

TRIP XAVIER, REGIS FOR J. T. RIBBON!



BIG BUCKET. Johnny Crotty zips through for an important two against St. Al's.

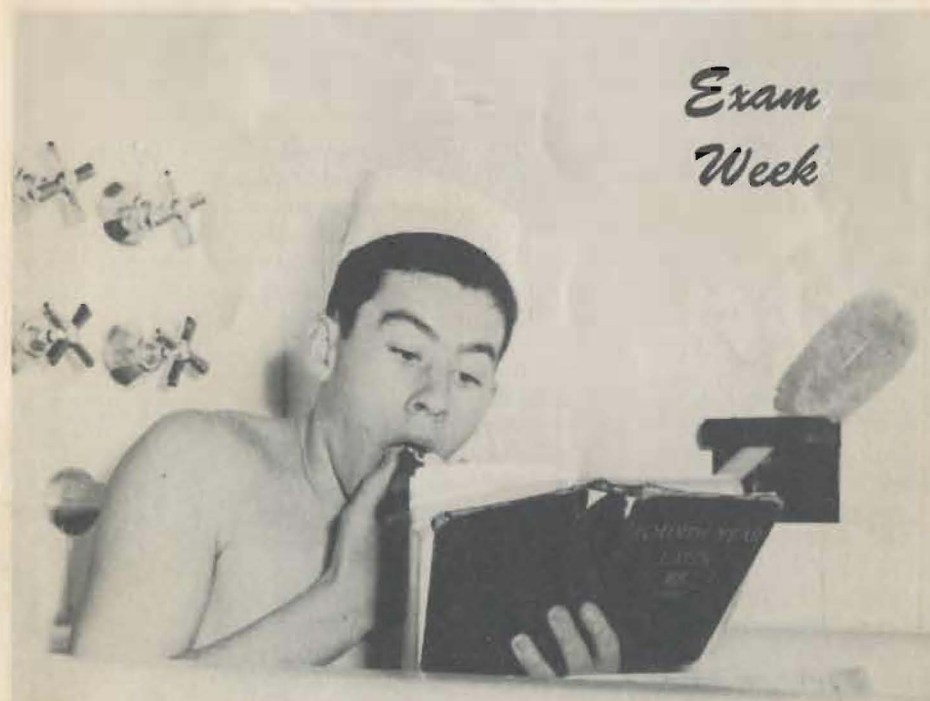
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*Exam
Week*

IN HOT WATER

BRIEFETTES

Senior Retreats Nearing. Mark the three weeks from Monday, February 13 to March 4 as the dates set aside for the approaching Senior Retreats. Frs. Magan, English, and Fahey S.J. are now preparing Gonzaga Retreat House at Monroe, New York, for the coming spiritual sojourn. Word seeps out that the classes will alternate between Monday to Thursday and Thursday to Sunday stays.

First Friday Club. With the passing of this semester the Prep Seniors will become Alumni! At least, in the eyes of the First Friday Club they will be considered such. This club, featuring a well-known speaker every month, meets on the eve of each First Friday for dinner and the usual post-repast ceremonies. This month Judge Charles Murphy, the leader of the comic-cleanup campaign was the main speaker. February's assembly will be graced by the silver-toned voice of Fr. Devaney S.J. of Auriesville. Seniors are free to come, for the usual stipend, of course!

Final Vows. After many years of expectation and patient waiting, the day has finally come. On the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mother, February 2, the Society of Jesus will bestow its final seal of approval on Father Carr. The Principal of Prep will take his final vows as a Jesuit.

Further in Ford. The past month has brought about the tidings that Jim Reilly and Joe Kennedy, both of 4B, have been selected as semi-finalists by the Ford Foundation. The number of aspirants has been cut from 60,000 to 5,000. The remaining contestants will vie for the 240 scholarships offered.

COVER STORY. Exam week is here and many of the Prepsters find themselves in hot water. John McGuire is no exception. As he sits amid swirling wisps of steam, he frantically attacks the poetry of Virgil. Sailor hat and apple prove thought-provoking aids.

Christmas Wrappings

Every Prepster leaned forward attentively as the morning announcements were read on the Thursday before Christmas. All awaited the tidings of freedom usually imparted before a holiday. As the news of the eleven day liberation came forth, the majority cheered and then retouched their last night's homework. Their meditations were rudely interrupted by the soft music of carols. Many shrugged off the songs as figments of the over-taxed minds but these were startled out of their complacency by the voice of Fr. Carr softly whispering messages of good cheer, blessing everyone from Fr. Murray and his jug to the janitor and his mop.

The expression of the Christmas spirit did not end here however, for after four shortened periods all moved to the gym for the first annual Christmas Assembly. Following an opening prayer, the band and the student body joined in the National Anthem. With Paul DeVries masquerading as M.C., the program commenced. The



"Santa" Sam Piscal shows how a little round belly shakes like a bowlfull of jelly.



A section of the Glee Club reaches for high note at Newark Airport.

Glee Club presented a medley of Christmas Carols in a style worthy of their advance notices. Awards were bestowed on members of the Freshmen Honor Society and letters distributed to the Varsity Football Team. Then the Student Body had the opportunity to let off steam by joining in the singing of some famous carols. Next was the gem of the show and the bane of Fr. Butler, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," a patomimic satire on the well known poem by Clement Moore. It featured 200 pounds of bearded Santa (Frank Piscal) drawn by eight broad reindeer. Fr. Rector, whom DeVries insisted was "Fr. Berchmans," delivered his first Christmas greetings as Rector of St. Peter's, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This marked the first time that Benediction had been celebrated in the Gym.

A special word of praise must be tendered to the Glee Club for their fine Christmas showing. Their appearances included three trips to local hospitals with the Sophomore Sodality. In addition, they presented a concert at St. Paul's, Greenville and two days later the Club was invited to perform at Newark Airport. Here the efforts of Mr. Bohn and Mr. Guth S.J. were artfully demonstrated as their songs were well received. At all times during the busy week

before Christmas, the Glee Club conducted itself in a manner that brought much tribute for itself and all at St. Peter's.

Holiday Hop

With lads and lasses bedecked in their freshly opened holiday garb, the Prep Memorial Gymnasium sprung open its doors for the Christmas Dance. Shreds of tinsel adorned the ladies while the men could be seen shedding bits of pine and fir acquired in squirming under the family tree to plug in the lights. As is the norm for monthly dances, this was a "Stag or drag" affair.

The gym began to fill up at 8:00 and the swinging and swaying went on until 11:00. Most of the music was supplied by Fr. Murray and his capable recorder. The real treat of the evening was rhythm and blues presented by the Prep band. They mixed several Montclairs with a few hot jazz numbers and had the crowd hopping. A new idea was introduced to Student Council dances in the form of door prizes.

The affair was slow in starting but due to the valiant efforts of Frs. McCusker and Butler the tempo picked up. Then Frank Gregory came to the fore and added his little needed encouragement for the few wallflowers still remaining. Taken as a whole, it was a noble effort to improve the social life of the Prepster.

College Culture

A few cold Sundays ago, in midafternoon, lower York Street experienced an extraordinary bustle. Its usual pastoral peace was gone; the place was crowded with parked cars, teeming with pedestrians, ringing with the babble of horns and excited voices. And the activity centered around the Prep gym, of all places. You see, this was College Day.

Inside the hall there was noise, too—noise and smoke and a lot of people. Specifically, the crowd consisted of those Juniors and Seniors and their parents who had come to meet with representatives of major Catholic colleges, to listen to a few educational sales talks, and to ask at last those few important questions about college that had been troubling them.

Suddenly the noise subsided. With very little pomp Fr. Carr led a large procession of priests and professors down the center aisle and up onto the stage; a prayer, and Fr. Shalloe took over. The Student Counselor in turn introduced the day's principal speaker, Mr. Vincent P. McInerny, Prep graduate, former Prep teacher, and now director of admissions at St. Peter's College.

It was Mr. McInerny's job to deliver a



Terry Kennedy and mom talk with St. Joe's.



Widespread goings-on at College Day!

well-chosen word or two on the subject of Catholic education, and so he briefly outlined its purposes: to develop the perfect and completely Catholic man by moral influences and by an increase in all knowledge with an eye toward the viewpoint of the Church. He spoke of the infinite worth of religious training, and of the necessity that that training be continued after high school. And he also pointed out, with the help of statistics, that our Catholic institutions can compete scholastically with any other college in the country.

At his conclusion, the real work of the afternoon began—the private conferences. In less than two shakes of Fr. Murray's whip, a small mob had closed in on each of the delegations and was assailing them with questions from every angle. Most colleges had managed to send two representatives: one from the faculty for important questions and one from the student body for practical ones. But this didn't speed the lines up much; it only brought on more questions.

All in all, the afternoon seemed a great success. In many instances it meant the difference between a guessed-at choice of a college and a deliberate one.

Dutch Treat

Three Prepsters listened eagerly and silently. Most of Prep was still for the Christmas holiday had begun an hour ago. Every once in a while the prevailing quiet was jolted by merry harmonizing by the revelers at the teachers' Christmas party. Outside the snow was flying in circles trying to avoid the stinging bite of the December wind. Then, a rich, full voice spoke with a touch of merry ol' England. Mr. Johann Scheffer was telling the tale of Christmas as it is celebrated in his native Holland.

"The most noticeable difference of Christmas in Holland from Christmas here is that we do not exchange gifts on that day. In the United States when Christmas gifts are mentioned, jolly Santa Claus pops into mind. Well, in Holland the time for 'surprises' (that's what we call the presents) is December 6th, the feast of St. Nicholas or Santa Claus." Here Mrs. Scheffer broke in and in a voice sweeter but no less rich than her husband's she interpolated, "Our St. Nick is very much like your Santa Claus in temperament but he comes here in a different garb, by the help of a different animal, and with a companion. Since St. Nicholas was a bishop, he comes wearing a miter and the ecclesiastic garb. No red-nosed reindeer and no sled carry this bearer of gifts. No, he rides a big white stallion. Black Peter, a dark-skinned Moor, accompanies him and carries a large sack, supposedly to carry away the bad children."

"Many people think" added Mr. Scheffer, that St. Nick was a Dutchman. But this is not so. He is widely associated with Spain although he is actually from Asia Minor."

There seemed to be a glint in Mr. Scheffer's eyes as he thought of the many Christmases he had spent in his homeland. "Christmas is a very quiet and peaceful celebration in Holland." There's Midnight Mass and during the day we enjoy a delicious family feast. The Dutch do not decorate the outside of their houses as the Americans do, but the insides are resplen-

dent with festive trimmings."

Suddenly the sparkle that had shone in Mr. Scheffer's eyes dimmed and a touch of past melancholy shaded his voice. "There were many happy Christmases but there were also a few celebrated under the severest hardships. In December 1944 the Germans still were in control of Holland. They were cutting off the supply of food and many were starving. Death claimed many of the young and aged. Anyway, in spite of the discouraging trials, we were having a relatively joyous Christmas. We were gathered together in our home when we heard the whistling of a buzz bomb. An eerie stillness pervaded the house. The whirring of the missiles was a common sound to us. But this one bore a note of approaching tragedy. As we listened in fearful anticipation, the bomb landed with a thunderous roar. The whole house shuddered and the front of the house was turned into rubble. Luckily the bomb didn't explode but the tremendous impact with which it crashed into our house worked havoc."

The gleam returned to Mr. Scheffer's eyes as his thoughts turned to happier times. But there has been many a Christmas overflowing with joy and contentment. This, our first in the United States, will be high on the list of our happiest times."

Good Skate. All over the world, wherever good skaters meet, there's only one topic of conversation nowadays. In Peking they talk of the "Chuckling Ching-Yu"; in White Russia, the "Bouncing Baluga"; in Jersey, it's the "Whale-on-Wheels"; but it's all the same affair, and it's coming up again — this year on Friday, February 10. The price is still fifty cents (seventy-five for Petrean members), the paying guests all girls, and the time from three to six, with last period off, thanks to our skating-minded principal. It all adds up to a WOW of a time.

Frosh Night

"Get back, you suckers" perorated freshman Luke Rooney as he beheld the crowd of 250 people before him in the St. Peter's grammar school auditorium. No, he wasn't being attacked; he was giving a declamation from "John Brown's Body" (by Stephen Vincent Benet) on Freshman Night. Luke was one among many frosh who spoke on the night of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th.

The purpose of Freshman Night was to help solve a particular problem that has plagued St. Peter's Dramatic and Oratorical societies as far back as the school can remember. Year after year the Prep has staged its plays and entered its oratorical competitions with the uneasy feeling that it was using its "second team" so to speak. The talent discovered will help to solve the situation in 1958 and 1959.

The agenda for the night consisted of two one-act plays, each with a cast of half a dozen actors, plus three specimens of solo oratorical work sandwiched in between. The first one-act play was "Colchicum Autumnale" written by Arthur Pierson and William J. McCarthy. The cast included Brian Kelly 1A, Christopher du Laney II, John Brady II, Robert Scully II, Raymond Kunz II, and Lawrence Gladysz, 1A. Following this there was a humorous declamation by Anthony Lancia, 1B taken from a scene out of George S. Kaufman's play "Solid Gold Cadillac." For a complete change of mood there followed an oratorical specimen, first presented on June 20th, 1940 at Harvard University by Cordell Hull, which on Freshman Night was executed by Joseph Braun. Next on the list was the dramatic oration of "John Brown's Body" done by Luke Rooney. To conclude the evening a one-act play by Percival Wilde entitled "Refund" was presented. Comprising the cast were Gerald Manna 1H, Robert Kibbler 1F, Robert Graham 1F, Michael Curry 1G, Edward Dolan 1D, Robert Flach 1G, and Thomas Gherardi 1B.

The entire program was prepared by Mr. T. Meisse S.J., and the orators were trained under the experienced hand of Mr. McFadden. Judging by the beaming countenances of the audience, it was evident that Freshman Night was a splendid success.

Theme Song

A list of the biographers of St. Ignatius would certainly present a very impressive roll. Included in that distinguished group would be some of the greatest names in hagiography: Ribadeniera, Astrain, Tacchi, Venturi, Pollen, Van Dyke, Harvey, Thompson and Dudon. And now, a name already famous in literary circles, the Petrean, must be added to this list.

For almost two months the energetic Petrean staff has worked feverishly to create this masterpiece of prose. They have read every available work on Ignatius. And now, at last, the fruit of their toils has been realized as the Petrean theme for 1956, "The life of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Soldier Saint," goes to press.

Appropriately chosen to commemorate the fourth centenary of the death of Inigo, the theme will run throughout the entire book. A unique manner of presentation has been devised by the clever Petrean minds. On every second page will appear a paragraph from the life of Ignatius. Thus, as you read the book you will encounter a running biography of the Jesuit founder. The effect will be heightened by using the seal of the Society of Jesus as a background for each excerpt.

"Different" was the promise, and a different book it shall be. But alas, the files are closed to further scrutiny and so we will have to wait until May to experience the thrill of viewing the different 1956 Yearbook.

Other news from the humble office beneath the Petroc is the success of the Patron drive. For the second year in a row, junior Bruce Batali was awarded the twenty-five dollar first prize. Quite a man, this Batali.

Spellbound

Are there two "m's" or two "e's" in "recommendation?" Does "analysis" have two or three "a's"? How many double letters are there in "committee"? If you know any budding eighth grade genii who can answer these questions, inform them that now is the time to make their knowledge pay dividends. For on Sunday afternoon, March 18, the Prep will sponsor a spelling bee; and a full tuition scholarship will be awarded as first prize. Father Carr intends to make this an annual affair for the grammar schools of the area.

At the moment, approximately one hundred schools have accepted the invitations extended by Fr. Carr. Each participating school will send one boy and one alternate. These grade school flashes will then be cut down to size by a panel of judges who have not yet been chosen. One thing which is certain, however, is that Gloria Lockerman, of "\$64,000 Question" fame, will not be a contestant. Another kind gesture on the part of the school is having a woman ask the questions. This is in all fairness to the boys who are accustomed to the soft, gentle voices of kindly sisters.

As the contest progresses, the words will become increasingly difficult. When there are just two boys remaining, and one of them misses, the other boy must spell a new word in addition to the one missed by the first. If he successfully spells these two words, he will be declared the grand champion and will be awarded the scholarship to Prep.

Fr. Butler who is directing the clash gives a number of reasons for holding the spelling bee. The most important of these is the fact that not enough emphasis is placed on spelling by the average grade school boy. As a result, he is not fully prepared for high school work or for employment in a responsible position, upon completion of his education. Since a boy must work hard to win the scholarship, the spelling bee will point up the value.

Everyone here at Prep is anxiously waiting to see who will spell his way into Prep on the scholarship. This prize is certainly well worth the effort.

By the way, how many "m's" are there in "recommendation"?

Chess Club

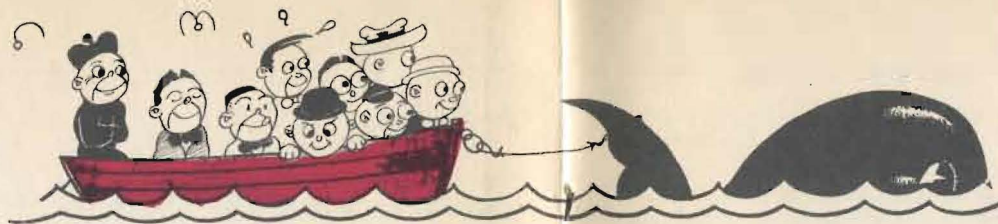
Sound the trumpets! Roll out the red carpet! Royalty has finally arrived at the Prep. Well, not really royalty, but "THE ROYAL GAME OF CHESS" is here to stay. After making an attempt at organization last year, the Chess Club is now a thriving body. Leading this fine group is the continental master-mater, Fr. Jaschko, who is already noted as the diligent Swimming coach. Sometime shortly he hopes to start a Ski Club, too!

Chess, with its 32 men on the board of 64 squares, is a game requiring intense concentration since there are thousands of possible combinations of moves. The name of the game itself comes from the Persian word "Shah," meaning king. For this reason chess is usually believed to have originated in Persia or some nearby country. It can be traced back to the 6th century but probably goes back to about 3000 B.C. From the 6th to the 15th centuries, there were a few changes to make the game more interesting, but from the 16th century to the present, the same rules have prevailed.

The core of the chessboard addicts are Carl Stetz, President; Anthony Arlotto, Vice-President; and Joseph Muskin, secretary.

Worthy of mention is the fact that the club will accept boys who don't already know how to play chess and teach them the intricacies of this illustrious game. For the immediate future, two tournaments are planned; one for experienced players, and one for beginners.

It looks interesting. PETROC advises all who enjoy games of skill (there is little element of chance in chess) to join up and learn the favorite indoor sport of all time.



PRIDE and GLORY



"Erin Go Bragh!" The Emerald Isle furnishes this issue's P & G. Jim Reilly of 4B, well-known for his green tie and green britches (an Irishman through and through this lad!), claims the countenance above.

This man of many talents has been thrust even further into the limelight recently as the Ford Foundation chose him as a semi-finalist in their National Scholarship Program. Besides his shiny I.R.A. button Jim is most proud of his gleaming glockenspiel or the bells, as the uninitiated term this musical instrument. Mr. Reilly's basso profundo also gives the needed dash of depth to the glee club. When this son of Dublin leaves the realm of sweet harmony he can be found wading through the classics with the Tillers or helping to put together the next issue of the Literama. Needless to say, this Prepster has a cache of honor cards.



BUSY BEADLES

Bill Babo, 4D's hot-rodder from Teaneck receives this issue's "Beadle Toast." Bill's favorite pastime is cruising about the countryside in his '56 Ford. The General Course claims his scholastic talents which netted him honor pins in his freshman and junior years. A pre-med course at St. Peter's is prominent among Bill's future plans.

Moseyin' McGuire

Father McCusker is at it again, stuffing the 4A "feed" bag" with tags from Toyland (Troyland). Just note how wisely these names portray the characters of those to whom they are applied. Mean Ulysses, the Greek hero, is now John "Speedy" Stapienski; Simon the Greek spy, Bill Plastine; Fred Calebrese become Anchises; Richard Kelly is the South Wind, Africus; Bob Sharlow acts as a "pulchra puella;" Sal LaForgia is sharp Achilles; Marcel Wagner masquerades as Agamemnon and John Kip as Paris; and you guessed it, Aeneas is Mike Higgins.

The guy who thinks our jokes are bad
Would surely change his say,
If he compared the ones we print
With those we throw away.

Pete Reavy and Ray Novak were over at the National Art Gallery last Sunday admiring the works of the famous artists; Rembrandt, Michelangelo, etc. Finally Reavy came to a modern art painting, and not being art-minded he asked Novak "I don't like this picture; Ray, I wonder why they hung it here?" "Simple, replied Ray, "Because they couldn't find the artist to hang here."

Joe Stuzynski, charcoal-broiling hamburgers at his father's restaurant was patiently listening to an irritated customer's "son," the man growled "How old is this soup? These hamburgers taste like foam rubber horseshoes. This coffee taste like muddy dish water. On the whole, son, this meal isn't fit for a pig." "Well, give it back" retorted Studz "and I'll bring you something that is."

Candid Quotes

There are varied opinions on the theory that pre-exam cramming is a valuable auxiliary to the student. Do you agree?



Pat Barry: If it had not been for last minute cramming I certainly would have had a more difficult time with many exams. Since the tests are at the end of each term, one can easily forget

what was taught a few months before. Yet, a student should be moderate in cramming.

Bob Corbett: I think that a great deal depends on the individual. Some can get by with little or no study and so little or no cramming, while others have to study hard to acquire what they know and for them it is almost a necessity to cram. By the way, what is cramming?



prove helpful just as a means of recalling forgotten work, but not as a way of acquiring the required term's work.



Hank Kawalek: I disagree. The way I figure it, if you study the way you should every night, there is no need for last minute cramming. A little review however, would, no doubt,

Dr. Algie Answers:

PISH GISH WRITES: Doctor! need help quickly . . . about to be eaten alive by python . . . middle of Brazilian jungle . . . rush short wave information on what to do!

A. There's good news in store for you. There are no pythons in South America. What you may have wrapped around you is the Ranthora Colentus, an almost extinct reptile common to that area. His hide is priceless; don't let him get away. Always glad to be of assistance.

BEDELIA OBERDONN WRITES: Dear Doctor, in a former column of yours you stated that you are a veterinarian. Recently I purchased a ming llama and have tried feeding it everything, but to no avail. The only thing it can eat is animal tongues which, as you can imagine, are very expensive and not the best thing for insuring neighborhood harmony. Do you know of another food which is may be fed?

A. Golf balls are a great delicacy for the ming llama and one of the few things it can digest.

Horrorscope



Forgione: That was a brave thing you did, snatching that beautiful, young girl out from in front of the trailer truck. As Fate would have it, you will meet her again. One can easily recognize her by the run-down look on her face and the wavy black lines on her brow. Cashman: You are destined to wed a very kind lassie. She'll look like Lassie too. McKeever: You will receive a government job in the near future. Opportunity for great wealth. After a few years leave Washington, change your name and go straight.

PREP 83 XAVIER 62

Crackling Fire

The trophy which has graced the Prep library for five of the past six years was given a dusting off and placed on the line once again as the Marauders marched off to the Collins Memorial Gymnasium to meet Xavier in Jesuit Tourney play. Once arrived Prep quickened the step and ran Xavier ragged in the first half. Fine defensive play and George Richvalski's backboard battle made the early difference as the Marauders went on to wrap it up 83-62.

After a nice cold two minutes, Xavier's Brunone sank a free throw and the Cadets went into the lead for the first and last time of the afternoon. The next four minutes were all Prep. McDonald arched a jump and Richvalski followed in quick succession with four foul shots. Blaney pumped a one-hander and Richvalski made it 10-1 before Turco wormed through with a Cadet deuce. Richvalski popped and Brunone answered with a brace of fouls but was drowned out rudely as Pedone fired a jump, McDonald drove in, and Mike followed him right through making it 18-5. Kelly and Brunone brought Xavier up to 18-9 but that's as close as they got. The Marauders took Xavier offense apart at the seams and bounded ahead 25-9 before the buzzer, as Coach Halligan, sensing the chance for an early "kill," ordered the full court press.

In the second quarter chaos continued as the press took its full toll. Kelly rang up two from the charity stripe and then the fur began to fly. Crotty hit a jump, Pedone followed with a foul, then came across the keyhole with another jumper. Crotty back-handed a twisting lay-up and Pedone dropped in a pair of free ones. It was 34-11 and the Cadets were reeling from the cross-fire. Crotty added three more and the total was 37-11 before Turco hung up a Xavier tally. McDonald kept up the fire with a jump, then Xavier warmed up. Kelly matched jumps with Pedone. Blaney and Brunone swapped deuces. From here it was

on an even keel down to the half-time buzzer which found the Marauders drifting along very comfortably, 47-28.

In the opening minutes of the third quarter the Cadets fixed their sights and began closing the range. Speed replaced sluggishness and the fast break was the remedy for their sick first half offense. But it wasn't quite potent enough and the net result was a better but still distant 63-48 count when the bell sounded.

What the doctor ordered for Xavier is not a new prescription for the Marauders and they showed the fast break with even better result. A fourth period drive with Duffy and Pedone packing most of the wallop flattened Xavier for the count. The second club took over and coasted through the final minutes.



Mike leaves Soldiers behind on fast break.

PREP 62 REGIS 56

Off-Stride Win

The present Peacock Tournament proved that speed and aggressiveness can still win out over height. The Marauders gave a smart demonstration of this in copping the Tourney as they beat a surprisingly tough Regis team, 62-52 in the finale. Though Pedone and Crotty were named to the all-tourney team and Crotty took home the M.V.P. trophy, it was little Jim McDonald who stood out as the master engineer of the Prep victory.

Mac dropped in a jump to open the game but McGuire put in one of his many driving hooks for the equalizer. It was even-steven for the first seven minutes but in the next five minutes Prep outscored Regis 17-2 in what turned out to be the winning surge. Pedone and McDonald hit with jumps at the quarter mark to make it: Prep 20, Regis 15. Crotty came through with a drive and a brace of fouls and Pedone picked up a deuce and an assist on Crotty's chippie, before McGuire collected the Owls'



Richvalski jumps against Regis.

first tallies of the second period: Prep 28, Regis 15. Prep walked off the floor at intermission time leading by 10. Halftime comment among the faithful found Prep fast but wild and erratic on converting their fast break opportunities.

But Regis came out of the dressing room a changed team and within three minutes they had cut the lead to four. But jumps by Richvalsky, McDonald and Crotty plus Pedone's jumper doubled the lead as the third period came to a close, 50-42.

Regis once again cut it to four on pops by Ohlmüller and McGuire, and then to two as Ohlmüller connected for successive jumps with five minutes to go. Drives by Kuhn and McGuire matched jumps by Blaney and McDonald and the clock read 4:20. Here Prep went into a freeze which featured some pretty dribbling by McDonald and Crotty. "Mac" finally put in a one hander from the circle at the two minute mark and Prep led 58-54. Thirty seconds later Richvalsky iced the game with a pair of fouls. Jump shots by McGuire and Blaney made the final score 62-56 as the Prep missed four foul attempts in the last minute.

Coach Jerry Halligan's five have come a long way since the Trenton loss as shown in their three big victories this week. Jerry is extremely happy over the improvement of George Richvalsky and Jim McDonald. George's worth was clearly shown in the Xavier contest when he outplayed his taller rival. As for McDonald he was absolutely sensational in the tourney final. He was hitting like mad with his one handed jumper, connecting on seven out of eight tries. He also rebounded well and on defense he held his man to a deuce.

OUR ERROR. The Whale really goofed on this one. On its calendar the State Catholic Relays were scheduled for next month. They were run off last Saturday and Prep won them! Story next issue!

PREP 52 BAYONNE 47

Tight Defense

Following the rout of Xavier, Prep journeyed to Bayonne and invaded the Beehive with caution but still came away with the honey in a close-to-the-vest, tightly-played contest. The Marauders performed some brilliant last period surgery in slicing up a puzzling Bayonne zone to pull it out, 52-47. A switching man to man defense held tight against the Bees' weave but Prep almost blew the game on the foul stripe, registering only 14 points in 31 attempts.

With both teams working for the good shot, the first quarter pace was slow and neither club could hold any kind of a lead. Hart opened the scoring with a pop and Richvalsky fired back with a jump. Purnell splashed a hook which Pedone answered from the corner with a jump. Hart bombed a 30-footer and Crotty dumped a lazy left-hand hook from the pivot. At 6-all, Morchower converted two free throws, then Crotty tapped in an errant toss and Pedone followed with a leaping lay-up as Prep took the lead, 10-8. Purnell tied it up again with a jump, Hart and Crotty traded deuces but Pedone beat the buzzer with a jumper, making it 14-12 at the quarter.

In the second stanza it was still conservative basketball and still bucket for bucket. Pedone pushed the lead to 15-13 with a foul but the Bees knotted the count with three rapid fire free throws. Both clubs banged away and in the next six minutes the lead

changed hands eight times before the Bees' walked off at halftime on top, 25-23.

Things got a little hotter after intermission. McDonald hit a jump shot at the three-minute mark of the third canto and the Marauders went ahead, 30-29. Then Hart and Purnell went on a six-point binge to spurt the Bees' in front 35-30. Crotty swished a jump, then added a brace of fouls, Capitano tallied a foul shot but Pedone brought stalemate again at 36-36. Morchower and Pedone matched points at the foul line; then the Bees hit a jump shot but once again Mike had the answer and tied it up 39-39 with a last second deuce.

The opening minutes of the final period proved to be the ball game. McDonald hit a set and Pedone bombed: 43-39. Morchower drove for a Bee deuce but that was their last for the next five minutes. Richvalsky made it 45-41. Blaney added a foul, then a jumper: 48-41. Richvalsky pushed through a free throw and it was 49-41 at 4:00 when the Marauders went into a freeze. The freeze held until 1:50 before the Bees' got possession and tried a frantic comeback. Hart scored two fouls and Farmer canned a jump but Pedone put the crusher on with a neat layup at 0:29. With one last exchange of baskets the game ended.

This was a big win for the Marauders as it jumped them into the lead in the South Hudson standings and marked them as the team to beat.

HOW THE MARAUDERS ARE HITTING SO FAR

P.	TEAM	OP.	CROTTY					PEDONE				
			GA/G	FA/F	R	A	P	GA/G	FA/F	R	A	P
71	St. Aloysius	61	19/9	17/12	6	4	30	18/8	0/0	7	0	16
67	Trenton Cath.	78	15/7	16/11	4	4	25	10/4	6/5	5	0	13
82	Snydel	58	9/4	10/7	5	3	15	20/10	2/1	9	2	21
83	Xavier	62	16/9	10/4	3	1	22	13/8	12/7	4	4	23
52	Bayonne	47	11/3	8/3	4	0	9	19/6	6/4	9	3	16
62	Regis	56	11/6	12/5	1	2	17	13/5	6/5	6	1	15
TOTALS			81/38	73/42	22	14	118	83/41	33/22	40	7	104

PREP 71 ST. ALOYSIUS 61

John's Night

Coach Jerry Halligan inaugurated his coaching tenure at the Prep in fine fashion as Prep's speed overcame a scrappy St. Al's five in a thrilling 71-61 win. Down one with a minute to go in the third quarter Prep, led by sub Charlie Potyrala and John Crotty, ran off twelve straight markers to ice the game. It was Crotty who wound up with 30 points and who finally stopped the Aloysian gunner, Richie Kaminsky. Prep's main flaw was their excessive fouling. Richvalsky fouled out and Pedone was forced to spend a long time on the bench.

Prep broke fast and led at the quarter mark 18-13 thanks to 4 buckets by Mike Pedone. Mike hit on two jumps and cashed in on two passes from Crotty on the fast break. Halfway through the second period Prep led, 28-22, but they could manage only a foul shot by Crotty in the remaining 4 minutes as St. Al's forged ahead.

Fallon opened the scoring in the third period with a pair of fouls which were matched by Crotty. John put Prep back in the lead with a three point play but Kaminsky dropped in five straight points before Blaney connected with a set, 38-36 St. Al's. Crotty put Prep ahead with back to back drives but then Kaminsky, Walsh and Krumm strung together six and St. Al's took over, 44-40. Crotty's jump and hook and Blaney's three point play sandwiched

about a DiLeonardo deuce made it 47-46 Prep, with a minute to go.

Here Coach Halligan inserted Potyrala, Charlie immediately fouled Fallon who converted on both chances. St. Al's did not score another point for four minutes while the Prep racked up 12 and the ball game. Potyrala gunned in a jump and Crotty followed with two charity tosses as the third quarter ended. To begin the final canto Potyrala wrapped a set and a jump around a Pedone special and Blaney's set climaxed the twelve point run.

Kaminsky finally broke the ice with a jumper but Crotty found Pedone all alone for an easy chippie. Crotty's sizzling drive and Blaney's two fouls negated baskets by DiLeonardo and Krumm. At the two minute mark DiLeonardo and Crotty matched a brace of fouls. St. Al's cut it to six with forty seconds remaining on long sets by Kelly and DiLeonardo and Walsh's foul shot. Then MacDonald and Duffy came back with drives before a fast emptying gym to make the final tally.

Coach Halligan was satisfied on the whole with the Prep performance, especially Crotty's defense work on Kaminsky. He also noted that it was Potyrala who finally lit the spark on offense. George Blaney was also praised for his second half work and as for Pedone, he was great while he played but the fouls hurt. His 16 points were second Prep only to Crotty's 30.

IN GAMES TO DATE

McDONALD					RICHVALSKY					BLANEY				
GA/G	FA/F	R	A	P	GA/G	FA/F	R	A	P	GA/G	FA/F	R	A	P
11/2	1/0	3	1	4	5/2	0/0	9	0	4	8/3	3/3	4	1	9
12/3	6/1	2	0	7	6/0	2/1	7	0	1	12/6	4/3	2	0	15
18/6	6/1	5	1	13	15/6	4/1	15	0	13	3/1	0/0	2	0	2
17/4	6/1	7	2	8	4/4	6/6	10	0	14	12/3	0/0	2	1	6
6/3	3/1	2	0	7	11/5	7/2	4	0	12	10/2	7/4	3	0	8
8/7	7/4	5	4	18	5/1	5/4	7	0	6	6/3	0/0	3	0	6
72/25	29/8	24	8	57	46/18	24/14	52	0	50	51/18	14/10	16	2	46

TRENTON CATH 78 PREP 67

Bitten Bad

Friday evening, Dec. 16, saw the Prep hardwood five invade the State Capitol only to be upset 78-67 by a rugged, race-horse Trenton Catholic quint in a preview of the probable 1956 Catholic "A" State title clash.

Following the initial tap, almost four minutes slipped by without a score before Prep's ace, John Crotty, connected on two free throws to crack the ice. Then, with Blaney and McDonald finding the range on short jumpers from the foul line, Prep ripped to a scant 12-10 lead at the quarter.

Opening the second period, finding the T.C. middle closed tight as a drum, the Marauders, with their usual deadly bombs missing the mark, began to force shots and to throw the pumpkin away. When Pollard pushed one through from the corner, Trenton surged to the fore, 14-12, never to be headed again. At the four minute mark Pedone swished one of his specials through the cords, reducing the Trenton lead to one, 18-17, but the South Jersey crew, featuring sizzling fast breaks, rolled up a 24-17 cushion with two minutes remaining in the half. After Pedone caged two foul attempts, Trenton, sweeping the backboards clean, pulled away to take a commanding 30-21 lead at the buzzer.

Sending his club back onto the floor after intermission, Coach Jerry Halligan employed a semi-press with McDonald and Crotty hounding the opposition in backcourt. Suddenly the Maroon attack began to roll. With Trenton leading 34-23, George Blaney, chopped down on a drive, canned his first charity toss and although his second flip went astray, Mike Pedone slammed the rebound through the hoop for the score. Then Crotty got hot! Caging twelve points in rapid fire order, John lifted Prep within three markers of the Trenton five, 42-39. But the boys from the Capitol would not die. Fast breaking to perfection, they roared away maintaining a comfortable seven point bulge 51-44 as the third quarter closed.

After a few moments had elapsed in the final period, it was evident that the Preppers were running out of gas. The pressing and ball-hawking tactics, which were so successful in the third stanza, were taking their toll. While Prep was losing its zing, Trenton seemed to become even stronger as they spurted to a 65-49 advantage with five minutes remaining to play. Peter's did not quit. Jim O'Conner provided the artillery as the Maroon closed the gap to eleven, 67-56. But the Prep could draw no closer, for Trenton matched our marksmen bucket for bucket.



Mac ruins Cadets with deadly jump.

PREP 85 SNYDER 58

Snyder Stomped

Rebounding from the sour note down Trenton way, the Marauders put together a red hot rendition of "The Striped Cat Blues," with a point-a-minute beat as they "bruised" Snyder 82-58 last Monday night.

Snyder's Piasecki broke the scoring ice with a quick jump which Pedone quickly matched. Walters squeezed through for a deuce but that was the beginning of the end as Prep held a rousing six minute jam session. Richvalski tallied a jump, McDonald canned a pop and Pedone tossed in a free throw, following with another jump. Prep bounded ahead 13-4 as Crotty sank a brace of fouls. McDonald pushed for two and added a free throw. Crotty chimed in with a foul shot, making it 17-4 and Pedone put the cap on, 19-4 before Monis hit a jumper for the Tigers. Walters and Pedone matched deuces but Pozniak had the final say making it, 21-10 at the first period buzzer.

In the second quarter the Marauders were off and running again, breezing downcourt like hounds after the hare. With Pedone, McDonald and Crotty up front, Prep tied together a ten point string and were out in front, 31-24 when the half-time buzzer rang.

The intermission did Snyder little good, for after munching a potent orange, the Marauders were riding herd again. McDonald, Crotty and Pedone dumped a quick six, upping the lead, 37-24. Amato and Richvalski swapped jumps, then Piasecki drove through and followed it with a pair of fouls. Richvalski stepped to the line and sank one to make it 60-30. Pedone hit a jump, Crotty sank a pair from the charity stripe, then traded deuces with Piasecki before Coach Halligan called a halt. The subs mopped up effectively.

Coach Ed Markey of St. Michael's, Vermont was an interested onlooker at the proceedings. "Best fast break I've seen in high school in some time."

Swim Notes

Snyder sunk the Prep frogmen at the former's pool in the season's opening meet. St. Peters pushed the City Champs to the hilt before bowing 38-34. Losing to Snyder under any circumstances is no disgrace. But considering that Prep was coachless for several weeks, our fishmen staged a valiant showing. The team was hampered from the first by the loss of Fr. Jascho, the coach, who caught pneumonia. Now that Father has recovered, things look to brighten up.

At the Snyder meet Danny McHugh splashed home first in the 100 yard backstroke. Sprayed by McHugh, "Bucky" McConville took third place. Frank Iacobelli placed second in the breast-stroke and captured the individual medley crown. Bernie Whalen and Corcoran grabbed two third spots in the medley and the 40 yard free style respectively. Bob Devine was a mainstay on the squad, placing second in the 100 yard free style. Martin Daly also snared a number two spot. The Prep free style relay team, composed of Corcoran, Frietag, Witterschein, and Daly, picked up seven points with a first.

Frank Iacobelli, the electric eel, had this to say concerning the team: "With Fr. Jascho back on the job the team has experienced an increase in enthusiasm and we can look forward to a pretty good season. Witterschein and Frietag are among the county's most promising "sprint" men.

Certainly the squad is determined. Every day at 5:30 Devine, VonThaden, Schenk, and the other mermen are seen at the C.Y.O. pool.

Only a few of us are acquainted with the swim score rules. Five points are allotted for a first; three for second; one for third. The winning relay team is credited with seven points. A player may participate in only two events. One of the most interesting of the events is the medley, which employs all three strokes, the orthodox breast-stroke, the butterfly, and the free style. The butterfly is the out of water breast-stroke.