



# Crossroads



Archbishop Wood High School for Boys

Warminster, Penna.

## 4th Annual Art Contest Held

### SPLINTERS

In their first season, the Wood Boys' mathletes team finished second in the Northern Division of the Catholic League. The team took first place in some matches, finishing second in the last league match. Mike Balot scored the most points for the Wood team and he therefore went onto the playoffs, as a member of the Northern Division team. Mrs. Jean Pignatelli, moderator, was thrilled with the teams success.

On April 26, Joe Sifer, Bob King, and Tim Donohue attended the Annual Archdiocesan Honors Convocation because of their academic standing. These seniors respectively ranked one, two, and three in their class and hence represented the top 1% of Wood's graduating class. The keynote speaker at the convocation was Cardinal Krol. The Cardinal stressed the value of making the most out of one's education and the role these academic standouts will play in the future.

During the week of May 16, several seniors and juniors took part in the AP testing program. If they score from 3 to 5 on the test, students can receive college credit for the AP course they have completed. The tests given were for AP English, AP Math (Calculus), and AP Biology.

#### CALENDAR

- May 30 — Memorial Day (no classes)
- June 2/3/6 — Senior Final Exams
- June 9 — Last Day for Tech School — Senior Awards Convocation 8 pm
- June 10 — Baccalaureate/Graduation 1 pm
- June 10/13/14 — Underclassmen Finals
- June 17 — Close of 83/84 School Year

In the December 23 issue of Crossroads a special feature was run in which the editorial staff (then 33% larger) announced the gifts that we felt were appropriate for each of the faculty members. Due to a terrible oversight, however, Rev. David O'Connell was passed by, and received none of the Christmas charity that we so magnanimously extended to the rest of the teachers. Again, we apologize for this error and would like to attempt to reconcile it by offering Fr. O'Connell this special wish for his birthday — which was on April 21: "May your mustache never be kidnapped by Islamic fanatics who intend to use it as an artificial eyebrow for a camel with a 'Mom' tattoo on his hump."

In May the fourth annual Archbishop Wood Art Contest was held in the library. Organized by Miss Joan Ausura and English Department chairman William Masterson, the competition provided an opportunity for Wood's artistically gifted students to show off their talent in drawing, photograph, and arts and crafts. With well over a hundred entries submitted, the contest was a rousing success for everyone involved.

Application forms were distributed in the English classes in March. Any student who wished to enter had to fill out one of these forms, classifying and briefly explaining his project. There were six categories to choose from: drawing, painting, black and white photography, color photography, scratch arts and crafts (constructed using only raw materials), and semi-kits arts and crafts (constructed using some pre-made components). A student could submit more than one entry but had to fill out additional forms. The forms had to be submitted to Miss Ausura by March 30. The entries themselves were due by Fri-

day, April 29, giving the participants a month to work on their projects.

On May 6 the judges, who had been selected by Miss Ausura and Fr. Kiernan, looked over the work and evaluated it using three criteria: visual impact, skillful use of materials, and originality. In the past, winners were awarded money towards their school or graduation fees; this year the prizes are gold, silver, and bronze medals in each category. The awards were given out at a Parents' Association meeting on May 11 and announced on AWB-TV the following morning. Each participant was given a judging sheet containing the judges' comments about his work.

As usual the entries were outstanding, and diversity was the key. In the arts and crafts categories, projects ranged from stained glass bottles to urban battlefields. Landscapes dominated the painting and photography categories, while the drawing entries tended to be somewhat abstract. Miss Ausura was extremely pleased with the quality of the work and noted that the entries



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have tended to get better each year, particularly since the boys began taking art classes at the girls' school. "Many of them take classes on their own, at night or on weekends," she added. "Others just have the raw talent and work out their own ideas." Strong entrants in the past include John Baum, who graduated last year and is now attending Philadelphia College of Art, junior Joseph McMahon, the Crossroads' own Sean Kilgallon. Some of the seniors have been with the contest since its inception.

## Computer Committee Formed

by John Hollingsworth

In an attempt to make computer use at Wood more universally available, a Computer Committee was formed that would control location of the computer in the school and supervise any computer center or centers. Members were chosen to represent the major areas where computers may be of most use at Wood. Presently the

committee includes Mr. Bruns, chairman, Mr. Hedgedus, Mr. Tobias, Ms. Ausura and Mrs. Pignatelli.

The committee hopes to accomplish basically three things over the next several years. First they plan to teach computer "literacy": that is, teach students what a computer can or cannot do and teach general procedures on how to use a computer. This includes an introduction to programming in Basic, or, for the more industrious student, Cobol or Z-80 machine language. Their second goal is to be able to use computers as teaching tools in all subjects. Plans are being made to increase the number of computers so that eventually a full class of 30 or more students could be taught at once by computer. Students will also be able to run individual teaching programs in English, Math or Science. The committee wants to get students to realize that monitors and keyboards are made for much more than video games. Third, they want to provide teachers with computer time for the same reasons that students need them. In addition, teachers and administrators can use them for calculating and storing grades, for rostering, for gaining access to information in their fields, for keeping track of books in the library, and for scheduling appointments.



As computers become an increasingly more important part of the world we live and work in, it will be necessary that people learn to deal with computers.

## Department Chairman Profile

### Richard Kelly

by Joe Chirik

"I would like to see Wood become a place where students can fulfill their athletic dreams," commented Mr. Richard Kelly, on his goals for Wood's Athletic Department. Mr. Kelly is the Athletic Director for Wood Boys. In this position, Mr. Kelly is responsible for all of the sanctioned athletic activities at Wood. Most students know Mr. Kelly as the Physical Education instructor, and the majority of our students have had Mr. Kelly for freshman gym class. Kelly has been here fifteen years, his entire teaching career. He attend-

ed Delaware Valley College, and then Villanova for his Masters Degree.

Mr. Kelly enjoys Wood immensely. When asked about the certain things he likes best about Wood, the list was practically unending. He especially likes the student involvement in the Wood community. Kelly frequently mentions the competitiveness of the Wood athletes, despite the fact that they are usually smaller than the opposing team's. Mr. Kelly also speaks highly of the Wood faculty,

saying, "They treat me the way I like to be treated, and they are very easy people to work with."

During his career here at Wood, Mr. Kelly believes that winning the Catholic League title and the City Championship title were the highlights. He was the offensive line coach, under then-head coach John "Skip" Duffy. These football championships were the first of their kind for Wood's football team.

Mr. Kelly also speaks highly of the Driver Ed program. He thinks that "the kids need it, it is helpful because it can teach you how to avoid accidents." Mr. Kelly is a certified Driver Education Instructor.

Over the years, Kelly has noticed that student interest in the school has increased. He believes that the students are spending more time and putting more pride in attending Wood. He is also glad that our students are very sports-minded and competitive. He states the "interest present shows in our athletes." With this, he also believes that Wood athletes work very hard, and it shows in Wood's league standings. However, in the future, Mr. Kelly would like to see a top notch athletic program, in which all of the students, not just the athletes, would actively participate.



