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Senior Retreat

by Michael Coakley

"On a day that students don't usually want to be here, I feel that they really made an effort to get something out of it." Those were the words of Wood's chaplain, Father Timlin, as he discussed the participation of the students in this year's Senior Retreat, which was held on October 5. He was very pleased with the seniors' cooperation on this day, a day which he feels is essential to our growth as Christians.

The purpose of a retreat is to "provide an opportunity for one to deepen his relationship with God." Our chaplain went on to explain that this was a chance to relax on a school day. In doing so, one could openly discuss whatever was on his mind, attend Mass, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, something a student would not ordinarily do.

The day's events started with a

very impressive and down-to-earth keynote address in the cafeteria by Rev. Charles Strollo, C.M., president of St. Joseph's Seminary High School in Princeton, N.J. His talk touched upon what he felt were the two keys to a relationship with God; that is, listening to God through people, and our own prayer life, and speaking with care, sensibly as well as simply. He concluded that "the thrust of our lives should be to have a caring relationship with others as well as with God, through goodness, kindness, and caring."

The day continued with a discussion on Fr. Strollo's talk, followed by a rest period. Everyone then returned to the cafeteria to see a film. Following the discussion on the film, the students were invited to go to Confession. The Eucharist was then celebrated in each retreat group, and was followed by dismissal at noon.

Devlin Named P.R. Director

by Mark Masterson

This year, there is a new faculty position here at Wood. The new job is that of Public Relations officer, and the person filling it is our own Mr. William Devlin. The Public Relations officer's job is mainly to make sure that the public is kept informed of notable happenings here at Wood. The PR officer must write press releases, set up interviews, contact local newspapers, and generally promote the school. The main purpose of this program, beyond merely keeping the public informed, is to attract the attention of prospective Freshmen parents. Wood competes with public schools, other Catholic schools, and other private schools for many of its students, and an important aspect of the PR job is to give these parents the most positive image of Wood possible, as well as making sure that they're aware of Wood as an option for their children. Right now, Mr. Devlin has several programs in the works that he hopes will achieve these goals.

First, Mr. Devlin is interested in forming an Alumni Association, something which Wood currently does not have. Such an Association would, he feels, help to promote school spirit, and help in recruiting new students and raising more funds for activities, as well as providing a way for our graduates to

remain involved with the school.

Second, Mr. Devlin is in the process of coordinating the production of a special issue of Crossroads, which he would like to distribute to the 8th grade schools in the spring. This would, Mr. Devlin feels, get the 8th graders more interested in Wood, as well as giving them some concrete example of Wood to show their parents.

Mr. Devlin is well qualified for all these jobs. He has taught at Wood for 10 years, and was the moderator of Crossroads for 3 years. He has a Masters degree in journalism from Temple and has been a reporter for the Catholic Standard and Times for a number of years

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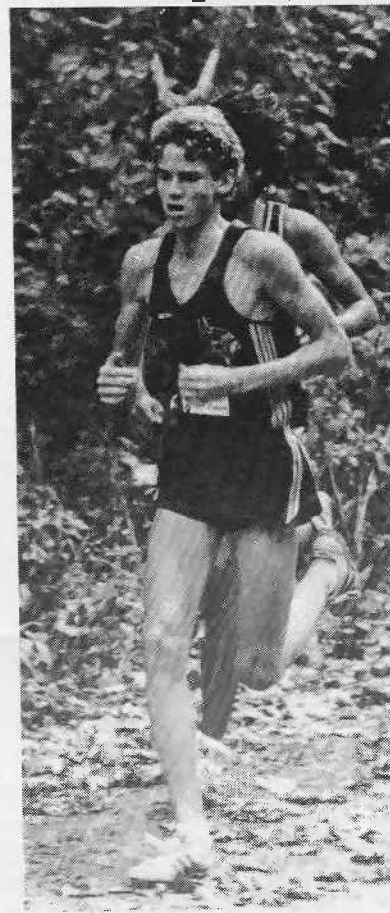
The senior and Student Councils are jointly conducting a food drive for Thanksgiving. They have been collecting food and will accept donations during Thanksgiving Masses here at Wood. The food and money is being sent to Immaculate Conception parish in Germantown. From there, the donations will be distributed to needy parishes throughout the city.

by Charles Kuzma

On Sunday, November 6th, the Archbishop Wood Cross Country team went to Belmont Plateau as competitors; they returned as champions. In claiming the school's third Philadelphia Catholic League Cross Country crown in school history, the Viking runners accomplished a dream that had eluded them so many times in years past. The Vikings stormed past their arch-rival Monsignor Bonner, enroute to a 50-78 triumph. By doing so, the organization completed its Cinderella season which included a team first, an unblemished record of 24 and 0, coupled with the sweet success of the coveted PCL Championship.

That fateful day saw the Viking harriers trounce their competitors with the performance of Bob Winkler who placed first for Wood (5th overall with a time of 15:28). Right on his heels though was co-captain John Meighan (6th-15:31). Rounding out the list of Wood All-Catholics were Mike Lieb (9th-15:41), co-captain Bob Devlin (13th-15:44), and Tom Brewer

Viking Runners Take PCL Championships



All-Catholic Bob Winkler in action.

(17th-15:49), Mike Haney (18th-15:51), Joe Rueger (21st-15:56), and Kevin Thompson (36th-16:19) polished off the kill. The overall performance of the Varsity team proved to be astounding in overwhelming its Catholic League foes of Bonner, Archbishop Ryan, and LaSalle High.

The real hero of the day was not any runner but rather coach John Sharp. Through his dedication, perseverance, and stamina the Viking runners were able to overcome a tumultuous season filled with ups and downs to eventually stake an undefeated record throughout the regular PCL season which climaxed in a victorious tie breaking decision over Monsignor Bonner in the last regular season meet of the year. However, the Catholic League has seen many undefeated seasons go by the wayside when it comes to championship Sunday. But the coaching of Mr. Sharp and his assistant, Mr. Pawluczyk, assured the critics that this would not happen when it comes to Archbishop Wood.

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Homecoming Weekend Crowns Fall Season

by Fred Thiele

All around the country in high schools and colleges alike, Homecoming weekend is a time when school spirit and unity is at its peak. The Archbishop Wood Homecoming Weekend this year was the 15th and 16th of October. The weekend's events included the semi-formal dance, the always exciting football game against Bishop Kenrick, and the traditional crowning of the Homecoming queen.

The activities were organized

Report cards for the first quarter are due out on the first of December this year. These will be distributed during the long homeroom that day.

Once again the snow season is nearly upon us. In the event of snow or other inclement weather in the morning, listen to any of the major Philadelphia radio stations, WCAU 1210, for example. Wood will be closed only when our school (No. 761) is announced or when all Archdiocesan secondary schools are closed. Once again, Wood's Snow Code is No. 761.

and run by student council officers Mike Rigney, Dave Bateman, John McKenna, and Ron Laessig. They were overseen by Activities Director Rev. David O'Connell, C.M. who called the weekend "the best yet." One of the duties of this committee was the selection of Homecoming king and queen.

The selection process began with each set of student council officers choosing six selected from the boys' school were: Dave Bowen, Chris Cennicloa, Tom Hoover, Bill Mahoney, Bob Marcino, and Bill Melnick. The six from the girls' school were: Alice Boland, Paula Cauvin, Mary Jo Gordon, Kathy Johnston, Julie Laughlin, and Joan Wagenmann. From the field of candidates, each school's senior class voted for one king and one queen. The winners, Bob Marcino and Kathy Johnston, were announced and crowned at half-time of the football game on October 16th by Fr. O'Connell.

The weekend officially "kicked-off" on Saturday, October 15 with the semi-formal Homecoming Dance held from 8-11:00 p.m. in the boys' gymnasium. During the dance, their was an intermission in

which each nominee, her escort, and senior student council members of both schools were introduced to the over-750 students in attendance. "The dance was a lot of fun, even though the lights went out for a few minutes," remarked Fr. O'Connell. The music for the dance was provided by DJ Ron Jaxx and the band, "Opus Riff."

The weekend culminated the following day at William Tennent High School. Decorated cars carrying each contestant made their way from Archbishop Wood to the field and, after circling the track, dropped the nominees off at the 50-yard line.

The game began at 2:00 p.m. and pitted the Wood Vikings against the Bishop Kenrick Knights. The weather was perfect for football. Unfortunately, the Vikings, having been plagued with injuries all year, succumbed to defeat. The final score was Kenrick 21 - Wood 0. "The game was disappointing to us all, but we have to give our Vikings and their coaches a lot of credit. They've sustained great spirit and we're proud of them," said Father O'Connell after the game.

