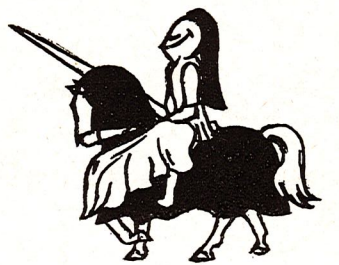




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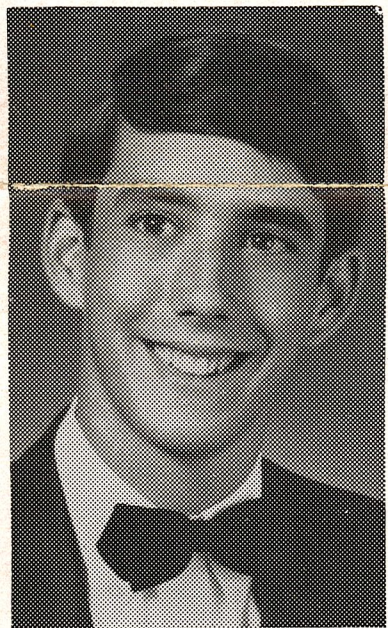
BISHOP BYRNE HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, October 19, 1967

## BB Awaits Homecoming

With many other exuberating activities this year, we will present a homecoming never seen or even thought of before at Bishop Byrne. Plans have been in the making, with Gerald Spotorno, acting as chairman, and great schedule of events has been drawn up. This will be like no other homecoming anywhere. Activities will be booming each day of homecoming week. Thursday, October 12, the nomination for queen and her senior court will be made. The procedure will be: six girls will be nominated by the senior boys to represent the senior class. On Friday, October 13, the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will elect two girls to represent their class in the homecoming court. The seniors will then narrow the six girls down to three finalists. Those finalists may campaign, but there will be no poster, handbills, etc. permitted. On Wednesday, October 18, the election of Homecoming Queen will be before and after school, as well as during the lunch periods, by the entire student body.

Thursday, October 19, there will be a joint Varsity-Freshman pep rally at 7:30 p.m. After the pep rally we will see various class skits and see a few ingenious skits from the various clubs from around the school. Following the display of great thespians, there will be held, in the gymnasium, a variety of class exhibits. These are to be judged on different bases such as originality, neatness, etc. To add to the air of enthusiasm, there will be a "sock hop" in the commons at 9:30 p.m.

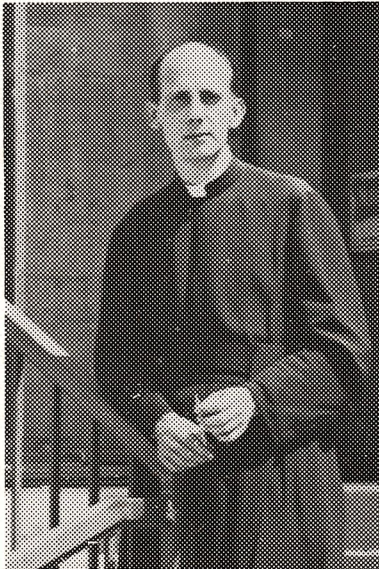


**JERRY SPOTORNO,**  
Homecoming Committee Chairman

To start things off on the right foot the day before Homecoming, Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Bon Fire Rally (according to regulations of

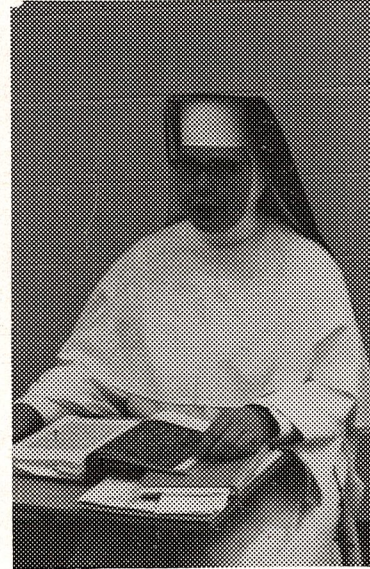
the Whitehaven Fire Department). The cheerleaders, candidates, and the ENTIRE student body will be present to "rally" the spirit built up throughout this week. Friday, October at 7:00 p.m. decorated cars will be loaded and off to the game in a vivacious caravan which will be police escorted. At 8:00 p.m., the students and fellow fans of Bishop Byrne will see the Westwood Westerners go down in defeat against the mighty, fighting, RED KNIGHTS.

Saturday, October 21, beginning at 8:00 p.m., the doors will be open to all students and their dates to dance to the music provided by the "Rapids", in the commons. At the dance, the Homecoming Queen and her court will be announced. The long spirited week of activities will then come to an end at the stroke of 12:00 p.m. but the memory will last for years to come, as Bishop Byrne exhibits a Homecoming never to be forgotten.



Among the familiar faces of B.B.H.S. students find Father Thomas F. Cashin busily working for his students. This year, Father has been heard to say that he is proud of his student body and has great expectations of his seniors for the coming year.

This year, B.B.H.S. proudly boasts two assistant vice-principals and eight new faculty members. Assistant vice-principal, Sister Inez, comes to us from Aquinas Junior College in Nashville where

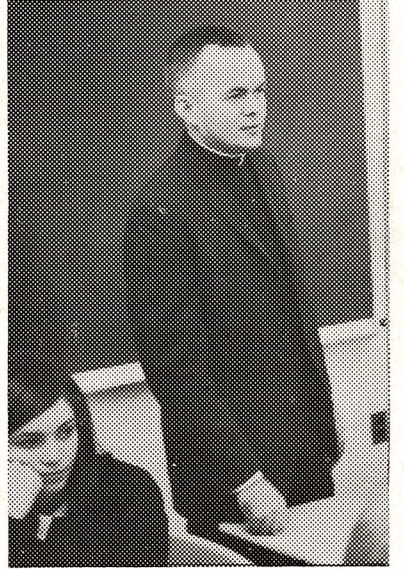


she was Registrar. She taught Sociology and Education courses plus Religion classes at St. Cecilia Academy. Sister stated that she thinks Bishop Byrne is great, including the faculty as well as the students. She also said that where you have co-operation and understanding among people life is bound to be enjoyable and profitable. Sister teaches home economics.

Assistant vice-principal Father Connor was last stationed at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville. He previously served as Diocesan master of ceremonies for Bishop Durick. Father remarked that he was quite pleased to be a part of Bishop Byrne, and he plans to help it grow into the finest school he can. He looks forward to working with the students and is enthusiastic about his plans.

Getting to be familiar faces around B.B.H.S. are Mr. John Hillman, formerly of White Station High School, the physical education and basketball coach, and Mr. Hickman Ewing, from South Side High School, the assistant football coach and science teacher. With the help of these two fine coaches B.B.H.S. hopes to soar to greater heights in the '67-'68 football season.

Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade English students are taking in stride the new teachers, Mrs. Tansey, and Mrs. James. Mrs. Tansey is a former English teacher from Sacred Heart High in Mem-



phis. Mrs. James comes to us from Province Senior High School in Jackson, Mississippi.

Typing, shorthand, and office-practice students are proud of the accomplishments of their new instructor. Miss Kavanagh is the former community relations director for WKNO-TV.

Sister Hyacinth and Sister Christopher now head the Mathematics Department of B.B.H.S. Sister Hyacinth teaching freshman and sophomore math and one class of typing, hails from Notre Dame in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Sister Christopher joins us from St. Cecilia Academy, in Nashville. She teaches sophomore college preparatory math. From Sacred Heart Academy, Louisville, Kentucky, comes Sister James Lisa, instructor of ancient history and freshman religion.

Various replies were given when the new faculty members were asked their opinions of the students. Almost without exception the faculty found the students to be well-mannered, friendly, courteous, and well-behaved. A few expressed the wish for more school spirit and better example from the upper classmen. All agreed on the school's beauty and look forward to quite a promising year.

The students of Bishop Byrne join in welcoming all the new faculty members to the monumental task set by Bishop Byrne High School. We all hope that they will sincerely enjoy their stay with us. The students of B.B.H.S. hope that this mutual feeling of friendship and happiness exists within everyone as long as we have our marvelous faculty with us. For the new teachers, the Bishop Byrne student body puts out the welcome mat.

## The Spirit of '68 Is Here The Senior Class

## STUDENT COUNCIL READYS FOR SCHOOL

During the summer of '67, the Student Council started getting ready for the next school term. During the three months of summer vacation, the Councilmen held four meetings in which many ideas were discussed and decided upon.

The first of the decisions was the selection of Senior and Junior representatives. The outcome of the voting made Patty Corrigan and Mary Jo Alfonso representatives for their classes. The standing committees on Civic Affairs, Student Welfare, Athletics, Student Relations, and Publications and Public Affairs were given respectfully to Patty Corrigan, Mike Thornton, Richard Caby, Jerry

Spotorno and Joan Schmitt.

Last year's Student Council officers were retained in their respective positions. They are: Al Stukenborg, President; Angie Favazza, Vice-President; Elizabeth Drewry, Secretary; Joan Hoppe, Treasurer. These officers, along with the other Councilmen, have tried their best to better the student-faculty relations and help the new members of Bishop Byrne become accustomed to high school life.

Among the many new projects of the Student Council in the coming year, there will be the Student Council Bulletin Board, "Knight Life", and the BB handbook. On the bulletin board, com-

ing events and reminders to students will be posted. The "Knight Life", better known as the gossip book, is being published once every three weeks. This book is of the utmost importance to the Student Council. The profit made from this will go toward the Homecoming Dance.

These and many other activities are being put into effect by the Student Council. It is the intention of every Councilman, as well as every student, to better the school. The spirit and morale of the student body is much better than the preceding year, and much of this is due to the efforts of the Student Council.

## Coming Events

- Oct. 6—Collierville
- Oct. 13—M.U.S.
- Oct. 18—Pep Rally
- Oct. 19—Bonfire
- Oct. 20—Homecoming Game — Westwood
- Oct. 21—Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 21—ACT Tests—Seniors
- Oct. 31—Halloween
- Nov. 1—All Saints Day—Holiday
- Nov. 2—All Souls' Day
- Nov. 3—Millington

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# BBHS Meets Westwood In Homecoming Game Oct. 20



"Old Seniors Never Die"



As seniors start their fourth year of high school, they begin to lead lives more closely related to that of adults. But after graduation, where does an old senior go? Will this newly-created adult return to the place that took up most of his time as a child? How will he feel?

He sees the tables in the Commons and remembers the many lunches he shared with his classmates. Walking down the deserted halls, memories, such as carrying his English and Religion books to morning classes while the guy beside him copied his last night's history homework come to mind. "Ah, yes," thinks the sentimental senior. "Those were the days."

Up one flight of stairs and down another he goes. It still comes naturally to him although he had not done it in nearly a year. "I guess you never forget that," he muses. Most of the teachers he had known are gone now. He does not want to talk to anyone anyway.

With his hands deep in his pockets he walks through the Commons and peeks in one of the gym windows. A sudden vision comes to him as he relives the night of the Senior Prom. "It was beautiful," he recalls, beaming with joy. At the moment he is not thinking of the fun there will surely be in the future. All he can see now are the wonderful times of the past. Suddenly an old friend comes rushing up, glad to see a familiar face from bygone days. They talk about what has happened to them both, then a bell rings and she must go. Before she bids good-bye to the old senior she asks. "Why did you come back here anyway?" All he can say, of course, is that he wanted to look the place over and see if it had changed at all. He certainly could not tell her the truth — that he felt insecure and wanted to find shelter in a familiar place. Slowly he walks down the hallway toward one of the many exits. "I do not belong here anymore," he thinks, leaving. Yet a special sentimental feeling lingers on afterwards. The senior goes out to conquer strange new worlds, but leaves part of his heart in these walls. And there is a portion of the old school spirit in his heart, too.

Cathy Irvin



Mount Up, Knights! We're rearing to go!

Life Goes On Within Us And Without Us

Hello out there in high-school-paper-readers land! Hope you're ready to flip out over the groovy knowledge we have gathered for your assimilation. The news (and weather, if you like) are next, but first this health tip.

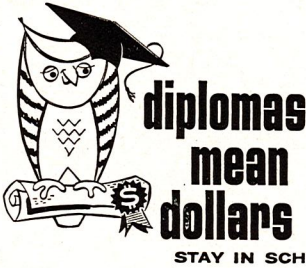
Do you have a headache? Don't stand under the bell for your next class while it's ringing.

First, we'd like to say that weather is nice; it will get worse or better, depending on the weather. Whether the weather will be nice or not depends a lot on your state of mind, so let a smile be your umbrella.

The news forecast consists of partly clouded truths and sunny smiles, warmer dazes and darker nights. A high pressure area will move in just before mid-term exams, which will probably relieve the draft in the halls. Remember not to stand under ringing bells during this time. Violent storms are likely whenever the **Sworn 'n' Shield** staff meets its egg-hatching opponents.

Whether the true identity of the Freshman will be discovered this year cannot be predicted by our limited instruments. (We cast their fate to the wind). However, nobody has yet started a rumor that those itty bitty ninth graders are actually inhabitants of a dying race from the MG convertible constellation. Let's go, upper classmen!

Finally, a thought for October: "Make every knight Halloween . . . and you'll be up to here in pumpkins."



SPIRIT—Let's Hear It!

With a determined conviction to get the job done, the student body of Bishop Byrne has taken on the enormous task of supplementing our waning school spirit, and they have succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. The combined efforts of the members of the faculty who inspire us to be active and of each individual student have merged into the biggest display of enthusiasm this school has ever known. Even the freshmen, although still confused and bumbling, seem to have been infused with liveliness and fervor for the cause. They have been set a really fine example by the upperclassmen, and have followed through with an attitude toward their own teams and activities that should make everyone proud.

This year we seem to be making up for all the spirit we lost last term, as evidenced by a rousing series of pep rallies. Rafter-shattering cries of approval and appreciation ring out and the students never fail to walk away with red hands and sore throats. Judging from the size of the crowds at the Hillcrest, Greenville, and Bartlett games, it is apparent that the students have gone out of their way to support BBHS. Money, con-

fetti, lots of noise, and season passes have been put to good use and it is hoped that every pass that has been distributed will have been used by the time the season is completed.

Perhaps we are just now cultivating a pride for Bishop Byrne and what it stands for, but it is a growing pride, increasing in strength and depth as it embraces the various aspects of our high school. With a contagious furor of excitement we have broken the habit of an apathetic attitude. In its place is an eager participation in activities, sports, clubs and other functions which require student support. For this alone, students of BBHS have reason to be proud.

This is the big thing to look for in school spirit — PRIDE. Be proud, Knights, because here at Bishop Byrne we have the best. We are the best and we always will be the best as long as we THINK we are. It is your job to make everyone else think so, too. So be proud of your school, your team, your restrooms, and be especially proud of yourselves for being a part of BBHS!

Seniors Ask For Privileges

On September 19, the Senior Class of '68 met in the theatre to decide, among other things, what privileges they would like to have. Each member of the Senior Class was asked to write on a sheet of paper the four privileges of their choice. They were asked to be serious about their suggestions and were given examples of what last year's seniors had asked for, including many which were ridiculous. The following day the seniors met during Activity Period, and were told Father Cashin had approved six suggestions which included: getting a senior room; having several senior picnics; going out to lunch twice every six weeks for one hour; having Freshmen initiation for the first time at Bishop Byrne; and having Kiddie Day when the seniors dress up the Freshmen as "kiddies".

As of now these privileges have not been approved by the faculty along with Father Cashin, but we are eagerly anticipating a favorable decision.

I would like to say that even though this is my first year at Bishop Byrne High School, I already feel that this is the only school I have ever attended. Out of the four schools which I have been enrolled in, Bishop Byrne is the only school that considers having Senior privileges. It appears to me that in the other three schools I have attended, the senior year was nothing but the year you ended classes two weeks earlier than the underclassmen. By virtue of the senior privileges, however, this year will not only be the happiest year of my school days but undoubtedly the most rewarding.

Tellin' It Like It Is

I am a freshman, and contrary to popular opinion polls, freshmen do come from families. I would also like to point out that we lead at least two lives just like everybody else.

Of greatest importance to me is my home life; there I find security and responsibilities. As everyone knows, though, being the oldest of six may be quite frustrating, especially when plans are being made. It always turns out that either little sister has to tag along, or brother has football practice, or the babies are still taking their naps. Having miniscule fraternal or sororial kin constantly under your care, or at least underfoot, leaves absolutely no time for yourself. I find some refuge in the society of high school students that I belong to five and three fourths days a week, but, unfortunately, in this group, I am one of the young ones constantly underfoot. I feel sick.

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# KNIGHTS KNIFE GREENVILLE HIGH

The Bishop Byrne Red Knights, after suffering a 14-7 defeat from Hillcrest tumbled the hardhitting Greenville Hornets by a score of 14-13.

The spirited Red Knights, led by Coaches Bill Scott and Hickman Ewing, traveled to Greenville, Mississippi, with the intent of averaging last year's defeat by the Hornets.

Sparked by the morale of the student body, the team went on the field to bring home a victory.

Greenville, a Big Eight Contender, received the opening kick-off.

After a touchdown run by half-back, Don Janous of Greenville, was called back, the Knight's defense tightened up to hold the Hornets to 82 yards on the ground and 67 yards in the air.

Between the line smashing full-back, Al Stukenborg, and the elite running of halfback, Frankie Favazza, the Knights drove to the Greenville 20 yard line. An interception gave the Hornets the ball once again. Bishop Byrne's defense forced the Hornets into a punting situation. Tackle, David Mitchell, blocked the punt as the defensive line stormed through and Guy Armstrong recovered the ball on the two yard line. Two plays later halfback, Frankie Favazza, went over for the touchdown. The extra point was good and the Knights had a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Greenville completed several passes to set up their first touchdown. The extra point attempt was blocked and the Byrne lead shrunk to 7-6 at the half.

Early in the second half, the Knights were forced to punt, giving the ball to Greenville on their own 3 yard line. A fumble recovered by end, Robert Hill, set up the Knights second score by Tommy Dickens. The extra point by Frankie Favazza was good and the Knights led 14-6 at the end of the third quarter.

With eight minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Mississippians took possession on their own 40 yard line. The defense held the Hornets, but with 3rd and nine the breaks began to go in favor of Greenville. Four consecutive penalties gave the Hornets a fifty yard gain without a single snap of the ball. The Knight defense found themselves back to their 6 yard line. In two plays a fired up Hornet offense drove into the end zone. The extra point was good and with five minutes remaining in the final quarter the score was 14-13.

Byrne received the kick-off determined to hold or increase their lead, but fumbled and the Hornets received on their own 40 yard line.

Seconds later; however, Greenville also fumbled also fumbled and Bishop Byrne again had the ball on their own forty yard line.

The inspired Catholic team took the ball to within 3 yards of the goal as the clock ran out.

The Greenville Hornets had not been beaten by a Memphis team since 1938, when Coach Ewing's South Side Scrappers beat them.

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## B-Team Wins

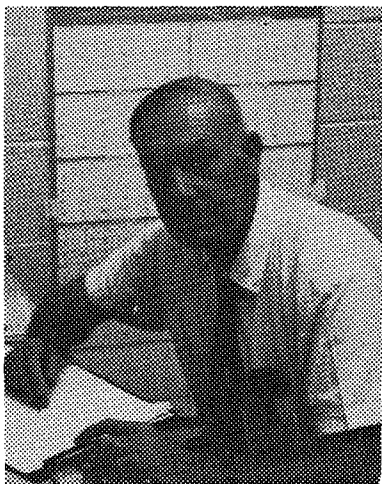
Bishop Byrne's B-team completed a three game winning streak in football by defeating the Oakhaven Hawks, 14-0. Bishop Byrne's Freshmen started the week with a win over Whitehaven, 12-7 in a thriller. The Varsity went to Greenville and came home victorious, 14-13.

The B-team, winning ten out of eleven games over a three year span, had a powerful defense, and an overwhelming offense. Bishop Byrne's scoring came in the second quarter when quarterback Mike Mallette threw an eight yard touchdown pass to tight end Ted Reilly. A few minutes later, Mallette found John Blose in the end zone, and threw a five yard touchdown pass to him. Tom Duncan added both points after the touchdown.

In the second half, both teams played well on defense and the two teams never really had a substantial drive. The Red Knights will play Hillcrest B-team Monday, October 2, on Bishop Byrne's practice field.

Coach Scott hopes to have more B-team games later in the season because this system provides considerable experience for the team.

Ted Reilly



## Hick Ewing Joins Staff

Bishop Byrne High School took a big step forward when it acquired Hickman Ewing as head basketball and assistant football coach last summer. Coach Ewing graduated from Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama in June of 1934, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He attended Louisiana State University graduate school at Baton Rouge during the summers of 1938-1940. Coach Ewing served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II. Later, he came to Memphis where he was a classroom teacher at South Side High School. He remained there for eighteen years and he turned out several championship football teams. Coach Ewing is married and has five sons and one daughter.

This summer he was the head coach of Bishop Byrne's first American Legion baseball team. Coach Ewing is one of the best known coaches in Memphis and Bishop Byrne is honored to have him on our coaching staff. Bishop Byrne welcomes Coach Hickman Ewing and hopes he has a long and pleasant stay at our school.

Chip Armstrong

## Bishop Byrne Upset By Hillcrest

Bishop Byrne lost their opening game to Hillcrest 14-7. After trying almost every method of defense, the Bishop Byrne Red Knights were defeated by the Hillcrest Vikings.

The Red Knights fought gallantly in the first half to drive 75 yards for a touchdown by Al Stukenborg. The Vikings came back strongly and attempted a touchdown. Being successful, Hillcrest received their first score of the game. The touchdown was made by Jeff Biggs. Early in the fourth period, Biggs scored Hillcrest's second touchdown from four yards away.

The starting offensive and defensive lineups were: Bill Benedetti, Robert Hill, Phillip Thurmer, Mike Old, Ronnie Gregory, Buddy Klein, Steve Melone, Tommy Dickens, Al Stukenborg, Fran-

kie Favazza, and Bill Alfonso. The defensive starters were: Phil Thurmer, Tommy Old, Al Stukenborg, David Mitchell, Mike Old, Bill Benedetti, Thomas Gatti, Roger Caby, Frankie Favazza, Buddy Klein, and Tommy Dickens.

## Freshmen Whip Tigers

On September 14 at 4 o'clock p.m. the Bishop Byrne freshman football team, shooting for its third consecutive Shelby County League title, defeated Whitehaven in a 12-7 thriller.

Bishop Byrne's rugged defense held the Whitehaven single wing almost to a standstill. Tailback Eddie Boyle was the Squires' workhorse and scored the first touchdown. Wingback, Jimmy Cross, attempted the extra point, but missed.

Don Thrailkill intercepted a pass to stop a Whitehaven drive, but on the next play Whitehaven picked off a Mark Prudhomme pass and went for a touchdown. The extra point was added and Whitehaven led at the half 7-6.

With a determined offensive line and the hard noe running of Boyle and Mike Bonds, Bishop Byrne began to get nearer to the Whitehaven goal line. Once again it was Eddie Boyle who provided the six points for the Squires.

The freshmen played Fairley Road the following week and beat them 18-0. Again Eddie Boyle scored twelve points and Mark Prudhomme made the other touchdown.

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