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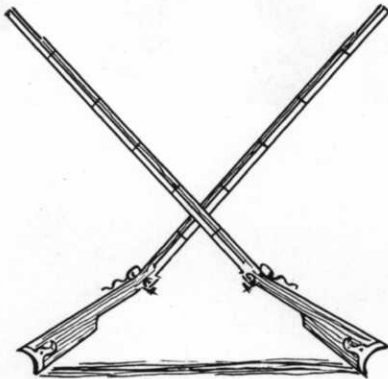


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# SIQUAERIS



*SIQUAERIS* (seekwe'ris) are the first words of a hymn, "If Thou Seekest", written many centuries ago. This Latin piece of poetry, sung today in all Franciscan Friaries, exalts St. Anthony of Padua, the Great Miracle Worker.

*SIQUAERIS*, if thou seekest miracles, you will not read of any spectacular events or sudden transformations. But, you will see how young men, in the course of four years, are trained and transformed into Christian gentlemen.

*SIQUAERIS*, if thou seekest an education of high standard, through which a young man is trained, not only in the arts and sciences, but also in the art of carrying the burden of responsibility . . .

*SIQUAERIS*, if thou seekest a well developed body and a soul rich in virtue, you will learn from the pages of this annual, how boys, seeking much, found what they sought—A Catholic, Franciscan education.





# IN RETROSPECT

St. Anthony of Padua Minor Seminary and Preparatory School is located in Watkins Glen, N. Y. The massive white building, situated on the side of a beautifully wooded hill, overlooks the scenic Seneca Lake.

The region surrounding the southern tip of Seneca Lake abounds in Indian lore and historic interest. The name, Seneca, traces its origin to the Seneca, "Great Hill People", Indians. Under Queen Catherine Montour, the Senecas had developed a high degree of civilization and were the most powerful of the Six Nations. South of the village of Montour was found the town of Chequaga, surrounded by cultivated fields and orchards. It flourished until 1779, when it was destroyed by General Sullivan. One still can see the Painted Rocks, covered with Indian inscriptions, rising from the lake over a hundred feet; Hector Falls and Sullivan Falls, which mark the path which General Sullivan and his men trod.

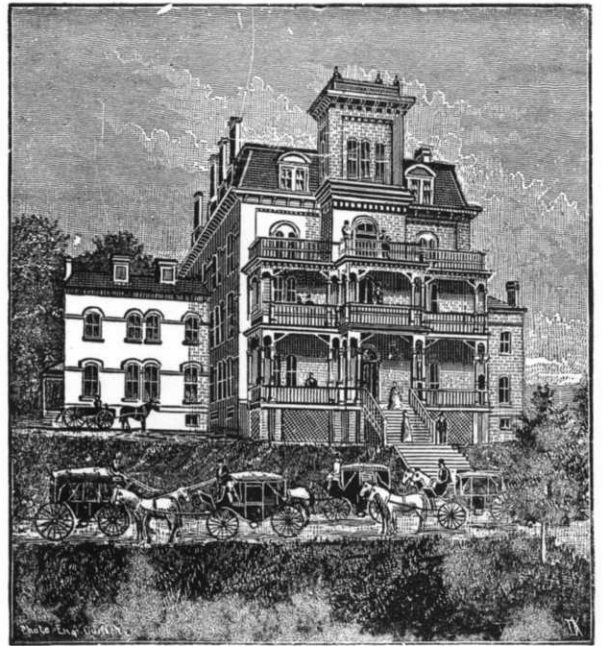
Seneca Lake, the "Gem of the Finger Lakes", is thirty-six miles long and from two to five miles wide. It is over 600 feet deep in some spots and the coldest lake in North America, maintaining an average temperature of seven degrees above freezing throughout the year. Because of the springs which supply its water at a constant pressure and because of its great depth, Lake Seneca has frozen but three times in the last century. Its open waters have made this region a year round resort, for it is cool in the summer and mild in the winter.

Bordering the grounds of Padua Preparatory School, is the famous gorge,



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Watkins Glen. Its natural beauties, geological formation, arcades, galleries, pools, grottoes, rocky heights and waterfalls make this region a mecca for tourists. Winter with its frost, autumn with its colors, and spring with its fresh foliage transform the gorge into a wonderland.

St. Anthony of Padua, who is the patron saint of the school, was a renowned Franciscan preacher of the 13th century. His fame as a herald of Christ's message and as a miracle worker, spread throughout the whole of Italy. After spending his life in furthering God's glory, he died in the convent of Ara Coeli, near Padua. However, judging by the many blessings showered upon the school which bears his name, one is convinced that the Great Wonder-worker still lives on and is interceding for the brown Friars and the students here at Padua.

Saint Anthony of Padua Minor Seminary and Preparatory School, formerly known as the Glen Springs Hotel, was once a place where many great people came to rest and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and surrounding beauty. Among the guests who visited this famous resort were John D. Rockefeller, Sr., Prince Otto, pretender to the Hapsburg throne, General John J. Pershing, Frances Perkins, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Alfred E. Smith and James E. Farley.

Today, one can almost visualize the fashionable carriages and luxurious automobiles that were driven up to the hotel's impressive entrance. One can almost hear the spirited conversation and laughter of the guests who gathered within its spacious rooms and halls. The register which contains the names of the visitors who stayed here, is a silent witness to the days when the Glen Springs Hotel was in its glory.

The first floor contained a spacious lounge with an open fireplace, music room, offices, lobby, card rooms, billiard and pool rooms. A broad veranda afforded a promenade for more than three hundred feet. Over a hundred rooms



had private baths and telephones. Talented musicians furnished daily concerts.

A clinical laboratory, equipped with chemical, pathological and bacteriological facilities, together with a medical staff, were maintained at the Glen Springs. A pharmacy, X-ray department and an electrocardiograph were also available.

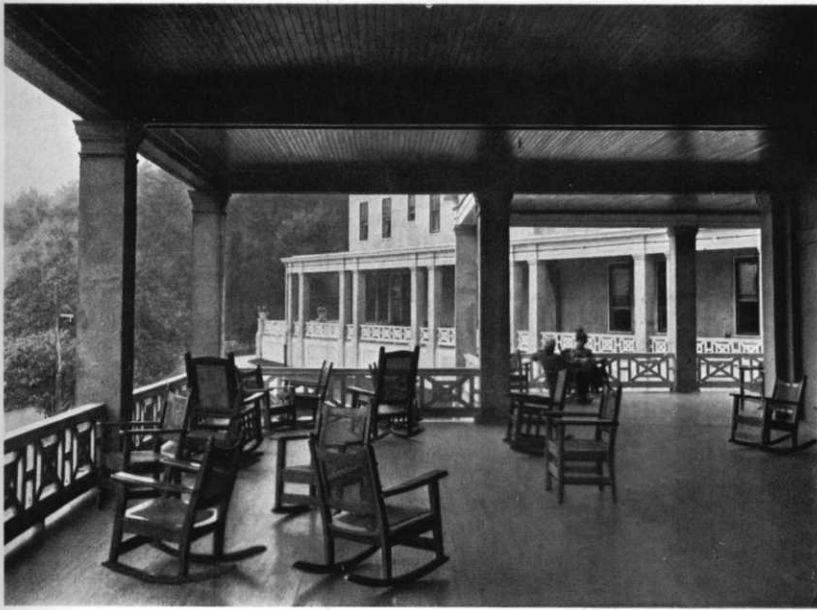
After analyzing the medicinal properties of the waters of the Nauheim, Deer Lick, Kissingen and Salubria Springs, it was found that they were equal to the best known European springs. The brine of the Nauheim Spring was used for the treatment of rheumatism. The water of the Deer Lick Spring improved the digestive process and increased the red corpuscles. Those who suffered from chronic gouty disorders found relief in drinking the water of the Kissingen and Salubria Springs. Water for general domestic purposes was obtained from the Seneca Spring. In addition, Roman, Russian, Brine Vapor Baths, a swimming pool, supplied with Nauheim brine were available to the guests.



Six hundred acres of farm, woodland and park, formed the Glen Springs estate. The guests had the opportunity to wander through the woods over shady, well-built paths for miles. From almost any point, one was able to obtain beautiful vistas of lawn, forest, glen, and lake. The paths were graded and at intervals had signs, showing the distance from the building. Benches and kiosks, placed in favorable places, enabled the visitors to relax and enjoy the beauties of nature. Wild life and almost every species of trees, wild flowers and shrubbery abounded.

Golf and other outdoor recreation were available. The nine-hole golf course, three thousand yards in length, was a golfer's



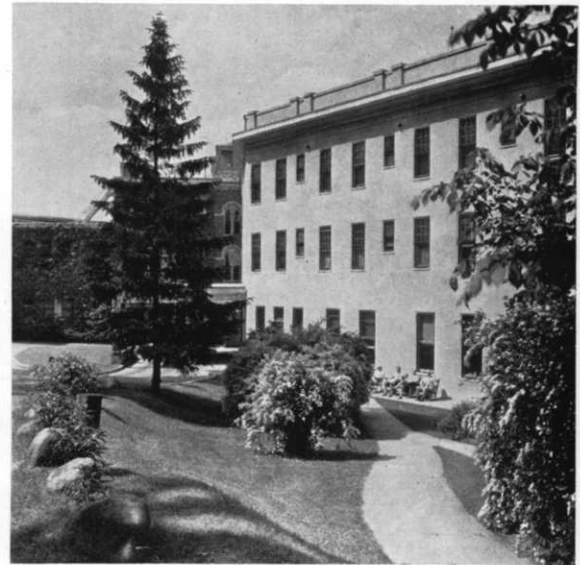
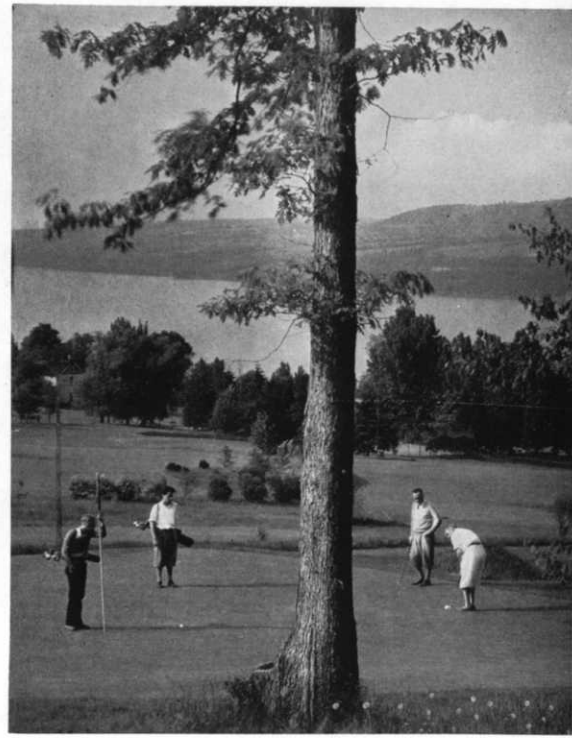


delight. A background of forests, Seneca Lake, and the village of Watkins Glen at the foot of the hill, made it one of the most attractive golf courses in the country. Those who preferred water sports, were able to go boating or fishing in Lake Seneca. Quail, partridge and pheasant hunting appealed to many.

The hotel, which made Watkins Glen known all over the world, was erected by Judge George S. Freer, around the year 1870. In the year 1890, William E. Leffingwell purchased it and converted the famous resort into a sanatorium. The Glen Springs then attracted many tourists and health-seekers until the year 1924, when its popularity gradually began to decline. The changing times, together with the Second World War, brought about the closing of the once famous resort. In 1943, the furnishings of the building were sold.

When the Second World War ended, the building was used to house many students and members of the faculty of Cornell University. Its primary purpose was to accommodate the married couples and families with children. It wasn't until the year 1949 that the Glen Springs Hotel was finally sold to the Assumption Province of the Order of Friars Minor, which established the school which now exists. The Very Rev. Isidore Cwiklinski, O.F.M., Provincial, represented the Order and received the title deed.

When the school opened its doors for the first time, thirty cautious and wary

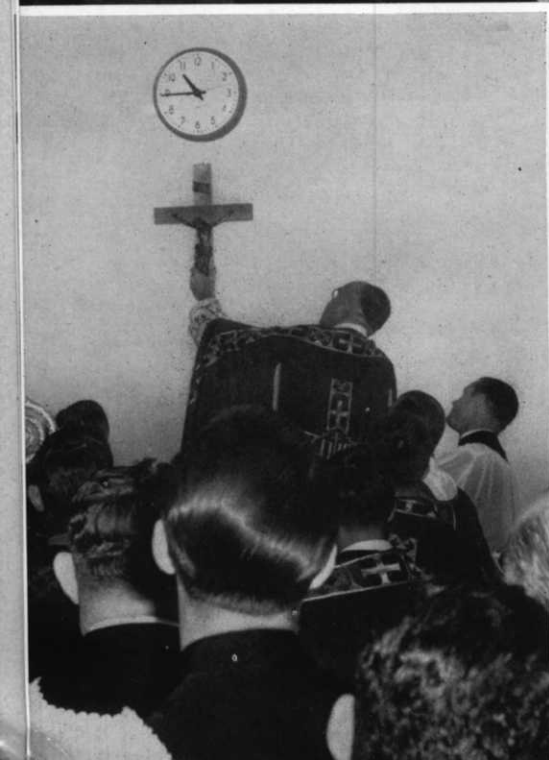


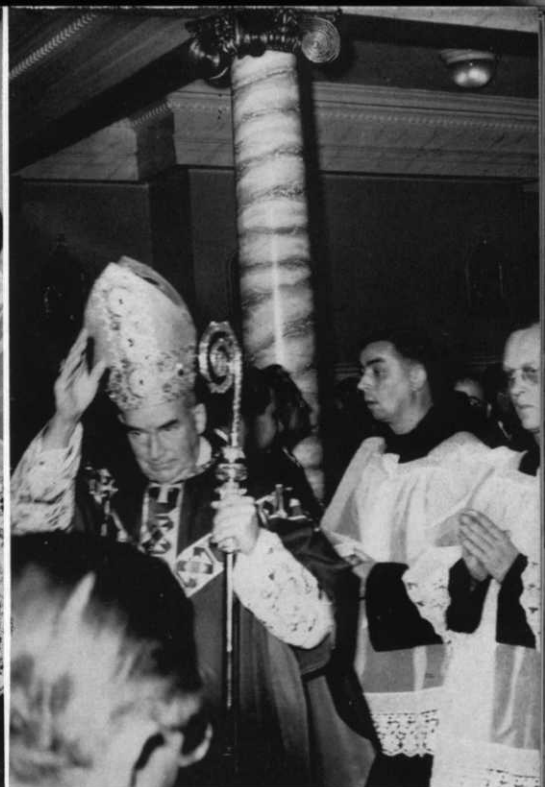




boys arrived to form the memorable Pioneer Class. The day of the dedication arrived. It was held on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, September 14th. His Excellency, Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., bishop of the diocese of Rochester, officiated at the ceremony.

The Bishop was formally welcomed at the school by representatives and officers of the community and the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. Many local priests and friends of the Friars were also present. Following the procession from the Friary to the chapel, the "VENI CREATOR" was sung and the Bishop blessed the chapel and elevated a cross in the lobby. "The Cross" the Bishop said, "signifies the presence of Christ through every nook and corner of this building. Whenever we hang the Cross in any institution or Church, it brings Christ





closer to us. His presence in this building will exercise a benign and tender influence on the activities of the community." In closing, the Bishop said, "May God bless the future of the Friars here and may God bless the little people who will come here to break the bread of life." The Friars' choir, under the direction of Rev. Benedict Ehmann of Watkins Glen, rendered the polyphonic portion of the Solemn High Mass which followed.

At the dinner reception, the speakers were Rev. Benedict Ehmann, the Very Rev. Isidore Cwiklinski, O.F.M., Msgr. Joseph A. Balcerak, Rochester, Major Allen D. Erway and Bishop Kearney. Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, Elmira, was the toastmaster.

Approximately three hundred guests witnessed the ceremonies of the dedication and were pleased to welcome the Friars into their midst.

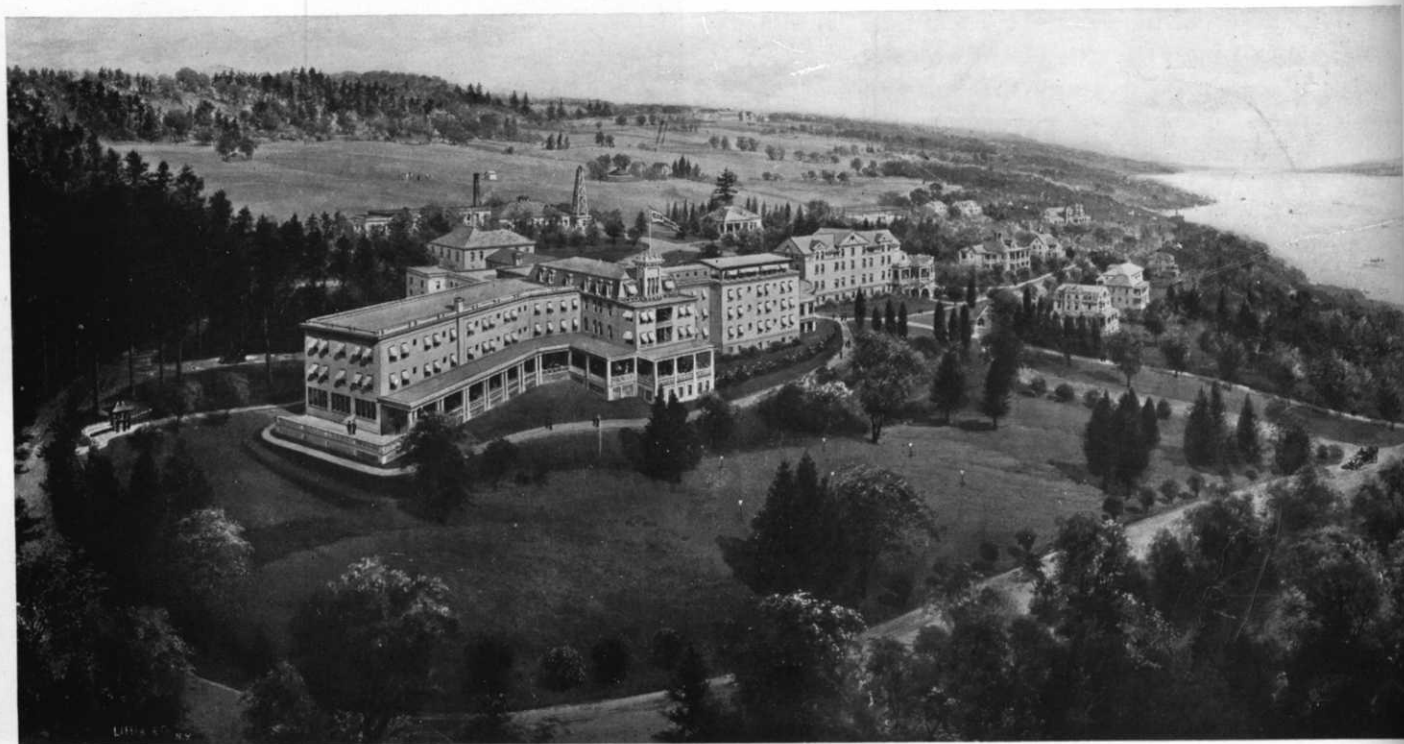




The Franciscan Fathers and Brothers have much to give, not only to Catholics and the community in which the school is situated, but to the whole country. America need never fear for her future from the products of an institution such as this—boys who will learn both love of God and love of country. The Friars will continue to emulate their holy founder, St. Francis of Assisi, in placing all their trust in God, confident that He will bless and sustain His workers always. As a reminder of the school's purpose and spirit, a six-foot blue neon cross shines nightly atop the former Glen Springs resort.

The history of the institution which we now call Padua will never be forgotten. It will live on in the memory of all who have known it as the Glen Springs Hotel but above all, it will live on in the hearts of all who will have the the privilege of attending St. Anthony of Padua Minor Seminary and Preparatory School.

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# PIONEERS

September 14, 1949, witnessed the birth of our Alma Mater. As the pioneering class, we were present for the impressive ceremonies of the dedication. Many of our small group felt the pangs of loneliness and disappointment upon not finding the things we had expected of a boarding school. However, we realized that every infant institution must undergo growing pains. Instead of losing heart, we decided to do our share in making Padua one of the best schools in the country.

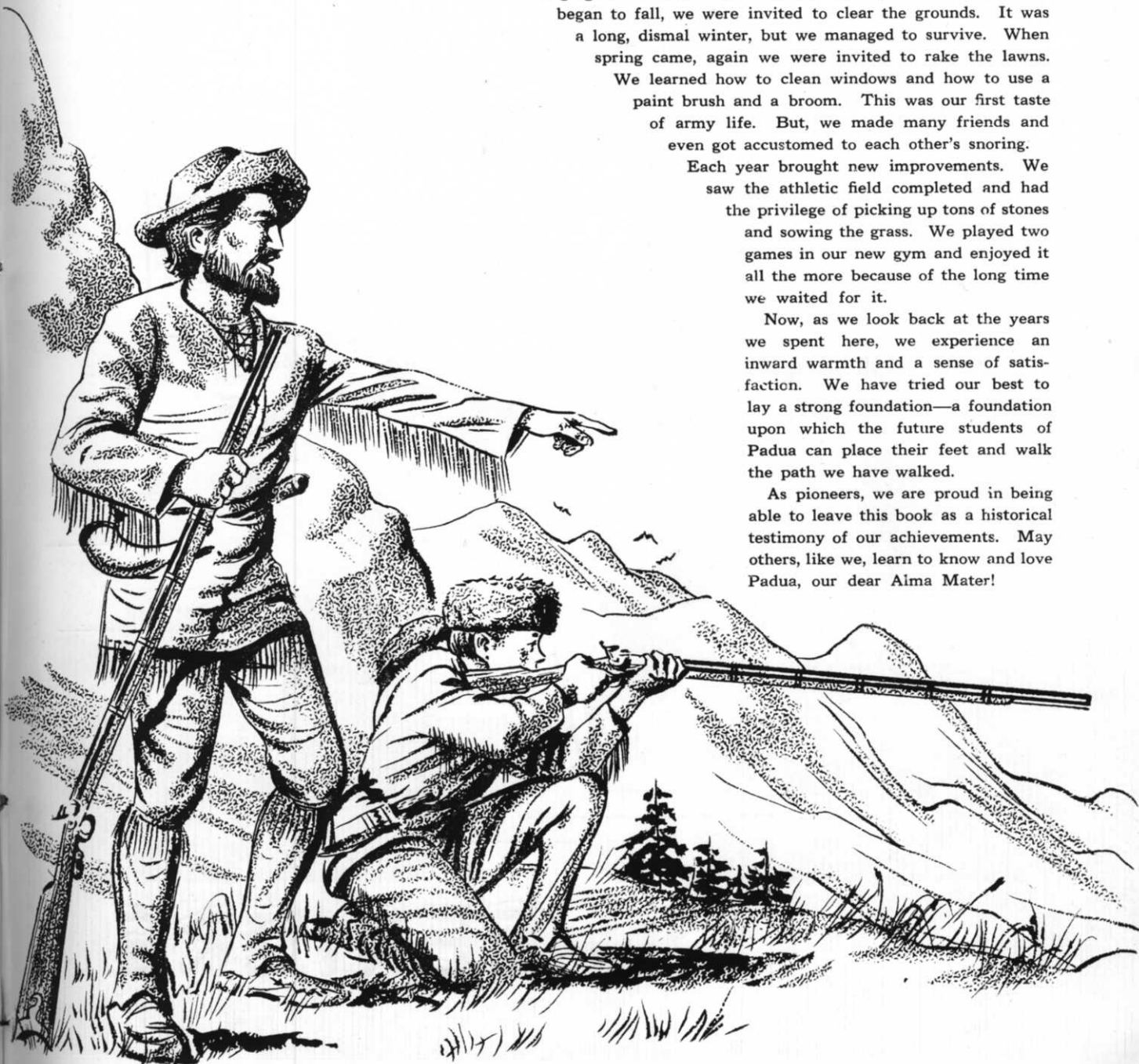
We learned to be satisfied with the minimum. Ping-pong wasn't such a bad game after all. The front lawn served as a baseball field. Before we removed the machinery from a small generator room and made a court, we played basketball in a solarium. It had a low ceiling and many posts. But, it was fun! We put on a play in the refectory and erected our own scenery. Studies weren't too difficult because we had almost as many professors as students. In chapel, we did all the singing and served Mass almost every day. When the leaves began to fall, we were invited to clear the grounds. It was a long, dismal winter, but we managed to survive. When spring came, again we were invited to rake the lawns.

We learned how to clean windows and how to use a paint brush and a broom. This was our first taste of army life. But, we made many friends and even got accustomed to each other's snoring.

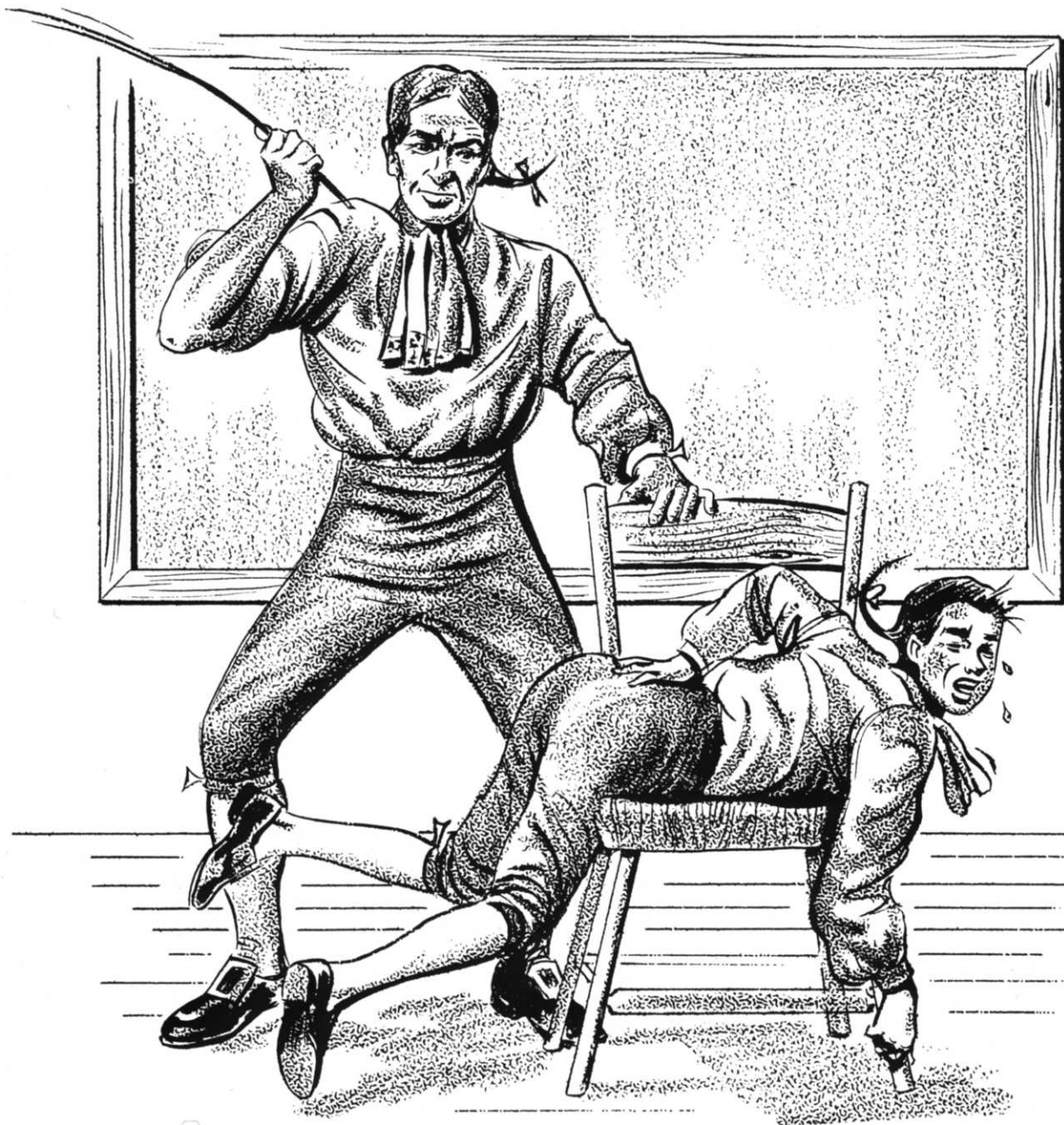
Each year brought new improvements. We saw the athletic field completed and had the privilege of picking up tons of stones and sowing the grass. We played two games in our new gym and enjoyed it all the more because of the long time we waited for it.

Now, as we look back at the years we spent here, we experience an inward warmth and a sense of satisfaction. We have tried our best to lay a strong foundation—a foundation upon which the future students of Padua can place their feet and walk the path we have walked.

As pioneers, we are proud in being able to leave this book as a historical testimony of our achievements. May others, like we, learn to know and love Padua, our dear Alma Mater!

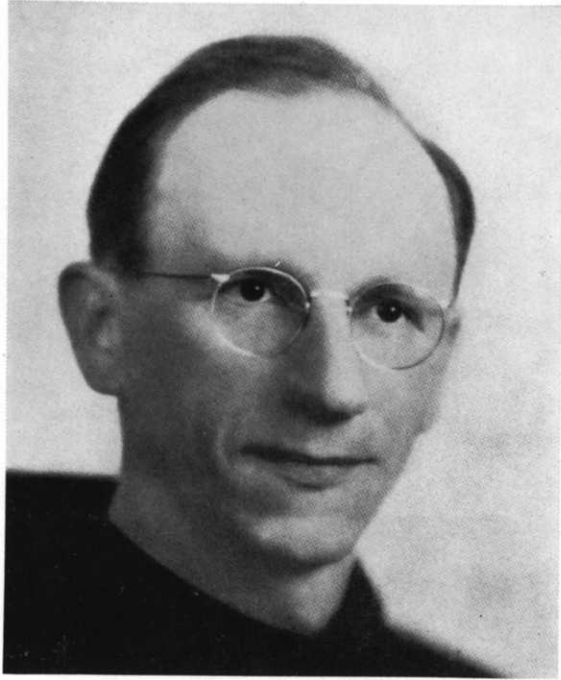


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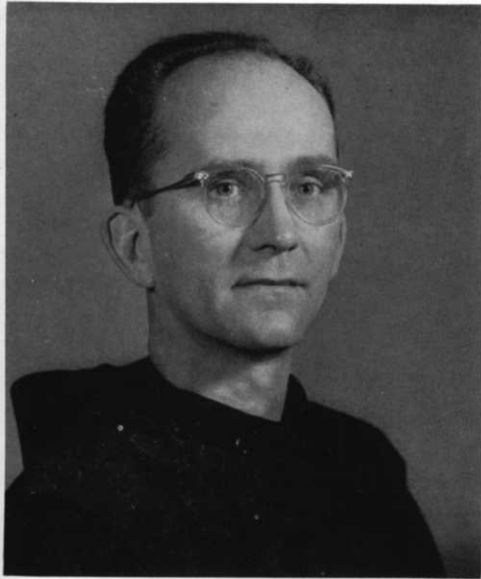


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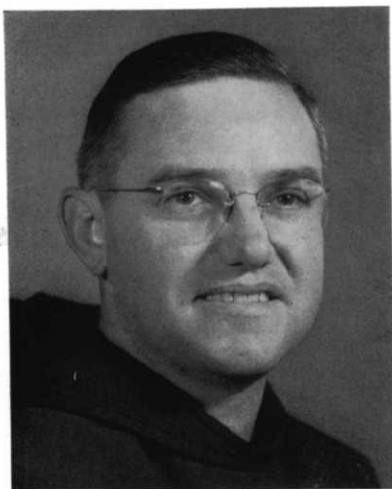
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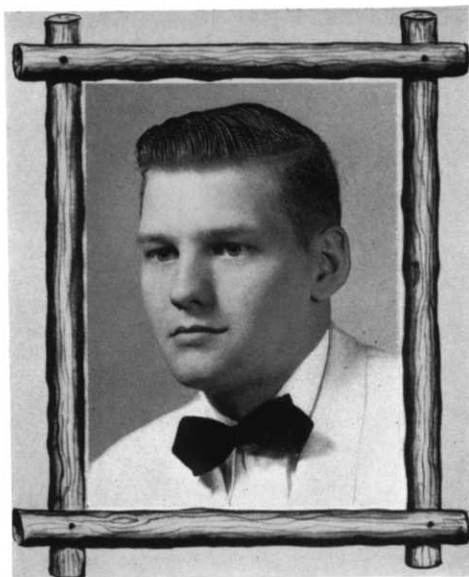
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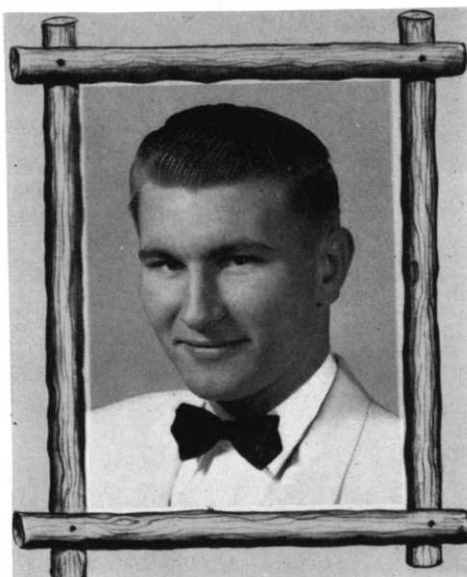
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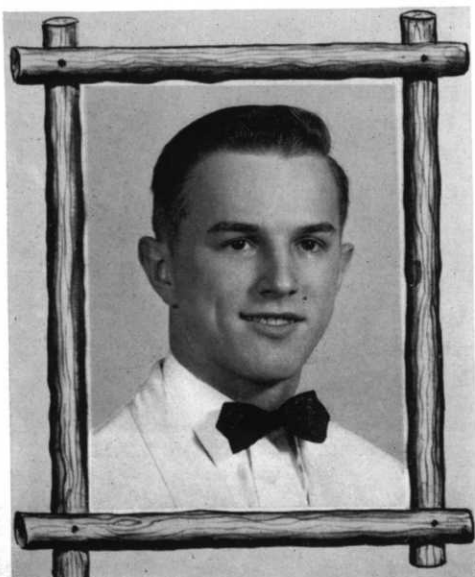
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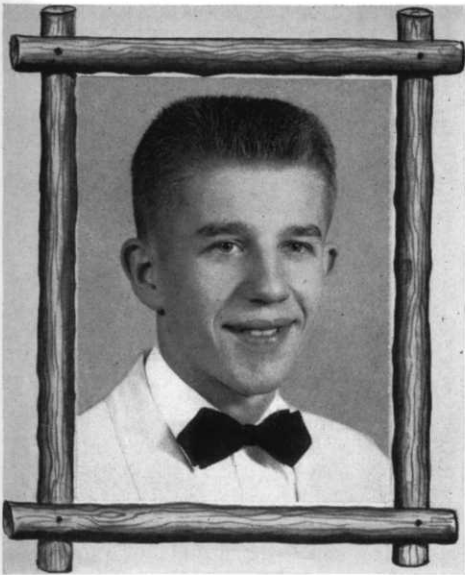
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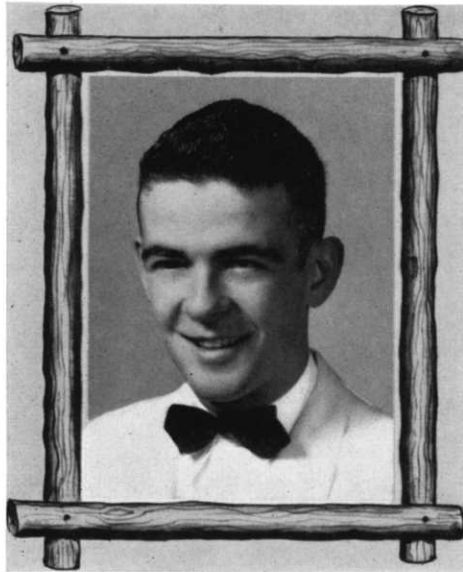
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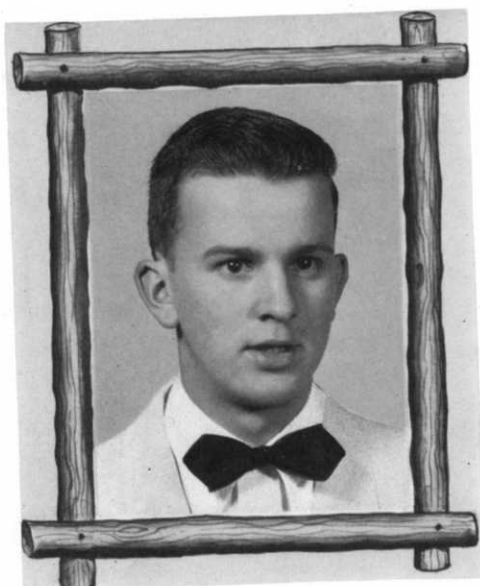




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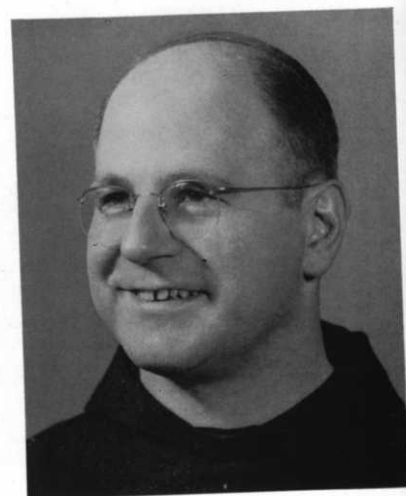
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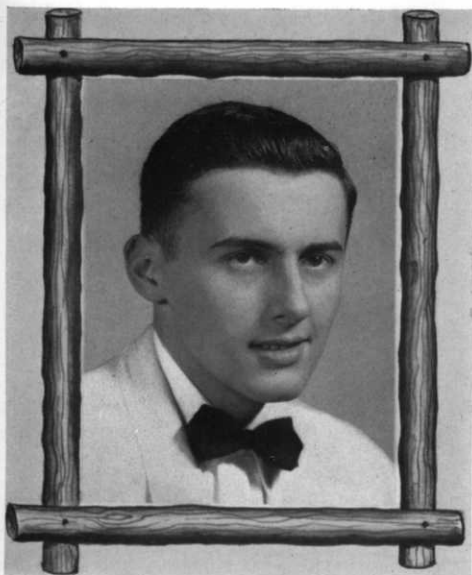
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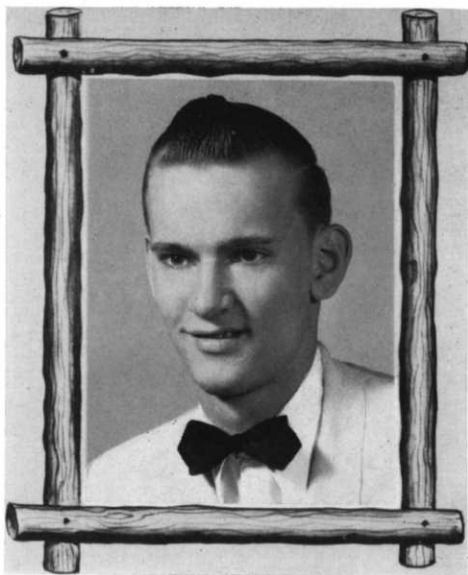
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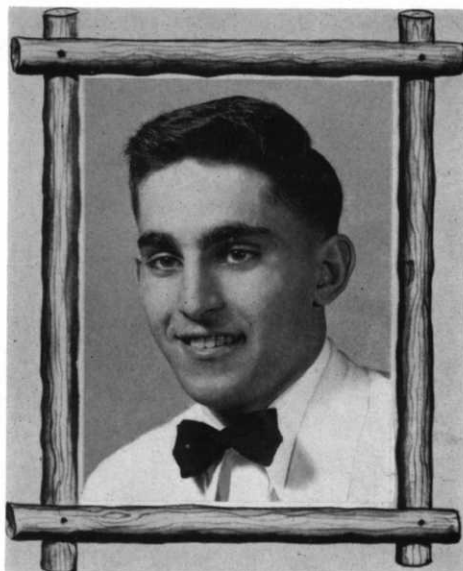
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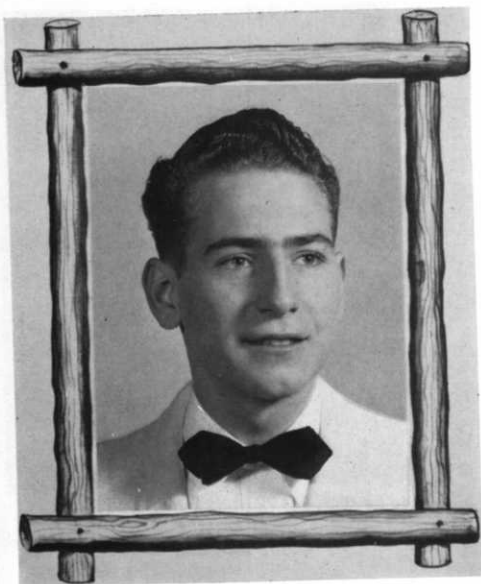
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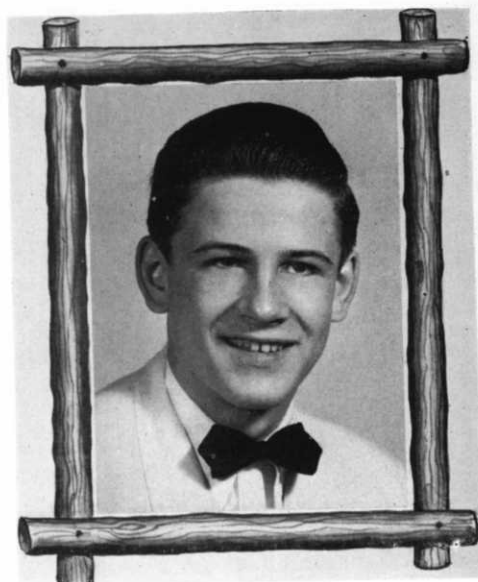
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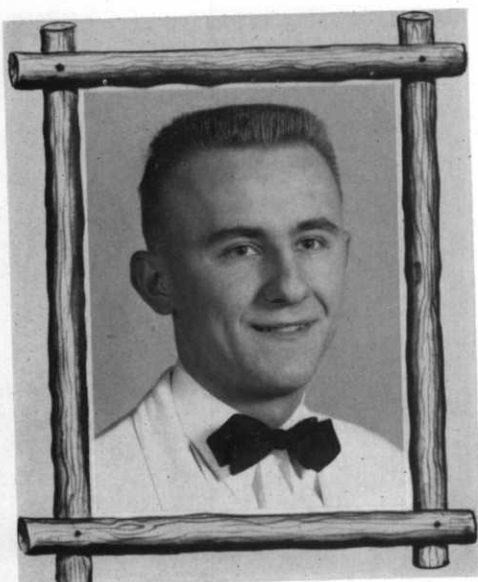
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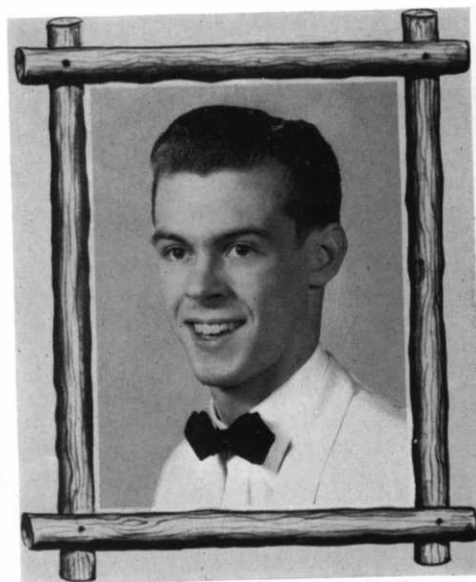
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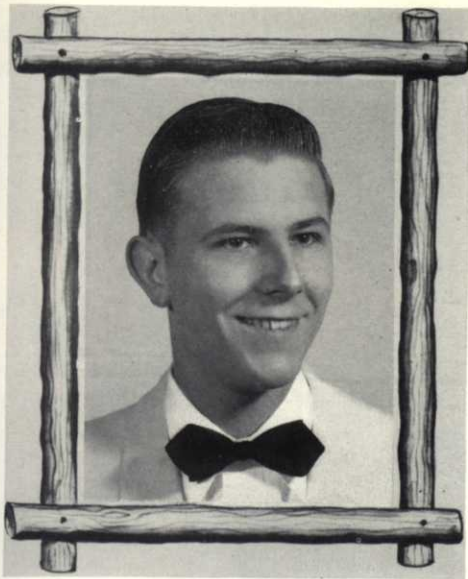


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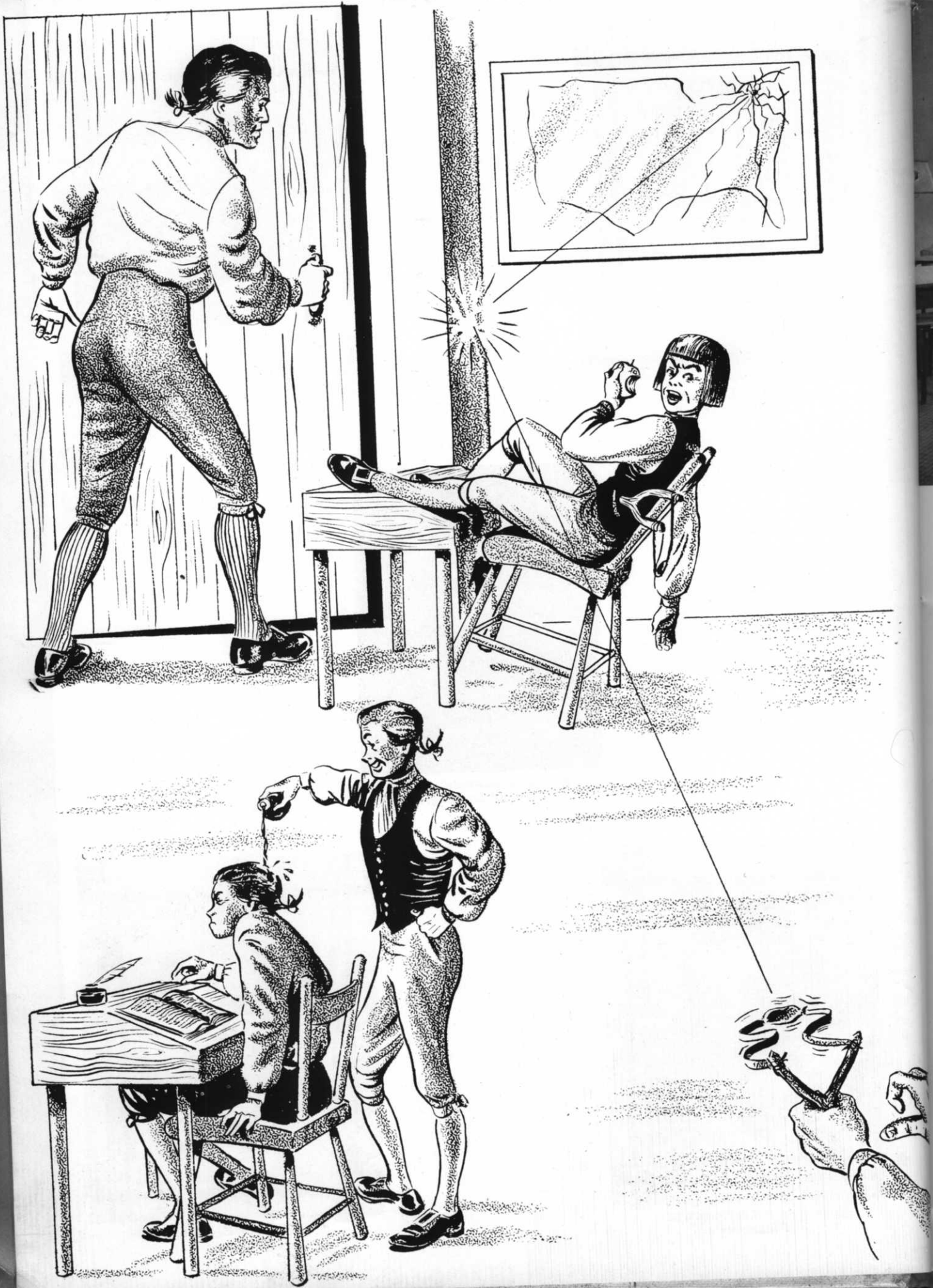
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# Growth and Development

If one, well acquainted with the former Glen Springs Hotel, were to return and visit the building which has been converted into a school, he would notice many changes. The large lounge, which once witnessed many gala parties, was converted into a beautiful chapel. The place where people once made merry has now become a place of prayer and meditation. Walls had to come down in order to make classrooms and a library. The wooden stairway gave way to a steel one. A spacious studyhall, equipped with shelves of reference books, modern desks, wash room and a drinking fountain, was erected. The rooms which once held many great people, are now occupied by students seeking the truths that tend to make them great. A portion of the golf course has been made into a large athletic field. A modern gymnasium, completed only this year, is one of the most beautiful buildings in the locality.

As time slipped by, a few of the thirty original students left school, only to be replaced by new adventurers. At the end of the first scholastic year, thirty-



Former hotel rooms like the above, converted into study hall and class rooms.





FIRST STUDENT BODY—1st row, 1 to r: T. Grochowski, R. Chodnicki, R. O'Connell, J. Kulinski, J. Schickel, J. Dwyer, E. Lagonegro, E. Lewandowski, T. Trzaskawka, J. Trella, J. Malina.

2nd row, 1 to r: Fr. George, H. Cecce, H. Nixon, D. Corby, G. Soback, R. Limoncelli, R. Groncki, T. Trainor, F. Zygmontowicz, T. Ryan.

3rd row, 1 to r: C. Aug, P. Schmidt, J. Lynch, S. Keefe, E. LaValley, T. Colihan, M. Gill, L. Rys, E. Haydock, C. Szczepanski, Fr. Sylvester.

five students were promoted to the sophomore class. Each year saw new faces and a new class added to the curriculum. Of the seventy-three students who began the second year, sixty-one completed the school year. The following September, the school listed a total enrollment of seventy. During the first three years, one hundred twenty-seven boys had been enrolled; of these, sixty-one remained to usher in the first year during which the school had a full complement of four classes. At present, there are twenty seniors, ten juniors, nineteen sophomores, and fifty-one freshmen.

Of the original faculty, only Father Claude, Rector, Fr. Fr. George, Vice-rector and Fr. Henry, the first superior of the Friary, remain. The others have been assigned to other posts. Fr. Emmanuel is now Provincial Director of Seraphic Vocations, Fr. Leopold is a missionary in the Philippines, and Fr. Martial is Assistant Provincial Procurator.

Fr. Sylvester was prefect of Discipline for the first three years. To him is due a great share of the credit for formulating the disciplinary policies of the school. In spite of his position, he tried to make the students' stay at Padua an enjoyable one. Disciplinary rules were tried and perfected



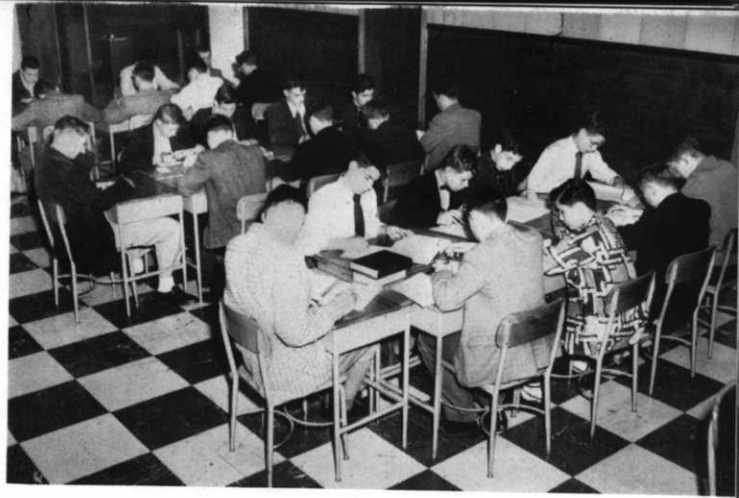
FR. SYLVESTER, O.F.M.



FIRST FACULTY—Standing, 1 to r: Fr. Martial, Fr. Leopold, Fr. Henry, Fr. Canisius.

Seated, 1 to r: Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. George, Fr. Claude, Fr. Sylvester.

Another view of the study hall



until a sound and just system was evolved. As a teacher of Guidance, he taught the boys how to take pride in being true gentlemen. Presently, he is pursuing courses in Sacred Scripture, at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

After being class-moderator and adviser to the student publication, Fr. Canisius left Padua to prepare for missionary work and study the Russian language. It was a great loss, for Fr. Canisius was a friend and an inspiration to the pioneering class for two years.

In the course of these four years, Fathers Martinian, Marcellus, Bruno, Brothers Anselm, Boniface, Damien came and left Padua, leaving behind their good example and spirit of sacrifice.

The work begun by the pioneering Fathers, Brothers and students will go on. Long after they are dead, the school which they founded will serve as a living monument, reminding others, that love and sacrifice have not disappeared from the earth.



FR. CANISIUS, O.F.M.

Present day student body





J. Malina, vice-president; C. Szczepanski, secretary; E. Lewandowski, treasurer; F. Czajkowski, president.

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### *CURRICULUM*

RELIGION — two periods

LATIN — five periods

ENGLISH — five periods

AMERICAN HISTORY — five periods

PHYSICS — five periods, one laboratory

POLISH — four periods

FRENCH — four periods

PHYSICAL EDUCATION — two periods

CHANT — one period

GUIDANCE — one period

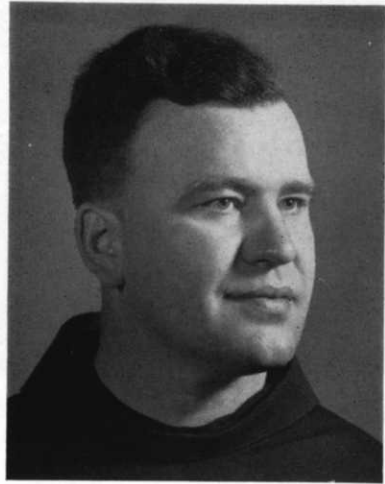
A lighter moment during a class meeting



*Blue and Gold*



Secuturis  
Monstranus  
Viam



FR. ALBIN, O.F.M.  
*Moderator*

The Pioneers, thirty strong, began writing the history of Padua the very first day they arrived. There was no precedent that they might follow. They were the trail-blazers who were to prepare and show the way to those following them. The circumstances here at Padua were unlike those in the other Franciscan institutions of learning of the Assumption Province. Being a new school, things were in a transitional stage until the temporary measures gave way to permanent arrangement—a change which only time and hard work brought about. The plan of the buildings, semi-private sleeping quarters, campus, and presence of day-students, different from every other school, offered new problems. Rome was not built in a day—nor was Padua.

Despite the increases and decreases in class membership, twenty young men have persevered and have received all that the school had undertaken to give them. They now leave their Alma Mater, pleased to know that they are leaving behind a beacon which will guide all others who will follow.

Groncki, Kuhn, Chodnicki, and Haydock reaching the boiling point.



Seniors relaxing between classes



# Class of

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J. Kuchinski, secretary; D. Griffin, treasurer;  
M. Yurko, president; B. Petrick, Sgt. at arms;  
J. Pilch, vice-president.

In 1950, thirty-seven students entered the school to follow in the steps of the Pioneers. This is a strange class. True to their motto, "Ad Astra per Aspera," the juniors have shown that the way to the stars is really a difficult one. They, as the successors to the Pioneer class, deserve a lot of credit, for the part they played in the formative years of the school. Only ten members of the original class remain.

In spite of their small number, they have achieved much. They are represented in every school organization. They have three talented organists and a few musicians playing other instruments. For three years they have produced winners in the prose and poetry contest. A few of them sing in the choir and the rest are ardent photographers.

The out-going class can be sure that the juniors will carry on and perfect they work they had begun.



FR. HENRY, O.F.M.  
*Moderator*

Ad Astra  
Per  
Aspera

## CURRICULUM

RELIGION—two periods

LATIN—five periods

ENGLISH—five periods

AMERICAN HISTORY—five periods

FRENCH—five periods

BIOLOGY—five periods

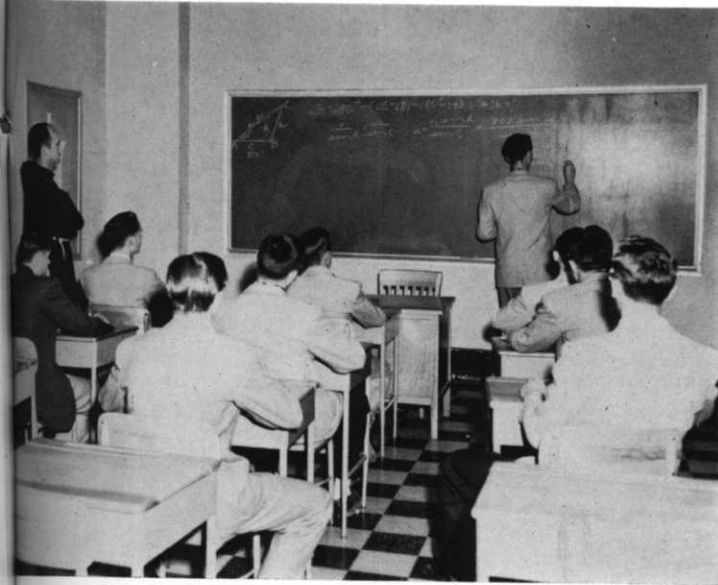
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION—two periods

CHANT—one period

GUIDANCE—one period



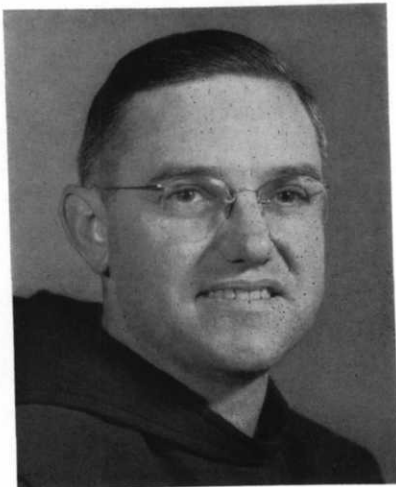
Fr. Claude and the trig students waiting for E. O'Neil to go off on a tangent.

Old Rose  
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Silver



Juniors monopolize a corner of the recreation room





FR. GEORGE, O.F.M.  
*Moderator*

Class  
of  
'55

**CURRICULUM**

RELIGION — two periods

LATIN — five periods

ENGLISH — five periods

WORLD HISTORY — five priods

FRENCH — four periods

POLISH — four periods

GEOMETRY — five periods

PHYSICAL EDUCATION — two periods

CHANT — one period

GUIDANCE — one period

*Red and White*



T. Trella, vice-president; R. Green, Sgt. at arms; A. Gowarty, secretary; R. Tulko, president; R. Wroblewski, treasurer.



Fr. George insists that it must be on the map



What are we waiting for?

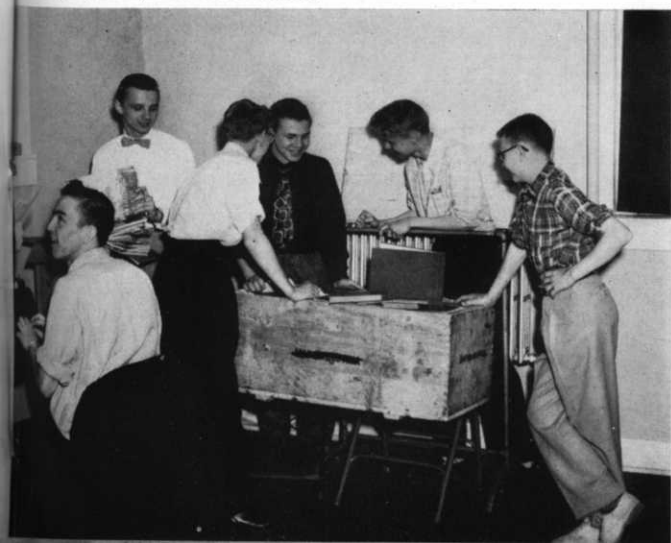
In 1951, twenty-two youngsters entered Padua. After a little adjustment, the leaders were brought into the foreground and the rest of the class pledged their allegiance to a common cause.

When an appeal for books and magazines came from the Franciscan missionaries they undertook a project to help them. Missions have always been the pride of the Franciscan Order and the sophomores did their share in supporting them. Some of them, attracted by the recently-opened mission in the Philippines, hope to join, one day, the ranks of the Friars in that land.

They pride themselves in the various projects they have begun on the campus. The work done on the athletic field is especially outstanding.

The sophomores will continue being an example of what cooperation and hard work can do for any group.

Books and periodicals off to the missions through the cooperation of Szufel, Tulko, Maksymowicz, Karpowicz, Lapczynski, and McDonnell.



Sanctus Joseph

Dux Noster

# Class of

## *Blue and White*



Tarnopolski, Klos, Killigrew, Pindel, and Kopczewski testing the spring tension.

The chief concern of the fifty-three freshmen, as they entered Padua in 1952, was the initiation which takes place annually on the Eve of All Saints. The upper-classmen put terror into their hearts, but they managed to survive the ordeal. As full-fledged Paduans, they immediately began to contribute their share to the school and student body.

The Prefect of Students found many eager helpers among them. They kept the campus clean and did other odd jobs. The tenor voices which they have supplied to the choir are an asset to the group of boys who have been doing wonders on Gregorian and polyphonic singing.

Their motto, "Christ in All Things," has not remained merely on paper but has been put into practice. They are conscious of the fact that Christ is to be before them, not only in chapel, but in all things they do.

W. Ranus, vice-president; J. Pindel, treasurer; W. Laszkowski, secretary; S. Kapral, president; R. Killigrew, sgt. at arms.

Frosh getting set for the next event in the Halloween Marathon.



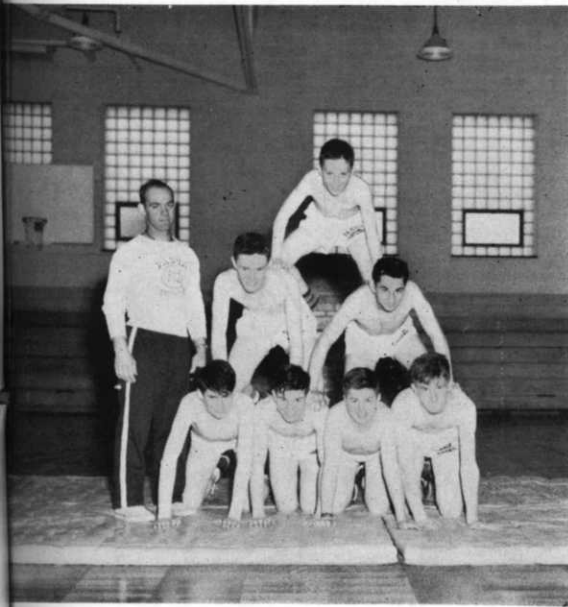


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In Omnibus  
Christus



Must be bargain day for the Freshmen at the PX



Mr. Franzese with the Freshmen gymnasts

*CURRICULUM*

RELIGION — two periods

LATIN — five periods

ENGLISH — five periods

WORLD GEOGRAPHY — five periods

GENERAL SCIENCE — five periods

ALGEBRA — five periods

POLISH — four periods

PHYSICAL EDUCATION — two periods

CHANT — one period

GUIDANCE — one period

LIBRARY — one period



FR. EMIL, O.F.M.  
*Moderator*



# SIQUAERIS



*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek a way in which you can break the monotony of everyday life and enkindle interest in ordinary activities . . .

*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek spiritual guidance on the way of life, and encouragement in your difficulties . . .

*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek mental relaxation after which you can approach your studies with new enthusiasm . . .

*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek to develop your talents and learn to be a leader among men . . . you can find enlightenment here.





A section of the building where the chapel wing now stands

## The Heart of Padua

Every effort was made to convert the former lounge of the Glen Springs Hotel into a chapel worthy of Divine Services. A beautiful mahogany altar with a rich red backdrop and a large crucifix dominates the scene. On either side of the sanctuary are found statues of the Blessed Virgin and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The floor was sanded and brought back to its original beauty. Soft colors were used in decorating the ceiling and walls. Fourteen Stations of the Cross were placed along the walls. After some old pews were received from Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of the local parish church, they were sanded, refinished, and took the place of the temporary kneelers and chairs.

The boys begin and end each day in chapel. The trend has been to go back to the early years of the Church and recapture the spirit of community worship. The Divine Office, the official liturgical prayer of the Church, has found a place of prominence in the boys' daily spiritual exercises. Each morning, after the recitation of Prime, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated. The boys are not mere spectators but actually participate in the service. They answer the prayers of the priest and follow his every action. During the day, the students pay frequent visits to the chapel. The Rosary is recited daily by the whole student body. In the evening, after Compline is recited, the blessing is given, thus closing the day with a thought of God.

Each Sunday a High Mass is celebrated during which the boys chant various portions of the Mass. Under the direction of Fr. Emil, the singing of Gregorian Chant was encouraged and steadily progressed. This particular type of music is centuries old and is strongly advocated by the Church. Each Sunday afternoon the boys sing Gregorian Vespers. In May, special services are conducted daily in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Similar services are held each evening in June in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each Tuesday morning, St. Anthony, the patron saint of the school, is invoked.



In addition to the various services, the chapel is the scene of frequent spiritual conferences. These, given to instruct and draw the students to the loftier things in life, are prepared and delivered by the Spiritual Director, Fr. George. In a course of a series of instructions, he treats of the Commandments, virtues, the Creed, and other vital dogmas of Faith. He has imparted much information to the boys and dispelled many doubts and difficulties. Fr. George, together with the other Fathers, is available at any time for consultation in matters of a vocation or other problems.

Each year, after the completion of the first semester, a Spiritual Retreat is conducted. A Retreat Master, from one of the other Franciscan Friaries is invited to arrange a program of lectures and spiritual exercises for the boys. In the course of this spiritual inventory, the boys are encouraged to check their progress on the path of virtue. They are asked to make new resolutions and means are proposed by which time they can more faithfully adhere to their good undertakings. Silence, spiritual reading, and contemplation are in evidence during these holy exercises.

At the close of the Annual Retreat, a Thirteen Hours' Devotion is held in honor of the Eucharistic King. After a Solemn High Mass in the morning, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar all day. Each half hour finds four new faces in the sanctuary, silently kneeling and adoring the Hidden God. In the evening, a sermon on the Blessed Sacrament is delivered and a procession is conducted in which the Eucharist is born around the chapel, amid rising clouds of incense and singing of hymns.

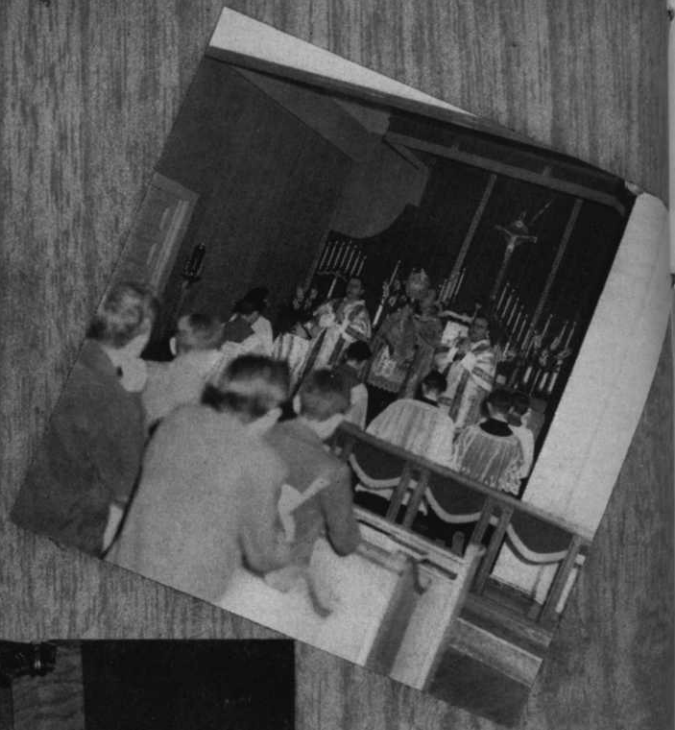
The chapel, as the classroom and gymnasium, plays an important role in producing well-rounded personalities. Without its influence, Padua could never boast of being the institution it is.



The chapel with its temporary kneelers

Fathers Marcel, Sylvester, Martial, and Emil refinishing the pews

The chapel as it now stands





Fr. Claude with the assistance of Fr. Sylvester receiving members into the Third Order

## St. Anthony's Fraternity

Everyone seeks peace. Many seek it unknowingly. Many seek it knowingly but find it only after a long and laborious struggle. Paduans learn early to practice a well-ordered life. They, like their fellow-Tertiaries the world over, deliberately strive for peace by means of their Rule and regular meetings.

Their Rule which was handed down by St. Francis aims simply at Christian perfection. Tertiaries at Padua learn the Rule as exercises of love of God, neighbor, and self.

*Love of God* grows in the heart of the Tertiary by the all-important daily Sacrifice of Calvary, daily reception of the Eucharist, weekly reception of the Sacrament of Penance, prayer, spiritual reading, devotion to God's Name, and the daily Examen of conscience.

*Love of Neighbor* becomes a reality in the life of a Tertiary by his striving for continuous peace among others. In addition to this general counsel, the Tertiary observes particular counsels of peace towards relatives, the poor, the sick, the dead, and various worthy societies.

*Love of Self* does not mean egoism, as the worldly believe; but penance, as the Tertiary knows. Tertiaries exercise themselves in the counsels of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, in so far as these evangelical precepts are adaptable to their lives.

Regular meetings of St. Anthony's Fraternity occur monthly. Since its establishment in 1950, first, Father George and then Father Austin have acted as Moderators of these meetings. A feature of the get-togethers of St. Anthony's Fraternity is the incorporation of "The Hour of St. Francis" into the program. Due to the efforts of the Third Order officers "The Hour of St. Francis" will also be available to the public of this area in the fall. Station WELM, Elmira is expected to carry the program.



The main body of the library

## Library

The library is only second to the chapel in serving as a core of Padua. In its physical set-up, the library is ideal in many respects and compares very favorably with other school libraries. Without boasting, one can also say that at present there is a more than adequate selection of books, considering the fact that the school is still in its infancy.

The attractive appearance of the library is due in large measure to Fr. Donald Bilinski, O.F.M., librarian of the Assumption Province. The entire center wing of a second floor was stripped and under his supervision and direction, it was rebuilt into the modern library that it is now.

Fr. Donald was also responsible for setting up the system of classification based fundamentally on the Dewey Decimal System. On the opening day of school there were actually only 112 books fully prepared for the shelves. However, by November of 1949, there were already 700 volumes, all basic books required for the courses.

At this point, the library was entrusted to Fr. Leopold, and at the end of the first school year, the accession book showed over 1100 books entered. The following two years found Fr. Emil in charge of the library and some of the less developed sections began to fill out. About 400 volumes were added during this span of time.

To Fr. Ireneus fell the task of rounding out the entire library. Under his qualified supervision, the library seemed as if it matured. In May, there were 1967 volumes on the shelves. There are also forty-two subscriptions to periodicals and seven to newspapers. Especially noticeable throughout the year were the various interesting book displays.

The staff of librarians also were pioneers in their field, having no upper-



classmen from the beginning to pave the way for them. The first two years served as a period of indoctrination. It was not until the fourth year, when Fr. Irenaeus organized the Library Club, that the group really functioned as an efficient staff. Conrad Szczepanski served as Librarian-in-chief throughout the four years, and despite the many headaches that befell him, the devotion to his work could be considered nothing but commendable.

As the library developed, the records show that reader interest increased. During the school's second year, the average number of books charged out to each student was fourteen; the following year, nineteen. By November of this scholastic year, 858 books were borrowed by the students, at an average of more than eight books per student for two and one-half months. As the library continues to develop, and as the shelves, which provide space for 12,000 volumes, continue to fill out, book-lovers will more frequently make use of the facilities that the library provides.



Fr. Irenaeus comes to the rescue of the Freshmen in the reference room

R. Tulko, C. Szczepanski, J. Uss, E. Flannery at work

R. DeSocio and R. Schultz on the work bench with R. Amrozowicz filing away periodicals

E. O'Neil, J. Kuchinski, C. Olszewski, and J. Maloney in the reading room

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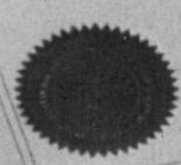
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### PADUANS TAKE EXAMS NEW HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

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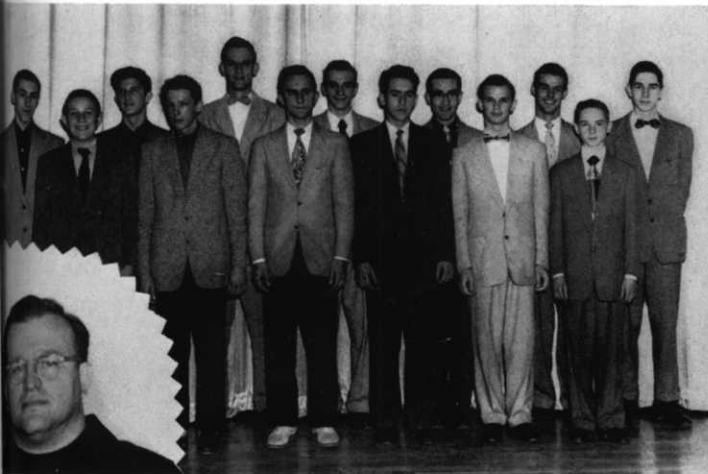
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# Press Club

The first organized activity at Padua was the Press Club. Under the supervision of Fr. Canisius, the students, interested in journalism, began to concentrate upon publishing a first class school newspaper. Their aim was to print all the news about and around the school and to express any constructive opinions they wished to voice. In doing this, they were given ample opportunity to develop their powers of observation and journalistic writing.

An attractive format of the school paper, THE PADUAN, was immediately decided upon. An assortment of unique and interesting articles and fresh editorials, soon made



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Inset: Fr. Terrence, O.F.M., adviser

THE PADUAN worthy of emulation. Many school papers patterned themselves after THE PADUAN. To date, the school newspaper has received five press awards from St. Bonaventure University for the excellent work it has been doing.

To further their interest in journalism, Mr. Arthur H. Richards, Jr., the representative of the AP and IP in Schuyler County, addressed the club members. This, together with the excellent guidance of the club advisers, has made the Press Club an outstanding organization on the campus.

# Siquaeris Staff

The first issue of the Siquaeris lies before you. This was the major undertaking of the year for the Senior class, the last of the Pioneer accomplishments.

With Joseph Malina chosen as editor-in-chief, the class prepared itself for the grind that was to follow. First came the task of selecting a suitable name for the book. From the several titles presented, *Si quaeris* was finally chosen and combined into one word. It followed naturally that *Si quaeris* should become the theme of the book with the Pioneer motif accompanying this theme.

With the wealth of material on hand, it



l to r: E. Lewandowski, T. Trainor, R. Chodnicki, F. Zygmuntowicz, J. Malina, G. Sobeck, R. Olszewski, F. Czajkowski, C. Szczepanski  
Inset: Fr. Emil, O.F.M., adviser

was a foregone conclusion that this was to be an historical issue. It was decided to unfold briefly and without any undue glorification the growth and development of the school.

Credit especially belongs to Joe Malina for the interesting layout of the pages, to Frank Zygmuntowicz for compiling the historical notes, to Frank Czajkowski for editing the sports section, and to George Sobeck for providing the interesting ideas in the art department.





Fr. Claude receiving the charter from the district chaplain, Fr. Lynch

## Explorer Post 160

Exploring spans the chasm between boyhood and manhood; its program resembles a bridge supported by four pillars. These four pillars are Outdoor, Vocational, Social and Service activities. All these activities make up a natural account of the Explorer events at Padua since the issue of its first charter November 31, 1951.

*Outdoor events* of Explorer Post 160 included an overnight trip to Camp Seneca along beautiful Seneca Lake, fishing and hiking, canoeing and swimming, and sightseeing tours throughout the area.

*Vocational events* consisted of talks by professional men, a visit to the Corning Glass Works, and vocational exploring under the private tutelage of Merit Badge counsellors. Padua boasts a complete library of Merit Badge pamphlets.

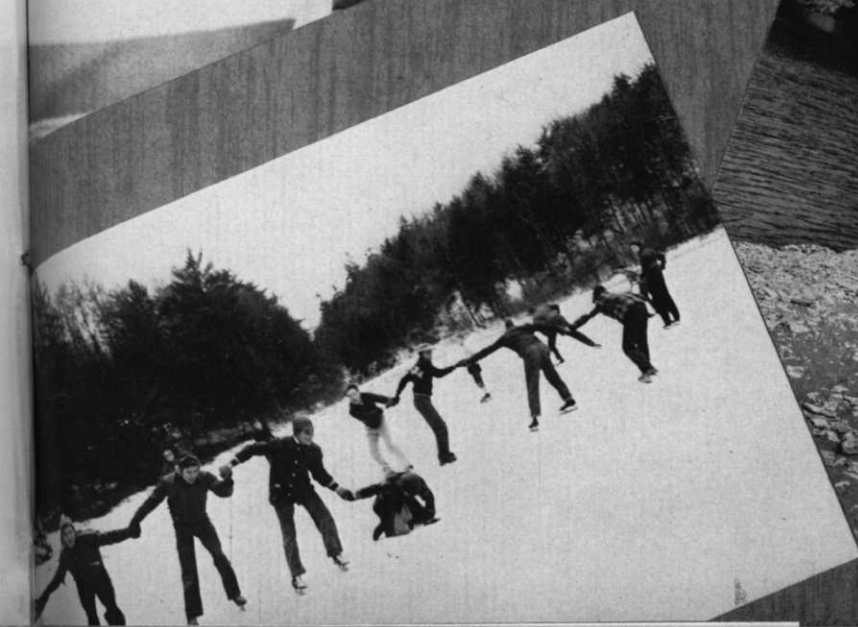
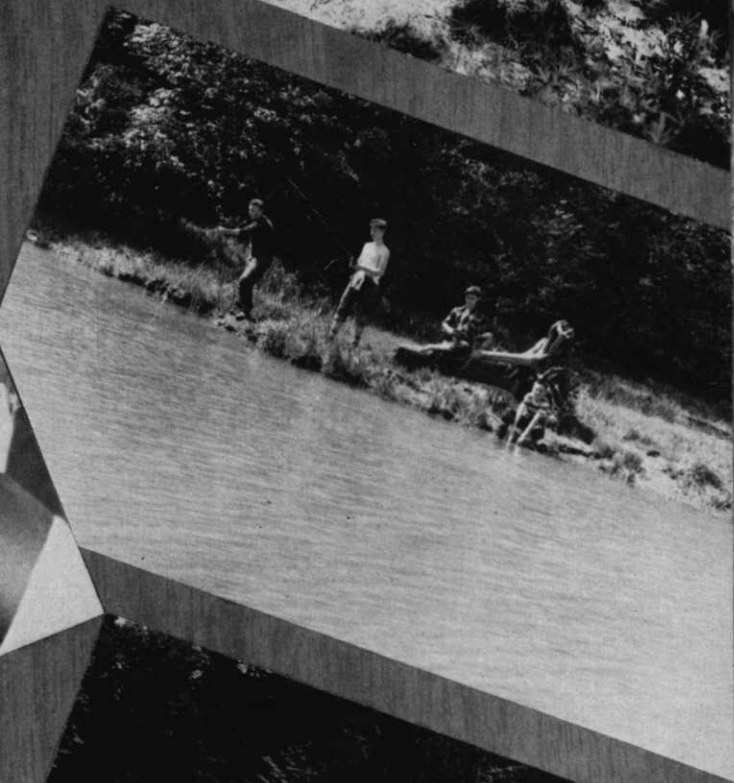
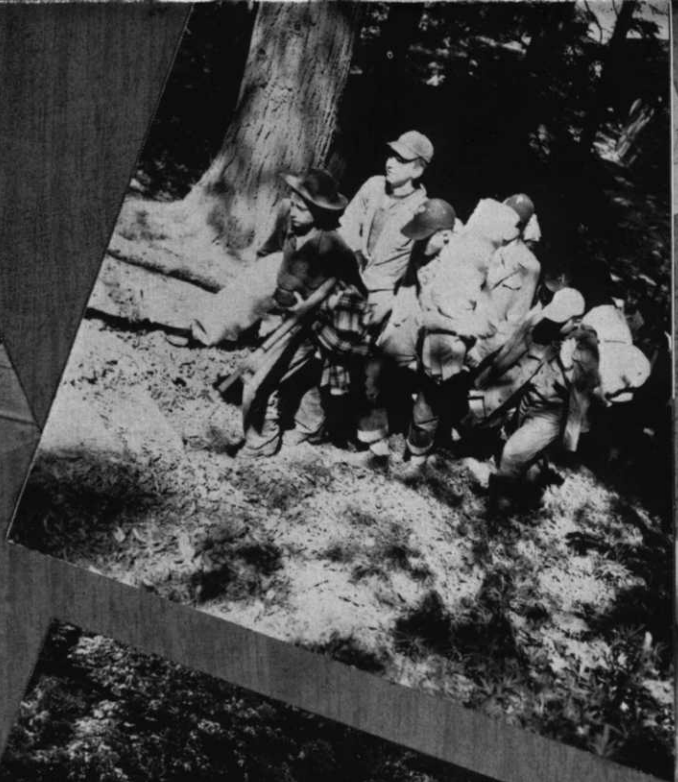
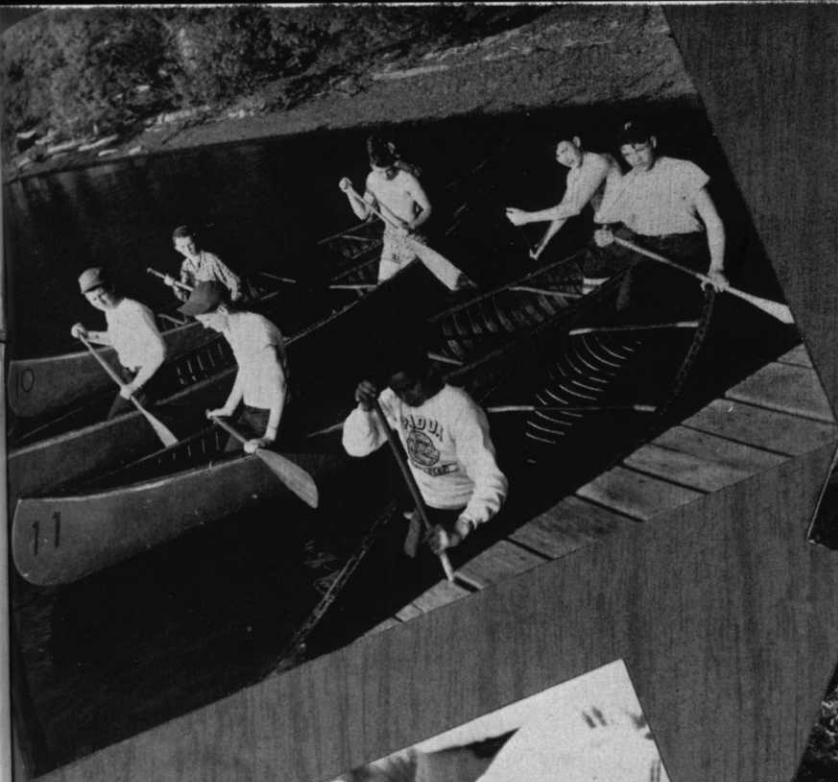
*Social events* are necessarily limited due to the nature of the school. Being a boarding school, contact with others is mostly that of athletic competition.

*Service events* comprise Scouting's traditional good turn, especially to the community, such as posting "Get-out-the-Vote" signs, and helping in emergencies.

Post 160 qualified for the "Forward on Liberty's Team" streamer, and received the Gold Liberty Bell Award for "Functioning Manpower." The Unit's Adviser, Father Austin, received certified recognition from the National Council of Scouting for participating in the 1952 Explorer Specialization Program at Schiff Scout Reservation in New Jersey.

Four Fathers have successively held the position of Adviser of Post 160. Father Claude Zabinski launched the Scouting adventure in 1951, Fathers Emil and Martial held the advisory position in 1952, and Father Austin Lewinski acted as Adviser in this present year.





# Dramatics



1949—Julius Caesar



1950—Francis' Gift to the World

From the day Padua began to exist, dramatics had a part in the activities of the school. Talented students were given the opportunity to appear on stage and gain the poise and self-confidence which are assets to every young man.

Like all other activities of the new school, the art of acting also had a humble beginning. The first production, a modified version of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar", was part of the 1949 Christmas program. Since no stage was available, Fr. Sylvester, together with Brother Casimir and a few boys, erected one in the refectory. It was primitive but it served the purpose. The important thing was that a start was made; the following years would improve upon this first, crude effort.

The following year, another play was presented shortly before the Christmas vacation began. It was of a religious nature, "St. Francis' Gift to the World." It portrayed the story of the first Christmas crib, as erected by St. Francis of Assisi. The third Christmas program consisted of a miracle play, "Sister Gold", and a Christmas pageant. The choir, together with the audience participated by singing Christmas carols.

When the new gymnasium was completed, "Brother Orchid" was presented, under the direction of Fr. Terrence. An excellent assortment of props, costumes, lighting and acting, made this play a big success. It was repeated for the benefit of the local people. The Thespians, after having a slow beginning, have now placed dramatics in the place of importance it rightly deserves.



1951—Sister Gold



# Brother Orchid





# Achievement Night



Above:  
General view of  
the banquet



Fr. George awarding letter to R. Eskra



The speakers' table

Each year, just before school is dismissed for the summer vacation, one night is dedicated to the achievements made by the boys during the year. In the presence of the faculty, friends of the school, parents and the whole student body, public acknowledgement is given to those who have been outstanding in the various fields of activity—sports, scholastic endeavor, character development. Also, on this occasion the parents have an opportunity to spend an enjoyable evening with the faculty members and discuss topics of mutual interest.

This annual class-sports banquet brings the various activities of the school to a memorable closing. After the meal, Mr. Arthur H. Richards, Jr., who has been the toastmaster each year, gets things underway. Then Father George, Athletic Director, calls upon each member of the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams and presents him with a letter. Following this, the president of each class speaks in behalf of the class. Prizes are then presented to the winners of the prose and poetry contests. Other awards are given for accomplishments in various fields. The banquet and activities of the night are brought to an end with the singing of the "Salve Regina" by the whole student body.



# Feast of St. Francis

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th, is not an ordinary day at Padua. A Solemn High Mass, during which the choir attempts to sing its best, begins the day.

The chief feature of the morning is a traditional softball game between the faculty and the All Stars chosen from the students. After the game, all are ready for the dinner which, on that day, is prepared by the Brothers with special care.

In the afternoon, the new students are taken on a tour through the picturesque mile and a half long gorge. Mr. Arthur H. Richards, Jr., an authority on the history of this area, is in charge of the expedition.

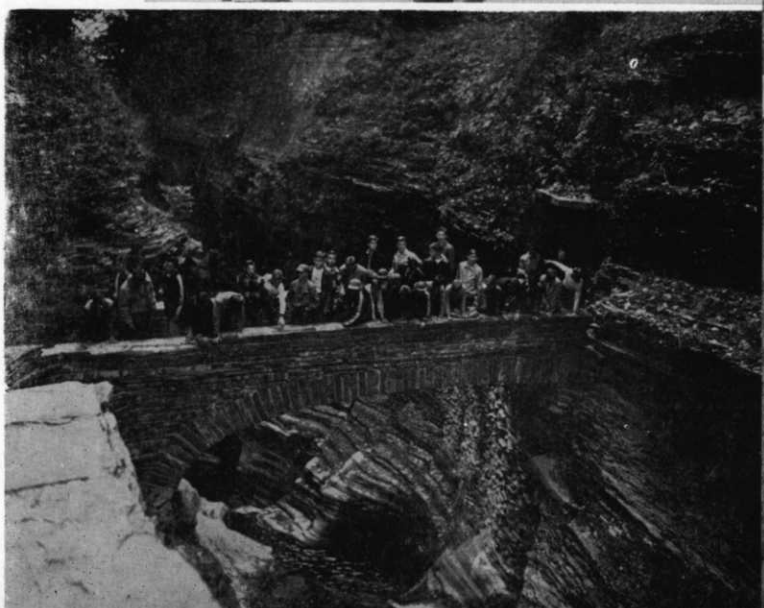
After having received a preliminary idea as to what they will see, the boys leave the campus, proceed through a forest until they arrive at a suspension bridge, spanning the glen. Here a good view of the gorge, a hundred feet below, is had. Then, using an ancient, steep Indian trail, the boys descend into the gorge proper. It is then that the gorge seems to swallow them and unfold before them a new world. As they proceed along, Mr. Richards points out the Cavern Cascade, the Minnehaha Falls, Rainbow Falls, Cathedral Cascade, and other sights of interest.

Toward evening, the boys gather in the chapel and participate in a beautiful service. A group of young candidates for the Third Order of St. Francis, pronounce their vows. Following Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, the Friars, with lighted candles, gather in the sanctuary for the singing of the "Transitus", commemorating the death of St. Francis.

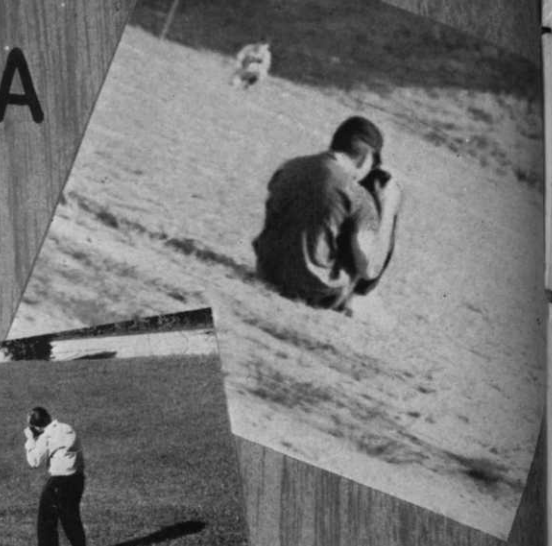
Fr. Martinian at bat in the traditional Faculty-All-Star game

Arthur Richards with the Freshmen in the entrance of the Glen

The Freshmen looking down from the half-mile bridge



# CAMERA CLUB



# MUSIC MAKERS



# Field Day and Initiation

Halloween is a day dedicated to the Freshmen. They are the guests of honor—if one may call it an honor to be initiated.

Classes are dismissed for the afternoon and the Halloween festivities begin with a parade. Those participating in this extravaganza, don their costumes and prizes are awarded to the ones wearing the best costumes.

The rest of the afternoon is spent on the athletic field, where various novelty contests are held. Beginning with a two-mile cross-country race and ending with the catching of a greased pig, the games offer a variety of entertainment for all classes. The losing class has the privilege of scouting the woods and gathering wood for the bonfire. Needless to say, this privilege usually falls to the Freshman class. A trophy is awarded to the winner of the cross-country race.

In the evening, a secret court session is held in a dimly lighted hall. Each Freshman is brought before the august tribunal, accused of the faults which the upper-classmen had noticed in him, and is sentenced to pay the price, simply for being a Freshman. After the initiation ceremony, the Freshmen are considered officially full-fledged Paduans. A great bonfire is then lighted in the center of the athletic field and refreshments are served. In the evening a movie is shown.

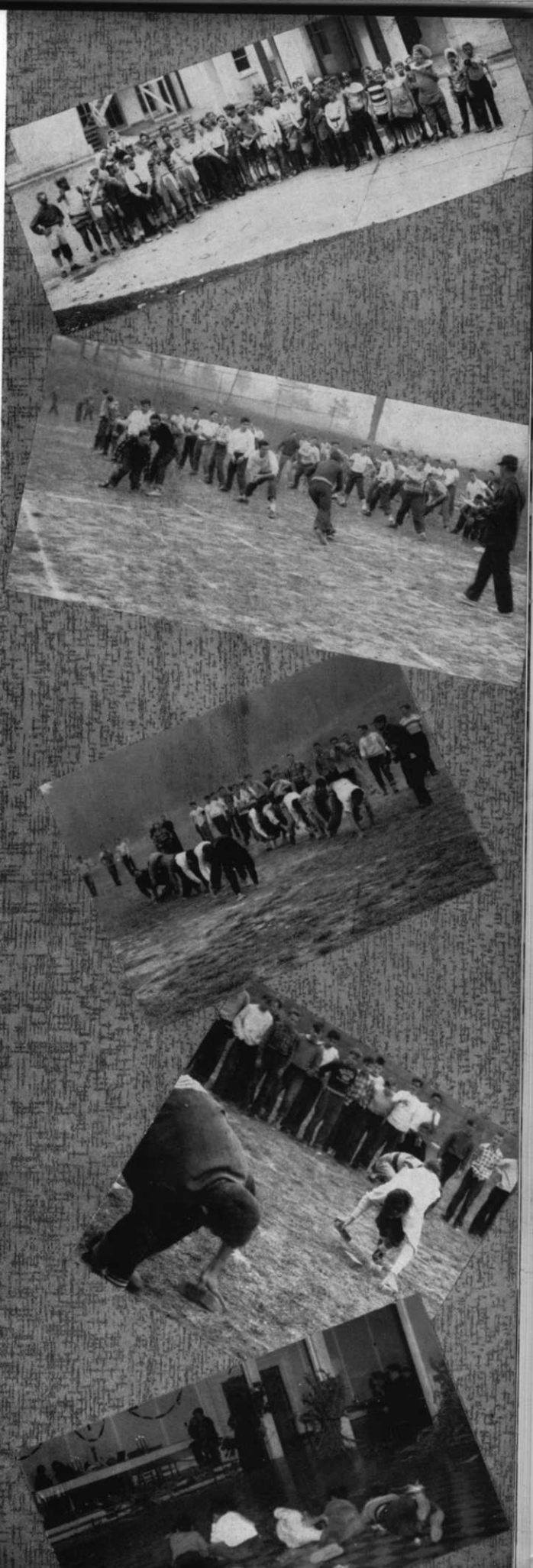
Frosh on parade

The weave and crawl-under race

The caterpillar race

The brick race

Judgment night







Standing: Brothers Casimir, Alphonse, Ignatius, Anastasius, Eusebius, Gabriel, Richard, Marius  
Seated: Brothers Timothy, Charles, Polycarp

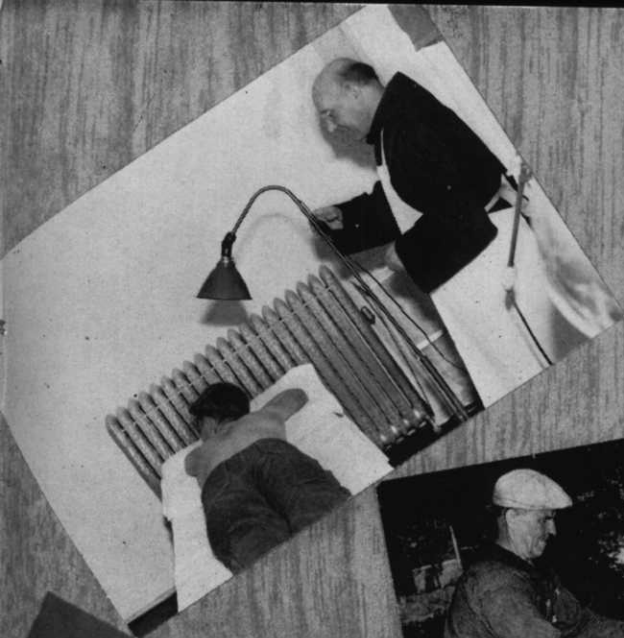
## The Men Behind the Scenes

The Brothers form an integral part of Padua and contribute much toward the successful management of the school.

You will find them working everywhere. No assignment is too lowly for them because whatever they do, they do for God, for their own sanctification and the salvation of others. Their work is not publicized; they labor silently and joyfully for theirs is a life of unselfish dedication. You will find them in the kitchen from early morning until late evening. You can see them firing the furnaces, working on the farm, cleaning the buildings, painting and repairing various things. You can enjoy the delicious bread, pies and cakes of Brother baker. You will see them working in the laundry room, in the tailor shop and in the sacristies. And when you are sick and need special attention, Brother infirmarian is always ready to take care of you, to bring you your meals and to impart to you the benefit of his years of experience in the field of medicine.

As the Fathers, by means of their lectures and sermons, show us the way to God, the Brothers, by their prayers and good example, attract us to the same lofty goal. To these, God's workers, we pay our respects and show our appreciation.







## In Memoriam

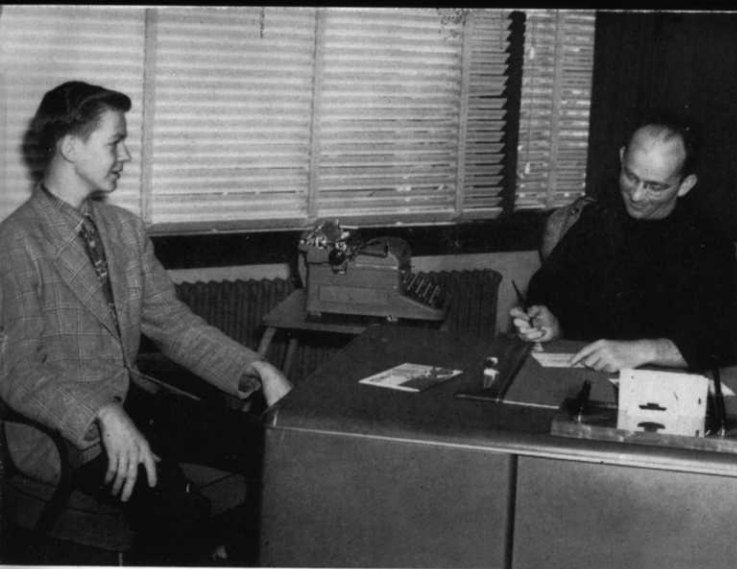
The sun of the life of Brother Felix Kuczek, O.F.M. of Padua Preparatory School, has sunk into eternity. Friar Felix, for more than forty years a member of the Franciscan Order, came to Padua Prep long before the new school was made ready for its students.

While here at Padua, Brother Felix centered his attention on making altars for worship. However, there were many other things which had to be done in order to convert the former Glen Springs Hotel into a school. Besides making the hand-carved altars, the Brother made tables, desks and cabinets.

And now his work is done—As it must come to all men, his life has ceased. Cancer has taken another victim. He left one memento—a hand-made cane which he always carried as he meditated and walked through the woods. This he gave to Fr. Claude, just before he left for the Motherhouse, the Assumption Monastery, Pulaski, Wis., where he died.

Brother Felix with his very last piece of work





Ed O'Neil seems to be enjoying his visit with Fr. Claude



Fr. Henry with T. Waszak in a more sober mood

## Guidance Program

In the course of the school year, every student is beset with some problems that are seemingly too difficult for him to deal with. A boy's education is not complete, unless he does begin to learn how to cope with these difficulties. For this reason, the school has incorporated into its curriculum formal classes in guidance which treat in a general manner of matters pertaining to personal and vocational guidance.

This course is supplemented by a special guidance program to aid the student with his own individual problems. Each student selects a member of the faculty of his own choosing as a personal counselor. The student, then, is required to report to his counselor at least once a month, more often if desired, whether he has or has not matters to discuss.

In addition to this, at the end of each quarter and shortly before the close of the school year, every student receives a private interview with Fr. Rector. The main topics of discussion, generally, are school grades and vocational ambitions. These interviews turn out to be sometimes rather uncomfortable for those who believe in too much relaxation, but on the other hand, for others they can be rather gratifying.

This system can and does produce effective results, especially for those students who recognize the importance and value of individual guidance.







# SIQUAERIS



*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek to develop faithfulness to your God and country you will find that sports teach young men how to overcome themselves and be true to themselves and others.

*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek to realize the ideal of democracy, you will see that sports is one of the chief factors which helps youth to put this ideal into practice.

*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek a healthy body, which, in turn can better serve a mind eager for knowledge, you will find that sports can make you a better man.

*SIQUAERIS*, if you seek an example of how sports have affected and developed individual members and the school as a whole you will find the following pages enlightening.





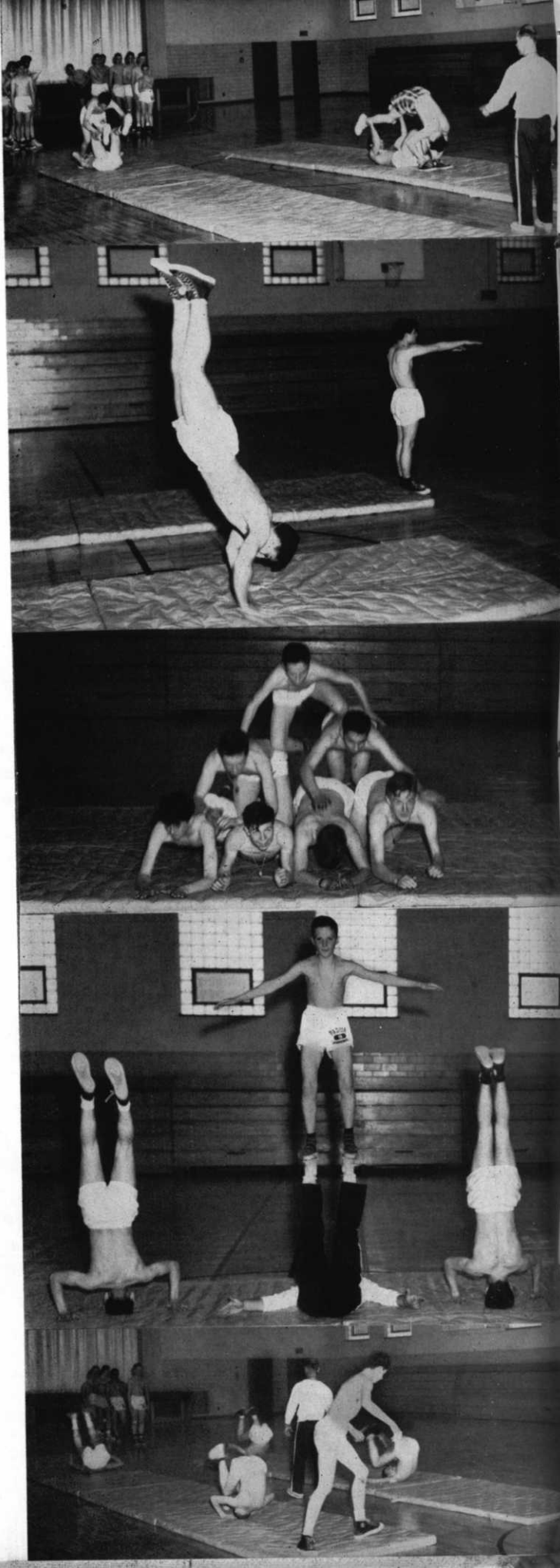
Mr. James A. Franzese

## Physical Education

A means of education through physical activities had been woven into the school program from the very beginning. As in all other things, the school pioneered its way in this field also.

The lack of a gymnasium with its facilities hampered the program a great deal. Padua Garden, as the converted generator room was humorously referred to, was hardly the place for physical exercises. One could not be expected to go through tumbling and calisthenics burdened with heavy jackets and boots. Consequently, the classes as a rule were held in the wide open spaces, and the nature of the classes depended solely upon the type of weather that existed at the time.

And again the school went through a balancing out period in the fourth year. During this year the physical education program was entrusted to Mr. James Franzese, a graduate of St. Bonaventure University. Under his direction, the program took definite form and shape. The gymnasium was finally completed, and physical education, passing through a phase, finally found its place in the school's curriculum.



# Intramurals

Athletic activities conducted within the limits of the school also underwent a period of development. In their first year, the Pioneers jokingly referred to ping-pong as their major sport. And so it actually was until certain facilities were developed and completed.

Within the first semester, the field, dug thirty-five feet into the hillside was levelled out, and a quasi-basketball court was constructed. Despite the inadequate facilities, an intramural program was inaugurated.

Softball introduces the program and brings out the competition between classes. Touch football follows in the same fashion. The Pioneer class had no difficulty in maintaining its supremacy in these sports throughout the four years.

Padua Garden was the scene of many spirited basketball games, the teams being limited to four men each due to the size of the court. The Pioneers' second year saw the liveliest competition of the four years.

Nearby Punch Bowl Lake became a favorite winter haunt, keeping frozen despite the mild winters. Hockey soon became very popular. And in the spring, volley-ball became the rage, this bringing to an end the intramural year.



# Soccer

## SCHEDULE

1950

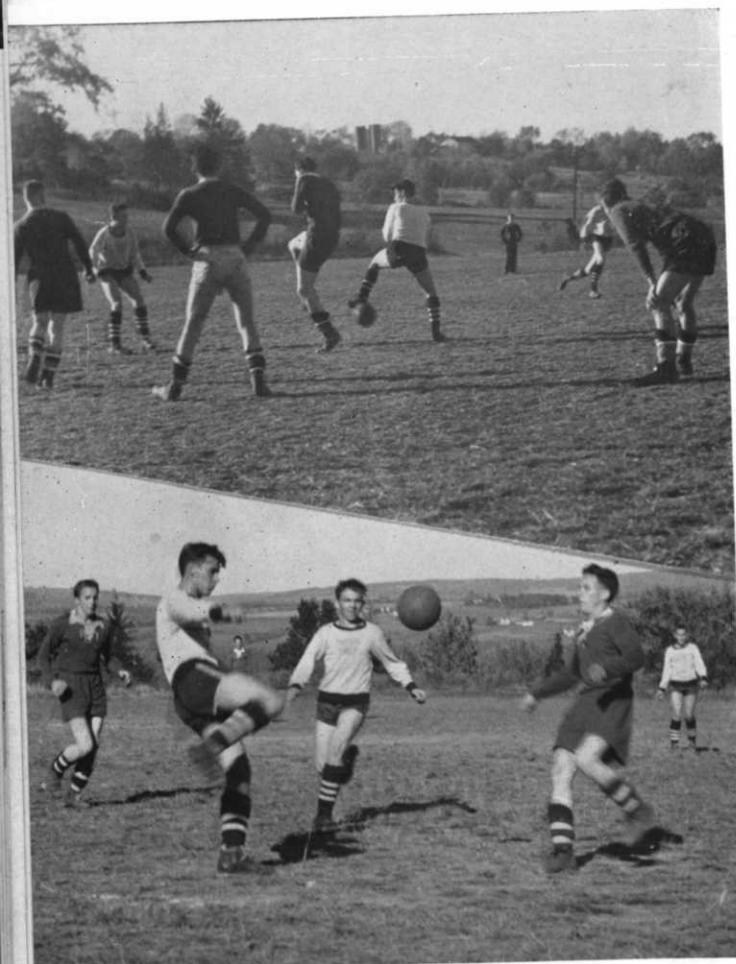
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CASCADERS C—LAKEMONT	6

1951

CASCADERS 4—ADDISON	5
CASCADERS 2—LAKEMONT	4
CASCADERS 3—HAMMONDSPORT	6

1952

CASCADERS 1—ELKLAND	5
CASCADERS 5—LAKEMONT	2
CASCADERS 2—ELKLAND	2
CASCADERS 3—LAKEMONT	5



Top: Trapping the ball from behind

Bottom: Czajko and Szufel closing in on the ball





A timely save by the opposing goalie



Norb Wisniewski tries to butt in a goal

In the fall of 1950, Fr. George introduced soccer as a substitute for football. The sport seemed to be doomed to an early death. Being a new sport, the candidates came out for the team only for the lack of anything else to do; they refused to take it seriously, and refused to consider it a man's game.

In the two games played that season, they learned differently, being severely trounced in both contests. They found it to be a rather rugged sport, one that challenged their attitude.

The following season showed a decided improvement in the team's attitude. Body conditioning became a must. Although it was not a successful year, it was rather satisfactory, insofar as the team learned to play as an organized unit. The best that could be done was one tied game.

The Pioneers' final year brought home the first taste of victory, the only victory in a three-year schedule. Nevertheless, it represented a stepping stone in the right direction, and the triumph brought a great deal of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment both to Fr. George and to the team.

Although the games scheduled averaged six per season, a number of games were cancelled due to weather conditions. The over-all record for the three seasons is a lone victory, eight defeats, and two tied games. It is not an overly impressive record, but the encouraging signs show better times to follow.

Standing: Fr. George, P. Draghi, C. Olszewski,  
R. Malina, C. Balasz, R. Killigrew, J. Uss, R.  
Amrozowicz

Seated: F. Zygmuntowicz, R. Malina, G. Sobeck,  
H. Cecce, F. Czajkowski, R. Green, J. Baclawski  
E. Szufel, J. McDonnell, J. Pilch, M. Yurko





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1953



# Basketball

As much a problem as it is to build a log cabin without logs, so it is to form a basketball team without a court. Such was the problem that confronted the Cascaders for almost the entire four seasons. Despite this fact, the Paduans managed to achieve winning seasons every year except the second.

Two baskets on an overgrown tennis court provided the first court for varsity practice. Needless to say, weather conditions made practice difficult, and the mounds and holes made dribbling precarious.

The weather forced the team into the solarium, but shortly after, the former power room was converted into a court. This court measured from wall to wall exactly forty-three feet ten inches by twenty-eight feet four inches. The unique feature of this court was the heavy wooden beam three feet directly above the baskets. Here it was that the varsity developed itself throughout the four years.

It was not until the very end of the fourth season that the gymnasium was completed. Two games had only been played on the new court, and then it was only on half court, because the main baskets had not as yet arrived.

Fr. Emmanuel was the first varsity coach. That year, a varsity composed entirely of Freshmen did not participate in actual school competition. A record of thirteen victories



Standing: Fr. Emmanuel, J. Trella, J. Malina, R. O'Connell, D. Corby, M. Gill

Seated: E. Lagonegro, C. Aug, J. Dwyer, G. Soback

## 1949 - 1950

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CASCADERS 25—SEA DEVILS	24
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CASCADERS 19—MOOSE	52
CASCADERS 25—RED WINGS	30
CASCADERS 24—GREEN WINGS	18
CASCADERS 31—SOUTHSIDE HI-Y	23
CASCADERS 48—WATKINS GLEN J. H.	35
CASCADERS 27—ST. CASIMIR	34
CASCADERS 24—SOUTHSIDE MITES	31
CASCADERS 37—RED WINGS	46
CASCADERS 24—SAVONA J. H.	33
CASCADERS 38—SOUTHSIDE HI-Y	18
CASCADERS 41—SAVONA	40
CASCADERS 30—ACADEMY FROST	34
CASCADERS 38—SEA DEVILS	19
CASCADERS 43—ST. CASIMIR	35
CASCADERS 59—OUR LADY OF LOURDES	19
CASCADERS 27—MOOSE	37
CASCADERS 45—SOUTHSIDE MITES	32
CASCADERS 29—CORNING ALL-STARS	35
CASCADERS 31—ST. JOHN	30
CASCADERS 34—GREEN WINGS	25
CASCADERS 27—ITHACA C Y O	33
CASCADERS 29—GREEN WINGS	23



Standing: Fr. George, E. Lagonegro, J. Dwyer, D. Corby, C. Minch, J. Considine, N. Wisniewski

Seated: J. McDonnell, F. Czajkowski, H. Spencer, R. LeClaire, C. Aug

## 1950 - 1951

CASCADERS 55—DUNDEE	45
CASCADERS 40—HAMMONDSPORT	58
CASCADERS 30—WATKINS GLEN	100
CASCADERS 33—HAMMONDSPORT	57
CASCADERS 28—LAKEMONT	67
CASCADERS 48—DUNDEE	54
CASCADERS 49—CORNING C Y O	38
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CASCADERS 21—ST. PATRICK'S	34
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CASCADERS 28—ST. CASIMIR	26
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CASCADERS 32—ST. CASIMIR	38

and twelve defeats was compiled. All games were played at the Neighborhood House in Elmira.

The following year, Fr. George took over the basketball team and the school entered interscholastic competition. The schedule brought the Cascaders into contact with far superior teams; consequently, it was not a very successful season. In one game, sophomore arrogance took a tumble with a 100 to 30 defeat. It was a plucky team, but definitely marked with individualism. The Watkins Glen Central High School gymnasium was used that year as the home floor.

The following two years found a team of high school caliber. During these two years,

Greedy hands

Chuck Aug makes a valiant attempt







Trainor pushes in a basket



Trying to tap it back up



No trouble for Zyg on the jump off

all home games were played in the gymnasium of St. John's Seminary at Montour Falls. Fr. George continued to coach the varsity, which made creditable showings on the hardwood courts both years, not only in the sport itself, but in sportsmanship also.

The Padua quintet showed a record of eleven wins and five defeats their third season. In the fourth year, although hopeful of a better record, they ended the season with ten victories and eight defeats. The final two games were played in the new gymnasium. Both were victories, and so the Cascaders can boast, with tongue-in-cheek, that they are as yet undefeated on the home floor.

## 1951 - 1952

CASCADERS 46—DUNDEE	48
CASCADERS 39—ITHACA C Y O	32
CASCADERS 46—HAMMONDSPORT	37
CASCADERS 59—ROMULUS	63
CASCADERS 43—ODESSA	58
CASCADERS 41—ODESSA	50
CASCADERS 48—ADDISON	41
CASCADERS 52—ELMIRA CATHOLIC	33
CASCADERS 52—LAKEMONT	36
CASCADERS 63—SAVONA	20
CASCADERS 41—ELMIRA CATHOLIC	51
CASCADERS 43—DUNDEE	31
CASCADERS 52—LAKEMONT	36
CASCADERS 74—ROMULUS	52
CASCADERS 65—ADDISON	63
CASCADERS 52—SAVONA	30

Clockwise starting at 12 o'clock: N. Wisniewski, T. Trainor, J. Malina, G. Sobeck, F. Wurzbarger, F. Czajkowski, J. Considine, F. Zygmuntowicz, R. Eskra, R. Groncki





Fr. George, O.F.M.  
Varsity coach



Fr. George and Mr. Franzese give out with the strategy during a time-out

Top: Czajko going up for the rebound  
Bottom: Zyg set to push one in



## 1952 - 1953

CASCADERS 59—ROMULUS	52
CASCADERS 61—INTERLAKEN	39
CASCADERS 55—HOLY FAMILY	59
CASCADERS 50—MARYMOUNT	61
CASCADERS 60—ODESSA	35
CASCADERS 56—MARYMOUNT	68
CASCADERS 51—DUNDEE	37
CASCADERS 56—ELKLAND	57
CASCADERS 60—ELMIRA CATHOLIC	64
CASCADERS 58—DUNDEE	25
CASCADERS 57—INTERLAKEN	38
CASCADERS 44—HOLY FAMILY	54
CASCADERS 62—ODESSA	52
CASCADERS 64—ELKLAND	58
CASCADERS 62—LAKEMONT	72
CASCADERS 38—LAKEMONT	51
CASCADERS 60—ELMIRA CATHOLIC	48
CASCADERS 30—ROMULUS	47

3—F. Zygmuntowicz; 7—J. Kurina; 10—E. O'Neil; 9—D. Griffin; 8—F. Czajkowski; 4—T. ...  
 11—M. Yurko; 12—C. Soback







1949-50—Standing: J. Kulinski, E. Lewandowski, G. Schickel, R. Chodnicki, T. Grochowski, L. Trzaskawka  
Seated: T. Trainor, S. Keefe, T. Colihan, E. Groncki, H. Cecce



1950-51—Back row: S. Bennett, F. Zygmontowicz, R. Eskra, J. Leary, J. Frawley  
Front row: J. Angelo, T. Grochowski, J. Malina, N. Watlock, M. Madigan, R. Moran, Fr. Emil, coach

The first coach of the Junior Varsity was Fr. Leopold. However, the Junior Varsity did not actually function as such until the school entered interscholastic competition. The following three years Fr. Emil fulfilled the role of coach.

The JVs, as regard to a practice court, were in more difficult straits than the varsity. Except for the few days on the abandoned tennis court, they were restricted almost exclusively to the solarium. This had only one basket, four posts in the free throw circle zone, and was entirely enclosed with glass windows.

Here the only shot possible was a simple lay-up. The posts were referred to as referees. Five panes and three incandescent lamps were broken in the space of three years—remarkable, indeed, under the circumstances.

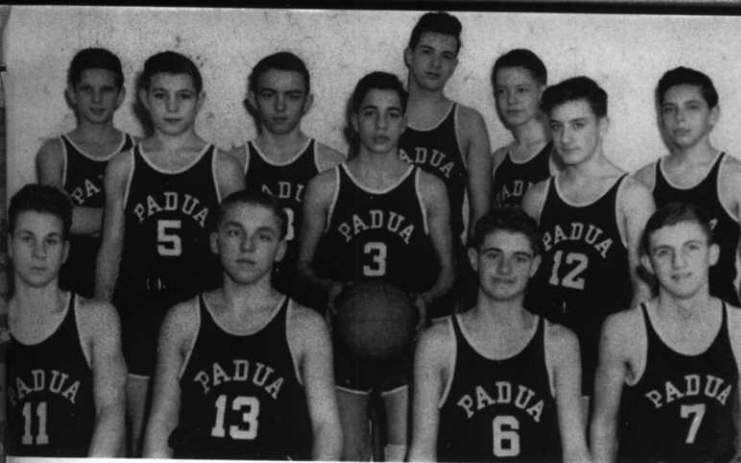
Because the court was not conducive to

## Junior

1952: Action against the Hammondsport J. V.







1951-52—Top: J. Kurina, E. Szufel, J. O'Rourke, E. O'Neil, L. Dmichowski

Center: J. Baclawski, A. DeSocio, M. Yurko

Bottom: E. Sobeck, N. Wisniewski, R. Moran, J. Frawley



1952-53—Top: J. Drozdowski, J. Wieprzkowski, J. Klos, W. Ranus, E. Opiola, R. Killigrew, L. Dmichowski

Bottom: R. Malina, J. Asiello, J. Uss

## Varsity

ordinary conditioning, the Junior Varsity members resorted to rigorous calisthenics to prepare them for the games.

A characteristic peculiar to the junior team was the never-say-die attitude. Despite the score or the odds against them, they played as if to win up to the last moments of the game. It was not uncommon for them to be held almost scoreless in the first half, and then to come back in the second half with surprising surge and forge ahead to victory.

In an over-all record, the juniors held a slightly better average than the varsity, due to the fact that they played teams on a more equal level. In the third and fourth years they were high scoring teams as far as junior varsities go. In both seasons, they averaged well over forty points per game.

Their record for the three years stands as follows: 1950-51, four won, five lost; 1951-52, seven won, seven lost; 1952-1953, eleven won, six lost.

1953: Dmichowski in the top picture driving down the center, and in the bottom, Klos coming around the side





1950: J. Dwyer, A. O'Connell, J. Malina, E. LaValley, J. McDonnell, H. Spencer, F. Czajkowski, L. Rys, C. Aug, E. Lagonegro, H. Nixon, G. Sobek, T. Grochowski, E. Piwinski

## Baseball



Fr. George as coach

The baseball teams of Padua were also Pioneers in their way. Although they began this sport in more fortunate circumstances than in basketball, the beginnings were still meager.

The Cascaders played on a newly leveled field, which had a continual outcropping of rocks. Through the years as a result of the tireless efforts of Fr. George and Brother Timothy, the rocks were eventually cleared, and a semblance of turf appeared.

The team began its first season also without uniforms, but thanks to the generosity of Glen Chevrolet Co. of Watkins Glen, they were able to finish this season completely outfitted.

Fr. George served as coach for the first three years and laid the foundation for the success in the last two years, for baseball, although not considered the major sport, did become the forte of the school.

Even from the very first year, the Cascaders were blessed with rather fortunate pitching material, which in large measure contributed to the successes of the team.

### 1950

CASCADERS	15—DUNDEE	4
CASCADERS	2—WATKINS GLEN	10
CASCADERS	12—BRADFORD	9
CASCADERS	3—HORSEHEADS	6
CASCADERS	2—BRADFORD	0
CASCADERS	2—WATKINS GLEN	19
CASCADERS	6—CORNING NORTHSIDE JVs	1



A close play with Aug covering first

Possibly the greatest factor in the first three years was the man behind the mask, Joe McDonnell, with his unusual ability of controlling pitchers.

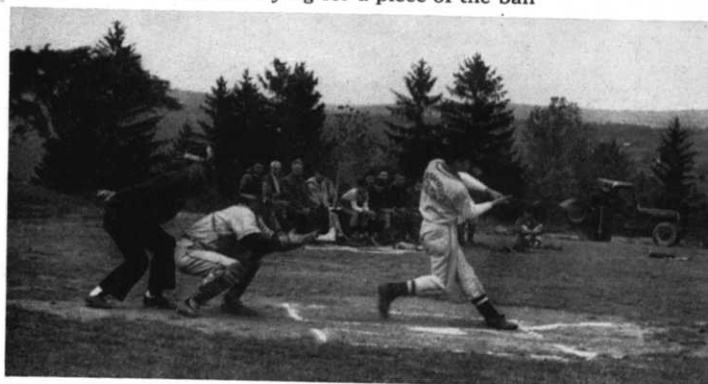
The first season as Freshmen, it can be claimed that the Cascaders played above their heads. They did not achieve a fabulous record, but the results for Freshmen were surprising. The season ended with a five won four lost record.

The second season, where as high and mighty Sophomores as in basketball, the Cascaders lost more often than won. The season closed with a 4-5 record.

The Cascaders were a power house in the third year, chalking up a 10-2 record. The pitching staff, consisting mainly of Czajkowski and Trainor, worked like seasoned mound men, backed by a hustling team on the field and on the bases.

Mr. Franzese took over coaching in the fourth year. Despite the loss of McDonnell to the team due to N. Y. State eligibility rules, the Cascaders, after losing their first two games, won the remaining eight. Five shut-outs were pitched this season, among them a one-hitter by Trainor and a no-hitter by Czajkowski.

Malina trying for a piece of the ball

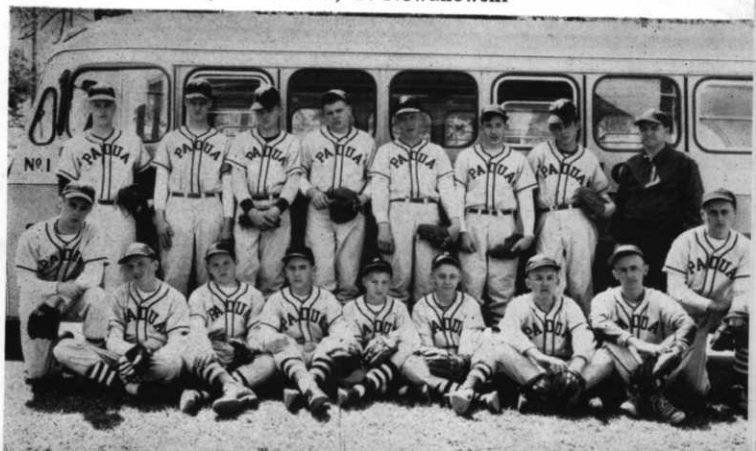


## 1951

CASCADERS	3—ODESSA	7
CASCADERS	12—TRUMANSBURG	14
CASCADERS	10—HAMMONDSPORT	2
CASCADERS	6—WATKINS GLEN	10
CASCADERS	2—ODESSA	6
CASCADERS	7—ELMIRA CATHOLIC	2

1951—Top: H. Spencer, C. Aug, J. Considine, R. Eskra, C. Minch, R. DeSocio, J. McDonnell, Fr. George

Bottom: F. Czajkowski, J. Frawley, H. Pearson, J. Malina, J. Baclawski, N. Watlock, N. Wisniewski, T. Colihan, T. Nowakowski





"Moose" Eskra starting a slide that upset the third baseman



A sorry moment for the Cascaders



McDonnell, catcher — Czajkowski, pitcher

## 1952

CASCADERS	8—ADDISON	2
CASCADERS	7—ST. JOHN'S	10
CASCADERS	19—LAKEMONT	0
CASCADERS	14—ADDISON	5
CASCADERS	12—ST. JOHN'S	2
CASCADERS	10—TRUMANSBURG	5
CASCADERS	11—INTERLAKEN	4
CASCADERS	5—WATKINS GLEN	0
CASCADERS	2—WATKINS GLEN	3
CASCADERS	14—INTERLAKEN	1
CASCADERS	5—LAKEMONT	0
CASCADERS	10—TRUMANSBURG	7

1952—Standing: Fr. George, C. Olszewski, E. Szufel, J. Malina, G. Sobeck, R. Eskra, R. Olszewski, J. Kurina, R. DeSocio, J. Baclawski  
 Kneeling: D. Griffin, T. Trainor, J. McDonnell, F. Czajkowski, R. Malina  
 Bat Boys: E. McDonnell, B. Petrick







The victory smiles



L. Dmuchowski, third; F. Czajkowski, pitcher; R. Killigrew, short; D. Griffin, first

## 1953

CASCADERS	6—DUNDEE	7
CASCADERS	5—ROMULUS	9
CASCADERS	3—INTERLAKEN	0
CASCADERS	3—ST. JOHN'S	0
CASCADERS	8—LAKEMONT	2
CASCADERS	5—WATKINS GLEN	0
CASCADERS	4—DUNDEE	0
CASCADERS	4—ELMIRA CATHOLIC	0
CASCADERS	10—LAKEMONT	2
CASCADERS	10—WATKINS GLEN	4



Mr. Franzese  
*Wha'hoppen, coach?*



1953—Standing: Mr. Franzese, D. Griffin, M. Yurko, L. Dmuchowski, E. Szufel, R. Killigrew, R. Amrozowicz, T. Perzanowski

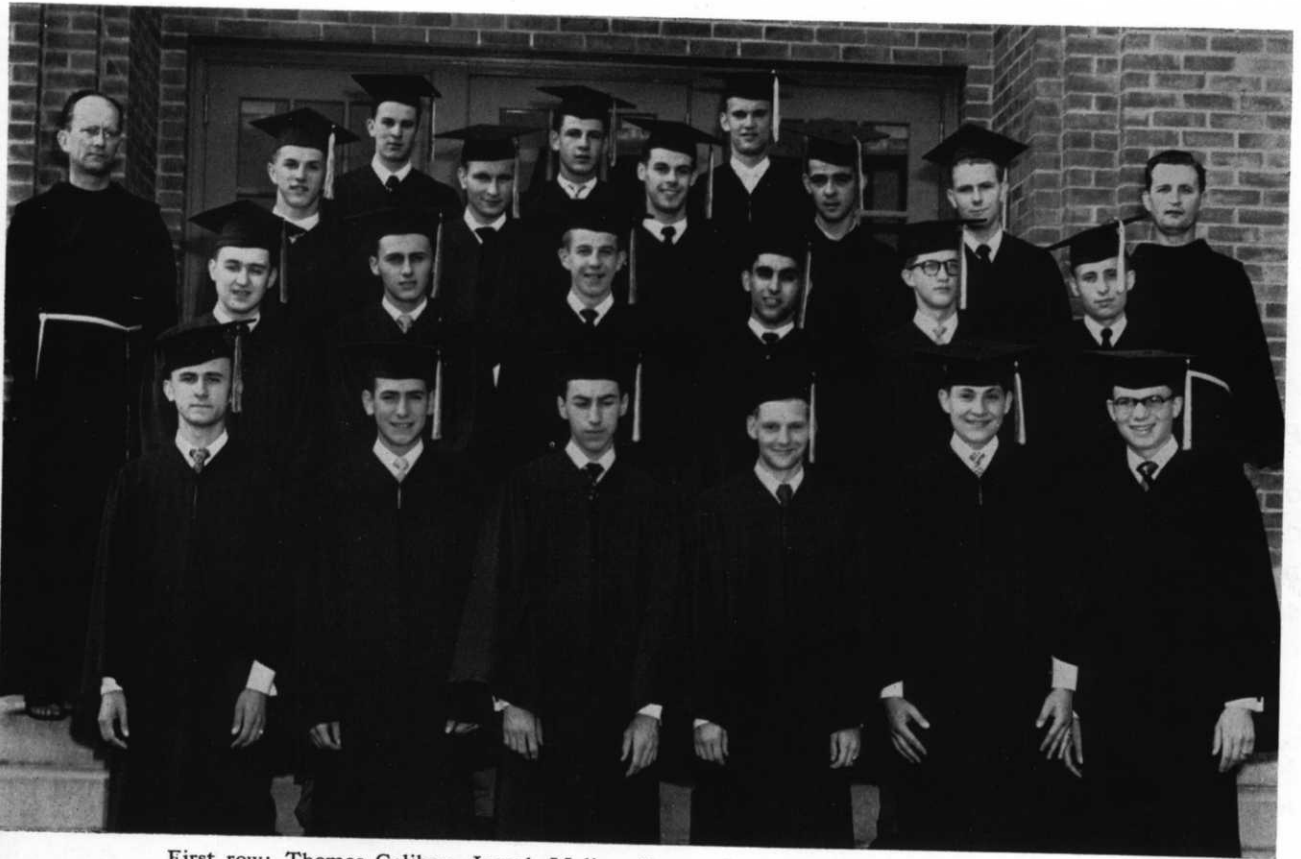
Kneeling: G. Sobeck, J. Malina, F. Czajkowski, R. Malina, T. Trainor, C. Olszewski, J. Asiello

Bat Boy: J. Wysocki

# THE FIRST GRADUATION



# PIONEERS



First row: Thomas Colihan, Joseph Malina, Eugene Lewandowski, Edward Haydock, James Angelo, George Sobeck

Second row: Conrad Szczepanski, Theodore Nowakowski, Joseph Trella, Henry Cecce, Richard Chodnicki, James Kuhn

Third row: Fr. Claude, Richard Olszewski, Joseph Dancheck, Francis Czajkowski, Joseph McDonnell, John Adamitis, Fr. Adrian

Fourth row: Robert Groncki, Thomas Trainor, Francis Zygmuntowicz



A close-up of the stage

## PROGRAM

June 21, 1953

11:00 A. M.

*Dedication of gymnasium building*

*Solemn reception of the Most Rev. Bishop*

*Solemn High Mass*

*Address by the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D.*

*Address by the Very Rev. Theophane Kalinowski, O.F.M.*

*Presenting the graduates by Fr. Claude Zabinski, O.F.M.*

*Presentation of diplomas by His Excellency*

*Solemn Benediction*

*Recessional*

## PRINCIPALS

*Guest of honor—Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D.*

*Celebrant—Very Rev. Theophane Kalinowski, O.F.M.*

*Deacon—Rev. Norman Maras, O.F.M.*

*Subdeacon—Rev. Fabian Czajkowski, O.F.M.*

*Chaplains to the Bishop—*

*Very Rev. Isidore Cwiklinski, O.F.M.*

*Rev. Robert Michalski, O.F.M.*

*Master of ceremonies—Rev. Victor Krzywonos, O.F.M.*

*Honor Guard—K of C—Council 229, Elmira, N. Y.*

Bishop Kearney presenting a diploma to T. Trainor





## MUSICAL PROGRAM

ECCE SACERDOS .....	Bonvin
MISSA REGINA PACIS .....	Yon
PROPER OF THE MASS .....	Gregorian
O BONE JESU .....	McDonald
VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS .....	Hamma
AVE MARIA .....	Witt
O SALUTARIS .....	Gregorian
TANTUM ERGO .....	Gregorian
WE WANT OUR GOD .....	Moreau



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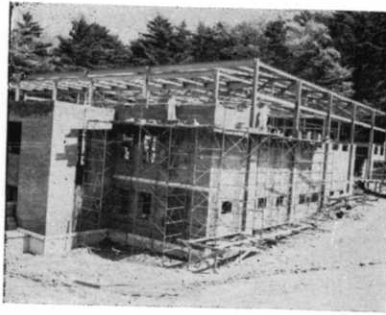
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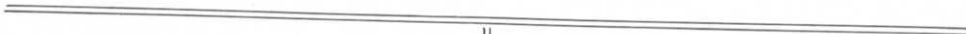
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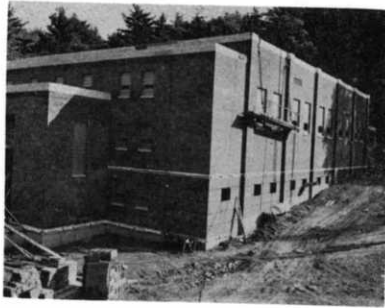
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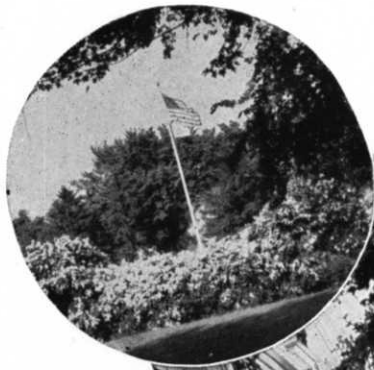
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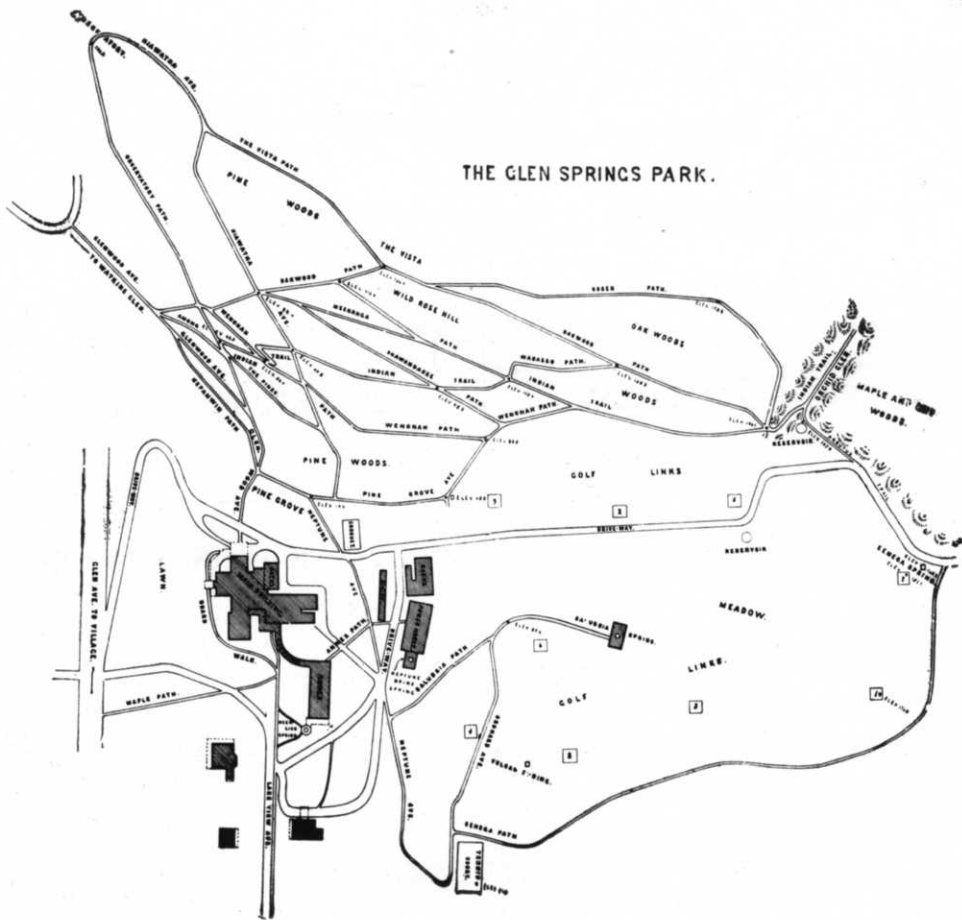
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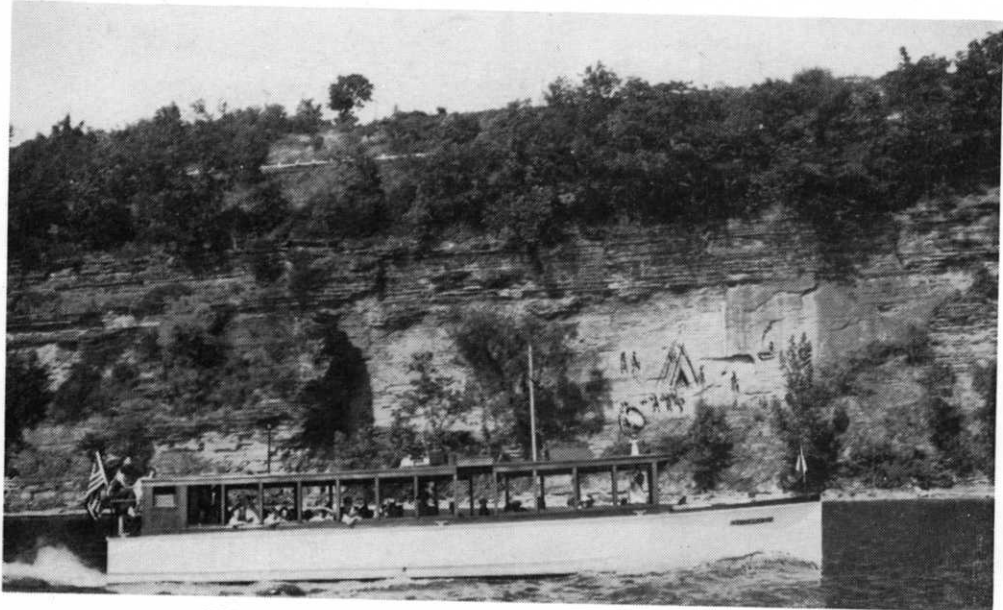
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