Reasons for Closing Campion

THE SCHOOL CLOSED for a number of reasons, including the falling enrollment and the lack of Jesuit manpower due to lack of vocations to the Society of Jesus. Jesuit schools do not need all Jesuit personnel to continue to exist. While the above reasons were the main contributing reasons for closing much was due to other factors also.

The disunity manifested in the philosophy of living, embracing a lessening of discipline and tolerating an increase in permissiveness. The philosophy of loose educational ideas and experimental performance, diverse Theological reasoning and sometimes contradictory interpretations of or about the same matter, liturgical experimentation and practice with the seeming lack of the consent of the Universal Church for such ... all of this and more discussed and re-discussed, agonized over-ignored or observed.

It could be in retrospect termed the time a mortal wound was inflicted by forces unleashed with the freedoms experienced beginning with the period of Vatican Two, and the Thirty First General Congregation, forward forces that seemed to have gotten out of control even from those who had initiated them. It seemed the school and its personnel were sometimes working at cross-purposes. It took the heart out of the motivating force that moves individuals to great effort, sacrifice and accomplishments. Campion closed its doors to further secondary education on May 24, 1975, and was sold on August 15, 1978 to the Wisconsin Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the sum of two million eight hundred thousand dollars."

—AS REPORTED IN BRO. STABER'S HISTORY, 1979

Since that sale in 1978, the grounds have changed hands several times. It was operated as a Lutheran Seminary, and is currently being operated by 'The State' as a reformatory, the Prairie du Chien Correctional Facility.

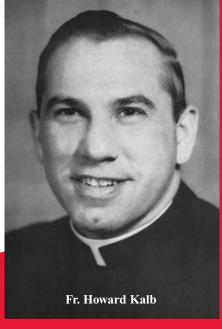
From "De Magister"

"Even though objectively measured academic achievement was a sine qua non, there were less tangible objectives of the program, as well. I left Campion with a clear understanding that a well-developed intelligence was itself merely a tool. ... It was the moral choices one made in the use of that ability that really counted. There was a constant effort to inculcate a mindset of noblesse oblige. We were encouraged to think of ourselves as specially favored by talent and training, and, therefore specially obligated to use that gift for the good of others."

—DONALD J.PARKER (CAMPION '48)



R E U N I O N W E E K E N D July 23-25, 2004



COVER STORY



Fr. Howard Kalb and the Class of '64

At Campion as a student, as a Jesuit Scholastic, as a member of the teaching faculty, and as the President

during our time, Fr. Kalb embodied the spirit of the school. We remember and honor him as much for his friendship with the class as his leadership of the school.

1964 KNIGHT YEARBOOK DEDICATION

"... because – as a teacher, a counselor, and a friend – you have inspired, guided and understood us ... because, through your personal magnanimity and religious conviction, you have become an inseparable part of Campion ... and thus, because Campion will always mean more to us for you having been identified with it ... we inscribe with your name this record of our life at Campion in 1964, as a lasting mark of our deep respect and affection for you, Howard E. Kalb, SJ."



Fr. Howard Kalb

Recent Message

"B ACK THEN I was always interested in your Class for a number of reasons.

You were a mighty talented and smart group of guys. You had great athletic teams, dramatics, publications and wonderful extra-curricular activities. Your classmates came from so many different parts of the country, more than any other class. And you seemed to always have a great time and lots of laughs without causing federal catastrophes. For that I was especially grateful. Praise the Lord! Have a great Reunion. I'm sure you will be kind in talking about your old Jesuit friends and don't exaggerate your sufferings at Campion, or God or the Jesuits will get you. Peace!"

—HOWIE KALB, SJ

TO STAY IN TOUCH

Call, write, or email classmate(s) Visit one another or plan small gatherings Access the websites:

- Class of 1964 website: www.campion64.org
- Campion Nostalgia website: www.campion-knights.org
- Campion Forever website: www.campionforever.org

Consider attending one of the annual events:

- June Prairie Alumni Golf Day (Contact Tom Rink)
- March Florida All-Alumni Reunion (Check Campion Forever website)

EDITOR: BOB LACHANCE

GUY WHO BOB TALKED INTO HELPING: BILL MORROW

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a student newsmagazine

campion jesuit high

prairie du chien, wisconsin

_ 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION _ CAMPION ALUMNI CLASS OF 1964



May, 1964 at Marquette Hall

WE RETURN TO PRAIRIE DU CHIEN TO CELEBRATE our years together at Campion, to share some memories, and to find again the friendships that began with our shared lives on campus. For most of us, the four decades since we left Campion has been a time of little or no contact with classmates. We have each experienced much of life during the years ... yet something draws us back to those times and those relationships. We learned many things during those years together, lessons that went beyond the classroom, the athletic fields, the drill field, and the Chapel. We learned how to live together with others. We learned what friendship can offer and what it can demand. We learned to trust one another, to tolerate and appreciate our differences, and to respect each other and ourselves. This reunion is a time for us to reconnect, to value each other, once again.

"GIVE CAMPION A BOY ... AND GET BACK A MAN."

CAMPUS BILLBOARD AND BROCHURE SLOGAN



1964 Class Leaders

WHAT A CAMPION EDUCATION DOES FOR YOUR BOY

"When you enroll your boy at Campion, you give him a triple advantage in preparing himself for life. First, you give him a Catholic education. That means a complete education, designed to develop his body, his mind, his heart, and his will. Secondly, you enable him to profit by the skill and experience of the Jesuits. Thirdly, you give your boy the benefit of spending his high school years at a residential school, close to nature and far from distracting influences. In short, you express your love practically by placing your son well on the high road leading to the three great aims in life: the attainment of sound health, success in worldly pursuits, and the final goal of all human yearning, eternal salvation."

-FROM THE CAMPION BROCHURE

HOW WE STARTED

In September of 1960, we came together for the first time, brought to Campion in the family car or aboard the Campion Chartered Train from Chicago. The Redbook lists 176 BOYS starting that fall. Over the next 4 years we were joined by another 20 or so transfers. Fr. Carey had recruited widely and administered the entrance exam to a record number of applicants. We came from 18 states and 4 foreign countries. Darwinian competition claimed almost half that number and we graduated only 111 MEN in the spring of 1964. We were surrendered to the care of the faculty by parents who valued their Catholic Faith, high standards of education, and the Jesuit system of character formation. We were sequestered on the historic campus in Prairie du Chien... "built by a bluff and maintained on the same principle." We began as students at Campion before the Kennedy and King assassinations, before Vietnam, before Vatican II, before the Civil Rights and other "Movements" swept the nation. The Class of 1964 may have been one of the last classes to accept and respect authority without major questioning, to tolerate the quarantine from "booze, drugs, sex, and rock-n-roll," and to envision a future that held great promise for peace and prosperity.



Bob Anderson





Joe Arkison



Gerry Atkinson



Mike Barger



Dave Bates



John Bergstrom



Joel Boehm



Dan Burke



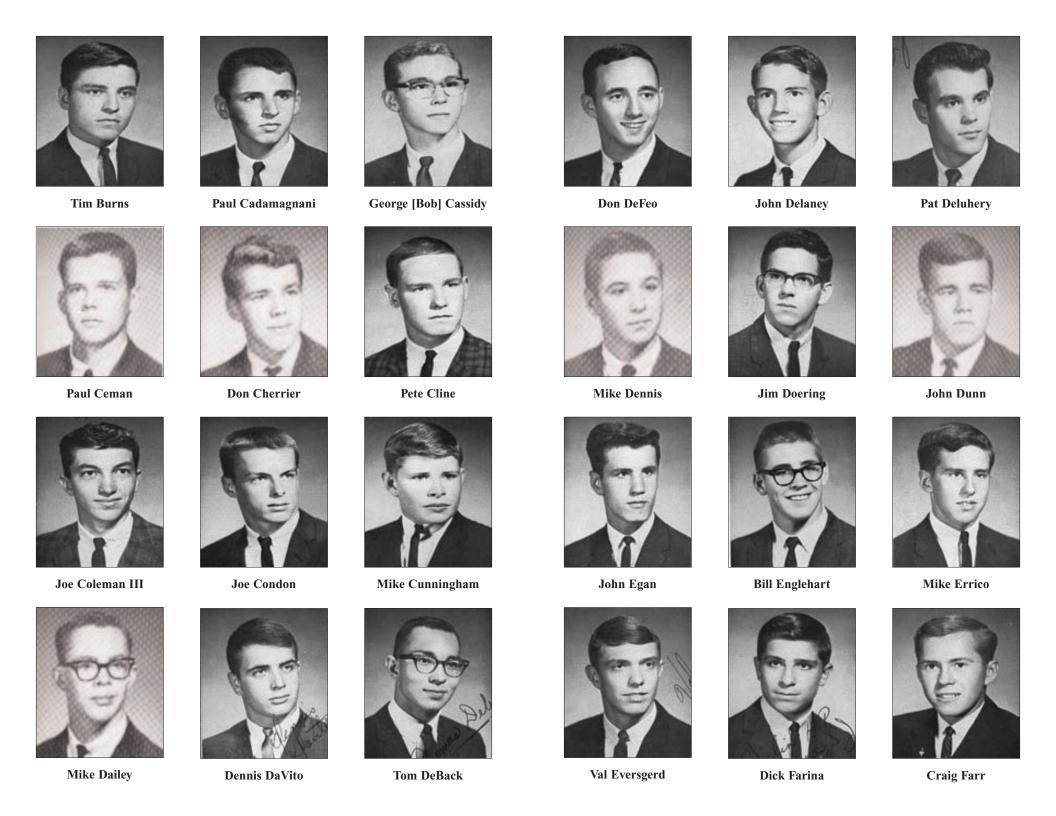
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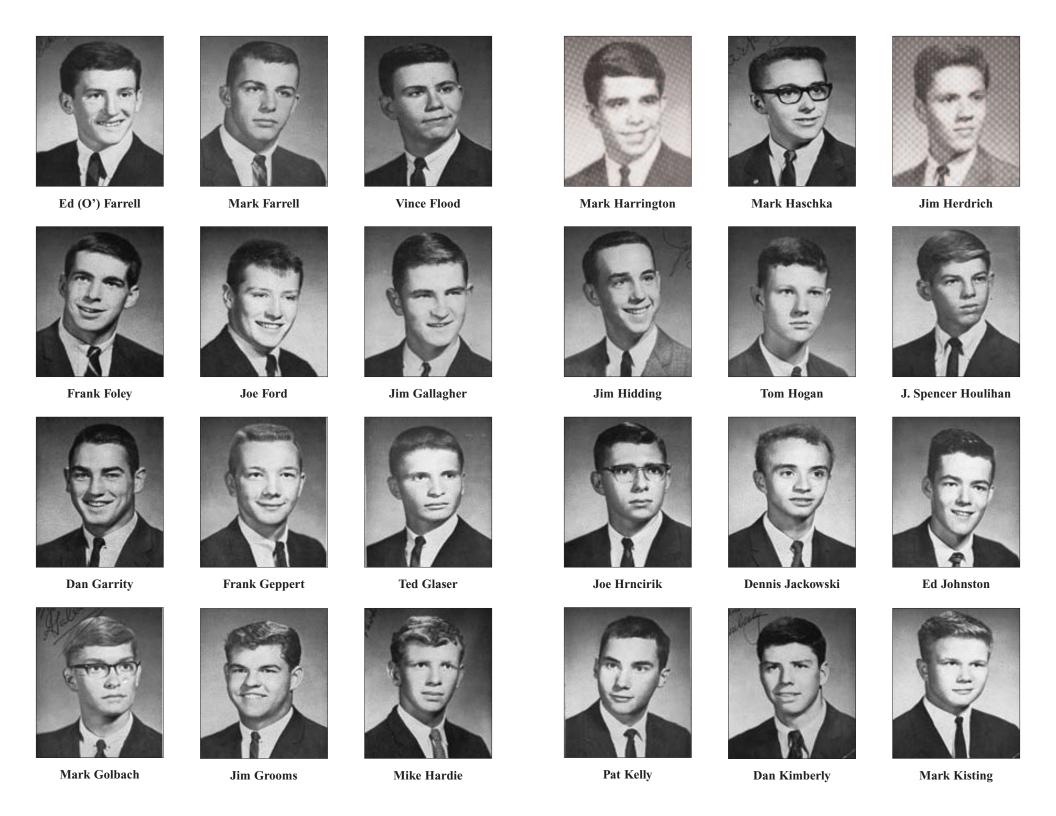


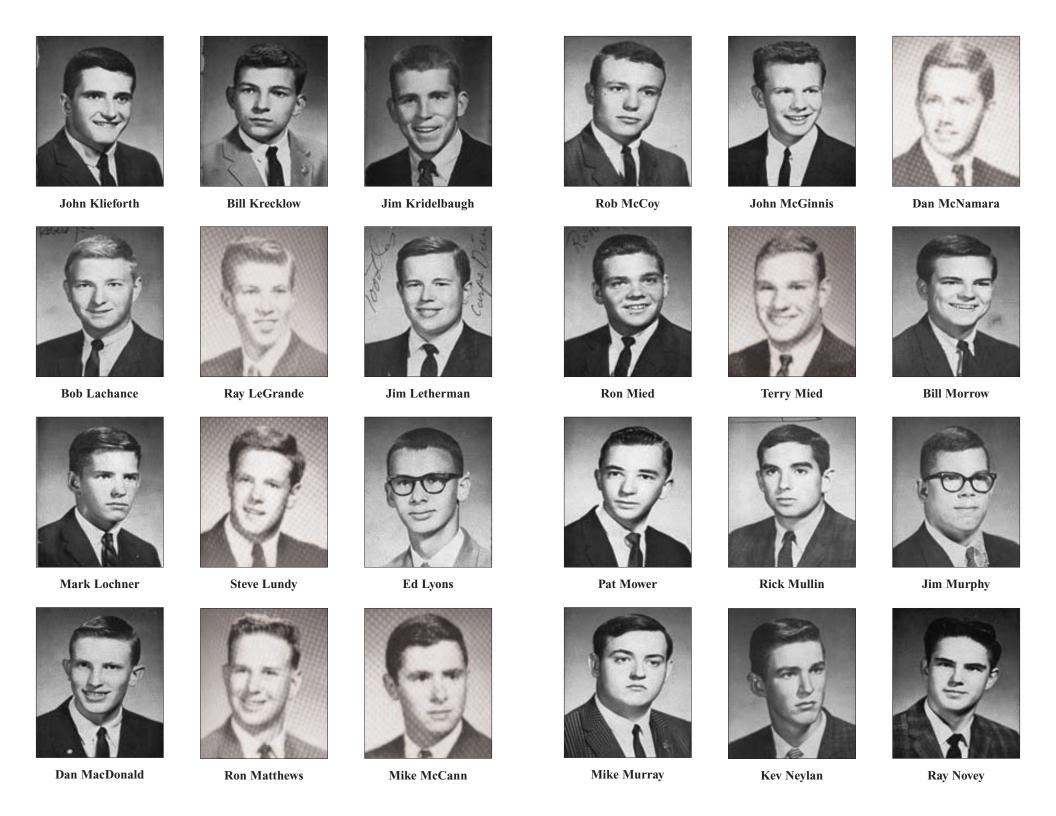
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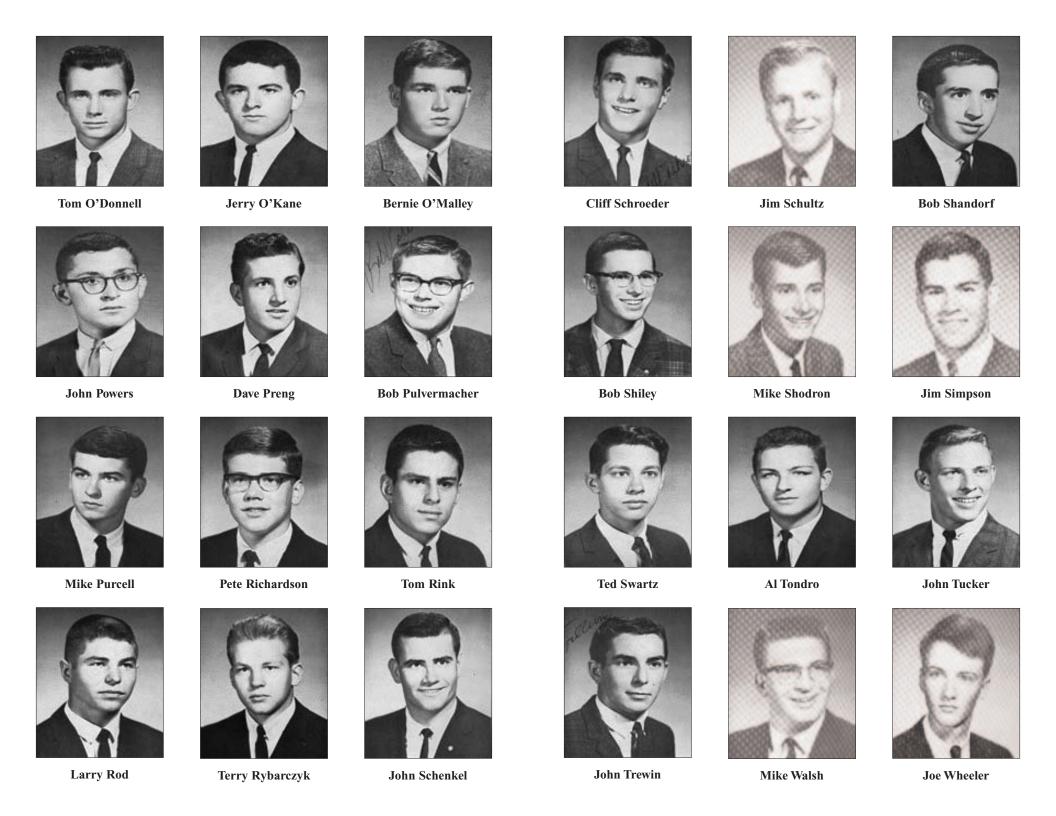


Michael J. Burke















Vince Yelmini



Bob Zimmerman

KNOWN DECEASED CLASSMATES

Gerry Atkinson
Dave Bates
Dan Burke
Paul Ceman
Don Cherrier
Mike Dailey
Mike Dennis
Mark Harrington
Ray LeGrande
Steve Lundy
Dan McNamara
Mike Shodron
Jim Simpson
Mike Walsh
Joe Wheeler



Simpson waits for Spring

THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF CAMPION

DURING THE 1960-64 YEARS

The 1960-61 Redbook listed 49 Jesuits (27 priests, 14 scholastics, and 8 brothers) with 13 lay faculty and administrative personnel. Over our years together there were some changes. Some men we all recall, a few were known to some of us less well. These men provided mentoring: sharing their vision through precept and example, challenging us to expand our knowledge and create meaning in our lives, supporting us through our struggles. We experienced their friendship.



Fr. Frank Burke



Fr. John Scott



Fr. "JVOC" O'Connor



Fr. Frank Carey

"Because Loyola believed that God's work had to be done with men as they are and in the circumstances under which they live in the world, the Jesuits immerse themselves in the world to a greater degree than any other religious order."

-LIFE MAGAZINE, 10/11/1954

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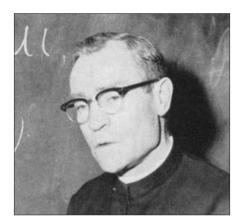
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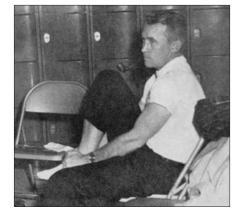
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| F.J. Burke, SJ | E.A. Larkin, SJ |
| F. J. Carey, SJ | J.R. Lucey, SJ |
| J.B. Corrigan, SJ | E. J. McCarthy, SJ |
| W.J. Doran, SJ | M.R. McNally, SJ |
| E.M. Dutkiewicz, SJ | R.H. Millman, SJ |
| H. Eakin, SJ | P.J. Murphy, SJ |
| J.F. Egan, SJ | J.V. O'Connor, SJ |
| N.C. Eberhardt, SJ | J.E. O'Hearn, SJ |
| W.H. Halloran, SJ | R.I. Pihale, SJ |
| J.J. Hanan, SJ | J.W. Poeckes, SJ |
| D.J. Higgins, SJ | J.E. Rohrer, SJ |
| E.J. Hipschen, SJ | C.J. Scherman, SJ |
| T.A. Hoffman, SJ | J.M. Scott, SJ |





Fr. J.R. Kelly





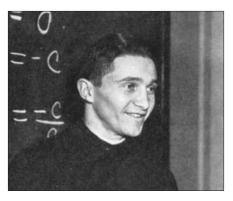
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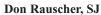
Jesuit Scholastics

| J.W. Baker, SJ | R.J. Hauser, SJ |
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| O.L. Benzinger, SJ | F.E. Judge, SJ |
| B.F. Biever, SJ | T.M. Kalamaja, SJ |
| S.J. Callan, SJ | G.E. Lavey, SJ |
| M.L. Countryman, SJ | D.J. Leonhardt, SJ |
| S.L. Daniels, SJ | G.F. Lucey, SJ |
| J.P. Donnelly, SJ | D.E. Mathie, SJ |
| J.A. Egan, SJ | P.J. Megan, SJ |
| F.J. Goetz, SJ | F.P. Neuberger, SJ |
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E.C. Spethman, SJ R.J. Teske, SJ J.E. Walsh, SJ J.W. Wambach, SJ F.J. Willy, SJ R.A. Worman, SJ







Fr. Rollo Teske



Joe O'Neill, SJ



Ed Mathie, SJ

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Jesuit Brothers

R.F. Daily, SJ S.J, Staber, SJ H.M. Eakin, SJ H.T. Stockley, SJ R.J. Greene, SJ W.M. Stritch, SJ

L. Gillick, SJ R.C. Hotttinger, SJ P.J. Kempker, SJ T.C. Murphy SJ

Lay Teachers and Coaches

J.A. Barcia Coach W.S. Hoffman
Nick Campbell Hugh Johnson
Prof. S.S. deRanitz R.H. Lundstrom
L.G. Friedrichs M.L. Oehler
Dick Friend J.O. Peterson

R.F. Frutkin R.W. Halstead

R.O.T.C. Staff

SFC Bailey SSG Meier
SGT Coyle MSG Patnode
Capt. Evrard SGG Wallock

SGT Hogenson SSG Horine

Administration

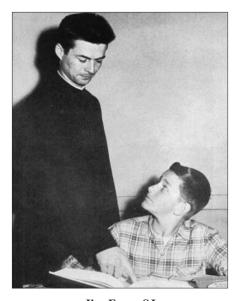
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Student Health

Physicians: Dr. Garrity and Dr. Farrell Nurses: Mrs. Brauch and Mrs. Scneider

Campus Staff

John Novey Arnold White Frank Boucez Mike Selch Rudy Boucek



Jim Egan, SJ



Ted Kalamaia, SJ

From: WHY I AM A CATHOLIC, 2003

Chapter I: St. Mary's and Campion

"Scholastics were Jesuit seminarians who interrupted, after the seventh year, their thirteen-year preparation for ordination to the priesthood. They were given time out to teach for three years in a Jesuit high school. Now there are too few Jesuit seminarians to sustain such a system, and the training of those who still exist has been shortened or altered to meet other needs, making the hiatus for high school teaching a rare exception instead of a regular part of training. But while that system lasted, it was a great way to inspire and test adolescent boys.

The scholastics – men still in their twenties, immersed in studies they enjoyed, highly motivated, many of them athletic enough to play with us (and beat us at will) in sports – made ideal teachers. They were not only bright and hardworking in the regular classes. They had energy left over to run informal seminars on things like music appreciation, or to conduct reading groups, or to give extra-credit courses in everything from theater to theology. They got us interested in new books as well as old. ... Almost all my interests of later life were initiated or accelerated by my four years at Campion."

—GARRY WILLS (CAMPION '51)



Paul Megan, SJ



Fr. Frank Aspenleiter

CAMPION 1964 HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS



Campion Hall

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel & Campus Shrines

Campion Hall

- · Freshman dorms
- · Classrooms and science labs
- Joyce Kilmer Library
- Gymnasium, bowling, billiards, Ping-Pong
- Campus Barbershop

Kostka Hall

- Administration
- Town student study hall
- Classrooms
- Campus Theater, V.O.C. radio station, gym

Loyola Hall

- Dining Hall
- Mail Room and Campus Store

Hoffman Hall

- Swimming pool
- Gymnasium, athletic and locker rooms
- Cafeteria

New Lawler Hall

- Faculty Residence
- Jesuits' chapels

Lucey Hall

- Sophomore and Junior Dorm, double rooms
- · Basement recreation rooms and smoker

Marquette Hall

• Senior private room dorm

Music Hall

Infirmary

Athletic Fields And Track

9-Hole Golf Course

The "Bluffs" Property

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1960-1964 YEARS



Senior class has firm foundation

Campus Life

- Luxurious accommodations (from the 96-bed "Barn" of Campion Hall as freshmen to the private rooms of Marquette Hall as seniors)
- Fine dining at Loyola Hall
- Hoffman Hall and Pool opens to complete the "Country Club" atmosphere and add more recreational outlets
- Bros. Stockley and Greene's Campus Store
- Bro. Murphy's Mailroom
- Don-the-Barber
- Weekly movies in Kostka Hall



Arnie, "What, me worry?"

Academics

- Curriculum of Humane Letters with English, History, Mathematics, Classical and Modern Languages, Natural Sciences (avoiding the "sensitive" topics of modern biology), Theology (Pre-Vatican II), and Military Science
- Honors and Advanced Placement Courses
- Study Halls: long hours under close supervision
- Guest lectures and assemblies
- NMSC: 10 Finalists and 7 Letters of Commendation



"It's all Greek to me ..."



"I think I'll be a lawyer"

From "De Magister"

"Campion sought to accomplish two primary goals with its students. First to develop leaders. Men capable of moving to the top of their communities as successful professionals, and secondly, to imbue these men with a sense of mission by which they might serve to steer events over which they had influence in the direction of humanistic ideals.

To achieve these goals an effort was made to cause each student to look within himself to find truths that could stand the test of honest, relevant question. It was not the answers so much with which they were concerned but the questions. They sought to open our minds not to close them. There was no such thing as a forbidden opinion. The only crime was to state a conclusion with no scholarship to back it up."

—DONALD J. PARKER (CAMPION '48)

Spiritual Life

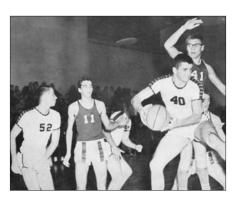
- Daily Mass, Weekly Benediction, Regular Confession
- Prayers before everything
- Sodality and Apostleship of Prayer
- Annual Silent Retreats
- Chapel Visitation
- · Discerning vocations to the religious life



Farina reads early-morning gospel.

Athletics

- Skilled athletes, disciplined teams, good coaching
- Varsity Sports in all major areas
- L.G. Friedrich's legendary teams in Jr. and Sr. Years
- Intramural sports for all in each season
- Opportunities for various individual sports



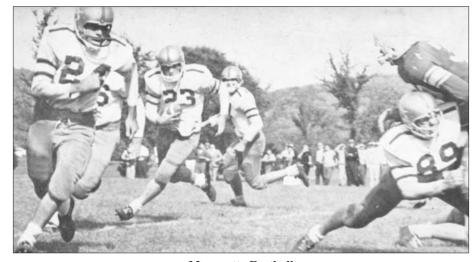
"This has been a **nice** game anyway," moans Menzel of Pacelli.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE



Hoffman trophy shown with those who made it possible.

| | Season | Record | |
|---------|--------|------------|-----|
| Campion | 26 | Benilde | 6 |
| Campion | 27 | Assumption | 7 |
| Campion | 39 | Columbus | 0 |
| Campion | 36 | Pacelli | 0 |
| Campion | 60 | McDonell | 0 |
| Campion | 56 | Newman | . 0 |
| Campion | 13 | Marquette | 13 |
| Campion | 27 | Aquinas | 0 |
| Campion | 39 | Wahlert | 14 |
| Campion | 323 | Opponents | 40 |



Marquette Football Englehart leads convoy.

A True Sports Classic

The Fall 1963 Football team was said by many to be Campion's finest football team ever. Undefeated, it traveled to Milwaukee with the entire senior class of '64 to play archrival Marquette High on October 26. Although the Knights beat the Warriors in every statistic of the game, perhaps the 200 mile bus trip was a deciding factor that brought the conclusion of the game to a 13-13 standoff. This was the only disappointment for an undefeated football team.

ROTC Staff

R.O.T.C.

- Student Brigade structure
- Weekly Drill in full uniform, Inspections
- Military Science Classes
- Camp McCoy, live firing the M-1 Rifle and Drill Teams



Murray gloats over dead target

School Spirit

- Pep rallies with skits, bonfires, and exhortations
- Co-ed cheerleaders
- Pep Band
- Knifty-Knight, Victory Flag
- School Rings



"This is better than my spy decoder ring!"



Bonfire

Extracurricular

- Student Government
- Knight Yearbook, 'Ette Magazine, V.O.C. Radio Station
- Debate and Forensics
- Wide variety of special interest clubs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1960-1964 YEARS

Off-Campus Outings

- Town Permits for movies and shopping
- The Bluffs, Ma's, IGA, Palladium Bowl
- Trip to Wyalusing State Park for freshman picnic
- Periodic weekend visits from parents



"Great. I'll get two cents back for every Coke bottle!"

Masquers Productions

- Mike McCann's set constructions
- "Andersonville Trial"
- "Murder in the Cathedral"
- "3 One-act Plays"
- "Shakespearean Review"



"Now the facts are..."



"Who stole the rest of my saxophone?"

Musical Offerings

- "An Evening with Music"
- "Oliver"
- "That Wonderful Year"
- Concert and Marching Bands
- Talented student musicians
- Individual lessons from Prof. deRanitz
- Choir and Glee Club



DeFeo and Barger "Help me remember the next line."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1960-1964 YEARS



Kridelbaugh and date

Wild Social Life

- Mixers, Homecoming Dance, Military Ball
- Censored correspondence
- Active adolescent imaginations

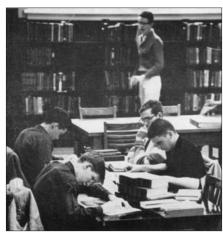


Davito and date

Discipline

- "Jugs," Lost weekends, Short-bounds, 6-4-2, etc.
- Drill tours with the B.A.R. run to the Bluffs

Library and Study Time



Seniors make use of a well-stocked library.

Time With Friends



Ma's finest cuisine

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1960-1964 YEARS



Graduation Day

Senior Year

- College applications
- Term papers
- J.F.K. Assassination
- Graduation
- Promising each other to "stay in touch"



JFK Assassination

From "De Magister" Living with the Rules

"We soon learned that there were rules governing every phase of student life. The rules were strictly enforced and indiscretions quickly punished. The least punishment was 'jug' and the most stringent was an institution called 'short bounds.' If you were sentenced to short bounds, you had to have a card signed by a faculty member every half-hour from Saturday noon until Sunday night. Punishments were meted out dispassionately, but there were no exceptions. If you broke the rules, you paid the price."

—Donald J. Parker (Campion '48)

The Following Are Actual Excerpts From *The Campion Rule Book* As Distributed, Read, And Obeyed

LUCEY HALL REGULATIONS

- Do not clutter up your bed by throwing clothes, books, etc. on it. Keep it neat at all times. Straighten up your bedspread after people sit on your bed.
- Never tilt back on the chairs.
- All earphones, including those used for transistor radios, are forbidden.
- Sinks are to be cleaned every morning. If you run out of cleanser, see the floor prefect.

Dress in Rooms

During all study periods you must wear regular pants (no shorts or levi's or jeans), shirts (T-shirt is permissible), and socks at minimum.

Mail

• Outgoing letters are to be placed in the mailbox. Letters are to be written neatly



Lucey Hall

in ink (ballpoints are permissible) or typed on regular stationary. Loose-leaf paper is not acceptable. Always have your name and return address on the envelope.

- Sealed: letters to parents, guardians, brothers and sisters.
- Unsealed: letter to all others.

Strict Study

- Work only on class material. Prose and Poetry may be read during any study period. To read magazines or newspapers permission from the floor prefect is required each time.
- Permission to go to the lavatory during study periods must never be presumed and will rarely be given.
- Talking or its equivalent (in actual communications) will be penalized with an office jug. Repeat offenders will be reported to the Assistant Principal. Silence during all study periods.
- Shining brass, shining shoes, clipping fingernails, sleeping, resting the eyes for long periods, wasting time will be dealt with as the situation demands.

Free Time

 Times when you are allowed to go to your rooms to get or replace books, study, read, clean your rooms, etc. No boisterousness, extended conversations or loud talking in the corridors, no radios, record players, etc., no visiting in another's room or at the doorways or in the layatories.



Marquette at night

- Card playing is never allowed in the rooms. Card playing is allowed in the north Rec Room.
- Boys may talk to their roommates in their rooms, provided they do so quietly. Absolute silence in the rooms after the "lights out" bell. No one may go to the lavatory for one hour after the "Lights out" bell. No one is to leave his floor without permission of the floor prefect, visiting others' rooms or playing radios, record players, etc., is strictly forbidden.
- At 9:30 p.m. when the bell rings for night prayers, all must come out of their rooms immediately and kneel on both knees in the corridor, one on either side of the door.
- Forbidden Articles: Knives (except small pocket knives), dice, water guns, firearms, flashlights, alarm clocks, rubber bands, firecrackers, pop bottles.
- Hats and Caps: These should never be worn inside; it is highly recommended that they be worn outside during cold weather.
- Money: Three dollars (\$3.00) at most may be kept in your rooms or carried

- around in your wallet. Do not take wallets into the shower rooms.
- Pencil sharpeners may be used only during free time and room recreation.

CENSORSHIP RULES

The purpose of these censorship rules is to try to control and direct the reading habits of the students. A lot of "trash" material may be found on the bookracks of most stores. Some of this material is certainly harmful to the morals of the average teenager. But even that material which is not morally harmful is subject to censorship by the school since it is the school's responsibility to help the students to develop proper reading habits.

Paperbacks

The paperbacks listed below do not need to be stamped, also excepted from censorship are dictionaries, New Testaments, Math and Science books, (not science fiction), prayer books, Thesaurus, and spiritual reading books which have an "Imprimatur." All other paperbacks must be stamped by the Assistant Principal. No other faculty member may censor paperbacks.

Penalties

for failing to follow censorship rules

- Unobjectionable material 1 jug
- Objectionable material 4 jugs + letter home
- If material is salacious liable to expulsion

CHAPEL REGULATIONS

• There is to be no talking, slouching or irreverent posture.

DINING HALL RULES

- At least ten minutes should be spent in eating each meal.
- Whoever spills anything is responsible for wiping it up immediately.
- Any ungentlemanly conduct will be punished with office jugs. Throwing food or leaving food behind will merit a double jug.

DRESS REGULATIONS

- Wash pants may be worn if they are neat, clean and have a crease. "Levi's" of any sort or any color are never allowed for class-day dress. Levi-cut pants are pants with heavy seams down the legs and rear pockets sewed on like patches. Tight pants are not acceptable. The Deans of the Halls and the Administration will be the final judges of the tightness of the pants. Pants must also be long enough.
- Shorts may not be worn except for track or tennis and they may be worn off-campus. Bermuda shorts are not to be worn.
- Some type of shirt must be worn at all times, except while in the swimming pool. Undershirts are not acceptable.



Ted Swartz and Mr. Belgelman lead campus **Hootenany**

CAMPUS THEATER REGULATIONS

- No one is to leave the theater after an event until dismissed by the prefect. You will be dismissed row by row. Stay seated until you are dismissed.
- Gentlemanly conduct is expected of all students at all times in the Campus Theater. Wise remarks or guffaws are completely out of place. If the whole group is unruly, the movie will be stopped and all will be given a penalty.



Eversgerd Gang

HISTORY AND POINTS OF INTEREST

SHORT HISTORY OF CAMPION HIGH SCHOOL

1857-58

Construction of Lawler Hall as the "Brisbois House" Hotel

1864-65

Building used as the Swift's United States Military Hospital

1866-70

Prairie du Chien College, a coed institution organized by the people of the local community

1871-78

The Christian Brothers ran the school as **St. John's College.**

1880

The Jesuits establish Campion College of the Sacred Heart

1888-98

Used as Jesuit Novitiate-Philosophate

1898

Reopens as a high school and college. Philosophate continued until 1903-06. Both the high school and the college grew rapidly and excelled in the academic, cultural, religious and athletic fields of endeavor.

1925

Sacred Heart College closes and the school operates exclusively as **Campion Jesuit High School**, noted for its high academic standards and attainment, its firm discipline of both the students and

the faculty, religious dedication and performance, dramatics, musical excellence, military science attainment and athletic prowess.

FACTS OF INTEREST

- In the United States it was Campion and the Manresa Retreat House that began the first Closed Retreats for American laymen in 1909 and the practice spread quickly across the nation.
- During World War I (1917-18) the Student Training Army Corp used the buildings and facilities at Campion for training purposes. R.O.T.C. started at Campion in 1919 and Campion was among the first schools in the nation to inaugurate the program.
- The poet Joyce Kilmer visited Campion often and gave the 1917 graduation address. He is best remembered as the author of "Trees." He was a close friend of Campion's own poet, Father James Daly, S.J.
- From its very beginnings the College and High School of the Sacred Heart and later Campion Jesuit High School fostered 472 vocations to the Church, not only as Jesuit Priests, Jesuit Brothers, the Diocesan Clergy, but to many religious congregations.
- During the school's existence it helped to educate over 15,000 young men from most of the States and several foreign countries. Its capacity ranged from 61 in 1880 to 600 in 1964-65.

—Sylvester J. Staber, SJ, 1979