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## "WHAT IS YOUR REQUEST?"

By Dana Griffin

The day of October 3 brought something more than a mere free afternoon for it marked a definite advancement in our spiritual life.

Father Methodius conducted a short Spiritual Retreat for the boys who were to be received into the Third Order of St. Francis.

The "hour of the day" began promptly at 7:30 P. M. Forty-nine students marched in double file and took their places in chapel.

The "Transitus," a service commemorating the death of St. Francis, was then sung in three voices by a choir composed of the Franciscan Fathers and Brothers. This story of the death of St. Francis, rendered in a simple but beautiful manner by the followers of the Poor Man of Assisi impressed everyone present.

After the "Transitus," the celebrant addressed the students who were to be received into the Third Order: "My dear candidates, what is your request?" And they answered: "Rev. Father, I humbly ask of you, the habit of the Third Order of Penance, in order that with it, I may more easily obtain eternal salvation."

Then, the Third Order habit (a scapular of brown woolen material) was placed upon the shoulders of each candidate and each was girded with a cord. Finally, a candle (representing Christ) was placed into the right hand of each boy, thus making him a true follower of St. Francis. The ceremony ended with Benediction and veneration of the relic of St. Francis.

The next day was a great day for it was the feast of St. Francis. A solemn High Mass was celebrated at 7:30 in the morning. Father Claude, the Rector, was celebrant. He was assisted by Father George, Vice-Rector and Father Emil. Fr. Marcel played the organ and the students, under the direction of Fr. Sylvester, sang the Mass of the Angels.

Later in the morning, the students were a bit happier as they won a softball game which they played against the Faculty.

After working-up a good appetite, all were well prepared to do justice to the delicious turkey, with all the trimmings, which were prepared by Brothers Anselm, Gabriel and Vianney. Father Rector invited many guests for this special occasion, the Mayor of Watkins Glen, the principal and coach of Watkins High, and many other

## PLATFORM AND POLICY

(A versitorial)

### THE PADUAN

Hopes to print all the news about, and around the school; and to Express any constructive opinions the students may wish to voice—

both for their own good, and for the future glory of Padua Prep. But,

Above all, it is the policy of this paper to

Direct the minds and hearts of its readers to a greater

Understanding of, and love for God, and for

All that is good and beautiful in God's creation. There is

Nothing more important in this life, or more rewarding in the next.

## NEW NAMES, NEW FACES

Times change and so do faces. Two members of the faculty have left Padua and have been assigned to other positions. Fr. Emmanuel, the former athletic director and science professor has become the Promoter of Vocations for the Province of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He will canvas the territory between Chicago and New York City, gathering students for St. Bonaventure Prep., Sturtevant, Wis., and for Padua Prep., Watkins Glen, N. Y. Fr. Leopold has been appointed Director of the III Order in the Toledo, Ohio, vicinity. He is stationed at

St. Pascal's Friary and is doing missionary work in that vicinity. May God bless them in their new endeavors.

In their places, we are glad to welcome, Fr. Albin, Fr. Emil, and Fr. Marcel. Fr. Albin has been teaching in Sturtevant, Wis., and now has charge of the science department. Fr. Emil, formerly stationed in Toledo, Ohio, is now our vice-disciplinarian, librarian and professor of mathematics. Fr. Marcel has been stationed in Greer Bay, Wis., and is now the professor of Polish, music and has charge of the student choir.

## Explorer Troop To Be Organized At Padua

By Conrad Szczeplanski

A meeting was called on Sept. 29th by the Rev. Rector for the purpose of establishing a Boy Scout, or, more properly called, an Explorer troop here at Padua Prep. The students were informed by Father Claude as to how the troop would function. Its members will have access to various Boy Scout camping places in the area, as also to the Sea Scouts' boats which are stationed on Lake Seneca. Fr. Emil will be in charge of this new enterprise.

In order to make this venture a success, Fr. Rector asked all of the students for their co-operation. The troop will provide many in-

friends of the school.

After dinner, the students made their way to the Glen, a famous beauty spot here in New York. In this tour, Mr. Arthur Richards related many interesting facts about the Glen to the boys.

All celebrations did not end here, for that evening a good movie, "I Remember Mama," was shown. Refreshments were served at intermission time, which, needless to say, were enjoyed by all. After making their nightly visit to the chapel, the students of Padua called it the end of a perfect day and retired to bed.

teresting forms of recreation for the boys. It will be fun to lead a patrol of Scouts through the beautiful woods in this area; it will be exciting to camp outdoors, cooking one's meals. Educational films will be shown to the members in order to enlighten them as to their duties as Explorers

Since the whole program will be run on Catholic basis, each member is assured of a sensible, invaluable moral training, making him a good citizen, a dependable leader of the future and a God-fearing Catholic.

## MANY SUPPORT ONE-MAN CAMPAIGN

Once again, the Paduan staff feels obliged to thank the businessmen of this locality for their contributions. Their generosity has made the publication of the Paduan possible.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to our humble Brother Boniface who alone has collected \$500.00 for the Paduan. He has accomplished something which we are sure that we ourselves could never have done, May God bless him for his efforts and his sacrifices.

## PADUA TO BE INVADED

Flash! Word has just come in that a strange array of goblins and witches has established itself on the extremities of the school's campus. Each night, weird sounds can be heard as the unholy lot conducts its weird rituals. It is expected that the ungodly creatures will swoop down upon Padua, October 31st.

All Freshmen are warned to take special precautions on that night. The upper-classmen suggest that those who have not been indicated, retire to their rooms immediately after supper and ignore the evil-doings outside.

On October 31st, classes will be dismissed for the afternoon and the October Rosary Devotion will be held early in the afternoon. A football game between the Freshmen and Upper-classmen will follow.

The Hallowe'en festivities will begin at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with a Hallowe'en parade. All participants are encouraged to don their costumes and wear masks. A prize will be awarded to the one who wears the best, or at least the most clever costume.

If the weather permits, the festivities will be held outdoors on the athletic field. Various games will be conducted and all students are invited to take part in these.

In the course of events, Padua's class of "54" will be initiated and made a full-fledged part of the school.

At dusk a great bonfire will be lighted and a lunch will be served. Each student will be able to show his skill in roasting marshmallows and hotdogs.

The celebration will be brought to a close with the showing of an Abbot and Costello movie in the students' dining hall.

## VICTIMS OF A GREAT CONSPIRACY

The following await the Hallowe'en festivities with a feeling of joy and apprehension:

Edward O'Neil, Fitzgerald, Linsley, Eisenhart, Murray, Watlock, from Corning, N. Y.; Burke, DeSocio A., DeSocio R., Flannery, Frawley, Madigan, Minch, Poppleton, Smith, from Elmira, N. Y.; Olszewski C., from Buffalo, N. Y.; Pijanowski, Stec, from Philadelphia, Pa.; Leary from Ithaca, N. Y.; Bawlowski, Petrick, Niezgodna, from Durvea, Pa.; Pilch, from Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wisniewski, from Nanticoke, Pa.; Griffin, from Mansfield, Pa.; Kuchinski, Dupont, Pa.; Las-kody, Gary, Ind.; LeClair, Syracuse, N. Y.; Eskra, Bronx, N. Y.; Pearson, Chicago, Ill.; Yurko, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Moran, Watkins Glen.

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A GREAT DAY FOR MARY

Hallowe'en means nothing else than The Eve of All Hallows or, The Vigil of All Saints. Though Catholics are permitted to participate in the festivities which characterize Hallowe'en, they do not forget the religious signification of Oct. 31st. On that day, fast and abstinence from meat are imposed by the Church on Catholics in order to prepare them for the feast which honors the Blessed in Heaven. We are reminded that our stay on this earth is temporary and that our eyes must be lifted to Heaven, wherein God and His Blessed dwell.

This year, the feast of All Saints will have a special meaning since His Holiness Pope Pius XII will solemnly proclaim the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Indeed, this is another gem added to the beautiful crown of the Queen of Angels and Queen of All Saints.

The Friars of the province of the Assumption are doubly happy to have this honor given to Mary for she is the patroness of their province.

WHICH SYSTEM

By Jim Kuhn

Much speculation has been made concerning the replacing of the Demerit System with the Honor System. The students have voiced their pro and con opinions. This is how I feel about it.

On your honor, do you promise to be good or must the Demerit System be used in order to bring about this happy result? Oh, that is the question! Probably many of the students would choose the Honor System since its sanctions seem to be less drastic. The penalty of being campused or of having their weekend leave cancelled need no longer overshadow their joyful, riotous existence.

Do you actually think the students would act like little angels if they were left to their honor? Would the very fact of introducing an Honor System immediately, over night, make all students honorable? I hardly think so.

High school students believe in having a good time whenever they can. At that age, they can't appreciate laws and rules—it is only later in life that such regulations will make sense to them. As a result, they can't be expected to observe rules, on their honor, as long as they consider such rules trivial or insignificant.

Honor System? Yes? Within two weeks the students would have the school taken apart, brick for brick, and the Fathers in some institution trying to come back to normal.

One student feels that, "Errare humanum est" (To err is human), and that a demerit should not be given for each offense. Well, I understand that demerits are given in proportion to the seriousness of the offense. The fact that you whisper in class and the professor marks down your name, does not mean you received a demerit. But if this whispering or talking continues, naturally you are penalized. Likewise, you are not given a demerit for each time you are late. At times you have a good reason for being late and I think the professors are more broadminded than we would want to make them to be. Of course, any misbehavior which disrupts the whole class or any irreverence shown in chapel is punished more severely. This stands to reason.

Another student feels that certain individuals are "picked on" and watched too closely. Well, I feel that if a boy makes himself conspicuous by his continual misbehavior, he certainly deserves to be watched more closely. It would be wrong to treat the good and the evil in the same manner. There must be some distinction for otherwise, what's the sense of being good.

Each student is permitted 8 demerits per a week before he feels the sting of the Demerit System. To acquire 8 demerits one must show a definite evil intent or at least a definite carelessness.

All in all, many boys will insist upon having their good time, but when the penalty falls, they squirm and complain. There is nothing wrong with the Honor System but the Demerit System is more effective in High Schools. What will it be, the Honor System or the Demerit System?

SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME  
 by Joseph Malina

Though the school was abandoned for the summer months by the students, life went on at a regular pace at our old Alma Mater.

Studying in summer seems ridiculous to some, but necessary to others. Fr. George, the athletic director attended the sixth annual New York State Coaching School, at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, during the third week of August. There, he picked up many pointers on football, baseball, basketball and soccer. Fr. Albin, Fr. Emil and Fr. Sylvester attended St. Bonaventure University where they pursued courses in Biology, Mathematics and Latin.

Prospective students from Brooklyn and Pennsylvania spent a few days at Padua so as to become acquainted with the school. The boys enjoyed their visit and plan to attend here in the near future.

And of course, repairing and improving of the buildings and grounds followed their planned course.

THE RETURN OF BUZZY  
 By Richard Chodnicki

Last year Padua lost its mascot, Buzzy I. However, upon their return to school this fall, the students noticed another Boxer occupying the dog house. Our new mascot's name is Buzzy II and he a relative to the Buzzy who resided here last year.

Buzzy II is well liked by the boys. For this reason they sympathized with him when they saw him attacking a beehive. He'll learn, we are sure.

JUNIOR GRAND PRIX  
 by Conrad Szczepanski

Thousands attended the International Grand Prix races at Watkins, in September. On November 4th, the youngsters will give their version of the Grand Prix, on a smaller scale, by taking active part in the Junior Grand Prix races. Jerry Schickel, a student at Padua, will enter the race. We shall be there cheering for you, Jerry.

AQUATIC ACTIVITIES  
 by Frank Czajkowski

True, the school does overlook the beautiful Seneca Lake but, within walking distance there are two smaller lakes, Punch Bowl lake and White Lake, which afford wonderful swimming facilities. After a vigorous hike on Sept. 10th. Sunday afternoon, the boys all jumped into the water for a refreshing swim. It was a lot of fun.

Now that cooler weather has set in, the school indoor swimming pool is a popular place of recreation for many boys. Even after the heated water pools, many of the Polar

Bears are brave enough to challenge the cold water. Shucks, cold water can't hurt you, in fact, it's invigorating.

HORSES WITHOUT SHOES  
 by Joseph Malina

The students have deprived some of the horses of their shoes and are spending many pleasant hours at the horseshoe pits. Every free period finds some boys proving their skill in this simple but exciting game.

MOVIES ARE BIGGER AND BETTER

By Frank Zygmuntowicz

As has been the procedure last year, so too this year a movie is shown each Saturday night in the students dining hall. Thanks to Fr. Martial and Fr. Emil the assortment of movies thus far seen has been excellent. Some have brought forth chills, others, laughs and tears. So far we have seen: "Action in Arabia", "Duke of West Point", "Alleghany Uprising", "The Sullivans", "The Fighting Father Dunne", "I Remember Mama", and "13 Rue Madeleine".

FIRST WEDDING AT PADUA

Padua High School Chapel saw its first wedding Saturday when Miss Madeline McClave of Avoca, Pa., became the bride of Henry Pielecha of Lackawanna.

Rev. Canisius Jamula, OFM, celebrated the Nuptial Mass.

LATIN AS YOU LIKE IT  
 by Gene Lewandowski

The Latin class has had a note of interest added to it. Father Sylvester, the Latin professor, asked the boys to make a research on the Roman Age. Some boys will write compositions on Roman customs, Roman dress, Roman foods and Roman sports. Others, not being inclined toward writing compositions but having the ability to draw a fairly straight line, may sketch a few samples of Roman architecture or some phase of Roman life.

So far, the masterpieces look presentable. Little Joey Trella had a little trouble in drawing his version of a Roman ship. He was a little perturbed when he saw his finished work for he wondered if anything like it could ever float. Conrad Szczepanski tried drawing the Hanging Gardens of Babylon (or something like that) and he must have worn down about six pencils. He showed his masterpiece to the boys and no one could figure out what it was, animal, vegetable or mineral. But everyone came to the conclusion that, whatever it is, it looks the best upside down.

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**CLASS OFFICERS, PREFECTS CHOSEN**

by Stephen Keeffe and Ralph DeSocio

On the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 13th, Padua's newly organized Sophomore class held its first class meeting. The first item on the agenda was the election of class officers. After a close run with last year's president, Richard O'Connell, Stephen Keeffe of Ithaca, N. Y., was elected president for the 1950-51 school term. Harold Spencer, also of Ithaca was chosen vice-president, John Considine of Elmira, secretary and Frank Czajkowski of Brooklyn, treasurer. John Considine is the only class officer who is a new-comer. Henry Cece of Corning was elected sergeant-at-arms. Father Canisius remained class Moderator.

On the same day, the freshman class, under the direction of Fr. Henry, its moderator, also elected its officers. The boys nominated for the various officers were: Baclawski, Judd, DeSocio R., Laskody, Pilch, Griffin, Eisenhart, Watlock and Pijanowski. After the second voting the outcome showed that Joseph Baclawski of Duryea, Pa., was chosen president, John Pilch of Brooklyn, vice-president, Richard Laskody of Gary, Ind., secretary, Ralph DeSocio of Elmira, treasurer.

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On the Feast of St. Francis, the unbeaten Faculty clashed head on with the unbeaten All-Star softball team, composed of Padua Prep sophomores. The score (which wasn't supposed to be mentioned) was 8-0, with the All-Star nine on top. It was a very close game with both pitchers having no-hitters going into the first inning. Then the All-Stars exploded for 2 bloody runs which iced the game.

On the hill for the highly-touted Faculty was Fr. Emil who pitched a good game and was especially good in the clinches. But finally, he yielded to the evil effects of smoking and weakened. Brother Boniface mystified the crowd with his towering blast. Even Ed. Lagonegro could not hold on to it. He also stopped many balls which

ordinarily would have gone through for hits.

The Faculty played well on defense but couldn't get their offense rolling. Fr. Martial played a nice game at first base but was shifted to center field for defense purposes only. Fr. Sylvester in right field and our own Tom Colihan at first base looked in top shape. Fr. George couldn't straighten out his long pop flies into base hits. Fr. Claude played his usual all-round game, making numerous beautiful plays. Credit also must be given to Bro. Zeke and Bro. Ignatius who played a fine defensive game.

Lagonegro, Czajkowski, Spencer, Rys and McDonnell chipped in with homers for the victors. Stephen Keeffe did his best at keeping score.

**A FISH STORY**

by John Pilch

When most good fishermen had put away their equipment, Padua's frosh and sophomore classes opened their fishing season at White Lake, Saturday, Sept. 16. Thirty-seven of Padua's best left the school to see what they could catch.

While boarding one of the trucks we were supplied with poles, drop lines and various tackle.

Joey Malina got the jamboree under way by catching the first fish. He later changed that number to a round thirty. Frank Czajkowski and "Kielbasy" Wisniewski caught thirty apiece with an eight foot fishing pole. The others caught fifteen and so on, down to one. Conrad Olszewski caught one but he felt bad in taking it from its natural habitat.

Accompanying us were some old pro's, namely Fathers Claude, George and Sylvester. Nobody kept track of their catch but Fr. Sylvester said that, "each one caught at least ten."

In one day's work, 37 Paduans caught about 100 fish, 2 frogs and 1 lizard. And that's no fish story

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**PADUA HOOPSTERS GET SET FOR BUSY SEASON**

By Ed. Lagonegro

With one year of High School basketball behind them, Padua's 1950-51 team will be out to improve on their last year's record of 14 wins and 12 losses. The team now consists of seven "veterans" from last year, and five new, but capable players. "Returnees" from last year: Spencer, Aug, Dwyer, Corby, Lagonegro, Czajkowski and McDonnell. Playing for their first year are: Minch, Leary, Bennett, LeClair and Considine.

Now coached by Fr. George Dubowski, the boys should stand a fair chance against some of their opponents. The squad has had an hour's drill every day, which consisted of throwing a medicine ball, short sprints, and long runs. After two weeks of this type of drill, the team will start practicing on the hardwood of the Watkins Glen C. S. gym.

So far eight games have been scheduled, a home and home series with each of the following: Hammondsport, Watkins Glen, Odessa and Aquinas Institute of Rochester. Athletic director, Fr. George, is trying to arrange similar two-game series with at least six other teams, so that we could play a twenty game schedule.

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**SCRAPPY SOCCER SQUAD BOWS TWICE**

By Frank Czajkowski

As a part of Padua's expanding athletic program, Fr. George Dubowski, our coach and athletic director, scheduled two soccer games against Hammondsport and Lakemont.

Very few of the students had ever played soccer before, and there wasn't any equipment for the game, except the ball itself. But, although the squad had practically no experience, the boys showed plenty of zeal for the game of soccer.

So, one fine, rainy Tuesday in October, a team of green, but game Cascaders travelled to Hammondsport to be beaten by the well-equipped and much more experienced champs of the '49 season.

Hammondsport was held to a single point in the first quarter. This point was scored on a free-kick penalty charged against the invading Paduans. In the second quarter, the home team took advantage of the younger and inexperienced players from Watkins, and added four more goals to their score.

The third period was a seesaw affair with the ball moving up and down the field, and neither team scoring. In the last quarter the boys from Padua, showed signs of tiring again, and Hammondsport scored four more goals before the end of the game. As the final whistle blew the score read Hammondsport 9, Padua 0.

The following Wednesday the Cascaders met Lakemont Academy's excellent soccer team at Lakemont. Once again it was a case of youth versus experience, but Fr. George said he was proud of the progress the team had made, and prouder still of their wonderful spirit, even in losing 6-0.

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**LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL**

The poor Freshmen lead a merry life dodging such characters as LEO RYS, SPENCER, and GILL.

Just because Chuck Minch had "Beans" Grochowski for a Perfect he had begun to stutter. My! My! No reason to crack-up, Chuck.

Why is PAT SMITH so big? Too many Tootsie Rolls, perhaps?

There goes Joe Kuchinski again . . . always trying to drink soup with a fork.

JOHN MURRY loves to eat. Too bad there is an end to a table.

The Freshman Class is now safe. BILL JUDD broke his rubber band.

LEWIS POPPLETON must be another Einstein. He is always telling Father George the right (???) answer.

JOHN PILCH, the "class brain" did not do so well in the last Social Studies test. He only received 99%.

It's amazing! "Jake" Laskody can play the accordion without notes. Now, if he would not use his fingers, that really would be something.

Rys and Czajkowski can beat Fr. Sylvester in horse shoes with their eyes closed. The trouble is, they never play any more with their eyes open, and merely throw in the general direction of the stake.

JOE MALINA may have a hard time holding first place on the Honor Roll with all the Freshmen "Brains" which are in circulation.

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With Jim Leary around, MIKE GILL may not tip the scales so noticeably as before. Even lard has entered the competitive field.

JOE McDONNELL is a little confused. Yesterday he came up to Richard Olszewski and said, "Huh, I see we have a new student." Of course, Richard was here already two months and he happens to be in all of Joe's classes.

EDDIE O'NEIL is the "ping-pong kid." He not only carries his pingpong paddle to every meal and class but he also sleeps with it under his pillow.

DR. PAUL SCHMIDT examined "Beans" Grochowski and came to the conclusion that "Beans" was made of stone. Paul watched "Beans" play soccer three times and couldn't figure out why he caused so many casualties in the game. Now he knows.

Though JOE TRELLA sleeps on the second corridor and TOM TRAINOR on the third, their friendship has not been affected. They now communicate by banging the radiator and the pipes. Well, at least two persons in the school know the Morse code.

Harold Spencer ends each prayer with the ejaculation, "O Lord, what have I done to deserve Steck and Poppleton in my room?"

We can't get rid of Irene. For the last two months Jimmy Balog serenaded her with his accordion but, no soap, she won't go. Will someone tell Irene goodnight?

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**STUDENT QUOTES**

QUESTION: As a new-comer to Padua, are you satisfied with the school or are you disillusioned?

NICHOLAS WATLOCK, Corning, N. Y. "Most of us had never stayed at a boarding school. At first I thought that life at Padua would be dull and drab, but now I know that I was wrong. All in all, life at Padua is pretty much the same as at home."

RICHARD OLZEWSKI, Buffalo N. Y. "The scenery which surrounds the school is beautiful. But, I like Padua, not because of its surroundings but because of its way of life. Studies, prayer, friends, weekend hikes, movies and various forms of recreation make my stay at Padua an unforgettable experience."

EDWARD STEC, Philadelphia, Pa. "Immediately I felt at home. The boys took my grips, showed me my room and were very hospitable."

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ANTHONY DESOCIO, Elmira, N. Y. "In coming to Padua, I felt that a very great privilege had befallen me. I feel I shall learn much more here than in any other school."

EDWARD O'NEIL, Elmira, N. Y. "To be able to say, 'I go to Padua High School,' is indeed an honor. I am deeply grateful to her professors, the Fathers and Brothers, and the student body for making my stay here at school something wonderful."

JAMES FRAWLEY, Elmira, N. Y. "I think I as well as every other student at Padua will enjoy every minute of this new school term."

NORBERT WISNIEWSKI, Nanticoke, Pa. "The morning bell, which awakens us each morning at six o'clock, still frightens me. However, I hope to get accustomed to the routine eventually."

RAYMOND LE CLAIR, Syracuse, N. Y. "When I arrived here, the building struck me as being a hotel. Four boys to one room and a washroom. Can I ask for more in the line of comfort?"

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