

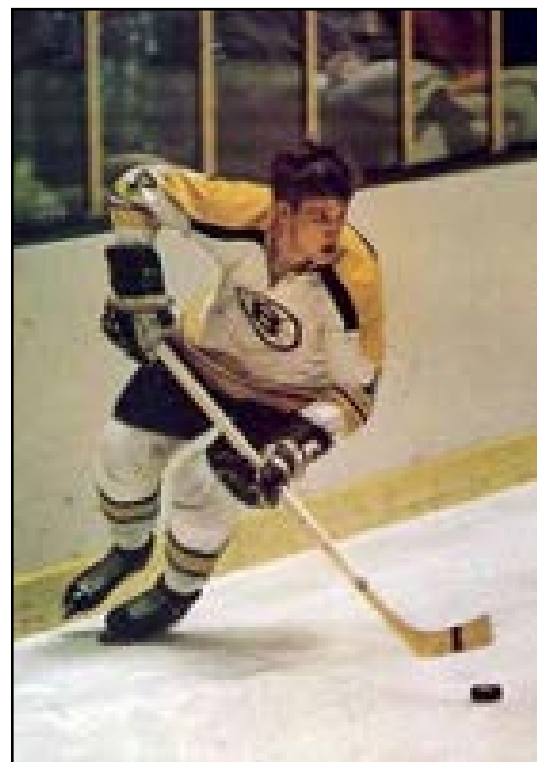
May 10-May 16, 1970

By Tom Bodle

The disturbing events of early May, bled into its second week. A nation, hurting from the deaths at Kent State and the uprisings on campuses across the country would continue to see social upheaval. Augusta, Georgia was the scene of violent riots from May 11th to the 13th. A teenage African-American male was killed by a local police officer, sparking massive rioting and looting. Over 3,000 demonstrators were involved, of which twelve were shot and five died. 130 city blocks were destroyed or damaged at a price of over one million dollars. It was the largest such uprising in the South. In North Carolina, an African-American male was murdered in a racially motivated incident. At Mississippi's Jackson State University, two African-American students were killed by state highway patrolmen and another twelve injured in a political and racial confrontation. It was a volatile time in the U.S.

In an almost "other worldly" fashion, entertainment and sports went on in America this week. In the National Hockey League, Boston's Bobby Orr had a tremendous season. He capped it off by leading the Bruins to a four game sweep of the St. Louis Blues. Orr scored the deciding goal in overtime during game four to win the Stanley Cup. It was Boston's first hockey championship since 1941. In baseball, the Chicago Cubs' mister "Let's Play Two", Ernie Banks achieved a milestone, hammering out his 500th career home run. On May 16th in horse racing, Eddie Belmonte rode "Personality" to victory, in the 95th running of the Preakness. At Cannes, Robert Altman's "M.A.S.H." took cinematic honors as the best film in 1970. And in popular music, the Guess Who's "American Woman" led the Billboard charts.

In the halls of St. Joseph this mid May, students were focused on finalizing things for the end of the school year. Springtime activities, such as underclass date dances and a variety of proms at the area schools (Villa Angela, Notre Dame, Regina, St. Peter, Euclid) seemed to overshadow inner concerns over the social upheaval in the country. The class of '70 was turning over the reins of pow-





er to its successor, the class of '71. Juniors had been selected to lead student government, publications and a variety of activities. Spring sports were concluding. The class of '70 set their sights on the graduation to come.

The Tennis team finished their season this week, participating in a very competitive field at the Euclid Invitational. Although the team had been eliminated in the District tournament, Euclid provided a means to have one more opportunity to flex their skills. The netters were competitive, making their way into the consolation bracket, but were unable to place. Still, Mr. John Tigues's team earned for him a winning season at 8-6. Senior Pete Fries was solid with a 10-4 record. Seniors Joe Vidmar and Jerry Lutkus contributed to the team's showing.

The Golf team had dreams of glory after they took the northeast Ohio Sectional championship. Coach Frank Passarella's squad compiled a 12-3 duo match record. Seniors Bob Clark (41 stroke average), Pat Brophy (44 stroke average) and Jim Booms (45 stroke average) contributed to the team's success. In the District championships, it seemed all of the contributors struggled on the same day, after an encouraging week of practice. The team failed to make the cut and was eliminated from the tournament. Coach Passarella reflected that in spite of the poor showing in the Districts, he was proud of his golfers and their successful season.



Also coming off a District championship, the Track team moved to the North Canton Regional Meet. The Vikings qualified in twelve events. The competition was superior and only three events qualified for the State Finals in Columbus.

As the school year was concluding, recognition of student achievement was being recognized by the local media. The News Herald presented their awards this week to outstanding students who resided in Lake County. Seven Vikings were honored as tops in certain categories. Don Daily as Best Overall, Dennis Herrick for Foreign Language, Joseph Klements in Social Sciences, Richard Lesak for Vocational Education, Anthony Palella in Mathematics, Anthony Kokal for Literature and John Beran for Citizenship. Truly our classmates shone in the spotlight of excellence in northeast Ohio.

