James Bauer, D.E.

Mary Ellen Ross, French

Jan. 27: Paris Peace Treaty signed. The last US ground troups leave for home.

May 8: Battle of Wounded Knee in SD ends.

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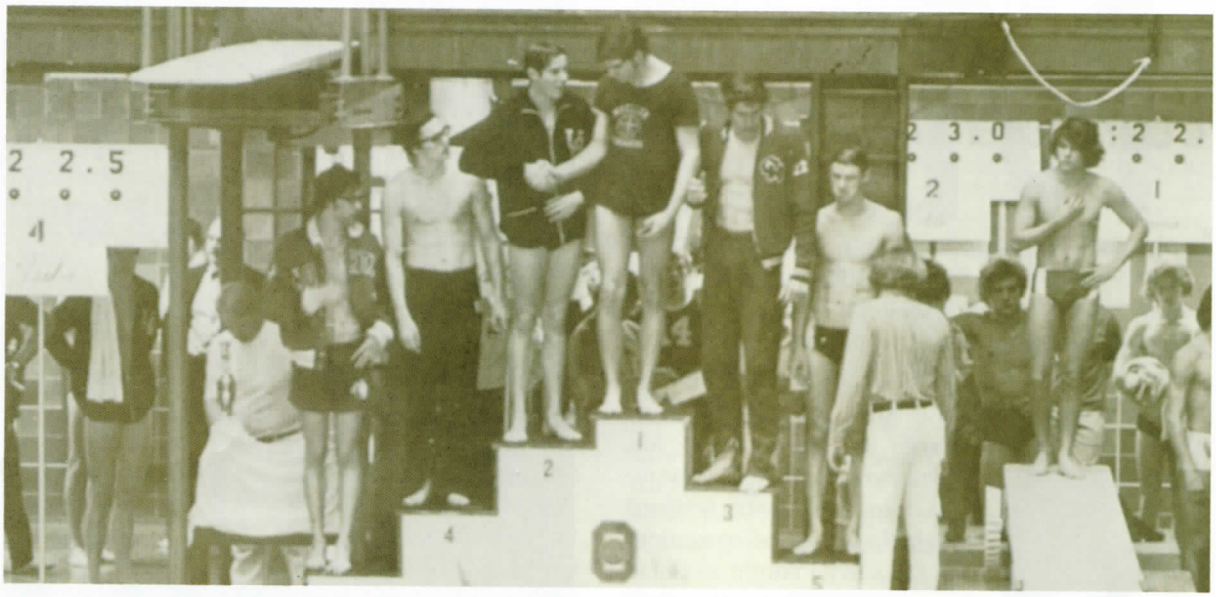

Dave Schipper ('75) became the school's first individual State Champ, winning the 50-yard freestyle event in the State Meet.

Mark Spitz wins a record 7 gold medals at Olympics.

Sophomore swimmer David Schipper Moeller's 1st individual STATE CHAMP!

Moeller football continues to dominate as Coach Faust's varsity team finishes the year 10-1.

Curricular Innovation & Excellence

1973

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Joe Meale
Ed Meosky
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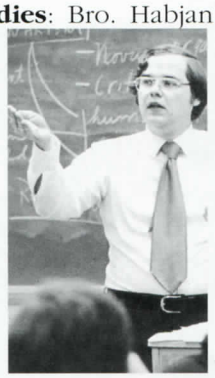
Moeller focuses on leading-edge curricular innovation

Moeller continued its vision of seeking the *best* in education for its students, implementing and refining new programs and courses, several ahead of their time. For example, the school's Humanities Program still exists today, while Moeller's School-Within-A-School Program would be considered progressive by today's standards.

English: This is the first year that Moeller allowed students to select the courses they wanted, and the staff introduced several new courses: Mr. and Mrs. Federle joined forces in a film course; Mr. Keener taught Sports Literature & Composition; Mr. Ledford taught Speech & Interpretation; Mr. Massarella taught a course in science fiction; Mr. Barattieri opened minds to Shakespeare & Mythology, and Mr. Kunkel taught American Heritage Studies.

Ken Keener, English

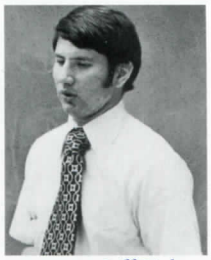
Social Studies: Bro. Habjan refined his comprehensive history course, which studies cultures in other countries and examines the political outlook in America. In this innovative program, each social studies teacher selects one topic and studies its history. For example, Bro. Habjan covered the intellectual and cultural history of the U.S., extending from the first pioneers to the New World to the present day 50 states. According to the *Templar* staff, "When you leave Moeller, you feel ready to challenge anyone with the knowledge you gained."



Science: Earth Science was in its second year at Moeller and Human Anatomy, one of the few courses of its kind offered by any high school in the area, was popular.

Languages: The Moeller Language Department became known for its depth and breadth, offering Latin, Spanish, German, and French.

Mathematics: According to the *Templar*, "The Mathematics Department has become one of the best in the area. The advanced student can go as high as Calculus, while the rest are just one step behind with Analysis and Trigonometry." The department also offers a computer programming course.



Jeff Liebert Math

Music: Mr. Hagee added a course in music history and brought respect to the Moeller bands, putting on excellent half-time shows and keeping the increasingly popular Moeller rallies going.

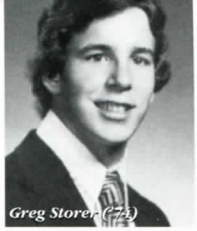
Religion: Bro. Tim Pearson brought back student-activated programs, established retreats at Bergamo in Dayton, and reestablished Mass.

Business: Mr. Bauer refined two new programs: Distributive Education (D.E.) and Business Law. D.E. is an innovative vocational program involving marketing and distributive studies. Moeller places students in a distributive occupation (any employment that is related to the movement of goods or services from the producer to consumer), and the students receive on-the-job instruction, while also learning the marketing and distribution fundamentals in the classroom.

January 11: The sitcom, Happy Days, *made its debut, featuring Henry Winkler as 'The Fonz.'*

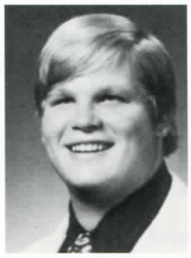
April 8: Hank Aaron sets a new record, hitting his 715th home run. He broke the record held for 39 years by legendary Babe Ruth.

Cyril Whitaker ('74)



Greg Storer ('74)

1974



Henry Woebkenberg wins State Shot Put Championship!

With a throw of 61' 6" — only 2" off the State record — Harry Woebkenberg ('74) won the State Shot Put Championship, duplicating David Schipper's ('75) individual State Championship title the year before.

'Season of Champions'

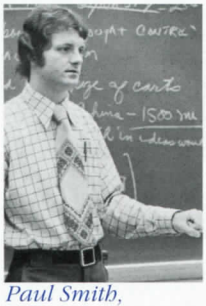
Football: Moeller captured three GCL crowns — freshmen, reserve, and varsity — giving the program the title "Season of Champions."

Soccer: Finishing 8-1-1, the Moeller Soccer Team made a clean sweep in the "Week of Champions," beating Elder by a score of 4-1.

Wrestling: The Moeller grapplers completed the season with a 6-1 record, scoring 1st place in the Glen Este, Indian Hill, and Princeton Tournaments.

Track: The Moeller thinclads came in first in the G.C.L. and won the Spartan Gold Medal Meet, becoming the best track team in five years.

Baseball: Varsity won the Tournament of Champions.



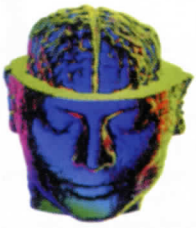
Paul Smith, Social Studies

Humanities: The Humanities Program was an interdisciplinary course ahead of its time and is still offered by Moeller today. The students study social studies, literature, art, music, and philosophy, all of which have the subject of humanity at its center in all its various cultural, philosophic, aesthetic, and creative pursuits. The program explores man in his four major relationships: to deity, to nature, to other men, and to himself.

School Within a School: This leading-edge program was based on individualized instruction. In this approach, the teacher and student devise a course of study. The teachers become facilitators of student learning rather than dispensers of knowledge. The teacher guides the student to discover what he needs and wants to know. The program provides the atmosphere and opportunities for the student to make his own decisions.

Sneakers and streakers were the latest rage.

School of the Future



1974: Altair is the first small home computer manufactured.

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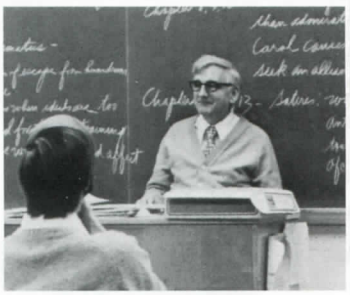
During 1974-'75, Moeller continued to concentrate on academic excellence: "Father Krusling, Mr. Rieman, Father Marine, and Bro. Meder stood steadfast with Moeller tradition yet remained open to innovations." Some of these innovations had not yet been conventionally coined, such as the Language Department's "multiculturalism" approach, the Humanities Program's "interdisciplinary" method, and the School-Within-a-School's "independent learner" program. Moeller sought to tailor its instruction to each student, to increase its spiritual emphasis, to enhance its school climate, and to ensure the most current technology was available. In short, Moeller continued to define itself as a school of the future.

Science: The Science Department provided a college preparatory foundation by offering Organic Chemistry, Human Anatomy, and Physics, taught by Mr. Meale, Mr. Borman, and Mr. Rovito.

English: The English faculty added two courses: Heroes of the American West and The Art of Film. The Humanities Program studied literary criticism and engaged in various service projects: tutoring, creating a mobile for the main stairway, and performing Woody Allen's *Don't Drink the Water.*



Languages: With a heavy emphasis on audio-visual aids, the Language Department introduced students to new lifestyles and different ways of approaching their reality, enabling each student to judge for himself whether or not his language and culture was better or simply different (multiculturalism, ahead of its time).

Religion: Moeller reinstated Senior Sodality, an organization designed to develop spirituality and to bring an awareness of the Christian message to the Moeller community. The Sodality sponsored divisional Masses, collected for the Bishop's Relief Fund, ran a canned food and clothing drive, and contributed the revenue from their Easter egg hunt to St. Joseph's Infant and Maternity Home.

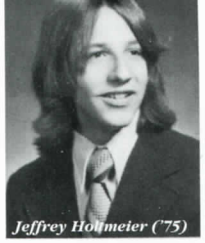
Social Studies: This Department introduced Urban Sociology & Futurology. Urban Sociology, taught by

Bob Kolkmeyer ('75)

Solar power boat introduced as world searches for alternative sources of energy.

At age 19, Bill Gates forms Microsoft with friend Paul Allen.

April 30: Saigon falls as America completes withdraw.

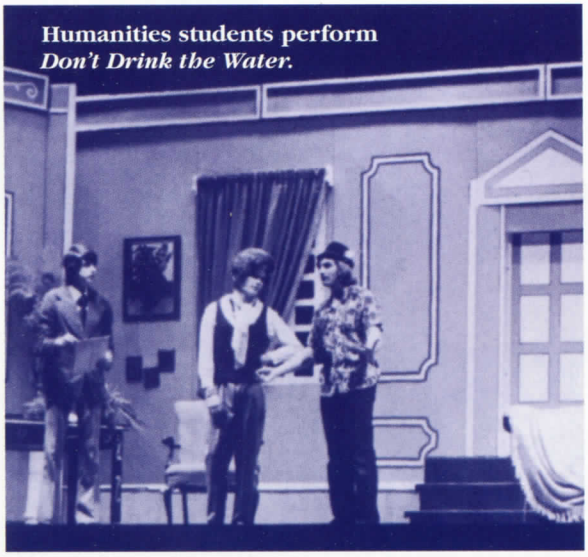


Jeffrey Holtmeier ('75)

February — April

1975

Pictured top right: Jeff Holtmeier ('75), founder of InfiNET, Cincinnati's largest, privately held telecommunications company.



Humanities students perform *Don't Drink the Water.*

Mr. Smith, traced a city as it developed, while Futurology, Father Marine's specialty, dealt with the economic and cultural factors as they will exist in the year 2000.

Math: The Math Department purchased filmstrips and cassette tapes to assist in individual instruction and designed the curriculum to fit each student instead of forcing the student to fit the curriculum.

Health and Physical Education: The newest feature was Recreational Physical Education, a senior elective course that investigated leisure-time activities, like ice skating, archery, and golf.

Fine Arts: The department's most talented senior art students participated in Art Special, a program enabling the artists to study three periods of art each day so they could develop their skills for longer, uninterrupted periods of time. In addition, Moeller expanded the bandroom to make room for two sound modules.

Business: Moeller's Distributive Education students participated in the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and won several awards in the organization's contests.

School-Within-A-School Program: Based on individualized instruction, this unique program assisted students in becoming independent, competent learners.

Guidance: To answer students' questions about colleges and occupations, Moeller added the Guidance Information Service Computer Terminal.

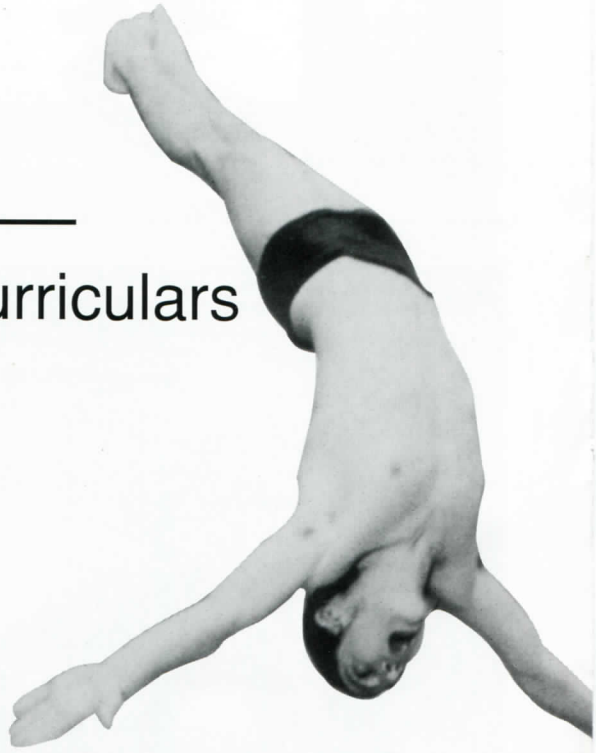
Library: The library underwent a change in atmosphere, adding paintings, sculptures, and posters to make the room more conducive to studying. Bro. Fahrig, S.M., made sure the most up-to-date technology tools were available. ■

Facing impeachment, Nixon becomes first president to resign.

1974

— August 8 —

Students 'dive' into co-curriculars



Moeller's renewed spiritual emphasis included reinstating Senior Sodality and encouraging students' active participation in organizations like the Catholic Big Brothers Association (pictured above).

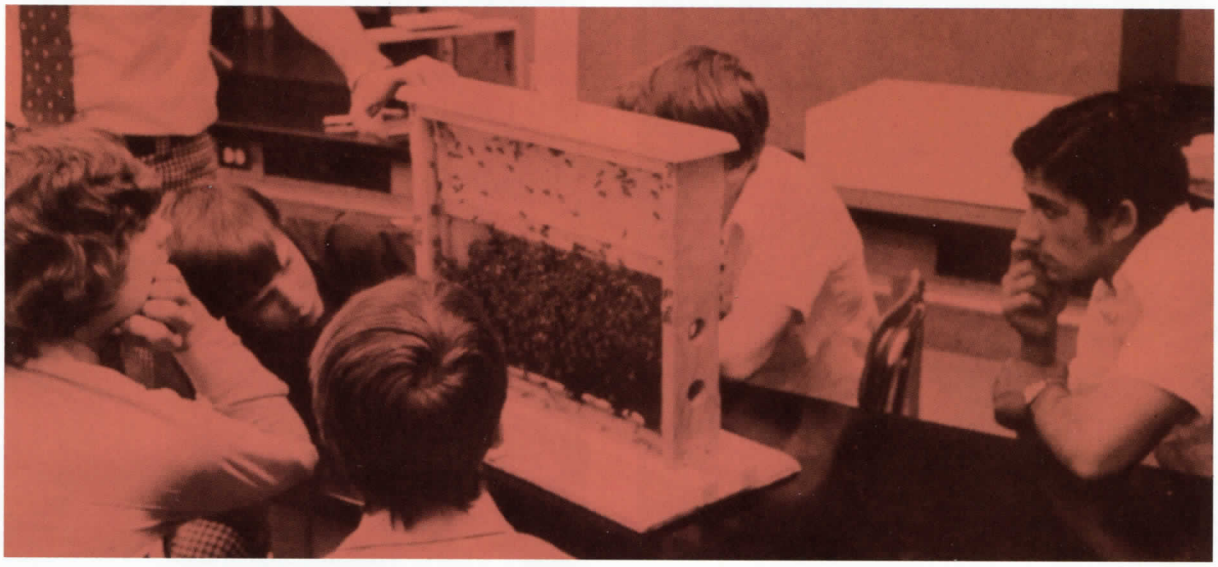
ACTIVITIES: The *Templar* listed 23 organizations and groups, among them the reinstated Senior Sodality and the new Black Student Union. The Rally Committee continued to be a major force in creating Moeller spirit.

Student government introduced "Mini-Week," which enabled students to learn new interests and activities. Taught by Moeller faculty, and field professionals, and even Moeller students, the curriculum included courses on dreams, demonology, magic, real estate, law enforcement, bee culture, and motor cross. The week also involved field trips to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Krohn Conservatory, and National Distillers.

Black Student Union

Rally Committee

During Student Government's Mini-Week, students learned karate moves and studied bee culture .



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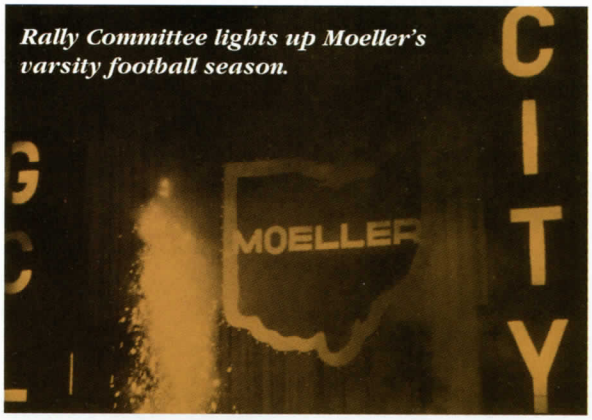
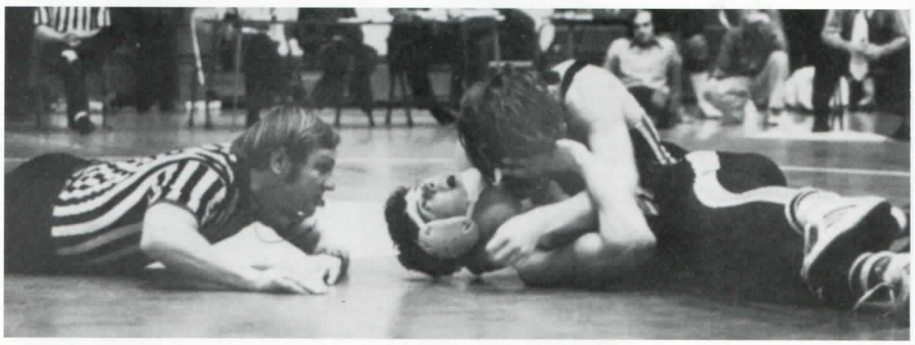
Moeller athletics make biggest 'splash'

ATHLETICS: Moeller's dream of becoming a well-rounded athletic program became reality in 1974-'75.

Football: The varsity football team captured the G.C.L. and City Championships, and Moeller became the first team in Cincinnati's history to be A.P. and U.P.I. State Poll Champs. Coach Gerry Faust's 100th win came with a 55-0 victory over Dayton Chaminade. **Cross Country:** The cross country team was the best in the school's history, as Moeller sent two runners to the State Meet: Tim Winslow ('75) and Mark Helgeson ('76). **Wrestling:** Two wrestlers also made State Competition: Jay Case ('75), district champ and Randy Webb ('75). **Swimming & Diving:** Dave Schipper ('75) repeated his State Championship in the 50-yard freestyle, while the diving team took first place in the G.C.L. Tournament. **Track:** Moeller's track team broke school records and ended the season 12-0. Coached by Barry Borman, the team snatched first place in the Anderson Invitational, the Spartan Gold Medal Meet, the G.C.L. Meet, and the Sectional Meet. Three Crusaders were named to the All-Star Team: Byron Patterson ('76), Gary McNeal ('75), and Randy Reagan ('75). Barry Borman was honored as "Coach of the Year."



Rally Committee lights up Moeller's varsity football season.



Rocky, *written by and starring Sylvester Stallone, is a big hit.*

The Year of Introspection

1975

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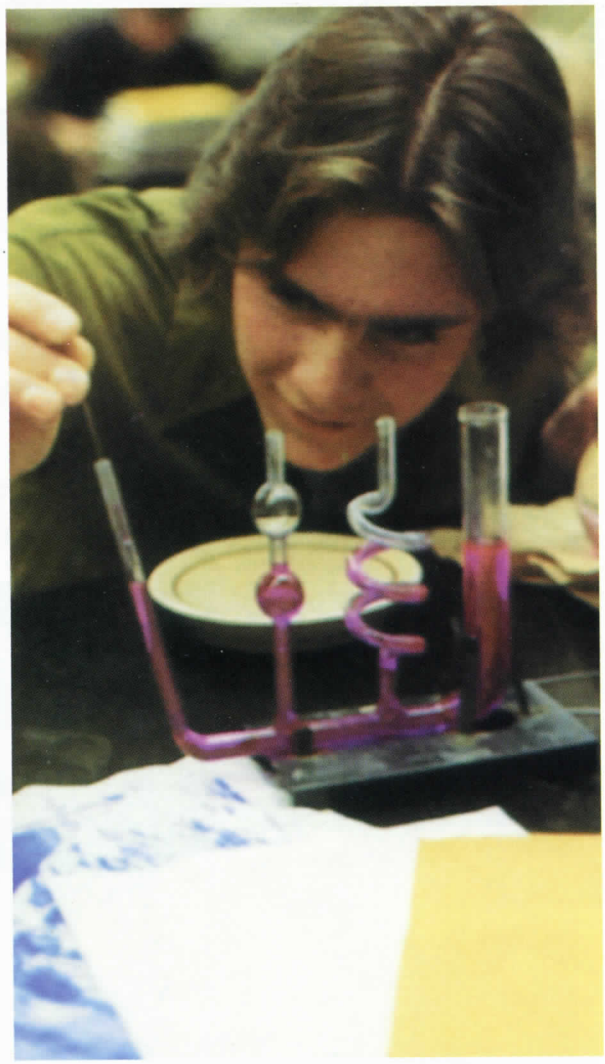
Academically, 1975-'76 was a year of introspection and curricular alignment. Under the direction of Bro. Habjan, S. M., the new Dean of Academics, the Moeller faculty prepared departmental philosophies, curriculum guides, and syllabi. Ever seeking new heights of academic excellence, several departments refocused their curricular emphasis.

Religion: Chairman Father Palozzi, S.M., focused the department on the central notions of the Christian message and sought to ensure that students were learning the Gospel message and applying it to their daily life.



Science: *Mr. Borman aligned his department to prepare students better for future science study.*

Math: Mr. Rovito reorganized the department to allow each student to seek his level of competency.

Business: Mr. Bauer revamped the department to prepare students for a future in the business world.

Social Studies: New chair Mr. Schlotman refined the department's curriculum to be more representative of man's experience, culture, and beliefs.

Fine Arts: Bro. Wanda, S.M., ensured that the department's art students were able to obtain a four-year art major and proficiency.

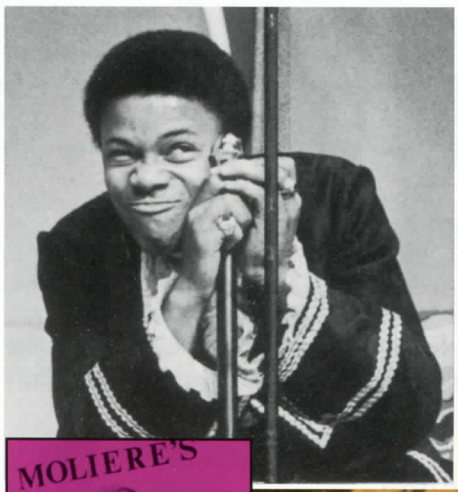
Language: Bro. Waker, S.M., reorganized the department around the belief that intense study of another language — be it Latin, Spanish, French, or German — leads to a better understanding of one's own language structure and vocabulary.

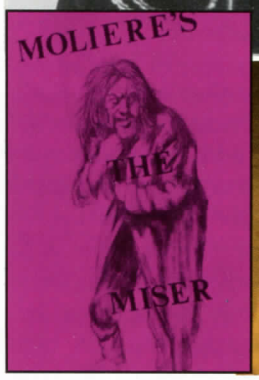
Health & Physical Education: Mr. Cameron redesigned the curriculum to incorporate the importance of personal, communal, and environmental health, along with physical activity.

TV series Roots, *by Alex Haley, attracts record audiences.*

January

1976





English: *Co-chairmen Mr. Masserella and Bro. Lange, S.M., expanded classroom instruction with the production of two plays (*Our Town, *pictured above, and* The Miser, *pictured left) and the publication of the literary magazine,* The Squire, *and the monthly newspaper,* The Crusader.

Moeller students dance "The Bump" to " That's the Way I Like It" with a choral group from Marydale Iowa.

Student Government sponsored informal dances, giving Moeller the reputation for the "best and most numerous dances in the city." Three nationally prominent bands — Starstruck, Exile, and Roger & the Human Body — performed at Moeller, filling the gym to capacity.

While the Moeller faculty refined the school's academic program, the students danced and celebrated throughout the year, for it was also "The Year of 'The Miracle.' " (See pages 26-27.)

The Year of 'The Miracle'

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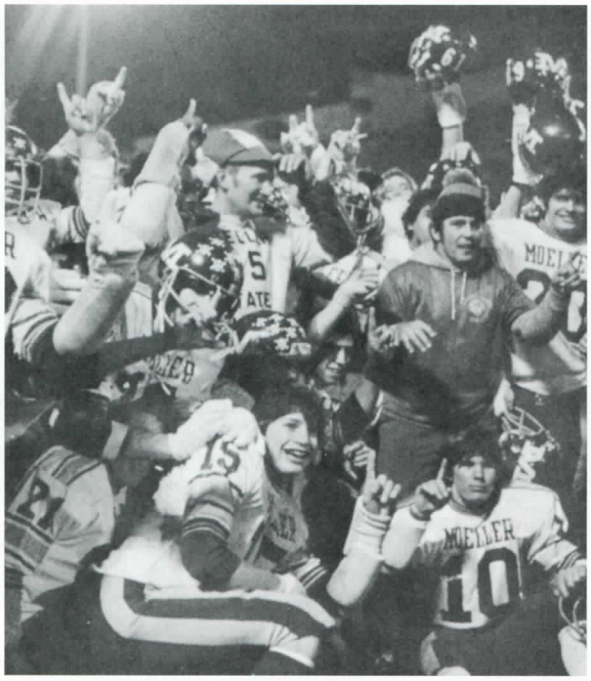
Moeller's State Championship title this year marked the start of an unprecedented string of State Championship titles and was just the beginning of Moeller's "Rise to Fame." This legendary football story began, appropriately, with a "miracle"...



Coach Gerry Faust pictured center with his winning team and his "lucky hat."

'The Miracle' *by the* Templar *staff*

AT FOOTBALL ST

At the beginning of the school year, the Moeller football team and student body had already set their goal. They had been frustrated in achieving this goal the two previous years. Yet, despite our hope, it seemed the goal of being State Champs would always be just beyond our reach...

State Finals

It is a wonder any school work was done at all, with the game at St. Edward being number one on our mind. The game was to be played at the Akron Rubber Bowl, so we were given Friday off from school for the long drive. On Thursday, we held a rally that climaxed the week's activity. At the rally, the entire student body joined Tom Steele singing, "Just One More Victory," which had become not only our theme song, but was now reality. We need just one more victory to be State Champs!

But it was not going to be easy. The newspapers said that St. Edward was the best high school football team they had seen, and they predicted we would lose. Even some of those within our own circle seemed doubtful that there was any chance we would win.

The trip to Akron was long. Tension and excitement built up within those buses and cars. By the time we arrived, we were ready to yell and scream our hearts out, and we did just that.

The game, played in snow flurries, was hard fought. The Eagles were immediately shocked by our quickness and aggressiveness. It was evident that the Eagles had never been hit so hard. Moeller scored first, but St. Ed's came back quickly. The seesaw battle went on. With two minutes left and the score 14-12 in our favor, the Eagles were threatening

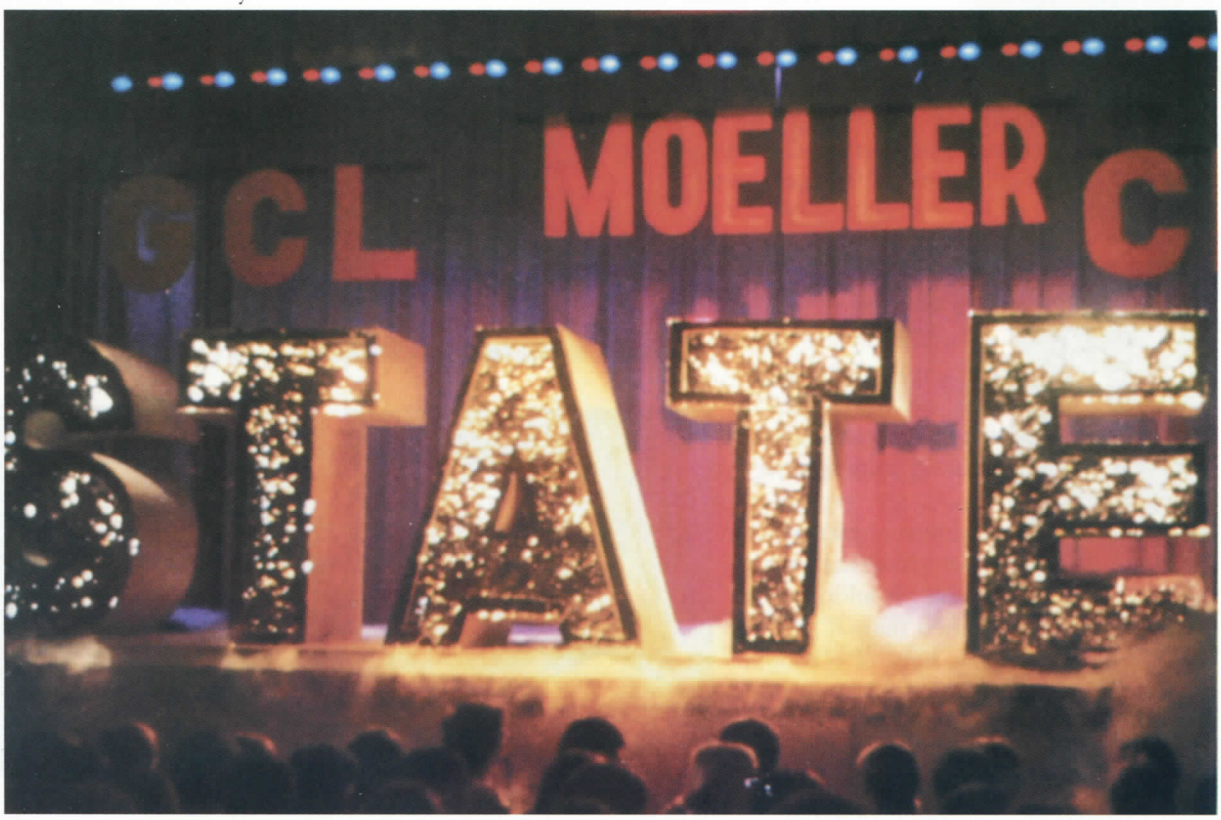
1976

ATE CHAMPS!

inside the 25-yard line. It began to look bad for the Crusaders. The student body began to sing "Just One More Victory," and the players were beginning to cry. Then, the miracle happened. St. Ed's quarterback fumbled the snap. In a flash, sophomore middle guard Bob Crable shot through the line and dived on the ball. We all went wild!

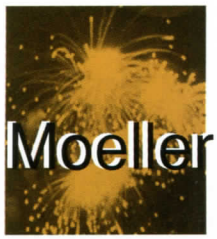
The Moeller offense moved the ball downfield and stalled. St. Ed's got the ball, but it was too late. The game ended. Mr. Faust, State Victory Shirt and special good-luck hat in place, accepted the State trophy. The miracle was complete. The Moeller Crusaders were the State Champs in football for the first time. We were Number One, and no one could take that away from us. ■

While many schools and coaches only dream of winning a State Championship, Gerry Faust's team had achieved this feat, a feat which would come again, and again, and again... Moeller was only 15 years old.

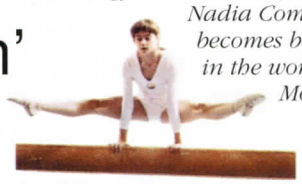


The celebration "snow" remained, and Moeller was never quite the same...

Bob Crable ('78)



Moeller is 'Best in Nation'



Scoring the first perfect "10" in gymnastic history, Romanian Nadia Comaneci, age 14, becomes best gymnast in the world at the Montreal Olympics.

Dick Beerman, Math

1976

J. Hammeran ('77)

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No one can capture the essence of the 1976-'77 school year better than one who has experienced it. Jay Hammeran ('77) put down his thoughts about his four years at Moeller as he was about to graduate. He summed up his reflections with the following words:

"Thank you, Moeller. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

by Jay Hammeran ('77)

I write these words on the eve of my last day at Moeller. I can say in all honesty and sincerity that I will always treasure the four years I spent here.

Sure there have been hard times: quarter exams, projects, lab reports, experiments, and even gym class, to name a few. But the good has always outweighed the bad. Moeller is one of the few schools in the city or the country where students can claim that the teachers really care. When transfer students ask me to compare the atmosphere at Moeller to their school, I usually answer, "The people here really care."

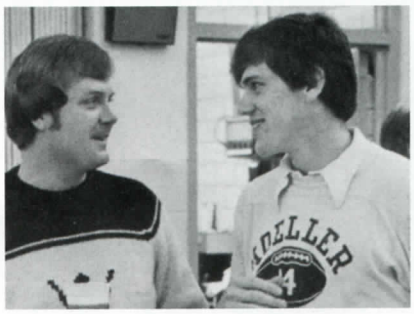
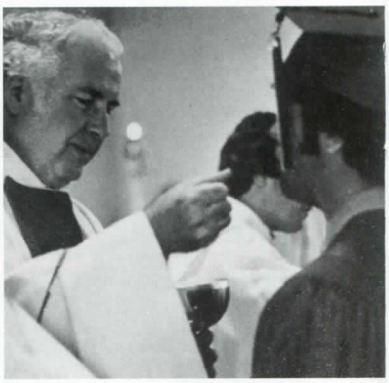
The students are also one-of-a-kind. And I mean that in the classiest sense of the word. Life on the whole at Moeller is maintained in a family atmosphere.

Moeller is more than just athletics. Sure, Moeller is seldom more unified than at the stirring sight of a football rally, and the wins that follow make our football program top-ranked in the country. But people seldom seem to notice that Moeller students always score high on competitive exams and that they also do well in college.

Sure, the discipline from some teachers is unbearable, and so, at times, is the work. I know. I have had many nights where I stayed up until one o'clock. But have you ever noticed that colleges and employers often look where you have gone to school?

And when you underclassmen feel the world is coming down around you and the assignments are piling up fast and you're in a frenzy to finish the unfinishable, remember that as soon as you begin your first day at Moeller, your days are numbered. Swiftly you lose them, and there is a feeling of loss.

Moeller isn't perfect. And it will never be as long as imperfect, emotional human beings are involved. But in a high school, it is about as close as anyone can get.



Thank you, Moeller. It's been an interesting, back-breaking, unbearable, enjoyable four years. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.