

HALLIGAN'S HOOLIGANS HOPPIN' HAPPY!



SUSPENDED ANIMATION! Blaney reaches for a rebound that hasn't yet descended. McDonald anxiously awaits the outcome.

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VALENTINE DAY TIE-UP!



Final Vows. Father Carr professes openly his final vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, prior to the reception of Holy Communion administered by Father Morris. This avowal marked the culmination of seventeen years of laborious preparation. The ceremony took place on the Feast of the Purification in St. Peter's Church before the assembled juniors and seniors and a gathering of friends and acquaintances. Father Rector was the celebrant while priestly members of the faculty filled the Sanctuary.

The keynote of the service was obedience. The significance of this virtue was most eloquently expressed by Father McCusker who delivered the sermon. The last words of St. Ignatius Loyola were recalled as the paramount of earthly accordance with the will of God. In earlier years, lured by the visions of glorious conquests over the instruments of Satan in far off lands, Ignatius had been set to head for Jerusalem. But the Pope intervened and thus came about the foundation of the Jesuit order. Thus, also, began an unbroken succession of perfect obedience. In accordance with this succession, our own Father Carr knelt before the altar of God to pledge his lifelong adherence to Christ, speaking through his superiors.

Those juniors and seniors present can well profit from the ceremony they viewed. For this was the finest moment attainable on an earthly basis. It represented the end of preparatory labor and the beginning of a more full life of dedication "For the greater glory of God."

Identifiable in the picture are: Fr. Rector, Fr. Carr, Fr. McBride, administrator; Fr. Purcell, Fr. Reilly, former teacher at Prep and now connected with the Church; and Thomas Kiernan, Mass Server.

Stalag 17

Come the month of March and the tramping of feet, the blaring of sirens, the rattle of machine guns will herald the arrival of the 1956 Prep production, *Stalag 17*. Yes, a saga of a band of men thrown together by circumstances and forced to suffer under cramped living conditions, privation, and strict regimentation will be portrayed at Grand and Warren.

The play weaves the tale of a group of American prisoners of war in a concentration camp, *Stalag 17*, somewhere in Germany during the latter part of World War II. Somewhere in the barracks lurks an enemy agent, who is causing tremendous losses, losses of trivial yet sanity-retaining pleasures and comforts of prison life, and even the stark loss of life itself. How he at first avoids suspicion and eventually is forced to show his hand would be the plot of the tale.

At first the audience is left to play detective as it tries to pick out the spy, but at the close of the second act the cloud of disguise before the culprit evaporates for the benefit of the people in the orchestra. Since most of the cast is still ignorant of the identity of the spy, the audience leans over in anticipation as the play reaches an ironical climax.

The POW situation affords many comical and laugh-provoking moments, as all who saw the movie can testify. The ludicrous announcements of a twangy messenger and the rapid-fire wise-cracks of the men guarantee a side-splitting evening.

Although the play is amply provided with

whimsical and downright funny incidents, the theme of pressure under confinement is pointedly pushed to the fore. Almost every remark of the men, every detail of the barracks is pregnant with the tenseness of the atmosphere. The rumbling of gnawing hunger, the brain-washing monotony, the senseless brutality are skillfully and artistically played on.

Charles J. Colby, actor, director, playwright, and producer, will handle the reins as head man. Despite his relative youth, he has a list of achievements the length of his 6-foot-plus frame. He has written a Broadway play, "House on the Cliff," acted in several Broadway shows, produced a series of radio programs and has directed plays at Regis and Marymount and many other high schools. But more impressive than his attainments is the fire of the man, his spirit is authoritative, enthusiastic, and most important, contagious.

"We are well pleased with the casting," beams Mr. Colby, "and the stage crew is a hustling bunch. We're pretty certain we will fulfill our purpose: to give a real professional performance to the Prep."



Joe Kennedy enjoys Director Colby.

Cover Story. This one is a natural. Every afternoon that senior Dick O'Neil is on the Prep switchboard, sweet young things are dialed the city over. That irate Jesuit on the top floor is our own Mr. Dwyer who seems to be losing the struggle with patience!

BRIEFETTES

Hardwood Hop. As the basketball season reaches its peak, Prep will once again honor its team at the annual Hardwood Hop tomorrow night. The gym, decorated with the scores of the season's games awaits the lucky Prepsters who were able to buy tickets while they lasted. Music will be supplied by the Velvetones, assisted by Father Murray's Scotch Tape Orchestra. The usual bottled refreshments will be served, along with a special treat.

Changes. Shortly after the end of the first term, the faculty underwent a few changes. In the departure of Mr. Hyatt and Mr. McFadden, the "fountain of youth" in the Prep teachers' rooms has been reduced to a mere trickle. But all is not lost, since with the addition of Mr. Burke, a tall, dark and . . . Senior Math teacher, the fountain bubbles again. Mr. McFadden has answered the call to arms of his country and has volunteered for the O.C.C. in the Marine Corps. A more lucrative business position has lured from our ranks the versatile Mr. Hyatt.

Provincial Perusal. The query was whispered in the corridors of Prep, "Who's the quiet new scholastic who's moseying around?" Suddenly the teachers had put on their best manners and wore a continual smile. Finally the news broke. Father Reed, the Prefect General, had arrived with a notebook and eagle eye. In the back of the classrooms there was waged a battle of peripheral vision to discover what the visitor was noting. These days all Prep was determined to follow the advice of Father Reed's brother and "Do It Right!"

Band Date. The date has been set for Prep's music extravaganza of the year. On April 20th the annual Band Concert will be held in the school gym and the Glee Club will be there to embellish the melody. Two days later they will journey up to Shrub Oak and entertain the seminarians. "If surfeit means enough, then Mr. Seuffert means the mostest."

Senior Retreats

"I in them and Thou in Me that they may be one in us." Thus Christ's prayer rang out in Passion week some two thousand years ago. Down through the ages this plea has resounded, only too often to have been rejected. So at this time, every year, Prep's Seniors journey to Monroe, N. Y. to rectify in their small way this pitiable rejection of Christ's words. Their efforts tend to solidify the unity between themselves and the Word-Made flesh in order to become one in God.

This year's retreats start on Feb. 13 and run through the 4th of March. The site is Gonzaga Retreat House atop Scunneymonk Mountain in Monroe, New York. The purpose is to become more closely united with God through Christ. The method: three days of prayer, meditation, and penance. The retreatant begins each day with a "Missa Recitata," followed by Morning Prayers. Immediately thereafter, chow is served and consumed, all in silence.

The remainder of the day is spent in discussions about the problems of sin and morals, and about Christ's love for each and every being. All of these discourses take place in the Gonzaga Chapel. On the second night of the Retreat a two hour question box is held to answer some of the general difficulties. For the more personal problems interviews are conducted by the Retreat Master.

Overall the program is designed for our complete retirement in Christ's heart. All will have the opportunity to prove their mettle according to the exercises instituted by St. Ignatius Loyola. It will be a time to reaffirm our earthly purpose, namely to conquer our self love and do the will of God.

The six senior classes will make their retreats in the following order: 4A—Monday, Feb. 13-16; 4D—Thursday, Feb. 16-19; 4E—Monday, Feb. 20-23; 4C—Thursday, Feb. 23-26; 4F—Monday, Feb. 27-March 1; 4B—Thursday, March 1-4.



J. Keating and D. Fuchs confer on talk data.

Many Voices

On the third floor of Mulry Hall there's an old green door with a new white sign that says "Debating Office." The room inside is high, narrow, cold, and bare — an ex-broom-closet and in need of paint; it's Beaudevin's latest acquisition. But it's far from an empty room; the old plank floor is sagging and the ancient walls are bursting with a superfluity of wind.

First of all, the debaters are busy once again, writing speeches, speaking speeches, and listening to each other now and then. The season begins in earnest for them tomorrow with a tournament at Camden High. Then it's St. Peter's College on Washington's Birthday, a Student Congress on the 25th, and a three-day tournament at Georgetown U. starting March 3. And after that, the schedule will be a new tournament practically every week.

And besides its own outside debates, Beaudevin is, in collaboration with the Collins men, planning a new kind of debate contest here at Prep: an intramural tournament in which all students, including non-members, can take part. Here's the plan. Every class will be required to send two teams (one affirmative team and one negative) plus a judge. The representatives don't

have to be debaters, or even know how a debate works; the only requisite is interest, and the society will take care of the rest. The tournament will be run on an elimination basis and the topic is this year's official one: Federal Aid to Education. There are prizes, too — a plaque for the victorious class and medals for the individual winners. Beaudevin's reason for all this: to foster a general interest in debating.

So you see, the Senior debating society is far from idle. And to make matters noisier, the room is being shared by the Speech Club, another highly active activity newly captained by that able and experienced Jesuit orator, Mr. Dwyer, S.J.

The Speech Club's major enterprises at present are the two big oratorical events of the year, the Hearst and the American Legion contests. Senior Joe Keating, a husky-voiced Virginian who is constantly munching pebbles, has undertaken the Hearst and is presently slaving at same. Mr. Keating, you regret to remember, was speedily eliminated from the same tournament last year; but he was only a Junior then and has since acquired plenty of poise and skill. And since this year's Hearst topic is that died-in-the-wool Yankee, John Adams, Mr. Keating, as a died-in-the-wool Southerner, is equipped with a peculiarly objective insight into his subject's character.

The American Legion contest is being handled by Dick Fuchs, a skyscraping Junior with a lot of personality and much-needed experience. With the whole U.S. Constitution as material, Dick has a pile of work before him but he's digging into it with both hands.

Still another speech club venture will be aired this weekend, when the sagacious Senior, Charlie Beirne, appears on WATV's popular "Junior Town Meeting." Charlie was picked for this job because of his extraordinary knowledge of current events, although Mr. Dwyer admits the choice was a difficult one. We trust Mr. Beirne will show his wisdom again next Sunday.

Communion Breakfast

The annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast will be held at the Essex House in Newark on Palm Sunday, March 25th. The Mass will be at eight o'clock at St. Peter's and, if possible, a police escort will be provided.

As last year, the affair will be under the auspices of Father Smith, S.J., the inimitable ballroom arranger (chairs, not dancers!). He will soon turn his culinary talent from the Prep cafeteria to the preparation of a menu which will tempt even the most delicate of palates. However, Father has made some changes in the seating arrangement. The main ones are: tables are to be restricted to eight persons, more space will be utilized to avoid crowding, and tickets are to be sold by tables.

We asked of the Padre, "Father, what do you mean by the third change?" Expanding his chest and tightening his cincture, he made this sterling reply. "I mean that the students will decide the location of their table and those who will be sitting at it. In the main, it will be the same as last year except that the fathers and sons will decide their own table grouping and location before they send in the remittance for the table. However, a single father-son combination will be able to obtain a breakfast reservation, but will not be able to choose the table and its location. It is much more convenient to get together with other father-son groups and form a table arrangement."

Individual tickets are \$2.50, the Father and Son combination a flat \$5.00.

WHEN THE WHALE WENT WHIRLING ON THE WOOD!

A drizzling, freezing rain failed to dampen the spirits of hundreds of Prepsters as they made their annual exodus for the environs of Boulevard Arena. Sponsored by the old Petroc Whale and egged on by the faint but forceful scent of perfume, the boys swapped the bucks in exchange for skates and shelved the Grand Street swagger for the graceful skaters' waltz. The gay assemblage spent the greater part of the afternoon circling the sanded boards whose surface was often tested by those mutinous few who refused to acknowledge the laws of equilibrium. The management kept things smoothly rolling and added a special treat with an exciting exhibition of figure skating by Bonnie and Dennis Crumm. All in all, it was a "W.O.W." of a time.



ST. AL'S ON SKATES: Loretta Cummings, Gemma McCarthy, Paulette Wojciechowicz, Maureen Hanley, Diane McCabe, Barbara McCarrick. (To keep the peace,—next year St. Dom's!)

Gramsit Grooming

To the battle stations! Man the guns! For hordes of grammar school invaders will attack the Prep and desecrate its hallowed grounds during the next few weeks. Beginning with the Gramsit Tournament from Feb. 22 to Feb. 28, continuing on March 10 with the entrance exams, and concluding on March 18 with the Spelling Bee, there will scarcely be a moment's peace within the walls, as the future Prepsters overrun the school.

The Gramsit Tournament is the annual invitational tourney conducted by St. Peter's for the leading grammar school basketball teams of the area. This year, approximately forty teams from Hudson, Bergen, and Essex counties have been invited, with defending champion, St. Augustine's of Union City, leading the parade. Plans for the extravaganza have been going along smoothly under the direction of Mr. Heavey, S.J. Assisting him are Mr. Halligan, S.J., and the intramural council.

The Gramsit Tournament has always received an enthusiastic response from all the grammar schools who appreciate the opportunity of exhibiting their court finesse, and who are impressed by the vast array of trophies. The top four teams, the all tournament team, and the most valuable player receive trophies for outstanding performances. The tournament will also have a professional touch, since many of the games will be played at night, and all will be officiated by approved C.Y.O. or card-carrying referees. Remembering the thrilling finish of last year's finale, in which St. Augustine's edged St. Joseph's of Bogota by a single basket, we can confidently expect this year's Gramsit Tournament will be another big success.

This tournament will be closely followed by two events of a more serious nature. These are the entrance examination and the spelling, bee which pertain exclusively to the academic side of education.



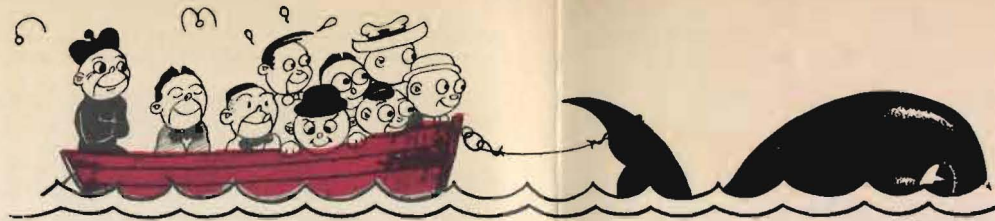
Gramsit Heads: Mr. Heavey, S.J. and J. Kennedy.

Prom Problems

In recent days the heads of seniordom of Prep have been puzzling over a great new problem which poses a threat to the final joy of the year, the Senior Prom. The tentative date set for Monday, May 21 puts a fly in the soup. This poses a problem because all the girls' schools in the vicinity have classes the following day, which means that a Prepster's date must either skip a day at school or go to school with only a few hours sleep, and no homework!

Behold the problem! It is generally agreed that the Mayfair Farms, which was proposed as the site for the prom, is an excellent choice, both because it would be exclusive for Prep and because the cost is not excessive. However, the Mayfair Farms can only be reserved for a Monday night and there are no other places known which can be reserved exclusively for the Prep. The only Monday night when the girls will be free is in Easter Week but this would destroy the idea of a farewell party, since it is early in April. The puzzle then is this: How can a site be obtained exclusively for Prep on a night before a holiday and at a location which will not force the Seniors into bankruptcy.

LIFE IS



GRAND AT WARREN

PRIDE and GLORY



Into the amber spotlight of the Petroc Whale steps that affable personality from 4-A, Bill Ringle. Son of the popular politico, Bill's most prized possession, of which he can well be proud, is a lifetime pass to all the playgrounds in the city. During his three years on the track team, Bill has cleared many a hurdle up at the armory. And this while earning two Honor Pins in first and second year.

But all of Mr. Ringle's record have not been as unblemished as could be desired. Unfortunately, at the beginning of the year while undergoing a period of severe mental strain, he joined the ragged ranks of the Petrean.

As for the future, Bill has his eye on the wild blue yonder and has a yearning to journey out to the new Air Force Academy in Colorado.



BUSY BEADLES

The honor of Busy Beadle this issue goes to Pete O'Connor, 2C. He graduated from Immaculate Conception grammar school, and comes from Montclair, N. J. Pete, who is the favorite target of Mr. Kennedy's "jokes" is now a regular member of the Sodality. He is in the Academic Course and was regularly on the Honor Roll last year.

Moseyin' McGuire

4-E was voted the class most interested in Physics experiments. Some astounding discoveries have been made. It was stated by Professor Byrd Mangan that either pole of an electromagnet will attract the head of "Tiger Richardson." "This," says the professor, "could be caused by large deposits of soft iron in the vicinity; but my suspicion is that his head is made of lodestone." Jim Hackett's head was discovered to be a perfect vacuum by Professor Moritz "Vanilla Wafer" Bergmeyer. Professor Bergmeyer proved this fact by putting a feather in one of Jim's ears and a nickle in the other. They both went directly to his middle ear and floated at equal heights. "Funny thing," remarked the professor, "when I put the nickel in his right ear he made like a juke box and started singing 'The Spaghetti Bender,' the Italian version of 'The Great Pretender.' You may get your copy from Dave Cuozzo of 4D.

The other day we heard Terry Kennedy asking "Twizzy" O'Toole what was wide at the bottom, comes to a point at the top, has rocks all through it, and has ears?

"I don't know," replied Twiz.

"A mountain, silly," said Ter.

"How do you figure that a mountain has ears, brain child," snapped Twizzy.

"Didn't you ever hear of mountaineers," was Terry's retort.

John "Big Thunder" Jamba, better know as "Yonny" to his 4D classmates, has started an "I am the Bruce called Ramon" fan club. At the meetings, instead of writing minutes, he writes yingles!

Candid Quotes

Did you ever write an original Valentine to the one you admire? Were the results favorable?



Hugh Carr. Yes. My first attempt at Valentine verse was this beautiful lyric. "As soft as sunlight on lamb-kin fleece, as stunning as moonlight on lilypond geese-

is you, Margaret Mary. Be my Valentine, pleeze." (It netted me an invite to a prom!)

N. Marcen: Yes. However, since I have not as yet written this year's ditty, I will give you the one I wrote last Valentine Day. "You are pretty, short and sweet, have shell ears and pert feet. Will you be mine forever, dear? If not, I will shed a tear." (No results!)



J. Murray: You are speaking to a veteran of perfect poesy. Once a year I give some lucky damsel an unforgettable thrill, e.g. "I see you in the sunlight, I see you in the dawn. You are my Venus, darling! A spring of love is born!" (. . . and you ask about results!)



Dr. Algie Answers:

Arthur Goofrey writes: For the past few months, I have been doing a commercial on T.V. which attempts to show how foolish it is to use aspirins when you can get better results with Buffoon. However, I don't understand how this is done. Can you explain it?

A. Certainly. You see, until very recently, it was unknown to medical science that the human body contains plumbing fixtures and not intestines. The aspirin and the other brand of drug both slide down the main pipe and reach the metal drum, commonly called the stomach, at the same time. The Buffoon, however, can force open the leaden valve of the drum faster than ordinary aspirin and hence can send its gas bubbles through the steel tubes of the body more quickly.

Irma Elsson asks: Don't you think that ancient Greek and Roman mythology can be applied to everyday life?

A. You're too mythed up. You need another doctor's help. Put that in your loom and weave it.

Horrorscope



G. Wallace: You will earn your livelihood as a "little carpenter". You will build the little houses in back of the big ones. H. Carr: When someone holds up a cup of coffee and says, "Will you join me in a cup?", be sure to bring a lump of sugar with you. C. De Fuccio: You have a fine voice. Always sing by the window, someone is sure to help you out.

PREP 67 DICKINSON 56

Best of Year

Friday evening January 20th saw an inspired Marauder hardcourt five tighten its grasp on the Southern County top spot by dumping the giant Dickinson Ram, 67-56, from the ranks of the league unbeaten. This victory, Prep's most thrilling of the current hoop campaign, was a real team effort, characterized by smart ball-hawking on defense, snappy passing, and deadly bombing.

Following the initial tap, Dickinson jumped to a quick 4-0 lead, as "Duke" Snyder poured two jumpers through the cords. Pedone and Blaney each canned one of two from the charity line, but Tellesfen matched them with a murderous hook. After Pedone and Prettyman had exchanged two buckets, John Crotty, connecting on a sizzling drive and adding a free toss, cut the Dickinson margin to one, 10-9. When McDonald and Crotty blazed four quick drives through the net, Prep zoomed ahead to stay, 17-12. With Pedone and Richvalsky finding range on a pair of jumps, Prep held a 21-17 lead at the quarter.

As the second canto got underway, the Marauders paced by McDonald and Crotty drives, ripped off nine straight markers before Koenig drilled a jumper home to make the count 30-29. After "Mac" again answered two Ram baskets with a driving layup and a jump, Prep's scrappy Mike Pedone annexed a one-hand push and slammed a rebound through the hoop to provide Prep with a 40-29 margin at the buzzer.

Upon their return to the floor after intermission, the Marauders, although failing to duplicate their blistering first-half shooting exhibition, maintained at least an eight point bulge throughout the third stanza. "Slim" Richvalski opened up the scoring and Pedone and Snyder traded deuces. Mike then, followed with a brace of fouls and "Big George" again crashed a rebound through the nets to give Prep a 48-35 advantage at the three minute mark. Follow-

ing two Koenig sets, Pedone zeroed in a jump and bombed a one hander from the corner. The third quarter score found Prep on top 53-39.

With five minutes remaining in the final period, the Marauders, sporting a 56-41 cushion, employed an effective semi-freeze. Crotty and "Mac" drove the Rams crazy with their classy dribbling tactics and consequently either drew fouls or found Richvalsky, loose, under the hoop for an easy chippie. At the two minute mark, Coach Halligan emptied the bench and the subs mopped up.



Pedone celebrates his return to competition with an acrobatic deuce as Lincoln's Landi gapes. Mike finished with 19.

PREP 77 BAYONNE 69

Close One

Using the string they had swiped ten days previously from Dickinson, the Marauders all but tied the bow on the South Hudson championship package with a tight 77-69 victory over Bayonne. Ferris and Dickinson are the only remaining hurdles and neither seems formidable enough to trip the high flying Marauders.

Aside from Pedone's absence, the script carboned the first contest. With McDonald calling the shots, the Marauders punched first quarter holes in the not-fast-enough Bee defense that outlasted a second quarter drought.

Blaney opened a fast first stanza with a drive: Purnell and Farmer put Bayonne up 4-2, then Duffy knotted the count at 4 all. Blaney splashed a pair of fouls to start the first Prep drive. McDonald beat the field with a chippie and followed with a one-hander. Crotty hit a brace of fouls and swapped baskets with Farmer. McDonald bombed from the foul circle and Prep skipped ahead, 16-6. Hart converted a 3 point play and Farmer beamed in his jump shot. Duffy plunked a set and Farmer hit a jump. Richvalsky slipped in a deuce but again Farmer had the answer. Crotty and Capitano traded deuces but Richvalsky rang the buzzer with a jump, 24-17.

Bayonne's zone tightened in the second quarter and the Marauder temperature dropped to freezing. Neely dropped in a drive and Farmer backed him up with a jump. Blaney found a path through the defense for a deuce but Farmer connected again. Crotty tallied a charity point and

Duffy arched a set which Farmer promptly matched: 29-25. Prep fans grimaced as once more Farmer bombed. McDonald answered with a jump but was drowned as Neely and Purnell tied it at 31-all at intermission.

McDonald (20 for the night!) and Duffy poured in a fast six to open the second half. From here both clubs gunned away deuce for deuce, right down to the wire. Morchower just beat the buzzer with a drive, making it 51-49.

In the fourth canto Crotty moved out of his cramped corner and into the pivot, a move that paid off. At the 5:00 mark with the score 55-53 Crotty strung together a fast four which started Prep down the game-winning stretch. Hart and Crotty matched drives, Richvalsky tapped a rebound and Blaney sank a pair of free throws opening the gap to ten at 65-55. Farmer sank two free throws and McDonald hit a jump, then sandwiched a drive between baskets by Gordon and Hart. Crotty added a foul shot and Richvalsky made it 72-63 with a jump. Hart dunked a driving layup which McDonald countered, then Neely fired two. With 0:36 to go Crotty lifted a foul and Hart came back with a jump, but John had the final say with a layup: 77-69.

County Championships. Last week Jim Growney, H.I.C.C.A. chairman announced the date for the upcoming County Championships. If there is no playoff in either section of the league, the big game will be played on Tues. Feb. 21. If complications arise the big payoff will be Feb. 24. Barring a total collapse, Prep seems to be a sure participant for the coveted crown. At this point Memorial is the most likely opponent. They lead North Hudson with a 7-1 mark. Union Hill, Demarest and Emerson are all still in the thick of the fight and anyone of them might come up with the undesirable task of tackling the Prep.

SCORING TABLE TO DATE

	G	FG	F	TP	Ave.
Crotty	13	93	99	285	21.8
Pedone	11	85	40	210	19
Richvalsky	13	67	35	169	13
McDonald	13	64	30	158	12.1
Blaney	13	38	25	101	7.7
Duffy	3	10	0	20	6.6

PREP 96 ST. MICHAEL'S 83

Good Centurions

Friday the 13th proved to be an unlucky day for the Michaelians from the Horseshoe section, as Prep came within 4 points of the century mark dumping them, 96-83. The outcome was never in doubt as the Marauders showered the nets at a 3 point-a-minute clip. The bench had a full two minutes to get the 4 points, but they lost out because of over anxiousness.

Prep moved to a quick 6-0 lead on jumps by Crotty, Pedone and Richvalsky before Cassella dropped in a foul. Crotty doubled Gurski's brace of fouls and Prep led, 10-3, with 3 minutes gone. Crotty and Pedone matched deuces with Gurski and Cassella and the quarter ended with Prep holding on to the 7 point advantage, 26-19. McDonald broke into the scoring column with a pair of fouls to open the second canto. A hook by Richvalsky and a 3 pointer by "Mac" upped the lead to 33-21, before space man Adriance dropped in a hook and a foul. Next, Gurski chimed in with a penalty toss and Cassella connected with a jump to halve the lead. Crotty closed out the half with back to back drives and Prep walked off leading, 47-41.

As the second half opened, Richvalsky got a hot hand and his 3 baskets combined with two Pedone jumps spurred Prep to a 57-41 lead. Both squads matched shot for shot and the Michaelians were only able to shave 2 points off the Prep advantage. As the fourth quarter progressed, the stands went wild yelling for the magic number. But Coach Halligan said no!

PREP 67 FERRIS 62

Flashy Rally

With exams on their minds, Prep journeyed down to P.S. 37 to meet Ferris and there on the worst court in the County, they got the scare of their lives. Puzzled no end by the Ferris zone, the Marauders quickly fell behind and trailed 31-19 at the half. With the finest display of teamwork

BULLETIN. Fr. McCusker has requested the Petroc to announce that spring tryouts for the Prep Golf Team will be held in Powles Hook Park. All applicants are advised to "Take tee and see" prior to the trials. Members will be selected in virtue of their performance in Monday's putting practice. This club has promises of a great future in the upcoming calcuttas. Their motto is simple but expressive; "Ever 'fore'ward with the four-wood."

shown this year, Prep escaped defeat with a sizzling rally that brought them a 67-62 victory.

Crotty dumped in a drive, that would have made Cousy jealous, to open the game but the zone stopped his drives from that point on. As for Pedone he could do nothing in the disastorous first half and did not score his first point until the third quarter. Then Mike sizzled for seventeen. Through-out it was big George Richvalsky, playing the best ball of his life, who kept Prep in the game as he scored 10 of Prep's first 19 tallies.

Ferris opened the final half with 6 straight markers and Prep was down 18. By the time Ferris scored again, Prep had ripped off 19 in a row, in a startling, stunning magical run! With Pedone, Crotty, and Richvalsky connecting on everything they threw up, Ferris fell apart at the seams. As the fourth quarter began Prep moved to a commanding 11 point lead. Instead of slowing it down, the Marauders kept to the press, but this partially backfired as Ferris came charging back to cut the lead to a scant 3 points, with about 3 minutes still to go. From here on in, Prep was content to wait for Ferris to come out and foul them and the game ended 67-62.

Richvalsky led Prep with 22, Crotty followed with 20 and Pedone picked up 17 all in the second half. Lisco was high for the home team with 21.

PREP 92 SNYDER 65

Singing Nets

The Snyder Tiger left its Greenville lair and travelled up to Grand St. only to go down to their 26 straight defeat. Prep showed no letdown after the big Dickinson win as they creamed Snyder 92-65 without the services of the ineligible Mike Pedone.

Blaney opened the scoring with a long set but Piasecki came back with a quick layup. With about 2 minutes to go in the quarter, Crotty scored his first deuce on a



Portyrala bombs against St. Michael's.

twisting layup. Before the 2 minutes had expired he duplicated this feat three times in succession to give Prep a 19-6 lead at the quarter mark. John opened the second canto with one of his infrequent sets to complete a personal run of ten straight points. Walters and Pozniak began to hit in the second quarter to keep Snyder within hailing distance at the half 40-28.

Prep broke the game wide open in the third session with most of the damage being done by Crotty and McDonald. To open the half Crotty coaxed in a pair of fouls tosses and a chippie and Duffy hit on back-to-back jumps. Finally Walters broke the ice for the Tigers with a pair of one handers and Prep led, 48-33. The lead kept increasing with Crotty hitting on an assortment of shots until it had reached 26 points at the end of three quarters.

Coach Jerry Halligan inserted the subs in the final period but Snyder still could not stop the red hot Prep.

Lincoln Games

The forces of St. Peter's and Lincoln have met twice within the past month with Prep coming out on top on both occasions. The first game was a close affair for three quarters until Prep broke it open with a 21 point fourth quarter. The contest ended a minute prematurely when one of the side baskets fell on the head of a Lincoln cheerleader.

Friday, Feb. 3 saw the return of Mike Pedone and a new South Hudson scoring record, as the Marauders crushed Lincoln 103-68. With 54 seconds to go in the game, "Ching" Crowley drove straight down the middle for the magic deuce and Potyrala's set made the record.

Prep gave a free home demonstration of how the fast break should work: Richvalsky and Blaney clearing the boards and whipping it to McDonald, and Mac passing to Crotty or Pedone, but always to the unexpected one.

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Early Honors

In the space of two weeks, St. Peter's cast aside its cloak of mediocrity and donned the mantle of a first rate track contender.

January 7 proved to be the squad's greatest day afield, as the Prep speed merchants brought home the Winter Relay Championship to Grand Street. St. Peter's ran away from eight other opponents, posting 44 points, 10 ahead of second place St. Al's.

Tenth Street track was the site of the outdoor encounter. After placing third in the 880 yard relay, Prep channeled its energies to capture the mile relay. The mile run was a tough race all the way, as St. Mike's was pressing Prep to the tape. But Voorhees, Trainor, Sharlow, and Connolly would not be stopped, neither by the howling wind and bitter cold, nor by the speedy Michaelians. They finished the frigid course in 3:44.3.

Prep appeared about to take the two mile relay also, when Letinski and Forrester snared the lead; however, the 3rd and 4th men fell back into the pack and Prep slipped into an also-ran slot. The shock of the day was Prep's stunning victory in the distance medley relay. This team had been put together just before the meet. Bob Augelli, Bob Netchert, and Marcel Wagner made sure there was enough distance between the Champs and the pretenders for anchor man, Ed Bradley. The flying Soph, battling all the way, broke the tape at exactly 8:57:2, one second ahead of Seton Hall. In the Freshman events, St. Peter's placed second in the 880 and third in the medley relay. McGovern, Jordan, D. Wagner, and Kahrar displayed great form and fine potential in capturing the mile relay. They were clocked in 4:06.8.

On Jan. 20 the relay team of Voorhees, Trainor, Sharlow, and Connolly, and distance runner Bob Augelli carried the Prep standards to Philadelphia. In the afternoon relay heats the Prepsters easily qualified, but they were forced to settle for second

place in the finals behind a great Lincoln team. Stiff competition deprived Augelli of a medal in the 1000 yard race.

The following night, the relay team returned to Jersey City to race at the Armory. The rough schedule was too much for the boys and held them to a fourth place finish. In the same meet another relay team, composed of Kip, M. Wagner, Cunningham, and Nechert, represented St. Peters in the 1000 yard relay. They captured second place.

Swim Splashes

Dickinson 43, St. Peter's 25! That was the final score when the Prep swimmers took on the Hilltoppers. Yet the victory really hinged on the medley relay in this otherwise tight contest. For had Prep won the relay, the final margin would have been a mere four points. Firsts by Dan McHugh and Martin Daly in the 100 yard backstroke and the 200 yard freestyle went for naught. Frank Iocobelli and Bob Devine each captured a second place, and Lenny Corcoran chipped in with a third. The free style relay went to Prep through the combined efforts of Bob Devine, Witterschein, Corcoran and Daly in 2:01.

Gaining momentum, the Prep "fish" drowned Ferris 42-26. Captain Frank Iocobelli won two races. Bob Devine and Martin Daly displayed winning form along with "Bucky" McConville. The all important relay was won by Von Thadden, Schenk, McHugh, and Witterschein. St. Peter's lost five points when McHugh was disqualified in the backstroke.

The team disappointed again in the swimfest with Lincoln, losing 46-22. Although six Prepsters finished in the money, the two relay losses gave Prep its third loss.

St. Peter's continued downstream against Snyder. Once again it was the medley by which Prep was conquered, 41-27. St. Peter's picked up its usual number of individual medals, but the 7 point loss in the relay sank their hopes.

After five contests the Prep record now stands at 1-4.

Jayvee Log

The Prep Jayvee has come a long way from the unimpressive team that raised many questions about next year's Varsity five. Due to some fine marksmanship and plentiful rebounding, the Prep J.V. downed St. Al's 48-35 in its initial appearance. But the next two outings were nightmares. In the following encounter Lady Luck lay down on the job, as the Marauders were swamped by Trenton Catholic 70-44, unable to stop Paukaski as he hit for 22 points. The following game, proved to be a thriller, though Prep was nipped by Snyder, the final score being 66-64. A King-led rally failed at the buzzer.

But the Christmas holidays proved to be the answer, for the Marauders went on to vanquish their early January opponents. The first of these was Lincoln, as Skinner, Mellega, and Laturco exploded to leave them completely outclassed, the final outcome being 80-27. Next to fall beneath the sword of defeat was St. Michael's. Due to the overwhelming bombardment of Laturco who ripped the ribbons for 26, closely followed by Massaro with 20, the Michaelians could not keep up the pace and fell to the tune of 63-45. The name Ferris was quickly recorded in the Prep obituary as Laturco again bruised the Bulldog with 27 points. Levier also showed a fine output with 15 points, as well as some fine rebounding.

At this time Prep was again bitten by the bug; unfortunately it turned out to be the Bayonne Bee. Although Laturco and Messaro hit for 18 and 10 respectively, this was not enough to keep the Boys from Bayonne down, as they nipped the Marauders, 57-56. In the following game, Prep once more fell this time at the hands of Dickinson.

Holding true to the saying "Revenge is sweet", Prep turned the tables on Snyder in their second encounter. Laturco again was high man with 12 as the Prep rolled to a 58-45 victory. All in all, the future looks good!

Frosh Cagers

While the varsity and jayvee basketball teams have been making all the headlines, the freshmen have been winning their share of glory for the Prep. With Mr. Heavey, S.J., directing the frosh Maroon in their fast-moving attack, the team has moved into high gear. Their free style of play, stressing ball handling in weave and roll patterns combining with the fast break, has achieved for them a record of five wins and one defeat thus far. The only loss marring the record was a sudden death overtime defeat at the hands of Dickinson. But with Phil Martorelli, John Nassaro, and Charley Zanowski leading the attack, the frosh have gained hard earned victories over Snyder, Brooklyn Prep, and St. Michael's, J. C. Dennis Dailey, Richard Gronda, John Santaniello, and Warren Ross have often been extremely instrumental in building the sparkling record of the Frosh hoopsters.

Intram League

Another member of the basketball brigade which does not often receive due recognition is the Intramural League. Under the direction of the intramural council, where Marty King, Mike Salmon, Jim Kozmor, and Roi Plasse wield the power, the league schedule has progressed smoothly and efficiently. First half championships have already been decided in all except the freshman division, where three teams, 1G, 1H, and 1I are still fighting it out. In the senior division, 4B, sparked by Plotnikiewicz, Moriarity, and Kennedy, has received a temporary plaque denoting first half supremacy. In the junior division, 3G, with O'Neill, Bozza, and Tansey came out on top; while 2C with Salmon, Conroy, and Doherty, showed the way among sophomores.

The Intramural Council has announced that temporary plaques have been awarded to these classes. When the second half kingpin have been crowned, they will play the first champions in the finale.