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Purple and Gold

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Congratulations — City Champions!



Left to right, top row: K. Meuchner, E. Jennings, Brother Bielen, B. Dailey, F. Rafferty. Bottom row: M. Weaver, A. Stolba, B. Johnson.

Power has won the C.H.S.A.A. Intersectional Championships in 1965, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71 and now in '73. On November 10, on a very cold afternoon, the Power Varsity and Junior Varsity teams concluded a very successful season.

With the cross-country season at an end, the Power track team has certainly been one of the toughest around. Both the Varsity and J.V. had one of their best years. They started their string of victories up at Bear Mountain, back on Sept. 22, and wrapped it up at Van Cortland Park last Nov. 10, when the City Championships were held.

Among all the meets that were held in these past three months, the Varsity placed 3rd in Eastern States Championships where only the top 24 teams of the East Coast run.

Brian Johnston (13:11), Arthur Stolba (13:12), Maurice Weaver (13:26), Kevin Meuchner (13:35), Alfred Fiorentino (14:02), Frank Rafferty (14:04) and Ed Jennings (14:06) were the 7 men who faced a dirty and dusty course, in a very crowded race.

However, the team did not get discouraged and looked forward to City's which was

run on a very cold and windy day. The Varsity, with Arthur Stolba (12:47), Brian Johnston (12:49), Maurice Weaver (12:56), Frank Rafferty (13:23), Kevin Meuchner (13:26), Ed Jennings (13:34) and Bill Dailey (13:43) won 1st place with a 52 point lead over the 2nd place team, Chamnade.

The J.V. had a great day by getting a perfect score (15 points) when Alfred Fiorentino (13:38), Peter Dolbrolski (13:49), Gerald Centrowitz (13:51), Mike Rafferty (13:53) and Dan Toney (13:56) placed 1 to 5 respectively while George Alcoforado (14:00), and Kenan Boate (14:05) placed 7 and 10.

MEETS COMING UP

- Coaches 5x2 mile relay — November 24
- AAU Sprint Medley — November 30
- Polar Bear Meet — December 8
- Loughlin Games — December 15
- CHSAA Relays — December 22

The Power Freshmen also had a good day finishing 2nd to unbeaten Farrell. Fine performances were put in by Mike Demko, John Sullivan and John Goh.

Roll Call... Honors...

Congratulations to the following students who have received First Honors (average of 89.5% or better).

SENIORS

- Louis Amblard
- John Cameron
- Edward Conway
- Ronald Cortes
- Nick Demarco
- "Sonny" Drummond
- Leroy Flores
- John Freisen
- Kevin Henry
- Mark Kim
- Tim Kolarik
- Joe Lebonitte
- John McGarty
- Jose Masada
- Robert Monteagudo
- James Morry
- Manuel Mosquera
- John Moss
- Perry Munoz
- Thomas Nadramia
- George Nicholson
- Carmine Perri
- Michael Rafferty
- Al Rodriguez
- Victor Sciarappa
- Kevin Strining
- Donald Troise

JUNIORS

- George Alcoforado
- Lawrence Arbutnott
- Thomas Bianco
- Vito Celantano
- Peter Collaso
- Russell Comeau
- Frank Donodeo
- Paul Egan
- Noel Gilheany
- Kevin Groody
- James Haggerty
- Robert Heyburn
- Edward Huttick
- Donald Johnson
- Gerard Keogh
- Joseph Keogh
- Thomas Lovett
- James McKenna
- Michael Mangravite
- Manuel Munoz
- Robert Patrizio
- Joseph Reilly
- Leonard Scaglione
- James Secreto
- Steven Sonnck
- Thomas Sweeney
- Servio Tuero
- Frank Voce

SOPHOMORES

- Kevin Brady
- Sean Canning
- Joseph Collaso

- David Harris
- Gerald Hopkins
- Brian Johannes
- Donald Kingston
- Thomas Moore
- Jose Padilla
- Rocco Poveromo
- James Rotan
- John Saur
- Robert Takvorian
- Ciro Toscano

FRESHMEN

- Ronald Amblard
- Michael Ambrosino
- Michael Brisson
- James Buckenberger
- Thomas Burns
- Richard Caridi
- Edward Christopher
- Michael Comrie
- Joseph Enrico
- Milton Flores
- Michael Liantonio
- Steven Marino
- Edward Maseda
- Robert Moss
- Peter Pellerzi
- Michael Puh
- Mark Saglimbene
- William Treacy
- Joseph Vogel
- Robert Wolski

Ballot Box

For the first time in the history of Power's Student Council, the presidency and vice-presidency was decided from a raw vote of the student body.

In order to be eligible for candidacy, a student had to have a petition signed by at least 75 students. As a result of this there were two candidates for the presidency, both were seniors, Gerry Sullivan and Tom Nadramia. Sullivan won the election with 764 votes to 123 votes.

The vice-presidential race also had two candidates, Rich Prydal, a junior, and Atila Perez, a sophomore. Rich Prydal won the election with 614 votes to 280 votes for Perez. All voting was tabulated by Messrs. Coppolino and Grimmeyer. We, the students, have elected the officers that will represent us. It is now up to us to give them constructive ideas.

—Mike Gill

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Pause And Think

November 22, as you well know, commemorates another Thanksgiving Day. Many of us will settle down to enjoy the traditional meal of turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce with our families or friends. Hopefully, we will all have a good time; but, let us also keep in mind the significance of this occasion.

When the pilgrims first came to America, they were perplexed by many problems and griefs. The going was rough for them. They barely had enough to survive. Yet, these people were thankful for what little they possessed and had accomplished.

In America, one is entitled to freedom of speech, religion and the press; in Russia these freedoms aren't available. Often we take for granted the fact that we can see, hear or even walk. However, there are those who wish they could do



Our new secretary —
Miss Cecilia Santana

these things. Today you are alive and well.

Thanksgiving is more than just turkey.

A Response

In regard to Jack Guerra's letter in the last issue of the PURPLE AND GOLD, all that can be said is that the price increase in the cafeteria is just another fact that we all have to live with. We cannot change anything about it, with the exception of bringing our own lunches; it is apparent that the student body is acknowledging the price increase because most of us buy our lunch at the school. This increase is essential to keep up with the general rising costs of food today.

We have to accept this, just as we would have to accept an increase in our tuition; but the tuition is well worth the price for the excellent education here at Power.

—Mark Kim, Editor



Welcome to the 3rd Floor

For those of you who were here last year, you may have noticed a few changes, one of them being in the third floor guidance office. Now that Mrs. Roschowska has left Power, Miss Cecilia Santana has taken over.

Miss Santana found out about the job through the Catholic Careers Council about two months ago. When she came to Power, Br. Bielen greeted her and

introduced her to her new duties. When asked how she finds her job, Miss Santana replied: "I like it. It's different every day. The boys and the teachers are nice and Br. Bielen is a very nice boss". She also stated that at first she "was nervous because she did not know what to expect, but gradually she got used to things." Miss Santana: all of us wish you a long and happy stay here at Power!

—Atila Perez

Alumni News

Power Memorial Academy started September, 1931, at 124th Street and Mount Morris Park. Brother Ryall was first principal with 60 boys. Now the school located at 161 West 61st Street, has an enrollment of over 1000 students with Brother Alfred Keane, principal. The alumni has been re-activated for the past two years and would like to hear from all graduates who have not heard from the school in that time. Almost all of the key positions held in the congregations educational system have been handled by alumni of Power. To name a few:

- Brother Richard P. Power (1935), past president of Iona College.
 - Brother Francis I. Offer (1939), principal and founder of Essex Catholic.
 - RIP. Brother Joseph G. McKenna (1939), past president of Iona College, consultant to the provincial order and also founder of Catholic Memorial High School, Boston.
 - Brother Patrick N. Synan (1937), past principal of Power Memorial.
 - Brother Francis K. O'Connor (1948), past principal of Power.
 - Brother Lawrence A. Killelea (1942), former principal at Power (1960-66).
 - Brother John Brickell (1939), provincial to the western province.
 - Brother Harold M. Delaney (1940), principal of Iona Prep. (New Rochelle).
 - Brother John O'Neill (1937), former supervisor of Msgr. Farrell (Staten Island).
 - Brother Francis P. Morkan (1945), former principal of Rice High School.
 - RIP. Brother Edward Hickey (1936), former assistant to the provincial of the western province.
 - Brother Anthony J. Glennon (1936), former supervisor of Iona College.
 - Brother Edward Roepke (1950), principal of All Hallows Institute.
 - Brother Alfred X. Keane, present principal of Power Memorial and past principal of Bergan Catholic.
 - Brother Anton F. Lips (1951), former supervisor of All Hallows Institute.
 - Brother Edward J. Beyer (1941), past principal of Essex Catholic (Newark).
 - Brother Peter A. Lawrence (1942), past principal of Blessed Sacrament High School (New Rochelle).
 - Brother Edward Treacy (1949), past principal of Bichop Kearney High School (Rochester).
 - Brother Spencer E. Considine (1949), past principal of Sacred Heart (Manhattan).
- Some other prominent alumni are:
- Father Vincent P. Fox (1946), chaplain, Newman Club, N.Y. University.
 - Father Columbian J. Hollywood (1948).
 - Lew Alcindor, U.C.L.A. Now with Milwaukee Bucks.
- Many more too numerous to mention in the teaching, medical and legal professions.
- Continue to support the Scholarship 50/50 Club.

What's Going On?

Over the last two months there has been more student participation in the school than last year. This has been brought about by the Student Council and the Student Activities Council. The future of these two organizations looks very bright for the upcoming year. They have planned for the future:

1. The Advancement of Rock, a concert on Nov. 19.
2. The Senior/Faculty basketball game on Nov. 21.
3. The Freshman/Sophomore social night on Nov. 30.
4. A bike raffle on Dec. 16.
5. A possible senior trip in the next two months.
6. The usual boat ride in May.
7. The Junior prom in May.

These are just the definite events for the immediate future. There will most definitely be a student exchange program with other schools sometime in January. Many students have inquired as to dances in the gym. These will be started as soon as the basketball season is completed.

All these activities are possible, but only with the support of the student body. Without this support the two clubs are helpless. So when you ask what has the student council done for you, just reflect on what you have ever done for them.

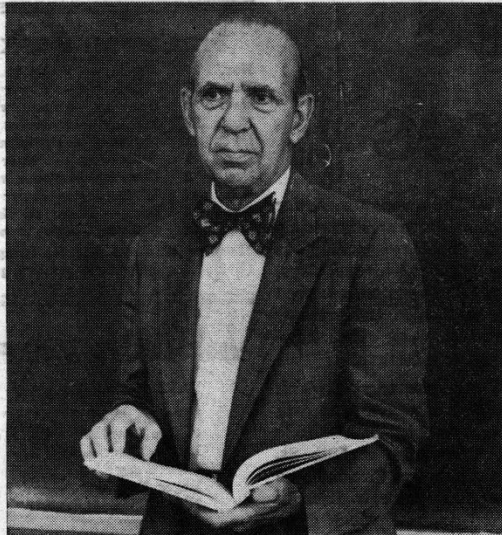
Gerald Sullivan,
S.C. President
Don Mouritzen,
S.A.C. Chairman

S.O.S.

The Samaritans, like El Poder or SAC, is an organization working within Power for the benefit of the students. It consists mainly of upper classmen who are able and willing to give their time and help to those that are doing poorly in any subject area. Naturally, it is the responsibility of the student to seek such assistance if he needs it. Please do not feel ashamed or embarrassed to do so. Take advantage of the Samaritans, you have everything to gain.

If you are interested in joining this club as a tutor or have any questions concerning it, speak to Mr. Cooney in room 401 anytime before school. Also take note of any bulletins pertaining to the Samaritans.

—Joseph Randazzo



Mr. D. J. Duchesne, Power Memorial Faculty 1956 - - -

A Lesson In English

Can you pronounce
this name properly:

DUCHESNE

This is probably the most mispronounced name in the school and has been for over seventeen years. No, it's not pronounced [dü-ches-né] as some students think, but rather [dü-shán]. Most students make it easy for themselves and just call him the "DUKE" (I for one do so myself).

Mr. Duchesne first came to Power in 1956. At the time he taught Latin and English. Since Latin has been dropped, he has taught and is still teaching only English, and, in 1959 he became the registrar here at Power.

Before coming to Power Mr. Duchesne taught in three other schools. The first of the three was Leo High School in Chicago, run by the beloved Christian Brothers. There he taught English as he does here and coached the Freshmen basketball team. In coming to New York, he taught at Sacred Heart Elementary School, where again he taught English and elocution (the art of speaking properly). Here is a note to

all your students. During his years teaching **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** at Sacred Heart, he taught our own Mr. **ED BURNS**. Later on he taught at All Hallows in the Bronx before moving on to Power.

Today, Mr. Duchesne is in semi-retirement, teaching only morning sessions, but he is in no way getting old. He keeps up with his students and many times, if not all the times is one step ahead of them. He considers himself a "STRICT DISCIPLINARIAN" and shows his students who is boss.

Mr. Duchesne has two daughters, both of whom are nuns and carrying on the great **DUCHESNE TRADITION OF TEACHING**. The older of the two is presently assisting Christ House, a retreat home in LaFayette, N.J. Mr. Duchesne's favorite pastimes are viewing Shakesperian Plays and basketball games. He is an exuberant New York Knick fan. At ?? years of age, he keeps himself very active. The faculty wish Mr. Duchesne many more years of fruitful teaching here at Power Memorial Academy.

—Angelo Illuzzi

Progress Report

For the months of September and October, our club, El Poder, has been producing a great deal of work. Our first month was basically for organizing the club and getting as many members as possible. By the end of September we were on the start of getting our first activity together. Our first activity was a dance, which many of the club members participated in. Due to the club's hard work and togetherness, it was a success. We just finished having our second activity, a Cultural Festival, which had taken place on November 18.

El Poder has participated in different issues which

are facing our communities. Two such examples are the demonstration and march at Washington D.C. and the support of the community control struggle at District 1.

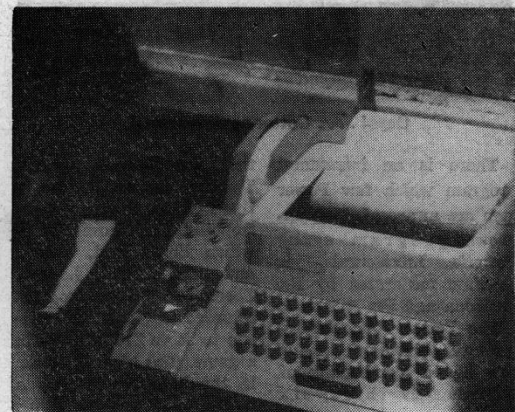
As president of El Poder Aspira Club, I am happy to point out that our club has been consistent in doing work. We have been working collectively and have also tried to be on the "case" on different issues. I would like to tell the members to keep up the good work. At the same time, I would like other students to check out our club.

Que Viva El Poder Club!

—Willie Vazquez

El Poder Club President

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Power's very own electronic brain

1. What is it?

It's a teletype, similar to a large typewriter, connected by telephone lines to a DEC PDP-8 computer which is located at La Salle Academy. This arrangement is known as time-sharing, since many schools can use the computer at one time.

2. Where is it?

The teletype is located in the room directly across from the library on the Second Floor.

3. What does it do?

The computer can solve large, sophisticated problems (or small, simple ones), by processing the data it receives from the user.

4. How is this done?

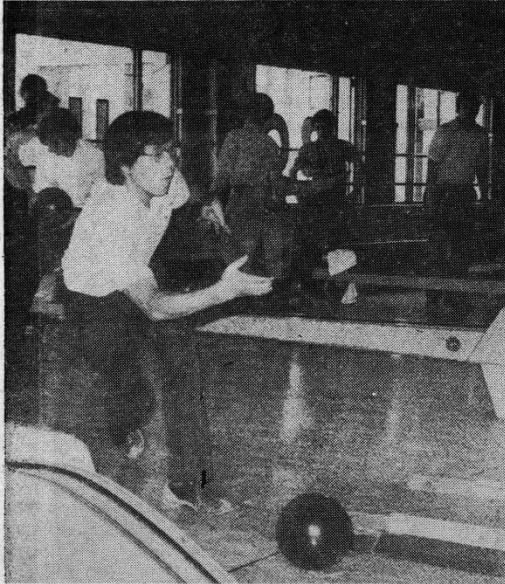
The user types a program containing the data (or facts), as well as the instructions for solving the problem. The computer does all the hard work, the complex calculations, organizes the answers, and returns them to the user at the teletype in a matter of seconds.

5. What kind of problems?

The computer can solve almost any kind of Math, Science, or Business problem. It can also play any number of games such as TICTACTOE, BASEBALL, or CHESS. The uses of a computer are limited only by the imagination of the user.

6. Brother Quinn is the Computer Director and Brother Minihan is helping him. See one of these men for further information.

Don't Spare Those Strikes



Oops! . . . Gutter again as usual.

There is an intramural program which few Power men are aware of. This unknown program among Power's Intramurals, is bowling, moderated by Br. Sheridan and Br. Adams.

The Power Memorial Intramural Bowling League now has a membership of approximately thirty-six bowling enthusiasts. These students are divided into six teams which compete fiercely for the various trophies

that the League awards. The trophies are divided in this fashion: there are team trophies for those teams which finish first, second, and third in this League. There are individual trophies awarded to those that manage to score 215 or more in a game. The highest scorer in the League also gets a trophy for his talents. With so many trophies given, one would think that the league is pretty competitive; well,

it is. The average score for each bowler is approximately 106. The competition is tough but when one plays, you will always have a good game; this is the greatest advantage and characteristic of this League.

The battleground at which these students try to win these trophies is at Circle Bowling Lanes at 58th St. and Columbus Circle. There the atmosphere is friendly and "carefree" which gives one the opportunity to make new friends and secure old ones. Who knows, you might even get to know the human side of Br. Sheridan and Br. Adams; you would be surprised about how friendly they can be.

You don't have to be a champion bowler to join this League. All you have to do is go to one of their meetings in Room 502 on Thursdays or contact Br. Sheridan or Br. Adams; they will give you all the details.

So, come on all you Saturday night and Sunday bowlers, don't "spare" those "strikes" for people who may not appreciate them. Help make them count at the League and help make it one of our major activities and a "striking" success.

—Alfonso Rodriguez

Watch Out Molloy, We're Getting Ready

This year's Varsity "A" basketball team is another fine example of Power's winning tradition. Despite losing seven players last year, the team still has good talent from last year's Varsity "B", J.V. and Freshman squads.

Four veterans are back from last year. Bob Misevicius (6'9") had a fine season last year and this year he is an all-American again. Ralph DeJesus (6'0") is a

smart, aggressive player who could be All-City this year. The other veterans are Auggie Roc (6'0") and George Taveras (6'0"). Both should start this year. Other standouts are Tony Mays (6'0"), from last year's freshman team, Junior Tommy Sweeny (6'0"), from the J.V. and Senior Pat Torney from Varsity "B".

The team is ready and willing to get the City Championship back where it

belongs. This year's team will be an exciting year at Power. In order to help Power win you must make an effort to come to the games. Just because the Varsity didn't win the Championship last year doesn't mean we can't win it again. The team is good and you should support it. Remember the date, December 7th, 6 P.M. at the Power gym.

—Donald G. Passenant

Freshman Basketball Schedule

Nov. 19	Monday	Power vs Molloy (S)	Home	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	Wednesday	Power vs La Salle (S)	Away	3:15 p.m.
Nov. 24	Saturday	Power vs Molloy (S)	Away	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 26	Monday	Power vs McClancy (S)	Away	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 1	Saturday	Power vs St. Raymond	Away	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Wednesday	Power vs Rice*	Away	3:45 p.m.
Dec. 8	Saturday	Power vs Spellman*	Away	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Wednesday	Power vs All Hallows*	Home	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 15	Sat.	Power vs Msgr. Farrel(S)	Away	Noon
Dec. 22	Saturday	Power vs Stepiac*	Away	Noon

*Denotes C.H.S.A.A. Division I league game.
(S) Denotes Scrimmage-practice game.

Rosters - '73-'74

VARSIITY "A"

Felix Martinez
George Taveras
Robert Misevicius
Pat Torney
Roger Dunphy
Nick Giberti
Jim Buggy
Tony Mays
Auguste Roc
Ralph DeJesus
Denis Williams
Tom Sweeney
John McGarty
Jim Bardo

VARSIITY "B"

Steve Dragisics
Terry McGowan
Enrique Comacho
Glenn Ormond
Tom Phillips
Mike Jagacki
Richie Deerr
Gary Villanueva
Ed Handy
Matt Duthie
Tony White
Bernardo Alfonso
Pat Kilgallen

JV

Victor Alvarado
Sean Canning
Leo Rivera
Bill Goettert
Bob Larsen
Bob Simak
George Jelich
Brian McBride
Tony DeMichele
Pat Murphy
Noel Moore
Robert Rogers
Frank Dellapace
Bill Slavik

FRESHMEN

Peter Brown
William Bunka
Robert Coscia
Jose Dominguez
Joe Dragisics
Jeffrey Gordon
Kendall Harris
Andrew Kane
Rodney Long
John Lynch
John McGowan
Chris Pappas
Mike Puh
Berj Yeremian
Joe Walsh

Touchdown!

While most of the Powermen hurried off to find a warm and comfortable place to relax, our intramural football season, under the direction of its new moderator, Mr. Anselme, began its schedule. With attendance somewhat lower than usual, Power spirit and participation was not really there at first. As it turned out, many of the students who got involved really enjoyed themselves.

The winner this year was homeroom 605 who, during the short season, defeated Rooms 504 and 302. This put them in the finals against 407. Class 605 then won 6-0. The intramurals have ended another successful season thanks to the student referees and participants. Congratulations to all!

—John Riley



Power frosh running away from All Hallows, St. Peter's and St. Mary's.