

SKIERS GO TO GREEK PEAK

On the morning of February 23, eight students under the supervision of Fr. Eric traveled to Cortland, New York for a day on the slopes. Conditions were excellent on that day at the Greek Peak Resort. Beginning their skiing day at 9:30 a.m., everyone familiarized himself with the facilities. The more experienced of the group attempted the beginners' slope at first and gradually worked their way up to larger, steeper and faster courses. The experienced skiers immediately headed for the chair lift and T-bar slopes

Rampaging down the slopes and taking occasional spills, all nine put in their time on the runs. But at 4:30 p.m., the tired group returned to Padua. All the skiers express anticipation for another ski trip and express their thanks to those who made the trip possible.

G.D.

THE BEAT GOES ON

by Paul Lesczynski

Rain, snow, and sultry heat hardly ever affect Paduans. The outside news might be mentioned at a bull session, but here it's our own happenings that make us smile or frown. So far this quarter there was a lot more frowning than smiling. After the recent snowfall, everyone rushed for toboggans and skis, including our varsity basketball team. Unfortunate disaster struck when Rick Gaston, lightning dribbler of our club, broke his leg. He went home for further treatment and is out of action indefinitely. Everybody felt his loss at the Ovid game where speed was the crucial factor. We certainly hope he will be around for the Odesa rematch in March.

On January 22nd and 23rd, the student body took its semester exams. Seniors were especially anxious about this since most of these marks will be sent to colleges. Now everyone is breathing easier, but the seniors are waiting their college notifications! Also dimming the seniors' smiles is the fact that a yearbook deadline must be reached by February 15th. Every night the staff works late to meet the date with time to spare.

The brighter side is definitely more noticeable. Two new sports were introduced. Intramurals in hockey and bowling are the two new additions.

Through the efforts of the alumni, a laundromat is now available to the

students in the basement. With two new machines and a dryer, Paduans are competing for the honor of launderer laureate. The white knight seems to be on our side.

Thanks to the efforts of Fr. Joe Knitter and Fr. Leonard Stunek, the "U. S. Male" got its opportunity to play at a dance. They will entertain at St. Mary's parish at Bath on February 10.

Following prolonged arguments and discussions, the weight-lifting club was organized and took up residence in the gym. Members are now free to use the equipment at their discretion. However, non-mem-

bers are strongly advised to keep away from the weights.

On Sunday, February 4th, the freshmen played a basketball game against the eighth-graders of St. Mary's. The freshmen managed to squeeze out a victory and all the students enjoyed the show.

Finally, it is fitting to mention Fr. Placid's efforts on Vocation Day. Dubbed CV-168, January 29th was the date of these talks on the priesthood. Eight seminarians were guests and everyone benefited from the discussions. Special thanks go to the students to help facilitate the day's program. Let's all go out and make some news.

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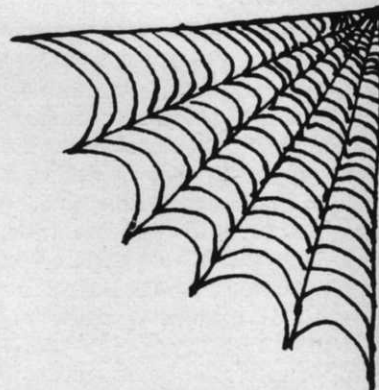
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Rather hesitatingly, Jim Nolan and Joe Dul take a crack at skiing



COBWEB CORNER

once more i extend my most salubrious salutations to you from my congested corner in padua's gym. this has been a truly eventful semester for me so far, for i received an unexpected visit from my great aunt who lives in spain. she's quite rich and owns a 75 web hacienda near seville. she came to tell me personally that she's naming me sole heir to her fortune. thus, i want to thank j.o. for stepping on her during the last basketball game. you made me very happy.

i have decided to organize a contest. to enter, just hand in your name and 2 large flies (preferably alive) to j.m. the object of the contest is to find my web in the gym. the first one to find it wins one of my custom-made, personally autographed spider webs, suitable for framing and available in four different shades of black. enter soon! the deadline is march 30.

once again i must commend our terrific basketball team. even though they dropped one to ovid, they're still on top. there's only one thing i'd like to know, why doesn't g.k. drive more?

happy birthday s.k. — "you're (almost) in the army now!"

lately i've been listening a little more closely to what you guys have been saying around here, and i find it most amusing. a lot of times two friends will tell each other their most secret ambitions, and it is these that i'm going to reveal to you now:

r.c. wants to lose 250 lbs, then at least he'll be down to 275.

r.b. wants to look like b.l.

g.k. wants to be 7' 1", (but only for basketball games).

s.k. wants a life-long draft deferment.

w.p. wants to be able to dunk.

r.p. wants to return to the "good ol' days".

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ON CREATIVE WRITING

Many upperclassmen resent any type of writing assignment. Throughout the four years a student attends Padua, he is inevitably compelled to write at least a few ridiculously long compositions as a punishment for some infraction of the school's or a professor's rules. Most of us receive more than our share of these penances.

All of us are endowed with some writing talent; some have more than others. Creativity is one requisite a good writer cannot afford to lose, and yet, this is exactly what writing penances is causing our students to suffer the loss of.

The question I wish to raise is this: Is it necessary to resort to this type of punishment for minor infractions? Wouldn't other types of correction be more fitting and constructive?

I contend that this castigation is a waste of time and energy which could be channeled into more useful directions. By forcing a student to do 500 or 1000 words on a given topic (usually involving the offense he had committed), the administrator forces the writer to write "anything" for the sake of getting it done. For a person to write well he must be interested in what he has to say. This type of punitive writing does not stimulate good writing habits, but rather encourages the writer to use as many words as possible to say as little as possible.

After a period of a few years, the student builds up a resentment for any type of writing assignment. He views any request to write an essay or report as a kind of punishment. An attitude like this can definitely

hinder the college-bound student. In post-high school education it is very often necessary to express one's thoughts in writing as clearly as possible in order to pass a course. This attitude of resentment is a hindrance in this or any other kind of writing. Paduans receive a good English background throughout their four years, and it seems regrettable that this knowledge is wasted on "penances" that are given simply because a better mode of correction has not presented itself.

As a remedy to this situation I suggest to the disciplinarians, the faculty and the seniors that they refrain from this type of punishment, and reward any rule breakers with a few days on the work list or clean-up squad, where they can constructively pay for their transgressions.

Administrators: Don't stop our writers before they start!

LAUNDROMAT FOR PADUANS

Through the combined efforts of the alumni, Fr. Emil and the parents, the student body has a place for cleaning soiled clothes. This room in the basement is convenient as well as advantageous. At present, the equipment consists of two commercial washers and one dryer. However, while rigging this machinery up, Fr. Austin Lewinski and Br. Martin Bak left spacious quarters for the additional of extra machines. These washers and dryers will pay for themselves and also for additional equipment, since their use will supply funds for repairs on these machines and for the purchasing and installing of the others.

SMOKING LOUNGE

At long last, Padua has a smoking room in its facilities. Former classes often remarked about the necessity of such an area, but nothing concrete was ever developed. However, this year the faculty and the parents discussed the feasibility of a room in which students could congregate for smoking. They drew up slips in order to determine those who wanted permission.

For its location, the faculty chose the former chess room. First, students cleaned out the room so that it would be suitable quarters. Then Mr. John Grisch, the school carpenter, refinished the room, and some furniture was added. To keep the area neat a student committee has assigned members.

In introducing this lounge, our school has eliminated the difficulty of disobedience against the no-smoking law. Those with permission are free to smoke at certain times. If no one abuses it, the smoking lounge will represent another successful improvement at Padua.

S.J.R.

BOOK FAIR

Recently, under the direction of Fr. Austin Lewinski and Miss Grace Donajkowski, a book fair was held to introduce the students to good literature. Paduans proved themselves to be voracious readers. The books on display represented a cross-section of fine reading material, and no one could honestly complain about a lack of interesting subjects. For the scholarly, educational and informative texts abounded, while those seeking entertainment eagerly scooped thrilling mysteries and eerie science fiction novels.

Possibly the most surprising outcome of the fair was the interest devoted to the classics. The notion that classics are necessarily dull reading gains no support at Padua. They formed a large portion of the orders for books. Paduans readily attest that the fair was a huge success, and they are awaiting a similar fair in the weeks to come.

OPINION

Each person in this life has a special goal which he seeks to attain, but there is one which is common to all in achieving ultimate success. This common denominator is maturity. It is a passport into the adult society and without it acceptance into modern living is difficult, if not impossible. Such a quality can make or break a person in life. Then why do we lack even a budding influence on this commodity? School should prepare us to face the world as a mature person, ready and able to accept the challenges brought upon him. However, this doesn't seem to be withdrawing into childhood. Of course, this is merely a means of breaking out of the tensions of our highly accelerated world. A fantasy community is much easier to cope with than the hectic one of our days, and we gain an enormous release of tensions if we seek out this world.

Yet this withdrawal is no solution to the problems at hand. In fact, it is just like a drunk drowning his miseries in some whiskey. While the troubles are forgotten in a drunken stupor, they have not departed. Once that person regains his sobriety, he perceives that they are still with him. People who slink back into their childhood days are delaying the eventual certainty of grappling with the dilemma, not escaping maturity's bonds. If everyone sought this method of rectifying difficulties, we would not have what we do today.

Youth is always forced into accepting responsibility while true adults receive this duty willingly. It is likely that acceptance of responsibility will change us into adults prepared to face situations. Negligence creates weak substitutes, and Padua loses its actual purpose.

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j.m. wants his casket to be carried in a ferrari hearse.

now it's time to leave, but first i want to beg you to watch where you tread when you're in the gym. last month you stepped on 4 uncles, 3 aunts, 17 cousins and one spider janitor.

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Roger Bilin (L.) and Andy Wolodsko look through some paperbacks as Miss Grace supervises at the book fair



PIT STOP

The Padua Slot Car Club got off to a good start this year with a fine show of some close competition in the first set of elimination races. The drivers were more skilled, the cars were faster, and competition was closer than last year. All previously existing track records were broken during this last set of races.

After many motors, axles, chassis, controllers, and spirits were broken, this is the way things stacked up:

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| First place, Steve Kiersznowski— | 8 pts. |
| 2nd, John Paul Marosy | 7 pts. |
| 3rd, Dan Tusinski | 6-pts. |
| 4th, Humberto Ciffoni | 5-pts. |
| 5th, Chuck Niewadomski | 4-pts. |
| 6th, John Englehardt | 3-pts. |
| 7th, Andy Wolodzko | 2-pts. |
| 8th, Macri & J. Adamski— | 1 pt. each |

Unfortunately, there were frequent power breakdowns during the races because of the almost continuous use of the power supply these last few months. The new controllers and power pack recently installed should remedy this situation.

The next 2 sets to determine the '67-'68 champion will begin at the end of February and immediately after Easter Vacation, respectively. Good luck to all competitors!

PADUA ALUMNI ADDRESSES

The following alumni have moved and did not leave a forwarding address. If you know their present address, please write to the Registrar's Office.

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 Brozek, Edward '58
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ALUMNI NEWS

In the past months, many Paduan alumni have made news in the world. Thomas Zwolinski, William Gliwa, and Thomas Wojlawowicz have attained special distinction in this issue.

Thomsa Zwolinski, a 1964 graduate, and a Seton Hall University senior physics major, has been named by the honors program selections committee of the Central States Universities, Inc., as a participant in the spring semester of the honors program at Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Ill.

The honors program extends over the entire spring semester and consists of half-time in lecture study programs and half-time research participation in Argonne's scientific research divisions.

On Saturday, December 2, Dr. William Gliwa, a 1960 graduate, was formally installed as president of the Bush Terminal Kiwanis Club with Frank Macri the lieutenant-governor of N. Y. State Kiwanis officiating.

The Kiwanis Clubs are dedicated to charitable work and the raising of funds for this purpose. Dr. Gliwa dedicated his efforts to this cause and has been acclaimed the youngest member to serve in the capacity as president.

Dr. "Bill" Gliwa is a chiropractor with offices in the Brooklyn Park Slope district. He serves on the Board of Directors of YMCA and recently has been elected as financial secretary of the Pulaski Business and Professional Men.

Tom Wojlawowicz, a graduate of 1960, coach of the Bayonne High swimming teams, will attend a week-long swim clinic at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Expected to attend the sessions are the nation's leading Olympic swim coaches and college coaches from all over the country.

Ostaszewski, Chester '61
 Passon, Richard '57
 Perzanowski, Thaddeus '56
 Piniewski, Joseph '56
 Pinola, Harry S. '59
 Ryniak, Raymond '57
 Soback, George E. '53
 Sroka, Leonard '58
 Szanowski, Chester '58
 Trella, Joseph T. '53
 Wlazowski, Edward '57
 Zembrzuski, Anthony '60



Paduans participate in Mass after Thirteen Hours Devotion

CV-168

Sunday evening, January 28th, the student body saw Otto Preminger's film version of the "Cardinal". The movie's purpose set the tone for thoughts and discussions on the next day.

What was CV-168? Catholic Vocations — January, 1968. CV-168 planned to enhance the students' knowledge of the roles one must play in the modern priesthood. From the dramatic reading at 8:30 a.m. to the interview with married couples, all actions expressed this main thought.

Five Franciscan seminarians, all Padua alumni, and three seminarians from St. John Fischer's College in Rochester, under the supervision of Fr. Placid, conducted the program. Besides acting as supervisors they also answered our questions on such topics as seminary life, celibacy, and the importance of the priest in today's world.

Those Franciscan seminarians who participated were Fraters Tonian Uss, Stephen Malkiewicz, Michael Gulas, John Tulko and David Brzozska.

All in all, Paduans profited in many ways. Sincere thanks should be offered to Fr. Placid, the seminarians and the students who organized the day.

STRIKE OR SPARE

by Joe Biernat

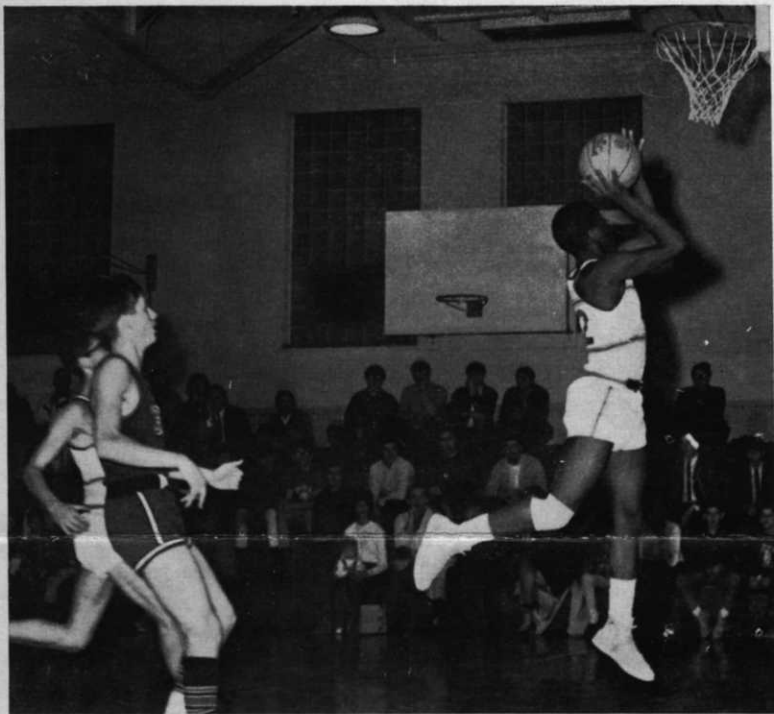
At last, bowling enthusiasts at Padua will have a chance to display their talents and demonstrate their ability in competition. Through the efforts of Fr. Emil and dedicated bowlers, Paduans formed a bowling league. Consisting of approximately 64 students, this league is another first in our school's history.

Stan Stobierski and Ed Slodycka, the two directors, have divided the 64 students into two leagues, with 6 teams in each league. Five members, including a captain and co-captain, will compose each team. Competition will be run as an intramural program, games being held every Wednesday afternoon.

With the formation of the league, the local bowling alley has offered us a financially reasonable deal. Each participant will bowl three games in one afternoon at a price of one dollar, including shoe rental.

We acknowledge our sincere thanks to Fr. Emil and all those involved in bringing about the formation of this program, and we feel confident of its success.

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Rick Gaston lays the ball up on a fast break

TWO MORE FOR PADUA WE'RE NUMBER ONE

Padua continued its impressive streak with victories over strong teams from Watkins Glen and Dundee. Both games enabled our team to keep a secure hold on first place in the league.

In one of the more notable games of the season, the starting five swept over Watkins at their own home court by a score of 95-89. Although the Senecans matched us basket for basket in the first quarter, efficient shooting by Rich Stoklosa and Jack Opiola gave us a ten-point lead in the third quarter. Through Watkins' hard playing and our foul trouble, the home team was able to close the gap to within a few points in the fourth period. But our team pulled some quick lay-ups to win the game for us at the final buzzer.

At home, the Cascaders quickly grabbed a lead against Dundee. After three quarters of superior shooting and hustling, the score stood at 61-41, our squad in the lead. With our team suffering from "fourth quarter blues", Dundee battled to within four points. However, their drive was just not enough and we came through to claim yet another win by a 75-71 margin. Rich Stoklosa was high man in the scoring department with a total of 19 markers. Right behind him was Jack Opiola with 18.

Jerry Silkiewicz

One hundred and fifty proud students charged onto the court shouting wildly, "We're number one, we're

number one", at the end of the Odessa game. What was the reason for this spectacle? Our basketball players had just succeeded in achieving what was termed the impossible. By defeating Odessa, the team was now in the lone possession of first place in the Lakes Region League. This accomplishment was the culmination of determined effort on the part of the entire squad through the adept coaching of Mr. Don Maas.

With a league record of two victories and one defeat, Padua's hoopers turned in five successive league wins before suffering a loss. Against Watkins Glen, our defense coped with every assault, and easily vanquished our town rivals by a score of 83-66. Dundee also proved to be no competition. Although they had a well balanced club, our fast break gave us a 71-51 win over the Scotsmen. While in a slump after Christmas, our club nearly allowed Interlaken to grab a victory, but Rick Gaston's ten points was the important factor in our 52-45 victory. After settling back into the routine, we dealt Trumansburg an effective 70-55 put-down.

In the most decisive game of the

season thus far, our players conquered the giants of Odessa in a spectacular show of competitive perseverance with a 77-71 victory. Throughout the first half, our players provoked Odessa's Indians into fumbling and losing the ball, and the Padua five took a commanding lead. It was Odessa's turn in the second half as they edged to within one point to end the third quarter with the score at 52-51. Brilliant playing highlighted the fourth quarter as both teams presented superior ball handling and superb shooting. However, Odessa managed to spurt to a six point lead with three minutes remaining. Immediately, the talented starters led by Rich Stoklosa, Jack Opiola, and Rick Gaston overcame this deficit to win from behind for the Cascaders.

Sweeping over Mt. Carmel of Auburn by a margin of 90-72, we next faced the challenge of the Hornets of Ovid. Heated action took place in the first half, both teams scurrying to gain points. The Ovid team piled up a 16 point lead in the third quarter. However, even without the aid of Rick Gaston, Padua's drive did not slacken. Our team rolled to within one point, but couldn't pull it out, losing 69-65.

On the following Friday, the Padua five faced Romulus, a tough opponent. Romulus had been the only team to beat us in the first half of league competition. Although the Cascaders gained a ten point margin in the first half, Romulus battled to a two point lead, with thirty seconds to go. Then, Witold Plucienkowski, the high scorer for the night, sank three successive free throws to reclaim the lead for our team. Two more foul shots by Rich Stoklosa iced the game for us at 67-66 giving us our 7th league win.

Since that game the big question has been — will we finish in first? The answer can be yes, we're number one!

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