

PRIDE NEWS

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FR. HOULIHAN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SCHOOL YEAR

"I'm very optimistic." These can be very inspiring words at the beginning of a new school year, especially when they come from the principal. And the optimism of Fr. Ralph Houlihan seems to have permeated the rest of the building as the 1974-75 school year got underway at SLUH.

There seems to be an air of good feeling all over the school, affecting both the faculty and the students. Fr. Houlihan stated that the faculty is very enthusiastic about this year and has been working hard in committees and at the recent workshop to evaluate the educational system here. The students also share this enthusiasm, Fr. Houlihan feels, and as an example cited the apparent success of the Senior Class in conducting Freshman Orientation Day.

Fr. Houlihan feels that the most important concern at SLUH presently is the pastoral program. He is currently working with other faculty members to develop a new mass system, which he feels should help the students put to practice the theories they learn in religion classes. He feels strongly that the religion taught here is relevant and applicable to everyday living, and wishes that more of the students would realize this.

Fr. Houlihan believes that another area that needs improvement is overall communication. He would like to see communication improve between and among the faculty and students, and believes this would lead to a higher level of respect among all concerned. He thinks that his personal communication with the students has been very good, and sees it as getting even better.

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS: SLEEPING BAG OPTIONAL

The fiftieth anniversary of Backer Memorial will be commemorated in a memorial mass next Saturday, September 7. The Mass will take place on the upper field, and a sell-out congregation of over 4,000 is expected.

To handle the anticipated overflow crowd, 70 priests will concelebrate the mass with St. Louis' own Bishop McNickolas acting as the main celebrant. A special altar, measuring 32 feet by 16 feet, is being built to hold the huge number of men of the cloth.

Alumni from all years, all faculty members who have ever taught here, and all students and their families have been invited to attend the Mass. Special permission has been obtained to have the Mass fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Students should sign up with Mr. Becvar or Fr. McKenzie to serve as ushers, parking lot attendants, and choir singers.

QUIGLEY PLEASURES THE MASSES

The administration and faculty have held up their decision concerning the Religious Program at SLUH until today, even though one Mass proposal is almost totally dominating the discussions. This proposal, drawn up by Fr. James Quigley SJ, is the only formal Mass proposition before Fr. Houlihan and the faculty.

Fr. Quigley calls for fewer Masses and more time for prayer. His plan grants students the opportunity to attend optional Mass each day, but also gives them the privilege to find deeper reflection in a prayer group.

In the plan, students not attending Mass would be required to participate in a 10-minute Morning Prayer service. The Bible, psalter, and hymnal would become basic elements in this type of service. According to Fr. Quigley, "One of the results of schooling at SLUH would be the familiarity with, and the habit of relying upon, the classic sources of solid Christian piety."

The entire student body would celebrate one weekly mass during a class period. If Fr. Quigley's proposal is approved, the administration would decide which time slot would be most appropriate for the Mass.

One stipulation of the new program would require that priests make their Masses prayerful as well as interesting. Fr. Quigley is relying on "short and well-prepared" homilies, and hopes to avoid the harmful monotony in religious activities by having "meaningful purposes."

Amidst the confusion of sophomores selling anti-merit cards, 237 freshmen graced the halls of SLUH for the first time at Orientation Day last Tuesday. After the initial tests of durability--being photographed, buying books, and being guided around the building by their rather drowsy Big Brothers, the freshmen were treated to free soda courtesy of the Student Council...they now eagerly await the inter-homeroom competition of Freshman Fun Night on Friday the 13th....

Return of the Native....
Kevin Flynn ('73), who led the Dauphin Players' stage crew for two years, came home to his alma mater this summer to help refurbish the DP stage. The auditorium stage is now ready for the first DP production, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum." The Roman comedy is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 11, 12 and 13.Speaking of Roman Comedies, the Senior Movie, now in production, is tentatively titled "Pardon My Toga," and features Greg Welsch in the title role. When/if completed, the film will be shown at the Fall Frolics, Oct. 19.

...Any expert shutterbugs or eager novices interested in joining the Photography Club should attend their 1st official meeting on Sept. 12 in the typing room (303) right after school is dismissed...Anyone interested in singing for their supper and/or in a school choir should visit the Math office and see Mister Becvar, please.

In its latest attempt to cash in on some culture, the notorious Student Council will present a series of prize winning films at SLUH throughout the year. The first of these films, "Cool Hand Luke," will be aired on Friday, Sept. 20 in the auditorium. Originally, "American Grafitti" was scheduled for that date, but because of contract difficulties, the picture will not be presented until the 2nd semester. Film Chairman David Herriford (Rm. 219) told the Prep News that admission prices would be announced soon and that suggestions for future film programs would be appreciated.

The Prep News says hello this week to Freshman Doug Wilmsmeyer, who will be spending the first five weeks of this school year in room 10245 of Barnes Hospital. Doug is in a body cast resulting from bad reactions to inoculations he received in July. His right hip was affected making it necessary to immobilize it. Any visits by students or faculty members would be welcome, provided you are over 14.

COMRADES IN CREDITS

As Lenin once said, "МЫ ЛЮБИМ ПЕТЬ И ТАНЦЕВАТЬ" By the same token, anyone can join the Prep News revolving editorship and in less than two months expect to become an editor. Guest editor of the week: Comrad Ken Kwapis
The Staff
 Bert Bender Brian Hohfeld
 Mike Pierzynski Pat Hart
 Mike Berry Jeff Harrison

Hail to the beef...Regals, the legendary diner up the street from SLUH, isn't Regals anymore. It's now called the "Eat-Rite," and we hope that now we can....the saddest news of the week, however, is that SLUH's most determined inflation fighters have finally gone under. The two rec-room soda machines now require 15¢ for a cup of their bubbly. When asked about the 50% increase, Fr. Wayne said, "Blame it on Nixon..."

Next Saturday the fall football season officially commences with the Bills battling the Comets, at McClellan. The game will be followed by the first dance of the school year--8:00 in the Auditorium, music by Jay Barry. The dance will be followed by the first hangover of the school year, which will continue until about 10:00 Sunday morning.

...After having spent one sabbatical year at St. Louis University, former Disciplinary Principal Mr. Charles Conway has returned to SLUH as a teacher of Environmental Science. At St. Louis University, Mr. Conway studied Environmental Chemistry.

..And now, in alphabetical order, are the new members of the SLUH faculty:

- Mr. Dennis Brennan
- Sister Cathline Casey
- Fr. James Gschwend SJ
- Fr. John Hough SJ
- Fr. Ralph Houlihan SJ
- Mr. Leonard Kraus
- Mr. David McNutt SJ
- Mrs. Katherine McVey
- Fr. Glen Mueller SJ
