

Archbishop Wood High School for Boys

Warminster, PA

FATHER KIERNAN LEADS WOOD INTO NEW YEAR

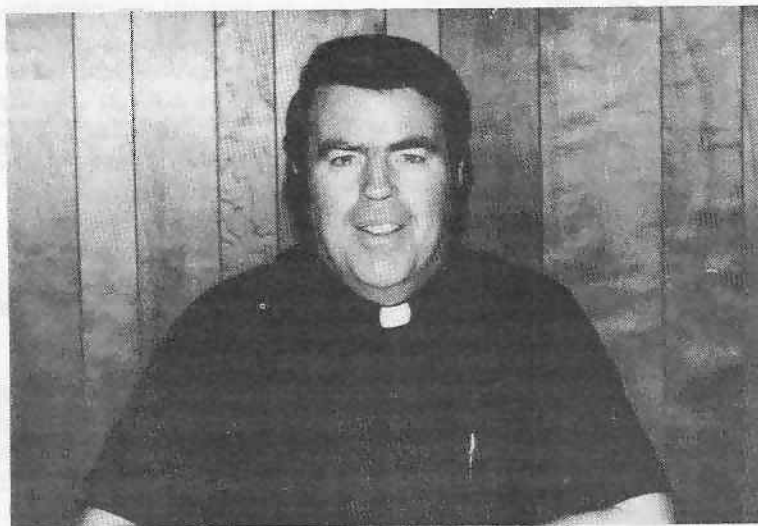
by John Hill

The students and faculty of Archbishop Wood were sorry to see Father Gaulin leave last year, but the school is fortunate to have another good principal to lead us through the years ahead. Father James F. Kiernan, C.M. is willing to work long hours to keep up Wood's reputation and make some improvements.

Father Kiernan started thinking about the priesthood in eighth grade and enrolled in a high school seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. In this religious environment, the priesthood appealed to him and Father grew closer to God. He then decided to move on to attend the Vincentian Novitiate in Ridgefield, Connecticut. (A Novitiate is a house of year-long prayer, in which a person decides if the priesthood is for him). After this time of prayer, Father Kiernan attended Mary Immaculate Seminary where he was ordained in 1970.

Father was then stationed at Immaculate Conception Parish in Germantown where he was pastor and eighth grade religion teacher for five years.

He also taught religion to all grades at a high school in Princeton, New Jersey for four years and at St. Thomas More High School in Philadelphia for one



Father Kiernan: A hope for a successful chance drive.

year.

At St. Thomas More, Father Kiernan was chairman of the religion department, and also served as the assistant athletic director.

Through his years of teaching, Father Kiernan has acquired a lot of experience that will help him as the Principal of Archbishop Wood. Father uses his teaching experience in his second period freshman religion class.

Father Kiernan comes to Wood with a good attitude. He wants to learn what has happened in Wood's past so he can make a contribution to the school. Father hopes to in-

crease enrollment by visiting grade schools.

When asked about his hopes for the coming year, Father replied, "For one thing, I would hope the chance drive will be as successful as last year." Father feels that the students at Wood are, "friendly, respectful and easy to talk to."

Father is certainly fitting in well. His good school spirit can be seen after eighth period in the gym supporting the intramural teams.

With the support of the faculty and students, Father Kiernan hopes to continue in Father Gaulin's footsteps and make Wood a better school for everyone.

New Faces in Old Places

Mrs. Mary C. Bonner

One of the many new people teaching this year is Mrs. Mary C. Bonner, English teacher at Archbishop Wood. Mrs. Bonner teaches sophomore and senior English as well as moderating eighth period study hall, and freshman homeroom D-7.

Before teaching here, Mrs. Bonner taught at Wood girls, and last year she taught in Hawaii, which she said was a nice change for her and her family.

When asked for her impressions of the school and students, Mrs. Bonner said that Wood Boys is very different but, she wanted to experience "The best of both worlds." She feels that we have a fine school with a great deal to offer.

Mrs. Bonner was made to "feel at home" by Wood's faculty. She stated that the English department is very good, and that she is "pleased to be associated with them."

Mrs. Bonner is "very hopeful that my students will work hard", and her impressions are "that they will do so."

Mr. Theodore Keener taught part-time at Wood last year, and this year instructs freshman in Algebra. In his six years of teaching, he has taught at various schools, his first being at St. Timothy's. This year Mr. Keener is replacing Reverend Albert De Crits, CICM.

After graduating from LaSalle High School, he received his BA at



Mr. Theodore Keener

Penn State and MS and West Chester College.

When asked what he would like to accomplish here at Wood, Mr. Keener responded that he wished

to get the students to realize that Algebra is nothing to be afraid of, and that it can be enjoyable. He is also impressed by the students' desire to progress with their work.

Mrs. Joan Pignatelli

Mrs. Joan Pignatelli, who teaches freshman, sophomore, and senior math at Wood, previously taught at Haverford Junior High, Tammanend Junior High, Cabrini College, and Villanova University Graduate School.

She graduated from Notre Dame High School for girls, attended Immaculata College, and later received her MS from Villanova University.

Mrs. Pignatelli, who enjoys teaching boys, finds the students at Wood very respectful and she is quite impressed by the tremendous amount of school spirit which they possess, which she favors because she remembers how much spirit she had in school. The faculty of Wood has been most helpful to her, and has made her feel very welcome. Mrs. Pignatelli stresses, "I hope to get a lot of students to 'love' mathematics."

ABW Chance Drive

The Archbishop Wood Chance Drive began October 20th and will run until November 14th. After this date drawings will be held on five consecutive Mondays, the last drawing being on Dec. 15.

All prizes will be in cash and the first four Monday drawings have a top prize of \$300. The fifth Monday drawing has a \$1000 top prize.

An individual chance costs five dollars and each student is expected to sell his book of five chances. Anyone who sells a

winning ticket also wins a prize.

If all the students in a homeroom sell their individual allotment of chances, that homeroom is given the day off. If a person sells ten chances, he is given a day off, and if fifteen chances are sold, that student is excused from the dress code for one week. The top ten sellers will be treated to a days outing.

This year's financial goal is \$29,000, the majority of this money going to athletics, clubs, and other school activities.

Wood's Band - Old Habits Never Die

by Joe Kacergis

In the past, the Archbishop Wood marching unit and band has been quite successful. In the last four years they have won eighteen first-place trophies. They are hoping for another winning year.

The marching unit and band has a total of 85 people. Members are from the boys and girls school.

Father Stephen Macher, who is the moderator of the band, feels that being a member helps build morale. The band, which is mainly a ten-month activity, is very active. They also have a very active parents association.

The band is most noticeably active at football games, where they are continuously playing and cheering for the team. The band adds much excitement to the game.

Wood got off to a fairly good start this year. After coming in second place in the first two competitions, they bounced back into first place in the next two. The band's only setback is that it needs more members in all instruments,

especially drums, brass and clarinet. The band will be recruiting new members soon.

Competition, so far, has been stiff. The bands in the area are working harder than ever. Wood's band has been practicing nearly every day, since band competition began in July. Wood's toughest competition has been Archbishop Ryan. Wood finished behind Ryan a couple of times this year but, recently have overtaken them.

Throughout the year, the band plays in many concerts and parades. The two main concerts are at Christmas and in the Spring. Also, the band will be in a Thanksgiving parade and a Fourth of July parade next year.

Some band members will perform for the play, Hello Dolly, which will be held at the girls' school early next year. The band also plays for assemblies in the boys' and girls' school throughout the year.

Hopefully, the marching unit and band's current and future performances will lead to a successful year.

Mrs. Mary Santarelli

There have been many additions to our faculty this year, and one new face is Mrs. Mary Santarelli, who has joined Wood's English department. Mr. Santarelli teaches freshman and senior classes.

Previously, Mrs. Santarelli taught at Archbishop Ryan, girls' division. She had also substituted in public schools.

"Although it is a new experience for me, I really enjoy Wood," stated Mrs. Santarelli. "Everyone is willing to communicate which makes it easier for any new person."

Mrs. Santarelli enjoys all of her classes, yet she points out that "the boys are obviously different from the girls."

In addition to teaching here, Mrs. Santarelli teaches gymnastics at night.

Mr. Frank Tobias

Mr. Frank Tobias, a new member of the religion department, came to Wood from Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia. There, he taught Social Studies and did guidance work. He was also very active with a social service project and would like to see this at Wood.

Mr. Tobias has many interests; bicycling, running, reading, theater, and listening to music, namely Hall and Oates.

Mr. Tobias has enjoyed the people he has met here and feels that he has made new friends. Also, he was able to re-establish an old friendship with Mr. Boyle, with whom he went to college. He finds that the students are very interesting and quite contrasting to the many varied backgrounds at Dougherty.

