

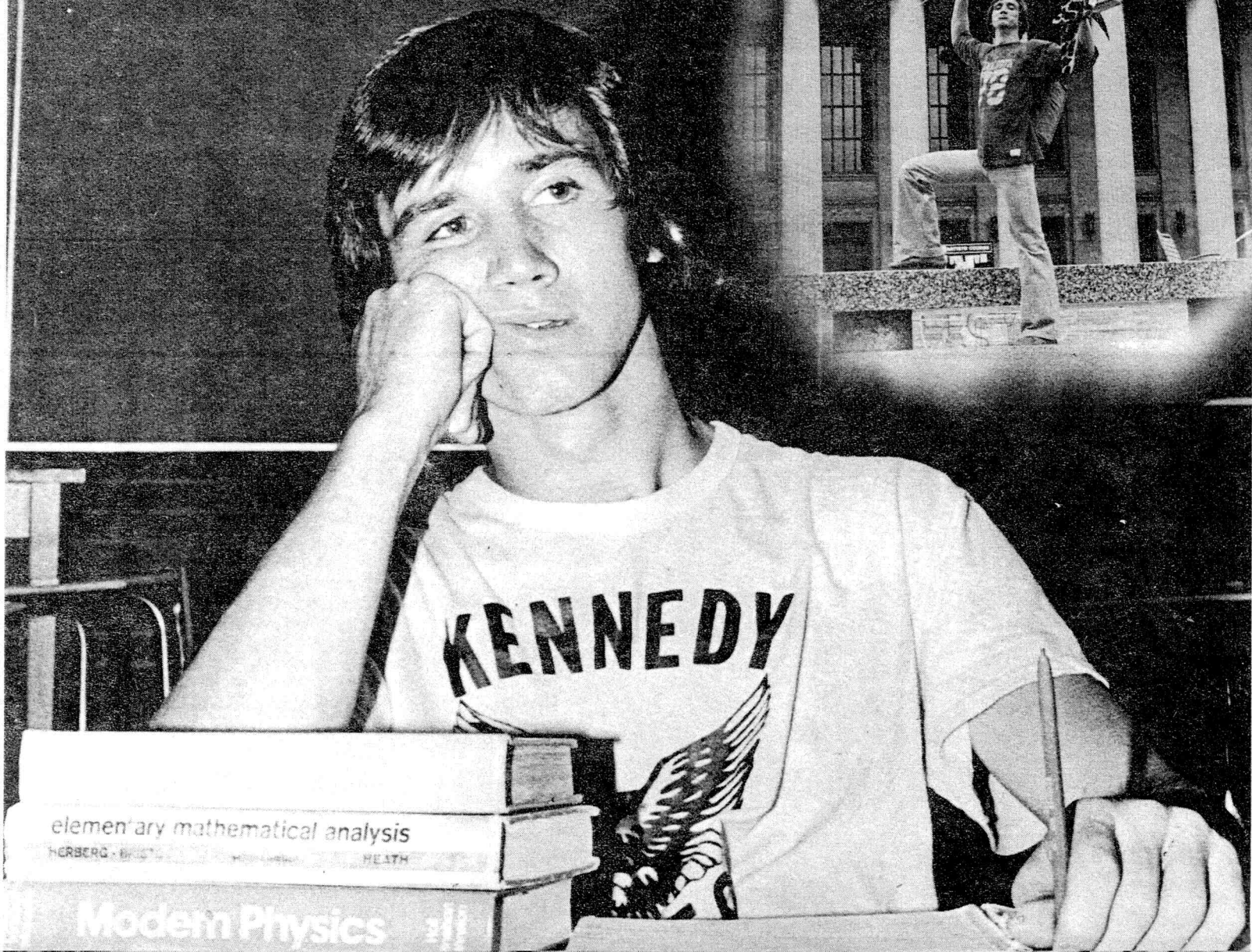
# THE TORCH

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It takes more than  
daydreams to get  
you to tomorrow





Ken Moore

## Deans emphasize fairness

New disciplinarians face old problems  
while parking lot creates new obstacles



Steve O'Brien

Discipline. To some students it means getting caught smoking in the lavatories. To others it means a parking lot that is highly controlled, while to teachers it might mean quiet hallways during class. For Kennedy's two new deans of students services, Ken Moore and Steve O'Brien, it means all of these things, plus close attention to fair treatment of all students.

Faced with the problem of having to confront students who are breaking rules, Mr. Moore and O'Brien have developed their philosophy towards dealing with discipline which emphasizes equality or fairness. According to Mr. O'Brien, he tries to give students the benefit of the doubt whenever he can. "I try to be as fair as humanly possible," he said.

Mr. Moore's views are similar, in that he said that he, too, would like to see the student in the right, but he added that there is a right way and a wrong way to do things, and if a student does do

something wrong, he (Moore) will enforce the rules.

One problem which gave the deans major concern in the early weeks of this school year was that of the parking lot, where access has been controlled by the use of posts and chains. The deans have been working to help students to adjust to the change.

Loitering in the hallways causes problems for the deans who are attempting to "keep the traffic and noise down to a minimum," according to Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Moore said that there would not be as much of a problem if students in hallways were given legal excuses by teachers to be out of class.

Probably the most difficult situation facing the deans is the problem with smoking in lavatories. Smokers, however, are only one segment of the students that Mr. Moore and Mr. O'Brien are dealing with, but regardless of who the students are with whom they come into contact, the deans emphasize that all students will be treated equally and fairly.

## Kris' final good-byes must last a full year

**Editor's note: Kris Hull '76, a former Torch writer, is in Norway on AFS. Here is the first in a series of reports she will be sending in to Kennedy students:**

One of the unique privileges given to an American Field Service (AFS) student who is leaving to live in another country for a year, is the chance to experience saying a good-bye that must last for 12 months. It is impossible at the time to realize how important the memories of those final hugs and kisses will be in the days ahead. On July 12, 1976, I said my final good-byes and began my year as an AFSer by boarding a plane which carried me from the Minneapolis airport to New York City.

In New York we had two days of orientation, in which we were urged to be open minded and to view our new culture in a broad light. Then on July 15, along with 30 other AFSers destined for Norway, we boarded a plane at Washington D.C. and were off.

My destination in Norway was Storslett, a little rural town nestled in the mountains above the Arctic Circle. We drove on and on, through farmlands, desolate barren mountains, past torrid waterfalls, and through fjords which we crossed via ferry boat.

As I left the plane and obtained my first real glimpse of Norway, I was totally surprised. I looked around and the landscape was so similar to Minnesota that it was uncanny. But when I boarded the bus headed for the AFS language camp, the countryside

slowly began to change as we drove on. I began to see the Norway I had seen in pictures; rolling hills escalating to lush mountains, quaint farmhouses, and icy blue rivers winding through the valleys. After a six hour drive we began to climb a mountain which finally led to our language camp.

For two and a half weeks the 30 of us tried to get a basic grasp of the Norwegian language and culture. At night we were taught Norwegian folk dances and traditional songs. We had free time to walk in the mountains or down to the town where we tried out our meager Norwegian and changed our dollars and cents to kroner and ore.

Family life is of utmost importance here; thus, many days are spent visiting relatives and having coffee with them. Coffee times in Norway are quite frequent - - whenever anyone visits, coffee, sandwiches, and cakes also appear. It is not uncommon to drink 15-20 cups of coffee per day what with visiting and having visitors, and then the necessary coffee time before going to bed. However, since I dislike the taste of it, I am known as the girl who drinks little coffee; they don't understand it since Norwegians begin drinking coffee at about age 14, and "everyone" drinks it.

Besides coffee times, there are also the regular meals. The basic ingredient of the Norwegian diet seems to be open-face sandwiches; they are served for breakfast, and supper as well as coffee times; they

range from simple cheese sandwiches to those that look like works of art.

Besides eating and having coffee there is still time to do other things. Since my family consists of two young parents and two young brothers (ages 6 and 8), my opportunities to meet people my own age have been limited. Hence, I have lots of time on my hands - - but I help around the house, bake breads and cakes, and I've learned how to knit. Hiking in the mountains, picking blueberries, watching T.V. (one channel at night only), and writing letters take up the rest of my time. But when school starts I will have to spend most of my time concentrating on my Norwegian.

Though I can hardly express myself using the Norwegian language, I can understand a bit more than when I came. However, it is usually a guessing game; I must pick out the words that I recognize in a conversation and then try to fit them together like a puzzle. In this way I can generally obtain the main idea behind a conversation. It is sometimes tiring to continually hear constant chatter in a foreign tongue, but in a few months I am told that I will be able to understand almost everything.

Until that time comes, I will continue to nod my head and say "ya, ya," or shake my head and explain that I don't understand. Or, more frequently I resort to the one method of communication which all cultures understand - - a universal smile that is most readily accepted by everyone.

## 'Birdie' takes off

Following last year's successful production of "Annie Get Your Gun," musical Director Lee Engler has chosen "Bye Bye Birdie" as this fall's musical, scheduled to open Nov. 5.

"It is a fun, lively 1950's musical which has had huge success in many other schools," said Mr. Engler, English 10 and Theatre Arts teacher.

Tryouts were held the first week of school by Mr. Engler and James Bontrager, choir director. The 48 cast members will share singing and dancing responsibilities.

Taking the lead part of Conrad Birdie is senior Larry Goodermont. Other lead parts are held by Mark Schultz, Laurie Brose, Lisa A. Carlson, Jim Ritter, Scott Huffman, Patty Egan, Mary Clifford, Ann Singer, Pat Hurley, and Tammy Fetter.

Working with choreography is Jamie Rudman, sister of last year's choreographer, Laurie Rudman. Dianne Darr, chairperson of the Bloomington Bicentennial Committee, is in charge of costumes, and Thomas Peck, Kennedy band director, is rehearsing the show's orchestra.

Following the Nov. 5 opening the show will have additional performances on Nov. 6, 12, and 13, all at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy auditorium. Tickets will be on sale at \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for students.



## Velkommen Marit!

When Marit Oyen joined the Kennedy Class of '77, she completed a Norwegian double exchange that began when Kennedy graduate Kris Hull '76 was sent to Norway on the American Field Service (AFS) program in July (see story, page 2). Marit, 18, is from Oslo and while in Bloomington is living with the Frank Singer family. She attends Kennedy with AFS sisters Ann, a senior, and Joan, a junior.

Marit's classes here include French, English, Concert Choir, Journalism (she is on the yearbook staff), Theatre Arts, and Contemporary Issues. She says she especially enjoys Kennedy's activity program, which has no Norwegian counterpart. She has had seven years of English and speaks the language nearly perfectly. While her accent reminds one that she is Norwegian, in other ways she seems to have fit into Kennedy like any other student. She is even beginning to understand American football.



### Of kings and queens and such . . .

While the country is busy trying to choose a president, Kennedy students are absorbed with the business of choosing Homecoming royalty. Petitions for candidates are due today to Jon Kuklish, publications advisor, in the Journalism Room. Tomorrow, seniors will vote for five king and five queen candidates. Juniors and sophomores will elect a boy and a girl to represent the classes as underclass attendants. In addition, on the basis of faculty recommendations, a boy and girl from each class will be chosen as ambassadors. Oct. 18, the student body will vote for king and queen, with results to be announced at the traditional Homecoming Coronation on Oct. 19, at 1:30 p.m., in the gymnasium. On Oct. 20, the school day will open with a Homecoming Pepfest at 7:50 a.m., at which seniors will defend their title in the second annual Banana Eating Contest. Other Homecoming activities will include the football game that evening at 6 o'clock against Wayzata and the dance at 9 o'clock in the cafeteria, sponsored by the Junior and Senior Action Committees.

### But at least there's more elbow room . . .

The overall decline in student enrollment in Bloomington has resulted in a drop of 115 students at Kennedy, as shown by a comparison of figures:

	1975	1976
sophomores	704	629
juniors	679	699
seniors	689	629
<b>Total</b>	<b>2072</b>	<b>1957</b>

### New faculty faces around the school

The enrollment drop has resulted in five fewer teaching positions at the school. Nevertheless, some new faculty members were added to the staff to replace others who left for other positions. New to Kennedy are **Pat Fatchett**, English 11; **Craig Hoffman**, special education; **Rhonda Jungels**, vocational home economics coordinator; **Barb Keimer**, clinical teacher; **Linda Lee**, German; **Joyce Luckfield**, English 11; **Ken Moore**, dean of student services; **Concepcion Morgan**, Spanish; and **Steve O'Brien**, a 1971 Kennedy graduate, dean of student services. Returning from leaves of absence last year are **Vicki Colby**, English 11, and **Carol Saarela**, World Cultures.

### Hey, they're cool. They get on down for their school . . .

Varsity cheerleaders proved that they were indeed "cool" when they earned the spirit stick two out of four days at the National Cheerleading Ass'n. Camp this summer at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. The spirit stick, the camp's highest award, was given to the most enthusiastic squad at the camp each day. The girls competed against 49 other squads and earned a white ribbon and two blue ribbons, in addition to the two spirit sticks. After learning new cheers, chants, and stunts and different ways to plan pepfests, the girls returned to Kennedy with a souvenir red, white, and blue spirit stick which is displayed in the showcase.

### Meanwhile, the Beanie Girls . . .

Wearing cheerleader beanies have been new B-Squad cheerleaders **Wendy Anderson**, **Cathy Carsberg**, **Terry Frazier**, **Cathy Hadley**, **Shelley Mooney**, and **Tess Stratton**. These girls divide up their time in an attempt to get to as many sophomore athletic events as possible.

### Band adds zest to Farmfest '76

On Sept. 18, the Kennedy Marching Band helped to celebrate the Bicentennial worldwide salute to agriculture at Farmfest '76. The band marched down the parade route in Lake Crystal, Minn., three times while at the fest. When organizers invited the band to march, they provided money for transportation and free tickets for band members to performances by Helen Reddy and Bobby Vinton. The Marching Band, directed by Thomas Peck, has 112 members plus 14 flag girls and baton twirler Tracey Kramer. Coming up for the band are halftime shows at home football games Oct. 8 against Richfield and Oct. 20 against Wayzata.

### October Dates to Remember

- Oct. 4** — Workshop for teachers; dismissal at 11:30; lunch will be served
- Oct. 12** — 10:45-noon ordering of class rings, A-K
- Oct. 13** — 10:45-noon ordering of class rings, L-Z
- Oct. 13** — Picture retakes for sophomores and juniors
- Oct. 19** — Homecoming Coronation, 1:30 p.m. in the gym
- Oct. 20** — Pepfest, 7:50 a.m., in the gym
- Oct. 20** — Parade to stadium, 5 p.m., meet in front of Kennedy
- Oct. 20** — Football against Wayzata, 6 p.m. at Bloomington Stadium
- Oct. 20** — Homecoming Dance, 9 p.m., in Kennedy's cafeteria

## PACESETTERS

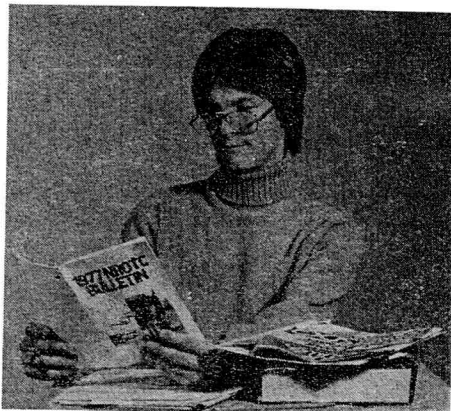
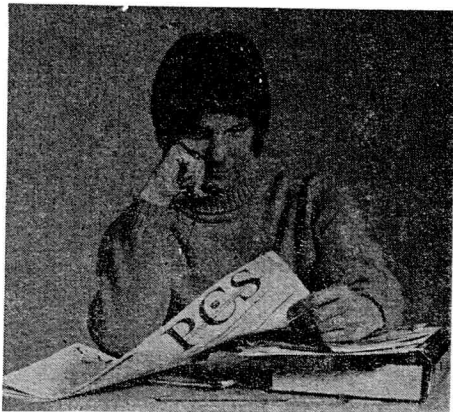
Patricia Fatchett, English 10 and 11 teacher, began her services as the staff advisor for the Kolleens during the summer. Ms. Fatchett advises the danceline on making up dances, works with warmups, and attends after-school practices and performances.



Jeff Aspenwall, senior, is serving as the drum major for the Marching Band this season. Jeff is also called the "drill master" and his duties include giving signals on movements, directions and times to play for band members while marching on the football field or in parade formation.



# Today's plans turn nightmares



A picture of confidence, senior Larry Goodermont digs through various college entrance exams.

## FEATURE FOCUS

### College applicants find need for answers

Here is everything the Kennedy student ought to know about applying for college, but didn't know enough to ask. First, a word of advice: when applying to colleges, it is important to remember this fact: the school counselors don't bite. They are here for the student's benefit.

Determining which college to apply to becomes the student's first problem. The task becomes easier to handle when he looks at it in three parts: cost of the college he is interested in, distance to the school from the student's home, and quality of the academic department in which he may major.

"Cost is one of the primary reasons for choice of a college," said Anna Mae Dawson, counselor. There are literally thousands of colleges from which to choose,

but the student must narrow down the field to those he can afford. Costs for hundreds of colleges can be found in catalogs which may be checked out from the Main Resource Center or Counselors' Office.

Once a student has found the colleges he can afford, he then must look at offerings of the schools to make sure that he can get the major he wants and from a department that has a good reputation.

Distance to the college from home is the third factor. Students must remember to add in the price of dormitories or other housing if they don't intend to stay at home. Current figures on cost are available upon request from the colleges. If a student plans to live off campus he must remember that some sort of transportation has to be arranged.

Once a student has decided what college he'd like to attend, an application must be filed. There is a standard form for all Minnesota state colleges which is available from the counseling office.

Applications for private or out-of-state schools must be requested by calling or writing a particular school. Forms also can be acquired from college representatives who periodically visit the school.

Minnesota state colleges don't require that a student take the ACT or SAT test, but according to Ms. Dawson they do strongly recommend it. If a student is applying for a private or out-of-state school he should check requirements on the application. If the tests are necessary they may be taken after the application is sent in.

The ACT test is to be given at Kennedy November 20 and April 2 with a fee of \$7.50. For students wishing to take SAT, the test dates are set for November 6 and December 4 with a charge of \$7.25.

Kennedy sends the school to which the students apply a transcript, which includes the students' junior grades, and the rank in his class. The standard varies from college to college as to what grade point average a student must have had.

Junior colleges, such as Normandale have general admission, which means the only entrance requirement is a high school diploma, although some special programs, such as nursing, do have grade point requirements.

When sending in the application, it is advised to send it as early as possible. A student may apply for more than one school at once. A fee of \$10 is charged for filing an application for all Minnesota state colleges. The fee differs for private colleges.

### Vo-Tech has all the techniques

Once outside of the high school boundaries, there will be important decisions made everyday. One of these decisions for most people will include some planning for further education. College vs. Vo-Tech is a question that will face many.

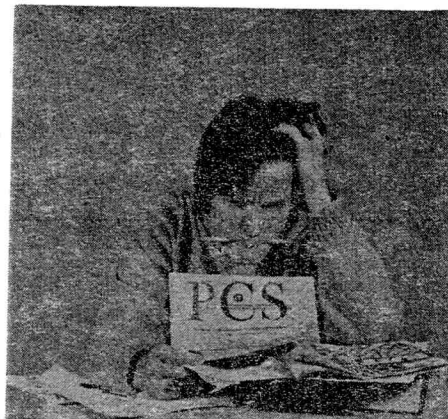
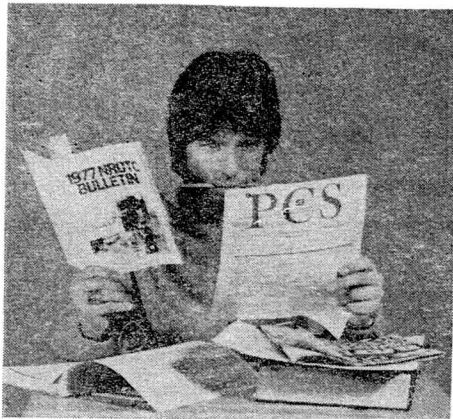
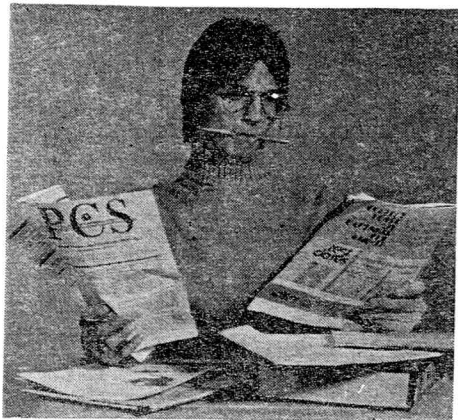
"Setting goals for oneself is important," said Anna Mae Dawson, counselor at Kennedy. "Not all kids are geared to go to college and Vo-Tech offers an alternative." Vo-Tech positions are given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms can be obtained at the Counselors' Office, and early application is advised.

Vo-Tech offers many advantages to students. The time involved in being trained for a skill is much shorter than that of earning a college degree. Also, the student isn't carrying the scholastic load required at a college. Some colleges are recognizing vocational courses as complete in the area of vocational training.

Another advantage is the tuition-free policy. This policy states that any high school graduate from Minnesota may attend free if under the age of 21. Also, financial aid is found through the Bloomington Scholarship Foundation which provides scholarships and financial assistance to students who need the help with books or other expenses.

General areas of study are agricultural-business and natural resources, business and office occupations, communications and media occupations, construction occupations, home economics, services, hospitality and recreational occupations, health occupations, manufacturing occupations, marketing and distribution occupations, environmental control occupations, transportation occupations, and public services.

# of tomorrow into sweet dreams



But by waiting 'till the last minute, Larry discovers that you can't sit on your SAT forever.

## ACT presents task to trio in college testing

Finally, the moment of truth comes. After 11 years of schooling, everything is on the line when students take college-entrance exams. Consider the plight of these three as they prepared to take their ACT test (American College Testing).

Grady Best dreamed of being a National Merit Scholar and going to Harvard. He had an A+ average and was confident he would score in the 99th percentile.

The night before the test Grady had just finished the 26th volume of the **World Book Encyclopedia**. Reading the encyclopedia was only a small part of Grady's master plan for testing perfection. He had begun his plan months earlier by reading various books on topics such as, history, grammar, math, and science.

Ava Ridge wanted to go to the big university where all her friends were going. The big university required the ACT for

entrance.

Ava usually made the "B" Honor Roll and she hoped to score above the 50th percentile or at least as well as her friends.

The night before Ava had felt no tension at all, but now with test time drawing near, she was a bit nervous, as personal pride was setting in. As she sat down, Ava started talking with her friends.

Bronko Nimrod was the starting nose-guard on the football team, but this being winter Bronko was playing basketball because the coach said it would help his coordination.

Bronko planned to go to a local community college to play football after he graduated, if he graduated. The little college did not require the test but Bronko took it to get away from basketball practice, which he didn't like because it wasn't rough enough.

The night before the test Bronko had spent three hours trying to tackle a large maple tree. Having rid himself of that extra energy, Bronko felt fine. He didn't care how he did on the test. As he sat down, Bronko split his pants.

The preliminary instructions went smoothly as did the testing, except for minor disturbances caused by Bronko who insisted on reading the questions out loud. Grady finished first, then Ava, and finally Bronko.

When the results came back, Ava scored in the high 60th percentiles, and miraculously Bronko scored just as high as Grady, in the high 50's. All of which goes to show two things: firstly, when attempting to master the ACT, it is just as good to tackle a tree as it is to tackle an encyclopedia; secondly, "avaridge" isn't all that bad.

## Graduates may be saved by college financial aid

When all other decisions have been made about which college to attend, the final decision narrows down to one factor: money. How much will the college cost, how much of the costs can the student and/or his family afford, and where will the difference come from?

If a student qualifies for financial aid, chances are that that aid will come in a package consisting of scholarship or grant money, a loan, and a work contract.

Scholarship money, which need not be paid back, is awarded to students in the top one percent of a college's applicants, given on a need basis. Grants, meanwhile are given to any students who have financial need, with those with the greatest need being given the greatest consideration. Academic ranking is not a factor for grants. As with scholarships, this type of award does not have to be paid back.

In addition to scholarships awarded by

colleges, there are also various Minnesota State and Bloomington Scholarships. They are made up of contributions from different individuals and service groups. Information and forms concerning these scholarships are available in the Counselors' Office.

"There are a few scholarships available to students with high academic achievements, but every scholarship is ultimately based on financial need," said Myron Olson, Kennedy counselor.

A substantial portion of most aid packages will be formed by loans, offered at low interest rates that often do not begin accruing until after graduation. Work contracts can also be included in the packages. A student will have a job somewhere on campus, where he will work off part of his tuition.

Applications for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) are due in early March. The BEOG is a government-funded

grant that is based on need. It will average about \$800 per grant this year.

Eligibility for financial aid is determined by the family size and income. There are two nationally used forms for applying for aid, the Parents Confidential Statement (PCS), and the Family Financial Statement (FFS). These must be mailed in to the College Scholarship Service, at least four weeks before the financial aid deadline established at the chosen college. Most colleges will use these forms, but some private colleges will also include their own financial aid statements.

There is still a problem for families with moderate incomes, families who live comfortably but still cannot afford college costs. "The only way to get financial help is to try. Don't weed yourself out, let them weed you out," said Counselor Anna Mae Dawson.

## Underclassmen lead kickers

When athletes become seniors, they usually can safely figure that they will be forming the heart of most varsity teams. So it has been most years with the Eagle soccer team, though not this season. With only seven seniors on their 26-member team, Coaches Jim Klaseus and Jerry Peterson are working with their youngest team since the sport was in its early days of organization at Kennedy.

"Age has no meaning," said Coach Peterson, "I'm just looking for the people . . . who can do the job. We're looking to have the best people on the field," and those "best people" have been including more sophomores and juniors than seniors in the starting lineups of September games.

The task of senior leadership has been left largely to Co-Captains Jeff Tamanaha and Dan Anderson, who, according to Peterson, "have outstanding soccer skill and along with that have been excellent in providing team leadership."

Lineups have been averaging five seniors and six underclassmen for most games. In addition to the captains, fullback Brian O'Donnell has been a defensive leader, and center Mike Mitzuhata, while not big physically, has relied on his "courage, skill, and quickness" to help make him an important team asset.

Otherwise, Coaches Klaseus and Peterson have been relying on talented un-

derclassmen, especially sophomore Lane Hartfiel, a wing who looked impressive against Richfield and Armstrong, and Bob Fuentes, another sophomore who is an inside forward with what Peterson calls excellent ball control and good speed.

Juniors who have taken on key positions are John Amato, who Peterson says has excellent soccer instinct, and Bill Sorenson, noted for his good team play and quickness. Todd Buelow has also moved into a starting role with his aggressiveness and defensive know-how as a fullback proving valuable, according to Tamanaha.

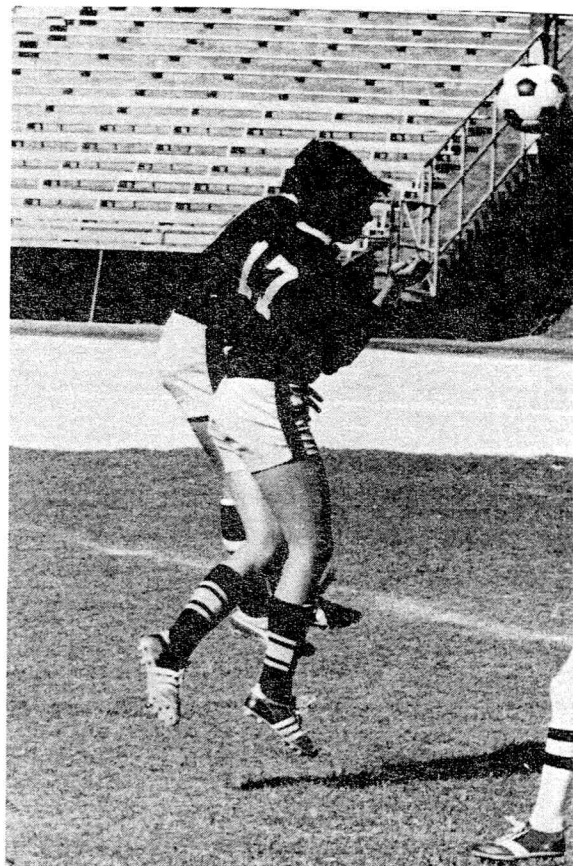
Goaltending has been somewhat of a mixed problem for the team. While seniors Tom Cherrey and Eric Schultz "have had much experience and are both super competitors," their lack of physical size has given them some problems, according to Peterson.

The team's inexperience has been a definite factor in early contests. While the soccermen looked impressive in a 2-1 pre-season game against Duluth Cathedral, played in Duluth over Labor Day weekend, the team had to settle for one tie and two losses in following games.

"Kennedy has improvement ahead, for there is much to be learned," said Coach Klaseus. "We must gain soccer instinct and learn others' strengths and weaknesses and basically know what the other person is doing," he said. He added that "we have an excellent team and will improve, barring injuries."

"Our team is young and inexperienced, but we are willing to work and improve, and by the end of the soccer season we hope to make a bid for the State Tournament," said Tamanaha.

—Mitch Pritchard



Bill Grimm and Mark Hartman anticipate the next play while Eagles defeat Duluth Cathedral 2-1 during annual Labor Day tri

## CC sees obscurity

Not much is known about the boys' cross-country team, but most people don't even know that a girls' team exists.

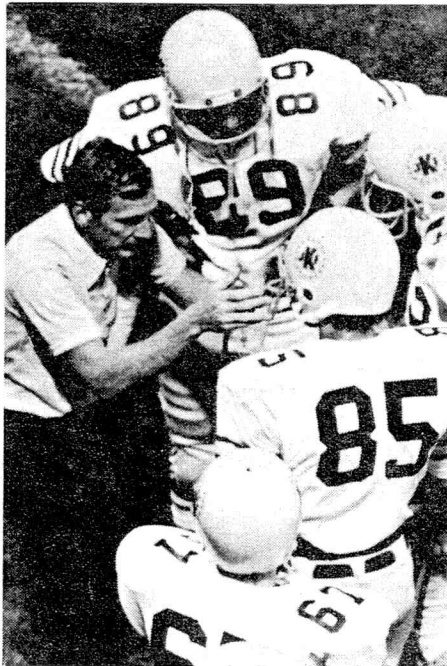
This is the first year that Kennedy has had a girls' team. The major problem that faces the team is the small amount of runners. Many of the good runners already have obligations in sports which they had participated in years before. There are many girls, however, who are well-qualified to participate, but just haven't shown the interest to do so. "It is not too late to come out and run for the team. We need runners," said Coach Volk.

The boys, led by Co-Captains Bob Jacobson and Tim Kampa, have a talented squad this year.

Jacobson, who alternated with Bob Riebel for the No. 1 spot on the team last year, is a minute ahead of the second-best Kennedy runner this year. He is expected by many people to represent Kennedy in the state meet. "Bob is really running well this year, and if he continues to improve, he'll be a sure bet to get to state," said Co-Captain Tim Kampa.

Kennedy's hopes for the future may be answered by freshman Jeff Pate, who already is the number four runner on this year's team. "Jess is a hard-working guy. If he will continue to push himself, he will be a fine cross-country runner," said Jacobson.

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Coach Mike McKay explains strategy During 48-12 victory over Eisenhower

## Powerful grid

In the searing heat of August, area football watchers Kennedy team. Nobody knew much about the squad; paid much attention to their possibilities. An early 28 seemed to confirm what many had felt: this was a team t

By mid-September, however, the Eagles had shattered team scored the most points in a single game in the sch impressive 48-12 defeat of Eisenhower. A week e established its own credible Lake Conference credentia points of perennially-strong Richfield.

What had suddenly made the difference in the Ea Head Coach Sonny Carlson would like to think it philosophy for winning, which he says serves as a fram successful 1976 football season. He had told the team th minute of each game to the best of our ability, and knowing that we played our best, no matter what the o things one segment at a time, and after accomplishing we can consider the whole," he said.

Nevertheless, he knew, as did the team's leaders, that carry the team just so far. Other factors—among ther work—are necessary for a winning team. "We starte before school started," said Tri-Captain Craig Larson. hotter most of the days, and while a few kids fainted du of us made it through."

Dedication carried the team through two 2-hour ses morning and one in the extreme heat of the afternoc working toward various goals. "We hoped to improve or then add more," said Tri-Captain Kurt Schuster. Jim captain, said, "It's our goal to end up at the end of the record."

## New coach may be a Blessing

**WANTED:** One high school girls' volleyball coach and assistant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Hard working, patient, no previous experience necessary.

**APPLICANT:** Guy Blessing, Minnetonka  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Industrial Arts teacher, assistant baseball coach, has been to a few volleyball clinics.

**APPLICANT:** Robert Ginn, Bloomington  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Industrial Arts teacher, former equipment manager.

**Other Applicants:** none

**HIRED:** Guy Blessing, head coach; Robert Ginn, assistant coach.

Ask two Industrial Arts teachers with no previous girls' coaching experience why they would want to coach girls' volleyball, and responses may range from the believable to the incredible.

According to head Coach Guy Blessing, he volunteered to coach because "there have been five new coaches in the past five years, and there is a need for continuity in the program."

Assistant Coach Robert Ginn said he took the job because he was equipment manager for the whole athletic program a few years ago, and he missed athletic involvement. He demonstrated his unsurpassed knowledge of the game with the

comment, "I know it's played with a round ball."

The coaches are doing "very well considering their experience," said team Captain Julie Christensen. "They seem to be very interested in what they're doing, and are well liked by the team," she added.

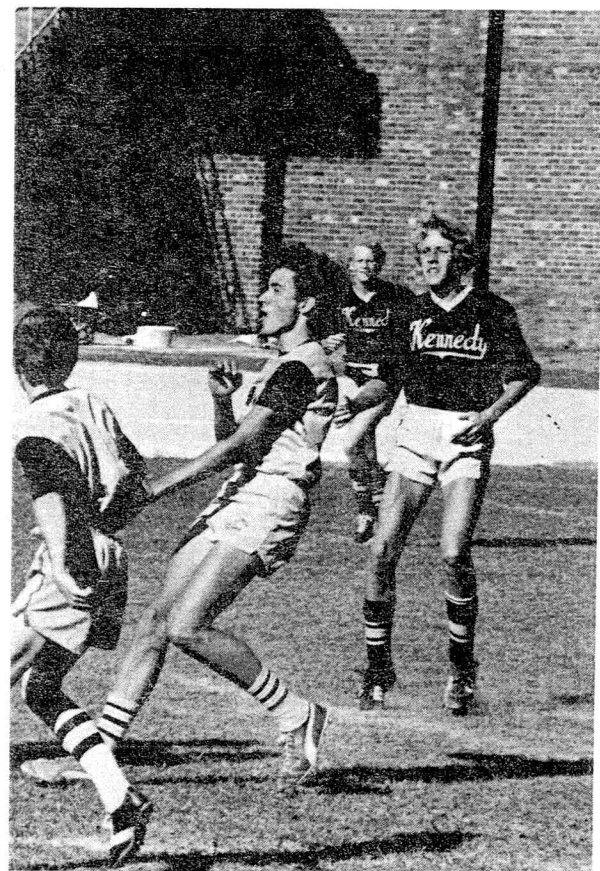
Expecting to do well this year after an only average season last year, the team is led by five seniors, all returning letterpersons. They are Christensen, Stacy Godwin, Debbie Linton, Vicki Mertensotto, and Laura Wolf. Strong performances are also expected from juniors Wendy Godwin and Vicki Nelson, according to Coach Ginn.

Coach Blessing says, "A lack of height may hurt the team, but we will try to offset this with speed. We have a lack of setters (setters from the basis of each play, setting the ball up for the spikers)," said Christensen, "which will affect the whole team."

Height is one weakness on the team, and there are a few teams in the conference whose outstanding feature is height. Taller opponents will try and make things tough for the team to reach their goal of a State Tournament bid. Among these teams are Eisenhower, with 6-foot, 3-inch twins, and Minnetonka, with many in the 6-foot range.

"There is no question that to reach their goal for the season, the team will need better fan support than the average of ten fans per game last year," said Coach Blessing.

—Glen Broemer



Kris Mestad and Jeff Tamanaha head the ball, marking the opening of the season.

## SPORTS

### ders show scoring ability

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If the Eisenhower victory was to be a season indicator, as Coach Carlson had said repeatedly before the game, then those winning goals could now be considered possible. The team's strengths were emerging as quarterback Larson passed for 199 yards—a team record—while Scott Kranz ran for four touchdowns. "Our quarterback completed 63 percent of his passes and one of the reasons was because our offensive line did the job, as it gave him the time to throw," said offensive line Coach John Sulack.

Giving this squad advantages over last year's team was a more experienced backfield, along with excellent ends and a strong passing attack, according to Schuster. "Our strength is in our experience," said Coach Carlson, as players have a greater feel for being in the right place at the right time.

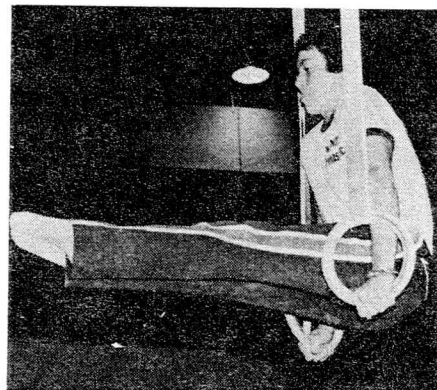
Only lack of depth threatens to prevent the Eagles from having the winning season they have shown they are capable of producing. "We have to keep people healthy, people like running backs Schuster, Larson, and Kranz, linebacker Tom Boe, wide receiver Marty Peterson, tight end Brad Carlson, and junior center Dave Roberman," said Coach Sulack.

Adding to the list of worries of Coach Carlson is post-season play. Unlike most sports, football does not have a Region Tournament as participants in playoff games are determined by season records. This tends to discourage teams which have had early season losses. Only the divisional winners in the conference will enter post-season playoffs.

"We have limited time to prepare for the season," said Coach Carlson. Football has only three weeks of practice before the first game, while other sports have up to ten weeks in preparation during their regular season. Even teams displaying losing records during the regular season have a hope due to Regions, but football teams have no chance to make up for a losing season.

When Regions roll around this year, a lot of teams may take a second glance in astonishment, because in November the team which nobody cared much about in August may be the team to watch.

—Mike Bauer



Mike Ford practices his form on an "L" lever. The senior co-captain is a rings specialist.

### Gymnasts add youth

With only two seniors on the squad, this year's boys' gymnastics team will be relying heavily on underclassmen.

Co-captains John Tabone and Mike Ford have been given the job of trying to lead the young team to a victorious season.

Tabone, Kennedy's all-around gymnast, is expected to get many points. "John is a fine athlete, and should be able to score well this year," said Coach Duane Hoecherl.

Now that gymnastics have become a fall sport, Coach Hoecherl says that many more athletes can now try out.

More athletes mean more participants, which will come in handy because vaulting has been added to the roster.

—Dave Roberman

# CAPSULE COVERAGE

## Past faults girls

### FOOTBALL

Lose season opener to Edina East 28-14  
**Marty Peterson** scores both touchdowns on a 90 yard kick-off return and a two yard pass  
**Spencer Jensen** converts both extra points  
 Annihilate Eisenhower 48-12  
 Team sets record of most points scored in one game in school's history  
**Scott Kranz** runs for four TD's  
 Junior **Mike McArdle** scores one TD  
**Brad Carlson** and Peterson each get one  
 Jensen kicks six more extra points  
 Quarterback **Craig Larson** passes for 199 yards, setting a new school record.

### GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach **Guy Blessing** opens coaching debut with victory over Lindberg  
 Team wins in two straight games 18-13 and 18-14  
**Stacy Godwin** and **Julie Christensen** display strong performances.

### BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Open season with loss to Park Center and Fridley  
**Bob Jacobson** takes third place with a time of 16:14.

### GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Lose first match to Park Center and Fridley  
**Linda Driscoil** sets school record with a time of 15:32  
 Girls run for first time ever in school's history  
**Laurie Standing** and **Lisa Grant** both earn letter points with a second and third place finish among Kennedy runners.

### GIRLS' TENNIS

Defeat St. Louis Park in season opener 4-1  
 Junior **Gloria Carlson** wins at first singles  
**Karli Gilbertson** wins her second singles match  
 First doubles team of **Terri Smith-Dana Michel** win their match  
 Second doubles team of **Mary Bergin-Lai Moy** also victorious  
 Lose close one to Park Center 3-2  
 Both doubles teams win  
 Lose to Edina East and Eisenhower 5-0  
 Defeated by Fridley 3-2  
 Carlson wins at first singles  
 Smith-Michel win first doubles match  
 Defeat Cooper 4-1  
 Carlson is victorious in singles play  
**Julie Klein** wins at third singles  
 First and second doubles teams also win  
 Victorious over Richfield 3-2  
 All three singles come out winners.

### SOCCER

Beat Duluth 2-1  
 Junior **John Amato** scores one goal and sophomore **Bruce Zilka** adds winning goal  
 Defeated by Richfield 4-0 in season opener  
 Tie with Armstrong 2-2 in two overtimes  
 Sophomore **Lane Hartfiel** and Amato score goals  
 Lose in close game to Edina-East 2-1  
 Hartfiel

scores lone goal  
 Lose to Jefferson 2-1 during a hard-fought game  
 Amato scores for Kennedy on a penalty kick.

## IM SCENE

"Last year's intramural (IM) program at Kennedy was a success, however, I feel there is room for improvement and I hope to make the program even bigger and better," said IM director Steve O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien replaces Steve Ruff, who was IM director last year.

To improve the program, a cross-country run, a golf tournament, rollerskating and horseback riding are now on the IM schedule. In addition to these new sports there will still be football and tennis.

Mr. O'Brien encourages girls to get more involved in IM. To inspire this, some sports may be set up for coed competition. "It all depends on student feed back," said O'Brien.

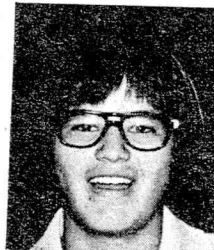
Intramurals offer students a chance to get together after school and have fun under an organized program. Winners of all IM events will receive T-shirts as awards, instead of patches as they did last year.

## FACES IN THE CROWD



**Craig Larson**, senior tri-captain, is in his second season as starting quarterback for the football team. Coach Sonny Carlson said, "Craig is an experienced, capable field general." In the Eisenhower game Craig passed for 199 yards, a new school record.

**Jeff Tamanaha**, senior co-captain of this year's soccer team, "is one of the best fullbacks in the Lake Conference," said Coach Jerry Peterson. "He centers the Eagle defensive crew from the fullback position." Jeff also plays on the Eagle baseball squad.



**Julie Christensen**, senior captain of the volleyball team, "has volleyball skills which rank with the best players in the conference," said Coach Guy Blessing. "She is a good team leader." Julie is a three-year varsity player and also participates in basketball and track.

**Jeff Stratton**, senior and head manager of the soccer team, "is a hard working, dependable head manager," said Coach Jerry Peterson. "He is a man of many friends." According to Coach Peterson it is Jeff's lucky red hat which brings about Eagle soccer victories.



While tennis courts are popping up everywhere in Bloomington, a program to develop youngsters into future high school prospects has yet to be introduced. Head girls' tennis Coach Tom Oldham said, "Not having a summer tennis program is a big disadvantage to the girls when they start their seasonal play. The more experience one has at playing, the more relaxed and better one gets at it," he said.

Having no summer program seemed not to affect the team in its first meet against St. Louis Park. Players lost their next four meets, two of which, according to Coach Oldham, could have gone either way.

One thing which may help the team in close matches would be the support of even a few cheering fans, but so far the courts have been filled only with participants. "Crowds are able to get a person jacked up enough to win a close match," explained Coach Oldham. "Not having the backing up of a crowd is definitely a disadvantage," said doubles player Lai Moy.

Even if the girls are lacking fans, this doesn't mean that they will not be giving 100 percent. Heading the team this year have been Captain Terri Smith, a senior, and junior Dana Michel at first doubles, with Mary Bergin and Lai Moy at second doubles. Singles are led by Gloria Carlson, with Karli Gilbertson at second singles and Julie Kline at third.

Coach Oldham said the girls should have a good shot in Sectional play. "By the end of the season we will be ready and plan on doing well in post season competition," added Smith.

No matter what the outcome is, Coach Oldham explained, "We come out, do our best and have a good time. -Vicki Mertensotto

## Girls rely on depth

Some athletes may find it hard to produce a winning season, but at least they have the satisfaction of knowing that they can count on the same coach as the previous year. "It is a definite advantage having Ms. Aaze coaching two consecutive years," said Tri-Captain Jodi Henseler.

Another first for the swim team is that all the events are now the same as the boys. The main change is the dropping of the 50-yard freestyle and the lengthening of the 50-yard butterfly and the 400-yard freestyle.

Events looking strong to Coach Aaze this year include the individual medley, 100-yard freestyle, and butterfly.

Heading the diving team is Tri-Captain Jodie Hollenback. Unfortunately Tri-Captain Carol Hansen had an operation during the earlier part of the season and will be out for the remainder.

Although the swim team has yet to win two meets in its three years of existence, Coach Aaze hopes this will be the year that the team comes into its own, for finally the team has the depth to be a competitor.



# Yarn ties memories to school



Three newly-commissioned yarn pictures, presented last spring to the school on Awards Day, are soon to take their places along side the already well-established collection of yarn art work that has hung in the main hall during past years.

Money for the latest yarn pictures was donated in memory of Carri Valley, a member of the Class of 1977 who was killed in an auto accident last December. The new pictures are of a Kolleen, a girl track runner, and a female volleyball player.

It was Carri's love of school that caused her parents to decide to use some of the memorial money they received in a way which could benefit the whole school. The Valley money paid for two of the pictures, while donations from **The Torch** staff and the 1976 Kolleens paid for the third picture. Carri had been a member of both groups.

At first, it was proposed to use memorial money for a small trophy display case, to be placed below the portrait of President Kennedy in the foyer area. When that project became too costly, the administration took the idea of the Kolleens to add to the yarn picture collection.

The Valleys were consulted about what the subjects for the pictures should be. The Kolleens and **Torch** staff had already decided to have a picture of a Kolleen made, and Mrs. Valley, after noticing that there were no pictures of female athletes, suggested that pictures of a track runner and volleyball player be made so as to give greater representation to girls' sports and activities.

When these decisions had been made, the creator of the other yarn pictures, Guy Johnson (Kennedy, '68) was contacted by Donald Hasbrouck, principal, and commissioned to do the three new pictures at a charge of \$125 each.

He works on the yarn pictures while sitting at home while watching television and using a photograph to work from. He says it takes him from 12 to 30 hours to complete one picture, and he charges from \$125 to \$300 for each, depending on the amount of work put into each creation.

Another \$150 in Valley memorial money was collected by the Kolleens in school and has not been used for any memorial project as yet. According to Mike Karbo, assistant principal, this money may be used to restore the existing pictures, some of which have been damaged. In addition, some of the money may be used to buy materials to make matching frames for all seven pictures.

Whether the memorial money is used for the frames or not, new frames are being made by Dave Sulack's wood shop classes. When the pictures have been framed or reframed, they will be hung together, with the new yarn paintings of the Kolleen, girl track runner, and volleyball player joining the pictures of football, hockey, basketball, and baseball players in the main hallway.

Guy's yarn pictures have developed into a sort of business, as he has done pictures of landscapes, animals, and portraits, including portraits of Milt Sunde and other Vikings football players.

Guy learned this particular art technique during his senior year at Kennedy. "I was looking at some yarn and decided to make a picture," said Guy. He created his first yarn picture of a Kennedy baseball player as a final project for an art class.

He sold that first picture to the school and, with the additions of the latest pictures, now has done seven pictures for Kennedy, a Jaguar for Jefferson, and a Bear for Lincoln.

-Jana Massee

## Athletic programs revised

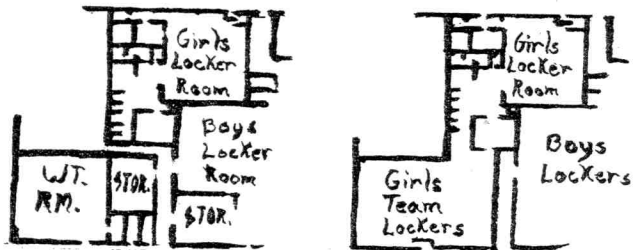
Significant changes have been made in the overall athletic program, as boys' gymnastics has been moved to the fall season, other sports have had their seasons altered, and four additional high schools have joined the Lake Conference.

In previous years the boys' and girls' gymnastics teams had seasons which coincided, which often resulted in crowded facilities and bad practice times. The separation of the seasons was prompted in part by Title IX requirements that specify that equal programs be offered for boys' and girls' teams. It is hoped that the separate seasons will insure equal access to equipment and facilities.

In addition, the boys' gymnastics season has been shortened by four weeks so as to equal the length of the girls' season. This is true of all sports where there is a female counterpart for the boys' team. Boys' basketball, for instance, has been shortened two weeks to match the girls' program, as has boys' swimming. On the other hand, girls' tennis had to be shortened to match the shorter boys' tennis season in the spring. In the future as girls' softball, synchronized swimming, and soccer are given interscholastic status, corresponding boys' programs may be altered to match the new activities' lengths.

Duane Hoecherl, boys' gymnastics coach, said he would have preferred to have gymnastics "stay where we were because people were used to us being there." The change to fall may bring in more fans, however, as the only other indoor fall sport is girls' volleyball.

Along with season changes have come new Lake Conference competitors. Burnsville and Osseo High Schools have joined the Lake Blue Division, and Park Center and Fridley are now in the Red Division.



## Girls' facilities to become equal

With the rise of interest in girls' athletics has come the expansion of the girls' sports program such that it will eventually be on par with the boys' program. Kennedy is offering changes in facilities and programs consistent with developing needs and in keeping with requirements of a federal regulation called Title IX.

Girls' sports at Kennedy now number nine, with this year's additions of cross country, synchronized swimming, and softball. However, most noticeable among this year's changes will be a remodeling of lockerroom facilities.

The Title IX regulation has helped in making the building changes possible. "Title IX states that the school must provide equal opportunities to all students regardless of sex," said Principal Donald Hasbrouck.

"When the building was built, there were no girls' athletic programs," said Lynn Aaze, girls' athletic coordinator, "but girls' sports have been increasing, and the facilities are now inadequate." Floor plans are being designed for a remodeling of the lockerroom which will allow for the creation of a girls' team lockerroom and training room.



## Solution becomes problem

Last year, one of Kennedy's worst problems was the student parking area. An overabundance of student drivers and a lack of parking spaces created a major problem that had to be solved.

In an attempt to alleviate this problem, administrators decided upon a system of traffic control within the lot. By spending over \$700, the school equipped the parking lot with posts and chains to block certain entrances and exits, converted the roadway in front of the school to a one-way drive, and added a new visitor-parking area. Mandatory registration of all cars and stiffer penalties for those caught parking illegally have been instituted.

These changes have helped to bring the total number of student spaces to 274, still less than needed. In addition, they have reduced traffic on Old Shakopee Rd. only to have it increase on Nicollet Av. These traffic pile-ups on Nicollet, as well as those in the lot, are the main concerns of **The Torch**.

**The Torch** believes that the single entrance-exit to the student parking lot creates an inconvenience as well as a traffic hazard. Steps must be taken now to provide at least one other entrance before this problem becomes one of major community concern.

## No make-up means no credit

Based on an administrative decision, a student who is absent 15 hours from a class without making up the work is subject to be withdrawn from that class for the rest of the semester. A purpose for this decision is to stress learning through more conscientious class attendance.

If students are ill and call in to the school, they will be excused. But if the student is absent for some other reason, it will then be up to the individual teacher to decide whether to give the student make-up work for credit.

All teachers, not just a few, should offer make-up work for full credit to students with reasonable excuses. To do otherwise is to discriminate unfairly.

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## PILOT LIGHT / The voice lied

### Inaction reaction

When I was a sophomore the first thing I noticed when I walked into the Big School was all these great-looking girls flocking wildly around certain guys. "How do they do it?" I asked myself. And a voice from somewhere up above answered, "They are seniors."

"What's that got to do with it?"

"It is a known fact of life," came the reply. "Seniors get the girls."

Being a naive soph, I accepted the words as fate and continued on as a single, unattached minor.

I came back the next fall a seasoned veteran with a whole year behind me. And still I saw all the top-ranked girls hanging all over only senior guys. "What now?" I demanded. "They're only one year older than me. Does it make that much difference?"

"I am afraid so," said the same voice from the sky.

"But it's not fair," I said. "Why should they get all the girls?"

"It is their privilege," the voice said. "That is how it has always been. You must wait your turn."

For a half year I did wait, hanging out

with the guys. But since a junior is by nature somewhat ornery, I finally lost my temper and yelled, "I can't stand it! I'm sick of 'the guys'! I want a girl! They've got every girl in the whole stupid school and I've got nothing!"

"Such is the fate of an underclassman," the voice said, consolingly. "Be patient, my son. Your time will come."

I sweated out the rest of that year and most of summer vacation trying to live without a girl. Then, two weeks before school started, I began to get psyched up. "Get ready, my son," the faithful voice told me. "Your day is near at hand."

Finally, the big day arrived. Knowing full well what was in store for me, I walked coolly up the sidewalk toward the doors, the voice cheering me on. "You are a senior," he said. "This is the day you've been waiting for. You have come into your own. Feast your eyes on those girls. They are all yours." I entered the school and opened my arms in glorious expectation.

If you ever hear a voice from up above talking to you, don't listen to him. He's a liar.

-Chris Keprios

Something lacking at Kennedy this year, as well as in the past, is a strong student government. Every student needs to be represented by a student government.

Last year's student action committee, a group of 22 students, wasn't the answer to the problem. Because last year only a minimum number of students applied, voting was unnecessary and there wasn't a true representation of all student interests.

Steve O'Brien, the supervisor for student government, hopes to have elections for this year's committee at the beginning of the second quarter. Sophomores will not be represented until that time. Those interested in serving on this year's committee need signed petitions to be eligible for the election.

A more diversified form of student government would better meet the needs of the total student body and help promote school spirit. The student government should be the representative of the student body and be instrumental in presenting the opinions and problems of the students to the administration. They, with the administration, should attempt to reach a solution acceptable to the student body.

# INPUT

## Letter Policy

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### To the Editor:

School's in session again and although most of us might not admit it publicly, we're secretly glad to be back. Well, some of us are willing to admit it because we're looking forward to great enjoyable classes, sports' events, and being with good friends.

As Kolleen advisor I personally work with some terrific girls and am glad I am able to be on the "inside" of a lot of activities and goings-on that others miss. Maybe that's the secret - - become involved and get to know people - - at least you won't feel lonesome or left out.

Good luck to everybody for a great year. Hope yours is as great as mine is going to be.

Patricia Fatchett  
Kolleen's advisor

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