James Balbach ('77)

1977: Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak found the Apple Computer Company. Their Apple II was the first "user-friendly" computer made specifically for the mass market, coming fully assembled for $1,298.

1977: John Travolta introduced the "disco era" with his movie, Saturday Night Fever. *The soundtrack sold over 30 million copies worldwide, the best-selling ever.*

1977

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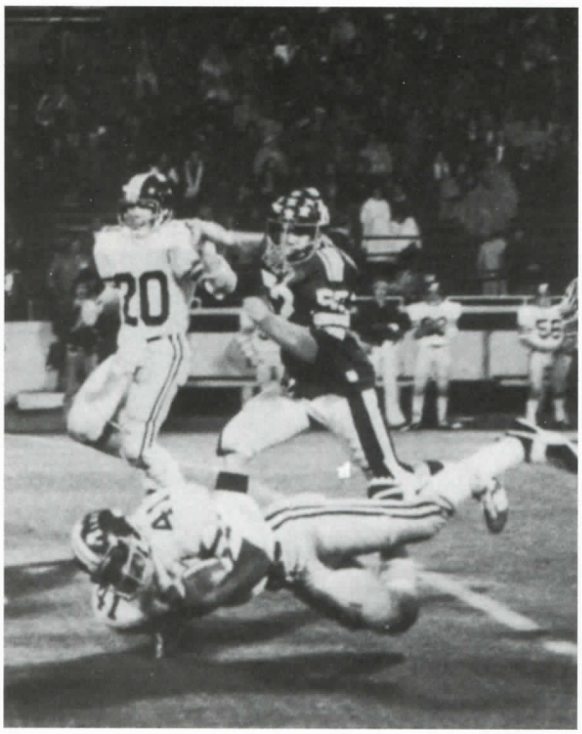
Moeller becomes 'Best in the Nation'!

by the Templar *staff*

STATE CHAMPS AGAIN!

Moeller football has become a legend in its own time. Before the season even started, Joe Namath's *National Prep Sports* magazine picked the Crusaders as the Number-One Team in the nation. This, of course, could only be speculative, but the Crusaders set out to prove it was true. They seemed to crush every team they played with such ease and precision that fans no longer went to see if the Big Moe would win or lose. Instead, interest shifted to the margin by which the Crusaders would win a game.

Moeller received extensive publicity through feature articles in *The Cincinnati Post* and *Cincinnati Sport.* But was all this blown out of proportion? Time would tell.



It came to the State Championship games. The first game was with Youngstown Mooney. Two years ago Mooney had spoiled our chances for a State Championship under similar circumstances. Would this be a repeat? For some outsiders, hearing the reputation of the Mooney team, the possibility prevailed.

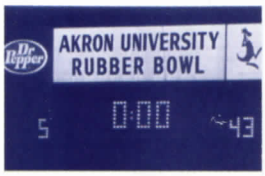
The important night game came, and the outcome was decisive. At half-time, the score was listing in Moeller's favor, 32-0. Mr. Faust decided to give the second string a chance. They went and finished the job that had been started for them. The final score was 48-0, and once more the Crusaders were on their way to the State Finals.

The State Finals

The next week we met Gahanna Lincoln. It was difficult, this time, to harbor any fear of loss. Even though no Ohio AAA team had ever won back-to-back State titles, the Crusaders' performance a week earlier stood testimony to their ability.

The game opened with Moeller in possession. A series of running plays were to no avail. It was unusual to see them fight so much for yardage. The fans had come to see what appeared to be contention. The Crusaders just weren't playing their best game. We quickly regained possession, and then it happened — a 54-yard touchdown pass to Bob Massong. We were rolling again!

After that, Gahanna seemed powerless to stop us. They managed a safety on one of their kickoffs, but received the same treatment on the next play when we kicked off to them. The balance of their five points was a field goal, but it didn't matter. Now, more surely than ever, Moeller was the best in the State. But that wasn't enough. Not only were we the first team in Ohio to win consecutive State Titles, we were also picked by three major polls as the 'Best in the Nation.' ■



Although the game was covered statewide on television, it seemed as though the entire school was there to see it in person.

August 16: Elvis Presley dies in Memphis at the age of 42. He sold more than 500 million records during his career.

1977: Using state-of-the-art technology, Star Wars *becomes big hit.*

The Superlative Spirit of '78

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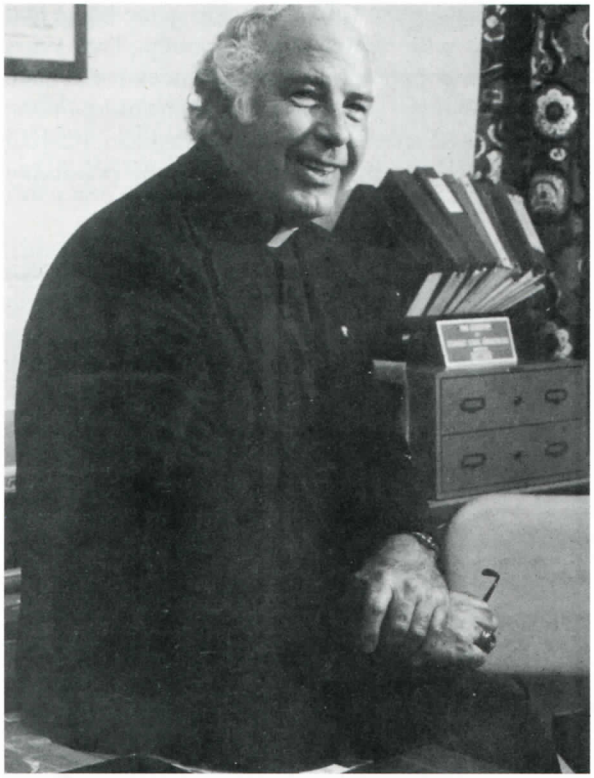
Nothing succeeds like success, and inspired by Moeller's past, the students' spirits soared. So much so, in fact, the Templar staff characterized the 1977-'78 year with superlatives: *unsurpassed* seniors, *incomparable* juniors, *unique* sophomores, and *premier* freshmen. Academics were *excellent*, athletics were *dominant*, activities were *extraordinary*, and faculty were dedicated. This positive and generous spirit involved everyone and everything, and Father Krusling, principal, showed his warmth toward the seniors in the following letter:



To the Class of '78

One thing Mr. Faust does not like to do, no matter how many times he is asked, is to compare one championship team with another. Each team has its own characteristics, though the training and the routine are the same. As a principal, I'm in a similar position. You are the 19th class to whom I have given diplomas. That's a long time watching boys grow up into young men and seeing them begin another plateau in their young lives. I got to know a lot of individuals through the years. I saw how they formed a class together and created a certain spirit that characterizes that particular class.

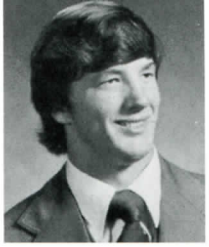
As I watched your class grow and develop these past four years, I have noticed strong leadership develop, a desire to succeed, a spirit that impressed me immensely. I honestly hate to see your class graduate. You have good leadership, a healthy, business-like approach to your studies, a strong faith in the almighty God, and a desire to share this love with your fellow man.

Your initiative in your school activities was outstanding; your apostolic works were all successes; your work in the festivals enabled many young men to get a good education who otherwise could not have made it financially; and, above all, your cooperation with the faculty was unsurpassed. Moeller will remember how you made our school a better place. God bless you always, wherever you go, and know that you will *always* be welcome.

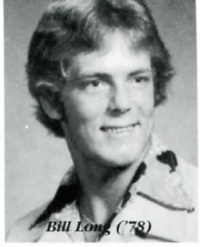
L. R. Krusling

Sincerely,
Father Lawrence Krusling, Principal

Bill Braun ('72), English



Bob Crable ('78)



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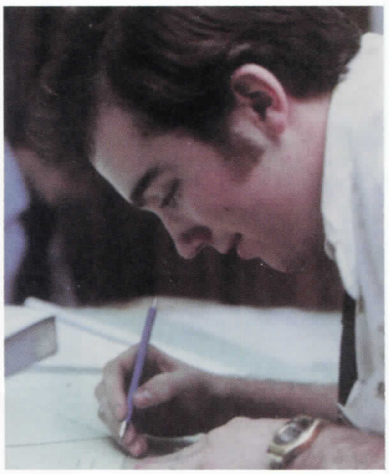
Seniors explain why Moeller remains #1

Why is Moeller "Number One"? How do you explain Moeller's incredible success over the years? Several seniors explain...

DAVE SLOAN: Moeller is #1 because we have the family spirit to lift each other when we're down and to celebrate together when we're on top.

MARK POTTICARY: Moeller is first because we know how to be second.

TONY PERROTTI: Moeller is #1 because of good, old-fashioned hard work.

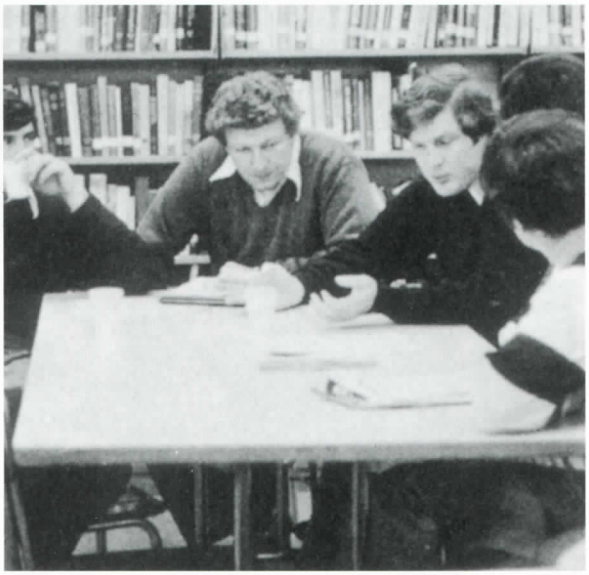


SHAWN MARKEY: Moeller students have outstanding pride, spirit, and self-identity. These make Moeller #1.

DAVID MONTAG: Moeller is #1 because we include God in all facets of school life.

MICHAEL LOVELACE: The Moeller Student Body is #1 because we know it and believe it.

STEVE CAVELLIER: The brotherly fellowship which binds the students together makes Moeller #1.



KURT KASTNER: A unique family relationship between faculty and students is at the base of our being #1.

TIM KOLKMEYER: The sense of unity and sincere friendship at Moeller filled me with pride and praise for a school that few can match, none can equal.

Moeller's It's Academic Team was this year's Runner Up in Tri-State competition.

DAVE ELY: Moeller is #1 because we also excel in academic competitions, as well as athletic feats.

BILL LONG: We're #1 because of the teachers. They not only prepare us for school; they prepare us for life.

We're Still #1!

1977

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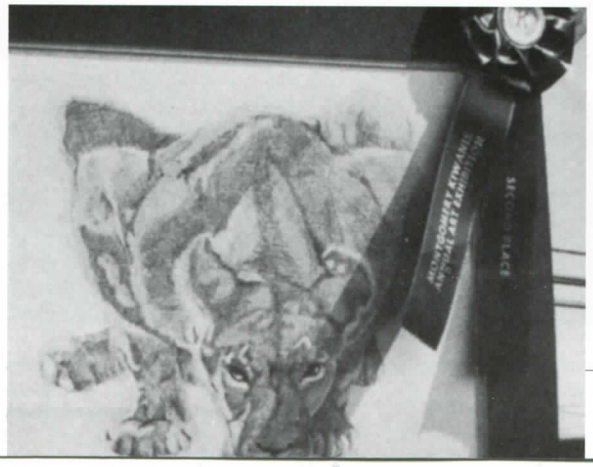
DAVE SCHMIDT: We're #1 because of the high quality of people produced through great athletics, challenging classes, and an atmosphere of excellence.

KIRBY CLARK: Moeller is #1 because it has great pride in anything and everything it does.

LARRY EFFLER: Moeller is #1 because the people here care to make it #1.

The Humanities Program accomplished the following activities: Alternative Education Days, Wall Art Project, Performing Arts Troupe, and Nursing Home Visitation.



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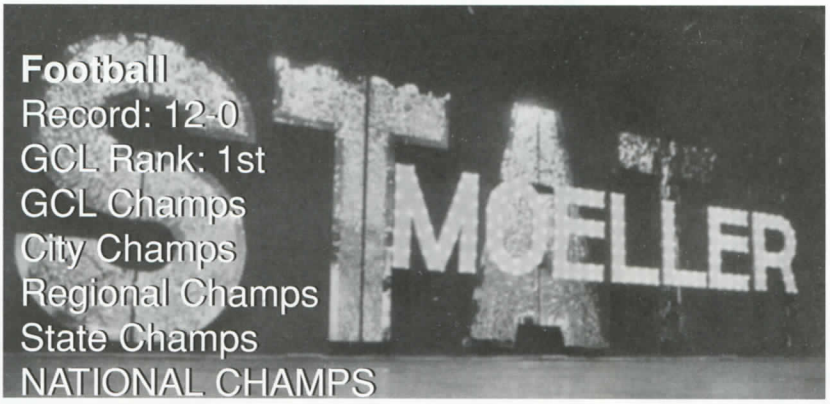
Gerry Faust's team accomplished the impossible: three consecutive State titles and two consecutive National titles. No one had done it before. No one has done it since.

Moeller Athletic STATS



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Record: 12-0
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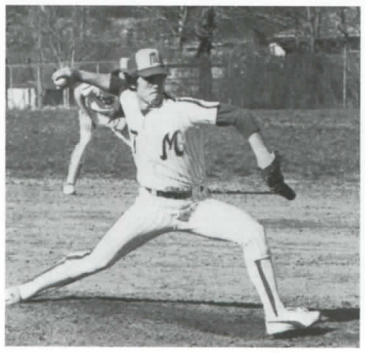

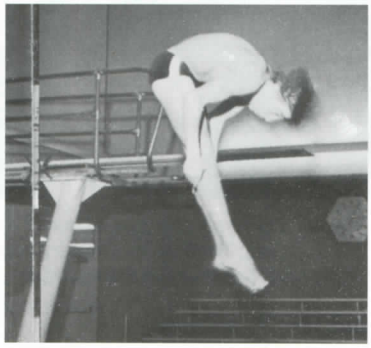

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Two Roman Catholic leaders passed away this year, Pope Paul VI and Pope John I. In October, Pope John Paul II became the youngest Pope this century.

Oct. 16

As the Class of '78 bid farewell, valedictorian David Arlinghaus summed up his last four years at Moeller:

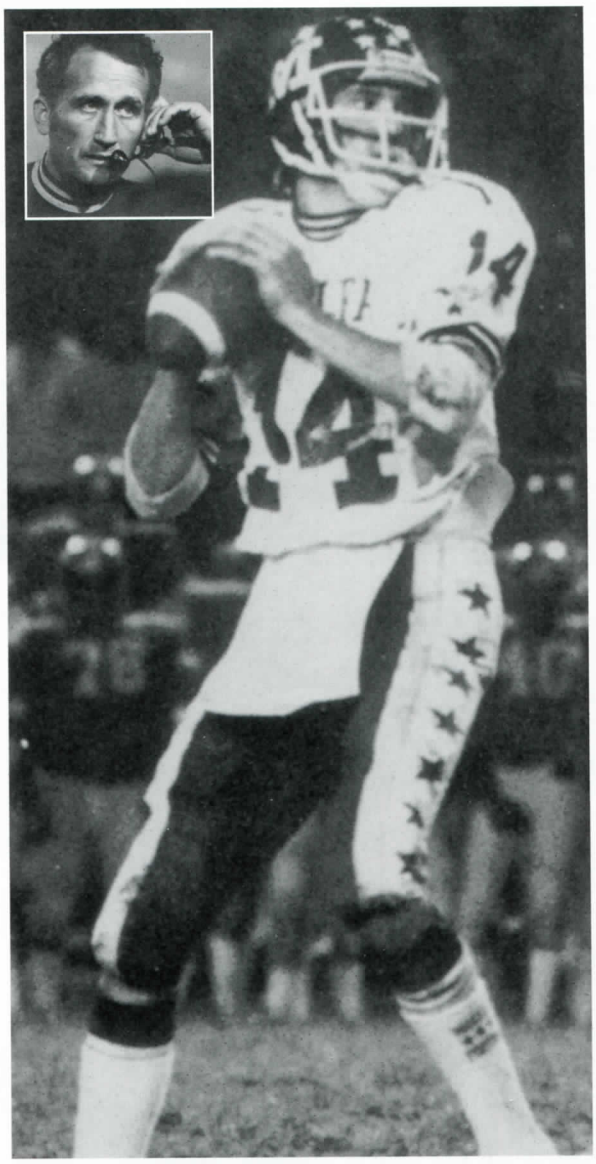
When we first stepped into Moeller as bewildered freshmen, we didn't know what to think. High school. A big change.

But it wasn't long until we really felt comfortable here.

We joined different sports and activities; we met a lot of people and made new friends; we grew both mentally and physically; and our overall vision was enlarged.

We have been given the foundation of Christian principles and values — and it is up to us to construct our own temple. Because we are the future leaders of this world, let us use our God-given talents, our Christian faith, our intelligence, and our humanity to create a better tomorrow.

No matter what the future may have in store for us, no matter how far apart we fan across the face of this earth, when we leave here tonight, we may always proudly call ourselves Moeller Alumni, Class of '79. ■



Moeller students also bid farewell to Bill Schlegal, the school's long-time maintenance man, and to Tom McKenna, Moeller's fellow student and friend.