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ADIEUX AUX VERSIFICATEURS

Samedi, le 6 juin, nos Versificateurs prendront un des grands pas de leur vie lorsqu'ils recevront leurs diplômes de graduation. Ce jour-là, nous serons honorés par la présence de Monseigneur Beck, Co-Adjuteur de Brentwood, Angleterre, qui prêchera à la messe, et qui présidera ensuite à la cérémonie. Le Rév. Eugène Guérin, de la paroisse du Précieux-Sang de Holyoke, délivrera le discours.

Oui, le jour vient déjà où, imprégnés de souvenirs inoubliables, nos Versificateurs quitteront leur Alma Mater. C'est à nous que revient le triste devoir de leur offrir, comme camarades, comme confrères, comme amis, nos adieux. Comment vaincre cette impuissance d'exprimer les sentiments qui bouleversent notre cœur en cette occasion? Comment hasarder l'entreprise d'énumérer tous les bienfaits que nous avons reçus de ceux qui nous quittent à jamais? Certes, nous ne pouvons que mentionner hâtivement leurs services, leur valeur, comme amis et comme Versificateurs.

Les relations des Versificateurs avec les autres classes se conduisaient toujours sur un plan amical; cette qualité était mise en relief surtout dans nos entreprises comme groupe. Le succès de cette entente était souvent dû, en grande partie, au travail inlassable de nos Versificateurs, et c'est à eux que nous devons nos remerciements les plus sincères. Sans eux
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MONSEIGNEUR ANDREW BECK

Future Bright For Assumption High

In the last few years a marked increase in Freshman enrollment has been apparent, but the prospects for the coming freshman class are even more promising and definitely encouraging. To date, the Headmaster's office has recorded over a dozen registrations. Last year at this time there were none. These early registrations seem to prognosticate that more are to come.

Father Edgar has also received numerous inquiries from interested parents who, no doubt, are looking for the formative education of their children which Assumption has become known for.

The parents in the Worcester area are also beginning to notice the fine quality of Assumption High. This year out of thirty-four enrolled day-pupils, seventeen are freshmen. Next year, Father Edgar expects freshman day-student enrollment to exceed twenty-five.

One distinct help in spreading the word has been the satisfaction shown by the present students and their parents.

The Worcester newspapers also seeing the possibilities of greater parent interest in better education for their children have written several articles concerning our school. Quite naturally, our prominence in the sports field has proved that Assumption is no longer an

"all work and no play" school, though studies definitely take the priority. This is the kind of school conscientious parents are looking for — a better education with recreational facilities which will assure the mental and physical health of their children.

The interest, of late, in the great usefulness and necessity of a bilingual education has also prompted many parents to inquire into Assumption's program.

Various activities scheduled in the near future, as the Open House, will give still more parents the opportunity of becoming acquainted with typical Assumption student life. However, come what may, the preparations are in the making. Father Edgar is providing for four freshman classes.

Assumption High School's program of studies is becoming accessible to more people. Its future in the education field is assured because of its superior standard and policies.

—Donat Lamothe '53

Our Boy Con

"Con" Ferland, a three letter man at Assumption, has made himself a name around city sport circles.

His performance with the varsity baseball nine last season won for him the first base position on the All-City second team of '52. Con is a natural at first base. He's easy going and self-confident. Con's batting average was well over the .400 mark keep up the good work, Con.

Just recently, Con was again crowned with All-City honors this time in basketball. Missing the first five by a slight margin, Con well deserves his position with the second. Mr. "Clutch" for the speedy, fast-breaking Greyhounds, he kept Assumption High fans thrilled all season with his great variety of drives and shots. Con really gives the opponents a rough time when he begins "making the ball talk" with his left as well as right hand. Keep your eyes open for Con, fellas... his basketball days didn't end with Assumption High.

Here's wishing Connie loads of luck this coming baseball season.

—Donald Lussier '53

Our Jinx

We lost Brookline paved their way to the Assumption College championship after defeating our varsity by five points, 51-46, in the first round. This game, the latest in a series of post season games which Assumption High teams have lost aroused a sentiment of jinx among the upperclassmen. Our varsity basketball teams in the past four years have entered four tournaments and they have failed in each case to gain the semi-finals.

The first game of this series was played in the Western Mass. Tourney against Springfield Tech in 1950. We had an off night and were trounced 48-32. Tech later played in the New England Tournament. That year, in the Assumption tournament, we were matched against Watertown. Again we went

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Vingt Cinquième Anniversaire

Le père Etienne célèbre cette année son vingt-cinquième anniversaire. Sa fête est le 6 mai, jour de la fête du Rév. Père Supérieur. De ce que nous savons du Père Etienne il a dû calculé la coïncidence car ce n'est pas un homme à faire les choses à moitié. Retardé par la guerre (1914-18) il ne fut ordonné que le 29 juillet, 1928, dans la belle chapelle de Louvain. En 1931 il arriva à Worcester. Ah! que c'était un beau jour celui de l'arrivée du père Etienne. Ce ne lui pris pas longtemps pour se plonger dans la vie de l'école. De 1931-35 il fut professeur de Méthode Français, Latin, Grec, Histoire, Religion; de 1933 pendant 13 ans il fut préfet de discipline au collège. Ceux-là étaient ses jours de gloire, il était avec ses gars et c'est pendant cette période qu'il a acquis son sobriquet, "Pop".

Ce nom est le père Etienne en un mot. Quiconque voit cette tête fièrement portée, ces beaux cheveux gris, ne peut douter que c'est lui. Un des professeurs les plus énergiques de la maison il concentre son attention maintenant pour les élèves de Versification de l'Ecole Supérieure.

Saluts sur votre vingt-cinquième, père, puisse-t-on voir le cinquantième, et que vos jours soient longs et pleins de bonheur.

—*Fernand Roy '53*

DEAR DIARY

Monday night, September 7, 1953

Dear Diary,

The new school year starts tomorrow. Summer vacations already ended!? It certainly didn't seem like three months. Somehow, I'm eager to get started, this time Bored stiff? On the contrary That's just it! I had such a "full summer", that now I'm completely satisfied, and ready to work!!! And, as a Junior at last!!

A varied schedule turned out to be fun, — the proof? Here I am, on the eve of my return to school, and thinking of how great it is to be alive! It's a feeling of self-satisfaction.

Tonight, I glance back at these three months and see what makes me feel so convinced.

That job at the golf club gave me enough spending money to buy some new clothes for school; I now own that

typewriter I've had my eye on so long; what's more, I managed to set aside a considerable sum for pocket money, to last me until Christmas.

I got a "kick" out of something, this morning, I heard Dad tell Mom that it's going to be hard on him to take care of the house all alone when I'm gone. — "The kid has spoiled me!" he told her.

Of course, I spent some time at the ball park. I shouldn't be letting those grounders go through my legs any more, now!! I polished up my "swan dive" quite a bit, too!

The prof wasn't asking for the impossible when he told us to read a book a week. Without being "book-wormish" about it, I read quite a few good ones this summer, besides having "brushed up" on my Latin and math. Now, I'll have a head start toward making the honor roll this year.

I know that Mass and Communion during the week had a lot to do with this "chipper" feeling. Minus His supervision, my summer would never have turned out like this, that's for sure!!

—*Robert Dumouchel '55*

It Opened Our Eyes

"Don't go down to the Recruiting Station and put your John Hancock on that dotted line without knowing what is in store for you." One of the first things the advisors told the Seniors at the Military Contact Advisory Program's opening session. "Know what the service offers you before you decide to join." In this fashion, we were cautioned on many points in regard to the service.

But it is foolish to conceive any attempt to repeat all the valuable information which these experienced advisors gave us during the two weeks of daily meetings. However we might at least give the important and startling discoveries which we made. The present draft laws require everyone between the ages of 18 and 26 to serve eight years in the service and at least two years of active duty. With this in our mind, our big question became, "How can we go to college?" In answering, the advisors explained the many military programs offered by various colleges. They showed the different ways of getting deferred so that we can go to college. We were told what to do if we wanted to join an R. O. T. C. Program and of the advantages we would get from this. The main idea given us was, "Go to school as long as you can. You can help yourself and the service by doing so."

Briefly we were told how our religion, education and principles would be useful in the service. "It's a real apostolate for a Catholic to live his religion in the service." The tremendous power of good example, Christian fortitude, and courage was very vividly brought out for us in true life experiences. Truly, the Bishop's program opened our eyes and made us include the service in our future plans.

May we say thank you to Father Marshall and these other generous men who so efficiently briefed us on military expectations and requirements. We are all looking forward to seeing you again in May.

—*Robert Gagné '53*

—*Pierre Plante '53*

Traversée méritée

Certains de nos pères s'embarqueront le 11 et le 19 juin pour revoir leur pays natal. C'est enfin qu'ils jouiront de vacances reposantes.

A l'occasion de son vingt-cinquième anniversaire de prêtrise, le Père Etienne Aubert partira pour Caen, en Normandie. Il atteste que rien ne saurait l'en empêcher. Là, sa présence reconfortera sa mère âgée de 88 ans qui vient, il y a quelques mois, de subir une opération majeure dont elle s'est promptement relevée. Il espère y trouver la solitude et le repos. Nous le lui souhaitons ardemment mais il semble irréaliste qu'un homme tellement dynamique puisse se ralentir. Lors de sa dernière visite en '47, il s'était vu à la tête des trois paroisses de son frère qui se mourait lentement. Il sera de retour pour l'ouverture des classes aura-t-il pris du repos?

Il paraît que le Père Ildefons van der Linden jadis surveillant, maintenant professeur de mathématiques et de sciences naturelles, s'est déjà préparé un programme chargé et intéressant. Son premier souci est de revoir ses parents qui demeurent en Breda, Hollande. L'occasion de son arrivée sera couronnée par le mariage, qu'il bénira, d'une de ses dix soeurs. Outre les heures agréables qu'il passera chez ses frères il tâchera de visiter l'École Apostolique de Bostel et le Scolasticat de Berojeyh. Il juge que ces deux mois et demi avec les siens seront très éphémères.

Le Père Noël Bugnard, professeur au collège et à l'école supérieure, fera ses adieux cet été même. Il se reposera quelques jours à Jacob en Savoie et de là il rejoindra le poste que l'obéissance lui aura assigné. Cinq ans passés depuis son arrivée parmi nous, et notre estime pour lui s'est tellement affermie que nous ressentirons avec tristesse son absence.

Le collège de son côté offre un repos au Père Engelbert Devincq, professeur de talent et maître incontesté d'éloquence, ainsi qu'au Père Bavo Theys qui trouvera grande joie parmi ses neveux et nièces. Ces derniers attendent anxieusement, l'un de gagner Saint Omer et l'autre Louvain.

Pour tous ces Pères nous faisons le voeu que formulait Horace pour son ami Virgile:

Navis, . . . reddas incolumen, precor,
Et serves animae dimidium meae.

—Roger Fortin '53

—Ronald Fortin '53

Changes in the High School

One of our most popular teachers, Mr. Gaucher, suddenly took ill in the first part of March. We missed his quiet, congenial way of instruction. His witty quips are ideal for holding our attention and making classes agreeable. We are glad his improving health permits him to be with us again.

The Senior and Junior Greek students as well as the Sophomore and Freshman English students certainly miss jovial, good-natured Mr. Hudon. After three years of teaching in the High School he leaves with a remarkable assortment of pleasant memories. We will miss his smile and unique teaching abilities.

Fortunately, every cloud has a silver lining. During Mr.

Gaucher's absence we have become acquainted with such excellent substitutes as Mr. Deschênes and Mr. Gaudet, who have taken over parts of the English courses.

The Seniors and some of the Sophomores also had the good fortune of having Father Edgar, our beloved Dean of Studies, for a while as English professor. His solidly prepared classes coupled with an affable manner of teaching served well to give us a clear and complete picture of Composition and many phases of English Literature which he covered.

A new face in the High School is that of Father Noël, a learned scholar, formerly only with the College Department. His ingenious method of instruction is most promising for the Senior Greek students.

—Edmond Brunelle '53

—Raymond Beaugard '53

AU REVOIR

Le Père Léo, ami de tous les élèves de l'École Supérieure, a été nommé économiste chez les Assomptionnistes à Washington. C'est un changement qui amène des regrets pour nous. Le Père Léo a toujours été un bon compagnon et il fut toujours prêt comme prêtre à nous conseiller. Il s'est dévoué corps et âme pour la maison et pour tous les étudiants qui sont passés par l'école durant ses dix-neuf ans ici. Mais lorsque l'autorité parle, l'obéissance répond, et le Père Léo, toujours fidèle à son devoir, met de côté ses sentiments personnels et agit pour le bien de la communauté.

Alors, mon père, recevez notre sincère remerciement pour tous vos efforts à notre égard, et nos meilleurs voeux pour le succès dans toutes vos entreprises.

—Edmond Brunelle '53

Open House at Assumption

Assumption High School will hold its first open house Sunday, May 17. It is part of the Public Relations Program in acquainting outsiders and grammar school students with the activities and life of a student at Assumption. This affair is under the direction of Fr. Edgar Bourque, A. A., and several chosen committees.

High School students acting as guides will take the visitors on tours throughout the building. There will be a continuous showing of the school's color motion picture in the students' lounge and experiments are to be set up in the Chemistry and Physics Laboratories. The French Club will be opened all afternoon. Visitors will also be able to see a scheduled High School baseball game, weather permitting, to be held on Rodier Field.

Towards the middle of the afternoon a French play will be given in the auditorium, followed by a short English play, slices from three different classes, and entertainment by the Glee Club. The afternoon will end with benediction in the Students' Chapel.

To close the activities of the day, a "soirée" featuring "Miss Radio Canada" will be held at 8:00 P. M.

—Bertrand Lemieux '54

—Raymond Grandchamp '54



PARTING WORDS

Of all the times Assumption students enter and leave the campus, only two make an everlasting impression in their minds. How can a student ever forget those intermingled sensations which filled his imagination on enrollment day? On the other hand, when one's days at Assumption are numbered, the mere thoughts of leaving its gates on graduation day make every student stop and think.

The approach of graduation has opened our eyes to a better understanding of our parents' love for us, of the devotion of the Assumptionists, and of the fine catholic education we have received under their guidance.

First in our minds are our parents. How can we ever repay them for their incessant cares? They have worked hard in order that we, through the advantages of a catholic education, might face the world better equipped than they. We are grateful to our parents, for all that we have comes from them.

Just recently, when many of us made our application for college and found that we had little or no difficulty at being accepted, we realized the value of the formation we received at Assumption. Here we are taught the value of true character based on firm religious beliefs as we are taught to give the proper consideration to studies, to sports, and to social activities.



The approach of graduation has also occasioned many happy get-togethers where we talk over old times as events of the past flutter through our minds. More than ever, we realize how we'll miss that gang and all the wonderful times we spent together. "Never an idle moment" seems to accurately describe our school life: sports, dramatics, and other extra-curricular activities filled our leisure moments. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons were usually spent playing ball, working around the school for "four bits" an hour, reading in the library, or, last but not least frequent, studying "mot-à-mot". Oh happy days!

During our stay at Assumption, we have endeavored to uphold the honor of our school; we have enjoyed the privileges of participating in that Assumption spirit behind the blue and white. For these joys and for making our school life pleasant as well as beneficial, our sincerest gratitude to the entire faculty.

The Assumptionists state in their prospectus that their aim is to develop men of character and of duty, loyal to their faith and to their country as graduates of Assumption, we will strive to fulfill their aim and bring honor to our Alma Mater.

—Donald Lussier '53





Through the Crystal Ball

Who dares guess where Assumption High graduates will be next September? Although no secret seems to be involved, hardly any one is acquainted with the question. So let's peek into the crystal to see what the hopefuls are saying!

Jesus has called upon many senior boys from the '53 class to follow in the footsteps of our first apostles and to become as they were, "fishers of men". These boys are R. Beauregard, E. Brunelle, P. Jean, D. Lamothe, J.-P. Pagé, R. Racine, F. Roy, M. LaBrosse, and Roger and Ronald Fortin.

Father Ulric's students are as promising as ever: fourteen future engineers! They are: P. Plante, F. Bergeron, C. Brunelle, E. Comeau, A. D'Amours, R. Dubois, R. Gagné, R. Gallant, T. Labelle, R. Laurence, N. Lemaire, R. Leroux, D. Lussier, and E. Dutremble.

Oh, a toothache! Well, be patient, for surely Connie Ferland, or Bill Brunelle, or Phil Goyette, or even Bernard Tremblay will gladly render you their services, (if you wait 6 or 7 years). Although Bernard Cabana does not wish to become a baker, he'll also be rolling in the dough: he'd like to become a doctor.

It isn't that Adelard Cournoyer doesn't like Assumption High, but, for unknown reasons, he greatly desires to become a pharmacist.

Uncle Sam has always something to offer high school grads. Seven of our Seniors expect to join the services or be drafted during the summer. L. Archambault, N. Grondin, F. Eastman, R. Gosselin, R. Savoie, R. Tourville, and R. Theriault may be leaving soon after graduation.

The liberal arts courses does not seem to attract many Assumption students. However, W. Paquin, R. Romero, P. Tougas, and R. Leveillé will enter that field.

Granted that Assumption is mainly a classical and semi-classical school, it still furnishes its quota of businessmen. Norm Marois (or engineering), D. Cardinal, and L. Bedard, wish to enter a business school next fall. Paul Goulet, on the other hand, wishes to enter an agricultural school.

The curtain has been drawn over the crystal ball, yet everyone is satisfied in knowing what it holds in the future for the Seniors of '53.

—Richard Brunelle '54

—Norman Sauve '54





LA RETRAITE DES VERSIFICATEURS

La fin de l'année scolaire approche et déjà les versificateurs parlent de leur retraite. Chaque année, une grande question se pose: "Le prédicateur sera-t-il intéressant?" Cette fois-ci nous ne pouvons en douter car c'est le Révérend Père Gilbert qui nous fait l'honneur de prêcher notre retraite. Parce que ce père a été notre professeur, nous connaissons quels problèmes il préfère traiter et, d'un autre côté, il n'ignore pas ceux qui nous intéressent.

Il est bien vrai que ses connaissances étendues et la clarté de sa diction l'ont classé parmi les bons prédicateurs de la maison. Sans oublier qu'il a le secret de certaines formules, de mots originaux sur lesquels personne ne peut se tromper, tellement ils éveillent en nos esprits des réalités vécues. N'est-ce pas vrai, Père Gilbert?

Avec quelle anxiété nous attendons cette retraite, non parce que la graduation la suit de près, mais parce qu'elle est pour nous d'une importance capitale. Plusieurs d'entre nous ne retournerons pas à ce collège, soit à cause du service militaire, soit à cause de diverses spécialisations qu'il faut chercher ailleurs. Aussi avons-nous besoin de conseils religieux qui se graveront dans notre mémoire et dont le souvenir nous aidera puissamment dans l'avenir.

Un merci sincère, Père Gilbert, pour avoir accepté avec tant de bonne grâce de prêcher notre retraite et soyez assuré de trouver devant vous un auditoire avide de boire à longs traits le lait si riche de votre doctrine.

—William Brunelle '53

OUR JINX—

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down to defeat to the tune of 50-48. Watertown, who had beaten us, were beaten later on by St. Peter's, tourney champions.

Our post season games in 1951 were far from being consoling. In CYO play, Keith Academy slipped past us, 49-47. It was a nip and tuck game in which Telesphore did not have last bite. The Holyoke Catholic Gaels put the muzzle on the pups and waltzed to a 45-40 victory.

Last year, the Assumption tournament was our only post-season play. We were matched against St. Stephen's High of Worcester. They had the College's own Joe Dyer on their quintet. St. Stephen's won, going away 48-38 and they went away to win the championship from Drury of North Adams.

You know this year's tale. At the CYO, in Lawrence, a hot team beat a hustling Grey-

Football, Basketball Smoker Makes Big Hit

On March 18, at 6:45 P. M., some 150 students gathered in the Assumption gymnasium for the annual smoker. Its purpose was to honor the football and basketball players who had so well represented the school during their respective seasons. Mr. Raymond Marion, history professor to many of the players, presided as master of ceremonies.

hound squad, 101-76. Several newspapers complained, but it was our luck to draw the tourney favorites who were nosed out by Coyle of Taunton, 47-46. The Assumption tournament brought us a towering Brookline quintet who governing the board on Telesphore's off-night reached high enough to keep victory out of our grasp. As you know, they won the championship too.

Is this just the Greyhound's perennial luck? Has this jinx firmly implanted itself upon our basketball teams? Our bad luck has really come to the front these past two years: in three tourney games, we have had the misfortune to encounter one of the teams who would reach the finals.

Seven is said to be a magic number. Maybe after this seventh game our luck will have a change. Our teams improve every year; we may hit the jackpot yet. There is only one factor, in my esteem, that can snap the chain of chance. That is our spirit. Spirited ball clubs need spirited fans. Such spirit from the fans can help break our jinx.

—Robert Laurence '53

Past Professors

It is only fitting and proper for us to include in our memories the persevering endeavors of our past professors. We must never be forgetful of the fact that these zealous men, who have laid a foundation for our future, have concentrated their painstaking efforts toward the enrichment of our cultural status.

The Seniors will long remember the enlightening Latin classes given by Fr. Gilbert. More memorable to us are his experiences as dean of discipline and his conscientious interpretations of duty which pay homage to this advocate of the common good.

The absence of Fr. Paul would not be sufficient reason for us not to be reminded of his untiring efforts in introducing the fundamental knowledge of French to his incoming novices.

In speaking of Fr. Dionysius one would naturally associate him to his alter ego, Fr. Ludgerius. A peculiar European wit, with a remarkable familiarity of Latin combined to render Fr. Dionysius a very popular and interesting professor. The instructive lectures on ancient history given by the learned Fr. Ludgerius gave a more developed understanding of this tedious subject.

Father Gregory, a strict disciplinarian, who imbued into our minds the necessary elements of English, will always be remembered as a comrade who partook in our recreations with friendly advice on difficulties.

Familiarity towards the students and an excessive knowledge of English best characterizes Mr. Guenette as one of the most popular lay-professors in our freshman year. Unforgotten, also, are the exact instructions on the rudiments of the English language by Mr. Ethier.

To these professors, we, the class of 1953, desire to express our heartfelt gratitude.

—Pierre A. Tougas '53

—Renaldo Romero '53

Father Edgar opened the occasion with a short invocation after which Father Oliver addressed the student body in the name of Father Armand who was unavailable to attend. Father Oliver spoke of the place of sports at Assumption. He stated that they are a part of an education, and he encouraged all students to participate in them.

Mr. Marion then introduced the first guest speaker, Tom Carey. Mr. Carey is the well-known sports columnist at the Worcester Evening Gazette. His humorous anecdotes drew many laughs and his predictions will be something to watch for, as his opinions offered points of controversy.

At this point, coach Ed Boule awarded letters to the football players after which he urged all potential prospects for this sport to try out for the team this coming fall. The captain of this year's squad then presented Mr. Boule with a little gift as a token of gratitude on behalf of the team. Don Lussier was also given his football jersey for his outstanding play on the gridiron.

Following these awards, Mr. Marion presented the student body with the second guest speaker, Mr. Skelley. He is the principal of Leicester High School and was formerly a teacher and basketball coach at Assumption. Mr. Skelley also has the distinction of having scouted the Holy Cross court-men to the 1947 N. C. A. A. championship.

Next on the program was the presentation of letters to the basketball team by coach Charles Bibaud. The students were hearty in their ovations for each player, for everyone was aware of the fine season given them by these boys. The "Bibaud-bunch" showed its appreciation to their coach with a gift.

Everyone was eager to see who would be elected next year's co-captains. It was found that Norm Sauve and Dick Loranger would be the football leaders. Again Dick Loranger was named for the basketball co-captaincy alongside of his teammate Joey Bouchard.

Letters for the basketball cheerleaders, movies, and refreshments for the players ended a most entertaining evening.

—Norman Gaudrault '54

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Voici la dernière édition de l'Héritage et par là-même les derniers coups de plume de Jean Le Naïf. Si le plaisir a été réel pour lui de décocher quelques traits un peu hardis, son plaisir n'est pas moins grand de passer son méchant écritoire pour l'année prochaine à un autre satirique.

L'arrivée de Pâques annonce la fin de l'année et marque le début d'une longue période d'anxiété, de travail, d'examen, mais heureusement le tout est libéralement entrecoupé de nombreux jours de congé.

L'esprit de franco-américanisme fait honteusement défaut parmi nous et peut-être la solution de ce problème mystérieux servirait à le réveiller chez les moins ambitieux: gnan-gnanisme, plus ignorance, moins idéal, multiplié par vent = ?; allons, savants, calculez cette équation et vous aurez la réponse.

Maintenant que vous êtes tous remplis de remords, voici comment vous racheter. Le club français montre assez souvent une série extrêmement intéressante de films. Moi-même, lorsque j'y suis monté pour la première fois, je m'attendais à m'endormir, mais je terminai la veillée, qui d'ailleurs m'avait captivé, en chantant plus fort que les autres une de ces pittoresques chansons canadiennes. Ca vaut vraiment la peine de se déranger.

Voici qu'on m'a demandé de présenter pour la première fois au grand public cette pièce de Molière, nouvellement découverte, intitulée L'élève Imaginaire.

Prof.—M. un tel, quelle est la définition de? (Point de réponse)

Prof.—M. un tel, quelle est la définition de? (Un long silence)

Prof.—Voulez-vous me faire la bonté de répondre. (Le calme le plus absolu)

Prof.—M. un tel, est-ce que vous êtes là?
Un élève—Il n'est pas ici, père.

Prof.—(avec force) M.

Un autre élève—Il n'est pas ici, père.

Prof.—Voulez-vous que je vous jette hors de classe? (Point de réponse)

Un autre élève—Il n'est pas ici, père.

Prof.—Sortez.

Tous ensemble—Il n'est pas ici, père.

Prof.—Alors! pourquoi ne pas me l'avoir dit auparavant?

Préparez-vous à voir une pièce organisée par les Versificateurs; ce sera magnifique. A en entendre parler, ils vont faire rire à gorge déployée.

Les lettres sortaient en flot de l'Assomption ces jours derniers. "Il y a des élèves" qui paraît-il écrivaient en vue du "prom", d'autres écrivaient aux Indes, certains au Canada et une demi-douzaine au Japon, (certaines indiscretions nous ont appris que parmi ces derniers Gallant semblait être le plus heureux); on en vit même sortir redigées en sténographie; mais, chose étrange, le Père Amarin n'en vit point passer plus que l'ordinaire. Comment cela se fait-il?

Ah! que de petits secrets ne se peuvent écrire dans ce journal; si jamais le Père Amarin arrivait à mettre la main sur notre petit carnet ce serait la condamnation de beaucoup d'élèves; mais du moins on va voir s'il peut réussir à deviner le nom de l'élève

qui est rentré à la chapelle la bouche pleine de "chewing gum". Le coupable! Fais attention! car il est malin notre préfet.

J'ai fini mais non, voici une autre belle pièce et ce serait un crime de l'omettre, (comme les vieilles femmes, lorsqu'on commence on en finit plus). Il semble que notre cher Cabana, oui, c'est encore lui, a reçu un coup de téléphone de ce qu'il croyait être une jeune fille. Eh! non, ce n'était que Fernand Bergeron qui voulait lui demander d'aller à un "prom" le huit avril; mais "Casa" refusa, prétextant qu'il lui fallait peindre.

A jamais, vôtre,

—Jean Le Naïf

Du Rire!

Mercredi, le 29 avril, les Versificateurs présenteront leur séance artistique annuelle au gymnase. Une comédie en français, dirigée par le Père Roger Ferland, s'intitule "Le Misanthrope et l'Auvergnat"; elle a été écrite par le fameux comédien Eugène Labiche. Un homme, engagé par un misanthrope pour lui dire toujours la vérité, y réussit trop bien. Ses paroles, quoique vraies, excitent la colère du misanthrope et le rire de l'audience. Voici le nom des acteurs: William Paquin, le misanthrope; Raymond Thériault, l'auvergnat; Bernard Tremblay et Jean-Paul Pagé, un vieux couple; Claude Brunelle, Robert Gosselin, Denis Cardinal, les domestiques.

La deuxième comédie, en anglais, a pour titre "Pot Luck". Composée par Katherine Arthur, elle sera dirigée par le Père Richard. Deux jeunes mariés louent la maison d'un vieux grigou mais se trouvent mal pris par sa décision de demeurer dans la cave de la maison. Les situations provoquées par cette présence insolite ne manqueront certainement pas de vous jeter dans l'hilarité la plus folle. Les joueurs de cette pièce seront: Paul Goulet et Roger Leveillé, un jeune couple; Philippe Goyette, le vieux grigou; Fernand Bergeron et Donat Lamothe, le docteur et sa femme.

Tous les élèves de l'école sont cordialement invités à cette soirée récréative, d'où vous sortirez, nous vous le garantissons, le coeur allégé de tous vos soucis.

—Philippe Goyette '53

HEAR SEE SPEAK



AROUND THE CAMPUS

The end of the year is now in sight and the Seniors will soon receive their diplomas they hope. Although the other classes are not graduating they are equally anxious for vacations.

Father Amarin took pity on us and for a while we were able to enjoy a half hour more of sleep. It's too bad he didn't provide to have all Seniors' Latin recitations omitted too—then we could all sleep soundly.

The Juniors have an expert locksmith on the track team. If anyone has trouble with their locks just contact Berthiaume. He will repair them for you.....???

Perras played the part of a lady in a French play lately and I hear he did very well. A stranger going through the hall inquired whether our school was co-ed.

The Freshmen have an English professor

who ascertains the name Fitzgerald to be of French origin. Wouldn't believe it, would you?

When Mr. Fooly didn't show up for the Military Advisory Program, the Seniors had the honor of listening to "Del" Cournoyer who visualized various aspects of "A. O. Tech." "Hugo" Tougas asked information concerning quartermater or.....

"Red" Sauve definitely prefers to study the grammar straight from the book. What's the matter with the teacher's notes, Red?

Did you ever hear of a guy taking notes on what he intends to tell a girl? What happens if she doesn't reply the way you expect? What do you say then. "Phil" (Goyette)?

The Sophomores have quite a difficulty in the mornings. Brother Jules' alarm clock strikes louder than the bell, so no one knows which bell to get up to.

The Aristocrat (Leo Archambault) and Lover (Willie Brunelle) profess to have something in common: they are both heartily devoted to their Terry.

If you had to write a composition about Lent where would you start? Our friend "Lefty" Radna believes that Lent begins with Pentecost. Does it?

We don't see much of the Holy Name girls since the basketball season ended—less worries for Fr. Amarin. However I hear that the Senior Prom brought back quite a few.

Frawley was stopped by a cop a while ago and he handed him his license and his mother's registration.

Cop—Is this your car?

Frawley—Can't you read? Do I look like Antoinette?

Well, this is the last issue and it's too bad I have to leave you. But we're glad to see the end coming, so let's all give a final effort and finish the year right.

Good luck.

—U. Didit

ADIEUX AUX—

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nos réunions n'auraient point été aussi débordantes de vie, car nos grands frères y apportaient toujours cette flamme du bon esprit.

Comme responsables de l'Ecole Supérieure, c'est sur les Versificateurs que retombaient les lourdes charges telles que la direction de l'"Héritage" et du "Memini". Ils se sont acquittés si bien de ces travaux qu'ils méritent indiscutablement nos chaudes félicitations! Jamais ils n'ont oublié que leur position réclamait d'eux le plus grand dévouement. Ainsi ont-ils continué la tradition invariable de l'Assomption qui veut que toujours cette classe soit l'esprit dirigeant de cette institution.

Comme classe en général, les Versificateurs restent un exemple à suivre. Leur bon esprit, leur bienveillance envers tous, leur coopération, mis à l'épreuve pendant ces quatre années, forment les traits caractéristiques qui les ont fait généralement aimés de tous. Et c'est en effet avec peine que nous devons leur dire "ADIEU".

Camarades de nos années les plus heureuses, votre groupe sera bientôt par la force des événements morcelé. Cependant votre esprit invincible, nous en sommes sûrs, se maintiendra toujours. Demeurez fidèles à votre tradition, à votre éducation Catholique, à vos professeurs, à vos condisciples. Et que dans la vie l'on vous distingue par les mêmes qualités qui vous ont jusqu'ici mérité l'admiration et l'émulation de vos confrères.

—Paul Archambault '54



Spring Sports

Once again the spring sport-season has come our way. Many enthusiastic aspirants have crowded the diamond, track, and courts, hopeful of securing a position on one of the Assumption teams.

As baseball is the top spring sport at Assumption, let us first turn our eyes in this direction. Charlie Bibaud, popular young Assumption coach is taking charge of the baseball squad. As we all know, Charlie has just finished coaching a very successful Greyhound basketball team. This energetic coach sees a very bright season ahead for the Assumption baseballers. He has lost but two of last year's regulars and seems to have very capable material to fill in these positions. The one great aim of the coach is to add the "State Champion" patch to the baseball uniforms.

From the spectator's point of view the outlook is also very bright. On paper, Assumption has one of the best teams in the city and is out to prove it. The third base gap left open by the departure of Rene Tasse is expected to be filled very aptly by Bob Quist. This yearling seems to have what it takes and should prove a great boost to this year's team. Back among the infield veterans is Co-captain Connie Ferland. This calm, collected, hard-hitting first baseman was a great mainstay on last year's team and will undoubtedly be one of the big guns of this year's nine. The double play combination should see Joey Bouchard on the firing end and "Archie" Archambault handling the pivot position at the keystone sack. Joe's flashy fielding has already gained him recognition in city-wide baseball play. Archie looks very good but still has to prove himself. Co-captain Don Lussier will be seen patrolling center field with Roger Racine and "Flip" Goyette in left and right respectively. Don, the best gloveman of the three, will be a big defensive threat while very much is expected from the bats of the other two. Our fast and flashy Bob Roy will once again draw backstop duty. With all the experience gained last year, Bob will certainly be a great asset to this year's squad both offensively and de-

fensively. The bulk of the pitching will be carried by our two southpaw veterans 'Lefty' Gaudrault and Dickie "Ace" Roy. "Lefty" was the only hurler to stop the State Champions St. John's last year. On the other hand, "Ace" took to pitching like a veteran.

Among the yearling, Paul Frawley is a very good prospect and will probably see considerable action this year. Also a newcomer, Pete Marceau has plenty of power and should prove valuable as a pinch hitter.

Turning the spotlight on the tennis team, the outlook is also very favorable. Under the capable coaching of John Moylan, the team is expected to have a very good season. John, an outstanding player in the college ranks, coached last year's team and had very good results. The team dropped only one match, against seven wins. Eddie Comeau and Marc LaBrosse are back to lead the team. These two lads have considerable experience and were the big mainstays of last year's team. Two other veterans, Paul Jean and "Casa" Cabana, should also prove valuable assets. As fifth and sixth men, Al Daniels and Roger Gallant are promising though neither has the needed experience. The boys are set to better last year's record and we extend our sincere hopes that their dreams will be realized.

Last but not least on our agenda is track. Doc Leblanc, college freshman, is putting his all into shaping out a good team. Last year Doc was one of the members of the squad and having run for four years is very capable of teaching his boys all the ropes.

Larry Bedard, fast, persistent miler, is undoubtedly one of the best in high school ranks. Teaming up with captain Pete Plante, Telesphore LaBelle, and Bruce Brunelle, Larry should be the mainstay of this year's team. A few of the more promising newcomers, Gene Dursin, Danny Rainville and Dumouchel, may provide the extra spark needed to push this team on to victory.

All in all, the '53 spring sports season should be filled with many thrills. Let's get behind all the teams one hundred percent and cheer them on to victory. They need our support, let's not let them down.

—Al D'Amours '53

Track Schedule

April 29—Marlboro	—	—
May 6—Leominster	—	—
May 13—North & South	—	—

JUNIOR A GAINS TOP HONORS

No matter how under-classed the teams might have been as compared to their opponents, they were all out there doing their utmost. As in all tournaments there can be only one victor and this was Junior A. This class displayed a sharp and adroit basketball squad as well as a splendid exhibition of teamwork and true sportsmanship. Joey Bouchard and Dick Loranger proved the deciding factors but let us not forget George Bonnici and "Lefty" Gaudrault; for they were wide awake at all times.

This proud team reached the finals only after defeating a strong and obstinate Senior A team by a one point margin. This victory entitled them to become participants in the finals. Here they went all the way to become champs at the expense of their fellow classmates, Junior B, who became runner-up. Brodeur really proved himself a true basketball player even though his team did lose.

Norm Marois, combining with a spirited and determined Senior A quintet, settled the controversy as to whom would be the owner of the Consolation prize by a display of superiority over Sophomore A.

All in all the tournament was well organized and the teams were well selected. There was much work involved in preparing this tournament and we would like to express our thanks to you, Robert Laurence, class of '53. You have taken great care of the basketball intramurals all season long.

—Leo Archambault '53

Baseball Schedule

	As.	Opp.
APRIL		
Sunday 19—St. Stephen's	Away	—
Sunday 26—Notre Dame	Away	—
Wed. 29—Trade	Away	—
MAY		
Sat. 2—St. John's	Home	—
Sun. 3—Notre Dame	Home	—
Wed. 6—St. Bernard's	Away	—
Sun. 10—Holy Name	Away	—
Wed. 13—St. Stephen's	Home	—
Wed. 20—St. Bernard's	Home	—
Sun. 24—Holy Name	Home	—
Wed. 27—St. John's	Away	—

