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Brother Brosnan — Making History of His Own

25 Years Of Service

On Saturday evening, May 12 of this year, the Power Memorial Academy Band presented a "Time for Music 1973" in honor of and dedicated to Rev. Bro. John A. Brosnan, C.F.C. This was done rightfully so, for Brother Brosnan, a man worthy of much praise, is in his 25th year as a Christian Brother and in his 5th at Power Memorial.

Brother Brosnan began his life in Washington Heights and attended All Hallows High School. Here he was a participant in a number of activities including the football team, the track team and the dramatics club. At All Hallows, Brother John Brosnan saw the exemplary attitude of the Irish Christian Brothers and decided the Brotherhood was the life for him. After becoming a Brother, Brother Brosnan traveled and taught all through the United States and Canada in such schools as Sacred Heart in New York; Vancouver College in British Columbia; O'Dea High School in Seattle; Boys' Central High School in Butte, Montana; Rice High School in New York; Brother Rice High School in Detroit; and Iona Prep in New Rochelle. Then Brother Bros-

nan brought his talents to Power.

At Power, Brother Brosnan is a teacher of American History and conducts a course on "Problems of the Third World." Brother is also the moderator of the Aspira Club and the Afro-American Society. He is a "versatile man" as Brother Bechner, moderator of the music department, said in the dedication speech at the May 12 Band Concert. Brother Brosnan could be asked to teach a chemistry class on the spur of the moment, preparing for it by reading the chemistry book the night before. He is a very intelligent man who deserves much credit for his good works at Power Memorial and elsewhere. Brother Brosnan in turn, finds that the students at Power are "the most open and the friendliest of all the students that I have met." — Kind words from a kind man.

Brother Brosnan has done much in his life so far; he informed me that he couldn't have been happier in any other way of life. When I asked Brother to give advice to the students of Power Memorial, he replied, "Be true to yourself and find some goal and commit your-

self to that goal." With that in mind, I would like to wish Brother Brosnan, on behalf of the faculty and all the students at Power, a very happy Silver Jubilee.

—John Saur

229 Seniors To Graduate

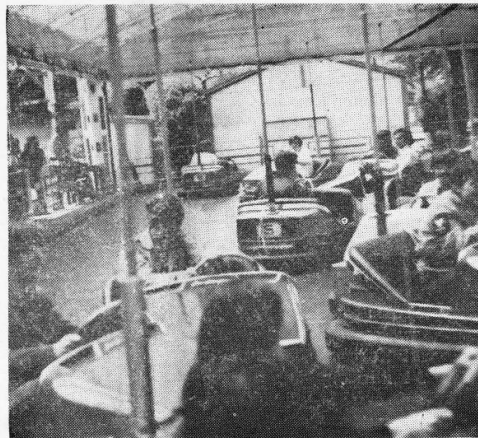
On Ascension Thursday, May 31, 229 seniors will attend graduation exercises at Hunter College. Commencement will begin at 8:00 p.m. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Fr. James Lloyd, C.S.P., PhD, who is an alumnus of Power. Among his many activities Fr. Lloyd has a Sunday morning talk show on television which is sponsored by the Paulist Fathers' Communications Center.

After four years, the seniors will be receiving their diplomas and special awards and medals will be presented to outstanding students. The academic awards will be given to those who have attained distinction in Math,

English, History, and Science; athletic awards will be given too. During the program students who have received partial and full scholarships to colleges and universities as well as the regents will also be recognized.

Next on the agenda, the Principal, Br. Keane, will address the parents and students congratulating them. His talk will be followed by that of the guest speaker, Fr. Lloyd. Finally, the valedictorian of the class of '73 will address the students. This year's valedictorian is Joseph Leavey. The faculty and students of Power wish the Seniors every success in the future.

—James Early



"Go Get Them"

Anchors Aweigh!

The results of a poll taken earlier this year clearly showed a vast majority of us Powermen once again wanted a boat ride to Rye Beach. Our request was granted. On Monday, May 14, we set sail from Battery Park. Accompanying us were girls from St. Michael's and St. Jean's. There were also

two bands on board, "The Soul Vibrations" and "Wizard," which supplied the music.

At Rye itself, it was very easy to keep busy. For the hungry there were various confection stands. Booths of all types ranging from shooting galleries to hoop throws intrigued many. The more

brave tried the dozens of rides such as the Dragon Coaster, the Monster Mouse or the Spider. The less courageous stuck to the Merry-go-round and Penny Arcades. Of course, some were content to chase girls all afternoon.

By the time the boat left Rye Beach, it was understandable that many were tired. Yet a few of us still had energy left over to dance. This included Brother Sirignano who literally dazzled everyone on the lower deck with his wild footwork and arm motions in a new dance called "The Francic Sig."

I'm sure all would agree with me in saying that the day was a tremendous success. It capped a memorable school year and left us with a little extra punch to push through the remaining few days of classes. I feel Spiriticon and the Student Council deserves a lot of credit and thanks for the hard work they put into the Boat Ride, but our deepest and sincerest gratitude should be to Brother Sirignano without whom this trip would have not been possible.

—A. RIZIO

Ours Always... Brother N. F. Sirignano



"Sig" moderating a Spiritcon meeting

Alumni News

On Wednesday evening, April 11, the alumni association presented to Br. Keane, our principal, a check for \$500 towards the alumni scholarship fund.

Through the splendid cooperation of our alumni, their friends and especially the officers and moderators this was made possible.

We would like to encourage our former pupils, our present graduating class, and our future ones to become active in this organization. This is indeed one excellent way by which they certainly can show their appreciation for the wonderful education received here at Power.

A well deserved vote of thanks is in order for the following officers and moderators, whose long hours of paper work and time have made this venture possible.

The officers are as follows:

- Mssrs. J. Boylan '48 — President
 T. Powers '43 — Vice President
 M. Hartigan '36 — Secretary
 G. Ihle '60 — Treasurer
 A. Wilkinson '36 — Executive Board
 R. McCartney '47 — Executive Board
 E. Burns (teaching staff of Power for 30 yrs)
 Moderator
 Brother J. M. Leavey '44 — Moderator
 Father Vincent Fox '46 — Chaplain of
 the Alumni

A very special word of thanks to Brother A. X. Keane, our Principal for his great encouragement in our efforts to make the Alumni Association a vital force for the good of Power Memorial Academy. We meet on the second Wed. of each month and we hope many alumni would join us on these evenings in the work we are trying to accomplish.

Brother J. M. Leavey, Moderator

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At the end of this school year, Br. N. F. Sirignano will be leaving Power to start teaching at Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, New York.

Brother has been here for nine years dedicating his entire life to the students of Power. For eight of those years he has been Athletic Director during which time Brother has put together one of the better if not the best athletic program ever organized at Power. During his supervision Power coaches and teams came back with basketball city championships, and two National Championships. The track team has had numerous championships and the baseball teams have been doing just as well. This, however, is not all that can be accredited to "Sig." His work has branched out into many

fields of Power life. He has always been in charge of keeping the gym in the great shape it's in and setting up Bingo every Thursday and taking it down every Friday morning at 6:30. He has supervised the maintenance of the school making sure it was clean and somewhat comfortable. He has taught Biology and been a guidance counselor, but most important of all he has been the best friend anyone could ever have if you got to know him well enough.

This year he took over Spiritcon making it one of the best years the activity has ever had since its institution. The dance, boat ride and numerous other activities all happened because of Brother and the students involved in Spiritcon. The amazing thing about Sig has been, as Br. Keane pointed

Miss Flaherty To Retire

After 13 years of service to Power Memorial, Miss Agnes Flaherty will retire from the staff of the school cafeteria. It is easy to take a person for granted when we see them every day in the same situation. "Aggie," as students affectionally call her, has always been in the lunchroom it seems. In her years here, she has always worked with a great love for Power and its students.

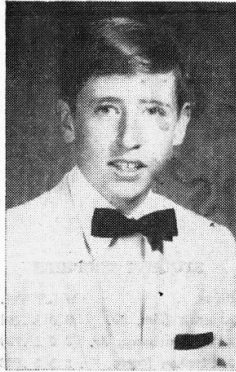
She will be missed next year and we wish her every happiness in the future.

out at the awards assembly, how he has taken over so many responsibilities and yet has been able to achieve top quality success in everything he's done.

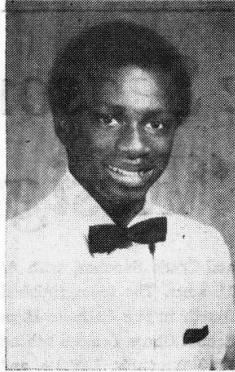
When you look at everything Br. Sirignano has done you can tell he has been the backbone of our school and he will be missed when he leaves. When he does go someone is going to have to step into his shoes and hopefully, whoever he is, he will get as much cooperation as possible from the Power student.

Have a Happy Summer...

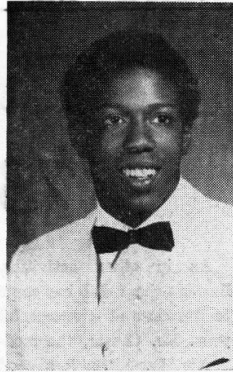




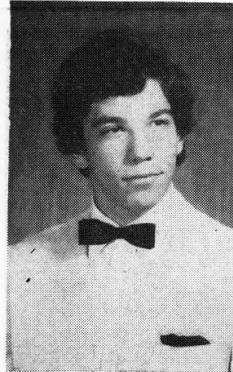
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Most Likely
To Succeed



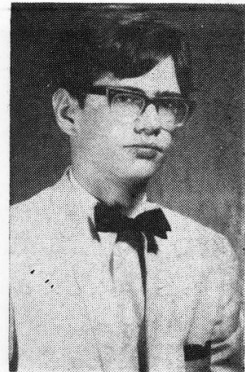
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Best Student
In General



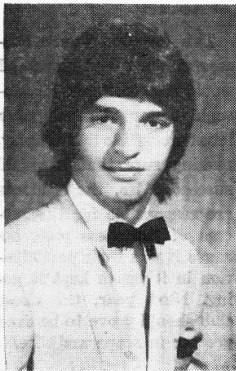
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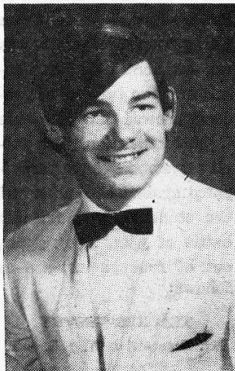
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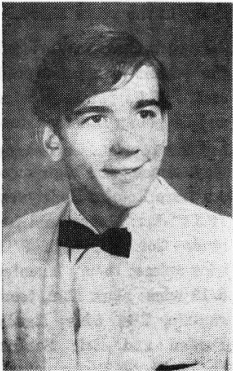
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Craziest
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Robert Davila
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Robert Kearney
Best
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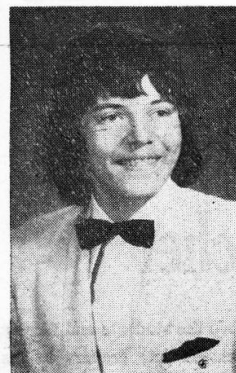
Matt Centrowitz
Best
Athlete

Senior Poll

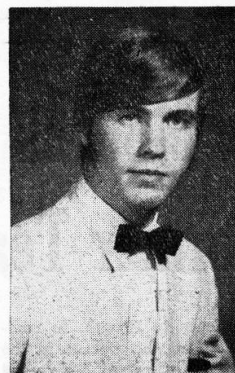


Brother Jensen
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Teacher

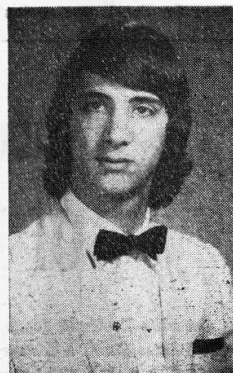
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William Gowrie
Best
Dressed



Michael Polye
Most Successful
With Females



Michael Atan
Most Consistently
Late

The Ultimate Award

The Awards Assembly program, as in the past, has been a chance for Powermen to see and recognize the students who have represented their school or have contributed their time in some way during the year. Again, it was Brother Sirignano who gave his time to set up the awards and act as master of ceremonies. The assembly soon became a tribute to Brother, who has been involved with Power in much the same way for nine years.

Brother Keane could have kept on talking about the good in Brother Sirignano, and he set the pace for the rest of the Assembly. Power awaited Brother Sirignano to approach the microphone and speak. His talk summarized the idea behind the Assembly and I think that these thoughts are just another good part of Brother.

Brother Sirignano brought out a very strong point in Power's achievements. Power offers very little in the way of luxury and space for those who practice and perform after school. He mentioned the decaying wall that Power's Handball Team uses to practice on, and, of course, they deserve something better than that; the New York streets and Central Park paths that Power's track team runs on; the drama club's use of the pit and the "schoolyard" to build props; and the six foot ceiling under which the band plays

daily. With all this in mind it became even more fantastic that Power can always seem to be at or very close to the top, in the various competitions she engages in.

The Band Concert in this year's Assembly was added on to give Powermen a chance to "show off" these achievements in front of the school they represent. Most Powermen did not have a chance to hear their band and this was an ideal opportunity to give the band the time to play in front of the people it knows best.

The various clubs were recognized and the different interscholastic teams received their awards. The highlight, though, of this year's Assembly was the almost endless standing ovation for Power's very own Brother Sirignano. There is nothing one can say about Power's reaction to Brother at the Assembly. His ideas and hard work were seen even, in this, his last Assembly. The Assembly became a formal farewell, and it contained the deepest and richest emotions ever displayed at a meeting of Powermen. Power awarded Brother Sirignano with a watch, and the captains of the Varsity teams awarded him with a desk set. These two awards represent tokens of our appreciation of the amount of time that Brother put into Power, and the amount of time he will spend helping others in the future.

—Robert Patrizio

Outdoor Track Keeps Up The Pace

After a strong indoor season, this year's Varsity track team became even stronger in the outdoor season. The spirit, talent and guts were all there when the team started, and it really put it together throughout the season.

At Nanuet Relays, Matt Centrowitz broke the State record for the 2-mile run by clocking 9 minutes and 1 second. Also at this meet, the mile-relay, with John Redgrave, Daryl Everett, John Novak, and Robert Ricciardo, came in second place with a time of 3:25.1. Two weeks later, the first of 3 great meets rolled along: the Queens-Iona Relays, which took place for two days. Tom Cully, Robert Ricciardo, John Novak and Matt Centrowitz competed in the Distance Medley on one day and in the 2-mile relay on the other. For the first time they came in first place with a time of 10:22.9, and for the second they got a 7th place with a time of 7:52.9.

The whole weekend's weather was miserable, thus affecting times. However, at Penn Relays, the second great meet which also lasted for two days, this same group was able to break the school record for the Distance Medley Relay by clocking 10:09.9, coming behind Paramus Catholic which had a time of 10:07.7. This not only gave our squad the 3rd fastest time in the nation this year and a C.H.S.A.A. league record, but also 2nd fastest in N.Y. State ever run. The previous school record was 10:13.6, set in 1970 by Naudain, Jakimetz, Vera and Colon. Also at Penn, the same group came in 2nd place in the 2-mile relay, with a time of 7:57.8 losing to Farrell which clocked 7:57.7. The mile-relay team with Julio Rivera, Daryl Everett, John Redgrave and Gregory Little, came in

first place with a time of 3:28.5.

Then May came with the third great meet: the New York Relays. Here, the Distance Medley team, again composed of Tom Cully, Robert Ricciardo, John Novak and Matt Centrowitz captured 2nd place with a time of 10:16.1, coming behind Paramus Catholic which clocked 10:15.9. The 880-yard relay, with Daryl Everett, Leland McGee, Richard Zayas and Gregory Little, set a meet and school record by clocking 1 minute and 30 seconds.

On May 12, the Loucks Meet at White Plains turned out to be a muddy mess when the winds and rains attacked the cinder track at the high school field. Nevertheless, Matt Centrowitz turned in remarkable efforts. He came in 1st place in the 2-mile run with a time of 9:23.2 and 15 minutes later he anchored the 2-mile relay. The first three men were Daryl Everett, Robert Ricciardo, and John Novak, with a strong 1:57 half-mile, to give the team a 2nd place with 8:12.8 right behind Mephram State which clocked 8:12.1.

More of the team's morale, togetherness and great performances are to be seen at the few meets yet to be run: Eddy Meet at Schenectady, New Jersey Invitationals (Dist. Medley and 880 Rel), Sectionals, Privates, Intersectionals and Eastern States.

Matt Centrowitz will also be going to Prospect High School, Mount Prospect, Illinois, on June 9, as a result of his good performances. So far his best miles are a 4:08.7 at Penn and a 4:08.9 at N.Y. Relays. We hope that the students who have been supporting the team at various meets will continue to do so for the next few meets and next year too.

—George P. Alcoforado



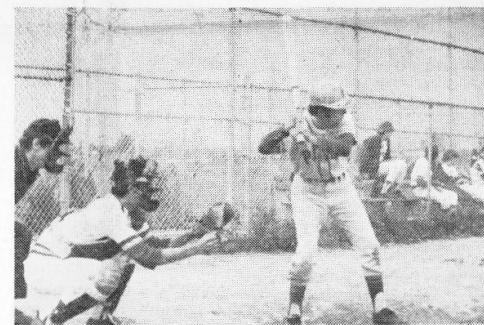
Leland McGee leaps over hurdles

Varsity Baseball Going All The Way?

Coming off a very successful 11-3 fall record, the varsity's hopes for the CH-SAA city title in the spring seemed bright indeed. However, the team was sidetracked in their quest, very early, due to an injury to Julio Alonso, one of the team's best pitchers, and clean-up hitters. During Julio's absence the team lost

hitter is Jerry Ponte, with a lofty .474 batting average. Jerry is followed by Bob Coppola .372, Julio Alonso .340, Bob Kearney .333 and Ray Henry .305. A sophomore, Felix Martinez, handles the catching, and is the leading RBI man with 19.

While the hitting is good, it is not the team's strong point. Its forte is pitching.



Jack Horan awaits the pitch

2 of their first three games. However, after his return, the varsity made a complete reversal, and ran off a string of six consecutive league victories, and were slated to play Regis in the final game. If the team wins this game, it will mark the fourth year in a row that the varsity has made the play-offs.

Although the team has not lived up to its full expectations, it still boasts a fine 15-7 overall record, while at the same time attaining a 7-2 league record. The coach, Mr. Malone, feels that this is one of the best teams he has ever fielded and if Alonso had not sustained an injury the team would have been in a considerably better position.

The varsity has a fine array of hitters. The leading

Their strong mound corps is lead by Julio Alonso, who has won 3 and lost 0. Jim Buggy 3-4, Mike Smith 4-1, Bob Coppola 3-1, Steve Alonso and Pat Eckhart are also very fine pitchers.

This team believes in itself, and we believe in them. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Malone and the team, for representing Power so formidably during the season, and the best of luck in the play-offs.

TEAM RECORD

Power 3	Tolentine 4
Power 11	All Hallows 7
Power 1	Hayes 7
Power 13	Dubois 0
Power 9	Regis 3
Power 3	Tolentine 0
Power 6	Dubois 0
Power 7	All Hallows 2
Power 2	Hayes 0

—Tom Bianco

J.V. Promising For Next Year

Coming off the fall season, Brother Jensen felt that with the talent they had the JV would most likely show improvement and prove itself in the Power tradition.

However, the team got off to a poor start and held a 1-5 record. The pitching was very good with Ralph Felcin's .83 ERA, Tom Langan's 1.17 and Tim Shannon's 2.35 leading the way.

The hitting likewise was good, but it was somewhat disappointing from what was expected. Actually it was the errors, which were the main reason for the team's demise, according to Brother Jensen. The team worked hard in practice but didn't consciously demand of themselves the excellence they were *capable of in games*. Then, about halfway through the season, two players, Joe Mullin, a shortstop, and Tom Matthews, a first baseman, joined the team.

Prior to their arrival, the team held a 1-7 ledger. After they joined, however, the team was victorious in 5 of its last 7 games. They won 2 of their last three games. Unfortunately their one loss ruined their chance of making the play-offs, a 3-0 loss to Hayes.

This is the first time in the last three years that Power's JV has failed to do so. Although they did miss the play-offs and their record (3-6 league, 5-9 overall) is a bit dismal, Brother Jensen feels this team has the most talent of any he has ever coached and he feels they will fare well on the varsity level.

—Tom Bianco

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