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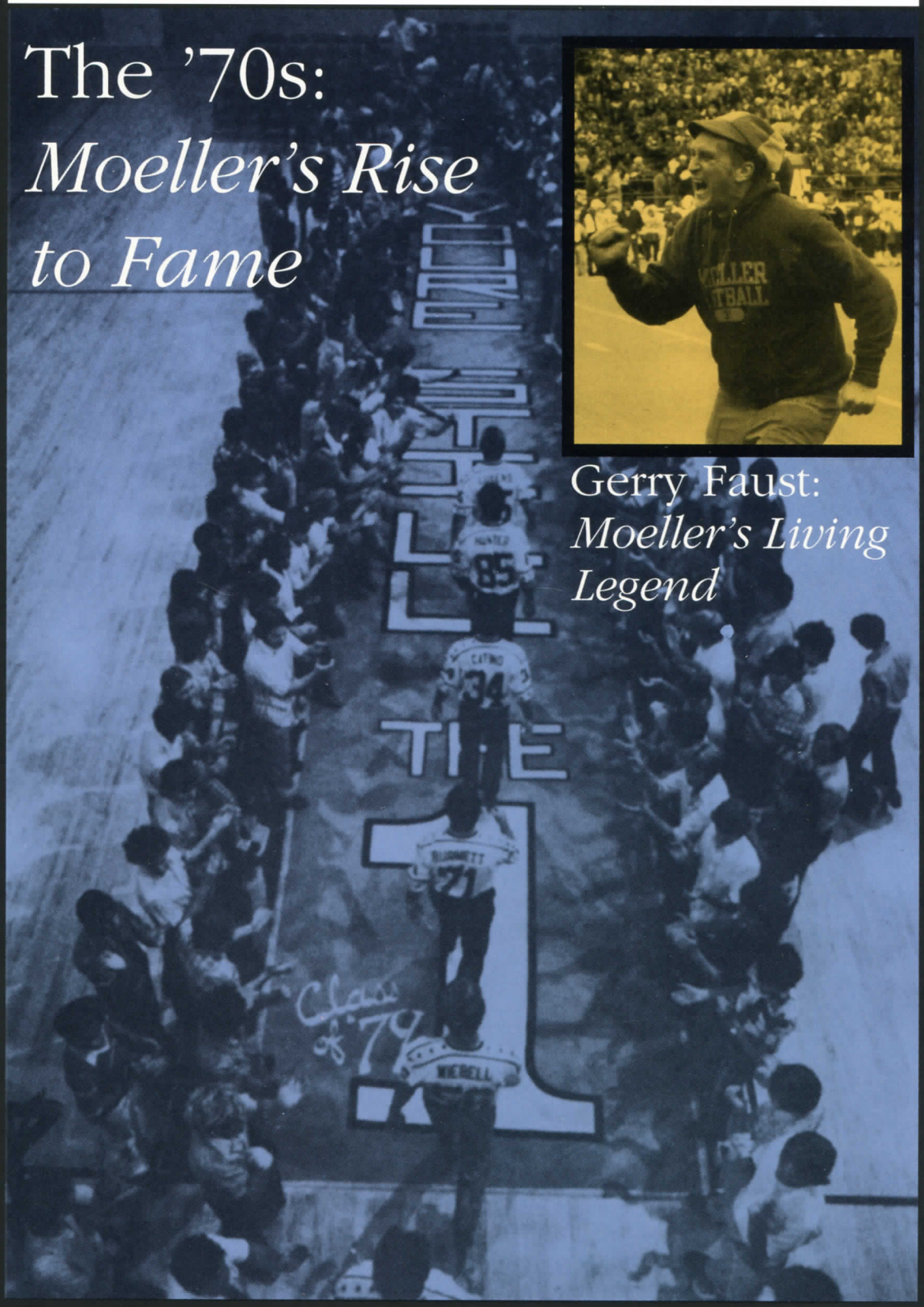

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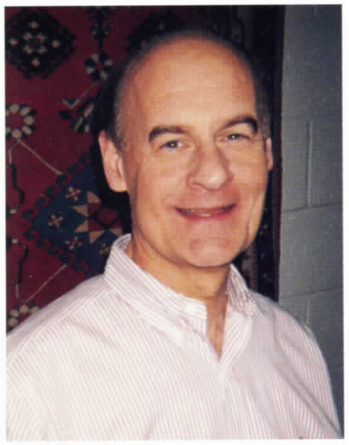

Daniel J. Ledford ('66)
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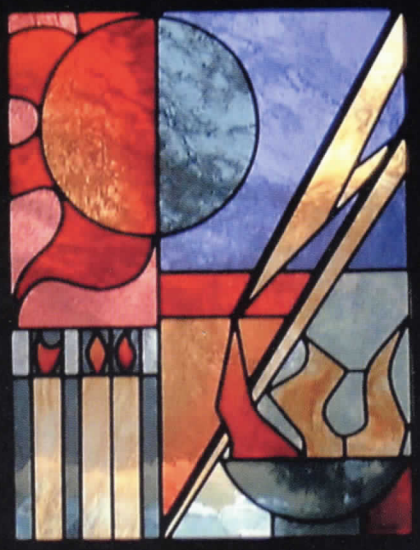
W E L C O M E

As I look over the articles and pictures contained in this issue of *Windows*, I can't help but relive my own experiences during this great period of Moeller's history. Having graduated from Moeller in 1966, I had lost touch with what was happening at the school during the late '60s. In the middle of the summer of 1970, Bro. Elmer Lange called to tell me that an English teaching position had opened up. I was happy to have the chance to apply for a job at Moeller, but my plans were to stay for only a couple of years at most if hired. I did get that English job, and now thirty one years later I'm still deciding if I want to make a career out of this or not. I was completely drawn into life at Moeller from the moment school began in the fall of 1970. The atmosphere was charged with controversy and change. Early in my career, I directed a couple of plays at Moeller, and Gerry Faust asked if I would help with the rallies. Rallies became a focal point of pride and spirit for Moeller as we began our march to state football domination. Ask most alumni from this era what they most remember about Moeller, and rallies will likely be at the top of the list. This was Gerry's gift. Getting the right people involved and allowing them to use their talents to make Moeller a better place. I am thrilled with this issue of *Windows* and proud that it is dedicated to Gerry Faust. I hope alumni, parents, and friends of Moeller from all eras enjoy this tour de force of the seventies.

Daniel J. Ledford



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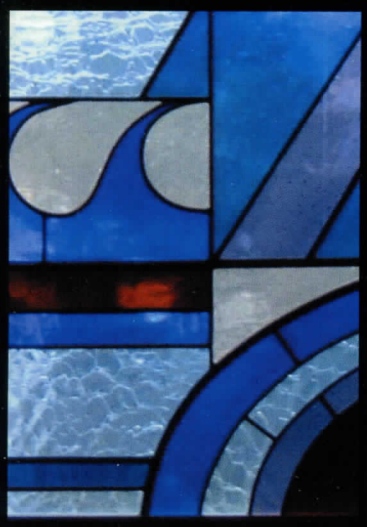

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E D I T O R

This is our second commemorative issue in our series on "Moeller Through The Decades," honoring Archbishop Moeller High School's 40th Anniversary. Our first commemorative issue featured the decade of the '60s, and Rose Eckhoff and I were overwhelmed with all your positive comments. Now Rose is Director of Development for the St. Margaret of York Parish, and I have the daunting task of living up to the high standards she set. Fortunately, I have had tremendous support from the Moeller faculty and administration, and this issue has been truly a team effort thanks to Dan Ledford, Bro. John Habjan, Bro. Ron Luksic, Carl Kremer, Greg Stanforth, Bro. Charlie Wanda, Dan Cloran, Ginny Bauer, Jeff Gaier, Chris Anne Gaier, Donna Griffith, Bob Hotze, Christian Cashman, Jim Balbach, Bob Browning, and Larry Kuhlman. I also want to thank the unsung heroes of *Templar* staffs long past. If it weren't for their commitment to capturing the *best* of Moeller each year in a yearbook, this project wouldn't be possible.

In telling Moeller's story of the '70s, the incredible accomplishments of Moeller football demand center stage — as does legendary coach Gerry Faust. Now, I have a confession to make. I've never been much of a sports fan, nor do I know much about football. I'm a former English teacher who is much more comfortable in the theater than in the stands. However, over the years I've been converted. I still don't know any more about football — or any other sport — but I do know the importance athletic activities play in the life of a student, and the importance these activities play in the spirit of a school. The lessons learned on the field can be equally important as those learned in the classroom, if not more so. So it has been my honor to interview and learn more about one of Moeller's best-known leaders, Mr. Gerry Faust. His passion for Moeller is inspiring. He told me, "In recruiting, I've traveled all over the country, and I've *never* seen a school that stands up to Moeller High School." I know what he means. While earning a master's degree in educational administration, I studied numerous schools across the country and Moeller *does* stand out. As you read through the magazine, I hope you will see why.

It is said you have to know something before you can love it, and I thought I knew Archbishop Moeller High School pretty well. Besides working with Rose on the magazine these past several years, I've been married to Carl Kremer, Moeller's current assistant principal and basketball coach, for the past 15 years, and was sure I had *plenty* of information. However, I was wrong. Moeller is so much more than an effective educational institution. Moeller has a true community spirit inspired by the Marianist characteristics that defined its culture from the beginning. The school has a concrete vision of excellence grounded in an old-fashioned work ethic. Moeller continually reinvents itself, working the cutting edge of education to best serve its students. This is Moeller's history and legacy. I have come to love and admire Moeller High School more than I did before. I hope you will, too.

Johanna Kremer

P.S. Several alumni mentioned that they wanted to reach their former teachers and asked for their e-mail address. The faculty would love to hear from you! To make it easier, we've provided you with a list. Thanks to Ron Doll ('65) for the suggestion.

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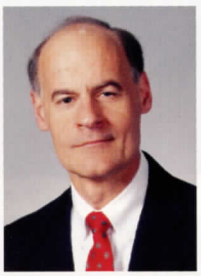


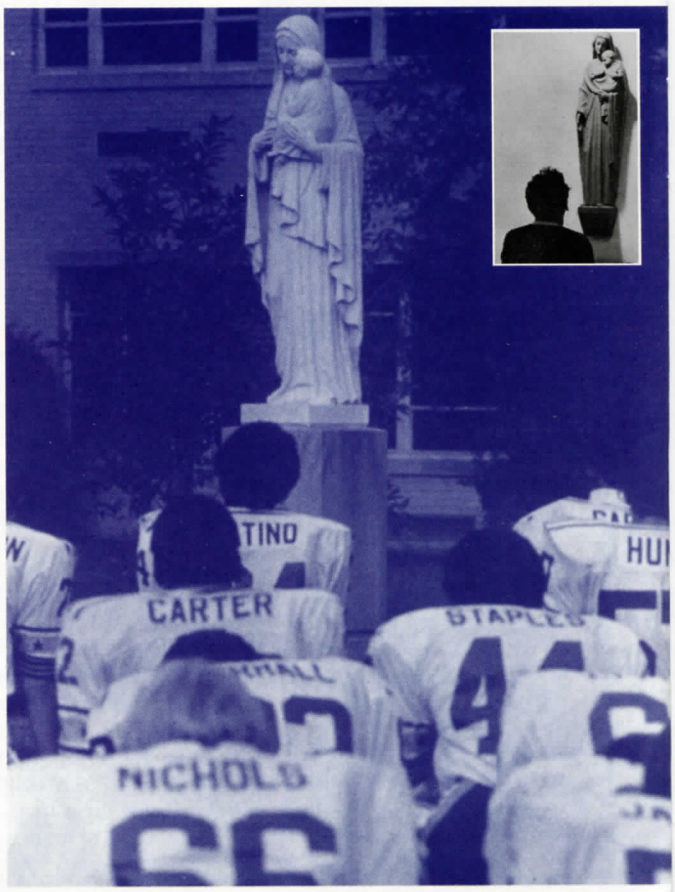
During Gerry Faust's tenure at Moeller, he won five State Championship titles and four national titles. He coached 22 All-Americans and 34 All-Staters. Such unparalleled success propelled him to fame and to become head football coach at Notre Dame in 1981.

To mark Moeller's 40th anniversary, we continue to celebrate its history, decade by decade. In our last issue we highlighted the '60s, Moeller's "genesis." In this issue we chronicle Moeller's rise to fame and some of its struggles to get there.

We dedicate this issue to the one person who is responsible for Moeller's unparalleled success during this decade: Gerry Faust. Gerry single-handedly corralled the time, talent, financial support, and passion of hundreds of "believers" to build Moeller's dynasty. However, while he continued to create his famed program, he always remembered Moeller's purpose and strength were in its Marianist roots.

We are a Catholic School in the Marianist tradition, and Gerry's teams were often called "the prayingest teams in football." Those who know him well know that those prayers were not for just a win on the field, but for every student on his team. Gerry knew he was coaching more than a game; he was teaching these young men about life, about how to succeed through hard work, perseverance, and faith. That is Gerry's legacy. He is one of Moeller's finest models of spirit and excellence.

Daniel J. Ledford ('66), Principal



Although Gerry Faust fervently believed in the power of prayer, one of his most stirring locker-room talks showed his faith in perspective: "God isn't going to win this football game today," he said with intensity bordering on anger. "Prayer isn't going to win this football game either. God and prayer never win any football game. *You*, the boys in the shoulder pads and helmets that we send out on the field, are the only ones who can win this football game. *You* win it by playing good, hard, clean, tough football—Moeller football! *You* win it by thinking and executing and being alert. Prayer will help you play to the best of your ability, but it won't win the game for you. Only *you* can win the game. And you will, because Moeller football is the *best* football."

Gerry Faust: Notre Dame's Man in Motion, pp. 103-104

The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companion slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

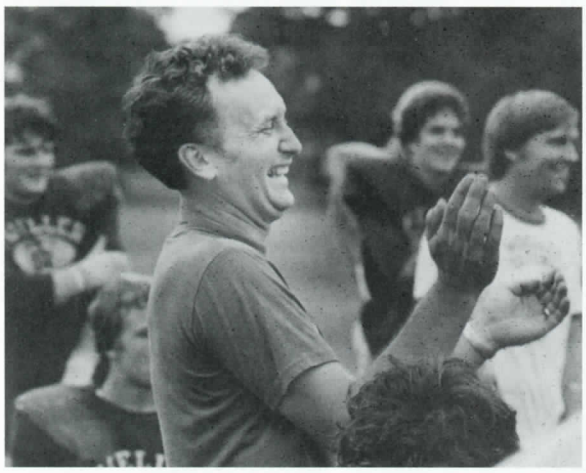
Gerry Faust: *Moeller's Living Legend*

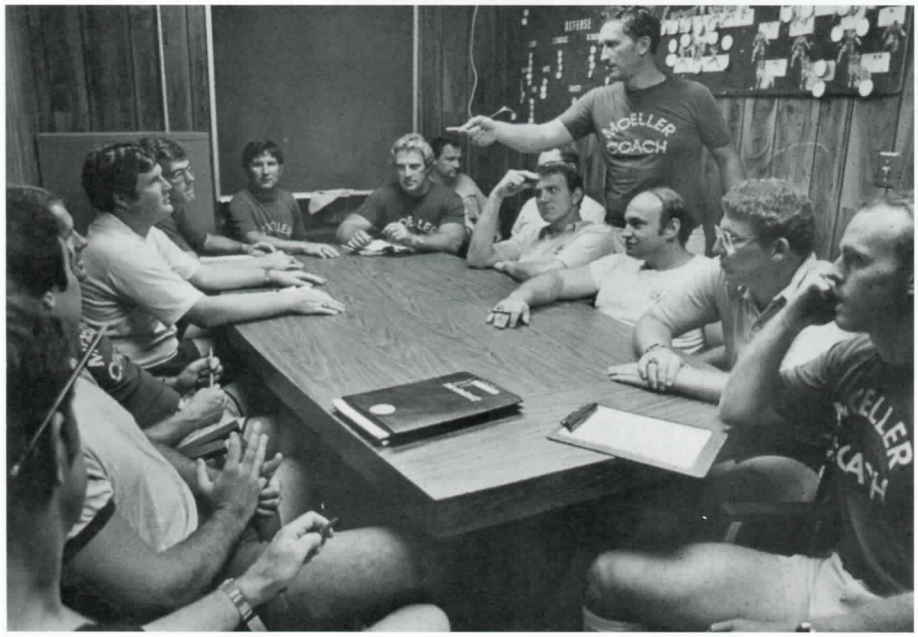
by Johanna Kremer, Editor

Around Moeller, Gerry Faust *is* a living legend, though he wouldn't be comfortable with the title. "Hundreds of people built Moeller's football program," he would insist, and then rattle off about a dozen or two. But those at Moeller know who brought them all together. A single force. A one-man show. Gerry Faust.

Gerry was there from the very beginning. In the fall of 1960 when Moeller admitted its first freshmen class, he was one of eight faculty members who began with 196 boys, the future Class of '64. He credits Bro. Eveslage for talking him into joining this pioneering staff. "Bro. Larry called me," said Gerry. "I was coaching at Dayton Chaminade at the time. When he asked me to come to Moeller, I said 'No,' but he asked if I would come to Cincinnati and talk with him. I said 'OK,' and we talked. He told me if we (Moeller) win at football, it starts the year out on a positive note, but academics would always be the most important aspect at Moeller High School. With this, he changed my mind."

There were more than 30 applicants for the job as Moeller's first football coach, but only one contender in the eyes of the first principal. "I knew Gerry not only was raised on football," Brother Eveslage said years later, "but he was also a very intelligent fellow. I knew the Faust household; I knew he was a good Catholic kid. A football coach can have tremendous influence on kids, and I wanted that to be a good Catholic influence."
Gerry Faust: Notre Dame's Man in Motion, *p.35*





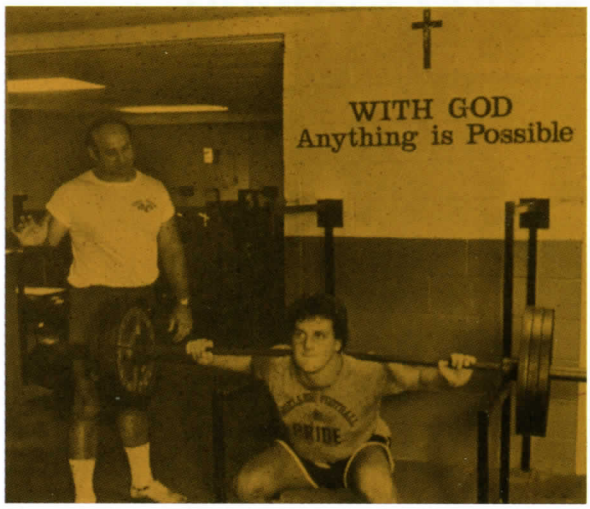
"At Moeller, Gerry's idea of high school football was taking on champions from New York to Dallas, from Pittsburgh to Detroit—and thumping all of them. It was outdrawing the Cincinnati Reds, head to head, one Friday night, and it was being invited to play a game in Japan. It was 15 minutes on CBS and an hour with Donahue, *a page in* Time, *five pages in* LIFE, *a piece in the* Wall Street Journal, *and feature stories in newspapers coast-to-coast. It was 18 coaches, 24 team doctors, 210 players, and a $100,000 budget. In 18 varsity seasons, it was 22 high school All-Americans and almost 300 college scholarships. And it was winning: 174 victories, 17 defeats, and 2 ties...one loss in 73 games from 1975 through 1980, five state championships, and four mythical national titles."*

Gerry Faust: Notre Dame's Man in Motion
p.11

Gerry taught phys. ed. and coached the school's first freshmen team. He believed that extra-curricular activities were important and recruited much of the class to play. "Extra-curricular activities create a bond with the student and with the school," Gerry said. "Students have more appreciation of the school — love the school more — when they're involved. When you love a school, you're going to do better in the classroom."

The football program had a meager beginning. Gerry explains: "I remember the helmets and equipment we had then. We went to Dayton Chaminade, UD, and Xavier to get what we needed. We used to practice in four different colors of pants. One guy — Stanton — volunteered to paint all the helmets blue and gold. Our white jerseys came from Dayton — UD. We bought them for a dollar a piece. The weight room was in the basement of Bill Clark's house. Carl Rahe went to scrap yards and picked up man-hole covers, and we made bar bells out of soup cans, concrete, and sticks. We did everything. And we worked hard."

The Class of '64 ended their season 9-1. "I really attribute a lot to the kids," said Gerry. "We (the coaches) were pretty relentless, and they worked hard. None of them quit. There weren't a lot of big kids — just dedicated, tough kids. In fact, the first two classes built the weight room."



Gerry discusses his early memories:

I think the first senior team set the tone for the school. In '64 we went 8-2. In '65 we were 10-0. The program just kept growing until it reached a pinnacle in the '70s. By then, 220 kids were playing football, and we had 18 coaches. It was hard work by a lot of people, but we had great kids who were willing to dedicate themselves. We had great coaches. And we had great support of the administration.

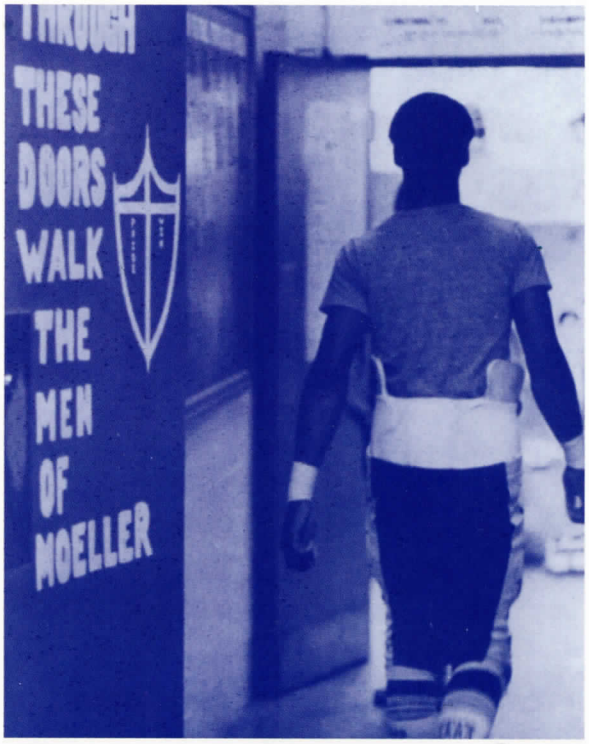
The freshmen class and I put in most of the shrubbery that exists today. We also put the tile floor in the coaches' office and the locker room. We did it during phys. ed. class. Parents were great at building other things around here.

During the late '60s and early '70s we had some tough times as far as the philosophy of the school. One faculty group was more unstructured. They wanted open classrooms and the like. Another group wanted more structure. Some good came out of both camps, however. The Humanities Program, for instance. I think things could have been worse if we (the football program) *weren't so successful. Strong discipline was the answer. Father Krusling* (appointed principal in 1971) *eventually put it all together.*

I remember one particular fall day in late '70. The soccer team and band were practicing, the cross country team was running around the track, and 220 young men were practicing football. I had been at Moeller 16 years and then I thought to myself, "This is amazing. There are 1,000 boys in this high school, and this September there are 500 out here practicing. This is what Moeller's all about...building something positive." I got tears in my eyes.

I love the direction Moeller is going. We're the first Division I school in the State of Ohio to win State Championships in all three sports—football, basketball, and baseball. One of many milestones...

I spent 21 years here, and I have a great love for this place. Bro. Eveslage and Father Krusling were great men. I think Dan (Ledford) *has done an outstanding job carrying on what these two men started and will leave his legacy as a great builder of Moeller. I never would have left Moeller if not for the opportunity to go to Notre Dame. But coming back to Moeller is like coming home. Everywhere I travel, people ask me about Notre Dame, but they also ask me about Moeller High School. The Society of Mary has always had a mission of teaching Catholic principles, and this may be what makes Moeller High School the best school in the country.* ■



The Men of Moeller

from *Gerry Faust: Notre Dame's Man in Motion,* 1981, *by Denny Dressman*

The lettering on the locker door reads, "Through These Doors Walk the Men of Moeller." There is a tendency, at first, to think only of greatness: 22 high school All-Americans...34 all-staters...Steve Sylvester of Oakland's two-time Super Bowl champion Raiders, voted NFL's most versatile lineman in 1979...Steve Niehaus... But Moeller football under Gerry Faust was more than superstars and All-Americans. It was more than undefeated seasons and State or National Championships. It was a community, where teenage boys were taught discipline and responsibility, where total dedication was demanded, and effort rewarded with respect and consideration, if not always personal stardom. The Men of Moeller included Jack the manager-trainer, Wayne the courageous, Greg the determined, Tugboat the stubborn, Rick the faithful, and hundreds of others, many of whom did not play, did not start, or did not star. The Men of Moeller in some cases were blessed with special athletic talents and had to learn to live with their fame at a young age, had to learn self-control, and had to learn humility. But mostly they were average kids. The Men of Moeller worked hard, loved each other, and discovered that disappointment could have a reason and things really do work out for the best if you help them along. ■

Moeller's Critical Crossroad

1969

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Bro. Forlani, S.M.
Vice Principal
Bro. Hiele, S.M.
Guidance Director
John Van Flandern
Business Manager
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Chaplain
Bro. Novak, S.M.
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Steve Ashbrock ('70)
Student Council President
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Student Council Vice-President

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Charles Blanford
Barry Borman
Michael Cameron
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Jerome Doerger
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Bro. Wuco, S.M.
Richard Yannelli

Steve Ashbrock ('70), Student Council President

After only ten years in existence, Moeller faced some of its biggest challenges to date. The school, much like the country, was at a critical crossroad during the fall of 1969. So Dan Ledford asked Steve Ashbrock ('70), then president of Moeller's student body, to tell you the story.

Steve witnessed Moeller's transition in 1969-'70 from a unique perspective, as both a student and a member of the administration. He had an extraordinary view and voice during that turbulent time. A time that in many ways determined Moeller's future.

As student body president, Steve wrestled with student drinking issues, fair and equal treatment concerns, and dress code revisions. Parking lot speed bumps and protest assemblies were also hot topics then.

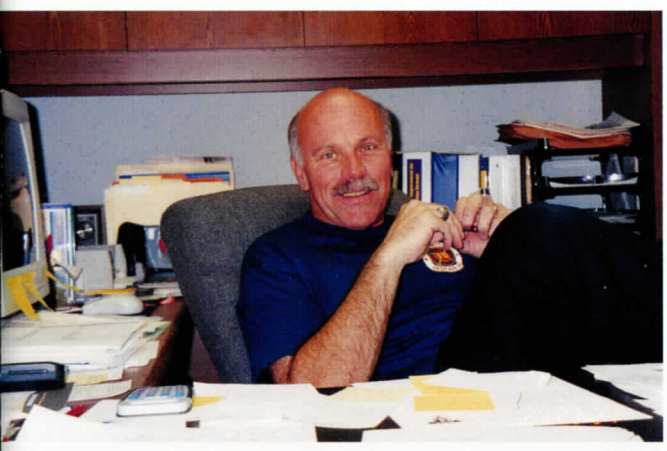
But the most important issue he faced came as the Moeller community struggled with the school's academic direction. In February 1970, the Moeller faculty and administration held a two-day educational retreat. "It was like sitting in the room where they were writing the Declaration of Independence," he would later recall.

1969-'70 was a year unlike any other. It was the year Moeller defined itself as a school of the future.

Student Council: Row 1 — Ken Gittinger and Tony Novakov. Row 2 — Steve Ashbrock. Row 3 — Dennis O'Donnell and Bob Malarkey. Row 4 — Greg Litmer, Bob Ashbrock, and Jerry McGuinness.

1970

Steve Ashbrock ('70) discusses his unique point of view, as both a student and member of the Moeller administration, during Moeller's "educational revolution." Steve is currently Fire Chief of the Madeira and Indian Hill Fire Department.



With or without us, our youth are racing headlong into the '70s, plunging deeper into the most radical era of transition in history. Instant communication, excitement, and opportunity has begotten a new kind of person — one eager for action and experimentation, unwilling to accept the past as binding, questioning everything.

With all the ferment of change, however, too many of society's structures and institutions still refuse to move into the future. So we face the possibility of revolution, decadence, and disaster.

Fortunately, today's youth has another side: He is aware, sensitive, honest, open, dissatisfied with hipocrisy and sham. More than ever, he searches for meaning, he yearns for the transcendent.

Argus Communication Booket

(Part of a faculty position paper presented in Feb. 1970 by Bro. Victor Forlani, S.M., during Moeller's two-day educational retreat.)

Moeller's educational 'revolution'

When you talk about the history of Moeller, you cannot exclude the tumultuous years of '69-'70. At that time our student council was more powerful than ever; we even had a vote on the administrative team. It was a radical time, and Moeller was not insulated from what was happening around the country as a whole.

From my perspective, the faculty was young and aggressive, and there were a lot of things happening in the country and in education. I think they (the faculty) represented all the good intentions of that time — of people seeking to improve and make relevant education. I think that's what ultimately led to the replacement of the principal.

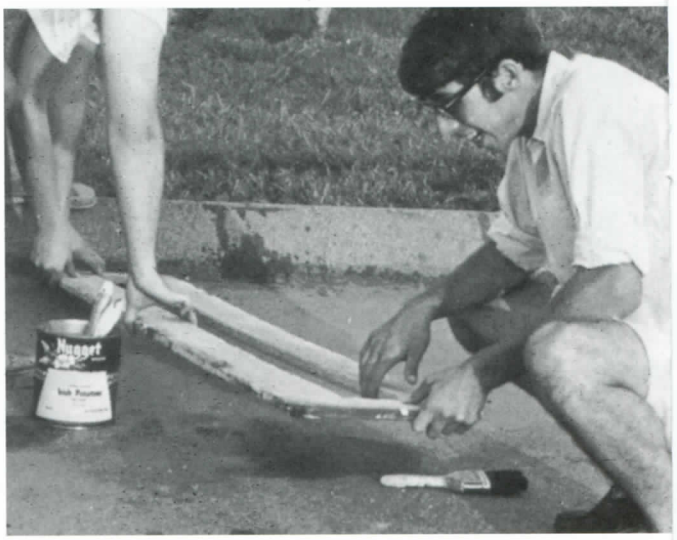
How it all began...

In the spring of '69 during the student council elections, I was seen as the "establishment candidate," and my opponent — Tom Healy — was seen as anti-establishment. I won. I think the administration was happy with that.

Sports versus other priorities was a conflict that surfaced early in 1969-'70. I think a lot of people felt that sports were overemphasized and that athletes were treated differently — that we needed to put these things in perspective. For example, when we came back in school in September, two sophomores were caught drinking during a football game and the administration wanted to kick them out. But, just two weeks before this incident between six to eight senior football players were also caught drinking and nothing much happened to them. This was our (the student council's) first controversy with the administration. The kids (sophomores) didn't get kicked out, but the incident demonstrated an attitude I believe the faculty shared.

Revolution!

1969



At Christmas came another "crisis." The speed bumps in front and at the side of the school were too high. Several students came to student council to address this issue saying the bumps scraped the sides of their cars. Over Christmas break, a rumor went around that some kids were going to commando-style eradicate the speed bumps. Nothing happened, of course, but I believe the rumor made the administration a little nervous. Eventually, the speed bump issue was resolved.

There was a small "radical" element at Moeller that reflected the discontent around the country. Some of these students wanted SDS (Students for a Democratic Society), the national organization responsible for the riots during the Democratic Convention in Chicago, to do a protest assembly at Moeller. Of course, Bro. Dahlmann, the principal, turned down this request.

We had other issues with the administration, and Gerry Faust and I disagreed most on several of them, but we finally did reach an agreement. We agreed that athletics shouldn't be diminished, but academics should be advanced. Gerry was right. He had done his job. Now teachers had to work harder to do theirs. They did, and big things happened.

Moeller's Educational Revolution

The faculty scheduled a conference in February ('70) to do a critical analysis of Moeller's educational program. The faculty wanted to improve the system, so they scheduled a two-day retreat and invited the entire staff to submit position papers on various topics. I was invited to attend that retreat.

My impression? It was like sitting in the room where they were writing the Declaration of Independence. The papers represented clear, dividing issues and different ways of thinking. It was revolutionary!

What eventually evolved from that retreat was the curricular and administrative reorganization of the school. Bro. Habjan introduced the "School-Within-a-School" Program, and John Massarella created the Humanities Program. Bro. Forlani, then vice principal, defined the problem with the current administrative structure, and Bro. Novak proposed a solution, a more team-based approach.

Not all faculty agreed on the proposed changes, and there was a big division between the more conservative members of the faculty and the more liberal. This division led to a controversy over whom would become the next Dean of Discipline. When the principal, Bro. Dahlman, announced his decision for the post (a conservative choice) about 200 seniors protested, camping out in Moeller's Little Theater. Once this happened, I was pulled out of class to mediate. I learned a lot on the hot seat.

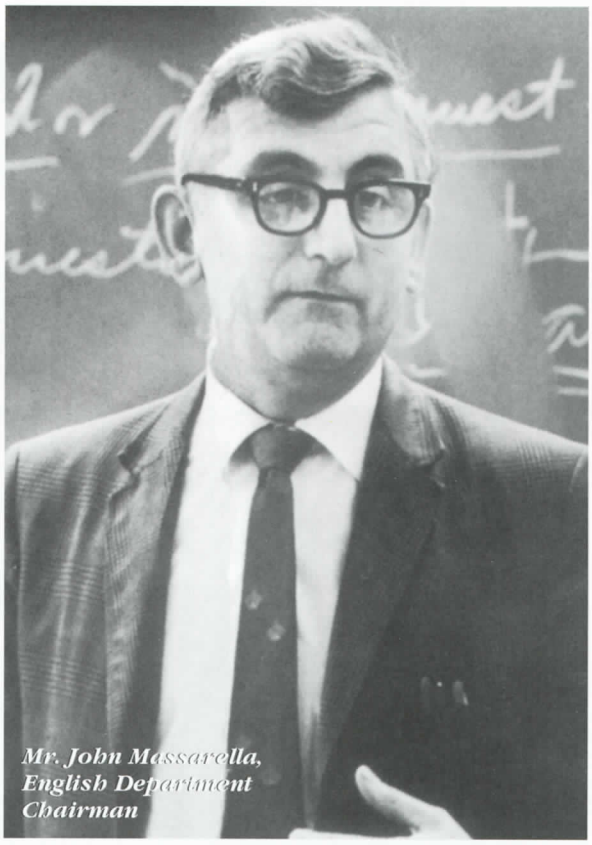
During that same time, some seniors had decided to participate in the nation's first Earth Day. They wanted to clean up lots across the street from Moeller that were undeveloped at the time, so they made arrangements with the Montgomery Service Department to pick up the garbage they collected. However, when they asked to be released from class at 2:00 p.m., Bro. Dahlman denied their request. The seniors left that day anyway, but things were in a mess at that point.

The unravel of discipline wasn't the only issue to cause Bro. Dahlman to leave. Moeller was in a kind of transition period between being a traditional educational organization and a progressive one. In the end, Moeller defined itself more as a school of the future, but not without a cost.

John Massarella, a refined, academically oriented teacher, troubled over this. I believe he — like many other faculty — felt caught between both worlds and wrestled with the issue internally. He wanted change, but he didn't like the contentiousness it took to get there. Change came at a price.

In the end, Bro. Dahlmann, S.M., was asked to resign his position, and he chose to be released from his vows. Father Krusling was appointed to replace him, and Bro. Dahlmann graciously supported this decision in a letter to the Moeller parents.

In retrospect, I don't know anything in my formal education that has been more beneficial than my experience as president during that year. I honestly believe I am where I am today because of key adults helping me make influential decisions in my life — the Bro. John Habjans and Mr. Masserellas of the world. The Charlie Wandas, Vick Forlanis, John Stratherns, Bob Rosses, Mike Novaks, Joe Clarks, Mike Pennocks... I could go on and on. Good people. Good people. Teaching is an awesome responsibility, and kids are paying attention, more attention than you think. ■



Mr. John Massarella, English Department Chairman

Steve Ashbrock ('70)

Self-Expression & Power

Voices of Protest: US March for Peace in Vietnam

Paul Newman and Robert Redford in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

1969

Inspired by the student protests and the civil rights movement, the Feminist Movement begins.

Power. In 1969, the country struggled with many power issues — over Vietnam, racism, women's rights, homosexuality, environmentalism, and more.

Perhaps because of the nation's unrest, Moeller students were openly wrestling with their own power struggles.

ACTIVITIES: On a practical level, students were bothered by the school's restrictive dress code and excessively high speed bumps. However, they were also concerned about deeper issues, like the quality of education they were receiving. They wanted a voice in decisions that affected them, and they got it.

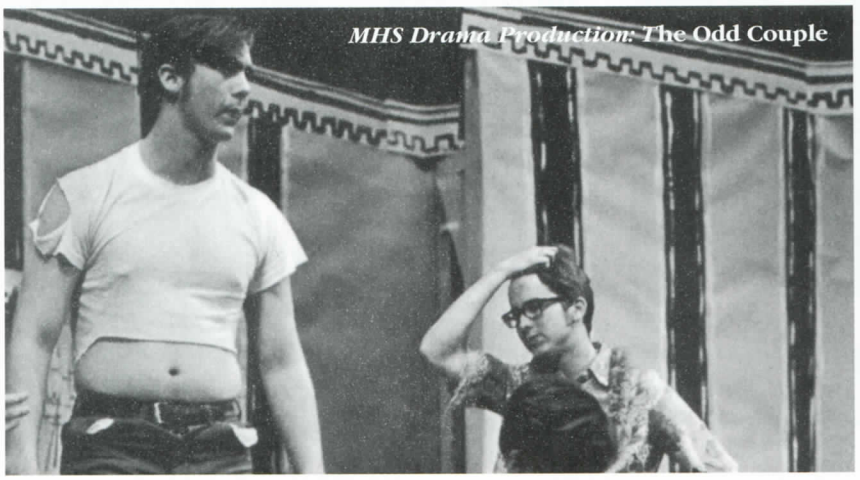
In 1969, students were more empowered than any previous generation. They held a voting position on the administration, and they created their own newspapers to express their views: the *Junior* newspaper and the *4-D Niner*.

The students had much to say, and they said it well. Moeller's speech and debate team won numerous awards that year: nine trophies and 31 ribbons, moderated by Bro. Clark and Mr. Jim Crone.

The students also had much to give. The Catholic Student Mission Crusade was actively involved in trips to Appalachia to help the poor build homes. They went downtown to the Millville housing project, took neighborhood children on picnics, and visited the zoo. Moeller's Big Brothers traveled weekly to the St. Aloysius orphanage to give the children special attention.

The students looked to improve themselves within. They formed a new club — TOUCH — to develop the "inner self." TOUCH held student masses, helped with sophomore and freshmen retreats, worked at hospitals, and promoted a Christian atmosphere throughout the school. Overall, the students of '69-'70 were involved, with the *Templar* listing 23 extra-curricular activities and 15 athletic teams.

Moeller Rally

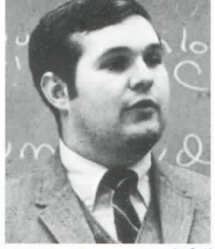


***MHS Drama Production:* The Odd Couple**

In 1969, Betty Friedan, author of The Feminine Mystique, *founds the National Organization of Women (NOW).*

Joseph Meale ('65)
Science

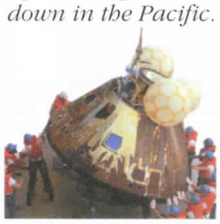
James Crone ('65)
English (see p. 68)



Barry Borman ('64)
Science

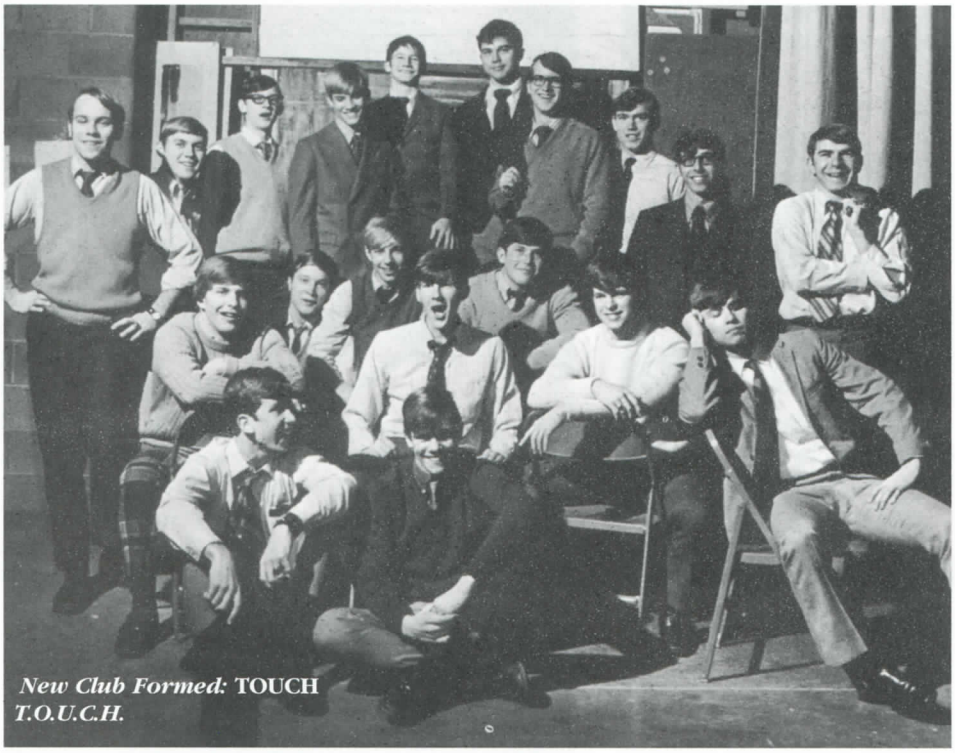
Bro. Flaherty, S.M.
Social Studies

Apollo 13 *splashes down in the Pacific.*

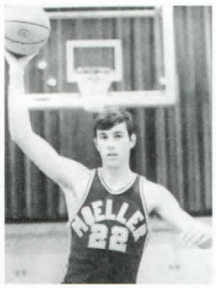


1970

Varsity Basketball: GCL & District Champs



New Club Formed: **TOUCH T.O.U.C.H.**



Co-Captain Mike Sylvester

Coach Doerger

ATHLETICS: The football team, under Coach Gerry Faust, continued to succeed. With a record of 10-0, they became GCL Champs, City Champs, and were No. 2 in Ohio and 3rd in the Nation.

However, it was also the year Moeller basketball came into its own. Coached by Jerry Doerger and led by co-captain Mike Sylvester, the varsity team accumulated a 21-3 record, the school's best to date, becoming GCL and District Champs.

Coach Gerry Faust

Varsity Football: GCL Champs, City Champs, 2nd in Ohio, 3rd in Nation

In addition, Moeller's wrestling team did well, placing 1st in both the Glen Este and Indian Hill tournament, 2nd in the GCL, and 3rd in the District. Moeller's track team also achieved an impressive record of 10-1.

SOCIAL: Social events thrived, especially Moeller dances, which were among the most popular in Cincinnati. The dozen or so dances, sponsored by the Student Council, brought in popular local bands and even national acts, like The Classics 4. The gym was continually packed with kids from all over the city, generating more money than any other student fund-raising event. ■

The Re-Building Year

1970

September

Superstar Jimi Hendrix dies from a drug overdose at the age of 27.

King Hussein of Jordan and Yassir Arafat, leader of the PLO, signed a truce to end the war in Jordan.

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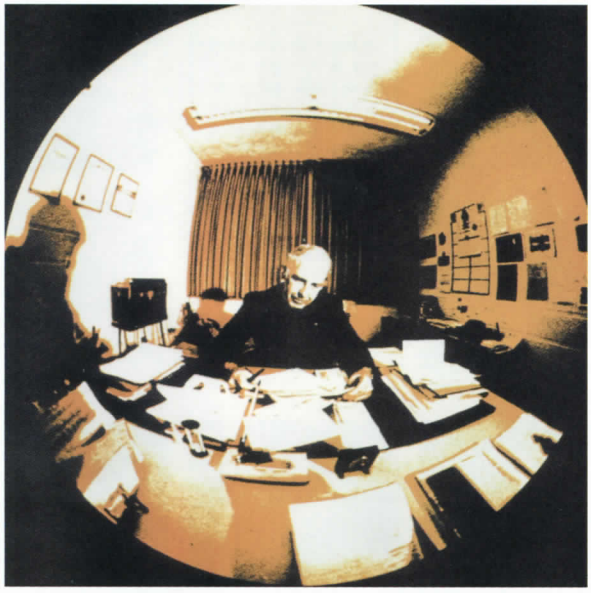
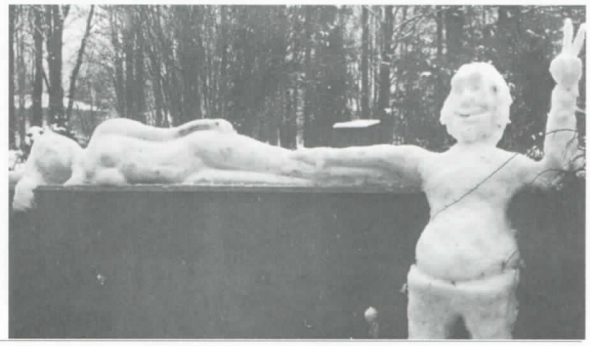


Present-day Moeller students are the beneficiaries of the great work of the pioneer students and faculty members, organized by Brother Eveslage many years ago. Looking over the record of achievements, one is truly impressed with all that has been and is presently accomplished.

Today our students tend to take a lot for granted, but when time is taken to review the past, a dimension enters the picture. Organization, stimulation, direction, zeal, all played an important part in the whole picture of all achievements; but the frame of the picture is sacrifice — sacrifice of individuals for the common good of all. Moeller is a great school because it was built on, and directed with, the spirit of self-sacrifice.

L. R. Krusling

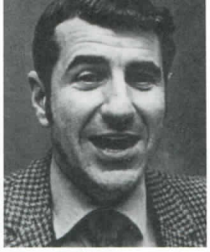
Lawrence R. Krusling
Principal
The Templar, 1970-'71



Barry Borman ('64)
Science

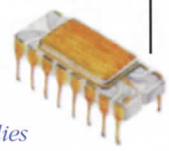
Dan Ledford ('66)
English

Don Shields, Math
(Retired, June '00)



Ken Schlotman, S. Studies
(Retired, June '00)

A computer on a chip, the microprocessor, is developed.



Steve Sylvester ('71)

1971

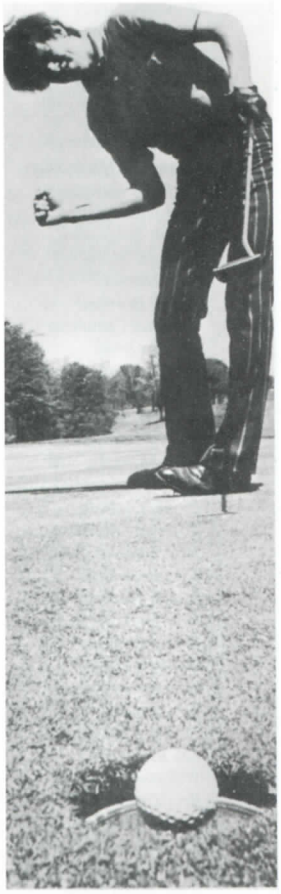
With yearbook sales down and a perceived "plateau" of creativity in yearbooks, the 1970-'71 Templar staff made a decision to create a "comprehensive photographic essay to present a record of the year as experienced by the Class of '71." Because of this decision, the staff included few group photos and specific information about the school's activities. Nevertheless, we can gleen a few things about the year:

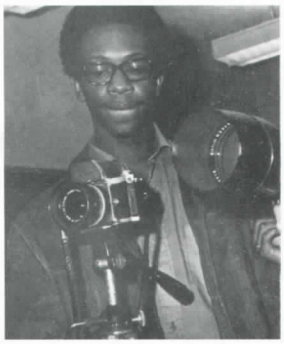
The administration and faculty play important roles in the students' lives, for each are represented individually and in a group picture in the front of the book. (The only exception to this would be the traditional senior pictures.) By the beginning of the 1970-'71 school year, Moeller had completely replaced its administration as well as more than half its faculty (21 teachers replaced 28 former faculty out of 49). Two female teachers joined the faculty, and the number of Marianist Brothers began to dwindle.

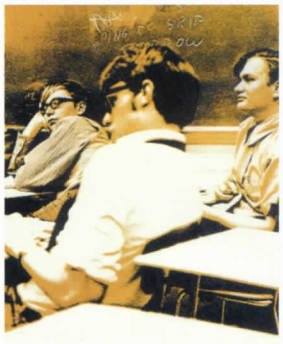
Moeller sports took center stage, with 18 football pages alone devoted to the first few pages of the yearbook. Headed by Gerry Faust, the football team finished with a 9-1 record and were City Champs and ranked 5th in Ohio. Moeller had eight varsity sports, and most finished with winning records. The golf team had a particularly successful year, finishing 18-5-2 (overall), 1st in the City, 2nd in Sectionals, 3rd in the District, and 6th in Ohio.

The school sponsored 11 extra-curricular activities that year: It's Academic, Biology Club, Radio Club, History Club, Speech & Debate, Squire, Photography Club, Classic Club, F.T.A., Templar, and Drama Club.

Traditional social activities continued to thrive, like the Senior Prom and Junior Dinner Date Dance, and traditional fund-raising activities, like the Fall Festival and Raffle, continued to support Moeller's ongoing development efforts. ■







In October, Disney World in Florida opened the gates of the Magic Kingdom.

The Spirit & Dream of Moeller

1971

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Roth Herringer, Jr.
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Thomas Wilger

In 1972, people wanted to continue to change, to grow, to "think outside the box." Moeller's yearbook staff was no different, and their creativity resulted in Moeller's only "yearbook-in-a-box." The Templar staff wanted a book unlike the previous "dull and repititious" dust-covered volumes. Although, again, the information they presented is sparse on specific information, it is long on dynamic visuals, and the letters written by the administration and faculty speak *volumes* about the Class of '72. The letters speak of the spirit and dream of Moeller.

The Spirit of Self-Sacrifice

This is Moeller's ninth graduating class, and each class has made a splendid contribution to the overall program. The name of Moeller High School has come to stand for academic and athletic excellence. More importantly, however, it has come to be a school of outstanding spirit and dedication, because its foundation is inspired by and centered on the spirit of self-sacrifice.

L. R. Krusling

Father Krusling, Principal

The Spirit of Moeller

I feel that 1971-'72 was a definite improvement over the previous year at Moeller, because the students and faculty worked together. A serious let's-get-to-work attitude was evident early in the school year. The Moeller Family gave the Moeller students' spiritual life new emphasis and added meaning, and the academic program witnessed several innovative and revised approaches, combined with proven successes of the past. Furthermore, the Moeller Family began to realize once again the meaning and importance of educating the whole man — the Moeller way.

Ronald E. Rieman

Ronald E. Rieman, Vice Principal

The Spirit of '72

The 1972 graduating class has experienced much in four years. Most experiences were no more than social events confered around sports and dances. But all of our involvement play a formative role and make us what we are.

As sophomores, you experienced a school in the throes of change. We all learned that it is difficult to live and work together; that reality is not all black and white, and that the search for truth is painful. As juniors you experienced the hardest reality of all — death. Three Moeller graduates died in a plane crash. Then in March 1971, death in its most brutal and senseless form took the life of Bill Heywood. So, the message was clear; choose life, now!

Some say that the 1971-'72 school year was the best in the history of Moeller. If that is true, the reason is simple: The Spirit of '72. In my five years at Moeller, there has never been a warmer, more friendly, and more personal graduating class. The Spirit of '72 is a realistic approach to life, a respect for all people, and a sense of humor untarnished by institutional relations and human tragedy. May the Spirit of '72 remain with each member of its class.

John M. Strathern, S.M.

Bro. John M. Strathern, S.M., Dean of Discipline

William Balbach ('72)

William Braun ('72)

Steve Niehaus ('72)

Moeller's 1st State Championship came in the spring of 1972 with Coach Mike Cameron's baseball team.

1972

BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

The Dream of Moeller

We felt the pain of growth from September 1971 to June 1972. Our principal continued to knit together the fragments he found when he came last year. He wants to shape us into the finest of Christian schools for young men. It can and will be done.

We caught glimpses of this dream this year. More Moeller students became dissatisfied with poor class preparations and weak teaching methods. More students wanted the intellectual and spiritual needs of all students to be impartially represented to the administration. It was a sign of growth.

I hope we continue to grow, to dream. I hope that every teacher will believe that there is no such thing as "less talented" and "more talented" boys. I hope that the Moeller Family will believe that there is unlimited depth in *every* student. I hope that we teachers will *listen* more to the discoveries our students are making with their minds instead of pouring out our own world views and subject matter knowledge. I hope that each student will feel the passion each teacher has for learning. I hope that our parents will feel welcome at any time to participate in our classes, in our policy making, in our Christian joy.

I hope that all of us will believe that this is not asking too much — that young men between 14 and 17 are as ready as they'll ever be to become excited about their own minds, their own potential to become something for the betterment of society.

In summary, I hope that our intellectual atmosphere becomes pervasive in our school — that Aristotle, Freud, Bach, Eliot, Proust, and Teilhard become the subject matters of "bull" sessions — that astrophysics and process theology accompany complaints about the food at lunchtime — that the Moeller man and the Moeller teacher gossip about Plato and Mahler as if they were fellow students. Finally, I hope that parents, students, and teachers join with the administration to see to it that this dream comes about.

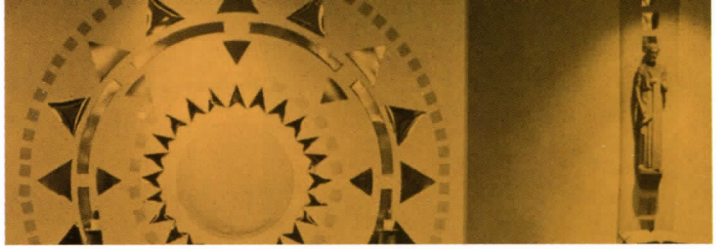
Stephen P. Holler

Stephen Holler, Faculty

With a 9-1 record, varsity football became GCL Champs, City Champs, and 3rd in the State.

The country continued to dream of the day when their soldiers would return safely home...

Moeller Shines



1972

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Krusling crowns Class of '73 a success!

The notes in the *Templar* to the Class of '73 show that much of Moeller's past challenges resulted in a year of increased teamwork and academic success. Father Krusling writes glowingly of the "Moeller Spirit," while Ronald Rieman touts the school's academic achievements. Father Jim Bartlett, S.M., bid the class goodbye, asking each member "to continue your quest for wisdom, the wisdom of Christ." Bro. Strathern offers the Class of '73 a few final words of advice. ■

Congratulations Class of '73! Without a doubt, you have made the 1972-'73 school year an exceptional one. I don't think I've enjoyed a senior class more than yours. You have pride in yourselves and the school — you were cooperative, positive, thinking, and — above all — responsible. But, most of all, you, as a Class, exemplified the real "Moeller Spirit" that has made Moeller High School one of the outstanding high schools in the State of Ohio. May God bless all of you as you "Commence" to a new plateau in your life. hope you'll come back to visit with us.

Father Lawrence Krusling

Father Lawrence Krusling, Principal

A Year of Academic Achievement!

Moeller continued its rise in academic achievement during the '72-'73 school year. We added Distributive Education (D.E.), a work-study program for seniors interested in the field of distribution and marketing, to the curriculum. When given the choice of Psychology, Computer Programming, Recreational Physical Education, or a study hall, 184 of our 247 seniors chose to take an additional course. Also, over 75% of the underclassmen carry a full load of academic subjects without study halls. We also added Accounting Principles, a second section of Human Anatomy, a sequence of quarter courses in junior and senior year Social Studies, and several new electives in Senior English and Theology. Our hope is that each year we can continue this increased academic atmosphere.

Ronald E. Rieman

Ronald E. Rieman, Vice Principal

To You, the Class of '73...

Be ambitious. Strive for something greater than yourself. Our world is full of challenges greater than the easy paths of personal success. There is discrimination in this world. There is slavery, slaughter, and starvation. There is lack of compassion and sensibility towards the suffering of our fellow man. Tackle these things. Your energies are worth nothing less. In the words of the late Robert Kennedy, "The answer is to rely on youth, not a time of life, but a state of mind, a temper of will, quality of imagination, a predominance of courage and timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease." Stay Young!

John Strathern

Bro. John Strathern, S.M., Dean