



# Crossroads



Archbishop Wood High School for Boys

Warminster, Penna.

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND — WOOD AT ITS FINEST

by Richard Farano

Homecoming weekend is the highlight of the fall social calendars of schools all across the country. High schools and colleges alike devote the weekend to welcoming back alumni, former faculty members, and other friends of the school. The atmosphere is friendly and warm. It is a time when the school is a true family. For the current student, pride is instilled through the recognition of the rich heritage of the school. For the alumnus, fond memories are remembered and old school rivalries are rekindled.

The Archbishop Wood Homecoming weekend was November 14th and 15th. The festivities included the semi-formal dance, the always emotional football game against arch-rival Bishop Egan, and the crowning of the tenth Homecoming queen.

The events were run by the Student Council's newly formed Homecoming Committee, appointed by President Joseph Shannon. The committee, headed by senior Dan Scavilla, included Bill

Godfrey, Bob Schindler, Brian Ellis, Pat Murt, Jim Gorczynski, John Monacci and the other Council officers Joe Venneri, Steve Kettelberger and Doug Jones. Work for the weekend began in mid-October with the selection of nominees for Homecoming queen.

In each of the six senior class homerooms at Archbishop Wood for Girls, six preliminary nominees were decided upon. Of these thirty-six names, six final nominees were determined when all the senior girls voted. The finalists were Colleen Dudek, Monica Faherty, Connie Max, Lynn Millevoi and Sue Wursta. Their pictures were posted on the boys' trophy case to facilitate in the selection. The senior boys then voted for their preference on Thursday, November 12th. The winner was announced at half-time of the football game on November 15th and was presented with flowers and a crown.

The dance was held on Saturday, November 14th from 8 to 11:00 PM in the boys school gymnasium with refreshments served in the cafeteria. The highlight of the

night was the announcement of each nominee and her escort as they proceeded through the cafeteria to the dance floor, where the band provided the music.

The weekend culminated the next day at William Tennent High School. A procession of decorated cars carrying each finalist and her escort made its way from Wood to Claude Lodge stadium. Each car circled the track around the field, stopping to drop the nominees off at the 50-yard line seats.

The game began at 2:00 PM with Wood hosting the Egan Eagles. The Vikings were at a great disadvantage playing without their star quarterback Steve Kettelberger. Egan scored the only points of the day in the first half, when powerful fullback Keith Armstrong ran for a touchdown from one yard out. Junior quarterback, Kevin McDevitt and sophomore Tom Gale turned in fine performances in the wet fourth quarter, marching the Vikings deep into Egan territory only to come up six yards short of a touchdown. The game ended: Egan 6-Wood 0.



Homecoming Queen Connie Max, with her escort Wood graduate Ed Harrington.

## Chance Drive Funds Overflow

by Gary Kuhn

As in years past, the Viking Chance Drive of 1981 was a complete success. The drive lasting from October 2nd to October 23rd brought in an even \$35,000, exceeding the goal of \$28,000. Even after the drive ended, chances were still coming in.

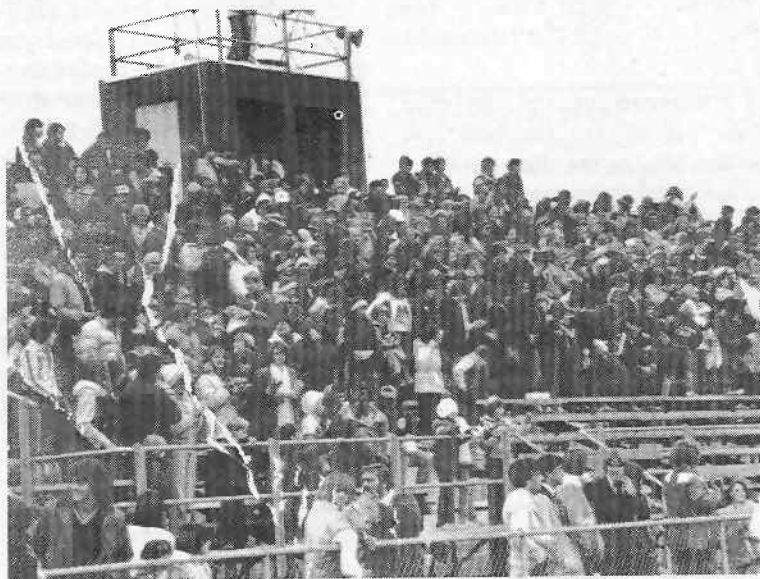
Father Kiernan was quite pleased with the results of the chance drive, saying "I was very happy with the cooperation and the enthusiasm put forth by the participants. I take this as a sign that students see activities such as this as an important part of school life."

The top ten senior sellers were Bob Ford (35), Brian Cunningham (31), and William Underkoffler (28). The top juniors were Thomas Whelan (65), and John Marshall (41). The top sophomores were David Whelan (62), and Gerald Brace (28). Top freshmen were Leonard Zawacki (77), Kevin McCloskey (49), Timothy Hess (46), and Thomas Joseph (39).

These sellers will be entitled to a day off, relaxation of the dress code for a week, and will go on an outing to Great Adventure for a day. In addition, top senior sellers will choose between receiving a

school corduroy jacket or paying no graduation fee. Top junior sellers will choose between a free Prom ticket and yearbook or a corduroy jacket. Top sophomores and freshmen will choose between a free sweatshirt and yearbook or a corduroy jacket.

The top homerooms this year were Mr. Sette's seniors from A-6, Mr. Sharp's juniors of B-4, Mr. Patterson's C-3 sophomores, and Mr. Peter's freshmen of D-7. Any other student who sold 5 tickets will receive a day off on December 7. All in all, the response of students showed real Wood spirit.



Crowd of over five thousand cheers the Vikings on.

## Eagles GM Addresses Senior Retreat

by Joe Callaghan

The annual class retreat program at Wood got off to a good start this year with the senior class retreat on October 21, and with the junior class retreat this past Wednesday, November 18.

The senior retreat followed the same format as previous retreats with a television presentation, a discussion, a lecture by the guest speaker followed by Mass, and confession as an option. Unlike other retreats however, the keynote speaker was a layman, James Murray, General Manager

of the Philadelphia Eagles Football Team.

The highlight of the retreat was Murray's address. His speech, relative to the retreat theme of "Jesus is my life," captivated an audience of seniors as well as faculty members. Murray, a Catholic, spoke on his life experiences and the role of God in these experiences. He later opened the floor to questions on his speech and on questions about the Philadelphia Eagles. He offered two tickets to the Eagles-

Buccaneers game to the person who asked the question he liked best.

Many were to remark later that this retreat was the best ever held at the school. Reasons were because this was the seniors' last retreat at Wood and because of the great speaker in Jim Murray. However, Rev. John Timlin, C.M., school chaplain, was quick to point out that the seniors, "really put themselves into the retreat." He also attributed the retreat's success to the "efforts of the faculty

groups."

Last week's junior retreat followed the same format as the senior retreat with slight exception. The speaker at the retreat was Rev. Bob Lynch, a young priest who works with the poor in Philadelphia's inner city. Father Lynch spoke about the Christian responsibility to social justice issues and what high school students can do in response to these problems. The junior religion curriculum deals with social justice topics.



