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## "THE WORLD IS BUT A STAGE..."



Paduans Attend Press Day at Bonaventure's

Getting an early start on the morning of May 11, seven representatives of the "Paduan" started out to attend the annual Press Day conference at St. Bonaventure University. The students who represented the school paper at this annual event were John Pilch, Co-editor; Joseph Malina, Co-editor; Thomas Trainor, Assoc. Editor; Richard Chodnicki, Circulation Mgr.; Frank Zygmontowicz, News Editor; Frank Czajkowski, Sports Editor; Gene Lewandowski, Feature Editor. The students were escorted by the paper's moderator, Father Terrence.

On arriving at the University the students registered at the Butler Memorial Gymnasium. At 10:30 seven hundred representatives from fifty schools were welcomed to the University by the Very Rev. Juvenal Lalor, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure University.

From 11:15 to 12:15 the students attended various conferences held throughout the University. The conferences concerned News, Feature Articles, Editorials, Sports and Photography.

Luncheon was served at 1:00 p. m. in the Hickey Memorial Dining Hall, after which Mr. Edward Feinen, the manager of the Buffalo Bureau of the Unit-

ed Press, gave an address. In his talk, Mr. Feinen first gave the history of the United Press. He then listed various qualifications which any newspaper reporter must have. In this section of his talk he stressed that a reporter must have an A-1 appearance; make friends easily and always be prepared to give in occasionally, because a reporter is not always compensated for the things he does.

Finally the moment came for which everyone had waited, the awards! It was at this time that the Paduan staff showed its worth. A Certificate of Merit was awarded to John Pilch for his editorials; to Frank Czajkowski for his presentation in the sports division and to Frank Zygmontowicz for his feature articles. In the poetry division, Dana Griffin copped Second Prize. The "Paduan" received a Certificate of Merit in the letter press division.

After the Award Assembly the Paduans watched a few innings of the baseball game between Niagara U. and St. Bonaventure U. Following the baseball game the Paduans began their journey home, feeling that they had done a good job throughout the year and had intentions of doing even better next year.

F. Zygmontowicz



Choir-Glee Club Revived

After a successful showing at Montour Falls last year, Padua's combined choir and glee club have undertaken another engagement at St. Mary's church in Corning. They plan to sing the ten o'clock mass there in a beautiful four part arrangement of the Missa Regina Pacis by Pietro Yon.

The halls of Padua are resounding with blending voices singing God's praises under the direction of Reverend Father Emil. Students feel their fellow of the students feel their fellow musically inclined classmates will give a good showing of what is accomplished here at school. Their first purpose is, of course, to present suitable singing to the most holy sacrifice of the mass. We students thank you Father Emil, for your hard work and valuable time spent in preparation. Also to the members who are working very hard to uphold your faith in them. All of our good wishes accompany you.

Dana Griffin

### Rev Provincial Makes His Second Visit

The students of Padua have certainly been lucky this year. We have been honored by a second visit from Fr. Theophane, the provincial.

The purpose of Fr. Theo-

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Since the gymnasium has been completed and equipped with an excellent auditorium, the first large dramatical production was made possible. On May 10 the Padua Thespians enacted the Lines of Leo Brady's "Brother Orchid" with a professional skill so as to gain the high esteem of the faculty and student body. The boys drilled their rolls for a month under the unparalleled direction of Father Terrence. The days preceding the first performance were spent in anticipation with the least bit of skepticism and only mastery in mind. The drama on May 10 was merely a dress rehearsal before the students, but much appreciated, thus on the following week "Brother Orchid" was reenacted for the entertainment of the public.

"Brother Orchid" is really a tragedy with much humor injected into it. The curtain rises with a bar scene in a Chicago tavern during the late depression. John Sarto, a malevolent gangster has just been released from a 10 year prison term and is returning to Chicago where he plans to take up his role once more as leader of a powerful ring of hoodlums. To Sarto's amazement he finds that he has a forceful contemporary, the Gimp, who orders that Sarto be taken out and disposed of. Freckles and Dum-Dum take him up to Grizzly Hill where Dum-Dum shoots the ex-convict. John Sarto escapes his would be slayers and though wounded makes his way to the Floratine Monastery where he is found and receives aid from the Little Brothers of the Flower. He wishes to enter the order only as a means of refuge until he is well again. He inquires how long it takes for an orchid to bloom and is told about 7 years; consequently he chooses his new name "Brother Orchid". Sarto is very fond of orchids as in his

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**THE FORGOTTEN GOD**

In our early days of Catechism we learned that there are three persons in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Most Catholics are acquainted with both the Father and the Son, but very few know anything about the Holy Ghost. Although Christ continually refers to the Holy Spirit in the Gospels, very few people knew what He was referring to.

Most of the people are acquainted with God, The Father, as the Creator of the world and universe, as well as man who transgressed His divine law. They know that Christ took on a human form to redeem the world and open the gates of heaven to all men. This is how far the knowledge of most Catholics concerning God is carried out. They completely forget about the Paraclete.

In order to remain with the faithful to the end of time, Christ instituted the Catholic Church. Upon returning to heaven, Christ sent the Holy Spirit to care for and to guide His Church on earth. Although each person in God comes into prominence separately, they are all parts of the only one true God.

On the first Pentecost Sunday a great wind filled the room in which the apostles were gathered. Suddenly, a tongue of fire appeared above the head of each apostle. The Paraclete had come to the twelve. Now the once ignorant fishermen were filled with the graces of the Holy Spirit, and they went forth and spoke to the multitude gathered around the building, converting over five thousand men. At confirmation the Spirit of Truth came to all of us in a manner similar to that of His Descent upon the Apostles. On that memorable day He filled each of us with His graces, gifts and fruits, making us soldiers of Christ and re-enforced Catholics.

We are all temples of the Holy Ghost, and yet we know little about and pay little attention to the divine dweller of our souls. Whenever we are in the state of grace the Holy Spirit lives intimately within our souls, and He continually helps us in our daily lives. We should strive to be in the state of grace at all times, so that we will have the help of the Paraclete at all times.

Joe Malina

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Legal holidays observed in the United States are a quasi shadow of holidays observed by the Church. One of such holidays is the American observance of Memorial Day. This holiday, however, had a strange beginning. The custom of decorating graves, taken from the Greek and Roman culture, was observed in the South during the Civil War. The loser, not the conqueror, was honoring his men who had fallen in battle. It was first the vanquished who, realizing the cause was lost, remembered to pray for and honor those who had died protecting it. Northerners had a similar observance in mind, but in reality they distorted the idea by glorifying victorious leaders, famous battles, and illustrious accomplishments in their speeches while by-passing the honor due to those who were lost in the war effort. In time this day became a national annual observance.

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**MEET THE SENIORS**

Henry Cecce hails from Corning, New York. Hank came to Padua when the school opened and is a member of the Pioneer class. This excellent pianist plays the organ every morning for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This short, stocky student played J.V. basketball in his Freshman year and has been on the Varsity soccer team for the past three years. Hank will spend his next four years at St. Andrews Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

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Theodore Novakowski makes his home in Elmira, N. Y. Ted enrolled at Padua at the beginning of the Sophomore year. Ted, an ardent sports enthusiast, has played varsity baseball for two years. Ted has been accepted at Notre Dame University and will pursue a degree in Business Administration.

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Richard Chodnicki left his home in Duryea, Pa. to begin a new life as a member of the Pioneer class at Padua. Rich is a good student and spends most of his free time in the gymnasium caring for his important task of being athletic manager. A future Electrical Engineer,

Rich will pursue his studies at Scranton University.

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Edward Haydock comes from Nanticoke, Pa., and is another member of the Pioneer class. Ed spends most of his time helping around at school doing all odd jobs and helping anyone who needs help. Wishing to follow Christ's steps as a follower of St. Francis, Ed will enter Novitiate and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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Robert Gronki hails from South River, N. Y. and is also a member of the first class of Padua. Bob spent his first two years as sacristan of the school chapel. Bob played varsity basketball for one season. Bob will be a shepherd of Christ as a member of the Maryknoll Order.

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Conrad Szczepanski makes his abode in Nanticoke, Pa. A member of the Pioneer class "Chief" has been Head Librarian for four years. You can see Chief at work continually in the library workroom or decorating some room for a special event. Conrad intends to follow St. Francis as a Fisher of Men.

**Volunteers Go To Elmira SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

April 24, 1953

"Volunteers", the clean up division of Father Adrian, who have been cleaning up the school grounds for the last month, received a free trip to Elmira and enjoyed a movie on May 6. The reason for the clean up was to tidy the grounds before graduation. The volunteers were: R. Alalski, E. Wlazlowski, T. Wlazlowski, W. Ranus, R. Nawrot, J. Pinewski, E. Gintoff, T. Waszak, J. Drozdowski, E. Grego, J. Buchinski. Upon reaching their destination, they were divided into three groups, each of which had a choice of any movie. Some went to see the third dimensional picture, "House of Wax", while others went to see a double feature.

After working each day the volunteers also have a snack in the kitchen. Now, they are working with Father Adrian again.

R. Nawrot

Mr. Thomas J. Trainor Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Trainor:

It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive a \$400. New York State Elks Association Scholarship Award. In accordance with our rules, our awards are to be used for undergraduate tuition only and are not available to students attending tuition-free institutions or receiving full tuition scholarships from other sources. Therefore, please write me immediately indicating the college or university you plan to attend so that our award check may be sent to the school.

Further, you and your parents are cordially invited to be the

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**Cascaders Crushed by Romulus**

Not only was the weather bad, April 16, but also was the outcome to the second game of the season for the Cascaders.

Leading by a score of 5 to 3 the roof fell in the 6th inning and Padua's nine lost their second consecutive game of the season.

Trainor pitched fine ball until the sixth inning when he lost all he had.

Romulus scored 6 runs in that inning which proved to be enough of a lead for them to gain victory.



L-R: 1st row, G. Sobeck, J. Malina, Fr. Czajkowski, R. Malina, T. Trainor, C. Olszewski, J. Asiello.  
2nd row: Coach J. Franzese, D. Griffin, M. Yurko, L. Dmuchowski, S. Szufel, R. Killigrew, R. Amrozowicz, T. Perzanowski, Bat Boy J. Wysocki.

**Cascaders Thrash Dundee 4-1**

The Cascaders won their first home game of the season. Their win compensated for the previous loss they suffered at the hands of Dundee earlier in the season.

It was the fifth consecutive win for the Cascaders. Trainor kept his streak of wins going by winning his third straight game. He gave up but three hits and struck out four.

**Cascaders Blank Interlaken 3-0**

Under treacherous weather the Cascaders were able to win their first game of the season. The game was called because of rain after five innings of play with the Cascaders ahead by 3 runs.

Trainor allowed but three hits to Interlaken while the Cascaders joined 4 walks and 4 hits to gain him three runs in the 3rd inning.

**Czajkowski No-Hits St. John's**

The Cascaders invaded St. John's in brilliant sunshine. The visitors opened the scoring with one run in the second inning on two hits. They dented the plate once more in the fourth frame via a walk, a steal, and a single.

The final tally was scored by another walk, steal, and a long double.

While his team mates were scoring Czajkowski put the home team down in order except in the third inning when two men got on by walks.

**Cascaders Humble Lakemont 8-2**

On one of the best days the Cascaders have yet had for baseball they showed definite appreciation for the fine weather. They collected 8 runs on 9 hits.

Meanwhile Lakemont collected two runs on but two hits from Czajkowski who won his second game of the season.

**Mid-Season Batting Averages**

	Ab	H	Avg.
Czajkowski F.	22	7	.318
Trainor T.	11	2	.181
Malina Joe	23	10	.434
Olszewski C.	11	1	.092
Malina R.	14	4	.286
Killigrew R.	17	3	.176
Griffin D.	19	6	.315
Sobeck G.	19	6	.315
Szufel E.	20	6	.300
Dmuchowski L.	15	1	.066

**Cascaders Drop Season Opener 7-6**

The baseball season opened for the Cascaders with an early disappointment. The weather was fine but besides that nothing more pleased the Paduan nine.

Although they led by three runs going into the sixth inning, Dundee was able to cut down that lead and in the eighth inning scored the seventh and winning run.

Czajkowski's lack of control was somewhat a cause for the seven runs of Dundee and he took the loss. Davis went the route for Dundee and received the win.

**An Ideal Sports Page**

The ideal sports page desired by the majority of sports readers was discussed by the high school sports editors at the annual Press Day Assembly at St. Bonaventure's University, Olean, New York. The panel discussion was directed by Mal Duffey, a student of the University. The guest speaker for the panel was a sports writer of the Buffalo Evening News. Short, but interesting, talks were given by Robert Klocke, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, and Edmund Miller, Salamanca (N. Y.) High School.

Discussed were the fundamental qualities of a good sports page. Tell-tale pictures, striking head lines, sports columns, and statistics were all proven to be essential factors for a well edited section.

Mr. Dick Johnston, the guest speaker, stressed the importance of statistics. He emphasized pictures as playing a large role in attracting readers to an article. His words were eagerly absorbed by all, and if put to use they will prove to add a great deal of interest to every sports page.

Due to time limitations the discussion lasted for only a half hour and the panel had to come to a close.

F. H. Czajkowski

**Trainor One-Hits Watkins Glen**

Tom Trainor won his second game of the season when he beat Watkins Glen 5-0. The lone hit was a single and came when but one out remained in the game.

Only two other men got on base for Watkins Glen, both being walks, one in the 3rd inning and one in the seventh.

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### CHANT OF THE SEA

See! See! the pounding sea.  
Oh hear its roaring chant.  
Breathe the breeze of salty brine;  
Oh see it rave and rant.

See! See! the quiet sea.  
Oh hear its pleasing theme.  
Gaze upon its glassy roof  
As it turns the sun's bright  
gleam.

How changing are its many  
moods,

How quick to change its face.  
Yet to its size you can't compare  
it,

From its roaring waves to fath-  
omless base.

"Come puny men in shells of  
nought.

Try your skill on me."  
The mighty sea roars out its  
chant

To test how brave we be.

Of course we think we've master-  
ed it,

That huge and surging mass.  
But it could wash away our  
lands,

E're one year could pass.

Dana Griffin

### BROTHER CHARLES COMES TO PADUA

On April 11, Brother Charles, best baker in the Franciscan province, arrived at Padua. With 40 years of baking experience, 25 of which were spent at St Bonaventure's in Wisconsin, he aroused our curiosity. Just how good was his baking? We soon found out. His first weapon of attack was his delicious rye bread. After that meal, not one scrap of bread could be found at any table. Next he baked some scrumptious home style cake and blueberry pie. This was his clincher. If the boys at Padua have anything to say, Brother Charles will never be able to leave the school.

Besides turning out prolific pastries, he is also a proficient carpenter, cobbler, and electrician. During his stay at St. Bonaventure's he baked over 500 thousand pounds of flour. It is the wish of the entire student body that Brother Charles bake twice as much here and they welcome him by showing that they can eat his goodies as fast as he bakes them.

J. Wysocki

### Freshman Class Meeting

The Freshmen held their most successful class meeting on May 6, 1953. Walter Ranus, vice-president, called the meeting to order.

After the reading of minutes, the suggestions for color schemes were made by Richard Nawrot. The schemes were placed on the blackboard, reviewed and voted upon. The class chose "Blue and White" as the official colors of the Freshman class.

A class motto was also selected. The class chose as their motto, "In Omnibus Christus", Christ in All.

The class, at this time, decided that it should have a class flower. Eugene Kopczewski was chosen to make a report on appropriate class flowers.

The meeting was then closed with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Francis Tarnopolski, and a prayer.

Paul Golinski

### Favored Freshman Feted

A crowd of anxious Freshmen assembled on May 4, in the school refectory to celebrate the birthday of one of their classmates. Very secretly and slyly they had concocted a surprise party for their classmate, Thomas Wlazlowski, known as "Tony" to all.

At his entrance, his classmates sang "Happy Birthday" and then at a given signal they dove into the refreshments kindly donated by Tommy's father.

At the close of the party the class also sang "Happy Birthday" to another of their classmates, Paul Golinski.

Paul Golinski

### C/O PADUA PREP

Dear John Pilch,

It seems a bit odd to us, but whenever you are absent from chapel, the organ doesn't seem to work. Better get it fixed John, Ziggy is tired of starting the boys in vespers, etc.

Dear Pat Yurko,

We are slightly mixed up on the question of whether you have a terrific memory or X-ray eyes. After numerous songs had been sung at our last Chant class, Father Emil came back to

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SHOUTS AND WHISPERS—

It seems that some of the student body has a disease called "sendamania". Every one is sending for pamphlets and bulletins to colleges.

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Our new baker, Brother Charles, is the best baker in the province, but we have the best eaters in the province.

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Thomas Kelley, that Irishman from Painted Post, can only talk about his home town. What amazing things a little town can have are unbelievable.

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The Sophomore Class has a class project, cleaning the bank at the athletic field. So far they have done pretty well considering that only five of the Sophomores show up for work every day.

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Fr. Henry, our linguist, has nothing on John Pilch. At the choir's recent trip to Corning, John met an Italian man who began jibbering in his own tongue to him. Much to everybody's amazement, John smiled and answered in Italian. (So what if he has a Polish accent).

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Fr. George just found out it pays to be a moderator when the Sophomore class gave him a surprise party on his feastday.

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Shades of Shakespeare! Padua is putting on a dramatic production, Brother Orchid. The first presentation was a success thanks to Father Terrence's constant threats of an early death to anyone who didn't act his best.

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Theophane's visit was his annual visitation; that is his talks with the fathers and brothers. Fr. Theophane also held private interviews with each senior generously giving his advice when needed in regard to vocations. The wise advice for which we are all thankful has not been wasted, for many a senior is now aiming more earnestly toward his goal.

At this time, the students through this issue, would like to extend their thanks for Father Provincial's generosity in giving us a well enjoyed free day.

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Americans honor their deceased militant by decorating their graves with words and flowers. The average American does not believe in an afterlife, but rather that the deceased is in some sort of state of rest. In his speeches and actions the American tries to console the deceased by assuring him that that which he has fought for is almost won. He then pledges himself to protect and preserve the ideals for which they fought and died. Catholics likewise honor their dead on a certain day in each year, All Souls Day in November. They believe in an afterlife for the soul, which is either eternal punishment or glory. Nescient of the result, however, the Catholic prays for each soul hoping that his prayers may help him to obtain life of everlasting happiness. A dead soul, like a dead soldier, cannot help himself any more to gain his goal. His hope lies now only in those who are left to carry on the burden. Only in their achievements can he be comforted and consoled.

Most Catholics are conscious of the aid they can give to the souls by their prayers and deed, and strive hard to do it. In spite of this, however, there are many souls whose reward and rest cannot be granted sooner because there are many Catholics who either do not realize their potentiality or neglect their duty to the souls. Likewise there are many Americans who outwardly attempt to console their deceased, yet do not live up to their promises. Year after year gallant promises and inspiring exhortations are set forth in wonderful speeches, but they are shortlived. What a pity the spirit of the dead is lifted by the magnificent words of the orator, and then dropped with a thud when they bear no fruit. Our words alone on such occasions are insignificant. We can do no more by fighting than he who has already been conquered. Yet we can console those who have fallen and even help speed the results for which they had fought, if we pray. If centuries of war have availed nothing, Leagues of Nations accomplished nought, cannot prayer which is mightier secure it? "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." We can take up the battle where the fallen have left it. ". . . To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If you break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep. . ."—John McCrae. With the powerful weapon of prayer, all goals can be achieved. Then and only then can we truly decorate their graves with something consoling. Rest in peace!

John Pilch

MOTHERS' VISIT

A day that is dear to a Mother's heart is Mother's Day. In celebration of this commemorable feast many Mothers spent that day with their sons here at Padua.

The Paduans spent the previous days in preparation for this day. The surroundings of the school were cleaned and trimmed and the rooms in which the visitors stayed were washed and painted.

The day was begun with Holy Mass and Communion, after which breakfast was served. Following a delicious dinner the boys were permitted to go to town, or for a ride with their parents. The day was concluded with the performance of the play "Brother Orchid."

Eugene Kopczewski

HONOR ROLL

The results of the third quarter examinations are as follows:

<i>Seniors</i>	
Malina J. ....	97.28
Czajkowski .....	93.70
Zygmuntowicz .....	92
Trainor .....	91.75
Lewandowski .....	90.42
Adamitis .....	90
<i>Juniors</i>	
Pilch .....	98
Pijanowski .....	90.57
<i>Sophomores</i>	
Maksymowicz .....	98
Tulko R. ....	97
Kurina .....	95.45
Malina R. ....	92
McDonnell E. ....	91.15
<i>Freshmen</i>	
Tulko T. ....	98.14
Golinski .....	97.85
Kopczewski .....	95
Piniewski .....	94.42

Winning and Keeping Staff Cooperation

Mr. Joseph M. Cleary, Executive Editor of The Bradford Era, opened the discussion by introducing himself and giving his background. He brought out the necessity of cooperation in every field of work. In order to bring about cooperation among the workers in large factories, the employers have published newspapers or magazines. By these media the employers have been successful in sowing pride and cooperation in the workers; thus bringing about the production of better products.

A newspaper editor in high school has two major problems, that of getting a staff and the other of keeping his staff. Miss Sharon Logan (St. Joseph's Academy, Lockport, N. Y.) was introduced along with Miss Jane Dillie and showed her method of keeping her staff (Bolivar Central School). The first speaker stated that through interesting meetings, consisting of distributing assignments and discussing various problems of the staff, she has been able to keep her staff. The St. Joseph's staff members take part in a regular journalism class, and only those taking part in that class can become staff members. At Bolivar C. S. the editors of each section are responsible for covering all material falling under their department.

The great need for good writers was brought out by the moderator. He urged that all should write in their native tongue, English. Those who wish to do anything right observe all the rules; it is the same with writing. A person playing baseball follows all the rules of the game. Since most of the people turn to the newspapers for entertainment all writers should be conscious of the fact that the way they write will be the way the people will talk. If the writer uses poor English and disregards all grammar rules, he will soon corrupt the language of the people. Great philosophers stated that the declination of a nation begins with the corruption of the language.

Joe Malina

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prime he sent a heart of "forget-me-nots with 'Sorry Pal' and orchids in the middle" to those who attempted his assassination. The latest addition to God's ranks is impressed by the monastic life and finally decides to remain. He becomes accustomed to the new life, solves one of the brother's greatest problems, and above all, enlivens the entire monastery. He regenerates a new life and true happiness with the other brothers with whom he associates by his conversational slang and disposition for such oddities as playing "Alexander's Ragtime Band" on the chapel organ.

The Floratines exist on the income received from breeding and raising flowers to sell in the city, but their market is overtaken by mobsters. These thieving hoodlums arrive at the monastery warning the abbot not to interfere in the Gimp's flower racket. Fat Dutchy, a simple, congenial bartender and one of Sarto's truer friends, recognizes Brother Orchid and explains the situation the gangsters face concerning their illegitimate enterprise. Dutchy finally convinces Orchid to return to their protection racket and "bounce" the Gimp. Before leaving, the apostate opens the monastery safe and steals the Florantine's financial surplus. Once more as Johnny Sarto he enters Dutchy's bar where he is greeted; they expect him to take the throne as bass, but Sarto refuses. He gets 300 dollars from the mobsters that they might square everything with the ex-brother, but remorseful Sarto returns to the monastic life. Brother Orchid reinstates himself in the Florantine garb and makes his peace with God. On a mission to the city Orchid enters the bar but upon entering he is shot by Dum-Dum. Before he dies he repeats the words of the Blessed Edric, founder of the Floratine Order, "I go to my God with a good heart because the Floratines have been preserved to do His work." Thus the performance ends with the choir singing the "Ave Maria".

Gene Lewandowski

**Sophomore Class Meeting**

On May 6 the Sophomore class held its first class meeting since the Easter vacation. The meeting was opened with a prayer. After the minutes had been read and approved, certain difficulties regarding the class were settled.

The next item of business was the unanimous approval of a program to obtain books and magazines for the missions. The incentive of this movement was an article in the *Franciscan Message* about our mission in the Philippines which clearly stated the urgent need for good reading material.

With the help of the Class Moderator, Fr. George, a room was obtained for this project, and Joseph Kurina was placed in charge of all the work. The meeting ended with a prayer for the success of the "Mission Book Drive."

**CAST**

Brother Orchid ---- John Pilch  
 Fat Dutchy -- Joseph Dancheck  
 The Gimp --- Ted Novakowski  
 Freckles ----- Dana Griffin  
 Dum-Dum ----- Tom Colihan  
 Br. Nasturtium ---- Joe Malina  
 Br. Hollyhock -- C. Szczepanski  
 Abbot Jonquil -- John Adamitis  
 Br. Geranium G. Lewandowski  
 Barfly ----- John Uss  
 Barfly ---- Robert Amrozowicz  
 Dominick Battista, Henry Cecce

**BLEACHERS IN GYM**

The completion of the gym meant the purchasing of additional facilities for recreational activities. This month the new bleachers were delivered and were stored in the old gym until they could be installed in the new building. There was difficulty in bringing them in as they couldn't fit through any door. A section of the back wall was broken and a large door was placed there. The ordeal of transporting them from the old gym to the new one was placed in the hands of Father Adrian who was assisted by Brother Tim and a few students; Dancheck, Chodnicki, Zygmuntowicz, Adamitis and Cecce. The job was soon over and the new bleachers were ready for next year's basketball season.

**News Writers Meeting**

At the meeting held for news writers at St. Bonaventure's University on Press Day, the two main speakers were Mildred McDermott of Mount Mercy Academy in Buffalo and Patricia Costa of Smethport (Penn.) High School. The meeting was moderated by Mr. David E. Peugeot of the Editorial Staff on the Buffalo Evening News.

Mrs. McDermott's talk concerned the various requirements a good reporter should have if he wishes to succeed in the modern world. Among those she listed, one must have a genuine liking for people; must develop contacts; must show real interest in his work; must be a good listener and finally he must not lack curiosity, because if he does, by no means will he be able to get anywhere in the newspaper world.

In her talk, Miss Costa stated that a human interest twist will insure a definite quality to the article or story that has been written. It does away with the regular monotony usually encountered in the school or city papers.

As time ran out Mr. Peugeot inquired if there were any last minute questions and then closed the meeting with a prayer.

F. Zygmuntowicz

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investigate the book dispersal situation. When arriving at your pew, he glanced at your book only to find an empty cover! Just what your secret is we'll never know.

Dear Padua's Nine,

Rumors have reached our ears that your coach's oft repeated phrase, "We have a lot of work to do today," is followed by, "Your getting it now fellows, I'll give you a break and let you go early." Could it be the song "Undecided" was written especially for him?

Dear Bernard Petrick,

Is it true you are still offering the treasured position of Junior's Sargent of Arms to anyone who is willing to take it? Goodness, Juggie, what has come over you!

Dana Griffin

**Photography Meeting**

This year at the annual press conference, a new panel was added to those conducted in former years. Photography, from the journalistic viewpoint was discussed by two student panelists, John Pilch of Padua and Shirley McAndrew of St. Bernard H. S., Bradford, Pa. Both speakers stressed important fundamentals in picture taking for the school publication. Background, posing, lighting, shutter speed and proper aperture were considered basic for the ordinary pictures. Helpful hints were extended to all. A question period followed which was moderated by Mr. Norman Salmons of Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Salmons helped solve some difficulties of high school photographers. Following the discussion period, Mr. Salmons showed some slides especially prepared for the discussion. They demonstrated many points which were brought up by John, Shirley and Mr. Salmons, and helped remove many doubts from worried editors' minds.

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guests of the New York State Elks Association Convention at Albany, New York for luncheon at the Ten Eyck Hotel on Friday, May 22, 1953 at 12:30 p. m. and at the Scholarship Presentation Session to follow at 2:30 p. m. in the New York State Assembly Chamber where your award will be presented to you. In this regard, please get in touch with the secretary of your sponsoring Lodge, Mr. William C. Petzke, Elmira Lodge No. 62, B. P. O. Elks, 109 West Water Street, Elmira, New York, who will make arrangements for your attendance.

Please accept our heartiest congratulations on your splendid attainments and our best wishes for your success in your chosen field of endeavor. We look forward to seeing you at Albany.

Very truly yours,  
 Scholarship Committee

Franklin J. Fitzpatrick  
 Chairman