company, with large enough a membership to perform the standard symphonic repertoire, appeared under the competent baton of Ernest Reopel. Graceful expressiveness marked the bowing of the Concert Mistress, Alice Erickson.

Mozart's "Symphony in G minor" headed the unusually well-balanced program of the evening. The delicate lacework of this composition, while giving allusions of melancholy dreams, illustrated the dramatic and angelic purity of Mozart's genius.

The next selection, "Invitation to the Dance" by C. M. Weber, sparkled with fiery gaiety. Mendelssohn's unimpassioned longing for purity penetrated his carefully worked-out instrumental composition, the "Ruy Blas Overture" which followed. Next, came the majestic "March" from Tanhauser, by Wagner.

A suave rendition of Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile", mostly creditable to the resonant string section, preceded the last selection, the non-forgettable "Finlandia", by Sibelius.

Unfortunately, the forty-eight members of the organization were somewhat unequally apportioned to the instrumental sections.

Of the entire program, only the second movement of Mozart's "Symphony in G" showed a noteworthy tinge of tediousness.

At the conclusion of the evening, Father Ulric, speaking for the faculty, reminded the student body, "..... that symphonic concert of this caliber is a most effective complement in achieving our aim, the classical training."

Roger Leveillee '53

Raymond Beauregard '53

CHEMIST'S LAMENT

*Sing a song of sulfide,
Beaker full of lime,
4 and 20 test tubes breaking all the time;
When the cork is taken out,
The fumes begin to reek;
Isn't that an awful mess to have three times
a week?*



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We, the Seniors of '53, had the great pleasure of participating in, and attending the last of our Christmas parties at Assumption. This party will really be a memorable one, for we obtained excellent performances on the part of many, one of which is Chick Theriault, our unbeatable master of ceremonies. Pursue your talent brother! The Seniors were also marked by their glee club and the instrument playing of Roger Tourville. Let us not forget Santa's little elf, Del Cournoyer, who aided Chick in the introductions.

We must not overlook the underclassmen by any means, for they were excellent. The Juniors proved their worth and willingness by demonstrating their singing and instrument playing ability. The Juniors have a fine class capable of guiding the reins once we are gone.

The Sophomores guided by the inseparables, Berthiaume, Leroy, Asselin and Dumouchel, really made things lively with their pantomime version of "The Lighthouse Murder". This was enjoyed by one and all. Keep it up fellas!



The upcomers, better known as the Freshmen, astonished all by their impetus in participating whole-heartedly in the success of this joyful party. They have employed much of their leisure time to produce their Ma and Pa Hillbilly sequence as well as their version of the Nativity with the aid of some of the Sophomores. The monitors, Willy and Brow-ski, should hold a place in our hearts, for they made this party capable of being realized. It is evident that the faculty enjoyed this party as much as the students.

Our party was introduced by a few words from our most Reverend Superior, Father Armand Desautels. The party was later intervened by welcomed delicacies which were wonderfully prepared. The climax of our party was attained by the presentation of the film entitled, "The Black Arrow".

Leo Archambault '53

IN MEMORIAM

Nous recommandons à vos ferventes prières, M. Albert C. Gaucher, décédé à Spencer, frère de M. Valmore X. Gaucher, professeur à l'Ecole Supérieure.

OUR BISHOP SPEAKS—cont.

lar should be mentioned as it concerns the Church's feeling towards peacetime compulsory military training. The Church opposes it, he said, for three reasons: The ultimate result of this system would be a state of militarism, as shown by Germany in recent years. This system also tends to lead to an appalling moral perversion. Lastly, it was not the intention of American parents that their children be raised as military personnel. It is their desire and the desire of the Church that they be peace loving, successful American citizens.

Donat Lamothe '53

NEW COACH—cont.

are co-captains "Norm" Marois and "Con" Ferland. Charley has much faith in these two boys, both having a remarkable shooting eye and a lot of basketball know-how.

Not to be overlooked is the flashy Joe Bouchard also with a very deadly eye and an extraordinary knack for setting up plays.

To Charley go our most sincere hopes that he will fulfill Assumption's dreams of getting a crack at the Western Mass. Tournament. Good luck Charley.

Albert D'Amours '53

GOING TO MOSCOW—cont.

he was ordained in '49, and of Brother Donat Durand, former High School athletic director, now studying at Catholic University.

Father George's ministerial functions will be considerably moderated by the iron-fist of the Soviet regime. However Cardinal Spellman's briefing to Father Brassard, his predecessor, before he left for Moscow in 1950 can not be forgotten. He insisted upon the tremendous importance that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be offered daily in Moscow, headquarters of the subversive activities against the Church.

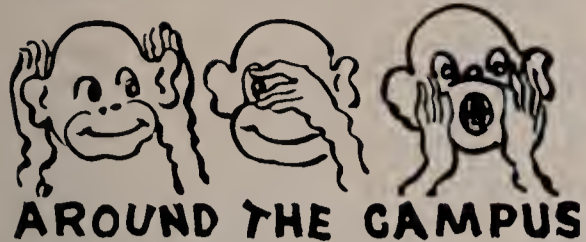
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HEAR SEE SPEAK



Well, I hope that everyone has had a pleasant mistletoe season. However, before the Christmas vacation, quite a few interesting incidents had occurred. Assumption started its basketball season and, like always, some student wanted to attract attention. Shutting off the time-clock was a good way to do it, "Hugo".

A protest has been made against Ray Asselin: his girl demands that he shave closer.

Our friend "Lefty" Radna is still active in the popularity field. He now challenges anyone to the noble game of chess. Anyone want to try?

A certain senior and his recently acquired friend both seem to possess something in common: dimples.

"If you can't express the word just substitute it by a whistle", says Dick Loranger.

Have you heard the latest facts? Our celebrated professor of Evolution has (in his young days) (?) knocked out the 1920 Featherweight Champion.

Our school has quite a few prospective scientists: "Little Einstein" Bergeron has formulated a profound theory in Chemistry; George Gemme is constantly producing new principles in Physics; Bouvier, experimenting in General Science, only succeeded in burning his finger. Incidentally, Grondin likes to eat that charcoal.

"Uncle Icky" Beulac slept right through a great fight in the Freshmen dorm: Adrian Levesque vs. Joe Palooka (nightmare). Even though someone turned the light on in his room, our exhausted monitor just wouldn't wake up.

I hear singing! Oh, it's "Goosey" Gosselin doing his act again.

Charlie Anyot is still undecided whether he prefers to stay in the infirmary or go to class. By all means, take it easy, Charlie!

Father Anton requested Maurice Morin to give his opinion about the class he did.

Here comes a Johnny Hynes' boy! It's Claude Brunelle with his swinging key chain.

"Satch" Tremblay is still talking about the Holy Name Dance. It's funny how all the girls went for him — it must be that loquacious personality.

The Freshmen class is making a name for itself. Eugene Thuot has already proven his ability in ping-pong and Freshman C is doing very well in basketball with Larry Couture as their coach.

I wish you all a successful new year and incidentally a love-ly Valentine's Day.

U. Didit

Holy Name Dance

The Senior Class wishes to express its sincerest thanks to the students of Holy Name High for the invitation to and the warm reception they received at their "Danse des feuilles". We really had a wonderful time!

At first, transportation proved to be a problem: however, with much squeezing, everybody managed to get there! "Vouloir c'est pouvoir"

PREDICTIONS ON THE INTRAMURALS

My name isn't Bill Stern or Stanley Woodward, but I feel I can foretell the outcome of our intramural basketball season.

In the Junior League, I choose Frosh C to nose out Soph A. This hustling Freshman team has three good men, Bob Quist, Paul Goyette, and Paul Frauley. Soph A has looked ragged in its last two starts, but it's my pick for a strong second, mainly because of Paul Belanger and Charlie Paquette. Lionel Beaudoin and little Maurice Morin paving the way, Frosh A will take third. Soph B will have no trouble holding down fifth place, for Leo Miller will surely halt Frosh B, an extremely weak team which has little, if any chance of succeeding.

In the Senior Loop, if Senior A begins to hustle, the championship will be theirs through the help of Al D'Amours and Marc LaBrosse. Otherwise, Senior B with its triple-threat scoring attack of Jean, Savoie, and Gosselin will cop the crown. Junior B, with the acquisition of Jerry Chartier, will present difficulties to the leaders. Junior A, though, having quantity, lacks quality; only Lefty Gaudrault gives any sort of promise for this team.

Robert Laurence '53



Our Cheerleaders

The basketball team is well embarked upon a new season, which we know will be very successful. We can rest assured that they are always "giving their all" on the courts, no matter what the odds may be. However, are we doing the same in the stands? Cheering has a great bearing on the outcome of a game. It gives the players that extra push which means so much to the team. Not only does it help our team, but it rattles the opposition.

This year the task of waking up the crowd has fallen in the hands of four enthusiastic and very capable gentlemen. They are Messieurs "Del" Cournoyer '53, the head cheerleader, Raymond Grandchamps '54, "Pete" Pelletier '55 and Roland Noel '55. They go about their task with life and enthusiasm. Their cheers are enlivened with a few gyrations, and when we score a few points they're the first ones to "hit the ceiling." However, this is only part of their work which they seem to enjoy more than any other. It is easy to notice that they cheer a little harder when they join the rival cheerleaders for a combined yell. However, their outstanding trait is that they cheer the loudest when our team is behind. Our cheerleaders are always working hard to help the team; therefore, let's help them by cheering as loud as possible. Don't worry about a sore throat, the prof will understand if you answer with a raspy grunt.

George Bonnici '54



Un semestre s'est déjà évanoui à quelle cadence ira le prochain?

Un certain professeur de versification, à la verve endiablée, essaye de réveiller l'ardeur de ses élèves: y a-t-il réussi, Marc LaBrosse? penses-tu que tu vas devenir un rejeton de Voltaire? et vous, les Fortins, êtes-vous convaincus que les idées ne se vendent pas étiquetées comme dans un "market"? et vous, le mystérieux P (?). P (?), qui résolviez tous les problèmes de littérature comme ceux de trigonométrie? mais il faut aussi entendre ses sarcasmes contre ceux qui n'ont encore éprouvé aucun enthousiasme pour Shakespeare.

Enfin après deux classes, une étude, mille questions, quelques réponses, et maintes expressions d'incrédule, on a réussi à faire l'exposition de la théorie de l'évolution; c'est sorti "bien dur", mais c'est sorti.

M. Cournoyer quelle serait donc la nature de ce groupe syndiqué dont vous semblez être le chef; on dit que ce groupe est composé de gens dont l'estomac se plaint toujours de malnutrition Est-ce vrai?

A propos des repas Voici les paroles exactes de Don Ronaldo José Hosé Bosé Romero adressées au Père Amarin, "Si l'on veut arrêter les processions le soir, qu'on arrête de servir des fèves au souper". Encore de M. Romero, "Je ne suis un extrémiste en rien, je supporte l'inquisition et Franco, et j'affirme que les Espagnols ni dans le passé, ni dans le présent, ni dans le futur, n'ont et ne peuvent rien faire de mal".

Il semble que les Versificateurs grandissent toujours dans l'estime de leurs supérieurs. Voici que maintenant M. Bédard, bibliothécaire imposant, se trouve doué du pouvoir de "put in Dutch" avec le Père Amarin ceux qui ne se soumettent pas à sa volonté.

Je plains ceux qui voudront devenir les héritiers du "Paquinisme".

Meilleurs souhaits à tous d'une bonne et heureuse année.

Jean LeNaïf

ATTENTION

Athletes and would-be athletes, track rewards your physical stamina and serious training with as much fame and glory as any other sport. Your individual merit can be recognized regardless of your teammates' performances.

Those of you who feel diffident and unsure of your track abilities can all acquire through your track training and experience a trait which is priceless in life an "iron" will for track imposes mind over body.

Besides this, track training aids study and relieves your mind while removing the excess energy of your body which causes restlessness and hinders concentration. Consider these facts well, students, and watch for further notices.

Pierre Plante '53

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that Coach Paul Chretien organized the Greyhound football team in 1944? Do you know that Assumption's overall record in the past nine years consists of 20 wins, 25 losses, and 5 ties?

These and many other similar facts are unknown to most students, so let us consider the yearly records and stars of Greyhound teams in the past nine years.

In the fall of '44, our first varsity was led by Captain Gil Levesque, a hard plunging fullback. He and Armand Bonvouloir were given Honorable Mentions in the All-City selections.

George Sherry tutored the second Greyhound eleven to a 3 and 1 record. Quarterback Gil Leblanc led the Greyhounds to three successive victories after they had dropped the season's opener.

In 1946 "Telesphore" completed an 8 game schedule with 4 wins, 2 losses, and 2 ties. "Eli" Bienvenue, scoring 38 of the 92 Greyhound points was named the "All-City" right halfback. Co-captain "Al" Audet was also a '46 Greyhound star. Due to his line-backing prowess, Raymond Bosse received an Honorable Mention on the All-City team.

Co-captain Ronny Proulx was the backbone of the '47 squad. His hard running earned him a place on the All-City team, despite the fact he missed several games because of an injury. Co-captain Al Ferron and Art Girard also helped spark the team to a record of 3 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie.

Raymond Marion, new mentor of the '48 squad, secured a fine spirit from his yet green players. The inexperienced Greyhounds were only able to obtain a record of 1 win, 5 losses and 1 tie. The outstanding offensive player was Dick Brodeur. Co-capt. and line-backer Charles Tasse was the defensive star.

In 1949 Edward Boule's team gained third place in the City League with a record of three wins and three losses. Co-captain Dick Brodeur was named "Back of the Year" by the press and "Most Valuable Player" by the coaches. Three other players received Honorable Mentions from the Telegram, Co-captain "Butterball" Paradis, Clarence Dumais and "Larry" Dube.

With only five leftovers from the 1949 squad, Assumption in '50 had a record of 2 victories, 6 defeats and 1 tie. Co-captain Don Grenier and defensive ace "Muff" Bouvier were members of the second All-City Team.

In 1951, after losing their first three games, the Boulemen withdrew from the City League, since the lack of reserve strength, experience, and weight had resulted in several serious injuries. Before fracturing some bones in his back, "Connie" Ferland donated much to the Greyhounds' futile cause. Much of the team's defensive work was accounted for by Co-captain "Tiffy" Prevost.

This article has introduced you to many of Assumption's former stellar athletes and the records they have left behind for future gridiron stars to surpass, which stars we hope will be encouraged by you, dear reader, watching them in years to come.

Fernand Bergeron '53

Robert Laurence '53



HOOP SCOOPS

ASSUMPTION 50 — DAVID PROUTY 30

Encountering David Prouty for the season's opener, a confident Greyhound team was lined up for the opening jump. On the Assumption side of the story, the first half was marked by considerable, expected tightness. The Greyhounds couldn't seem to rack up a comfortable lead, Prouty covering each of our baskets with two points of their own. Nevertheless the opening whistle of the second half brought with it a new Blue and White team. Racking up 21 points in the third quarter, Pierre's Pups dominated second half play and marched to an easy victory.

Joey Bouchard took top scoring honors with 14 points, followed closely by "Con" Ferland with 13, while "Norm" Marois really showed his ability in clearing those boards.

ASSUMPTION 46 — TRADE 43

The Blue and White knew that this was the game that would prove their worth. Underdog to a confident Trade team, the Greyhounds nevertheless piled up a 6-0 lead in the first few minutes. This is all it took to convince Trade to break their zone defense. Norm Marois with his deadly push-shot proved poison to any zone. From then on it was a nip and tuck battle, the Mechanics matching all our baskets; but superior ball handling proved to be the main factor leading to the Pups' slim victory.

Con Ferland with his deadly jump shot lead the Assumption offense while Dick Loranger and Norm Marois took the defensive honors.

ASSUMPTION 43 — CLASSICAL 42

Striving for its third straight victory a deadly-shooting Assumption squad quickly penetrated the Classical defense to the tune of 15-11 at the end of the first period and 25-15 at halftime.

The Blue and White built up a sizeable lead in the third quarter but Classical's superior height began to show in the final stanza. The last few minutes were nip and tuck as both teams swapped points but Connie Ferland and Joey Bouchard's fine shooting enabled Pierre's Pups to emerge victorious.

ASSUMPTION 57 — ST. PETER'S 51

A classy Assumption High team took the floor against a favored St. Peter's. Getting off to another fast start in the first minutes, the Greyhounds really outplayed the Saints. The following minutes showed that the Pups were going to have an off night. The Blue and White relied mostly on its fast break to

pull them through and Con Ferland went down the floor many a time for an easy hoop. The main reason for all the St. Peter's scoring was Assumption's lagging defense.

Con Ferland was high man for the evening, but the great play of Loranger, Bouchard, and Marois cannot be overlooked.

ASSUMPTION 55 — NOTRE DAME 34

The second string showed its value in this game. This aggressive bunch of players after having played the whole J. V. game went on to defeat Notre Dame with but a little aid from the starters. Racking up a 32-10 score at halftime the Little Greyhounds had no trouble rolling on to victory.

Bob Roy was hot man of the night, racking up 13 points in the J. V. game and 11 in the Varsity.

ASSUMPTION 67 — HOLY NAME 40

The Greyhounds' flashy ball handling really baffled the Holy Name 5. The Blue and White plays cut through the opposing defense as if it was butter. Pierre's Pups were really at their best, racking up a 28 to 3 score at the end of the first quarter and having scored 45 points at halftime.

Dick Loranger just couldn't be stopped as he drove in time and time again, coming up with 22 points for the evening.

Albert D'Amours '53
Norman Gaudrault '54

