

Tuesday, March 6



Crossroads



PNB OFFERS COLLEGE AID

Last week a representative of The Philadelphia National Bank visited our school and met with Mr. Tim Erb to talk about a scholarship program being offered by PNB.

This scholarship program is in connection with PNB's 175th Anniversary, which the bank celebrated during 1978.

A special part of this anniversary celebration was the establishment of an education scholarship program. Philadelphia Nation Bank is giving a one-time gift of \$400,000 in four-year scholarships to future leaders who will attend 30 area colleges beginning in the 1979-80 college year.

PNB will award 50 anniversary scholarships to selected students and cash grants to participating colleges. Five of these scholarships will be awarded to children of PNB employees. Winners are to be chosen on the basis of good citizenship, character, promise, and academic record.

For complete details about these scholarships, we encourage all college-bound students headed for local colleges and universities to stop by the Counseling Office. Application for these scholarships must be made by April 27, 1979.

WAR ENDS

PARIS, FRANCE, Dec. 10, 1898—

A treaty has been signed here officially ending the war between the U.S. and Spain over the issue of liberating Cuba. The war was waged from April to August of this year.

Under terms of the treaty, Spain has granted freedom to Cuba. It has also ceded Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines to the United States.

EDITORIAL

Last month we lost the valuable service of Mrs. Mary Marchini. For the past year, Mrs. Marchini worked as a secretary to Mr. Tim Erb and Mr. Joe Franchella, Archbishop Wood's guidance counselors.

Mrs. Marchini is no longer at Wood because the state funds that had paid her salary are no longer being given to the school.

CETA, (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) is a government funded program in certain positions. After a certain period of time the CETA funds cease and the job must either be absorbed into the school's payroll or terminated.

Mr. Erb feels that the student is most important and that this deleting in services will be a great loss. The students of Archbishop Wood would like to thank Mrs. Marchini for her service as the secretary of the guidance office and wish her luck in the future.

CLASS OF '83 — LARGEST EVER

Once again, the incoming freshman class is expected to be the largest in the school's history. The present freshman class was 335 strong at the opening of school. According to Vice-Principal Frederick J. Ciao, Wood expects "335 to 340 students before September."

So far, there are 274 registered, but the low number can be attributed to inclement weather on February 13, the registration night.

Comparing this year's class to the present senior class, the class of 1979 began with 328 four years ago, and has dropped to the present total of 286. The biggest drop, according to Mr. Ciao is "between the freshman and sophomore year." The number of incoming freshmen will certainly continue growing until September when another record-setting class will begin its four-year stay at Wood.

COMPUTER CENTER MAKING NEWS

Archbishop Wood's computer center has been getting a lot of publicity lately. Articles have appeared in the Daily Intelligencer, Catholic Standard and Times and the Evening Bulletin. We are probably the first school in the area to have a fully operational computer housed within the school.

The computer is located in the physics lab. It is used by the seniors in the science seminar class, but Mr. Burns hopes to be able to use it for other applications around the school. Students are now trying to write a program for the guidance office to use in evaluating information they collect from surveys.

Mr. Burns is the man responsible for getting the computer to Wood. Students from past seminar classes have returned and said that they felt at a disadvantage because they had no exposure to computers in high school. Mr. Burns, a computer operator when he was a student at Washington State, sent a letter home to the parents. He hoped to reach

somebody who knew of an outdated, or no longer used computer that was sitting in storage somewhere, but would be very useful for teaching programming to students. The plan worked, and Mr. David Peterson, a product engineer for Burroughs, found a B-300 system gathering dust in a warehouse.

The people at Burroughs donated the system which included a central processor, card punches, printer, tape and disc drives. Neither the tape nor the disc drives worked when the equipment was delivered, in 1977, but Mr. Burns who does the maintenance on the system, has gotten them running.

It took 400 dollars to get the system set up and running. Many of the materials used are donated by local corporations, keeping the cost to the school to a minimum. The system, originally valued at \$2 million, is now valued at \$50,000.



