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## Paduan Acknowledged At Press Conference

Six representatives of the Paduan were among the thousand participants in the annual "High School Press Day" at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York.

Arriving at the college at about 9:30 a. m. the eager young journalists first registered, then began the program with the throng of other high school journalists in attendance.

The program of the day began officially with some wonderful music by the school dance band, which was very warmly received. After a few opening speeches, the budding young newspaper men and women dispersed to various conferences dealing with the many fine points of writing a good newspaper.

The dinner served in the large college dining hall was highlighted by a talk from one of New York's most famous television personalities, the well-known news commentator, Douglas Edwards. Mr. Edwards spoke of his own life and experiences, his long and devious road to the attainment of his present high goal. He further outlined the careers available in TV news, and mentioned some personal tips in reaching such a career.

A telegram from President Dwight D. Eisenhower was read, in which he expressed his regret at not being able to come to the conference, and his happiness at conference, and his happiness at the interest of young journalists in spreading truth through the press.

The day was climaxed by the presentation of awards. Your Paduan emerged with flying colors bearing an honorable mention for the paper itself, a second place in editorials and honorable mention in column writing for Ronald Maselka, and a second place photography award for Peter Chernick.

### MOTHER'S DAY

On May 12th the Paduan campus was graced by the presence of visiting Mothers of many of the students. All the Paduan students wore carnations in honor of the occasion.

At 9:00 and again at 11:00 a. m. Masses were celebrated for the convenience of the visitors.

For the occasion a resplendent dinner was prepared for the students and their guests. The Mothers had their dinner in the Friary Refectory which had been tastefully decked out with a floral decoration for the occasion.

The visitors spent the remainder of the day visiting points of interest on the school grounds and in Watkins Glen.

As the mothers and visitors left, their sons were deeply gratified at being able to spend this day, of all days, with their Mothers.

### Essay Contest

The annual essay contest sponsored by the fourth district of the Knights of Columbus, once again had every Paduan putting forth his best efforts to write the prize winning essay. This year's topic "Segregation" — A Challenge to Youth", presented quite a wide field for Padua's writers. Being one of the most important problems facing our country today, segregation can be taken from many different viewpoints.

The title also gave the student a chance to express his own personal beliefs in the matter. Many students had the aid of debates on segregation held earlier in the year.

It is certain that the judges had a difficult time in awarding Peter Klint the \$25 savings bond which will be presented to him on Achievement Night.

### Bishop's Speech Contest

On Friday, April 12th, the annual oratorical contest in preparation for the diocesan Bishop's Oratorical Contest, was held in the Padua gymnasium. Four contestants made the bid to represent Padua in Geneva, N. Y.

The first speaker was Peter Klint whose topic was the history of Communism and its wide-reaching effect on the modern world. Next on the list was Robert Campbell whose speech was dedicated to the "freedom fighters" of Hungary. Chester Hejna then spoke on "Love, A Christian Virtue." The last speaker was Chester Szanowski, who together with Hejna were considered as the novices of the contest due to lack of oratorical experience. However, Szanowski enthralled the audience with his vibrant and fiery exposition of the topic "Euthanasia", which he treated with an aspect that dealt with the subsequent evils of following the acceptance and practice of "mercy killing."

The final decision proved to be a very close one with Szanowski victorious over the favorite Klint. Third and fourth place were taken by Campbell and Hejna respectively.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 20—at Dundee (JV)\*  
May 21—at Horseheads (JV)\*  
May 22—Dundee\*  
May 23—Annual School Picnic  
May 24—Waverly\*  
May 25—Odessa (JV)\*  
May 26—Notre Dame\*  
May 28—at Southside (JV)\*  
May 29—Watkins Glen (JV)\*  
May 30—Ascension Day — Memorial Day  
May 31—at Lakemont (JV)\*  
June 6—Achievement night banquet  
June 12—Regents and Semestral Examinations

### Third Order Play

A fundamental purpose of The Third Order, at Padua this year, is to provide material and spiritual aid for the missions. To awaken the mission spirit and keep it alive, the Third Order, under the supervision of Father Maynard Kolodziej, O.F.M., produced a play concerning the devil-gone-priest, The Demon Preacher, by Father Duffy, O.F.M. The title indicates the main theme of the play.

A tense dramatic performance combined with a sweeping comic attachment gave the audience a delightful evening, with better than usual acting by Peter Klint, who played the title role. The latter, masquerading under the name of Obedientius Obligatus, provided a superb characterization of the madman. Weaving comedy into the drama were Giuseppe, a half-witted peasant played by John Mikalauskas, Fr. Bernadino, a roly-poly, food loving priest, played by Stan Janowski, and Margarita, a peasant whose vocabulary seems to be limited to a "Si-Si", played by Joseph Dombkowski.

Under the direction of Chester Stachewicz, and the production of Joe Pastwick, the players succeeded in obtaining the necessary atmosphere and character. A sterling example of acting was exhibited by Zbigniew Koninieć in the role of Father Guardian — whose task was to control the unruly friars and simultaneously outwit Satan.

On the whole, the play was well received by the student body and the faculty. It provided an enjoyable remembrance for the Easter Holydays. Laurels to the cast for a fine performance.

June 15—Freshmen leave for summer vacation  
June 20—Graduation — Commencement Day  
\* Baseball games

# IDEA OF SUCCESS

It is disheartening to note the high value placed on material achievement by the modern world. Nothing is considered of any worth unless some form of material recognition is attached to it. Things have reached such a point where the reward, and not the essential act, is held in high esteem.

The basis of the contemporary measure of success is founded on a materialistic viewpoint. As a result we seem to exist in a vicious "dog eat cat" circle. The philosophy of the "survival of the fittest" is becoming an acceptable standard.

With this attitude a good job, money in the bank, and a "showplace" house are the priceless gems of so-called success. These things constitute the main goal in life for a great majority of people. The true standards of success have been forgotten.

The good life, a happy family and a clear conscience, and the consequent well-being governed by the fulfillment of one's duties and obligations, should form the true and basic outlook on life.

The acquisition of material does not bring true success. Who can really measure success by wealth or social position? Only on the day we die and stand before the gates of heaven will we know true success. As Thomas Gray said, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave".

Let us remember that the virtue of charity must supersede our own inclinations for advancement. It is our duty to please God and help our fellow men. This should be our idea of success. If we can fulfill these obligations we will surely attain our heavenly goal, the eternal symbol of complete success.

# YOU REPRESENT PADUA

All of us have sometime or other come across the old proverb "Actions speak louder than words." This is very applicable to our daily lives. How many times have we conversed with others and remembered little of what they said, while on the other hand, we were impressed more with a kindly act or a noble deed of the same person?

When we leave the portals of our school, people will pay little attention to the praises we sing of our Alma Mater but will be deeply impressed by our actions.

Unfortunately very few of us realize how powerful one good example can be. People by nature are inclined to follow the crowd and many times they fail to consider the attributes of what they are about to do. If we practice the code of principles we develop here at school, we will influence these people to good actions. These people will in turn influence others. Thus the seeds of a good example and a good name are sown.

People who are searching for the light of good example can be found in all walks of life. They could be our neighbors, or companions or other associates or even a person we casually by pass on the street. If they are more closely associated with us, we must be ever more careful of our conduct because our education and religion compel us to be upright and ardent Christians.

We must live up to this reputation in all our actions because it takes only one bad act to lead someone to bad impressions of us and our school. In our dealings with every day acquaintances we also must maintain our integrity since every one of our acts whether big or small makes an impression. These impressions may not take effect immediately but when they do they will also reflect both on ourselves and anything we represent.

Whenever we leave the halls of our school we should stop to consider the power of our actions. Just as a cell plays a definite part in the activity of our body we, as students of Padua play a definite part in the function of this organization by holding and maintaining its reputation and prestige.

## TOWER OF BABEL

More than just the woods have been "scorched".

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The Padua Campus lawns have the undivided attention of the involuntary "volunteers".

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We hope the movie "Smoke Signal" has gotten its meaning across to all concerned.

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The turned-up collar usually marks the "marked men" at Padua.

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The "Destroyer Post" has really made the Scout Rooms something to see.

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June 20th will not come too soon for some sophomores.

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The greenhouse has finally produced more than a "green thumb".

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The May 23rd softball games should again find a few of the faculty members "out of condition".

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Where are all the "Tower of Babel" contributors??? (So don't give us a "moan"!)

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Jano will be missed!!! (?)

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## VOLUNTEERS

All the year round Paduan activities center about the gymnasium. Basketball, intramurals, class competition, oratory, and dramatics all find their way to the Padua gym. Such incessant activity results in a need for a competent staff. To the rescue rush Father Emil and his "boys". Headed by Jim Jagodzinski the staff has a round of activities as diversified as a Circus. While keeping the place clean constitutes a major portion of their work, nevertheless, they must be on the alert to supply the needs of 160 athletic boys—from the pool room, ping pong, and shuffleboard to basketball, volleyball and pushball.

Major changes of equipment are usually made by Mike Uss and his helpers. This past year the gym floor has kept its glossy appearance despite the rough wear it takes. For this, credit must be given to Ron Zgodzinski and his help.

With out the constant attention of the gym staff this writer doubts whether the gym would be in the good condition it is. Thanks to you volunteers for the good work and your services in keeping open and in good condition the Padua gym—The main source of recreation for our boys.

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## CINEMASCOPE

A mere rumor around the school has finally become a reality. Cinemascope made its debut showing on April 14th with "The Purple Mask."

The cost of the entire setup amounts to somewhere over a thousand dollars, but a donation from each class has cut the school burden down to a half. Cinemascope movies are now to be a regular part of the movie fare for the Paduans.

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**JUNIORS UPSET SENIORS TWICE**

Basketball and pushball class competition took on a different dress for 1957, in order to give the lower classmen a "sporting chance", and allow them some time to get organized.

In basketball, an introductory round was played to see whether the games would be closely matched. To give the lower classmen some encouragement, Father Emil arranged to have "spots" given them. Despite the extra points given the Freshmen, they were unable to emerge victorious.

The sophomores exceeded their spot by four points, as they won over the juniors, but on the other hand, had some difficulty in edging the freshmen. At the half the sophomores trailed by 26 points, and throughout the second half, it was a steep and difficult climb to victory. The introductory junior-senior game was taken by the seniors, but for the second round, with league referees officiating the juniors emerged victorious.

This game was the closest contested game of the entire tourney. With less than a minute to be played, the trailing juniors tied it up and the game was forced into overtime. This gave the juniors more than enough time to stage an upset.

In pushball competition as in basketball, each class played one exhibition game to get used to the new system of playing the game. The center kick was done away with, as, the contesting teams were lined up on opposite sides of the gym, and had to rush for the ball, which was in the center of the floor.

Following the basketball pattern, the Freshmen were unable to win a game. The sophomores gained their lone victory by trouncing the freshmen, 14-1, while the juniors proved themselves to be the champs in this unusual sport by their 10-2 victory over the sophomores; 6-2 win over the freshmen, and their surprising 8-0 shutout of the seniors. The seniors took second honors by defeating the freshmen, and the sophomores.

**PADUA NINE FACES DIFFICULT TASK**

Padua's hopes for a potential baseball team were dampened considerably when three starting pitchers and two outfielders were declared ineligible. Had this nucleus of last year's club returned, the Cascaders could have had a fine club, but now they find themselves weak in pitching and in the field.

All the strong hitters from last year's club are back to aid the team in that department. Fielding on the other hand remains the big question. Three veterans from last year's club, Bob Kaminski, R. J. Campbell and Joe Barstys are slated for starting berths in the outfield. Jerry Nowotarski, last year's leading hitter, will be behind the plate while Chet Hejna, another good hitter, from last year's junior varsity squad will play first.

Two newcomers, Vince Petrone and freshman Bob Bahara will form the keystone combination. Two strong armed infielders, Phil Tereskiewicz and Ronald Gajewski will be converted into mounds men and will handle all the pitching chores unless the jayvees come up with another hurler. Besides pitching they will also alternate at third base.

A difficult task faces the Cascaders as their eleven game schedule includes both Waverly and C. F. A. Piloted by Father Emil this team will hustle all the way and could surprise many teams in this area.

**JAYVEES HAVE SHAKY START**

With tough teams such as E F A and Elmira Southside, the Padua J. V. will have to play heads up ball to end the season with a good record. In their opener at Elmira, the Cascaders, with Murawski on the mound, found trouble in keeping E F A's bats from connecting with the ball as the Elmira team toppled the Paduans, 11-5.

The opening game at home against Dundee also proved to be fatal, as Dundee walloped the Cascaders 12-2. Zembrzusi started, but Pomaski replaced him in the third and hurled the remaining four innings.

Playing host to Elmira Southside, the Cascaders made their finest appearance of the year,

**VOLLEYBALL ADDED TO INTRAMURAL PROGRAM**

To add to the activities between the period of the basketball and the baseball seasons, Father Emil has devised a volleyball intramural program. This is the first year any such program in volleyball has been started, and the student body has readily accepted it.

In choosing the teams, the student body was divided into classes A, B, and C, and then the teams were chosen in order that they be equally balanced.

As in all other sports fair play has been encouraged. To make it such, the games will be played according to actual rules of "The American Volleyball Association." However, the games will no longer be played until the score of 21 points is reached and fifteen points have been set as the end of a game. As usual, a team must win by 2 points.

In the event a game is prolonged because of close competition a time limit of seven minutes has been set. This permits all the games to be run off on schedule. Rotation of each player to a new position after a team wins a serve, balances out any weaknesses, and in spiking the ball, no player is allowed to touch the net.

Referees chosen from a different league have also been provided to keep time and call the plays. This new program has promise of succeeding because it is something a bit different, and because of its rapid acceptance by almost the entire student body.

even though they were unable to overtake their foes. Starting for Padua was Murawski, who went all the way. The only bad innings weer the first, when Elmira Southside scored two, and the second, when they scored six. From then on Murawski gave up only one hit, while fanning eight.

The Paduans were able to chalk up four runs on five hits. It seemed as if the Paduans would turn back Elmira, in the seventh, when bases were loaded, with two outs. John Sowa hit a liner to second, and the second baseman for Southside made a one-handed snag, ending the ball game with a score of 8-4, favor of Elmira Southside.

**TOURNAMENTS**

The senior classmen made progress in the Sweepstakes Trophy race with a fine showing in tournaments so far. The juniors had excellent opportunities to catch the seniors, especially in the foul shooting contest and ping-pong tournaments but they folded under pressure.

Richard Passon displayed his card playing skill by pacing a field of 44 players in the pinochle tourney. The winner was declared after 56 hands on an accumulative score basis.

After grabbing the lead in the first round he was never headed thereafter. Jim Jagodzinski managed to pick up some needed melt in the final twelve hands to win a close battle for second place.

A sophomore, Steve Rudnicki withstood the pressure of 14 finalists to win the foul shooting contest. After the qualifying rounds of 105 shots Steve had an 85-83 advantage over Andy Zarski and led Ron Zgodzinski by five shots.

The completion of the tourney began to change in the final round as the seniors who were practically counted out began to make their drive. Jim Jagodzinski who was in twelfth place 15 shots behind Rudnicki hit 76 out of the final 90 to tie Ron Zgodzinski for second six shots behind Rudnicki. Ken Foss also hit 76 for 90 to tie R. J. Campbell for 4th place at 144.

Defending champion Val Lapsanski had little trouble retaining the ping-pong title. Unlike last year, he managed to stay in the winners bracket and didn't lose a game until he met Rudnicki in the finals. Last year's runner-up Ostaszewski finished third.

A shuffleboard tourney held for the first time in three years met the approval of some 106 contestants. Since no one is well acquainted the field was evenly matched. This stimulated both interest and competition but two senior teams, Joe Barstys and Robert Kaminski & Ralph Holyst, and Al Hryczyk capped the first two positions.

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Fine weather greeted the varsity and junior varsity as they returned two days earlier to work out in order to get in shape for the season's opener. This sweat and toil paid off as the Cascaders posted a 9-8 win over Dundee. Ron Gajewski started and went all the way for Padua, even though errors placed Padua's backs to the wall several times.

The following day at Odessa, Bob Bahara held a 7-1 lead going into the third inning. However five walks by Bahara with two out and two walks by Tereskiewicz who came to Bahara's aid, gave Odessa extra opportunities at high costs. Having trouble with control Tereskiewicz left the mound replaced by Murawski, who finally retired the side after two hits. At the end of the third inning the score read Odessa 8 — Padua 7. In the top of the fourth, with Nowotarski on first, Hejna hit a triple and later scored after a passed ball. It put Padua back into the game temporarily, but Odessa's batting power overcame the Cascaders in later innings giving Odessa a 15-9 tilt.

Excellent defensive playing by Padua, and fine pitching by Bob Bahara weren't enough to stop a strong Waverly team. Although the Cascaders came through with seven hits, they were unable to combine them at the right moments, bowing to Waverly 4-1.

Costly errors also caused a 7-1 defeat of the Cascaders at the hands of Watkins. Ron Gajewski handled the pitching chore without trouble, but infield errors proved to be fatal. Padua started a rally in the last inning, but it ended abruptly as Gajewski was called out for not touching third on a base hit by Murawski.

With Bahara on the mound, Padua displayed excellent form and wise ball playing, in their win over C F A, 4-2. The bats of the Cascaders belted Corning's starter off the mound, and their reliefs were unable to stop Padua. Padua proved its hitting power by showering seven hits over C F A's field.

**Progress For  
The Siquaeris**

It is not an uncommon sight to notice the senior class burning the midnight oil during the last three months of the school year. It is during this period that work on the yearbook goes into full swing. Sparked by Father Emil Rakowski, O.F.M., and amidst a maze of layouts and photographs, the seniors are advancing with noticeable progress in the production of the annual.

Bob Kaminski and Joe Barstys are the mainsprings of the dark room section, while Ron Maselka and Stan Janowski complete the ad and filing department. Layouts, the most important and most difficult to create phase of the yearbook, are produced mainly through the efforts of Jim Jagodzinski, ably assisted by Dick Passon, Ron Zgodzinski and Frank Bazyk. The pasteup men are composed of a crew of two namely, Ray Ryniak and Val Lapsanski. Father Emil has the responsibility of supervising the effective functioning of all these departments.

With June looming ahead and the printer's deadline advancing with firm steadiness, the work on the annual will have to be increased. It is the hope of the entire staff that this '57 Siquaeris will rank above the level of any of its predecessors.

**HONOR ROLL RATINGS**

Heading the honor roll list is Chet Hejna with a 97.8 average. He was followed by Joseph Flis with a 96.7 and James Jagodzinski and Val Lapsanski who were deadlocked at 95.4.

In the senior class, James Jagodzinski and Val Lapsanski are tied for 1st place followed by R. Campbell and J. Liczner respectively. Z. Koniniec leads the junior class for three consecutive quarters. A. Michniewicz, J. Knorowski and P. Tereskiewicz completed the line up. C. Hejna, V. Petrone, R. Jaros and P. Klint represent the top four sophomores and freshmen enroll with J. Flis, J. Sowa, G. Gemza and S. Malkiewicz.

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