

School Takes Third Place

The Venard won a third place victory at the varsity speech contest held at St. Rose's, Carbondale, March 26, and Mark Krausz was elected president of the whole Scranton Catholic Forensic League.

Mark also received first place in extempore speaking for the second consecutive time this year, making him eligible to compete in the national finals scheduled for Miami, Florida, May 20 and 21.

Al Gedicks received fifth place in oratorical declamation. The team points scored in the first two rounds boosted the Venard's total points

even though only two (Mark Krausz and Al Gedicks) made the finals.

Vince Kantorski, Rocky Weinburger, and Edmund Hahn combined received seven points in original oratory. Al Gedicks, Don Lamken, and Joe Weninger received nine points in declamation. Mark Krausz, Steve Schariret, and Adam Kretowicz totaled seventeen points in extempore speaking giving the Venard 33 points, 2 points behind second place Holy Rosary.

The last Forensic League debate tournament was held at St. Mary's, Wilkes-Barre on April 2,

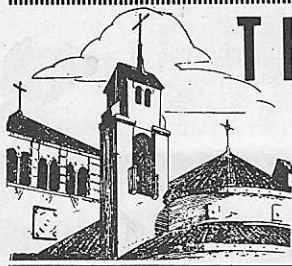
Writers Win Awards; Kantorski New Chief

Four Courier articles received awards at the journalism conference at King's College, March 19, and the Courier staff elected Vince Kantorski editor-in-chief of the 1966-67 Courier at a meeting on March 28. The Courier's advisor, Father Whelan, has merited a journalism scholarship at Marquette University from July 14 to August 3.

At King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Jim Reilly received a first place award for his editorial cartoon depicting a soldier in Viet Nam; Lloyd Hevelhorst's picture story "Legs, Legs, Legs" merited a second place rating; Paul Laudicina's news story "Canal Street Due Feb. 28" and Mike Canavan's feature "Trouble Strikes at St. John's U." both received third place ranks.

Vincent Kantorski was elected Courier editor-in-chief for 1966-67 at a meeting where 30 journalism students and Courier staff members voted. The new editor has chosen Paul Lafranchise and Bernard Beazley as associate editors. These three will edit the last two issues of this year's Courier. Next year's complete staff will be formed shortly after Easter vacation.

Father Whelan's scholarship, granted by The Newspaper Fund, Inc., consists of an extensive three week seminar and is designed for public and parochial teachers who supervise student publications or teach journalism.



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Three Off to Chicago Meetings

While all the students are home on their Easter vacation Fathers Casey, Vittengl, and O'Connor will attend the 63rd annual National Catholic Education Association convention April 11 to 14 in Chicago and Maryknoll educational conference April 15 at Glen Ellyn.

On Easter Sunday, April 10, these faculty members will head for the convention where they will participate in discussions on perseverence trends in the seminary. The theme for the convention is "Curriculum for Renewal."

Over 450 exhibitors will display the latest teaching materials ranging from paperbound books to educational t.v. and language laboratories.

After the N.C.E.A. convention has closed the three faculty members will gather at Glen Ellyn to formulate proposals for the Chapter with other Maryknoll priests representing different houses of training. Two of the main topics they will discuss are the direction of minor

seminaries and the recruitment of vocations.

Easter vacation will last from Thursday, April 7, till Sunday, April 17, thereby allowing the faculty members to attend the conventions. Because of this long vacation students who live great distances from the Venard can go home more easily.

Late News...

Gerry Will and Nick Weyland merited honorable mentions in the annual American history contest for the parochial and public high schools in Northeastern Pennsylvania sponsored by Kings College, Sat., April 2.

The test covered American history from 1876 to 1913 also had a section on current events.



Editors Bernie Beazley, Vince Kantorski, and Paul Lafranchise map strategy.

Easter Every Day

“Don't be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here.” (Mark 16:6).

The great hope, the great anticipation, the great expectation of the Lenten season is fulfilled on Easter morning when the Lord rises victorious from the dead. With Christ's resurrection from the dead a new cleansed people are born. Heaven is opened to all; and man's sins, from the fall of Adam on, are purged.

The tremendous joy of Christ's conquest over death and sin is overwhelming in the Paschaltide liturgy. Each day man is challenged with the same opportunity for conquest over sin, victory over the forces of evil in this modern world.

A fulfillment of the Lord's resurrection does not necessarily mean doing big things for Christ, but perfecting our daily activities, the rosary, study, recreation.

Hence St. Paul reminds us, “Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” (1 Cor. 5:7-8)

P.A.L.

Why Procrastinate?

It's that time of year again when many students aren't honest with themselves. A fresh sunny day, the green inviting baseball diamond, an ice cream sundae at Adrians all seem more appealing than the necessary.

Excuses like “There are only a few weeks of studies left. I've studied hard all year round. I deserve a rest,” are quite trite in spring.

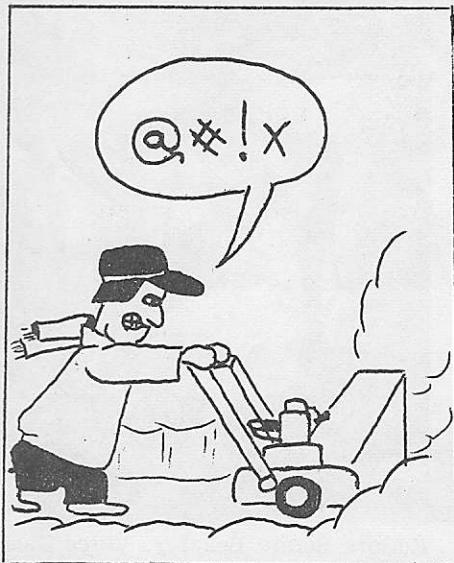
Yet, if you take a good look at these excuses there is more of a reason why you should resist springtime procrastination.

Yes, there are only a few weeks of classes left, but what you're studying now is probably the meat of the whole year's course, the real climax of a subject.

If you have worked hard the whole year up until now and you think you deserve a rest, you're cheating yourself if you take it.

The reward for a simple evasion of the truth now might be the grim reality of a poor scholastic standing in June.

P.A.L.



Spring Cleaning

Venarders Select Profitable Vacation

Nineteen nineteen was a very extraordinary year at the Venard when two Venarders choose to stay around for the summer. Jack and Tabby, both in their second year at the Venard, proved to be very helpful during vacation.

Jack helped the tree planting squad by digging a couple of hundred holes in the lower pasture. Tabby set to work eliminating the rats which were overrunning the barn.

Both Jack and Tabby passed the summer very peacefully until August when Jack had four puppies and and Tabby seven kittens!

Litany for Nice People

LEADER: We have the sweetest, kindest, nicest minister.

PEOPLE: Isn't that nice!

LEADER: He always preaches gentle sermons that never disturb us.

PEOPLE: Isn't that nice!

LEADER: He never gets in wordy subjects and fortunately is not a crusader.

PEOPLE: Isn't that nice!

LEADER: Everyone in the congregation is socially acceptable.

PEOPLE: Isn't that nice!

LEADER: You can qualify for baptism in our church in six easy one-hour lessons.

PEOPLE: Isn't that nice!
from "Baptist Freedom"

Horse Gone, Not Jobs

Blackie was not a race horse. Yet the 1924 Venard students still admired this old steed so much that he received an article of commendation in The Field Afar.

Venarders appreciated the fact that this horse made the necessary errands between the Summit and the seminary.

Blackie's gone but the errands aren't. Today Brother David McKenna drives back and forth several times a week. Working like a horse, he doesn't go unnoticed.

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Which Will It Be?

Hardball?

by P. Martin

Judging from the pre-intramural choose-up games we have played in recent weeks, it seems that the majority of students prefer hardball over softball.

First of all, the pitcher has more control over something he can grasp easily. Hardball gives him this advantage. Throwing a softball is more or less trying to palm a basketball. It's unwieldy.

Next, baseball itself offers a challenge to anyone looking for excitement. Who likes to put all his muscle into hitting a ball and see it land in the center fielder's mit? This is no problem with hardball, however. If one hits the ball in the right spot, at the right time, it will probably sail out of sight. Hitting a softball is like trying to hit a wet rag. You put everything you've got into the punch and get relatively little back in return.

We have kept hardball in our intramurals for years, and if it is retained, it will be for the benefit of all.

Softball?

by M. T. McDonough

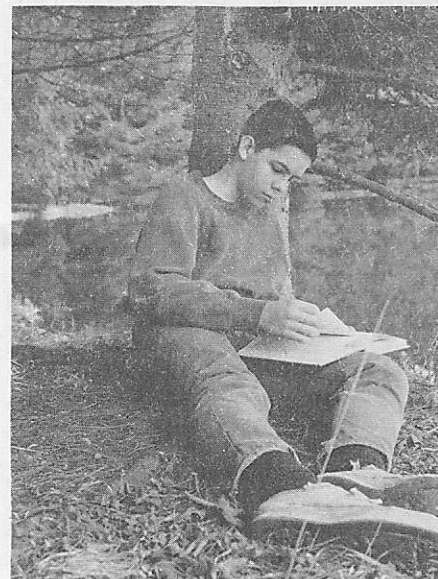
An inexperienced, nervous batter leans over the plate. A seasoned pitcher controls the mound with a steaming fastball and a slicing curve. If the pitcher gets at least three pitches within five feet of the plate, he's got another strike-out chalked up on his record.

Any student who is not weathered to the fast split-second timing required in hardball ends up in a game where he might spend ten minutes in the field and ten embarrassing seconds at the plate.

In contrast, softball is pitched underhand, limiting the speed and once again limiting the danger for the inexperienced. Some feel that this might turn the intramurals into a game with the accent acutely on the offense. Yet the limited distance and the comparative slowness with which a softball moves helps the defense compensate for the batter's edge.

Let's make the intramurals fun for everyone and not just for the "Koufaxes" and "Mays."

Signs of Spring



Spring comes to the Venard as Bob Munday, Dom Brancato, and Ed Fantis strip palms in the sacristy; Gerry Will, Mark Madden, and Vic Dunbar put up tennis nets; and Bob Weber moves into his outdoor study hall. (Photos by P. Laudicina)

Sophs Conclude Busy Quarter

Ending the third quarter with a group of tours, the sophs visited the Jewish synagogue in Scranton, the office of the Scranton Times, and partook of a paschal banquet with Fathers Trettel and Ament.

Father Ament arranged for the temple in Scranton in conjunction with their study of the Jews. Rabbi Wolf guided them through the temple and explained various ceremonies and symbols. They were also shown the Hebrew language school which teaches Jewish children the language of their ancestors and acquaints them with their early culture.

On March 24, Father Whelan took

his journalism class on a tour of the Scranton Times. All of the questions asked about the making of a newspaper were answered by the employees of the Times, many of whom have been in the newspaper business over 30 years. They observed a paper in the making from the news room to the paper boy.

After Joe Olson lit the candles in the faculty breakfast room the paschal meal was re-enacted by each division of the sophomore class. John Gaul explained the various connections and symbolism of the meal, which was set up by Father Ament.

Coach Perfetto Sizes up Team

by B. Beazley

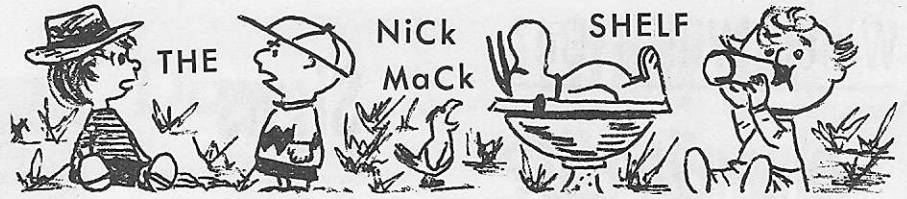
Mr. Joseph Perfetto, after being "assistant" last year, is the head coach for the baseball team this season. For the new men, "Josey" is the short, busy-looking man who helped out the basketball team and who also took the stay-at-home students to a Thanksgiving Day football game in Scranton.

Giving help is nothing new to Joe. Throughout most of his 41 years, he has been playing ball. Youth teams in the Scranton area have been benefiting from his coaching ability for 15 years. Joesy plays amateur baseball, every position but first.

Joe is trying to get games with teams in the Lackawanna League. If he is successful, the team will be playing Central, Tech, Dunmore, West Side, and a few American Legion teams.

Mr. Perfetto said that he would be up on Saturdays, but that was about all the time he could give. He coaches the Connell Park Senior Team and Little Team. He also pilots "The Rejects."

He plans to have an 18 member team. This will allow a substitute for each position. When Joe was asked about his basic goal, he stated, "I want to help you fellows out in whatever way I can."



by Nick Weyland and Jim McCormick

Since this is the last breath of the "Nick-Mack Shelf," we think it's only self-defense to rehash the year sportwise as expertly reported by the afore mentioned dying column.

Fall was football weather. After the long summer vacation, students were eager to go all out for that first-down winning touchdown. Luckily no one was injured. In the intramurals, the Purple Eagles and the Golden Geese took their division championships. On Thanksgiving Day, the seniors squeaked by the all-stars on a last quarter touchdown pass from Jim McCormick to Jim Reilly.

Olympic Day was the setting for the sharpest competition of the year. The sophs ended the day as winners, but the upperclassmen have their sights aimed for Olympic Day in May.

The basketball team had a dreary season sprinkled with only periodic victories. Scholastic and experience difficulties hampered the entire season.

Two weeks in January were all the hockey players could scrounge from old man weather, but they made the most of it. During that time, the

ice was excellent and students and faculty had some exciting games.

Baseball season, supposedly already started, has taken some early setbacks. First, our bid to join a league was turned down on scheduling difficulties and then the weather turned sour. Despite these, the hope is still high for a successful season.

We were proud to be your reporter of these sport spectaculars and to give you our special insights and personal knowledge of these events. Also we enjoyed giving you our famous personality sketches of the individuals involved. Well, we tried, didn't we?

After an hour long session with the baseball team's coaches, assistant coaches, practice and calisthenic coaches, base coaches and coach coaches, Paul Martin, practice cancellation coach, has announced the appointment of Sir Joseph Orr as honorary plate sweeping coach for the month of May. Nice going, Joe!

Music Room bouncers Jim Reilly and Bill Dillon say admission will be denied to anyone who can't rapidly give off the birthdays, home addresses, and favorite breakfasts of the Rolling Stones.

Demi-god Curtis Cadorette has announced his resignation from Joe Olson's "Bach and Beethoven Wrote Music For Fun and Profit" Civic Circle. Actually his resignation was forced by his joining the Skinheads, a popular new-beat group with the off-key sound from Buchawanaland.

Fulton Schairet has decided to retire to Norwood Forest for several days of solitude to complete his new musical score, the Debate Club's new theme song, "The Baby Duck Walk".

"Look at the gavoons," they say. I smiled, "Look at the gavoons!" they say. And a pair of sad-faced lads reverantly removed their beloved shelf from the wall, nevermore to touch pen to parchment.



Coach Perfetto talks with members of this year's team, Bob Fedderwitz, Dave Butler, and Jim Paradis.