

Seniors Plan Spring Trips

To carry on Venard tradition the Senior Class will make its annual trips to Maryknoll, New York, April 25-27, and to Gettysburg, Pa., sometime in May.

Like last year's Senior Class, they will spend an entire weekend at Ossining. Although the one day trip to Gettysburg will be more compressed they all think it should be just as exciting.

The trip to Ossining will be an informal visit. Father Ament who has been planing this trip for sometime thinks the seniors will be split into small groups. Each group will go with a small group of theologians and participate in various activities, whether they be apostolic or routine. Apostolic work would include teaching catechism to children or adults or having discussions with non-catholics.

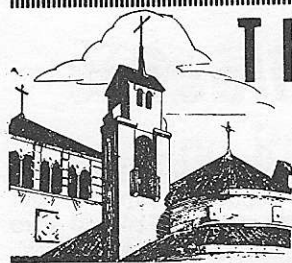
Before going to Gettysburg the seniors will visit the State Capitol in Harrisburg. When they arrive at Gettysburg, they will make a tour of the battlefield and will visit the electric map, museums, and other exhibits.

This visit to Maryknoll was originally scheduled for the weekend of February 25-27, but was postponed because of the seniors' parliamentary law course which involved a mock Senate in Scranton the same weekend.

Bishop McCormick Named for Scranton

Pope Paul VI appointed Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Bishop of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese as bishop of Scranton last week.

Bishop McCormick, a native of Philadelphia, attended minor and major seminary in the Vatican and was ordained in Rome in 1932. In 1947 he was consecrated a bishop by the same cardinal (his uncle) who ordained him Cardinal Dougherty. Bishop McCormick has been bishop of Altoona-Johnstown diocese since 1960 and at his new post he will be the spiritual head of some 359,726 Catholics in an 11 county area.



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Three Orators Win Honors

Joe Weninger took first place in the declamation category, surpassing 25 contestants, at the novice speech contest at St. John's, Pittston, Sat-



Top speakers Krausz and Weninger

urday, March 5. Louie Ruiz, also in declamation, took seventh place.

Mark Krausz won a first place speaker award in the second forensic league tournament, at Scranton Prep, March 12. The Venard merited a 3-3 win loss record for the day. Nineteen schools participated in this tournament.

A varsity speech contest will be held next Saturday, March 26. There are seven entries at the present: one in the extempore category, two in original, and four in declamation. "For the Venard to place in this contest many more entries are needed," said Al Gedicks, Debate Club President.

Even though the Venard had a chance to enter nine contestants in the novice meet, the school entered only two. Together they scored 13 points; but had the full contingent of nine competed, the school could have tallied 36 points.

Staff Elections Set for March 26

The '66-'67 Courier editor will be elected by Courier and Venarder staff members Saturday, March 26, at 3:00 in classroom 1.

To receive a passive vote, that is, to be a candidate for editor-in-chief, a student should be a senior during the year of his editorship, skilled in journalism, active in school activities, and scholastically capable. The editor-in-chief will need an absolute majority of the votes, cast, that is, at least half.

Once elected, the editor-in-chief will name associate editors from among the class behind him.

An active vote belongs to all who

have worked on The Courier or Venarder during the current school year and to all who have taken the journalism course.

Anyone who thinks he is entitled to an active vote should request a ballot from the present editor-in-chief, Paul Laudicina.

If the elected editor-in-chief is a current associate editor, the other is automatically offered the position of editor of the Venarder.

The new Courier staff will publish the last two issues of this school year.

In past years the Courier editors were chosen by the advisor.

How Many Miles?

Danang Air Base, located on the coastline of the South China Sea about 135 miles south of North Vietnam, is an American depot for supplies and men. It has a security area of about one half mile. Beyond the barbed wire fence are a few scattered villages, the jungle, desolation, and the Enemy. "The same people you see in the daytime coming in for food or help are the ones who try to kill you at night," my brother-in-law Frank wrote in a recent letter.

"This past weekend, six of our guys (Navymen) were crowded around a village girl about 12 or 13 selling cigarettes to the men on base . . . She reached down by her waist and the next minute they were all dead. She had attached a bomb around her waist and came in here killing herself along with six of our guys." The Vietcong had terrorized her village and as a volunteer of the National Liberation Front, she was willing to sacrifice her life.

Frank, a ranking petty officer serving his eighth year in the Navy has been in Danang since September with the U.S. Naval Support Activity Unit. With Frank overseas, my sister Sherry has to be both a mother and a father to their two year old daughter.

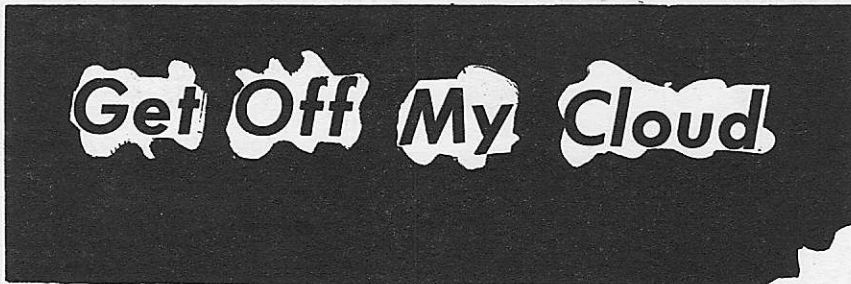
For a soldier who has received a number of medals for action in Africa and Italy during the heat of World War II, the call to duty was hardly a Christmas present. Lieutenant-colonel John H. Gaul of the Army no sooner saw John and his four brothers and sisters open their gifts from Santa when he had to report, December 30, for duty in Vietnam. Stationed in Saigon, Lieutenant-colonel Gaul is now head of training personnel and coordinating military tactic maneuvers in that area.

Twenty-two years in the Army, the hell of Vietnam is but a repetition of the burning of Naples, the starving in Africa, and the bloody Korea Lieutenant-colonel Gaul has witnessed.

Publicized in the papers, broadcast on the radio, the most controversial issue today - how many of us think much about the War in Vietnam!

10,000 miles away . . . but maybe for some of us. . . .

Rocky Weinburger



Dodge the draft! There's a war in Vietnam - So what! To hell with patriotism and loyalty!

September 1965 - Series of student demonstrations erupt at Berkeley over "free speech"; 30 colleges follow suit.

The Animals are heard echoing this spirit in their song - "It's my life and I'll do what I want..."

The emphasis on individuality and freedom of expression is slowly becoming imprinted on today's campus youths. But behind this assault on authority lie deeper implications that cannot be ignored.

At the heart of our troubled campuses is found the concept of living your own life by doing what you want. This distorted view of life is gradually pushing the idea of any social or moral responsibilities into oblivion. Although attacking society's conventions is definitely "in," it should not be used as an excuse to shirk our primary responsibilities. It usually takes more courage to see life in its true perspective and accept it than to follow the "crowd" and revolt at society.

In this upside down world we live in, where the spirit of "God is deadism" exists alongside the spirit of "Ecumenism," our primary responsibilities must not give way to today's spirit of revolt and individualism.

Albert Gedicks

Letter to Editor

If there's one thing that our basketball and baseball teams haven't got, it's a name for themselves. No, I don't mean the newspaper clipping, shiny trophy, kind of name; I mean an honest to goodness team like the "Yankees," "Indians," or "Dodgers."

Many people have talked about it, and almost everyone agrees that we should have team names; but oddly enough no one has ever done anything about it.

Spring will soon be upon us and with it the baseball season. Now is the time when we should try to get a name for the Venard "nine" (Does sound a bit overworked doesn't it?)

Perhaps suggestions could be brought up at the next Academia meeting, and we could vote for team names then . . .

Mark Krausz

Exact financial figures are impossible to get, but the Protestants speak of sending 400 to 600 million dollars to the missions each year. The United Presbyterians of the U.S., who number 3 million, poured \$30 million or \$10 per capita into the missions last year. On the other hand, U.S. Catholics, who number more than 40 million, sent an estimated \$50 million to the missions, even though their churches and organizations poured \$5 billion into the national economy.

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Views Given Of Mice On "Mutiny" And Ren(fro)

by George Tallon

The sophomores and freshmen staged "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" Saturday, March 12, and Visiting Sunday, March 13, in the refectory. The Courier asked a few of the underclassmen for their comments on the production.

George Tallon

Everyone in the play was worried at first, but after it was over we all felt like a million bucks. It really gave me a wonderful satisfaction being a Captain in "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial."

Edmund Hahn

"The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" brought a bit of "Old Broadway" to the Venard. This would never have been possible if it were not for the teaming up of the two classes. The outcome was evident! Success! I was glad to act as stage manager."

Joe Olson

Before the play I considered my job, moving tables, unpleasant; but after the play I felt privileged to have helped stage this thoroughly enjoyable performance.

Bill Duggan

Having the cooperation of two classes working together for a common goal was one of the greatest experiences of my life. The satisfaction of the organized cooperation was and is tremendous.

Mike Treanor

As Barney Greenwald and Steve Maryk, Bill Beazley and Justin McCarthy snapped at each other in the first scene of "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial." I could feel the realism and the closeness which bound me to the characters on the low stage placed "in the round" in the refectory.

Al Jette

Success! "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" is one play I'll never forget. I'm tired, happy, and grateful all rolled in one. Jack Challee (Paul Lafranchise) and I (Captain Queeg) may have lost, but you'll never convince us of that.

A roar shook through the school Tuesday, March 2, at 2:30 P.M. when Ron Renfro, head pediatrician to the mice, announced that Cleo, the new female mouse, had given birth to eight healthy children.

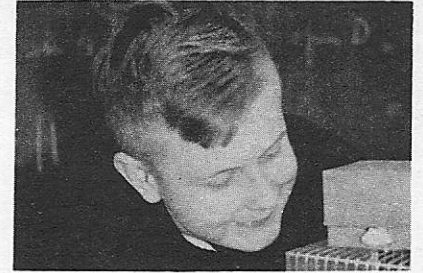
Ron found the litter Tuesday afternoon when he was cleaning the cage. He opened the little hut inside and found eight baby mice lying close to Cleo's side. The long wait had ended. For three weeks Ron had been biting his fingernails to the bone, and now it was all over.

Ron said that most of the mice should have hair in about two weeks; and by April 15 they should be fully matured. He also said they probably would come out of their nest about "St. Patrick's Day".

Ron commented that if the mice keep up their present rate of reproduction, there should be approximately 1,500 mice by June 1967! How is this possible? Ron pointed out that mice mature very quickly

and need only 21 days to reproduce. Litters can be as large as 15!

Since the arrival of the new mice, Ron has been faced with a few new problems. One of these is how to name all of them. Ejay Hahn suggested an "all number system"



but this was promptly rejected by Ron since he has always been poor in math.

Another problem was the smell of the mice. Ron immediately came to the rescue with a tube of "Ban Roll-On" which is set inside the cage.

But since the family had grown, something bigger and more effective had to be used. Ron came through again, this time with "Right Guard", family size.

Lounge a Help

by B. Kenny

The seniors have been using a study lounge during much of their free time, free study periods, and after lights out.

This study lounge permission is on a trial basis. By this permission the seniors are allowed to use the library and the former Dean's office, now arranged with eight small desks and chairs and four lounge chairs, for an unlimited time after night prayers provided that they are ready for bed before lights-out and rise at the morning bell without undue loss of sleep.

The permission, granted by the faculty after a study by a committee composed of Fathers Vittengl, O' Connor, and Whelan, is an answer to a similar request made by last year's senior class to compensate for the extra heavy burden which the seniors carry.

Most of the seniors agree that this is what they were looking for; and only a couple thought that their rising was more difficult when they made use of their privilege the night before.

Library to Purchase 250 Volumes

by G. O'Loughlin

Father Davis, the Venard librarian, expects to spend approximately \$1800 this year on 250 titles and various other items such as the two new record players for the library.

Father buys historical, science fiction, political, biological, scientific or whatever books are needed.

In selecting the books he buys, Father takes into consideration several sources. First, what is needed. Second, the list in the library journals. Third, the professors. Fourth, any books which he feels might be entertaining or appropriate.

In the past, the highest number of books purchased per year has reached roughly over 500. There are now over 3000 books in the library.

Father Davis, who has been librarian since his arrival here in August, 1963, says that no major plans for the library are scheduled; but the usual turnover of books is constant.

Team Begins Season Early

by M. Treanor

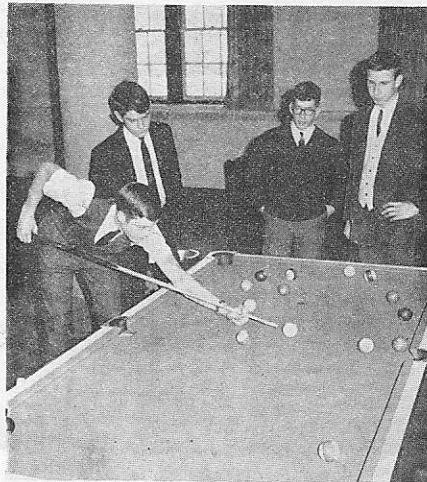
Weather permitting, the baseball team will practice three times a week to prepare for a much longer and more difficult season than last year, according to Paul Martin, supervisor of practices.

Mr. Joseph Perfetto, coach of Minooka Motors, will also coach the Venard through 13 possible games this season. Jim Reilly, the team's manager and the first student manager in the Venard's history, will arrange the games.

Probable starters will be Rocky Weinburger, with reliefs from Jim McCormick and Bob Kopaniasz; Jim Paradis catching; with Andy Cottone substituting; Mike Treanor playing first along with Adam Kretowicz; John Schoerb playing second base; Nick Weyland playing short stop, with John Gaul substituting; Paul Martin playing third along with Justin McCarthy; and Jim Ostendorf, Jim McCormick, Bob Fedderwitz, Marty T. McDonough, Bill Dillon and Jim Vernarsky for the outfield. Jim Paradis and Rocky Weinburger look as though they will lead the team in hitting says Paul Martin; and leading fielders should be Jim Paradis and Nick Weyland.

The team has three definite games lined up so far, the big one with Calicoon and two with Pocono

Catholic. There is a good chance of getting a game with Abington Heights, two games with Scranton Prep, two with Minooka Motors, one with Holy Rosary, two with St. Mike's, and two with Pius X.



Adam Kretowicz warms up for the first round competition of the pool tournament. Interested onlookers are Mark Waelder, Bob Kopaniasz, and Jim Ostendorf who met and beat Adam in semi-final competition.

By beating John Schloerb, Bob Fedderwitz gained the right to play Jim Ostendorf for the senior championship.

In the junior division Justin McCarthy and Brian Kenny will battle it out to play John Gaul for the junior championship.



by Nick Weyland and Jim McCormick

That magical day, March 20, the beginning of Spring is approaching. Spring is the birth of the year, but with it comes a host of illnesses; spring fever, nostudyitis, and that crippler: baseballmania. The infirmarian, Jim Paradis, predicts a large epidemic of the latter this year. He plans on contracting it himself.

A major factor this year in the spread of baseballmania is the joining of the Scranton Public High School League. This alone will cause many more baseball games for our team this season and the chances of catching the disease will be more than quadrupled. We have Mr. "Josey" Perfetto and Paul Martin to blame for it.

How do you know when you have baseballmania? If it's a beautiful day in May, you don't feel like studying, and you can't stay indoors, you've got it. But there's no cure, so "Play Ball!"

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Last Thursday was a grand day for the Irish, as students held a demonstration in front of Pete Berner's private bust of Admiral Nelson, a famous relative. Paul Laudicina, meanwhile, was plotting the overthrow of the Western Hemisphere by the Advisory Committee.

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The 1966 yearbook has finally gone to press, and the seniors - to bed! Many long, trying hours were spent in the staff's plotting of pages; and looking back, it was found that almost six cups of coffee were drunk per page. Speaking on behalf of the entire staff, we would like to thank the many underclassmen who gave their time and talent so wholeheartedly in aiding the staff to miss its final deadline by so short a margin.

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"Super Bruce" Selbert announces the General Affairs Committee's first white elephant sale. This month special bargains include Pete Berner's refectory table, Mike Canavan's cut-out book, "Push-ups Made Simple," Jim Vernarsky's hymnal, and as a door prize the coveted Little Things Committee.

Frosh Offer Team Support

by M.B. McDonough

An unusual background for the freshman lineup promises good results for the baseball team this season.

Andy Cottone put in four years with the Little League and one year on the Babe Ruth League taking catcher and first baseman positions.

The PeeWees held on to Bob Kopaniasz for three years and one year he spent with the Colts as short stop and pitcher.

The Little League had Dave Cronk for one year as short stop and for two years in the Babe Ruth League he was a second baseman. Bill Noellert signed up with the Veterans of Foreign Wars for four years as catcher, first baseman,

and pitcher.

The Bears used Dave Butler as an all-round outfielder. Joe Weninger wrapped up a year on the parish ball club with all outfield positions under control.

A seven year man was Tom Mac Gregor, on the City League, pitching and catching. John Traynor spent three years of his baseball career at first base for the C.Y.O. League.

Bill Joyce gave three years to the outfield on the Pony League Tigers, while Tim Gavin played as a mighty short stop for four years on the C.Y.O. League.

With all this potentiality the freshmen are sure to give the team the surging power necessary for victory.