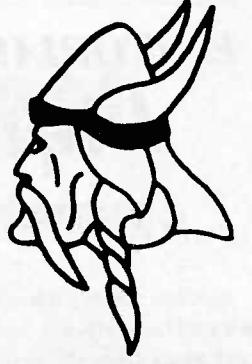
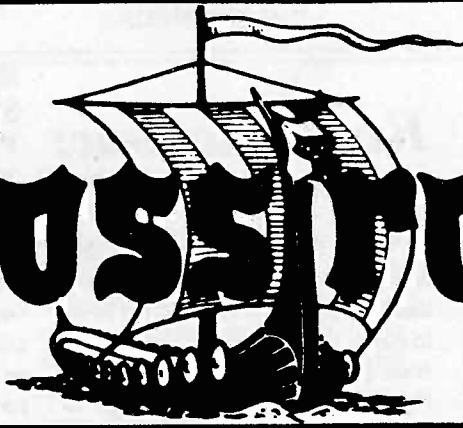


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## SPLINTERS

In the December 23 issue of *Crossroads*, an article on the school's student trainers was published. Omitted from the article was reference to a student trainer who has worked for the Archbishop Wood Sports Department for all of his four years at Wood, Henry Lieb. According to Richard Kelly, Director of Athletics, Henry Lieb, together with junior Kevin Taylor, work as student trainers for all of Wood's team. These behind-the-scenes efforts which contribute to the success of Wood's sports programs certainly deserve recognition.

In their freshmen season, the Wood Boys' Mathletes team, particularly the "A" team, has made quite a mark. They've taken first place in three meets. The topics of these range from factoring and inequalities to composition of functions and inverses. Remaining meets will cover the following topics: logs and exponential functions, trigonometry, and analytical geometry. Wood hopes to top their toughest opponent, Holy Cross Prep; to do this the mathletes will need to make up some eleven points. In any event, the team has a good chance to make the play-offs. Divisional playoffs will be held in April; the championship meet, in May.

On Friday, February 4, the girls' school held its annual blood-drive on behalf of the local chapter of the Red Cross. Both the boys' and the girls' student councils worked hard to insure the success of this important social service. Persons seventeen and older were encouraged to assist the Red Cross. Most donors were members of our senior class; in return, the donors received some juice and doughnuts. Both the Red Cross and the girls' student council are grateful for your concern and participation.

On February 25, 26, and 27, the Archbishop Wood High School for Boys' Science Department will sponsor the 1983 Science Fair. This event, reinstated during the 79/80 school year, is designed to encourage students to think, work, and act as scientists; it also gives students a chance to compete openly with his peers. As in the past, there will be two divisions: Division 1 (freshmen) and Division 2 (upperclassmen). Each division will be subdivided into four categories, according to the nature of the work done by the student. These consist of animal biology, plant biology, chemistry, and physics and math.

## Catholic Schools Week

*"In God we trust . . . and teach."*

by Joe Sifer

Each year, all Catholic schools celebrate their achievements and demonstrate to others what they have to offer. This school and all schools like it are now celebrating, with the theme "In God we teach and . . . trust." On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Wood was visited by the eighty graders from all of the local feeder schools. Also attending these orientation days were students from various CCD programs along with future ninth graders from public and private grade schools. According to Mr. Stephen Gary, Director of Studies, "Many students attending came from schools whom contacted us or whom we contacted. These people joined the fellows from our feeder schools." The parents from these

students were encouraged to take part in the Information Night/Open House held on the evening of February 7. Parents have also been given the chance to visit during regular school hours during the balance of this week.

The primary function of this week, according to both Mr. Gary and Vice Principal Frederick Ciao, is to recruit prospective students. It is these recruitment efforts which have allowed Wood Boys to maintain its enrolment. And so, on the 7th and 8th the eighth graders were given a grand tour of the school. They days themselves were divided into fourteen sections. Twelve of these were reserved for presentations from each academic department along with a session on the curriculum available

to students here, a slide presentation narrated by Mr. Ciao, a session on both the library and the TV Studio, and a form-filling-out session which provided the administrators information on the visitors. Each of these periods were ten minutes long. The remaining two periods, each thirty-five minutes long, were reserved for lunch and a presentation from the Activities Department regarding the clubs and sports here at Wood.

The Information Night/Open House was highlighted by a new innovation of Mr. Gary's: guided tours of the school. The guides were senior members of the National Honor Society: Mike Balot, Chris Bello, Jim Waugh, George Kettelberger, Scott Pickford,

Steve Saulino, Jeff Trost, Bill Stanell, Larry Senour, Tom Whelan, Mike Graef, and Jeff Dunn. These fellows worked in pairs and led the parents through Wood. Each department made specific presentations. Of special note were the sessions presented by the Science Department, particularly in the biology and physics labs. Credit must be given to Mr. John Sharp, Mr. Douglas Burns, and the members of his Senior Science Seminar class for the fine job done here. The parents had the opportunity to talk with the administrators and staff informally about this school. The goal of this evening typified the goal of the entire week: to show off Archbishop Wood for Boys. The school staff feels they've lived up to this goal.

## For Our 8th Grade Visitors

On behalf of the entire Wood community, *Crossroads* would like to welcome each of you to our school. Today you have been given the chance to see Wood at work. You've heard about Wood's academic achievements, athletic accomplishments and the opportunities available to you for extra-curricular involvement. Unfortunately, on a day like this you probably haven't had the chance to write down much of the information presented. This article should help you with this; it outlines the essential sports and activities available to you. Enjoy your small part of our fifth issue.

*Crossroads* is the only regularly published chronicle of school events. The paper gives those who fancy themselves journalists, artists, and photographers a chance to show off their talents. At the end of each school year, editors are recruited and most members have an opportunity to join the editorial staff.

*Woodsman*, the school yearbook, and *Forum*, the school literary magazine sponsored by the National Honor Society, are activities open to all students, particularly those who are interested in assisting with the production of significant school publications.

From the written word to the spoken word. AWB-TV is staffed by students who are truly interested in this branch of communications. The purpose of this fully equipped, close circuit station is twofold: it serves as the essen-

tial way of informing students about current goings-on and it is the source of many films and programs which are geared toward enhancing the material presented in class.

For those with a proclivity for music, there is the Archbishop Wood Band, a must praised unit of marching music men. The term "band" is also quite vague. The band goes beyond a group of people who merely entertain during half-time. There is a Jazz-band and a special group of people who prepare for the annual musical which is a co-ed event with the girls' school.

The final means of artistic expression available to you is the annual Art Show. Students are given the chance to demonstrate their abilities either through the canvas or through the lense of a camera.

Another group of organizations consists of students concerned about the Wood community. Among these are the Student Council, the National Honor Society, library and chapel aides, and Bread for the World.

The Student Council is busy all year organizing activities for the student body including: dances, tag days, gym nights, spirit week, trips to football games, and so on. Three committees play key roles in this process, namely the dance, poster, and activities committees. You, along with every student, can run for office in your homeroom; but, you need not be elected to belong to these committees.

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## Department Chairperson Profile: Rev. Andrew Robberecht

by Joe Chirik

"Just as wine gets better with age, so do I," said Fr. Andrew Robberecht in reference to his work here at Wood. Fr. Robberecht is the Chairman of the Business Department, a position which he had held for ten years. Father, although he has been at Wood for sixteen years, still enjoys the thrill of teaching his typing and various business courses. Besides his work here Father Robberecht is also the Chaplain of the Sisters' at Gwenned Mercy College, where he also resides.

Over the years, Fr. Robberecht has been using a style of teaching that many of his students will never forget. His style of teaching is reflected through his philosophy of heading the Business Department, which is to "Prepare the students for the harsh realities of the business world." Father feels that it is very essential for a young person to be prepared for the omnipresent business world of today. Father also speaks fondly of his new famous Typing course here at Wood while teaching a worthwhile course to the students.

Father Robberecht went to school while he was still in Belgium. In Europe, Father attended Sacred Heart School, where he also studied for two years as a college student. From there Father made his decision to become a priest. Father did his novitiate work in the town of Zuun, a small town outside of Brussels. After completing his novitiate he studied philosophy for two years, and theology for four years at the University of Louvain.

One of the highlights of Fr. Robberecht's career here at Wood, was last year's Yearbook dedica-

tion to him. Father believes that his style of teaching has earned him the award. He best summed it up when he stated his principal way of teaching, "If there is work to be done, do it; there will be time for fun later." Many of his former typing students will agree with this.

During Father's career here at Wood he has done many things. After coming to Wood he became involved in the sports program. From 1967-69 he was an assistant football coach under head coach Mr. John P. Sharp. Father then became the sports moderator for the entire Athletic Department. Father had to slow down in 1970 due to health reasons, although he remained as swimming moderator.



Rev. Andrew Robberecht, CICM

Over the years Fr. Robberecht has experienced many changes that have affected Wood. But most importantly, Father feels that there is respect present because of the student/faculty relationships. He also feels that the ideas of discipline have changed: before the changes occurred over the

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