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FACULTY PROFILE:

Mr. Mols

by Adam Meyerson

As director of the much-embattled Athletic Department, Mr. Herbert J. Mols is one of the most controversial figures on the Park School campus. For reasons right or wrong, students and faculty have criticized the sports program extensively. Mr. Mols, as director, has faced the brunt of this criticism, some of which unfortunately has been directed at him on a personal level.

The school has been accused of placing undue emphasis on sports, while the sports program has frequently been attacked for allegedly strangling the school schedule with its many athletic events and for supposedly infringing upon the personal liberties of students. Some of these sentiments were echoed in the report by the Visiting Evaluation Committee of the Middle States Association, which recommended a re-evaluation by the school of the time spent on sports and of the team sports idea as opposed to a strong physical education program.

Mr. Mols, however, is proud of Park's sports program, which has been built primarily through his efforts. Since he became athletic director in the spring of 1946 he has molded the sports department into what is perhaps the best organized and most effective department in the school. He helped establish the CUPS league and has built up a strong program of interscholastic competition in a variety of sports. Furthermore, the athletic facilities have become very

good for a school of Park's size, under his directorship.

The thrust of Mr. Mols' philosophy of athletic education is the development of the individual in team frameworks. Body improvement is only one goal of the sports program he has created; other goals are the development of cooperation by the subsection of the individual for group gain, and the experience of winning and losing in a competitive situation. The athletic program is therefore designed to give each individual exposure to team sports. Mr. Mols, as coach of the football, basketball and baseball teams, has sometimes been attacked for not playing the best players all the time and thus incurring a few losses for his teams; his object, however, is to give everyone, no matter how athletically talented, a chance to participate.

Mr. Mols is singularly dedicated to athletics in the community as well as in the school. He has been very active in organizing the track and basketball programs of the Niagara Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, the local Junior Olympics swimming program, and the local Little League. His efforts have earned him national prominence -- he has served on the U. S. Olympic Committee since 1960 and is currently its secretary, and he is National Vice Chairman of the AAU for basketball. In addition, he serves as chairman of the Town of Amherst Recreation Board.

such a ceremony and recognizing the correspondence, indeed identification, between the external world and that of the individual mind, are a welcome.

Christopher Dawson Sapp

I wander'd
lonely as a cloud
that floats on high
o'er vales and hills,
When
all at once
I saw a crowd,
a host of golden daffodils.

Wordsworth



Originally, Mr. Mols was a forest ranger working with the U. S. Forest Service and the Flood Control Service, after he had picked up a forestry degree from Cornell. Then, during the war while working on radar with the Navy, he met Henry Van Arsdale, at that time Park's assistant headmaster. Conversations with Van Arsdale brought Mr. Mols to Park School a year after the war as a biology, physics, and chemistry teacher as well as an athletic director. Mr. Mols taught science until 1952 and was active in many events such as the big spring productions.

Perhaps one of Mr. Mols' problems is his tendency to be overly nostalgic about his earlier years at Park. A man of tremendous vigor, Mr. Mols apparently developed a sports program that suited the needs of the school perfectly. Past success, though, seems to have brought about a reluctance to change for the future, conversa-

was met with verve and mobility. The whole action was swift and full of gaiety. To one of my generation, it was an enormous pleasure to hear the well-remembered lines, renewed in all freshness offered by

tions with Mr. Mols dwell more upon restoring old programs for a school which is changing than upon creating new ones. And Mr. Mols will shrug off categorically the Visiting Committee recommendations mentioned above as "completely missing the boat", although they may be necessary for a school which has grown far more complex in the last few years.

The above criticism notwithstanding, it may be said safely that Mr. Mols has performed a great service for Park. The school is lucky to have attracted a man of his caliber and energy, and despite a few differences of opinion some may have with him, Mr. Mols has used his talents well here. One can only hope that he will see fit to use his talents in new ways, in changing the sports program for a changing school.

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Lines For Spring

by Chaucer

When that Aprille with his
shoures softe
The droghte of Marche hath
perced to the rote,
And bathed every veyne in
swich licour,
Of which vertu engendered is the
flour;