

Archbishop Wood High School For Boys

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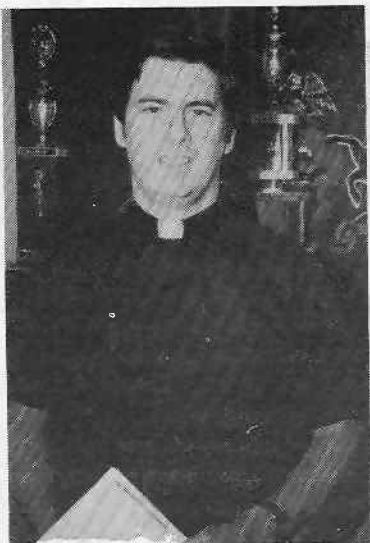
1981/82 Faculty Changes

by Joe Sifer

The phrase "you can't tell the players without a program" certainly applies to the 1981/82 faculty at Wood. The staff lost a total of six teachers, added three, and moved three others to different departments.

"We made out rather well with our replacements. We were fortunate in getting a good selection," commented Vice Principal Frederick Ciao on our three new teachers: Miss Judith Polowczuk, Mrs. Joyce Schnaubelt, and Fr. John Maher, C.M. Both Miss Polowczuk and Fr. Maher are on their first teaching assignments. Mrs. Schnaubelt, however, was a substitute teacher at Bishop Kenrick last year. Before that, she was the director of religious education at a parish in Pittsburgh.

Miss Judith Polowczuk is from this area. She graduated from Council Rock High School and has a Bachelor's Degree from La Salle College. Miss Polowczuk said, "The teachers just seem friendly and helpful. The students are fairly good and seem interested in the subject." The subject she speaks of is Chemistry which she teaches to all Juniors and some Seniors. She



Father Maher

is very interested in the Arts, particularly pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs) and calligraphy (fancy script writing).

Fr. John Maher, a Vincentian father, replaced Fr. Stephen Grozio. Fr. Maher teaches religion to Sophomores and Juniors and is helping out in the Discipline Office. Father, who was ordained last spring, has a Bachelor's Degree from Niagara University and a Masters from Mary Immaculate University. Fr. Maher commented, "I enjoy the students. There is a wide variety and I like that. The guys have a good spirit which is nice to see. And, the faculty as a group works very hard and they have been very helpful to me to see that I have what I need. The teachers are most definitely concerned with their students." Father Maher's interests range from running and college basketball to movies and plays.

Mrs. Joyce Schnaubelt has a B.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and a M.S. from Duquesne University. Presently, she teaches three Senior religion classes and two Freshman religion classes.

Her interests include dogs, gardening, and sewing. Mrs. Schnaubelt has an insatiable desire to know things and is therefore attracted to many college courses. She had this to say about the people at Wood: "I feel that the gentlemen at Wood are among the politest and most respectful students I have met. I find them challenging because they think. The teachers are very nice. They have made me feel comfortable. They have accepted me which is important because I am new to this area."

As previously mentioned, six teachers have left the faculty. Fr. Grozio was transferred; he is now in ministry to Mexican migrant farm workers. Fr. Stephen Macher, the former Guidance Director, was re-assigned to Niagara University. Mr. Joseph Law who had taught Chemistry for the past five years resigned his position. He is now working in industrial sales.



Mrs. Schnaubelt

The remaining three departing teachers were laid off. According to Mr. Ciao, "Because of the downward shifts in eighth grade enrollment, some subject areas were reduced in their number of (Continued from Page 3)

Chance Drive: Can We Top \$28,000?



by Steve Pesci

Archbishop Wood's third annual Viking Chance Drive got under way on October 2 and will continue through October 23. The drive is the school's major fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds go directly to student activities.

The students — who are the main force behind this drive — each received their five tickets which are to be sold for \$5.00 each. In addition to the direct benefit from the proceeds, students have incentives to sell their quotas and above. All who sell their five tickets will receive one day off, those who sell ten an additional day, and the top ten sellers will also go on a school trip. There will be prizes for the top selling

homerooms, and sellers will receive a share of the winner's prize.

Drawings will be held on five consecutive Monday mornings starting on October 26. Top prizes will be \$300.00 for the first four weeks and \$1,000.00 for the final week's drawing. All together there will be fifty cash prizes awarded.

Currently the school fee at Wood is \$50.00, ten dollars less than that advised to be collected by the Archdiocese. It is the hope of Fr. Kiernan that each family will spend the extra ten dollars on two chances and by doing so have a chance to win. With a united effort by students, parents, and buyers, we can achieve our goal of \$28,000.00.

Seniors Prepare for SAT's

by Bill Rein

If you're a Junior or Senior planning to continue your education with college it's time to start preparing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, better known as the SAT.

Hundreds of colleges throughout the nation require the SAT for admission. The test is im-

portant — it measures the verbal and mathematical skills you have accumulated over your life, both in and out of school. Furthermore, your score on the SAT relates almost directly to your academic performance, abilities in college, and is a common denominator for evaluating students nationwide.

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RECRUITING EFFORTS ATTRACT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

by Joe Sifer

The results of the past STS tests suggest that Catholic schools are superior scholastically to public schools. Also, the consensus seems to be that discipline problems in public schools are more in number and greater in intensity than they are in their Catholic counterparts. Theoretically, then, it should come as no surprise that this year's Freshman class contains fifty-one transfer students and that there are thirteen other transfer students among the upperclassmen, nine of whom are Sophomores. Yet, Vice Principal Frederick Ciao commented, "That (the number of transfers) is quite high, higher than what it has been in the past." So, how does our

school account for this increase?

Mr. Ciao traced the origins of the increase to the annual eighth grade visitations held in February. Since the majority of the students who come to these days have already decided to attend Wood, the invitation allows students to become familiar with the school and it also helps them to feel relaxed during their initial days of their Freshman year. Also included as a factor are the information nights held for the students' parents. Some of the parents of the children who attend public schools requested the same considerations. The job set before our school administrators was to contact as many of these parents as they could.

Last year, Wood put into effect a media blitz. Vice Principal Ciao said, "We put ads in local newspapers including the "Intelligencer" and "The Bucks County Courier Times" telling people about open houses for Wood Boys and Girls." This gave all public school students and their parents a chance to obtain information on our school.

"In order to attract those students in a CCD program," continued Mr. Ciao, "we contacted the parishes, asking them to place similar ads in their church bulletins. We also obtained lists of names and addresses of seventh and eighth graders in the parish CCD programs and then we sent information to the parents of the

children. The basic premise was to contact the parents of the potential transfer students." The administration plans to continue to be very aggressive in presenting information on all that our school has to offer to the parents of those students who could possibly be interested in Wood.

The increased number of transfers is also important because it helps boost the Freshman enrollment. The enrollment decrease of the past few years is due mainly to a lull in the number of eighth graders. If this trend continues then, when the number of eighth graders is on the upswing, the enrollment could reach all time highs.

Mr. Ciao commented that the

parents' motive for requesting a transfer for their child must not be on a superficial level such as transferring because of a possible school teachers' strike. It is very important that the parents' primary motive for transferring their child be based on the religious, educational, and disciplinary concepts stressed here at Wood. The increased number in transfers illustrates that the parents today are not indifferent to the types of values their children are influenced by in high school. Such an attitude leads one to conclude that, for all those who can afford the tuition, the Catholic school will be considered before the public school.

