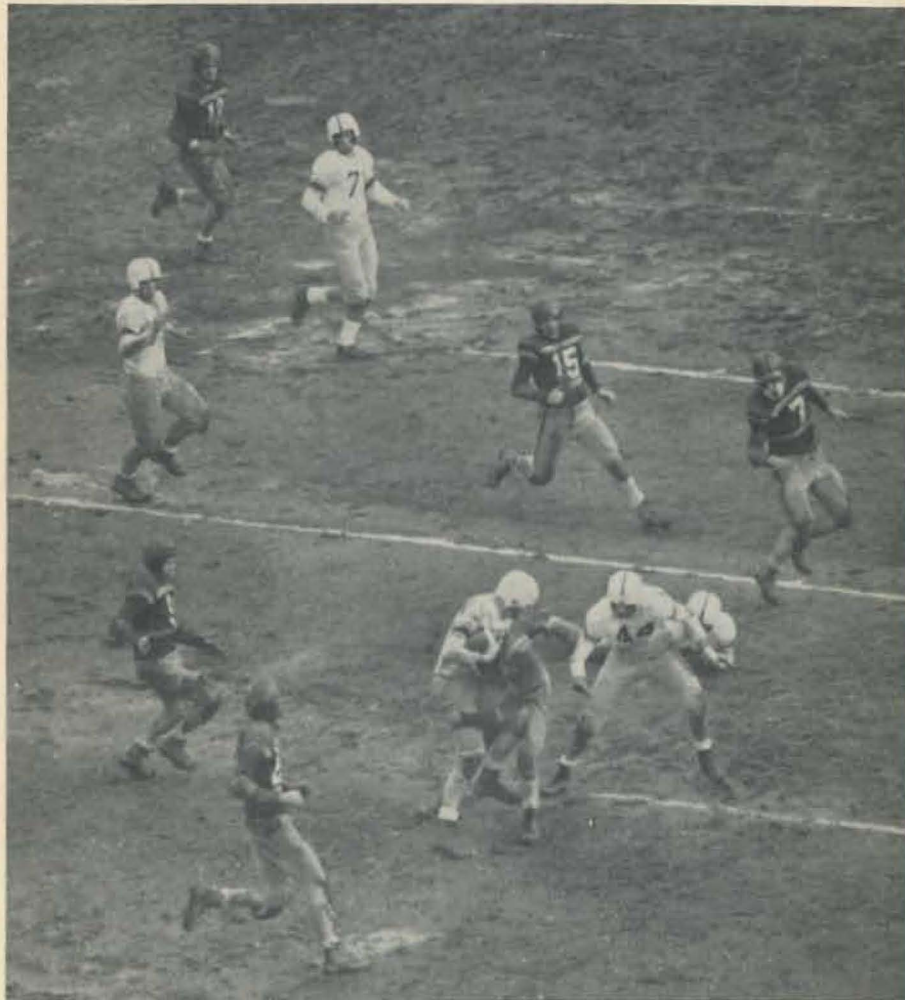


"WE REACHED OUR APOGEE," SAYS JOE!



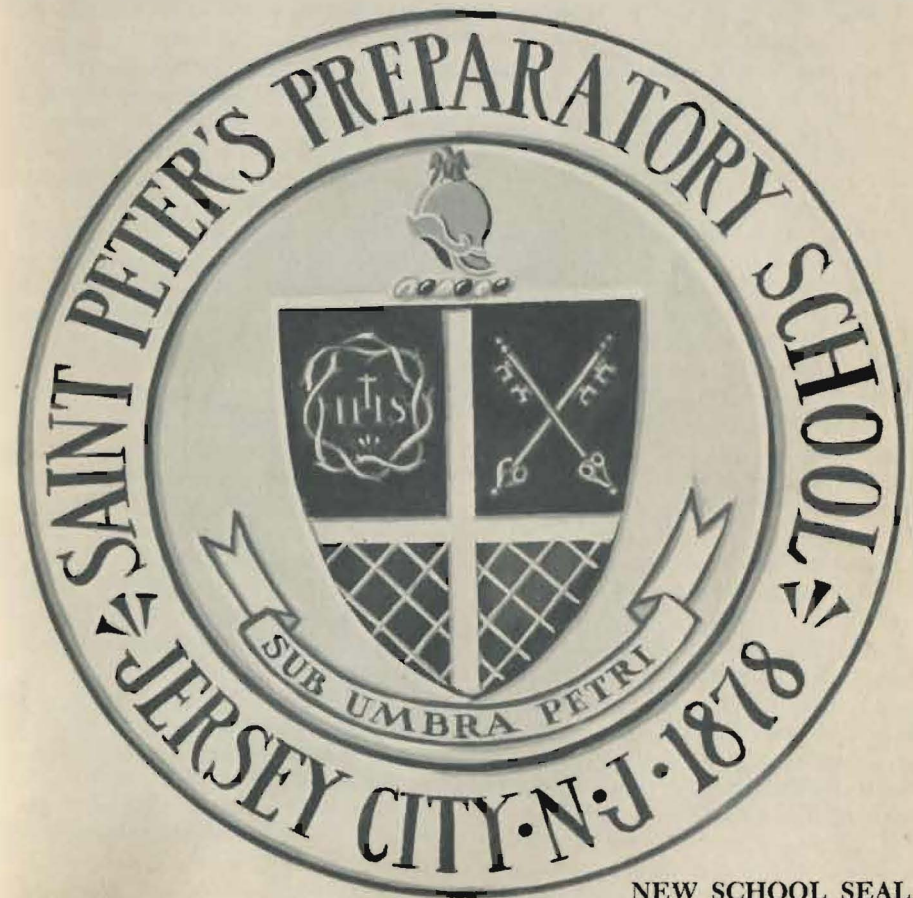
Ed Devaney of Rams is about to floor Bob Sharlow after the latter had battled down to the Dickinson 27 on an Amabile pitchout.

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NEW SCHOOL SEAL

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November Madness

Just twenty-three hundred years ago Aristotle claimed that man is a political animal. Just ten days ago Prep proved how right the old Greek was!

With typical Jersey City know-how, the campaign for Student Council President swung into high gear when the Senior champions, class presidents Riani, Kerwin, Kane, Gellene, Keller and Connolly, began battling for an approving nod from a thousand fellow Prepsters and the consequent victory at the polls. The battle raged back and forth across the schoolyard, the cafeteria and the locker rooms for an entire week, November 15 to 22.

Competing in the yard with the noise of pneumatic drills and steam-shovels that poured from the sewerage project across the street, the Prep politicians added some sound effects of their own to the general cacophony by promising Prepmen, in general, and underclassmen, in particular, anything and everything they could think of! The assembled promises would read like an edition of "What's What In Alladin's Lamp," since the candidates swore to supply everything from chairs in the cafeteria to girl cheerleaders.

Monday the fireworks started. Joe Keller made friends with personal interviews in the Senior Room while his recorded speech poured out of the P.A. system into the main part of the cafe. He proposed a ten point platform, the outstanding feature being the aforementioned female rabble rousers.

Rabble rousing of another sort quickly brought Leo Gellene into the picture of things politic. "An Open Letter to the Students of St. Peter's" was circulated throughout the school and for a short time stood unrivaled in the literary propaganda field. But only for a short time. Rallies in the yard for the different candidates early in the campaign became a daily occurrence. All of the candidates tried their hand at it at one time or another, with varying results. Keller, during his initial rally, drew one of



The People's Choice! A very amazed and jubilant Joe Kane steamrolled into the office of Student Council President last week by the phenomenal margin of almost two hundred votes! The results were announced at the Hop Thanksgiving night, where the Cliffside Park native spoke his thanks to Fr. Carr, Fr. Butler, Mr. Irving and the members of the Current Events Club who had certified his victory. Joe then led the Hop crowd in singing "Pride and Glory," as he will now lead the Student body in all school affairs.

the largest crowds of all, and seemed almost certain to sweep into office. Of the five other candidates at that time, only Gellene seemed to have any chance of catching him, and it was a slim chance at that.

On the second day, however, the pamphlets seemed to finally take effect, and Gellene pulled ahead to establish a strong lead, being followed closely by Keller, Riani and Kane. Already things were beginning to fall into place and proportion as far as campaign methods were concerned. Gellene was depending upon large rallies in the school yard and a large circulation of pamphlets; Keller was still fighting hard with his ten-point plan and rallies; Riani and Kane, lacking the reputation of the two football players, were waging a quiet propaganda warfare campaign with posters, pamphlets

and public appearances.

On Wednesday some changes in the methods and relative positions of the candidates became obvious. Joe Keller had clearly slipped from his top position of the previous Monday, and was almost being counted out of the race by the more optimistic of his rivals. Ward Riani, formerly concentrating on posters, appeared in the windows of Hogan Hall to rally his supporters, and he unwillingly became a target for a barrage of sandwiches. Despite this his popularity increased and he seemed to stand a good chance of winning. Gellene roared into the school yard with a one car motorcade, and drew a big crowd at his rally. He was still in the lead, but not by much. Kerwin and Connolly put in their first appearances, spreading their posters over every bit of wall space left to them. But Joe Kane meanwhile had been carrying on a quiet but effective campaign of personal appearances. To everyone's surprise he surged rapidly forward and by Thursday was in very definite contention for the office. In fact Thursday revealed an apparent three way tie — Gellene, Kane and Keller deadlocked for the lead.

All the while the six candidates had been getting the glory, their campaign managers had been working long and hard and without reward. Their day in the sun came Friday in the rain, when they introduced their candidates to the assembled Prepsters for the wind-up of the campaign week. Varsity basketball player Jack Nies spoke out for Keller; Joe Kane was introduced by Petroc editor Billy Cozine. Bob Kimmerle presented Leo Gellene to the crowd, and Frank Rosone did the honors for Kerwin. Frank Connolly met the audience by way of Bob Esti, and Bandsman Vic Maragni brought Ward Riani in front of the throng.

Monday opened the registration books and the Current Events Club logged in 492 names. Next day an additional 200 paper ballots were marked, and Wednesday saw the last of the x-ed in ballots cast.

The winner? Of course, Joe Kane!



Gellene and Company: They placed second.

Hop-Hoppin'

The unceasing clamor of horns, the call of friends, and the faint music which leaked through the half-open gym doors all contributed to the air of excitement which has been characteristic of every Grid-Hop that Mr. Orthen can remember. At this event the squad and other well-wishers celebrated another victorious year.

Within half an hour, much to the contentment of Chairman Austin Conley, the gym was filled with proud Prep men and their coy, smiling dates, ready and waiting to step lively to the bounce of the Bunny-Hop and the Mambo in the ballroomlike surroundings produced by the gaily-colored handiwork of the Poster Club.

Amid the festivities our own Bill Cochran and his able assistants rose to acknowledge the gratitude and pride which they felt toward the team, who, in turn, presented them with a token of their esteem.

A novel note was struck at this year's Hop when the new president of the student council was presented, after which the crowd again began swinging and swaying to the soft tones of Don Lepore's Orchestra.

By the time both hands struggled to the top of the gym clock, most of the other happy hands were already reaching for cokes across a Meadowbrook table, under the Orange stars.

School Seal

As a result of the recent canonical division, St. Peter's official title will be changed from "St. Peter's College High School" to "St. Peter's Preparatory School." A new school seal was therefore an immediate must. And so, Mr. William F. Ryan of the Ryan-West Banknote Co., who is a member of the International Heraldic Academy, was commissioned to design the new seal, reproduced on the cover.

An inverted Latin cross divides the seal in quarters. This cross symbolizes the martyrdom of St. Peter, as tradition tells us that the first leader of the Church did not deem himself worthy to be crucified like his Master, but suffered crucifixion with head toward the earth. This cross also recalls Peter's profession of faith. "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God."

The field is deep maroon, the traditional color of Prep. The Petrine motif is further developed in the two lower quadrants by a fisherman's net of silver, in the language of heraldry, "fretty argent." This symbol commemorates the avocation of St. Peter as a fisherman, and his vocation as a "fisher of men." The second quarter is charged with another Petrine symbol, the golden Crossed Keys that represent Peter's power in the Kingdom of Heaven, according to the words of Christ, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church. And the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven."

The keys are crossed to form a Christogram. The letter X is the first letter of Christ's name in Greek.

The first and honored quarter is given to the four-hundred year old insignia of the Society of Jesus, a Crown of Thorns encircling the letters IHS, and the three nails that represent the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Thus St. Peter's is desig-



In the Petrean patron drive which totalled 462 patrons, or \$2310, Bruce Bartali contributed more than his share. Through the influence of his father, a rigger foreman on the waterfront, Bruce sold twenty patrons which won for him the Bulova watch, given as first prize!

nated as a Jesuit school.

The crest of the shield, a Roman legionnaire's helmet surmounting a wreath, was chosen to give a classical representation of the school's location in Jersey City, New Jersey. Back around 1650 the land west of the Hudson was deeded to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret. As Carteret had governed the isle of Caesarea (Jersey) in the English Channel, the charter, deeding the new territory, was made to read, "Said tract of land is hereafter to be called by the name or names of Nova Caesarea, or New Jersey." The Roman helmet, the famous emblem of the Caesars, pre-eminently fits the school which carries on the Roman tradition in Jersey!

The motto, "Sub Umbra Petri," is translated, "Under the shadow of Peter," a fitting phrase to sum up the life of a Prep student, who lives as surely under the influence of St. Peter's teaching today as did the early Christians who used to bring their sick to the Prince of the Apostles, in order that at least his shadow might fall on them, in passing.

The legend on the periphery of the shield bears the school's newly incorporated title, "St. Peter's Preparatory School." 1878 marks the date of the founding of Prep.



Curtain Call

There are other things dead in Brooklyn besides the Dodgers. If you don't believe it, there are two seats waiting for you and your friend next Thursday and Friday nights in the St. Peter's Auditorium when the Prep Dramatic Society presents *Arsenic and Old Lace*. The play which is being staged under the direction of Bob Meyer, in his first effort as coach, will be aired for the nuns on Dec. 8 in the form of a dress rehearsal.

From early reports, mark it as "a must" on your social calendar. It is articulate, well-paced, superbly humorous, with enough touch of the grotesque to delight the most morbid reader of horror stories and make it worthy of Brooklyn!

The scene is the peaceful, quiet, brownstone streets, lined with leafless trees, and frilly curtains on the windows. This is the

Brewster neighborhood with the church standing right next to the Brewster home. The leading roles are those of Abby, (Bob Lamb) and Martha (Tony Quaglia) Brewster, and Jonathan Brewster (Paul Gaynor).

The aunts exemplify the qualities of kindness and mercy, whether they be distributing broth to sick people in the neighborhood or donating toys to the Policeman's Christmas Drive or sending gentlemen callers to an early eternal reward. Far removed from his aunts is Jonathan, a killer by nature and wanted on three continents for a string of thirteen murders. There is a controversy, however, as to the exact number. Doctor Einstein (Jeff Hermes), a madman, who changes Jonathan's features after each murder, claims that one victim who caught pneumonia after he had been shot should not be included in the total.

Then there is Teddy. You must meet Teddy (Rene Ackerman). He is another nephew, also slightly demented, who thinks that he is President Teddy Roosevelt. Throughout the play, he goes charging up San Juan Hill (a three step flight of stairs) or plunging into the cellar to help "Col. Goethals bury yellow fever victims in the Panama Canal."

The lone sane member of the family is Mortimer Brewster (Terry Kennedy) who causes great chagrin to his aunts because of his love of the theatre. He ties the story together and brings it to a solution.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

Cast in order of appearance

Abby Brewster	Bob Lamb
Rev. Doctor Harper	John Holian
Teddy Brewster	Rene Ackermann
Officer Brophy	Ed White
Officer Klein	John Zamarrá
Martha Brewster	Tony Quaglia
Mortimer Brewster	Terry Kennedy
Mr. Gibbs	Mike Hayes
Jonathan Brewster	Paul Gaynor
Dr. Einstein	Jeff Hermes
Officer O'Hara	John McGuire
Lieutenant Rooney	Ray Douglas
Mr. Witherspoon	John McIntyre

SENIOR SMOKER

Election Reflections. So, you don't think we ran the elections just like Jersey City does? Well, here's proof that you'd better guess again. Prepsters ran for cover as the Riani motorcade of three cars roared through the packed schoolyard. "What are you trying to do?" the cruising crackpots were asked. "We're just trying to run down a few votes," they replied happily.

There was even some money involved in the campaign, but in true Jersey City fashion it went up in the air. Balloons were tossed off the roof of Hogan Hall, one of them containing a "lucky buck." But someone forgot to weigh down the "lucky buck" balloon, and a few moments after launching, it was already airborne, last seen drifting peacefully over the bay!

There were long rolls of brown hand-towels (?), old bedsheets, and other linen closet items, extolling the virtues of the six candidates. For one week the schoolyard looked like the backyard of a tenement on Saturday afternoon, or the quadrangle at West Point the week prior to the Army-Navy game.

Mr. Lupardo almost gave 4-C jug because he just wasn't convinced that they hadn't stolen one of his "holey" white robes for an election banner.

Not all the Prepsters had both hands in the campaign pie though. When queried concerning the various campaign activities in his class, Mike Pinto, 4-F, stated: "Well, there were none. But if you're interested, we did lose another basketball game this week." (In case you didn't know it, 4-F is vying for an undisputed last place in the field of basketball intramurals.)

The only thing that was lacking to the campaign was "terror votes." The reason for this was probably because the campaign was so short no one had time to cut through the city red tape and get a permit for a blunderbuss.

German Culture

"The thing I like most about the American system of education is the close relationship between teacher and student. In Germany a student would not think of going to a teacher in the hallway and asking him a question. But here in America the student is more at ease with his teacher. Everything is so democratic." The speaker was Father Hes, S.J., 3rd year teacher of Latin and German. The occasion was his talk to the members of the German Club, on the educational system in Germany. Hungarian born, Father Hes is an expert on the German Gymnasium System. After completing high school, Father Hes entered medical school, and continued for nearly five years toward his degree, before finally entering the Society of Jesus.

His experience in medicine later proved very helpful when he was imprisoned in a Yugoslavian concentration camp by the Tito regime. While a captive, Father Hes was not permitted to exercise his priestly functions, but because he cared for the sick he was able to give the last rites of the Church secretly to many dying people. An example of the horrible conditions under which Father Hes was forced to live, was the fact that of the 20,000 people in the camp, 10,000 died of starvation. Father Hes was released after two years, when the Yugoslavs, who had imprisoned him because they thought he was a German, discovered that he was not a German at all!

Father Hes said that one of the main characteristics of the German student is that he is very ambitious. "It is a very rare thing," Father declared, "for a German student to get a negative mark. The German student goes to school six days a week; the only day off is Sunday. During the summer, school is closed for only a few weeks. At this time the students travel over the country on bikes. Wherever they go people will provide them with food and a place to sleep. This love for travel or 'wanderlust' is one of the most famous characteristics of the German people."

BRIEFETTES

Record Broken. The Home Mission section of the Sophomore Sodality reached a new height in the recent drive of the annual clothing collection. With 475 lbs. of useful garments bound for the Negro mission at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, Father Purcell and his crew of helpers Nick and Frank Molinari, George Olezewski, Jack Decker, Al Vidovich, may well hold their heads high!

Frosh Debating. After many heated debates on the value of "Town vs. Country," Gregory Sullivan 1-G, spoke his way to the top in the frosh section of the bronze medal tourney. Close on his heels, Joseph De-Stephan and Will Keane finished second and third respectively.

Band. Different from former years, the Prep Band staved off its hibernation till after Thanksgiving. Yes, Mr. Enright and his musical men closed the season with a grand finale during the Fordham-Villanova game at the Polo Grounds last Saturday. All Prep dwells with joy on the many pleasure-filled hours the 1954 edition afforded at the football games and Prep looks forward to the Spring Concert. On behalf of Peter's, "Good work, Maestro!"

Christmas Card Crusade. "Bring Christ back into Christmas" is the theme of the

latest crusade at Grand St. With hopes of selling a thousand boxes of religious Christmas cards, all profit going to the Jesuit Missions, Father McCusker is leading a very important drive of Catholic Action. The price for these cards, \$1.00 for 18; the place, the bookstore; the purpose, to bring about a real Christmas spirit.

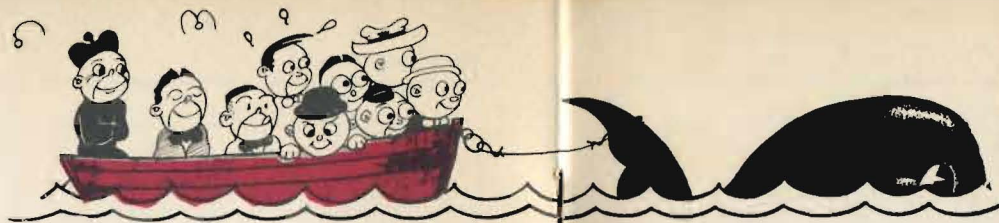
Executive Arm. With the election of the new president, the student council moves under the moderatorship of the principal, Father Carr. Congratulations to Father Butler, the previous moderator, for his generous and enthusiastic efforts with the council.

Hearst Tryouts. Thursday, Dec. 9, is the red letter day for those who wish to try out for the honors of carrying Prep's colors into the Hearst Tournament of Orators. Robert E. Lee is the interesting topic for this year, and Prep candidates will meet in the library to compete with three minute speeches on the merits and meaning of Lee and his accomplishments.

Illiterama? Woeful shrieks continually break through the walls of the Literama office and pierce the usual quiet of Hogan Hall. Father McCusker bemoans the absence of contributions on his make-shift desk. "Is all Prep illiterate," he mutters, "I thought only my classes suffer from this sickness."



Roleke, Anderson and Black try out their newly built transmitter in Ham Hideaway.



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Vox Populorum. The miniature mob scene pictured above was enacted last week when the Current Events Club sat down to busi-

ness and opened the polls for the Student Council Elections. The election was a perfect reproduction of the actual city and

state elections, complete in every detail from registration right down to polling place challengers. However, because the state's

voting machines had been impounded for a state-wide recount, paper ballots had to be marked by the almost 900 voters.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Fluid Drive

Yes sir, we're hummin', "happy days on the hardwood are here again." Yep! There is a Marauder club abuildin' that bids fair to continue the records of the past Prep teams which have piled up 141 wins against 24 losses since the gym was opened in 1949. Look for the same fast, scrappy type of play which has characterized the Maroon and White in the past, with a more definite accent on speed and ball handling.

The other day coach Roy Leenig was overheard talking in the gym about the coming basketball season. "For a change we're not small," says Roy, "we're tiny. I doubt whether any team our size will beat us this year, but we won't be playing any teams our size. Whether or not we can handle height, that is our problem."

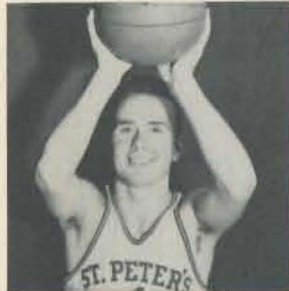
The key man in the rise or fall of this quintet could well be Senior Jack Nies. A husky 5' 10", with a fine jump shot, Nies will have to handle the major part of the rebounding. He knows how to use his weight and is a rough man under the boards. Don't be surprised to see him line up against a big center, only to outfight and out-rebound his taller foe through the entire 32 minutes.

Riding in off the ESCRIT all-tourney team, Mike Pedone looks for continued success on the court. A Junior, Mike's trigger reflexes gave Prep many a quick deuce. Pedone is one of the best shooters to come along and his soft sets and keyhole jumps will give the nets a constant pounding. However, Mike, with his slashing hands, must overcome the habit of fouling needlessly in back court.

Junior John Crotty, who was lost to the Marauders for the entire 53-54 campaign because of illness, is now recovered and rarin' to go. John, along with Pedone, shapes up as the backbone of the Marauder offense. He has a great set shot and is an all-around sound ballplayer. He is the "thinker" of the club; his mind is always at work



Jack Nies



Walt Crowley



Mike Pedone



Jim McDonald



John Crotty



Joe Keller



Ed Reid



Bill Macchi



"Stosh" Lattoz

sizing up the situation at hand. Watch for Crotty, Pedone, and McDonald to make the fast break a devastating weapon for Prep throughout the coming season.

Jim McDonald, who is the smallest man on the team, could turn out to be one of the best backcourt men that Grand Street has even seen. Watching him play makes one think back a few years when the Markeys, first Earle, and then Dave, were setting up the plays and swishing them from the outside. He also has a good set. Roy refers to McDonald as "the glue which will hold the team together."

At the moment, the fifth spot is undecided. But it looks like Senior Walt Crowley has the edge. Crowley has plenty of court savvy and poise which will come in handy in those close ball games. Also fighting for a starting berth are Seniors Ed Reid and Joe Keller. Reid's play can be characterized by the word "steady." Ed's not flashy, but always on the job. He will see plenty of action. Keller, at 6' 3", is the only big man on the team. Still rounding into shape, Joe may not play a great deal in the early games. But as time goes on, he may make the first five, depending on how he can make the change from the gridiron to the hardwood. Ready for spot duty and eagerly awaiting the coach's call are Seniors Bill Macchi, Stosh Lattoz, Stan Vernovage and Juniors Potyrala and Richvalsky.



Stan Vernovage



Charley Potyrala



George Richvalsky

DECEMBER

Fri., 10—St. Al's Away
Fri., 17—Trenton Cath. Home
Tues., 21—Bayonne Home
Week 27-31—HCIAA Tourney
Dickinson Gym

JANUARY

Mon., 3—Fordham Prep Collins
Thurs., 6—J. T. Semi Collins
Sat., 8—J. T. Finals Armory
Mon., 10—St. Mike's (J.C.) Home

Wed., 12—Lincoln Away
Fri., 14—Ferris Away
Fri., 21—Dickinson Home
Mon., 24—Snyder Home
Fri., 28—Bayonne Away

FEBRUARY

Tues., 1—Lincoln Home
Fri., 4—St. Mike's (J.C.) Away
Tues., 8—Ferris Home
Fri., 11—St. Al's Home
Tues., 15—Dickinson Away
Thurs., 17—Snyder Away



Leo Gellene skims along sidelines against Xavier after rolling up sizable gain.

PREP 13 XAVIER 6

The Hard Way

It was Prep's ball, 4th down and 1 foot to go. As the Marauders came out of the huddle, the Randall's Island scoreboard read Prep 0, Xavier 6 with 4 minutes left to play. Amabile banged over right guard and cries of "fumble" rang from the Cadet stands. The ref pointed his finger in the opposite direction, and it looked as if all hope of victory had vanished.

The seconds were ticking away and the Cadets were trying to run out the ball and the clock, but Prep would have none of it. On 3rd down Mike Hurley busted in from tackle, threw his solid beef in the way, blocked the pigskin and then pounced on it in the end-zone to knot the score at 6 all. Lining up in the "T," the ball went to Skinner who lowered his head and belted up the score to 7-6.

Sal Perez returned the kickoff to his 32 and Hanigan quickly started raining passes. On the first attempt, Ed Mott, in perfect position for an interception, was pushed by the Xavier receiver who snared the pass and romped to the goal line. But the ref wasn't fooled and it was 2nd and 15, with 1:45 to go. Hanigan again threw but this time Johnny Squeo got his mitts on the toss and literally flew the remaining 33 yards to put the fray on ice. The conversion went

astray at the 1 minute mark. Prep fans chanted out the clock as pass after pass was broken up. Mott's interception put Prep in possession as the final gun went off.

The game was hard fought throughout. Following the opening kickoff and an exchange of punts the Marauders took the offensive for the first time of the afternoon. Amabile commandeered a 55 yard drive before his own fumble put the dampers on it. Shortly thereafter Frank Gregory saw the only other bit of daylight in the first half. Spinning loose on a fullback trap, he traversed 16 yards and appeared headed goalward until the elusive sphere squirmed through his hands into the hands of the Xavier defenders.

Midway in the 2nd quarter the Cadets took possession on their own 45 and began a determined drive for their only tally. Greaney was smothered for a five yard loss back to his 40. But then Perez opened the flood gates with an 8 yard reverse and backed that up with a 21 yard jaunt over the right side of the Prep wall. Fallete racked up a 1st down with a 14 yard burst to the 17. Kissenger and Perez added the final yardage, with Perez bucking over from the 3 for a 6-0 Xavier halftime lead.

Prep on the whole looked sluggish. Two of the brightest lights of the day were the crisp tackling of Steve Sabo and Ed Mott.

PREP 27 DICKINSON 0

Explosive Ending

The Turkey Day crowd of 7,575 at Roosevelt Stadium had barely taken their seats when Bob Sharlow took a handoff from Johnny Amabile, crashed up the middle behind Crane's trap, broke for the sidelines and sprinted 70 yards for a Prep score. The dazzling trap on the first play from scrimmage handed Prep a lead it never relinquished.

The explosive land assault continued one play later. After Mastrolia returned Squeo's kickoff to the Ram 34, Dickinson fumbled and Gorney recovered on the 40. Gregory belted the line for four to the 36, then Sharlow, on a carbon copy of his touchdown play, rambled for 29 to the Ram 7. First and goal! Gellene burst through the left side and fattened the Marauder score. Squeo's PAT split the uprights and Prep led with three minutes gone in the first quarter, 13-0.

Aching for a slice of the traditional bird, Dickinson tried to fight back after taking the kickoff on their own 31. The drive sputtered on the 47 and Esposito was forced to punt on fourth down. Sabo knifed through to block the boot and Charley Voorhees fell on the pigskin on the Ram 38. That TD trap was working like a charm and Sharlow racked up nineteen more to the 19. Gellene fought for six and Gregory was stopped for

no gain. But a 15 yard penalty pushed Prep back to the 27. Amabile rifled a bullet to Skinner for sixteen to the 11. Fourth and 1! Amabile sneaked for the needed yardage and a first down on the 9. Gellene lost four on a sweep, but Amabile hit Skinner on the two and he fought into the end zone for the six points. Squeo was on target and at the end of the first quarter Prep led 20-0.

The Rams' defense stiffened for the rest of the half and only two fumbles checked their drives within the Prep 30.

At the start of the second half Skinner, Sharlow and Gregory began to chew up the soggy turf. From their own 41 the Marauders started goalward on a thrust, featuring Gregory's snappy, sidestepping 31 yard jaunt through the Ram secondary to the Dickinson 16. Amabile notched the tally with a sneak from the one foot line. Squeo converted, 27-0.

Thus did Prep put a polished finish to a season which saw them develop from their "baptism" at the hands of Bayonne to the cohesive unit which won the City Championship. For sharp offensive and defensive play, Joe Keller received the Tommy Myers trophy. For sixteen seniors and Frank Gregory, it was a happy ending to a 5-3-1 season. For Bill Cochrane, juggling his lineups all year long, it was a fitting conclusion to a job well done.



Leo Gellene (to the left of official) spurts into Ram end zone behind wall of blockers.

10 YEAR TRIBUTE

Tops in the Trade

The gun that marked the end of the Prep Dickinson clash last Thursday also marked the tenth anniversary of Bill Cochrane's reign as head football coach of St. Peter's. Since his appointment in 1945, Bill, aided by his right hand man, Joe Zucconi, has led the Maroon and White to an outstanding record of 68 wins, 20 losses and 2 ties.

"Accepting victories with humility and defeats with graciousness, Bill has been the ideal of sportsmanship to which everyone in sports aspires." (James F. Lynch, at the sports dinner which honored Bill's selection as "coach of the year" in '45.) The selection was by no means unexpected; for in his freshman year as Prep mentor he fired the Marauders with his fire and zeal and guided them through to the County Crown. Ten years later, win, lose or draw he has lost none of the humor, patience, personality or diligence that characterized his drive to the top spot in the State.

Joe Zucconi, the "1-2-3-4" man, who has enough color to paint a battleship and enough size to fill one, has in his own way contributed heavily to the glorious Prep tradition. He is the indispensable someone who yields an indefinable something to the squad. He is a blend of Mel Allen and Herman Hickman. He is himself.

In every sense of the word Bill is the fundamentalist. His system is based on a thorough and complete knowledge of the rudiments of the gridiron. Prep has never been known as a power team. Its attack rests on the agility and intelligence of its members and on its balance as a unit. But, by no means does this classify Prep as a team that takes the easy way out. The age of the Marauders is always the determining factor in Bill's system. And the Marauders run young. Think back to two years ago when Prep toppled Memorial. The same boys that played that year are still eligible to play today under county rules; George Waddleton is the only exception! It's been the same



Bill flashes 68th victory smile.

every season. Our county opposition is older by two years or more and that naturally means two years advantage in size and weight. Yet Prep wins!

It has been remarkable that during these ten years Prep has enjoyed as much success as it has. A tremendous amount of that success is due to the herculean pains of its coach. Combining his vast understanding of human nature with exhaustive hours of research and scrutiny of the opposition's offensive style, pet defenses and personnel, he finally evolves his pattern of attack in the pursuit of victory.

Through the early years Bill had always advocated the single wing style of attack. Although he has since abandoned it in favor of the "T", its influence remains in the large number of traps he employs in his offensive patterns. And Prep has consistently been one of the best trapping teams in the state. The caliber of the finished ballplayer has resulted in over \$150,000 in collegiate scholarships for 25 of his more adept pupils.

The balanced attack has always been a mark of a Cochrane coached team. "You're not a football team until you can run with the ball," says Bill. "But still the fastest way to score is through the air." The air lanes have always been open for Prep. Thinking back over the great passers of the

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PRIDE and GLORY

Anthony Acinapura



The Pride and Glory of this issue goes to Tony Acinapura, and well does he deserve it. Tony's success in the classroom and on the gridiron has brought much pleasure to those who can respect and appreciate his happy and hearty personality. Tony, who is known to the school as "Achie," and to Jenny as "Butchie," did not see much action last year due to a broken arm, but he was the mainstay of the Prep spirited traditions. This year he first attracted attention at the Teaneck scrimmage when he scooped up a fumble and rambled fifty yards to set up the first of many Prep scores. Achie has done some plain and fancy blocking at guard this year, throwing his 175 pounds of solid beef in the paths of charging linebackers.

As for his scholastic record, Tony has done very well. During his first three years he has received three honor pins and a handful of honor cards. "Achie" hails from Union City and in the future he has hopes of attending Georgetown University where he will apply his many talents to a pre-med course.



BUSY BEADLES

John McGuire

3-G's prize orator, Johnny McGuire, gets the nod this week for the Busy Beadle honors. Johnny, who commutes daily from Hoboken, is wrapped up in many school activities other than his job of taking attendance. A member of the Beaudevin, McGuire also treads the boards in this year's play.

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Cochrane era, names like Schwarze, Reiger, Hart, Lumino, and Buckley have afforded Prep the long-range aerial that has kept the foe honest and the Prep rolling in TDs.

The future should hold success comparable to that of the past. For the squad is loaded with over two dozen returning men that will form a nucleus that would make any coach turn green with envy. The backfield in particular is steeped with reserves three and four rows deep. But no matter how bright the future appears, Prep will sorely miss the sterling performances of this year's graduating seniors.

A great aid to the fulfillment of that success lies in the character building and infusion of a spirit to win that has caused Bill's students of previous years to exclaim after they had left for their chosen professions "There was none better than Bill!"

Junior Sodality

Renovation, new ideas, drastic changes, these are the keynotes in the description of the new Junior Sodality, recently granted its independence from its "big brother," the Senior Sodality, after many years as one group. Presided over by Mr. Feeney, S.J. and inspired with the enthusiasm of Prefect Charles Byrne and Vice-Prefect Richard O'Neill, the Jays plan an extensive program of helpfulness to their neighbors in honor of Our Lady. Already they have started this policy as demonstrated by their decoration of the St. Peter's Parish Hall for the Puerto Rican Dance, held Thanksgiving night.

During their meeting each Monday afternoon, a faint murmur can be heard escaping from the Student's Chapel as the Jays join in the recitation of the Rosary, followed by an explanation of prayer and its necessity for the interior life.

The Sodalists are looking forward to Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with great anticipation, for it not only marks the close of the Marian Year but also a day of personal dedication for each Sodalist.