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## "Show Boat" To Come

LIGHTS! CAMERA! and plenty of ACTION! That is what the Drama Club is up to these days. This year, Mr. Reyes and the boys from Power, along with Miss DeMayo and her girls from St. Michael's, will be putting "Showboat." Miss DeMayo is in charge of the music, Misters Reyes and Coogan are in charge of voice train-

ing, while Mr. Russo is doing the directing. The play, which will appear at the Generoso Pope Auditorium in Fordham University, is due to open sometime in April. We wish the cast, Mr. Reyes, Miss DeMayo, Mr. Coogan, and Mr. Russo all the success in the world for their upcoming play.

—Jackie Guerra

## Let's Have Another



Power skiers view the slopes

Spirits, among other things, were high the weekend of January 12-14 as a busload of Powermen invaded the Holiday Inn at Middletown, New York, and the slopes of the Holiday Mountain.

Br. Fragala, who arranged the trip, and Br. Murphy led the group to the slopes for afternoons of skiing on Saturday and Sunday. A trophy was given to Ray Hines for the most improved skier in the class.

While the group was not

on the slopes, they occupied themselves with other activities: the indoor pool, dances on Friday and Saturday nights, rooms 236 and 238 and Marsha, Jane, Karen, Lucy, Diane, among other little interesting things.

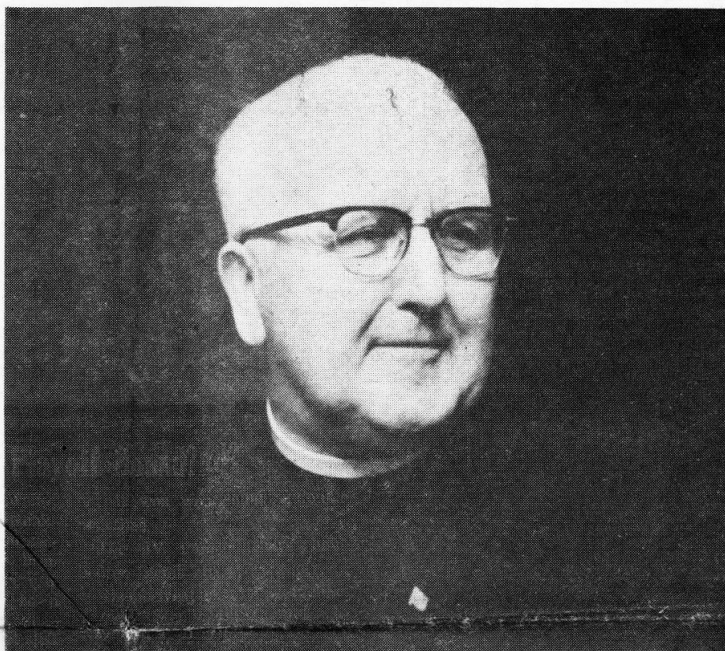
Br. Fragala will hold a second trip on the weekend of February 9-11. Hopefully, they will enjoy themselves as much as they did the first time.

—Craig Wallace

### REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Administration, Faculty, and Student Body of Power Memorial would like to congratulate the following seniors for their success in winning the Regents Scholarships:

PATRICK BETHON  
PETER HENDRICKSON  
RAYMOND KOCH  
JOHN NOLAN  
PAUL WONG



BROTHER MICHAEL A. HURLEY 1907-1973

## Happiness is... That Final Goal

On January 21, 1973, Brother Michael Hurley passed away. His death came as a great shock to those who knew him. It is with his death that we come to realize how much he was a part of us here at Power. For half a century, Brother Hurley devoted his life to serving God, and doing for man what God intended him to do. His service was somewhat amazing.

His first assignment as a brother (1925) was teaching deaf and dumb children in his native Ireland. Later, he taught at an orphanage there. After 13 years teaching in Newfoundland, Brother Hurley found himself in New York at All Hallows High School. Apart from his teaching duties at All Hallows, he was also the school treasurer. At that time, All Hallows had severe finan-

cial difficulties, but through Brother Hurley's tireless efforts on Bingo, raffles, etc., the school was able to get back on its feet again and eventually became financially stable.

After a year at Palma High School in California, Brother came to Power. That was in 1955. He was here for five years and, during that time, one of his pupils was Brother Colasuonno, who had Bro. Hurley for math.

In 1960, Brother went up to Iona Grammar School in New Rochelle. Three years later he was back in New York, this time at Rice H.S. At Rice, however, Brother had to stop teaching because of ill health. Nevertheless, he still remained involved in the activities and work of the school. Following his stay at Rice, Brother went to St. Gabriel's Junior Col-

lege in Lakewood, New Jersey, then to Bishop Gibbons H. S. in Schenectady, before coming back to Power in 1968.

Just this past summer, Brother Hurley celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a member of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. As a gift, the brothers of his community sent him on a trip around the world. During this trip, Brother Hurley visited his brother in Australia, whom he hadn't seen in over 40 years and also visited his other brother (who is also a member of the Christian Brothers) in South Africa. In September, Brother concluded his trip and resumed his duties here at Power until his death.

It is fair to say that what Brother Hurley accomplished in life was great. However, greatness is not mere-

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## A Time To Think

In the past few months and very recently we have witnessed the deaths of people who have had various effects on our lives. On a national level, we have seen the lives of ex-presidents Truman and Johnson pass before us leaving a thought to be contemplated. In time of death, criticism which was so much a part of these men's lives no longer exists. Instead, words of honor are thrown upon them leaving a question to be asked: Can one only praise his fellow man in time of death?

Just a few weeks ago someone relatively close to us also passed away. Surprisingly enough, it did have its effect. It was something we took for granted as we so often do. Every morning we would go to the lunchroom and find that little white-haired man standing there directing traffic and keeping an eye on us. For those who knew him a little better, there was that little conversation of "Hey, Mike," and "How are you, brother." We saw this man day in and day out not realizing what we were really experiencing. Right before us, we were viewing a man, who, in his old age, refused to submit to the clutches of uselessness, a man who with all the power left in him was going to make the remainder of his life one of dedication.

There was never a time when one saw Br. Michael Hurley sad or depressed. There was always that sly little smile or that sharp tongue which always kept one wondering. At the age of sixty-six he was a happy man, a man who lived life and gave all he possibly could. Now, that we have a peace, a peace we have longed for so deeply, it would seem appropriate that Br. Michael A. Hurley, a peaceful and truly happy man himself, should leave us to find his everlasting peace and happiness. From now on, every day we walk into that lunchroom, the memory of that little white-haired man will be with us and we are going to miss him deeply, because he was the man who would always be the ideal model for any one of us.

In conclusion, the staff, the faculty, and the administration would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the student body for their beautiful turnout in the funeral Mass of Br. Hurley. It was definitely the proof of the effect which this man had on us.

Robert Davila  
Editor

## First Dance March 9

The following were the results of the poll taken by Spiriton concerning the activities at Power.

	Yes	No
Boat Ride	885	73
School Dance	551	384
Social Night	503	409

According to the results there is an indication that Power is not dead. The stu-

dent body is still willing to give our activities a push. On March 2nd, our first school dance shall take place. From the results, 551 students responded positively toward the dance. We hope that all 551 students will keep their word and show up at the dance.

In order to know if we

To the Editor:

The number of times that you are late or absent may not mean too much to you, now. However, sometime in the future these figures may be the difference in successfully applying for a job. When you apply for a job, the records that are kept are checked by the employer. It is evident then, that these records become rather important in this situation. Therefore they should be kept fairly as well as accurately.

The present system fails to be a fair one. When a student is late, the lateness goes on his record. Even if there is an excuse for the lateness it still goes down on his record. Sometimes, these latenesses cannot be avoided. If the public transportation system has a delay, what alternative do you have? When weather conditions make it difficult to get to school, should you have to leave for school at a ridiculous hour in the morning?

The school officials sometimes realize these situations and excuse students from disciplinary action. But the fact still remains that the lateness goes on your record regardless. This is a ridiculous system which should be changed. If it remains the same it will hurt only us, the students. If it is changed to eliminate excused latenesses from a student's record, the record keeping system will become what it should be. That is, a means with which to judge a student's reliability.

Daniel Bruen

should carry on with the dance, tickets will be on sale prior to March 2nd. Please remember, the dance is only for Powermen and "all the girls one can handle."

The reason why it has been restricted to Power students is, being a school function we wish to see more Power students there. We carry these dances out for the benefit of our own classmates, not for outsiders.

Secondly, because of the numerous numbers of Non-Powermen, some violence broke out last year forcing us to keep the future dances closed and only for Power students.

Nevertheless, this should not make the dance less efficient, in fact the chances of getting a rap are much higher. We'll supply the place, the music, and the girls; all you have to do is come down and have a nice time. So come on and enjoy yourself.

—Joe Rivera

## Letters

I would like to make some observations on the letter of John Nolan to the last issue of the **Purple and Gold**. The writer spoke categorically of the futility of the religious education courses at Power. Does he expect them to proselytize or to educate? His value judgments on shortcomings in the course structures certainly do not condemn their existence as a channel of study. The ultimate aim of religious education must certainly be to motivate the reflective student toward a thoughtful, enlightened, and informed sense of values. This is always relevant.

Morally, in its fullest sense, can be—and is—taught. Teaching is not limited to lectures; it is nurtured by observation, information, and emulation. Formal exposure to ethical postures on social problems is of the essence in one's high school years. It is as ignorant to reject consideration of such problems in a classroom, simply because their solution does not lie therein, as it is to invite one to love one's country—right or wrong—or leave it. The ethics of a democracy are contingent upon the ethics of the demos.

One aspect of morality well worth consideration in a religious education course is that quality of mature selflessness that marks truly social behavior. Students who come to Power merely to make selfish use of what the school can give, with no consciousness of the part they can play in contributing to a dialogue which transcends mere words, have much to learn from religious education.

The ability to relinquish a portion of oneself to the society, thereby entering in the fullest sense into its life and truly belonging thereto, most clearly distinguishes participation from exploitation. The student who wants Power not to "waste his time" with such irrelevancies as religious education stands most in need of the salubrious effect of stepping out of his personal situation and attempting to consider, as objectively as is possible, the lacuna between his (and most people's) verbal and practical idealism.

Religion is not activated merely by courses, nor is the glib summation of it through the inadequacies of moral theology, sociology, and psychology adequate. The ultimate goal of religious education must necessarily be to stimulate the student to reflect on his place in the **cosmos** (which too few do at any age) and thereby attempt to order his sense of values. If man limited his mind to what admitted of immediate solution, he would never dare the heroic. Those to whom the heroic is folly, have renounced the noblest faculty of their minds.

Power is an institution which operates under the aegis of religious and moral commitment. Before the abolition of formal education along those lines, perhaps we should seek less to blame the program and examine, rather, the shallow attitudes which we bring to it. Religious education has intrinsic worth; whether it is convenient or popular is of an import far inferior to its challenge and potential for affecting attitudes on too seldom considered values. Man's intelligence should penetrate all areas of his existence, not only those which glut his vanity or fill his pockets.

Brother T. J. Jensen



One of the brothers played Santa Claus over the Christmas Holidays. Who was he?

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## Senior Focus

PETE HENDRICKSON

Not many students around the school realize all that Peter Hendrickson has done here. But when you take a look at all of his accomplishments you find he is not just the average student. In addition to his four years of track and his work in the Society of Samaritans, Pete is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Afro-American Cultural Society, and has recently won a New York State Regents Scholarship.

Pete does not have any "favorite" activity, but he

feels that track, the Samaritans and the Afro-American society are all important because of the assistance they give to the school and its students.

As for the Afro-American Cultural society, Pete hopes, in his year as president, to help the members learn about themselves and assist them in helping each other.

In the future, he plans to attend Cornell University and will continue his activities there if they do not interfere with his studies. The entire school wishes Pete the best of luck.

## ¿Que Pasa?

From September to December of 1972, El Poder and its members have been meeting regularly, planning activities but getting nothing done. One accomplishment which our club has produced is the weekly culture classes. These classes are still being held on Tuesdays or Thursdays in room 408 after school. We invite all interested students to attend these classes, so that you can educate yourselves concerning different Spanish speaking backgrounds. The culture classes have been very successful thanks to Edgar de Jesus and the others students who have participated.

At present, we have a regular attendance of about 15 to 20 members at each general meeting. With these few members we feel we have a very strong club. Our club can further itself in its activities. With more members we can become actively involved in the community. Our club would like to plan and execute a cultural activity in which the community will be invited to at-

tend. We would like to show the community that Aspira is active within New York City and is concerned in educating the community through activities.

1973 is going to be different. On February 3rd, El Poder held its first major activity, a dance in which all Powermen were invited to attend along with girls from many other schools. The purpose of the dance was to unify our club members on a closer social level. Hopefully, after the dance, the members will have had an opportunity to know each other just a little better.

We will soon begin plans for a food and clothes drive for the people of Nicaragua. We hope that you will try to help these people who are in need of food and clothing.

We feel El Poder is just beginning to work. We have the ambition and the membership to execute all the activities which have been mentioned and possibly more. 1973 will be a good year for El Poder.

—Frank Lamourt

# Successful Day At Iona

On January 4 of this year, student leaders from Power, representing Aspira, Spiriticon, Afro-American Society, the newspaper and various other activities met students from other Christian Brother schools in the Convocation of Student Leaders. It was held at Iona College in New Rochelle, and was primarily set up to allow an exchange of ideas on two major topics. The idea discussed in the morning session was that of "building up a spirit of con-

cern within the school community." After lunch, the second discussion dealt with "extending this concern to the surrounding community."

In small discussion groups with a representative from each school, Power picked up new ideas that were being employed elsewhere. They concerned the improvement of relations between students, teachers and parents. A direct result of the convocation was the formation of the new Action Committee which has since been

made a part of the Student Council. Working within the Council these leaders from different activities, work for the improvement of our School Spirit.

The convocation ended with the celebration of Mass. In general, the entire day was very worthwhile. Powermen in particular got a great deal from the convocation, but the true success of it lies directly with you, the Student Body. Help make it work.

—Robert Patrizio

## Men At Work

The Student Council has finally got up on its feet and is moving. In the early part of January the officers were elected. They are: President Robert Davila, Treasurer Gerard Meade, and Secretary Craig Wallace. In doing this, the Student Council was put into the hands of the students where it rightfully belonged.

Since then many new ideas have been brought up, but the most concrete has been the New School Lottery. In its first week, the lottery proved to be very successful. 586 tickets were sold and 142 dollars collected. Half went to the Student Council Treasury and the other half went for

prizes. Timothy Shannon won the first prize of \$35.50. J. Johnson and Gregory Little won second at third prizes at \$17.75 each.

This has just been the first step. The Council will be sponsoring a second Rock Mass, which will be held before the Easter Holidays. With these new activities, the Council has been working on new ideas including possible schedule changes for next year. The Council is now supporting all other activities in an attempt to unify the students.

In general, the Student Council is headed in the right direction. Meetings are held every Wednesday in room 306 before school.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and listen or give responsible suggestions. The Students are the ones who make the Student Council and they are the ones who have to make it work.

## HAPPINESS IS . . .

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ly a measure of what a man has accomplished during his life, but rather the effect that his life had on the people he came in contact with, the memory he perpetuated.

Brother Hurley is gone now. But the memory of him is still with us. It is that memory we have of him that enables him to stand above all others. His life affected ours. If his memory does the same, then he still lives in us.

—William Maldarelli

## Stalemate!

Recently here at Power, the Chess Club has been growing steadily under the determination of the Moderator Mr. Cassar, President Mark Kim, and the many Power students who have

enthusiastically taken part in this activity.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, our chess team played in a tournament at the McAlpin Hotel, and, although Power did not win



Mate in two!

anything, we made quite a showing and, as a result, became a member of the Catholic Chess League, which is sponsored by Cardinal Hayes high school. In this six school membership our chess team will have to contend with such rivals as Hayes, LaSalle, Mt. St. Michael and Rice.

Within the next few months Power will hold its own tournament for Power students who are members of the U.S. Chess Federation. Each student who participates in this tournament will be rated on his abilities in chess by the U.S.C.F.

The Chess Club hopes that there will be even greater enthusiasm among Power students in the participation of this activity in the future.

—José Traba

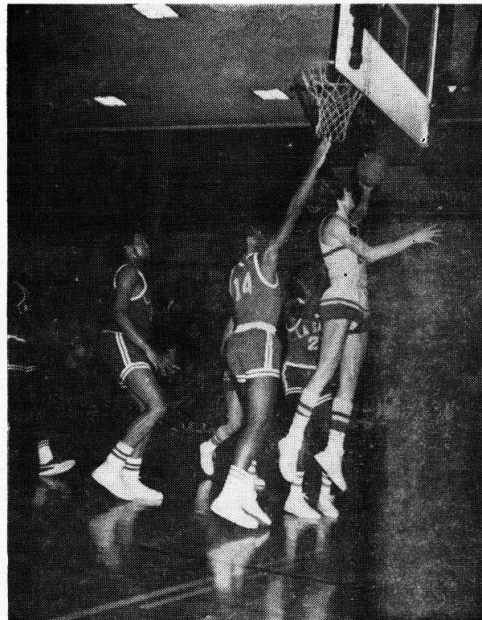
## Intramurals Rebound!

Physical education in Power goes further than once or twice a week in the gym, which is the purpose behind the intramural program.

Mr. O'Donoghue heads the department and has worked hard trying to set up the basketball program. Basketball has always seemed to be the favorite sport among Power students. This year's turnout for basketball has been great and should be a big success. There will be 38 teams which will compete within their own years (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior). There will be a first and second place winner for each year, and the two teams will then meet in the playoffs to determine the champion.

There are several improvements over last year's program. The most important improvement being the larger turnout of players. There are also adequate numbers of referees and playing time. Mr. O'Donoghue also plans to set up wrestling and softball intramurals if enough students are interested. Although Mr. O'Donoghue's interest and leadership is needed and appreciated, the final outcome of these intramural programs is up to the participating students.

—Robert Unick



Glenn Kolonics goes around La Salle defender for two

## JV — Playoff Bound?

This year's junior varsity, which was last year's Bronx-Manhattan champs and second in the city, has been able to roll up a 11-1 record. Their lone loss was to a good St. Francis Prep squad (67-62). They have met stiff competition from well balanced teams such as Mount St. Michael's, Spellman, LaSalle and Rice. The game against LaSalle was a thrill-

er; it was won in double overtime.

The JV Panthers have beaten teams not as strong as themselves; they include Xavier, Stepinac and St. Raymond's. If the team stays healthy and keeps a good attitude they should make the playoffs, and this year finish first.

—Roger Dunphy

## Freshmen: 9-2



Br. Jensen makes his point

With three league games remaining in the regular schedule, the Panther Freshmen post an 9-2 record. They now stand in second place. For a while they were tied for second place with Mount Saint Michael's. During league play we beat the Mount team 64-60 in a close well played game.

Other wins were against formidable opponents such as Cardinal Hayes, whom we beat twice 58-46 and 56-44. In a non league con-

tests we just got by victoriously with a score of 52-51.

So far we have had some easy wins and unfortunately a couple of tough losses. One of our losses came at the hands of Rice. In this game we were down by as many as twelve points coming back strong only to lose 52-48. The other loss was to Cardinal Spellman in a thriller 68-67.

But perhaps our most exciting encounter was with Rice on January 31 in a

home game. It was especially significant since Rice presently leads the division. The team had felt that they could beat them this time with their continued improvement under Brother Jensen's coaching. A good crowd was on hand and there was plenty of tension when we were down at half time by 4 points. During the 3rd and 4th quarters however, the team made a great comeback to win 45-40.

We have a fighting team —Get to the games for real excitement.

SUPPORT  
YOUR  
TEAMS  
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THE  
GAMES

## "A" Undefeated In League Play

The varsity is still rolling. By beating Xavier (75-54), Hayes (47-40), Stepinac (85-69), Mount St. Michael (88-45), in league games and in a non-league contest defeating LaSalle (75-57) the Panthers have secured their hold in their division. Their record is now 11-2 over all and 7-0 league. Bob Misevicious, Steve Richardson, and Glenn Kolonics have led the Panthers scoring attack with over 40 points a game.

Over the Christmas vacation the team traveled down to the Seagull Classic in Atlantic City. The best teams from Washington, South Jersey, Philadelphia and

New York participated in this tournament.

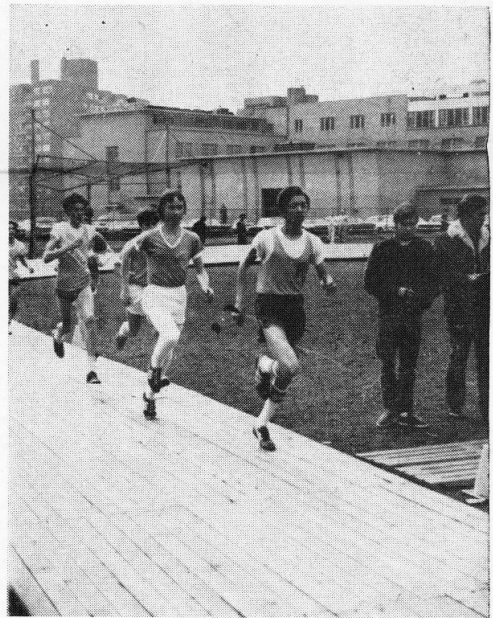
In their first game, the Panthers beat Roman Catholic (46-44), then in double overtime bowed to Archbishop Carroll (72-69). In a consolation game, the Panthers were defeated by Bishop Eustace (74-60).

Through all of this, the Panthers still gained much experience that will help them in the future. Glenn Kolonics was voted to the all-tournament team. He averaged 18 points a game.

As the season comes to an end, come out and support the team.

—Ed Sanchez

## Keep On Truckin'



Brother Binkley and Brother Smith are back again coaching their freshmen team to victory. Over the Christmas holidays, there were two meets, the CHSAA Relay Carnival and the Development Meet No. 1. The Development Meet was only for those teams that worked out in the Armory. The squad did very well. On January 7th was the Frosh Sections in which the Freshmen won with a total of 32 points. Behind them was Mt. Saint Michael's with 29. On January 27 was the Hayes Games; at this meet Power participated in the 880 yard run and the

880 yard run, Maurice Weaver set a new school record by running a speedy 2:06.5. The 880 yard relay team came in first with a 1:42.5 time, which was disqualified.

Due to rain, the outdoor part of the Molloy Meet was cancelled. The Development Meet No. 2 is coming up and on February 24 are the City Championships. Then, as a warmdown after the City's, the Mayor's Meet and Eastern States (West Point, N.Y.) will take place. On the whole, the Power Frosh are looking good.

—Jim Hickey