

# the DRAGON



ST. GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL, EVANSTON, ILL.

## HOMECOMING . . . 1967

The weekend October 20-22 has been officially designated as this year's Homecoming for Dragonland. The weekend will open with the annual Homecoming Dance on Friday evening from 8:00 to 11:30. Music for this year's dance will be provided by the Ronald Phelps Sextet.

The dance will offer the student body something new this year. Instead of the typical Greek or Roman style, this year's dance will revolve around a "Showboat" theme. Also, the dance is being held on Friday evening this year, a slight break from past years. Mr. Will, George Curran, and Bob Cassato are hard at work on this year's dance and it could turn out to be the best in Dragon history.

The main event of the dance will be the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. The judges for the queen contest will be Mr. Lawler, Mr. Gilmour, and Mrs. Rapp. We are sure the judges will select a charming and beautiful queen for this great dance.

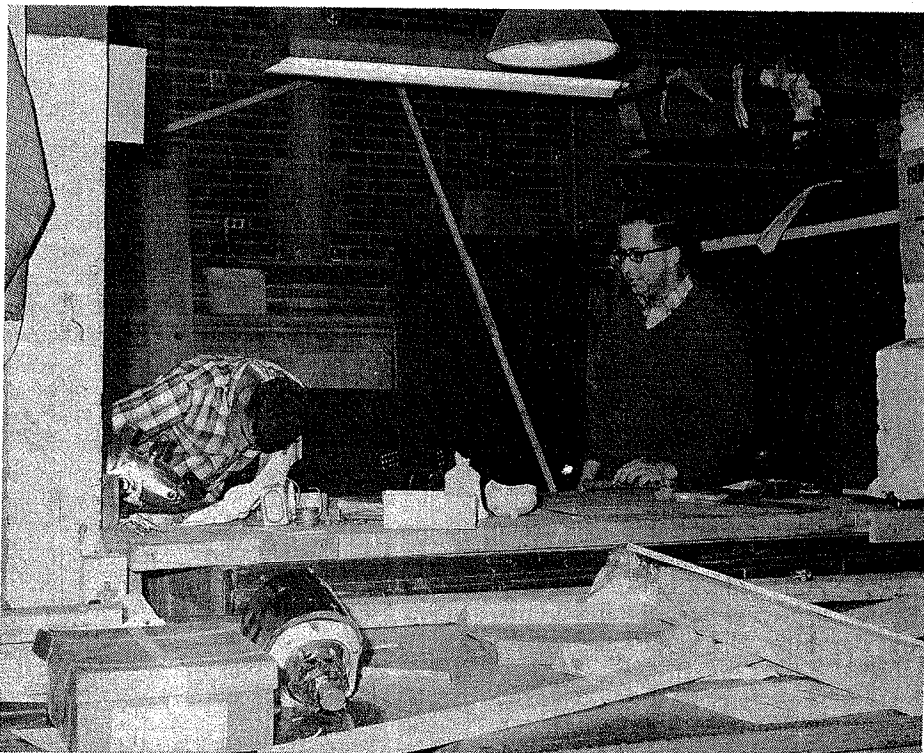
The schedule for Saturday is pretty unsure at present. The annual bonfire is cancelled at present due to some problems involving a city permit. There may be no activity on Saturday of this year's Homecoming weekend. However, such a day may be welcomed by those working on a float as a chance to add a few last minute touches to their creations.

On Sunday all floats and decorated cars will meet on the North Field. At present, it appears that there will be eight or nine floats competing for the first and second place prizes of \$75.00 and \$50.00. There will also be approximately nine cars competing for the best decorated car prize of \$10.00. At 11:30, all cars and floats will be arranged in order for the parade by George Hahn, the parade chairman. A special car will be set aside to carry the Homecoming Queen. When everything is in order, the cavalcade will set out for Lane Tech Stadium, the site of the Homecoming Game. The parade will proceed south along Ridge Ave. from Austin until it reaches Howard. There the procession turns west on Howard to Western, where it turns south once again and proceeds along Western to Addison. The Parade then turns west on Addison to the Stadium. The floats and cars will be judged during halftime and the prizes will be awarded.

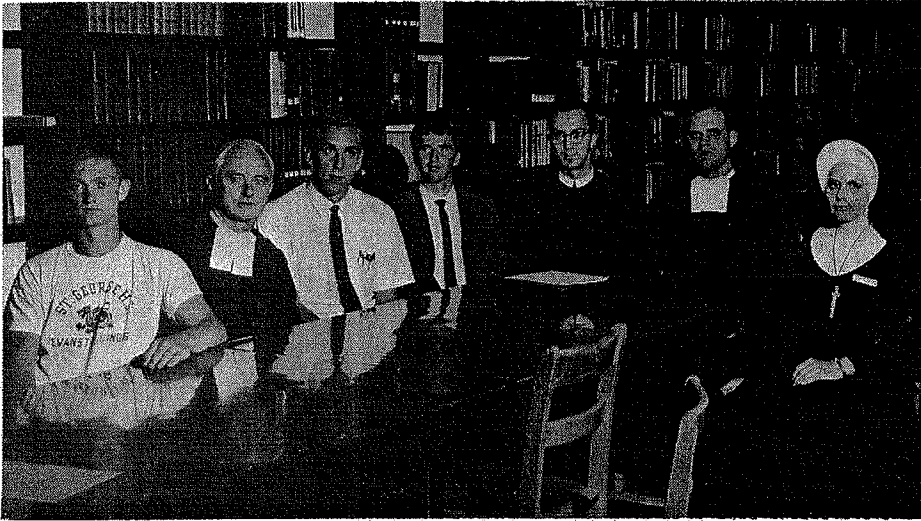
2:00 P.M. is kickoff time for the Homecoming Game. The Dragons will take the field against a powerful St. Pats football team. However, this year our football team is explosive, as evidenced in the 33 to 18 Tuley upset, and the Dragons could pull quite a surprise on St. Pats. If the gridmen play up to their potential, St. Pats is in for a solid, bruising sixty minutes of football — which could end in victory for the Dragons. All loyal St. George men are expected to attend the game and help cheer the gridmen to an upset victory.

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Mr. Will and Kevin Brusek  
preparing decorations for the gym.



# New Faces For '67



The new teachers (left to right): Mr. Robert Soltysiak, Brother Brian, Mr. Ronald Koehler, Mr. Raymond Lawler, Brother Arthur Higgins, Brother Brian McGinnis, Sister Anne Pauline. Missing from picture is Brother James Zullo.

At the beginning of this year seven new names were added to the roster of the St. George faculty. These new teachers, already accepted by the student body, have expressed a large scope of ideas for the school. The DRAGON, at this time, takes pride in introducing the new teachers of St. George H.S.

Mr. Robert Soltysiak: After graduating from St. George in 1961, Mr. Soltysiak attended St. Joseph's College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. Before coming to St. George he became a student teacher in Wolcott, Indiana. While teaching phys ed, health, and typing, he coaches the froshoph-football team. Coach's main hobbies outside of sports are reading, travel and aviation.

Br. Arthur, Higgins: A forty year old veteran of the order, Br. Arthur graduated from De La Salle H.S. He later attended the universities of DePaul, receiving a B.A. and M.A., and St. Louis. In addition to a long list, Brother has taught in Memphis, Kansas City, and the Philippines. Brother also taught four years at St. George. While teaching geometry, he can still find time for his favorite activity, hiking. When asked about St. George he said, "After 23 years it's good to be back."

Mr. Ronald Koehler: Mr. Koehler, the schools one and only chemistry teacher, attended Lane Tech H.S. He later enrolled at Loyola University, where he received a B.S. in Chemistry. From Loyola, Mr. Koehler holds five school records in swimming. This year he plans to help coach the swimming team and take part in the

science club. Along with swimming, Mr. Koehler also plays the guitar. From what he has seen of St. George, Mr. Koehler says that this year should be a unique teaching experience for him.

Mr. Raymond Lawler: A native of Ridgeway, Illinois, Mr. Lawler attended St. Henry's H.S. in Belleville and Immaculate Conception Seminary in the same place. He has received a B.A. from DePaul University. His hobbies are water skiing and sports car racing. Here at school Mr. Lawler teaches English and Religion. Mr. Lawler mentioned that St. George is a "grand opportunity for the kids to get a good education."

Br. Brian McGinnis: Brother Brian attended Christian Brothers College and has received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also has been doing some graduate work at DePaul University in social sciences and history. Before coming to St. George, Brother taught at St. Francis High School in Wheaton. Brother teaches U.S. History and World History here at St. George. Brother says that he has noticed a good deal of progress by some students already this year.

Sr. Anne Pauline: Our new Physics teacher, Sr. Anne Pauline, has received a B.A. from St. Mary of the Woods College, a M.S. from St. Louis University, several science grants from IIT, and has also attended several other colleges. This is quite an impressive record for our new Physics teacher. She has been at Marywood for seven years now. Some of Sisters hobbies are music, cards, and reading. Sister is greatly impressed with the student-teacher cooperation.

Br. James Zullo: Brother is a native of Berwyn, Illinois and he attended St. Mel H.S. He received a B.A. and an M.A. from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota and is presently a doctoral candidate at Loyola University in the field of educational Administration. He was awarded an Administrative Internship by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Brother James taught at St. George four years ago and was the Glee Club director. He is now back as the new Assistant Principal. Reporting his views of St. George, he said, "I would like to see a greater involvement of the student body in the life of Saint George and more courtesy in greeting teachers in the corridors."

## "Preamble"

by Jim Wisner

Student Council President

The first and most important thing I have to say to open the '67-'68 school year is that the members of the football team have been breaking their backs for St. George and are expecting to see a lot of spirit from the student body this year. Don't make flimsy excuses for not going to the games. Be sure to back your team!

The Homecoming Dance, in a slight departure from tradition, will be held on a Friday night this year. The date is October 20th. George Curran, Bob Cassato, and Mr. Will are hard at work turning their "Showboat" theme into the best Homecoming Dance we've ever had. The Homecoming Parade will be held on the Sunday morning of the game. Parade chairman George Hahn hopes to see a much better response than we've had in the past, particularly among the Freshmen advisories. The prizes, incidentally, will be larger this year.

Congratulations are in order to John Robinson and his Freshman Orientation Committee for the fine job they did in acquainting the class of 1971 to St. George High School. I only hope that the Freshmen will remember what they learned during Orientation week. Thus far, I'm not so sure they have. Only one advisory has looked impressive and the rest of the Freshmen still have to prove themselves. There will be plenty of opportunities to do so which the Freshmen can't afford to miss, if they expect to be of any value to themselves and Saint George.

"Saint George Dragons" license plates are about to go on sale. There is only a limited supply left, so be sure to get yours before they are sold out.

John Meader's Culture Committee is making plans for a "coffee house affair" to be held on November 18th. This event

will be unique in the history of St. George and well worth attending.

The Student Loan Service reports that stock will go on sale soon. Anyone who has purchased stock in this organization during the past two years knows that it is a wise investment.

I would like to remind the Senior Class that Senior Lunch Passes will be in effect only as long as the privilege is not abused. If our record stays clean, the administration will be willing to grant more days off-campus. Don't spoil it for the whole class.

## Frosh Meet S.G.H.S.

The Student Council presented to the Class of 1971 their first impression of St. George through the Freshman Orientation Committee. This committee of Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors under the able leadership of John Robinson, gave the Freshmen a background upon which they could build the rest of their high school life.

The event began on August 30, with the purchasing of locks, gym equipment, and books, as well as taking yearbook pictures. In addition, the committee members spoke to the Freshmen, giving them talks on various subjects that will concern them at St. George. These talks were about the Student Council, Athletics, Extracurriculars, History and Tradition, study habits, teacher relationship, and adjustment to high school life.

This year a new program was introduced, involving a "Big Brother," (an upperclassman) who supervises five Freshmen. In this way the committee hoped to get the Freshmen more involved in their school.

Whether the event was a success or a failure cannot really be seen as yet. As time goes on, the Freshmen themselves will make the Orientation a success or a failure, and the future of St. George depends on them. Let's hope they don't let us down.

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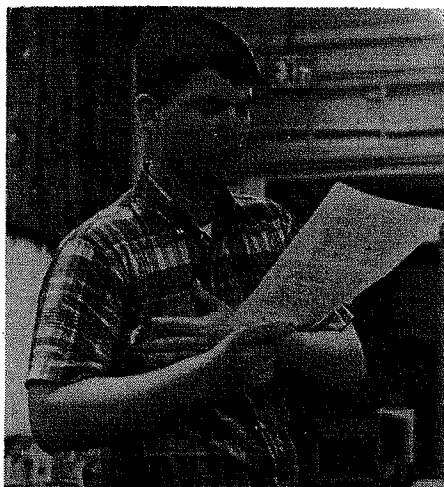
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## Men of Mention



This year's first man of mention Bill Schmidt, is probably the most popular guy around our happy school. Known as "Willard" to about the whole world, Bill hails from St. Pete's in Skokie and is a member of Adv. 107. Will, aside from having a 2.80 average, is involved in many activities at St. George. In sports, Bill participates on the football and baseball teams. He is in the famous Glee Club and is Treasurer of the up-and-coming Student Council. Bill is President of the Lance Club also. Many people consider Bill to be one of the best hockey players around.

Bill plans to attend Ohio State University. His ambition is to successfully attain a solid education that will help him start a good career.

About St. George itself, Bill said, "I think St. George is a fine institution picking itself up to be even better." In closing he said, "Contribute and participate in your school; take pride in its sports teams and its clubs and all the school activities."

James Harrison Gregory Wisner, or "Whiz" as he is better known, is a member of Senior Advisory 108. He is a product of one of the more kosher sections of St. Henry's Parish in Rogers Park.

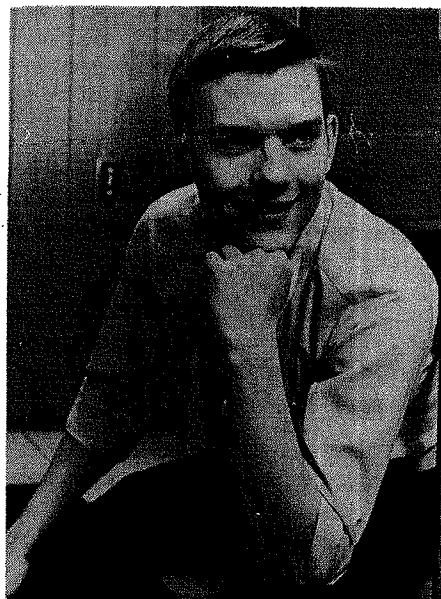
As most people know by now, Jim is President of the budding Student Council. In fact, Jim has been active in it since his Freshman year, when he was elected Advisory Representative. He lost no time in running for Sergeant-at-arms in the general election, in which he was narrowly defeated. However, the next year he bounced back by capturing the Vice-Presidency. Jim served his apprenticeship well; he chaired the Chicagoland Prep League Convention Committee and was

responsible for the Conventions' considerable success in the area of interschool student council communication. Perhaps his best known achievement is the phenomenal success of the Spring Dance last year.

In addition to the exhaustive Student Council work, "Whiz" found time to labor for the Sea-Dragons in his Freshman and Sophomore years. However, a leg injury forced him to devote all of his free time to more academic extracurriculars.

More recently, Jim will be required to act as one of the officers of this year's National Honor Society. He has also been named as the official Student Advisor to the promising 1968 *GEORGIAN*.

Understandably, Jim's most favorite topic of conversation is centered around Student Council activity, or the lack of it. "The Student Council is only as good as the backing and faith that the students give it. And sometimes," he adds, "that support just isn't there." Wisner maintains that it is student apathy that all



too frequently allows worthwhile projects of the Council to fail. "It seems that many students have the impression that it isn't worth getting involved because things aren't running as well as everyone would like them to. They fail to realize that things can't improve unless THEY (the students) get involved and do something. There is too much complaining and not enough work or action."

As to the future, Jim hopes to enter either Notre Dame or Georgetown Universities and center his studies around the commercial fields.

In parting, Jim looks back at his tenure at St. George with few regrets. "I've been a lot luckier than most; the experience of becoming involved has been rewarding and satisfying. I guess I could sum it up by saying it was sort of . . . phenomenal."

# EPISTLE

by  
Br. James Zullo  
Assistant Principal

## YOUTHOMANIA?

In our psychedelic world of the mod and the mini, where God has been buried, and where the Beatles and Monkees set the life style of our teeny-boppers, an interesting phenomenon is taking place. Call it a "fad" but the fact remains that today's teenagers are marionettes being manipulated by the quick, money-itching hands of the Madison Avenue clothes designers. This past summer over 1.8 billion dollars was spent by teenage girls on clothes alone. This is the day of the IN and OUT. Beatle haircuts are OUT . . . long hair is IN. James Bond is OUT . . . RAVI SHANKAR is IN. The Twist is OUT . . . the boogaloo is IN. And if you happen to be in college these days, Fort Lauderdale is IN. Phone-Booth packing is OUT, along with other old fashioned fads such as goldfish swallowing, bed rolling, skateboarding, and stuffing cars. Speed is definitely IN. White socks are OUT . . . bare feet are IN. And wheels — "If you haven't got wheels, man, you're nowhere. You're not fit. To be fit is to be ready to roll . . . Without wheels, you're hung up — like a neighborhood with no guitar." And so, teens move from the "IN" slot to the "OUT" slot and back again as fast as the fad changes.

And how does this thinking fit in with present beliefs and practices of teenagers? In a recent study made by LOOK magazine, the following observations were made about teens all over the U.S. Sixty-four percent say we can't prevent war, "but should continue to try." Most think the war in Vietnam is immoral and unjust, but 66 percent agree that as long as we're there, we should fight to stop the spread of communism. Some 89 percent read the newspaper, most say daily. But only ten percent read it thoroughly. Some 86 percent say that they believe in God or a Supreme Being. Fifty-nine percent say something is wrong with high school. And they name it: pressure for grades, mediocre teachers, uninspiring curriculum (62 percent would cut certain classes if they could). Ninety-six percent of the youngsters in LOOK'S survey say teenagers cheat on school tests. Not surprisingly, 75 percent say an honor system would not work in their school. Seventy percent of the survey group want to see U.S. society change, particularly in the areas of sexual morality, civil rights, politics. The girls measure success in terms of snug families; boys, in terms of well paying jobs.

They fight for identity in a society that suffers from a death of individuality; the punch card is its symbol.

So what of all this? Basically, I think we have to ask ourselves where we fit into the above scheme. Am I an IN-OUT teenager? Do I have any views on the Vietnam War? Do I think something is wrong with my high school? Do I read the daily newspaper? Just what do I stand for? Do I get involved or am I a real loner? Why not work on the following questionnaire and see if you can discover any pattern in your answers.

### BEING A TEENAGER IN TODAY'S WORLD IS LIFE:

1. Swimming at night, in the middle of the lake with no moon.
2. Having a sudden breath of warm spring air after a long winter.
3. A king on top of a mountain.
4. Being a feather in the air that wants to fly.
5. Finding your way out of a whirlpool.
6. Living confusion. Everything requires a decision.
7. Walking through a supermarket with plenty of money, but no shopping list.
8. Being a skyrocket, which may burn out at any moment and you have no idea when.
9. A tiny boat caught up in great seas of controversy, bewilderment, rebellion.
10. A baby leaf being eaten on by a bug but still striving to grow and live.
11. Trying to get out of a cage, and when you do, always hiding from someone or something.
12. Being one of the horses on a merry-go-round trying to get up the gump-tion to jump out of the herd.
13. Finding out you can really swim to the other shore after all.
14. A barnyard of roosters; each trying to bring in the dawn.

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# THE EDITORS SPEAK

Now that school has started once again, the DRAGON would like to say a few things concerning school and happenings therein. First, we feel that John Robinson and the Freshman Orientation Committee are to be congratulated for their excellent job in orientating the "frosh" to life at St. George. We wish the best of luck to the Class of 1971 and encourage them not to be disgusted or discouraged by their first few weeks of high school. Remember, we were all freshmen once and many of us are destined to become freshmen once again in college.

Next, the DRAGON will swallow its pride (hybris) for a few minutes in order to congratulate the Georgian on an excellent (if tardy) yearbook. We hope that Dan Tracy can equal or better it in this years Georgian.

Congratulations are also in order for the faculty on the schedule changes. Quite a system was set up for this year and thus far it has been a pleasant success. However, the DRAGON has received a number of complaints concerning the 25 minute Senior Lunch Pass. Well, that's life.

The Cross Country Team is to be applauded for its spirit and desire to win. Despite injuries to four or five key men, the Harriers are still in there trying their hardest. It is hoped that the team will be well and strong for the CPL meet. Good luck to the Harriers and their profound coach.

The DRAGON would like to congratulate the Key Club for participating in the Danny Thomas March on Leukemia. Further congratulations are due to the Key Club for its renovation of Room 204 and the installment of new desks in 106. Let's keep them at it Mr. Pedretti.

Good luck goes out to Jim Wisner and the Student Council. The Student Council could be headed for its best year yet with "Whiz" at the helm.

This years football team is the best St. George team in recent history. It is a squad that is capable of both a tight defense and an explosive offense. We urge the student body to back the grid-men at all remaining games. With a few cheers and a little student enthusiasm our football team has the potential to really move.

## Sword's Point

## CHEERLEADERS

Bob Dylan has a golden hit album entitled "Times They Are A Changin'"; Saint George clocks should follow suit.

The Homecoming Committee is hard at work already. According to Student Council Bulletin Board, John Purtil has already been elected Homecoming Queen!

Hat's off to John Winikates' Key Club on their humanitarian pursuit of Marching on Leukemia Stricken Children.

Enough is enough! The DRAGON is sick and tired of having interior decorators, television repairmen, carpet layers, and audio engineers coming to our door and asking for directions to J. K. Studios, Ltd.

Dave Palen would like to make it clear that under no circumstances will he consent to play the part of "Nancy" in the Drama Club's production of *Oliver*.

What's the joke we hear about the captain of the St. George Cheerleaders . . . the blind leading the blind.

What? Is it true that Senior Earl O'Neill is going to be a Christian Brother Principal when he grows up?

After a hectic first week, John Meader is finally back in the swing of school life; he shows up daily around 10:00 a.m.

And then there's the joke about the Georgian that came out on time.

"It was a long summer, but I think we'll be ready to go when football starts." The speaker was Cindy Newlin, who, along with Terri Keggerman will comprise the experienced members of this year's cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders, though young and inexperienced, will do their best to keep up the St. George spirit at all games, whether football, basketball, or anything else. This vow of theirs is obviously now in the process of fulfillment, judging from their spirit and tireless efforts at the football games thus far. And the only rewards the girls receive are a hoarse voice and their blue and white pom-poms. Even the student body of St. George makes the girls job harder. Why should anyone want to lead cheers for a student body that cares so little about its teams. Junior Peg Zimmerman sums it all up, "I care about St. George and I care about St. George athletes, but most of the St. George student body doesn't give two bits. Anyone on the field can see that and I'm sure that the team does too."

St. George has ten cheerleaders who are willing to give up their time (both game and practice time) to help cheer on the 67-68 Dragon teams, yet the students refuse to give up any of their time. Mary Lyons says, "We try to lead cheers but we can't be the cheers. We expect the team to give 100%, why not the

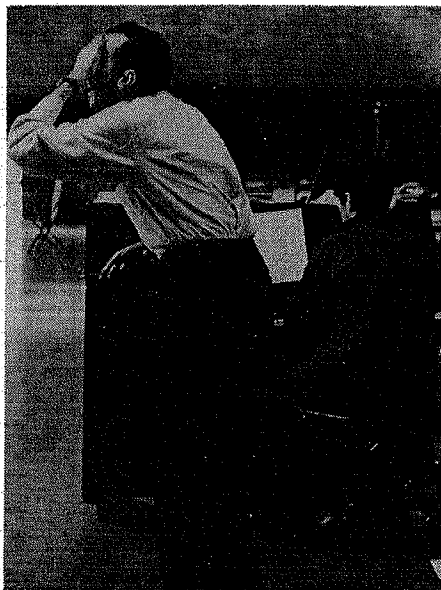
student body."

To help the cheerleaders, Bob Gallery, Dave Palen, John Meader, Mike Wiedlin, Jeff Robinson, and Scott Lazzara lead cheers from the field. They even have a trumpet, drum, and several speakers to aid the cheering this year. Add to this the best Dragon squad in recent history and it should be a great year for St. George, but it hasn't been. Perhaps the gridmen feel too let down by their fellow school mates to play their hearts out. It is obvious to all that student enthusiasm has been lacking. After all, it was St. George that was playing against Little Flower; so how can it be explained that there were more Scholastica girls than St. George men at the game. The team tried, some things might not have jelled, but they played like a team that was proud to play for a student body that didn't give a d—n. Perhaps a little support for both the team and the cheerleaders would turn effort and spirit into victory.

This year's cheerleaders all hail from St. Scholastica and they work under their Co-Captains, Cindy Newlin, and Terri Keggerman. The remainder of the squad is comprised of Juniors Mary Ellen Davajohn, Lynn Jardine, and Peggy Zimmerman; Sophomores Mary Lyons, Betty Cleason, Beth Forgie, Eileen McGuire, and Maralynn Meier.

## DRAMA CLUB PREPARES MUSICAL "OLIVER!"

The 1967-68 school year heralds the start of another year of thespian excellence at St. George. After much discussion and debate that began in early August, the club has now set up its agenda for the coming year. In early December, the "St. George Players" will take to the St. Scholastica stage with their rendition of *Oliver*. Due to the amount of talent that was seen in the rehearsals and auditions the club's director, Mr. James McGuire, has decided upon a double cast system for the show. By this technique the student body will



Senior members succeed in frustrating Mr. McGuire.

see twice the talent that is normally offered. The play will be aired on two consecutive weekends, sporting a different line-up each weekend. Further, this year's production will be open staged, with no specific blackouts or scene changes evident.

Then, in late January, the club hopes to present a drama festival with St. Scholastica's. This idea has been much talked about in past years, but has never been acted upon. The festival would include plays that are student written, directed, produced, and performed.

In early Spring the "St. George Players" will present their annual spring play. The play and the dates of performance will be announced later this year.

Under the professional leadership of Mr. McGuire and the club officers, Dave Palen, Emilio Grenet, Jim Brooks, and Phil Dyson, it looks like a good year for drama at St. George. All that's needed now is a little help from the Muses, and the Dragon Student Body.

