

SNAPPY START; TECH BOMBED, 7-1



FIRST DAY OUT: Bill Sadlack dishes up a meatball for Phil Martorelli at the plate. The healthy portion behind the plate is Al Wiegand.

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SPRING TIME



Drama Extraordinary

March 27th and 28th saw small groups of thespian spectators trickling into PS No. 39. Although many avoided the long walk, still others found themselves in the right building but the wrong section. After the right route had been found, and all formalities at the door were taken care of, the now anxious viewers began the endless struggle for choice seats. Shortly, the audience settled down for a fine performance.

The start of the play is marked by the dimming of the lights and the brightening of the stage. A tall lanky lieutenant enters. This is Greenwald, the Jewish lawyer fittingly played by Al McCarthy. His face is stern and contracted as he shuffles to his desk and places down his briefcase. Solemn footsteps announce the entrance of the accused, Lt. Stephen Maryk. 4B's John Powers, who plays the defendant, appears nervous and seemingly annoyed with the frequent recesses. He is even more annoyed when

Greenwald states he'd rather be prosecuting than defending him. The set quiets as Lt. Com. Challee enters. Challee is the judge advocate who proceeds to call attention, as the door to an anteroom on the left of the stage swings open. A solemn procession of consulting judges march up the stage with drill precision. An abrupt schuffling of chairs follows as the middle man on the jury calls for a reading of the charge against the accused. It constitutes "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline in that Lt. Stephen Maryk did relieve from command Lt. Com. Philip Francis Queeg and did so without proper authority or justifiable cause." The accused resounds with a defiant: "Not guilty."

Dick Cosgrove, who plays the nimble lipped attorney for the prosecution, calls his first witness, Lt. Com. Queeg. Mike Bonifanti, who deservedly received the gold medal for the best performance, takes the stand. He is sworn in and adequately identifies Maryk, who is very hesitant to concede

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"I'd rather be prosecuting you—"

the sanity of the witness. Queeg describes all the circumstances connected with this mutiny as a regrettable incident of temporary and total collapse of military discipline. Queeg displays a very calm and plausible exterior but within he was to be shown a seething mass of nervousness and incapability. The questioning is brought to a close with an ominous statement by Greenwald. He doesn't cross examine Queeg to any extent, but declares that the witness will be called for the defense.

Lt. Thomas Keefer is called; Hugh McCormick makes his entrance. Question after question is brought up and slapped down just as fast by Keefer's short, sweet remarks. Again there is no cross examination!!

Then a memorable character takes the stand. An extremely nervous young man by the name of Kevin Norton sits down on his hat, under the guise of Singleman Third Class Junius Urban! The prosecutor

literally has to squeeze the answers from this lad and finally gives up and storms to his desk. Of course Urban forgets his hat and once more disrupts the session while retrieving it.

Queeg's sanity is still in question but the testimonies of two eminent psychiatrists apparently uphold his capabilities. The defense is ready to present its case and once more Lt. Com. Queeg is called to testify. Under the constant pounding of Greenwald's piercing questions, the witness slowly cracks. That seething mass of nervousness is unchained and a helpless man is stumbling to his downfall. Tension mounts as McCarthy twists the statements of a proud man and exposes his humbling fallacies. The outcome seems to be hanging in mid-air as the spectators inch forward in their seats. An acquittal is won, the case is closed, and a noble man has unjustly been destroyed. Or did justice triumph?



The beginning of the end.



Keefer (Hugh McCormick) sells Maryk down the river.



Mr. Downbeat leads the Grand Street Five plus thirty two.

Annual Event

On the vigil of St. Patrick's Day, after leaving the sunny streets of Jersey City, the Prep band found itself rolling through the snow-covered mountains of New York to Loyola College and Seminary on the mountaintop at Shrub Oak, N. Y. The occasion was the third annual concert for the philosophy students.

The afternoon proved to be an enjoyable one for the hard working scholastics, who took time off from their studies to be a most appreciative audience. Our student council president, Gary Wiley, acting as the M.C. for the affair, opened the program with a few introductory remarks. Then, Mr. McGowan waved his baton to start off the vigorous and spirited march, "Invercargill."

The afternoon bounced along swiftly as the maestro's boys played such numbers as "Syncopated Clock", "In the Mood", "El Prado", and "Lichtensteiner Polka". The rhythmic beat and inspired meaning behind the "Victory At Sea" selections, which is a shortened version of the original 13 hour version, along with score from the musical "Showboat" were welcomed heartily. Ferde Grofe's "On the Trail" from the "Grand Canyon Suite" proved to be an ear-pleasing number. "The Donkey Serenade" clip-clopped along in colorful synecopation.

Some of the numbers featured at Shrub Oak will be presented at the band concert in May. Last year's tremendous success gives hope for even greater musical triumph this year, considering the fact that the whole of the last year's band will be back almost to a man. With this in mind, Mr. McGowan is looking forward to a bigger crowd than last year and, therefore, is in search for a new site for the coming performance. Judging by the reports from Shrub Oak, the band concert is an event not to be missed.

Math Contest

This year, nine of Prep's Juniors carried the colors in a mathematics contest sponsored by the Metropolitan Mathematical Association and the Society of Actuaries. Various schools from the New York area competed in this eighty minute exam which took place on Thursday, March 27. The following Juniors tested their skills: Bob Hummel, Roger LaGratta, and Joe Pavlitschko of 3B; Neil O'Keefe, 3C; John Dow, Jim Lantry and Joe Contreras, 3E; and Jim McGuinness and Joe Rabbiaof 3G. This exam featured fifty problems involving Algebra I and II and Geometry. It was quite a corker!

Junior Dance

In spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to love. On Saturday April 19th, from 7:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M., the roaming Don Juans and singing Casanovas from Junior Year will waltz to the melodious tones of Joe Russoniello's Velvatones.

For members of the Greek class, 3B, the pranks of Jack Murphy and the other juniors on the committee will always haunt their minds. Originally scheduled for the 18th, the date of the 3B class night, the Dance Committee bargained with the Greeks for another day.

Fr. Murray gave them a new class night which turned out to be the Saturday of the St. Michael's game. After this little disturbance, the 3-Bees were then faced with the problem of no teacher. To rub salt in an open wound, the Dance Committee then changed the date to the following night.

Yes, the roaming Romeos and their Juliets will have their annual ball, thanks to the understanding and patience of the Greeks of 3B.

Garbage Talk

At the close of the last marking period Prep staged another crackerjack assembly. Promptly at 2:10 the liberated students happily fled the sixth period classes, sloshed over to the gym, and waited for the dignitaries to arrive.

After the usual opening ceremonies and the honor roll reading, the audience suddenly came to life as "Mr. Downbeat" launched the Grand Street Stompers into a vigorous rendition of "In the Mood." Next, Fr. Wood, the director of the Jesuit Seminary and Missionary Bureau, spoke on the province mission drive. Fr. Wood vividly described the pressing needs of our missionaries for both spiritual and monetary aid and emphasized the great help that even small gifts can effect. Mr. Pugliese then took the floor to laud the success of the speech squad in preserving our oratorical

heritage and to award a trophy to the boy with the golden tonsils, 3B's Hugh McCormick, for bagging the state championship of the National Forensic League.

The climax of the assembly was an address by Mr. Brooks of the City Refuse Squad. After a few pertinent remarks on parish labor conditions, Mr. Brooks launched an anti-litter drive by forming a city wide basketball team whose only aim is to make every shot hit the basket (the litter basket, that is.) Aided by a voluminous supply of tri-colored posters, he urged that all Preppers during the campaign promote Pan-American harmony and adopt a non-aggression policy toward defenseless . . . garbage cans.

Entrance Results

On the 8th of March, 1054 eager applicants convened at Prep for the annual entrance examination. At first, they cautiously crept onto the green campus of Prep. They left holding their heads high or low, depending on how they thought the test was.

At 9 A.M., Father Murray took the mike and welcomed the applicants in his pleasant way. After grouping them into classes, the I.Q. barrage of questions started. When the barrage of questions ceased, the wearied candidates tackled the tough algebra problems.

After prodding through 60 tough, tension-filled and exhausting minutes, the grammar school boys welcomed the short but well-earned recess. To conclude the test, there was a grizzling hour of English grammar.

In the afternoon, an enterprising group of 91 candidates, remnants of other school tests, groaned their way through the exam. While these were struggling, the morning tests were being corrected.

By Saturday night, the results were known and the winners were notified. Pulling down top honors were Anthony Tonzola of Woodrow Wilson, Bayonne; William Davison from St. Nicholas, Jersey City and Warren Shea of St. Paul's in Jersey City.



No matter how you slice it, it's baloney.

Laurel Winners

Three weeks ago Greg Sullivan and Andy Keenan emerged victorious from the four round debate tournament sponsored by the N. J. Catholic Forensic League. This victory makes them eligible for the National finals in Chicago during May. In the first rounds of this tournament which were held at St. Peter's, Greg and Andy won both debates; and then, two weeks later, repeated this performance in the third and fourth rounds at St. Dominic's. The point that made these such difficult victories was the fact that, while Greg and Andy had debated from an affirmative standpoint all year, in this tournament they were required, first to debate from their usual affirmative position, and then to do a turnabout and argue for the negative. We don't know whether it was a coincidence or whether it was strategically planned by the Prep men; but in all four contests they debated against girl's schools. But, never at a loss, the men acted in the true Prep spirit, and came up with a record of four wins in four tries.

The North Jersey Division Tournament of the National Forensic League will be held at Springfield on April 19. The Prep will send the full compliment of entries to this tournament so that we will stand an even greater chance of taking first place. The debate proposition for this tournament

will be that given by the National Forensic League: "Resolved: That United States foreign aid should be substantially increased." Mr. Pugliese S.J. will send Greg Sullivan and Andy Keenan to debate affirmative, and Frank Ciesla and Chris Lane to debate negative. Hugh McCormick, the New Jersey original oratory champion, will compete in the original oratory and dramatic reading contests. For his dramatic reading, he will do Greenwald's speech from the second act of "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial". Soph Ed Reid, who is the New Jersey State champion in ex-temp oratory, will compete in the ex-temp contest at the tournament. Leo Clossey will try his luck in the interpretive oratory contest, using the speech which won him a trip to Chicago.

On the same day, the Prep will send representatives to a tournament to be held at Caldwell College. If all goes well, the Prep may take honors at two different tournaments on the same day.

During next week Ron Sarno and Doug Buffington, along with George Armbruster and John Ford, will represent the Prep in a debate tournament at Fordham University. The four debaters will stay the night as guests of the Debating and Oratory Society of Fordham. In addition to the many tournaments coming up in the near future, the corresponding secretary of the Prep Society, Leo Clossey, is arranging a number of practice debates with St. Dominic's, Xavier, Franklin School (of New York), and a few others.

The Beaudevin Debating Society will sponsor a freshman debate tournament later this month with the hope of uncovering some heretofore unknown talent among the Frosh. Mr. Pugliese is also hopeful that it will encourage more of the Freshman to become interested in debating and oratory.

The next two months promise to be full of activity for the members of the debating society, and, if the men prove true to the skill they have already demonstrated, full of satisfaction for their moderator.

Literama

After a long wait, Literama has decided to make an appearance. The rival Old Whale is forced to admit that the magazine was well worth waiting for.

In spite of many difficulties which have plagued Mr. Dengler, S.J. and his staff, they have still come through with an excellent literary magazine. To start his mounting troubles, the first week's entries were misplaced for several weeks. Then the art staff was reduced to one lone artist. After several more difficulties, the peak of their troubles came when the editors—not the staff lackies (what staff?)—were forced to type the entries. Unable to forget the initial excitement, Mr. Dengler is working ahead of schedule this year so that he can put out two magazines next year.

Many promised changes have materialized. The magazine is decorated with a colorful new cover depicting a scene of the Hudson River as seen from our Colgate shore. It is crammed with stories and illustrations—so many, in fact, that it is twice the size of last year's periodical. The art work, an essential part of every Literama, has vastly improved. Norman Woehrl, the lone artist, came through with some excellent drawings. Since he is a freshman, we can look forward to many more examples from his talented brush.

On the literary side, we can enjoy the interesting varieties of short stories and imaginative poems which flavor each page. The first thing we notice is that the barrage of frowning essays are missing. The magazine has been brought in the range of every student instead of being a chiding teacher that no one entirely comprehends. Even the Editorial page is gone! "For", says Mr. Dengler, S. J., "even though we are Catholics, three editors-in-one-editorial is impossible."

The Whale's pick for the most imaginative tale is John Gerich's "Six Sixty Six". A story about princes, wars, and medieval

scheming, it's sure to capture the hearts of Preppers who still dream of "castles in the air." The best poem is Carmine Mastrolia's "Procrastination".

Spell Bee

More than 600 persons jammed the Prep gym on Sunday, March 23, to see Robert Meyers from St. Nicholas's School in Jersey City spell his name into next year's freshman class. The nine letter word that opened the door to Bob was "lithesome". Ironically enough, chosen as an alternate from St. Nick's, Bob became eligible for the contest when the original contestant copped a scholarship in the March 8th entrance exams.

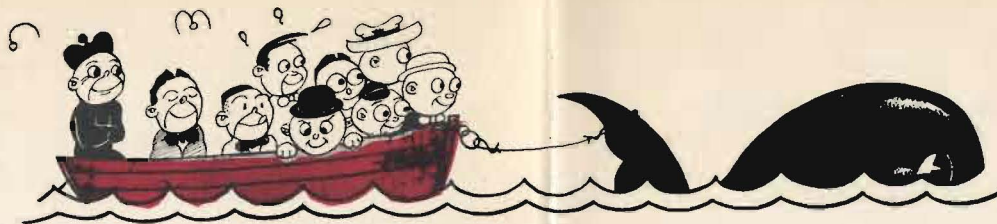
In addition to winning the scholarship, Bob also carried home a plaque to the proud nuns at St. Nicholas. To Robert Ferret of Newark's St. Charles Borromeo School went a gold medal and a plaque for his second place. Others to receive medals were Joseph Filipino of Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, Montclair; Louis Nevellino of St. Boniface School, Newark; and William Murin of St. Patrick's School, Elizabeth.

As the hours droned on, the mounting tension added its bit to thin out the contestants. When Mrs. O'Sullivan pronounced a familiar word, the face of the 8th grader lit up and the letters flowed easily and correctly. However, if the word was not on the list of the nuns who prepped him, the contestant requested that the word be defined and used in a sentence. When one boy asked the definition of "bassinet", Mr. Kennedy, the contest referee, replied, "You should know what that word means, you've used one for a long time."

Riding Contest

Come one, come all! Enter the new contest. No entry blanks needed. All you need to do is to think of a name for the riding club and your reason for that name. Drop your entry in the PETROC Office by April 25. There will be a special prize for the winner. One catch, no personal names.

LIFE IS



GRAND AT WARREN

PRIDE AND GLORY



4E's entry for Pride and Glory can be found in David Conolly. A native Jersey-Cityite, he is a proud graduate of O.L.V. and lays claim to rank in the top half of his year.

The numerous stripes on Dave's sweater attest to his track ability. As president of his class, Dave is an active member of our student council. The year book also gets a slice of his talents. And to make sure that the fair ladies do not miss him, Dave devotes time to the Prom Committee.

We must not think, however, that Dave is entirely concerned with dodging Mr. Dwyer or arguing with Gary Wiley, for he is also a devout Sodalist.

After graduation, Dave plans to follow his two brothers to St. Joseph's in Philadelphia, where he hopes to major in his favorite subject, chemistry. Here's a well deserved splash from the Whale, Dave!



BUSY BEADLE

Joseph Rodino, 4B's busy beadle, is well deserving of this award. He is a snappy baseball player for St. Anthony's CYO team. His home parish appreciates his speed and bat power. More than that, he has three honor pins and a third year Religion medal on his lapel.

Bier Barrel

Apologies are in order this issue, men, if the column is not up to par. The spouting Whale is under new management. Complaints registered: Mr. H. O'Donnell, S.J., C/O Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, N. Y.

PETROC uncovers reasons for Rich Gaven's failure to capture the dramatic medal for his performance in the play. Minus the neat red beard which he had grown at Monroe, Gav just didn't have his heart in his role.

Congratulations to Andrew Balik, new representative of the Fidel Castro Travel Agency (New York Branch). Quote from Mr. Balik: "See fabulous Cuba! Adventure, excitement, exotic foods!"

Something new from the Petrean office, "Slave for a Day". All students of Mr. Dwyer, who err in class now receive a choice between the Two Thousand Club and becoming servant in the Y-Book office for a day. Sophomore Greeks, beware the lesser of the two evils.

"To let the punishment fit the crime, the punishment fit the crime." Quoting the words of Mr. Marzolf, as he emptied a salt shaker down Hank Wefing's back for a similar offense which occurred during a recent Physic's Lab.

Attention Seniors! Join a fraternity! Prep's new honor society Psi Phlegma Ti meets afternoons under the direction of Mr. Dengler. Laurels for George Pierro who has been accepted "summa cum laude" as the first life member.

Were You There . . .

Pompeii 79 A.D. . . . E. Flavian Wallus rose early. Dressing quickly, he began to collect the animals for grazing on the lush green slopes of Mount Vesuvius. Leading the goats up, he played on his reed the Roman ditty "Arma Virumque Cano".

Slowly, the hours passed and dawn broke. Flavian took his torches and, instead of extinguishing them, began to throw them into the silent volcano. The ground rumbled. Thin trails of smoke bubbled out of the opening. Soon ash came creeping and boiling, and lava began to foam. Flavian fled; lava followed. Could he get down the slope in time?

The perfectly preserved remains of E. Wallus were found in a lava bed during the first excavation of Pompeii. They are now on view in the National Gallery, Washington D.C.

Horrorscope



Stephen Sacco: Your Italian name predicts intrigues in foreign entanglements. You will manufacture spaghetti. **William Petix:** Beware of the full moon: not only does it have influence on the tide, but also the untied. **Robert Fay:** Your history marks explain your desire to have lived in pre-historic times.

Candid Quotes

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY?



Bob Pipchick: Horseback riding, that's the stuff. Every Tuesday, I'm the first one off the bus and on to my noble steed.

There's no greater feeling than to be riding out on the trail, high in the saddle, lord of all you survey. When I graduate from cowboy to Indian at Clove Lake, than the real me will emerge, The Marlboro Man.



Tom Reilly: Weightlifting for me. As soon as I heard that the Prep was organizing a squad of bicep builders, naturally, I began to

flex my muscles (using that last term loosely). Although our group is now small, Mr. Faeth is waging a campaign for new members. Remember: "Join the weightlifting club and work out with dumbbells."



Pete O'Connor: The Petrean of course. In what other activity do you have a place to eat, study, smoke or sleep, and then get Petrean printed in caps under your name in the Y-Book. Sometimes, we think up witty captions for our formal informals or make dates for activity pictures when no one can make it.

Diamond Data

For the last ten days, both the rain and Prep baseball enthusiasts have been contending for coach's eye. But while these die-hard nominees have been literally wading their way around the "sponges", the front office has been scanning this year's roster with a noticeable air of glee. And can you blame them? Studded with a corps of veterans, this season's baseball register promises the Prep another city title and indicates that the county trophy will also adorn the office of Fr. Snyder. Although somewhat lacking in the power which Skinner, Borrone, and Brennan supplied last year, the present team more than compensates for this in spark and experience.

On traveling around the diamond, we can proudly observe a collection of classy, hard-hitting sackmen, headed by the seasoned veteran, Don Melega.

Don, who returns to shortstop for his fourth year, will be out to better an "off-season" at the plate. Last spring he hit "only" .286, his worst B.A. in a St. Peter's uniform.

Phil Martorelli, the mighty mite of the Prep backfield, will soon don the spikes and glove, and shuffle out to his familiar second base position. "Phleet Phil" handles the keystone spot with keen agility and grace, steals bases even faster, and shows a discriminating eye at the plate. The "Bogota Bomber" hit a nifty .294 last season.

Third base presents a bit of a problem with a host of candidates all battling it out for the hot corner spot. Heading the list are Juniors, John Massaro, Wally Dorgan and Senior Ed Ellis. However, keep your eyes open for a big switch. Adept Martorelli may pack up and move down to third.

There seems to be a squabble at first base where Junior Barry Tyne and Senior John Gavin are pitted against each other. Tyne moves faster, fields better, and hits the longer ball, but Gavin hits better.

As we turn our attention to the batteries,

'58 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

APRIL:

Tues.	8—Stev. Tech. J.V.	A.
Mon.	14—St. Al.	H.
Wed.	16—Ferris	H.
Fri.	18—Bayonne	A.
Mon.	21—St. Mike's	H.
Fri.	25—Dickinson	H.
Tues.	29—Snyder	H.

MAY:

Sat.	3—St. Mike's	A.
Mon.	5—Ferris	H.
Thurs.	8—Lincoln	H.
Mon.	12—Lincoln	H.
Thurs.	15—St. Cecilia	A.
Mon.	19—Snyder	H.
Thurs.	22—Bergen Cath.	A.
Sat.	24—St. Al.	H.
Mon.	26—Bayonne	H.

JUNE:

Mon.	2—Dickinson	H.
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Prep's eyes begin to sparkle. The team is gifted with the same pitcher-catcher combinations which saw the end of last year's season.

The pitching staff will be headed by three seniors. Bill Kretzer, the possessor of a wicked curve and fine control, will be backed by Jack Szeigis and Don McLaughlin, two speedball artists. The bullpen choices are hazy at the present but undoubtedly will be made clear.

Behind the plate we find two football stalwarts waging a war for the backstop position. Seniors Frank Meola and Al Weigand more than satisfy any coach's dream both behind and at the plate.

Although last June's graduation took a big chunk out of the Prep outfield, Mr. Cochrane beams optimistically over this year's three starting pasture-players. In left we find senior John Conroy contently grazing. Right and center will be shared by juniors Jim Bodino and Bob Feldman.

SETON HALL 65—PREP 48

Ugh!

Prep again ran the role of underdog as they went up to the Weehawken gym against a powerful Seton Hall squad. After engineering such an upset over the Irish, hopes were high for a similar showing. Although the Marauders led throughout the first half, they faltered and humbly fell to a lopsided 65-48 defeat.

Melega got things started with his patented drive up the middle. Little Dom Fiori matched that deuce and scored 5 more to keep the Pirates neck and neck with Prep. Erwin, Kretzer, and Massaro banged in swishing jumps and the scored jumped to 11-7. Center Ronnie O'Brien dumped in a bucket and foul while Kretzer countered with another jump, 13-10. Zanowski and Kretzer topped in tallies, but O'Brien and O'Connor beat the clock with two swishing jumps. The Marauders were riding high as they lead 17-13 at the end of the first period.

Prep reeled off 7 straight points at the start of the second frame and looked like they would win in a walk. Zanowski, Massaro, and Melega led the scoring during this drive. O'Connor and Mallia dug in for the Pirates with two baskets, 26-17. Beson then took the floor and dazzled with a jump. Fiori added two fouls and Beson scored six more points before the period ended. Massaro pumped in four for Prep and the Maroon and White had a three point lead at the half, 30-27.

The Pirates really galloped away in the third stanza as they outscored Prep, 17-8. Beson began the period with his deadly jump. Fiori matched a foul and the score, 30-30. O'Connor nailed another soft set and the Marauders were never in it after that. Kretzer got a foul but Seton Hall, using a fast break, ripped the net for eight straight points before Prep scored a field goal via a Massaro set. Beson came back on a give and go drive, 42-34. Melega and

Erwin drove for four, but Beson ended the period with a jump, 44-38.

The Pirates again rolled on and piled up a 19 point lead midway in the final canto. Beson and Fiori raged up a storm as they added up nine straight points, 53-38. It took almost five minutes before Prep scored.

The Marauders were often limited to one attempt as O'Brien cleared the boards magnificently. The Pirates never let up and Prep's desperate attempts for possession left them open for easy lay-ups. Beson bombed twice more and iced up the game in spectacular fashion, 65-48.

PREP 56—PIUS 46

Not Infallible

A jumping, driving Prep team outscored Pope Pius on March 12th, in the first round of the Catholic State Tournament.

In the first quarter, Kretzer dunked in 6 points and Melega cashed in for 5. Pope Pius returned with an outside shot and 3 fouls to make the score 11-5 at the buzzer.

Massaro flipped in two charity tosses and Kretzer jumped twice for a fast six points in the second canto. Melega whipped the ball to Erwin on a fast break, and Prep sloshed ahead 19-9. Lipos and Knothe teamed up for a fast seven points. Before the half, Prep hit the cords for four points and we led at the half, 23-16.

In the second half, Knothe poured in 8 points before Prep could recover from Coach Halligan's little pep talk. Finally Don Melega and Soph Joe Kelly caught fire and scored for Prep; Kelly from the outside, and Melega with two twisting drives. Prep had an eight point lead. Massaro stole the ball from Westhoven and flipped down court to Richie Erwin who rang up another two on the point register. On a bounced pass from Mayzel to Lipos, Zanowski intercepted and tossed it to Massaro who cleaned the net with a tricky

set from the left corner. At the buzzer, Prep by 8, 39-31.

Zanowski, Melega and Massaro tied the Pius five up for the first five minutes of the last canto with a total of 15 points. Pope Pius bounced back and ripped the nets with 10 points, before Erwin could end the game with a devastating hook. When all was over, Pope Pius was disheartened, but Prep was hopefully looking towards the State Catholic Championship.

PREP 65—ST. MICHAEL'S 56 Decisive Victory

After breezing past Pope Pius, Prep went a giant step further in its quest for Catholic State A honors. This time the Marauders tackled one of the greatest teams in St. Michael's history. Definitely outmatched in height, the Prep scored a resounding upset over the highly publicised Irish, 65-56. The jammed Weehawken gym was the slaughter site. The two backcourt wizards, Massaro and Melega, led the devastating attack with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Melega was especially effective in the third stanza when he steamed in 8 points to pull Prep ahead for keeps. The greatest achievement in the triumph was the way the Maroon and White blocked out Tagliabue from scoring his usual 20 per game.

St. Michael's looked like the impressive team they were rated to be as they leaped off to an 8-3 lead early in the first period. Waddleton and Constantino had the range, but Melega, Massaro, and Kretzer combined to knot it up. The same trio then proceeded to score eight more straight points, six on fouls. Waddleton came back with a deuce at the end of the period and Prep went to the bench with a 15-10 lead at the quarter.

The Marauders responded with more of the same type of play in the second canto. Zanowski slipped in a deuce but big Tagliabue banged in a neat push. A Massaro drive on the fast break was countered by Turner's brace of fouls, 19-14.

Waddleton and Tagliabue sent the crowd to its feet with two long sets as the Irish moved in for a kill, 20-18. Zanowski pushed in one from the corner and four fouls by Erwin and Massaro got the Marauders out of difficulty with a 26-20 half time lead.

The red hot Marauders really stirred up a swarm of points as they rocked away by as many as 15 during the exciting third period. Constantino and Tagliabue blunted the edge to 27-24 with two quick buckets. Prep poured on the pressure as Kretzer crammed in two straight jumps and, after a technical foul, Melega marked up four more points. Kretzer and Jarman exchanged deuces while Lean broke into the box score with a set, 37-27, Prep. Marraro bombed in a pair of beauties and Melega whizzed through the defense for an easy chippy. The Irish couldn't even start an attack, let alone score a field goal. In fact, their remaining points of the period were scored from the foul line where they dumped five. Melega closed the canto, 45-33.

The fourth quarter, which appeared to be a customary mop-up, turned out to be near disastrous as the Irish fought from a fifteen point deficit to within two points of the stunned Marauders. Kretzer and Erwin made it 48-33 in the quarter's first few minutes, but the Irish belted in from the outside and outscored Prep, 15-4, during the rush. Jarman and Turner teamed for three from the charity line and the Irish attack was underway. After Melega sank a pair of fouls, Tagliabue zeroed eight straight points, 50-44. Massaro bagged a set but McKenna, just in from the bench, quickly responded with 4 blazing points. Waddleton pumped in the final bucket of the surge to make it 52-50 as Prep called a desperate time out. Massaro came back with four markers and Melega five to hurtle Prep into the clear again. Although the Irish hung on gamely, the Marauders kept possession and won the game, the greatest of the season.

Frosh Skin Snyder

After beating Lincoln and St. Michael's in the Jersey City Tournament, the Prep Frosh met Snyder for the championship. In the first quarter, Snyder was leading 6-0 before Dick Young pumped in two deuces and Jim Barry added three more. At the buzzer, Prep led 7-6.

Slow play dominated the second canto. As the third quarter opened, Snyder led 16-13. Despite the loss of big Don Lacey, the Frosh rang up 20 points as Bob McGuirt and Jim Barry each netted 10.

In the fourth period, with the score tied at 41-41, Snyder put on a full court press. With less than a minute to go, Prep led by 6, 47-41. Young with 22 and Barry with 16 carried the championship to Prep. The season's final record: 17 wins and 4 losses. Congratulations, Frosh!

FROSH SCOREBOARD

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Breezing Along

After four long months of grinding practice, lost weekends, and blistered feet, the track squad has charged to the top of the North Jersey Catholic Championship at the Essex County C.Y.O. meet, March 1.

Though competing against sixteen teams, the squad felt confident. Yet they had to battle all the way to the last event, the mile relay, before clinching the title. Prep and St. Benedict's of Newark juggled the lead throughout the meet. At the final count, the Maroon and White squeezed the "Bennies" by one point, 16-15.

Prep raked in its first points via the 60 yard dash. "Doc" Doherty scooted in second for four markers followed by Frank Koch for another two points. Two fifth places in the mile and half mile upped the total to eight points. Danny Kahrar's third place in the quarter mile registered three. St. Benedict's had already netted twelve points, one up on Prep. One event remained, the mile relay, the "decider". Prep's milers, Hank Wefing, Jack Uphause, Paul Jordan, and Denny Wagner, rambled to a first place leaving the "Bennies" in a slow fifth. This gold medal first place claimed the cup for Prep.

With the indoor season completed, the Advocate picked its indoor All-Star Team. "Doc" Doherty placed in the 60 and the two mile relay. Kahrar was named in the quarter mile, while Honorable Mentions went to Walt McInerney, John Riordan, and Frank Koch.

In the coming four months of outdoor action, the Marauders will toe the line at eight championship meets plus numerous dual and development meets. The talent to win is on tap; if the spirit holds strong the outdoor squad should reap quite a harvest of medals and trophies.

Two weeks ago Prep's track men came to the post against 15 North Jersey Catholic schools in the season's first development

contest. The Marauder whiz kids copped first laurels in the frosh mile relay and the three mile relay. Three days later the Pirates from Seton Hall performed in lightning fashion, but the Marauders had more snap, crackle, and pop and Prep won by a single digit. Key men in the win were Doherty, Jordan, Kahrar, and reliable mile-man Ed Bradley.

There is one sore spot in the track picture—the field events. The discus, javelin, shot-put, broad and high jump competition can always add the few points for insurance. At press time Prep has no definite plans for a field event squad, so the burden of scoring rests entirely on the joggers. Coach Sharlow has been sending out S.O.S.'s for brawny field event men. Let's go, boys!

Tank Talk

With all the concern about the baseball season, we tend to forget that our Swimming teams have been winning meets for Prep. Taking the team individually, we see that Phil Dunne placed first in the city wide butterfly meet. The relay team of Curry, McConville, Dunne and Cashman tied for 1st place in the city meets. Ed Cashman and Francis Hermann are two promising free stylers and are both freshmen. They have been improving rapidly with each

new meet. They really showed their potential at the Regis game. Fr. Snyder is very proud of these boys and prophesies many more wins next year.

Our divers have displayed fine form in the aquatic meets. They have greatly assisted the swimmers in copping a tie for the city championship. Robert Feldman and Senior Anthony Allo are our best plungers. John Cashman, Roger Lagratia, and Jimmy Whelan have been racking up points for the Prep's Ducks.

Our swim team started out poorly, but through hard work and constant practice they have attained an equal footing with Snyder High School, city co-champion. The Old Whale has a hearty roar for these fellow riders of the high seas. We'll be losing some mighty good men next year; but, if the Frosh develop to their full capacity, we should snatch the city championship next year, untied.

Fr. Snyder's fondest dream is to have a swimming pool put in the new building next year, so that our web-footers wouldn't have to practice in P.S. 39's shallow pool. Maybe we should keep our present cafeteria and have the Prep Ducks practice there when we have a violent rainfall. But violent rainstorms are few and far between . . .



The Prep Ducks—Donald, Dewey, Huey and Louie.



Prep-Demarest battle of brains.

Chess Moves

On March 20 the Prep chessmen journeyed to Demarest to play the game which, despite the possibility of loss on the part of both teams in subsequent games, was most likely to decide the Hudson County Championship. One game lasted four hours, and, because of similar situations, the match had to be extended to the twenty-fourth of March. But the Prep men came through and won, 4-1. Next on the list is Jersey Prep—"Easy bait", says Fr. Jaschko. "If the most remote possibility should become a reality, and Jersey Prep beats us, we are still assured a tie with Demarest."

Seeking the laurels of the Jesuit Championship, the Prep took on Xavier twice and beat them both times. Then came Prep's roughest opponent yet, Loyola. Since both teams were evenly matched with excellent talent, the resulting score was a 2½-2½ tie. Three matches yet remain to be played, two against Regis and one against Loyola.

Three weeks ago, Jim Scholland and Bill Proskow visited St. Peter's College to try their luck against Samuel Reshevsky, International Grand Master in chess. Reshevsky played against thirty opponents simultaneously. Even though the Prep men lost, still it was a tremendous honor to meet such

a champion.

THE PREP CHESS TEAM HEREBY INVITES THE FACULTY TO A CONTEST OF WIT ACROSS THE CHESS-BOARD.

After delivering a sound thrashing to the faculty two years ago, the students offer the teachers another chance to regain their lost honor.

Racket Squad

With two years of match experience under its collective belt, the Prep tennis team is a good bet to turn in its best performance of the past three years. The nucleus of the team consists of three seasoned seniors, led by No. 1 man, Jim Whelan. Whelan, a consistent winner, will probably be teamed with Gerry Drummond and Hank Wefing. Flashy soph, Gene Galvin, will pep up the starting singles competition. Greg Drummond will slide into the first doubles slot, with Galvin most likely as teammate. The second double team, hard hitting Anthony Rizzi and steady Bob Modarelli, return again this year. Rizzi and Modarelli are faced with stiff competition from soph Jack Wefing and senior Fred Baron. Fr. Snyder, the tennis coach, has booked a solid schedule. As the Whale went to press, Prep opened against Ridgewood on April 8. Other opponents are Dickinson, Bayonne, Snyder, Lincoln, and Jersey Prep.

Tee Off!

"To the country, men!" cries Mr. Becker, "take up your dusty golf balls and forget the city for eighteen holes." Dennis Dwyer, Richie Monks, and about six others have answered this bid for the wide-open. For the time being, our country boys will be confined to Lincoln Park for their wild antics; but on May 5th they will play St. Benedict's on the rolling fairways and smooth fresh greens of their dreams. Mr. Cross, club co-moderator, will accompany the two foursomes to Essex County.