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## THE NEXT STEP

College! Presently, any senior can reveal what college he wants to attend, what area he desires to major in, and what possibilities that school presents. The increased interest of this year's seniors in their future stems from three major sources: tests completed by students in cooperation with the school, lectures by advisors from special organizations, and our guidance counselor, Mr. Russell Cutshall.

These special tests are an impetus to scholars in applying themselves. Already, several seniors have finished exams for the prominent United States military academies, and several more will participate in tests which are held in conjunction with the military services and state programs. In September, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT), verbal and math quizzes, gave both the seniors and juniors an idea of what to expect on the College Boards.

Secondly, this information has influenced the 1968 class through several lectures delivered throughout this year. For example, a representative of John Fisher College spoke to the two upper classes on the various facets of that college. He also delineated the general aspects of college and college life. Then Marine Lieutenant Colonel John Hayes explained the Naval Reserves Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program in detail. Mentioning the colleges which offer it, he pointed out that it allows a person to serve his military duty and receive a free education. A combination of these speeches has provided facts which concern the student in preparing for college.

However, the most prominent cause for this interest is Mr. Russell Cutshall. He has produced for the class a volume of potential colleges and fields. Each student has the potential for some college. By select-

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## CAREER DAY

Career Day began with the arrival of the Alumni on Friday night, Nov. 10, 1967. Strange and familiar faces roamed Padua's campus. To the freshmen this was a novelty.

Saturday morning following exams and a short business meeting with the alumni, various lectures by the alumni began. Thomas Wojslawicz, president of the Alumni Association, opened the day's events with a short talk. The first lecture was given by Al Snopek. Majoring in Biology, Mr. Snopek gave some vital information on the various fields of Biology and some of the advantages of a career in this field. The second speaker, Thomas Zwolinski, who is majoring in Physics, gave a summary of science courses and Financial Aid to Education. Richard Regula, the third speaker, explained the differences between the teaching field of Biology and that of Biological Science. Donald Prelich, a senior from the class of 1967 then gave a self impression of his idea of the transition period from high school to college. He also answered scores of questions posed by the student body of different aspects of college life. A short summary of study habits and attentiveness was the subject of Richard Gill, the fifth speaker. He emphasized the drive of a student and the stern application of the principle "Don't give up".

Thomas Wojslawicz ended the session with a short lecture on Physical Education — its aspects and its benefits.

That night the traditional basketball game between married and single alumni took place. Because of the lack of married men, some of the single alumni had to help out their team. A victory for the single men was the reward for a game hard played, with a score of 76-36.

## AND THE BEAT GOES ON

by Paul Lesczynski

You're sitting in your last class, you've had an irate day and it seems nothing can lift your spirits. Then the bell rings, and you're out for the day! You pass the bulletin board, and there it is: that bit of news that makes you smile again: It may not be much at times, but the news is welcome.

Recently, many students experienced this ecstasy because:

Fr. Emil announced that students may wear sweaters in place of suit-coats during the day. Jackets need only be worn in chapel, at the evening meal, and on Sundays.

For the senior class, the greatest news came about on Saturday, December 2. After trudging through the S.A.T.s that morning they were very eager to board the bus that sped them to a dance in Owego, sponsored by Alpha Sigma Fraternity of Owego Free Academy. This was the first happening of its kind in the history of Padua. The senior class owes its thanks to Fr. Emil for allowing them to go and to Maureen Loftus, a classmate's cousin, for inaugurating the event.

Two days before the dance, the entire school went down to Watkins to watch the play, *Saint Joan*. It was presented by the Alpha Omega Players from Hollywood and the evening was well spent. After the performance, some Paduans talked to the actors and walked back to school a little more enlightened

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## THE "U. S. MALE"

Ready? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4. Reverberating rhythm, trembling tremulo, and pulsating bass fuse into flawless harmony. A happening on the Padua scene, it is the arrival of the "U. S. Male" to turn us all on to something different. And we're ready for it. We listen, because they're good, and have possibilities. An engagement in Jersey City procured by manager George Popko and auditions for representatives from neighboring towns testify to their worth.

No more screeching complaints from misused amplifiers as in previous years. No more half-hearted attempts to form a group. No more constant practices without getting anywhere. Frank Snow has united last year's two popular, but average, groups into one vibrant whole — seven guys who are enjoying themselves so immensely that they cannot fail to entertain us.

An able leader, Frank Snow, has under him a large reservoir of talent which he knows how to utilize. The results are a reflection of his professional attitude. He knows what he wants, when he wants it, and how he wants it. Nothing second-grade; play it right or don't play it at all. This paves the road to improvement.

Organist Gary Dikun adds something special, blending in the correct dosage, balancing it, thus enhancing the flavor of the entire mixture.

Rhythm guitarist Jerome Bush and lead guitarist Brian Metzger caress their instruments lovingly, extract-

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Don Prelich, a recent graduate, speaks to the students on Career Day

cobweb corner

greetings and salutations from my new crevice here in padua's psychedelic wall. i moved in just after f.s. and b.m. finished painting. i think i'm going to have to move out soon though because this crazy design scares all the flies away. if i stay here, i'll never get anything to eat. one thing i would like to know is who supplies f.e. with all his lsd. i would never have dreamed that color combinations like those existed.

f.e.r. gave a pretty practical example of inertia in class the other day. "touchdown!"

i'm starting a padua branch of p.o.u.p. (possessors of unnecessary poundage) in a couple of weeks. anyone interested is able to apply by giving their name and weight to j.m., the editor. special invitations are extended to r.b., r.c., t.a., and e.z.

i can tell basketball season has started again. all those confounded balls bouncing around are enough to drive any spider crazy. i went up to take a look at what kind of team we're going to have and things look promising. good luck to you, fellows. i hope you can pull off another championship. the spiders in this school play basketball, too. all of us living in the gym form a team and play teams from the school building, guest house, boiler room, etc. the games are held in the rec room on saturday nights about 11:30 and admission is two live flies or a juicy bumblebee. all are invited.

congratulations to p.j.s. or should i say fr.p.d. i want to wish you lots of luck in wisconsin. you'll need it.

i guess now that the first snow has fallen, w.p. will be starting the polish ski patrol again.

s.k. thinks that it's hard for humans to ski on their two legs. well he ought to be glad he isn't a spider. we have to ski on eight legs. it's a lot of fun, though, skiing down the back lawn on my eight toothpicks.

i liked the way the basketball team trounced hammondsport, but with j.o. and r.s. shooting, what else could you expect? well, anyway, i want to congratulate the whole team. they looked great. then, at that ovid game i almost had a heart attack. i liked the way the team pulled out a win even though they were playing against seven men. nice layup, h.k. i'd like to commend the whole team, especially g.k. for rebounding (even though he can't shoot).

that rule about not being allowed to smoke on buses going to away games was great. last year there was so much smoke on those buses, that my spiracles used to get stuffed up.

i really enjoyed dancing with those "spidresses" at that dance in owego and i liked p.l. shaking it up.

in trig class everything is going to pots.

in closing, i just want to warn everyone to watch where they put their fingers and toes, at least for the next few weeks. one of my distant relatives from mesico is visiting and he just happens to be a very hungry, six inch tall tarantula.

spyder

PADUA'S P.T.A.

by Tom Voroselo

Friday, November 3, 1967, was a day many Paduans looked forward to eagerly. At about 7:30 that evening, a historic event took place on the campus. Padua's first official Parent-Teacher Association meeting was held in the guest house.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to present an ample opportunity for the faculty and the various representatives from the four Parent Auxiliaries to meet together and discuss possible revisions in the school's regulations. Some of the topics considered were: a students' smoking lounge, wearing sweaters to classes, the frequency of Sunday town permissions, and the possibility of holding dances.

Now that Padua is no longer a minor seminary, the administration has seen the amendment of many restrictions in a new light.

Besides the priests on the faculty, Mr. Cutshall, our guidance counselor, and Miss Grace Donajkowski, the school's librarian were also present.

Representing the Parents' Auxiliaries were Mrs. Dawidowicz and Mrs. Popko from Bayonne; Mr. Stobierski, Mr. and Mrs. Wojno, and Mr. Zawadski from the Brooklyn Chapter; Mrs. Cronin and Mrs. Fusco from the L. I. group; and the Wallington chapter was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Voroselo, and Mr. Zjawin.

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Fr. Reagan at Day of Recollection discussion

ALUMNI NEWS

On October 31, 1967, the Class of '60 had its first reunion since June of 1960. We all met at the Hotel Taft on 50th St. and 7th Ave., New York City. Present at the first meeting were Edward Drozd, William Gliwa, Andrew Gregorek, Kenneth Joswick, Joseph Marciniak, Simon Stachelcyk, John Szutarski, John Wisniewski, Thomas Wojslawowicz, and last but not least Anthony Zembrzusi.

During the maiden hour or two, we discoursed about our health, wealth, business or profession, place of habitat, and last, if married or single.

We then transported ourselves to the flambuoyant Abinsinthine Room with its becoming decor which surrounded us. The decor was very suitable for our reunion, the four walls of the establishment were garnished with spirits from the four corners of the world.

We ended our reunion in a joyous frame of mind and body. We also thought that every graduating class should have the same reunion within a certain time after graduation.

The next aggregation, mobilization, clustering or whatever you want to call it will be after the holidays. The next meeting place will be some place in the state of New Jersey.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This year the day of recollection for the first quarter was given by Father Michael Reagan. At the present time he is chaplain at Notre Dame High School in Elmira and he is also head of the Liturgical Committee local for the Rochester Diocese.

In the conferences during the day, Fr. Reagan brought out the ideas of truth, honesty, understanding and their places in our daily Christian lives. Also he stated that we should present Christ to others in all our actions. In one discussion period, he spoke of Christian ideals in sports, the role of Christian gentlemen in today's world, hippies and love.

Finally the day's fulfillment was the Mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph Drag with a short homily delivered by Fr. Reagan. He declared that he was gratified by our full participation in all conferences and in the discussion.

W.F.B.

NEXT STEP (continued)

ing a proper school, each senior can acquire the surroundings he requires. Weekly, Mr. Cutshall consults the members of the senior class and expresses views which might benefit the pupil. Guiding is always a difficult job, but he does it well.

With this jump on most other pupils, our students are deep in preparation; they are nearly there.

S.J.R.

PADUAN STAFF

**MR. AMERICA VISITS PADUA**

For a few weeks Padua buzzed with excitement, a rumor circulated that the body building world's Mr. America would pay a visit on Saturday, October 14th to his cousin, who attends the Prep. The rumor became a reality, Dennis Tinerino, the current A.A.U. Mr. America, brightened the hills of Padua. Step ping out of the automobile, chauffeured by Mr. Porfido, Dennis' uncle, he was spotted by a few Paduans standing nearby. The word of his arrival spread like wild-fire, and in minutes he was mobbed by inquisitive Cascaders who popped questions at him left and right.

After his arrival he was given a guided tour of the campus by yours truly. He was particularly impressed by the beauty of the grounds.

When he finished his tour he attended the soccer game and was delighted with the team's ability. (We won 4-2).

But the real excitement did not come until that evening, when Mr. America gave us a demonstration of his ability.

The program began with Mr. America explaining various body-building exercises and weight lifting movements. Following this, he answered all the questions Paduans could think up concerning body-building. But the highlight of the evening came when he gave a posing exhibition, displaying his Herculean build. The boys were especially impressed by the size of his arms, which measure 20", and the muscularity of his legs. After his show of bodily perfection, he signed autographs and gave some personal tips.

Mr. America left early Sunday morning, but inspired a lasting impression in the minds of each Paduan, as a man whose humor, personality, and physique they would long remember. Surely he is a person not easily forgotten.

**FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

Jurewicz, T.	93.6
Romelczyk, S.	93.5
Silkiewicz	93.43
Malina	93.14
Kuklinski	92.83
Dul	92.57
Romelczyk, J.	92
Karsch	91.86
Widynski, S.	91.67
Erway	90.6
Daley	90.16
Jurewicz, S.	90.14

**BEAT GOES ON (continued)**  
about the fantastic field of stage acting.

The senior class will long remember the trip to Reading Center with its "Around the World in 80 Slides" and other incidents.

Thanks to the efforts of Father Joe Knitter, this year we enjoyed some interesting intramural football. It was strictly touch football with modified regulations. There were two divisions with five teams in each. The championship went to the Atlanta Falcons headed by William Porfido.

The basketball teams and cheer-leading squad have both experienced changes this year. Mr. Maas is the new Varsity coach, taking over from Mr. Doug Chamberlain. Mr. Dick O'Donnell from Elmira takes over Mr. Maas' old job as J.V. coach. To help our team win the cheerleaders came up with five new cheers and will have new uniforms. Congratulations to their captain, Mike Tyburezy.

Padua had its first P.T.A. meeting a few weeks ago. It was held in the guest house with all the faculty present and representatives from the Bayonne, Brooklyn, Wallington, and Long Island Auxiliaries.

As a final note of interest — the gym rec room is very colorful thanks to Fr. Eric and a few dedicated members of the PX staff and rock'n roll group who gave it its psychedelic paint job.

That just about wraps up the news for this time, but sit tight because anything can make the headlines at any time.

**U. S. MALE (continued)**

ing precise sounds, while at the same time nonchalantly breaking us up with wild antics which lead us to wonder who is playing.

Adeptly attacking his drums, it is hard to believe that Gus Kuklinski has never had any professional training. He certainly doesn't need it.

Leader Frank Snow strums the bass. His style speaks for itself. In his own words, "The harder the song, the more I enjoy playing it".

A most pleasant surprise is the singing of Tom Nied and Witold Plucienkowski. Singing was so appallingly lacking in former groups that the instrumentals began to get monotonous. These two promise no danger of reversing the trend. They go about their job with a relish.

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- WOODWARD HARDWARE

**CHANGE**

Changes, changes, changes. These last few months have seen many transitions in what were traditional school policies. A few years ago it would have been unheard of for a student to miss daily Mass for any reason. Today no one has to go unless he wants to. If a student ever went to a meal without a jacket, he was in for a severe penance. Today, wearing jackets is required only at one meal a day and in chapel.

What am I driving at? Although everyone likes a change, when the novelty wears off, this change must

be practicable and suitable to every day conditions. I'm NOT saying that any of the changes that have been made so far or that those that are now being considered are wrong, but I am saying that they should be carefully thought out before they are enacted. A change for the sake of change is not usually a good one. There is no need to rush into an all-new disciplinary system. Innovations should be well-planned and properly executed, otherwise they may prove to be temporarily amusing but eventually destructive.

John Paul Marosy



Class of '68, winners of marathon, builds victory pyramid

### 3 DOWN, 15 TO GO

Gerry Silkiewicz

Basketball season here at Padua has finally gotten under full swing, with three games already played. The Cascaders started out with a crushing defeat over Hammondsport. Next came a thrilling win over Ovid. The most recent game was a heart-breaking loss to the team from Romulus.

In the opener of the season, a non-league game at Hammondsport, the Padua five started with a quick lead which was never challenged by the opposition. Everything worked perfectly. Both our defensive and offensive plays were executed with masterful precision. Everyone shot skillfully, and the final score was Padua 84, Hammondsport 32. Jack Opiola was high scorer with 19 points.

Competition in the next game proved much closer. In the first league game, the Ovid Hornets were stiff opponents for our squad. Both teams scored fast in the first quarter. Throughout the whole first half neither team took a commanding lead. Although our shooting was good, the Ovid defense didn't give us much of a chance to use this ability. Similarly, our defense crippled their attempts to score. Although we were at a definite height disadvantage, we still pulled down our share of rebounds. The fourth period ended with the score tied 63 up. However, in overtime, we gained a one point lead on a layup by Henry Karsch, and the game ended with the score: Padua 71, Ovid 70. Due to a lot of hustle and a strong drive on the players' part, we were able to pull out a victory. The leader in scoring was Rich Stoklosa with 22 points.

Then came the unexpected disappointment. The Romulus game appeared to be an easy victory, but our anticipations proved wrong. The warriors from down the lake were not particularly strong, yet they were beating us. In this game our team just couldn't get started. None of our plays were working and we had trouble getting the ball through the hoop. All this, plus a general lack of interest on the part of the spectators and an inability to hustle gave the warriors the final 57-56 victory. Rich Stoklosa once again led the scoring with 17 points.

### FOOTBALL INTRAMURALS

For late autumn this year, Fr. Joseph Knitter, Padua's cross-country coach, started a series of intramural football games. Utilizing the basic touch football rules and dividing the ten five-man teams into two leagues, helped bring about an enjoyable hour of play for each game. Also the soccer field was converted into two gridirons for easier scheduling of the contests. And in spite of the effects of mud and snow, there was no dimming of the player's enthusiasm.

Some of the highlights of the season were the playoff game between the top teams of Division A, the Jets and the Rams, and the Super Bowl contest. In the playoff decision, the Jets won by a score of 14-0. Finally in the Super Bowl, the Falcons proved their power with a 14-0 victory on two touchdowns and two conversions.

This year's top scorers:

Jim Gomelia	46 points
Paul Watroba	28 points
Joe Wallace	26 points
Bob Datillo	25 points

Top Quarterbacks:

William Porfido	15 T.D.s
Anthony Salamendra	10 T.D.s
Dennis Wojno	6 T.D.s

All in all, this season was successful and exciting as well as interesting. My congratulations go to the Falcons, the Super Bowl champs. Let's hope there will be more football at Padua in the upcoming years.

### SOCCER ROUNDUP

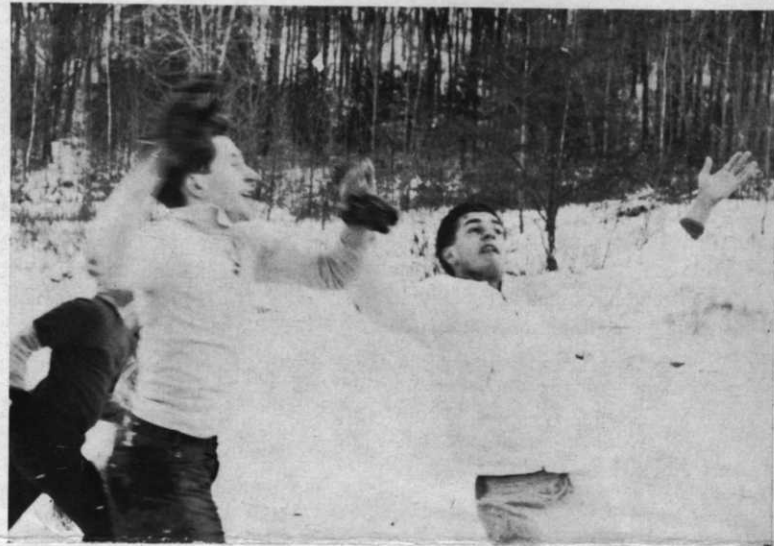
J. A. Opiola

"We've got the best soccer team in the area".

"Yeah, but what was your record, 3 and 7?"

The above dialogue may seem strange, but it is true. Looking in retrospect at the season, let us analyze the above statements.

Breaking a six year jinx by winning the first game, the soccer team was filled with high hopes and aspir-



Fred Bagdinski anticipates the the long pass

ations for the coming season. The first game against Seton Catholic was significant in that it filled the team with self confidence. They realized early that they were a well balanced team and had the ability to win. Compliments flowed and we were tattooed with the title: "best in the area".

But perhaps success came too early, for in the following games the "red devils" met with defeat at the hands of Hammondsport, Southside, and Campbell, respectively. It is important to note that all these games were lost in almost the same manner: we controlled the offense in each case, but a penalty kick or a bad break caused us to lose by a single point in each. The trouble can be pinpointed on the forward line. The players had an uncanny ability at passing, but lacked the "big foot" to drive their efforts forward. Time and time again the ball was in front of the goal, needing only a forceful kick to convert it into a score. But the kick never came, or it came too late, so our great team tumbled to a 1-3 record.

Sparks flew once again against Elmira Free Academy. Hustling was once again prominent and our scrapping offense controlled the ball near-

ly the entire game. After the three previous heartaches, it was plain to see that coach Father Emil meant it when he said: "I consider this year's team the best I've ever coached". Pinpoint passing accounted for the four goals the "red devils" tallied throughout the course of the game.

The praise and glow of victory was once again short-lived as the team fell into another losing streak, this time four straight games. The team was slowed down by Addison and Mansfield, again losing by that seemingly insurmountable one point.

In an almost ironical twist to cap the season, the team won its last game by a score of 4-3 against Savona. It finally overcame the one point curse that had plagued it an entire season.

No matter what camp you followed, the cynics or the dreamers, there is one universal opinion, "We always have next year".

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