

Peabody's Tomb Found Buried in Rumors

A seven foot Monk guarding a glass enclosed tomb with a corpse floating in oil. Monks that will chase you and make you kneel in prayer for two hours if you're caught. Are these really some of the things that go on around Peabody's Tomb?

These and many other stories are heard from time to time around H.T. but, quite to the contrary, neither these nor any other stories to this effect about Peabody's Tomb are authentic.

Back in the early 1900's Stiveson Peabody, a wealthy coal miner in central Illinois, brought all of the land from

Rt. 83 to Cass Ave., and from 31st. to Ogden Ave. On this land he built some buildings, of which are still standing today, including a mansion to live in and an enormous barn, to house mostly hens, pigeons, and polo ponies.

As it turned out, polo and fox hunts became the downfall of Stiveson Peabody, for he came to his death by falling off of a horse.

After his father's death, Peabody's son no longer wanted to keep the land but he did want to leave something for people to remember his father by. In memoriam to his father, young Peabody built a chapel

known as Quotincola Chapel and had his father buried in it.

Hearing of Peabody's wish to sell the property, the Franciscan Province decided to purchase it. Since then the Franciscan Province has sold some of the land but, the Monastery is still located on the bulk of the estate.

Police find a lot of trouble

According to Jim Foster of the Oakbrook Police Department, there is quite a lot of trouble concerning Peabody's Tomb and the Monastery. Most of the trouble involves the breaking and tipping over of statues and grave stones. Dam-

age has been as high as 5000 dollars in past years.

One boy bluntly stated he went out there looking for trouble and another said the only reason he went out to the Tomb was to watch a motorcycle gang from Villa Park hold a boozier.

Most of the kids said they saw Monks walking around but, none of the kids were ever bothered by them. In fact, one boy was fishing on the Monasteries property and, when he saw a Monk coming, began to run. To his surprise, the Monk promptly yelled to him to stay as long as he didn't ruin any of the grounds.

photo by Les Karpus

Peabody's Tomb on a dark night
(as seen from the front looking west).

Friday 13th Appears No Obstacle To HT Students

by Bill Anthony

If you're afraid to walk underneath a ladder or cross the path of a black cat, then you should have stayed in bed today.

Since many students await this portentous day with such great trepidation, we feel called upon to destroy these groundless fears. Perhaps a little history will dispel some of the uneasiness. The fears concerning Friday the thirteenth are found throughout western civilization. There are not only many fears, but also many places where these fears are found. We find the first evidence of fears and superstitions surrounding the number thirteen in Norse mythology of the pre-Christian period. These fears have their first foundations in a legend relating the story of a banquet held in Valhalla, Odin's hall. There had been twelve gods invited to this banquet. However, Loki, the spirit of strife and evil, crashed the party. Among other actions, he caused the death of Balder, the favorite of the gods. Thenceforth thirteen was regarded as an unlucky number. This belief was reinforced by the fact that there

Reading Center Is Compared; Ranks High

As you walk in the first door on Grant street, go straight down the corridor and up the first set of stairs. Take a left at the top of the stairs and go all the way down the corridor past both study halls to the first corridor to the left. Go through the doors, down that hall all the way, through another set of doors and take another left and it's the second door on the right.

Most of you probably don't know what this room is, unless you've had any help with vocabulary, listening comprehension, concentration skills or corrective reading. It's the reading center of the school, run by Mr. Ken Vandermuelen.

This room isn't just for people who can't read, but for those who would like to improve their vocabulary, read at a faster rate or learn how to concentrate better.

Anyone can go in for help by talking to Mr. Vandermuelen or your English teacher.

Recently on a trip to Columbus, Ohio, our reading center was compared to a number of colleges and ranked very high.

If you think you need any improvement in reading, drop into see Mr. Vandermuelen in the room described in the first paragraph.

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Who Can Define Maturity?

There is a cry from students all over the country to lower the voting age to 18.

We have conducted a survey to determine the Hinsdale Township High School Central student body's attitude towards Friday the thirteenth. We have found that, in general, Friday the thirteenth is received with bravery and intelligence on the part of the students. A typical reaction came from one senior, who said, "It's just another day on da calendar fer me." Another senior offered this reaction: "It don't bother me none. When I wake up on Friday the thirteenth I chug thirteen cans of beer and then hit the sack. The only bad luck I've had so far is when I wake up with a hangover."

Candy Stripers Aid San

Red and white uniforms are not just for cheerleaders. These colors also represent the uniform of the Candy-striper. Any sixteen year old girl in high school may apply for this help service.

Apply in August or Spring

Applications can be made in August or in the Spring. These applications ask no probing questions, but just ask the bare facts. Then the girls go for an interview. This is given by the head of the organization; Mrs. Charles Sea. The girls found the interview "relaxed." They weren't put on the spot.

About thirty-five girls are then chosen. Three days of classes are held to train the girls. They learned how to feed people, and to work the wheelchairs. One amazed girl states that she never knew there were so many wrong ways to feed a person. Their instructor told them to have "empathy" for their patients, not "sympathy." "You are to be as cheerful and helpful as possible." They were also told not to discuss things which happen in the hospital.

A floor assignment is given to the girls after completing their classes. They are allowed in all but the psychiatric wards. Their assignments are changed about once every two months. There are meetings on this schedule, too.

Two hours, once a week is the minimum requirement. All girls sign in and out. Once on their floor they fill the water pitchers, take items to the lab, and carry and clean the dinner trays. A novice candy-striper informs "I know it doesn't sound like much, but you really get a lot of satisfaction from your work."

The more experienced girls are allowed to feed the babies, and write letters for patients.

A candy-striper's work does not go totally without reward. After fifty hours of work the girls receive a pin, with a hundred hours they get a cap. A red stripe is added to the cap if a girl attains five hundred hours. However, one former red capped candy-striper summed it up, "your real reward is in the work you do, and in knowing that you just might be doing some good."

Adults Object That Those Under 21 Are Generally Immature

The main objections voiced by the people over 21 were that the 18 year olds were too immature and still tied to their parents. They thought that the 18 year olds were still a bit uneasy about things of the world and might not be able to handle themselves in a election. According to one teacher, "Kids are impressionable and often unstable until the world has become a part of them. 21 year olds are more stable and have been out in the world

more, so they see the effects of politics on human lives."

Being immature were the main points brought out by the students under 21. They said that the 18 year olds could not really understand the importance of the president; could not view the candidates objectively, and had no experience in government. Students also complained that they could be easily taken in by a smooth talking candidate or would follow his parents vote.

Students Respond That They Know More of Government Than Adults

But the students for lowering the voting age came back with the idea that most 18 year olds have had some sort of government in their high school and probably know more about it than many adults. One student asked, "Are 18 year olds with a college education more eligible to vote than 21 year olds with a grade school education?"

Do You Suddenly Become Sufficiently Mature at Age 21?

In answer to the complaint that the 18 year olds are not mature enough, the question was asked who can define maturity? A 14 year old asked, "Why have the voting age at 21 - do you suddenly become mature at that age?"

Servicemen of Any Age Should Be Allowed To Vote

Most of the people over and under 21 think that men in the service should be able to vote. "If a person is allowed to serve his country and die for it, he should be allowed to choose the man to run our country, without any voice politically as to whether that 'service' is justifiable on any ground, is enough reason to allow them the right to vote," were some comments on this subject.

Could Students Handle The Vote If They Got It?

Could 18 year olds handle the vote? One girl said, "Those voting would be more alert and take a major interest in the country." A 22 year old teacher replied, "18 year olds would realize that their country considered them mature and responsible and thus would act accordingly."

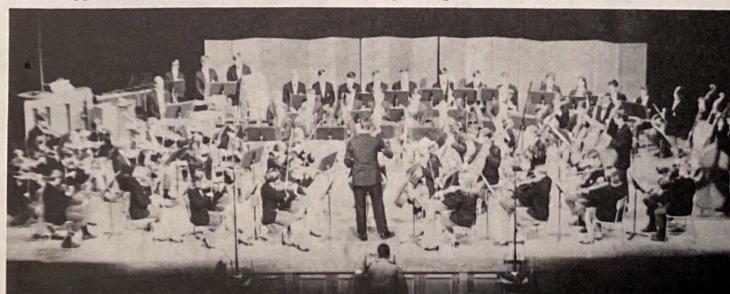


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The HT concert orchestra, who is planning a trip to Virginia Beach for the second year in a row. Help contribute to the Virginia Beach fund by buying a "dragon" fire extinguisher or a bar of candy, now on sale through any of the orchestra members.

I.S. A Challenge

Soon, a revamped Independent Study Card will be made available to 70 seniors and 50 juniors. If the card privileges are abused by them, these 120 will force the faculty to destroy the concept of independent study at HT for their classes and probably for the sophomores and freshmen in the future, as well.

There is the possibility that independent study privileges will be extended to a greater number of students at the middle or end of this year or in the next year. Obviously, this will not happen if the privileges are misused by those selected few who will receive the cards soon. The card privileges were misused by a few who received the cards last year.

Independent Study Cards were used last year to catch a hamburger and a bag of fries at MacDonald's, to grab a smoke in the washroom, to make up lost time with one's girlfriend, to gather with friends in the courtyard to recount the latest joke that grossed one out.

Admittedly, these were rare instances, but these were instances. Similar ingenious uses this year will bring more than a wrinkled frown from the faculty.

The most tantalizing use of the Independent Study Card by the mischievous Independent Study Card holder, however, lies in escaping the mouth of a disliked instructor. Most of the time — repeating for the benefit of those students who left their contacts at home — most of the time, students do not use their cards because they particularly want to do anything. For example (light up a cigarette, see a friend, or, straining the imagination, study independently), but because they particularly do not want to sit in that same class with the same teacher sitting next to that same ugly girl listening to that same discussion.

To assure the success of the Independent Study Program, the 120 to-be-selected card holders must fight that irresistible urge to use the card because one needs a rest and a change of pace from the daily drudge, if one is only planning to relax in a chair, look at a magazine, catch up on his sleep, read an interesting book he checked out of the library yesterday or finish the English composition that is due at the beginning of the next period.

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"Live In Your Boxes, Sheltered Unaware," Stromm Defended

Dear Editor:

The man was preaching love, and equality and you disagreed? All day, people said, "How could he say such things!" "He didn't know what he was talking about." "Did you hear him say all we needed was love? Ha!" Do you say love is wrong? You clap at the prospect of isolation from the blacks. Live in your boxes, sheltered, and unaware of the world around you.

The man preached equality. You had just said the pledge of allegiance saying, "justice and equality for all." Then you turn around and call people with black skin — "them." I know I'm generalizing. There are some awake people in this school. But I am truly fed up with the majority of narrow, petty minds.

The girl next to me said, "What more do the Negroes want? The government gives them money for education." They (and I'm forced to use the word) want a chance to earn that money to pay for their own education. Have you ever accepted charity? It is a degrading experience for these people.

You booed the man. He answered your questions well. He gave a speech on love. Then, if one of the audience asked a question challenging him, you clapped. I don't understand why.

Wake up Hinsdale! Love can solve problems. It is the greatest emotion a human being can feel for another and an instant barrier breaker. and you booed it. Pat Hackney

Dear Editor:

HT was honored Wednesday by Reverend Stromm, appearing before the student body in the auditorium. Reverend Stromm is a man who works with teens and helps them to meet the problems they must meet in everyday living.

Obviously Reverend Stromm was not thinking very much about what he was saying, or he contradicted himself more than once. A part of students seemed to take advantage of this. Many ridiculous questions were asked which made the speaker look bad. But that wasn't all. Many outbursts were heard from the students as a group. Laughing at the speaker's mistakes and shouting probably casted a bad image of HT. on the Reverend.

Unless something is done about the quality of H.T.'s student body as an audience we will acquire a bad reputation.

Mike Shurtliff

1968 El Diablo - Staff Member Vindicates Late Distribution

Dear Editor,

I am getting really fed up with all the criticism about when the second volume of last year's yearbook is going to come out. If people would stop talking so much about it and try to find out why it is late, I don't think they would be so vocal. It was no one's fault who worked on the book, but a misunderstanding between the company who prints the book and the staff. It could have happened to any school. And if people realized what long hours were spent putting the book to press and how hard Merilee Melvin, Christopher Ashley and others worked on the yearbook, I think they would be a little more charitable. Instead of continuously criticizing, why don't all those who feel that the yearbook is bad get out and work on it? Why don't they give constructive ideas to be used instead of harping all of the time?

Sincerely,

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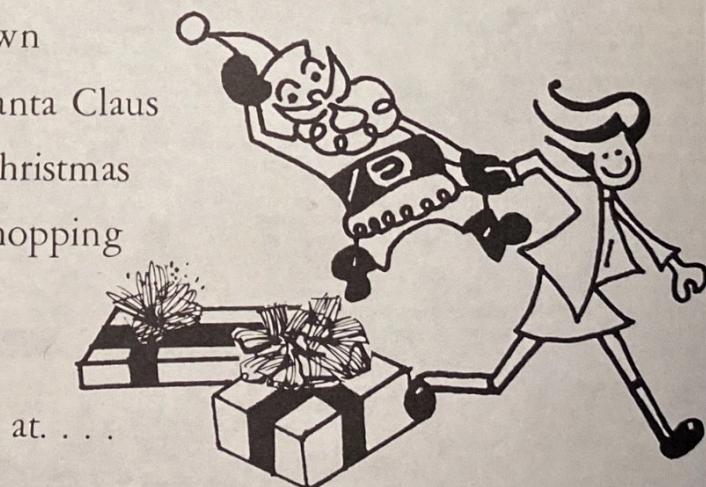
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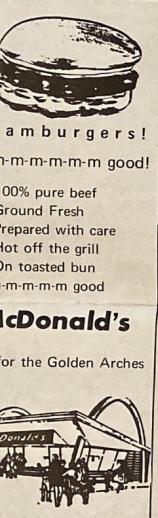
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*Choral Concert
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Choral Department presents its annual Christmas Concert Sunday, December 15, 1968 at 3:00 p.m. in the H. T. H. S. C. auditorium.

Mrs. Doris Osmond will direct the members of the Choral Music Department in their Christmas selections.

Tickets may be purchased at the bookstore, December 9-13, during school hours or may be purchased at the door Sunday. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. All proceeds will be applied to the European Tour Fund.

Some 300 students will be presented in the performing groups. The groups performing will be: Girl's Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Girl's Chorus, Girl's Choir, Mixed Chorus, Madrigals, and the Concert Choir. Feature soloist will be James Schwisow.

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Today is Friday the 13th. Don't cross the path of a ladder or walk under a black cat, especially a panther.

Playing at senior Peter Danly's 333 S. Park home and at senior Pat Born's 429 N. Clay residence, the marathoners ran through 84 rubbers and scored a total of 102,520 points.

The margin of victory was a slim 1400 points for East-West.

Spelling each other at two ten hour intervals, 31 bridge enthusiasts played bridge for 69 continuous hours over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The card play started at Danly's on 4:00 p.m. Wednesday (Thanksgiving Eve) and ended there on 1:00 p.m. the following Saturday.

Through ingenious maneuvers on the telephone play switched to Born's at 6:00 Thanksgiving night. The marathon stayed there 24 hours before being moved back to Peter Danly's apartments on the third floor of the Danly residence.

Marathoners came to participate from all over the nation, flying in from as far away as New Jersey (Paul Bayer) and Milwaukee (Bruce Paul).

Displaying guts, stamina and an amazing ability to play a better than average bridge game in his sleep, Peter Danly played through a total of 37 hours and 43 rubbers, the longest performance of the marathon which netted him high individual point honors with 35,700 points.

Bruce Rowland's 31 hours was second only to Danly's 37, followed by Bayer with 29, and Randy Wentzel and Ken Wirt with 23 apiece. All are seniors.

Wentzel, the senior men's answer to Charles van Goren, turned in the best average of the bridge marathon, averaging for 23 hours better than 1300 points per hour.

Excluding the aforementioned top five players, the marathoners included, with hours played in parentheses, Donna Rehm (12), Pat Born (10), Andy Maxwell (10), John Beem (9), Bruce ("Harv") Paul (9), Tom Haythorn (8), Chris Kessler (7), Sue Gottlieb (6), Dave Dickerson (5), Chuck Beresky (5), Martha Danly (4), Richie ("Elmo") Elmdendorf (4), Sally Harmet (3), Ken Root (3), Randy Yeager (3), Kim Angelo (2), Rob Beem (2), Pam Hoover (2), Sue Larson (2), Don Holzworth (2), Debbie Reynolds (2), Bob ("Gusto") Gustafson (2), Mark Disosway (2), and Bob Rossbach (2).

In the last issue of The Courier, an article concerning Mr. Meyer's European Seminar appeared that has caused a great amount of consternation in two of his student excursionists. The article implies that a pair of Meyer's disciples climbed the Eiffel Tower merely to facilitate ascension. But this erroneous implication must be set straight, allowing the true circumstances of the celebrated climb to be brought into proper perspective.

It was 11:15 p.m. on the eve of Bastille Day. Paris was in an uproar. Firecrackers were flying as freely as Frenchmen's uninhibited thoughts. At this time, while guarding ten girls from the lascivious hands of crazed Parisians, the two boys learned that one female was missing, supposedly lost in the vast expanse of the Eiffel Tower. Upon hearing this, the

lads and Lindsay Davidson rushed to the tower, hoping to rescue the girl before the foreboding hour of midnight; when the subway would close down and all hell would break loose. After Mr. Davidson departed to guard the exit across the street and admire the architecture of the grand sculpture, the two youths tried to get into the entrance line. But they were too late. The line had been cut off and no more people were to have access to the Tower even to save a damsel from a frightening calamity. While the two boys were pondering this problem a friendly gentleman approached them and told of an empty staircase around the corner. With their hearts filled with hope again, the lads ran to the stairway, only to find that it led nowhere.

There was only one way left — the base of the gigantic tower

I hope this explanation is clear, and that no one would think that a student from H.T. would dare to commit such an atrocity in France without proper provocation. However, if the reader would like to learn of the real fun the group had in England, Germany, Switzerland, Italy or Spain, I would suggest contacting Mr. Meyers as soon as possible.

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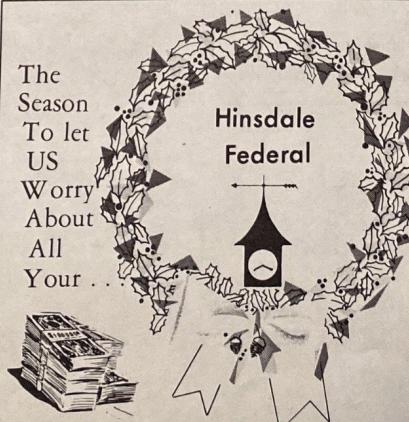
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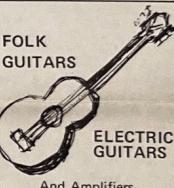
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Cagers Bounced In First Three Openers

by Gary Rinck and Bob Davies

A team cannot score without possession of the ball, and because of their turnovers in the past few weeks, no team knows this better than Hinsdale's varsity basketball team.

Last Friday the Devils lost to the R-B Bulldogs in the final moments of play, 52-44. In previous games, Hinsdale traveled to Proviso East but went down in defeat to the Pirates' strong team. In the next week, Hinsdale hosted Oak Park but was crippled by bad passes as they lost 64-53.

Coach McGann says the team is improving with each ballgame because he now knows the 7 or 8 players upon whom he can concentrate his efforts.

J. V. is 1-2

Thus far the Junior Varsity team has compiled a 1 and 2 record. The team fell to Proviso East 59-39, and to R-B in a squeaker, 70-67. The Devils beat Oak Park 69-58 with Newby's 19 points pacing the scoring.

Sophs beat Proviso E.

The sophomore basketball squad has won two of its first three games. The first two games were both close thrillers as HT beat Proviso East 52-51

Gymnasts Muscle 27th Consecutive Win at Rich East

by Ward Black

Both of Hinsdale Central's gymnastic squads lengthened their winning streaks to 27 consecutive wins this past weekend by beating Thornton in the season's opener 110.80 to 79.25 and Rich East 101.50 to 80 on the following night.

Coach Canino was happy: "I was very pleased with the opening performances of the squad as a whole, but we were let down because of a weaker Thornton team than expected."

In the Thornton contest the Devils captured all six first places at both levels, while at Rich East the Hinsdale varsity gained four and the sophomores once again all six. Collecting the number one spots in their events both nights were Jim Lillig on trampoline, Carl Walin on horizontal bar, Randy Balhorn on rings, and Ward Black in free exercise.

At Thornton, senior Rossbach and Balhorn both took varsity firsts. Sophomore, Bob Anderson, won five of the six events both nights, and Terry Hampel took first Friday and Mike Dunton Sat. in soph side horse.

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and lost to Oak Park 61-54. The team won its conference opener against R-B, and it was a real defeat for Riverside. The score was 65-46 and was marked by Al Fiorentino's excellent shooting.

Frosh lead all teams

Coach Don Johnson's freshmen B-ball team has not been defeated. They have beaten Morton East, Proviso East, Oak Park, and R-B. Steve Cunad leads in rebounds, and Jeff Payne leads in points.

Wrestlers Take Two

by B. Davies and R. Manthei

The varsity wrestling squad won its first two meets against Aurora West and St. Joseph. Coach Whitlach felt that those two teams were to be the easiest all season. The following two meets, HT lost to Proviso East and Evergreen Park. The individual records are: Steve Newman (1-1), Stan Douglass (2-2), Bill Poole (2-2), Steve Adams (3-1), Greg Hoerich (1-1), John Beem (2-2), Bob Tichy (2-0-2), John Schoenberger (4-0), Gordon Irnie (1-1-2), John Elting (1-3), Walter Geery (2-2), Dean Peters (1-2). HT next meets Reavis here.

The junior varsity squad has won one meet against Aurora West and lost another to Evergreen Park. In HT's victory over Aurora winners were Johnson, Kulczycki, Walters, Perez, Gattuso, and Jeff Kurisch. Against Evergreen Park only John Walters won.

Led by undefeated heavyweight Rich Coburn and 133 pounder Bill Flyte, the Imp grapplers will enter a quadrangular at West Chicago in their next contest. Besides Coburn and Flyte, others giving top performances, are, at 127-Ed Basgall (3-1), at 103-Bruce Naughton (3-1), 180-Dave Guess (3-1), 95-Dave Willis (2-1), and at 154-Dave Sparks (2-2).

In their fist meets, the Imps came out 2-2. They beat Aurora West 40-17 and St. Joseph 36-14, but fell to Proviso East 11-27 and Evergreen Park 25-27.

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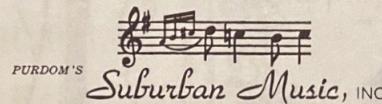
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photo by Bob Davies
Junior Rennie Swift fighting for "possession." See story on left.

Indians Give Swimmers Close Shave Early

by Bill Lauritzen and Jim McGuffin

Following a scare at New Trier last Friday night, the Devils came back on Saturday to drown Thorndridge 74-21.

Friday, after Hinsdale won the medley relay, New Trier took the next 5 events. Hinsdale was trailing 31-21. The Devils came back strong capturing the next 5 events, and going into the final relay, the score was 47-41 in favor of the Indians. Hinsdale won this relay to increase their record to 32 consecutive dual meet wins. Meet final: 48-47!

Thorndridge was hoping to catch the Devils down, but even after a hard meet, some swimmers actually improved their times. The Devils won 10 out of 11 events.

Sophs take two

The Frosh-Soph swimmers made it look almost easy against their first two tough opponents last weekend, beating New Trier 55-40, and coming back on Saturday defeating Thorndridge 69-26.

In the New Trier meet, the outstanding winners were Brent Gorrell, 100 yd. backstroke, and Randy Stein, 100 yd. breaststroke. The disqualification of the final relay was an HT disappointment. Thorndridge was defeated 69-26, HT showing strength in freestyle events.

Freshmen lose

The freshmen put up a fair showing against a strong New Trier squad, and with many of their freshmen swimming up a level, lost 67-28.

Roots of Hinsdale Gymnasts Traced

(continued from last issue)

In the meet to decide who would be W.S.C. champs, Hinsdale kept pace in the first two events with York and Proviso by having juniors Mike Peterson and Clyde Gilliam place 5th and 3rd respectively in trampoline while Rusty Hoffman placed 3rd on sidehorse. Senior Neil Krupicka boosted H.T.'s score by capturing first place on the high bar, but the Devils faltered in the parallel bars and rings events. Next was the tumbling event, where Hinsdale's senior John Schramm placed 5th, junior Mike Meissner placed 3rd, and sophomore Ward Black took first.

(to be continued next issue)

COURIER Sports

Braid Rates All-State

Six big Illinois newspapers decided a few weeks ago that HT linebacker Ken Braid was one of the top 33 football players in the state. The Champagne News-Gazette is the paper that makes the most ado about the space limitations.

It looks at players' films, interviews coaches, etc., and then sponsors the weekend vacation for its selections that Ken attended last week. The trip included just one of the four or five dinners Braid must attend for his accomplishments. Way to go Ken on a job well done.

If you haven't noticed already, we're covering 35 sporting events within a half-page of space. Fantastic. This is the reason for this mini-column.



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