

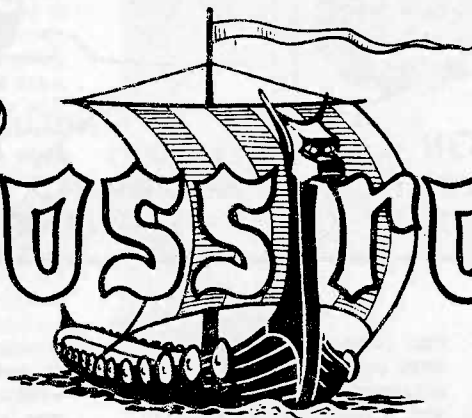
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FR. GAULIN TO STEP DOWN AFTER FOUR YEARS AS WOOD'S PRINCIPAL

by David Vasquez

Rev. Frederick J. Gaulin, C.M., has informed the Wood community in a surprising announcement that his tenure as principal will end upon completion of the current school year.

Fr. Gaulin announced the news to the school over the television on March 21. The only others who knew of this beforehand were the Wood Vincentian Fathers (who found out late the night before), as well as the Vincentian provincial, who approved Father's request for relief of his administrative duties.

Fr. Gaulin became principal in 1976, when the Vincentians took over administrative responsibilities at Wood. Previously (since the school's inception), the Immaculate Heart Fathers had this job.

In an interview following the release of the surprising news, Fr. Gaulin told CROSSROADS that there was no one



Rev. Frederick J. Gaulin, C.M.

specific reason for his decision. He stated that it is "not that I don't like the job". He feels that there is a need for

some "new blood" in the Wood community. Fr. Gaulin indicated, though, that he would like to continue teaching.

He is, however, unsure of what his next assignment will be. This decision will be made by the provincial.

The news was released at the rather early date so that everyone "could get used to the idea", as Fr. Gaulin put it.

He also stated his determination to maintain a direct line of communication with all, since he feels that such news should be heard directly from him, and not through other sources. Fr. Gaulin feels that this eliminates any secrecy about the matter, which may be difficult to maintain in the months ahead, when a new principal will be selected from

the Vincentian community. Father did a similar thing in announcing the closing of St. Thomas More High School several years ago so that the school community would not find out through the media, but through their principal.

In summarizing his impressions of Wood, Father commented that "there is a lot of potential in this school", and reiterated his view that the infusion of some "new blood" in the administration may help to realize even more of that potential. Fr. Gaulin does not want anyone to feel that he is walking out on the job and states, "It will not be easy for me to leave Wood."

Junior Prom Set for April 19

by Glenn Heller

If you have been wondering why there are more juniors outside in the morning than usual, the reason is very simple: they are all looking for a date to take to the junior prom.

The prom is scheduled for April 19, from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. Many juniors have been complaining about the short "prom". In the past there was always a post-prom (not sponsored by the school) which lasted into the early morning hours, but not any more! Only a three-hour dance will be held. Because of this, many juniors have decided not to go, and instead they are planning to go out to dinner and maybe to a party.

Also, the price is rather intimidating. The cost is \$13.00 per person, which includes pictures and prom costs. Many students feel that they can use

the \$13.00 for a better time than a short dance. The main reason for the short prom is



\$13.00 helps defray the cost of prom favors.

because of the alcohol problems of years past. Despite the many obstacles, the prom should be a success.

Parents' Association Helps Support School Programs

by Michael Steffe

With the cost of running Archbishop Wood continually rising, it becomes increasingly more difficult to support many of Wood's activities.

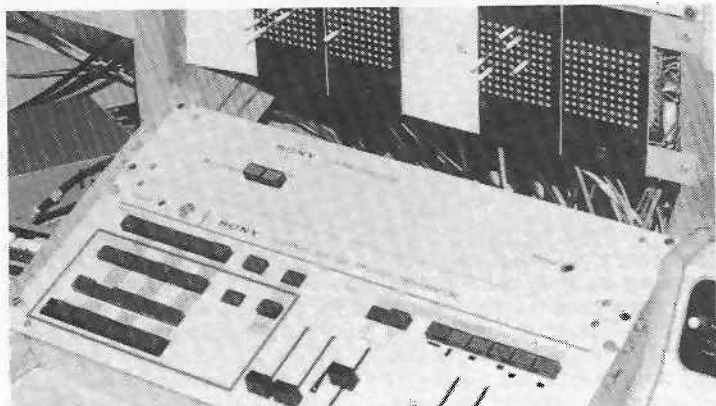
Among the proven ways to eliminate some of the costs are fund raising events, many of which are sponsored by the Parents' Association through-

out the year. These events include monthly meetings with guest speakers on such topics as cults, drug abuse, and guidance counseling. Some of the major social programs of the Parents' Association are the Science Fair and the presentation of the variety show, "Kicks-n-Kapers", both of

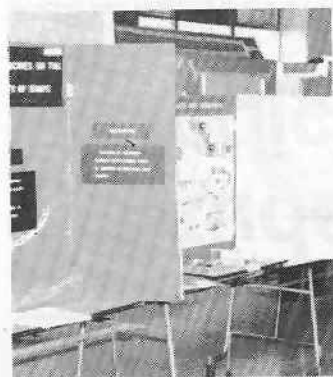
Association.

The upcoming events are the annual Flea Market and Art Sale, which is April 12. The New York Show Trip is on April 26, and a Big Band Dance is being held on May 10.

According to Mr. Michael Quinn, president of the organization, the purpose of the Parents' Association is to raise funds for the use and benefit of school programs. The organization is also a social gathering for parents working together to help support the school. However, less than 20% of the parents attend the meetings, and their cooperation and attendance is greatly needed.



The association recently purchased a TV control panel (above) and sponsored the Science Fair awards (below).



which are held annually here at Wood.

In the past, the Parents' Association has aided Wood with the money it has raised. These funds have been used to buy a new control panel for the television studio, air conditioning for the faculty dining room, the redecorating of the faculty lounge, and carpeting in the chapel. The association has held two lotteries which brought in thousands of dollars, and raised money in its recent fashion show at Philmont Country Club. The awards for the recent Science Fair were also financed by the

The Winter of 1980: Where Was All the Snow?

by Walt Jones

Many people in the Delaware Valley, and especially the students who live in the areas surrounding Archbishop Wood are still wondering about the almost snowless Winter of 1980.

This winter's pattern was not big snow storms with which one had to contend, but rather, sunny, windy days to live through. Each time the National Weather Service predicted snow for this region, we seemed to get the northern edge of a

potentially dangerous storm. So, we lucked out of any significant snowfall, while our southern neighbors, Virginia and North Carolina, got the heaviest amounts ranging from ten inches to two feet.

The problem for the tri-state area was strong wind currents coming out of the North and Northwest that seemed to keep the storms from moving any further up the coast of Virginia. This resulted

in storms which curved out to sea and thus the Philadelphia region only received anywhere from one to three inches (a little more in the far reaches of South Jersey).

The small amounts received did not officially cancel school at any time to date. Only local school districts were affected, with only one early dismissal and one day off. Who knows? - Maybe April will bring a big storm with lots of snow (it can happen!).

