

Headmaster's Message

May 25, 1950

Dear Seniors,

Your Graduation Day will mark the completion of your studies at Saint Francis Preparatory School. May I take this opportunity to express my sincere congratulations to the members of the senior class.

Though friendships and acquaintances may terminate, the principles learned in the Catholic School will never cease to be. Years lying ahead will hold both joys and sorrows for you. That is life. That is what you have been preparing for. That is what we have prepared you for. The rest lies in your hands. In order to be true to yourself and your country, you must be true to your God. Keep Him in your life.

Knowing and realizing that the evils of the world are caused by a drifting away from God and His Ten Commandments, you can readily see that a man without God is in a sad state. You must, therefore, be courageous, stalwart, and brave in the cause of Christ and Democracy. Your religion and your country have been your mainstay. A good Catholic is a loyal American. Do not fail God nor your fellow men.

My prayers and best wishes for your future success go with you as you leave the portals of Saint Francis.

God be with you,
Father Jude.

Lawrence Band Plays For Prom

Dancing to the music of Elliot Lawrence and his Orchestra featured the annual Junior Prom held in the York Country Club on May 8.

Approximately 75 couples from the three upper classes of the Prep were in attendance. Chaperons for the occasion were Dr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Shue, of Spring Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McBeth of Atlantic City.

The committee in charge was under the direction of Father Felix and consisted of the following members of the junior class: James Kilgallen, Peter Nelson, Frederick Eichler, Joseph McBeth, Stuart Dare, James Pickard, Anthony Trigiani, Joseph Besche, Frederick Hands, and Francis Lynch.

Maryland Gridder Addresses Seniors

Members of the Varsity "F" Club and seniors witnessed the showing of the movies of the game between the University of Maryland and Missouri in the Gator Bowl. Joseph Tucker, quarterback of the Maryland team, and Louis Foye, president of the Alumni, sponsored the movies. Mr. Tucker explained the plays of the game in which he had played. Mr. Foye took the occasion to speak to the members of the graduating class about the alumni association and plans for the future. At the present time he is a student at the University of Maryland.

Larry Donnelly and Robert Carlin plan to attend the University of Maryland after graduation from the Prep.

Father Benedict Will Observe Silver Jubilee In Priesthood

The Very Reverend Benedict Determann, T.O.R., professor of mathematics at the Prep, will mark the Silver Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on July 5, 1950.

Father Benedict, who was the sixth Minister Provincial of the Sacred Heart Province, was ordained in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damien in Rome, Italy, by Cardinal Pompeji on July 5, 1925.

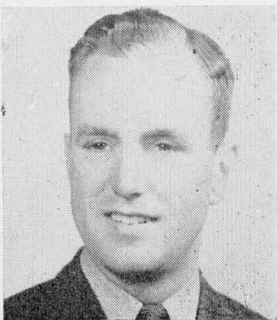
Father Benedict was born in Lyons, Iowa, and made his first profession as a Franciscan on September 19, 1918, at Trinity College, Spaulding, Nebraska.

He had a sister, Sister M. Edna, who is a member of the Sisters of Saint Francis.

Previous to his coming to the Prep Father Benedict taught at Saint Francis College, Loretto, and assisted at mission parishes in the south.

Also ordained in the class with Father Benedict was The Very Reverend John P. J. Sullivan, T.O.R., present Minister Provincial who was formerly Econome of the Prep.

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JAMES BITTNER

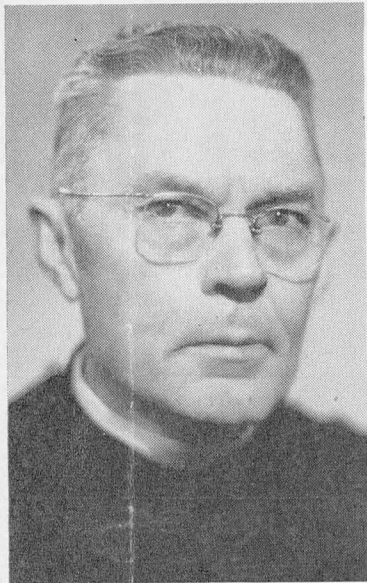
Former Prep Coach Will Be Ordained

A former coach of basketball for the Prep during the years 1944-45 and 1945-46, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 3.

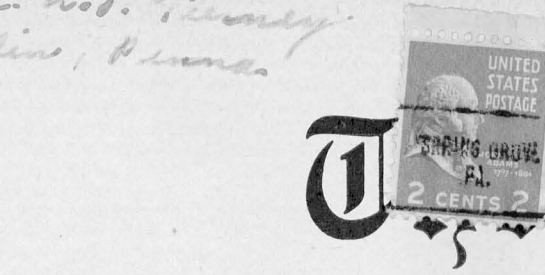
He is the Reverend James Bittner whose ordination will take place in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey.

Father Bittner will offer his First Solemn Mass in Saint Anthony's Church, Trenton, at 11 A.M. on Sunday, June 4.

JUBILARIAN



The Very Rev. Benedict Determann, T.O.R. (above) will observe the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on July 5.



The Hill

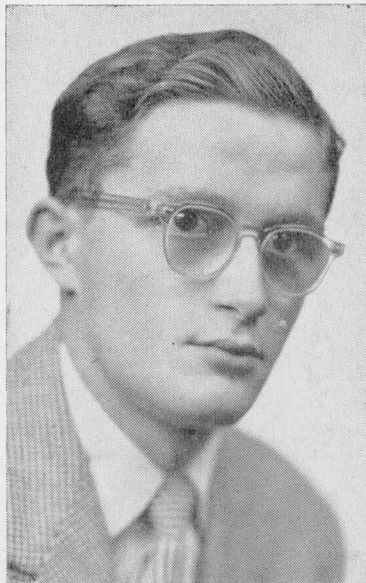
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May 26, 1950

Graduation Exercises Sunday For 1950 Class

VALEDICTORIAN



Michael Sewak (right) and The Reverend Fidelis O'Rourke, O.F.M., who will be speakers at the Graduation exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 28, in the boxwood garden.

MAIN SPEAKER



Members of the Class of 1950 of Saint Francis Preparatory School will receive their diplomas at Commencement Exercises Sunday afternoon, May 28. The west boxwood garden on the school campus will be the setting for the graduation program.

Presiding will be the Very Reverend John P. J. Sullivan, T.O.R., Minister Provincial of the Sacred Heart Province of The Third Order Regular.

Father Fidelis O'Rourke, O.F.M., LL.B., Dean of the School of Business Administration at Saint Bonaventure's College, New York, will be the principal speaker. Father Fidelis was retreat master for the students in April 1949.

Student speaker will be Michael Sewak of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, whose subject will be "Medicine Today."

Presentation of diplomas and awards will be made by Father Jude Gleason, T.O.R., Headmaster of the Prep.

The complete program for the day is as follows:

Student Chapel—9:30 A.M.
Processional—Prelude in A Major,
J. G. Sachs
Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving,
Hodie

Baccalaureate Sermon,
Rev. Jude J. Gleason, T.O.R., LL.D.
Offertory—Benediction S. Francis,
Rev. G. Wuenschel, T.O.R.
Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Consecration to the Sacred Heart,
Graduates
Recessional—Postlude in F Major,
Rev. M. Amoros, T.O.R.

West Gardens—2:30 P.M.
Procession of Candidates—
Grand March—Richard Wagner
Invocation,

Rev. Terence F. Burns, T.O.R.
Chorus—Panis Angelicus,
Cesar Franck

Valedictory Address,
Michael E. Sewak
Presentation of Candidates,
Reverend Headmaster

Conferring of Diplomas and Awards,
Very Rev. John P. J. Sullivan,
T.O.R., Ph.D.

Address to Graduates,
Rev. Fidelis O'Rourke, O.F.M., LL.B.
Chorus—The Blessings of Saint Francis
Traditional
Franciscan Pledge
Graduates
Benediction,

Special Awards Will Be Given

Nine special awards will be conferred on seniors and lower classes at the Commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 28. Each of these awards is given for special scholastic attainment.

The awards are as follows:
The Clara E. Criste General Excellence Plaque
Award of Excellence for Proficiency in English
Award of Excellence for Proficiency in Mathematics

Award of Excellence for Proficiency in Social Studies
Award of Excellence for Proficient Scholarship, Junior Class
Award of Excellence for Proficient Scholarship, Sophomore Class
Award of Excellence for Proficient Scholarship, Freshman Class
The Thomas Vincent Straub Loyalty Plaque
Award of Excellence for Proficiency in Oratory

Jas. Pickard Wins Oratorical Contest

James Pickard, member of the junior class, was the winner of the oratorical contest held in the gymnasium Sunday evening, April 30. Speaking on Federal Aid to Education, Mr. Pickard gave the arguments for aiding parochial schools and discussed the Barden Bill which refused aid to private schools.

Also participating in the contest were Anthony Trigiani who spoke on Democracy; Ronald Daniels who discussed the aspects of Socialism; and Robert Carlin whose subject was Socialized Medicine.

Judges for the contest were Prep faculty members Father Andrew and Father Gerald. Master of ceremonies was Thomas Breen, president of the Student Council. Father Jude announced the winner and gave a brief talk.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Joseph Kowacic, gave two vocal selections, "The Whiffenpoof Song," and "The Desert Song."

Franciscan Pledge

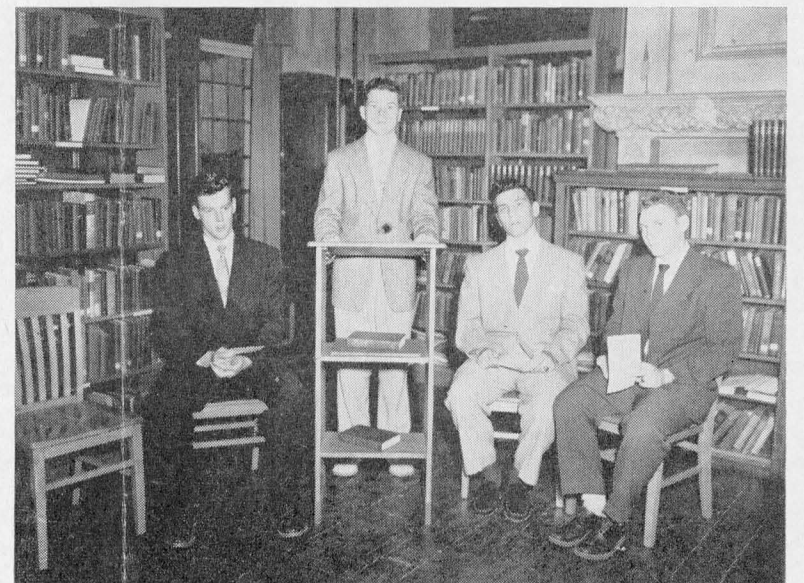
I pledge myself:
To hold this diploma as a sacred trust.
To serve God and my fellow men.
To keep my honor without stain.
To be loyal to my country and my flag.
To be true until death to the Franciscan Ideal.

FLASH

By a majority vote the members of the Prep faculty have awarded the Sheffer Sportsmanship Trophy for 1950 to James Kilgallen. Facts considered in the voting included scholastic ability, good sportsmanship, courtesy and all-around gentleness.

Rev. Luke F. Postek, T.O.R.
Recessional—Largo—G. F. Handel
Music by the Glee Club
Mr. Joseph P. Kowacic, Director

ORATORICAL CONTEST PARTICIPANTS



Students who took part in the Oratorical Contest held in the gym April 30. Reading from left to right: Robert Carlin, James Pickard, Anthony Trigiani, and Ronald Daniels.

SEPTEMBER—1949

7. Opening of school marked by offering of Holy Mass and sermon by Father Jude.

Father Walter Courtney, native of Brooklyn, took over duties as sophomore prefect, professor of religion and speech.

Student class elections resulted in Thomas Breen as president of senior class; Joseph Palian, vice president; Frank Craemer, treasurer; James Barry, secretary. Student Council president was Thomas Breen. Representatives of senior class chosen were: Joseph Palian, vice president; Lawrence Donnelly, secretary; Daniel O'Neil, treasurer.

16. Opening of football season against Waynesboro found the following seniors on the roster: Gerald Fitzpatrick; Norman Witkowsky, Carlos Amaiz, Lawrence Donnelly, Gerard Krahnert, Thomas Breen, Hugh McGarvey, Michael Sewak, Oscar Fuennmayor, Charles Harrison and James Barry, manager. The Hilltoppers won 13-7.

22. The Prep defeated Lebanon on the opponents' field in a night game. The score was 34-13.

24. Members of the 1949-1950 "Hill" staff included James Barry, editor; Michael Sewak, Joseph Palian, James Gallagher and Gerard Krahnert, sports writers; Walter Kuhn and John Amaiz, reporters; Humberto Rincon and Carlos d'Empaire, photographers; Philip Clyne, circulation manager; Fred Munder, business manager. Walter Kuhn, James Barry and Frank Craemer attended the Catholic Press Conference at Villanova together with school publications advisers, Father Luke and Father Demetrius.

OCTOBER

During the month of October, Rosary and Benediction were held daily in the school chapel.

1. The Hilltoppers defeated Scotland by a score of 27-7 in a game at Scotland.

4. A free day and banquet marked the celebration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of the school.

9. Reading was defeated by the Preppers by a score of 18-0.

14. The first period honor roll marking the close of the first six weeks period was published.

15. The Saints defeated Carson Long's football team 52-18.

20. "The Hill," volume IV, Number 1, was published. The current volume was printed by the Gettysburg Times Publishing Company.

23. For the annual homecoming of the Alumni, the Prep played La Salle, winning by a score of 32-12.

27. Recordings featured the music for the Halloween dance held in the gym.

30. An upset by Delone to the tune of 6-33 gave the Preppers their first and only football defeat of the season.

6. Traveling to the Prep resulted in a defeat for Mt. Carmel Catholic by a score of 28-6.

11. In the final game of the football season, the Hilltoppers defeated Lancaster Catholic decisively 30-13.

18. Several Prep students attended the Thanksgiving Hop at Saint Joseph's Academy, Columbia, Pa.

20. Coach Vince Deaver of Saint Francis College, Loretto, was the main speaker at the annual football banquet. Seniors who received letters were: Thomas Breen, Gerard Krahnert, Lawrence Donnelly, Gerard Perko, Gerald Fitzpatrick, Charles Harrison, Michael Sewak, Norman Witkowsky, Carlos Amaiz, Oscar Fuennmayor and Manager James Barry. For soacet, the following were awarded letters: Humberto Rincon, Carlos Gonzalez and John Amaiz.

DECEMBER

2. Basketball season opened as the Preppers beat Codorus 56-26.

The annual novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Lady was conducted by Father Walter.

6. A final score of 49-27 gave the Saints their victory over the Stewartstown quintet.

8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

9. Coach Fred Thomas' cagers defeated East Berlin 33-21.

13. Spring Grove High School fell prey to the Maroon and White by a score of 58-29.

16. The final game of 1949 found Gettysburg defeated 42-40.

17. The Christmas dance was held in the gym.

20. Issue number two of "The Hill" was published.

With the Very Rev. Father Provincial as guest of honor, the annual Christmas banquet was served in the students' dining hall.

21. Several members of the senior class had parts in "The Mummy and the Mumps" which was presented under the direction of Father Gerald. The senior actors were: Fran's Craemer, Norman Witkowsky, Richard Long, Gerard Krahnert and Joseph Palian. The Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Joseph Kowacic, rendered choral selections.

22. Christmas vacation.

JANUARY—1950

9. School resumed following the Christmas recess.

14. The Carson Long Institute was defeated by the Maroon and White quintet 44-38.

17. Delone Catholic surprised the Hilltoppers by defeating them 43-51.

18. Beginning of the Church Unity Octave.

20. Lebanon fell victim to the Prep cagers 45-32. The first semester of the school year ended with the publication of the third honor roll.

24. In a game on the York Catholic home floor, the preppers won by a score of 34-32.

27. A game at the Palestra in Harrisburg went into overtime, and the Preppers bowed to Harrisburg Catholic by a score of 50-54.

29. Reading Catholic defeated the Prep 40-76.

31. Returning the game with Delone merited victory for the Hilltoppers 53-25.

Dates of Importance For Seniors Listed In 1949-50 Chronology



FEBRUARY

The Library featured a Catholic Press month display of books, magazines, pamphlets and papers.

5. Sunday afternoon at Lebanon proved successful as the Saints won 40-38.

7. Harrisburg was trimmed on the return game at Spring Grove 44-38.

9. On the Delone floor, York Catholic was again defeated by a score of 48-34.

10. Friday, February 10, was the Queen of Hearts Ball held at Saint Joseph's Academy in Columbia, Pa. Many juniors and seniors attended.

11. Cupid Capers attracted the Preppers to Sacred Heart Academy in Lancaster.

14. Bigleville was decisively beaten by the preppers by a score of 37-34.

17. Journeying to Mt. Carmel netted another victory for the Prep quintet 69-49.

18. The sophomore class sponsored a dance in the school gymnasium.

20. "The Hill" was published for the third time in the term.

22. The final game of the basketball season resulted in a defeat from Reading Catholic. The score read 43-62.

MARCH

During the Lenten season, the stations of the cross were held each Friday morning. Many students followed through their good resolutions by attendance at daily mass.

10. A second place rating was awarded "The Hill" by The Columbia Scholastic Press Association in its annual contest.

17. The Feast of Saint Patrick was a free day, and a general weekend was granted.

APRIL

2. Father Basil Lynch, T.O.R., conducted the spiritual exercises of the students' retreat held during the first three days of Holy Week.

5. Easter vacation began after the closing of the retreat on April 5.

17. Resumption of classes following Easter vacation.

21. The fifth marking period honor roll was posted.

25. West Nottingham furnished the opposition for the opening baseball game. The preppers lost 1-0.

27. Mt. Saint Joseph's took a diamond victory 0-3.

29. Registering the first win of the season, the preppers spanked Devitt Prep 3-2.

MAY

The month of our Blessed Lady. Daily recitation of rosary and benediction held in chapel.

1. "The Hill," fourth copy, was published. It was dedicated to the Junior Prom.

6-7. Camden Catholic invaded the Prep and chalked up two victories, 10-3 and 8-7.

8. York Country Club was the scene of the Junior Prom. Elliott Lawrence furnished the music for the occasion.

17. York Junior College was defeated by the score of 4-1. Fred Hands was the pitcher.

18. Ascension Thursday track meet called off due to inclement weather.

22. Senior exams began on this day, and continued to the 24th.

28. The 103rd Annual Commencement exercises held in the West Gardens. Father Fidelis O'Rourke, O.F.M., delivered the commencement address.

NEW ALMA MATER
S. F. P. ALMA MATER

WITH PRIDE G. J. Wuenschel, T. O. R. '28



Published for the first time are the words and music of the "ALMA MATER" composed by Father George, music director of the Prep.

Breen Given Varsity Trophy; Davidson Elected President



T. Breen

Thomas Breen, retiring president of the Varsity "F" Club, was presented with the Varsity "F" trophy at a meeting of the club held Friday, May 19. Breen, who served as president of the club during the 1949-50 school term, has been a member of all the athletic teams of the Prep during his four years here.

Elections of officers for the next term resulted in the choosing of Robert Davidson of Hanover as president; James Kilgallen, vice president; Rudy Fake, also of Hanover, treasurer; and Eugene Nichols, secretary.

Pool And Ping Pong Champions Decided

Indoor sports tournaments came to a close as the finals in ping-pong and pool were played.

Gregory Ratmiroff won over Guido Alarcon to take the ping-pong championship.

Robert Grimm defeated Stefan Klement for the champion pool shooter title. The winners' names will be engraved on the sports plaques under last year's title holders.

All-Opponent Team

An all opponent baseball team has been compiled from the rosters of the teams played this season. Players and positions follow:

- Eikenburg, ss Mt. Saint Joseph
- Roe, 3b Devitt
- Newell, rf Mt. Saint Joseph
- Scott, cf Camden Catholic
- McComb, 1b Camden Catholic
- Haines, 2b West Nottingham
- Devereaux, lf Camden Catholic
- Yeager, c Mt. Saint Joseph
- Ares, p Mt. Saint Joseph
- Scarciap, p West Nottingham

Football Schedule

The football schedule for the fall term is listed as follows:

- Sept. 23—Stevens Trade Home
- Sept. 30—West Nottingham Away
- Oct. 8—Mt. Saint Joseph Away
- Oct. 15—Calvert Hall Home
- Oct. 21—La Salle Away
- Oct. 30—Shippensburg (Frosh), Away
- Nov. 4—Pending
- Nov. 11—Williamson Trade Away

Alumnus Raised To Priesthood

The Reverend Robert J. McCoy, an alumnus of Saint Francis Prep, was ordained to the Priesthood by the Most Reverend Richard Guilfoyle, D.D., in Altoona, on Saturday, May 20.

His First Solemn Mass, at which Father Demetrius assisted as sub-deacon, was offered in Saint Thomas Church, Ashville, on Sunday, May 21.

Besides being a graduate of the Prep, Father McCoy attended Saint Francis College and Seminary. During World War II he achieved the rank of First Lieutenant in the Army.

Fred Hands Wins Over York Team

Righthander Fred Hands flipped a three hitter when the Prep nine topped York Junior College 4 to 1 on May 17.

Hands blanked the Flying Dutchmen with two hits until the top of the sixth when the Yorkers put together an error, a pair of stolen bases and a hit for their lone run of the game.

Nichols drew a walk to open the first inning for the Prep, took second on a wild pitch, moved to third on an infield out, and scored on Davidson's single. Davidson stole second and when Harrison's single drove him home the Yorkers changed moundmen.

Breen's single brought in Koenig in the second. In the third Rudy Fake singled, took second on a wild pitch, stole third, and came home on another wild heave.

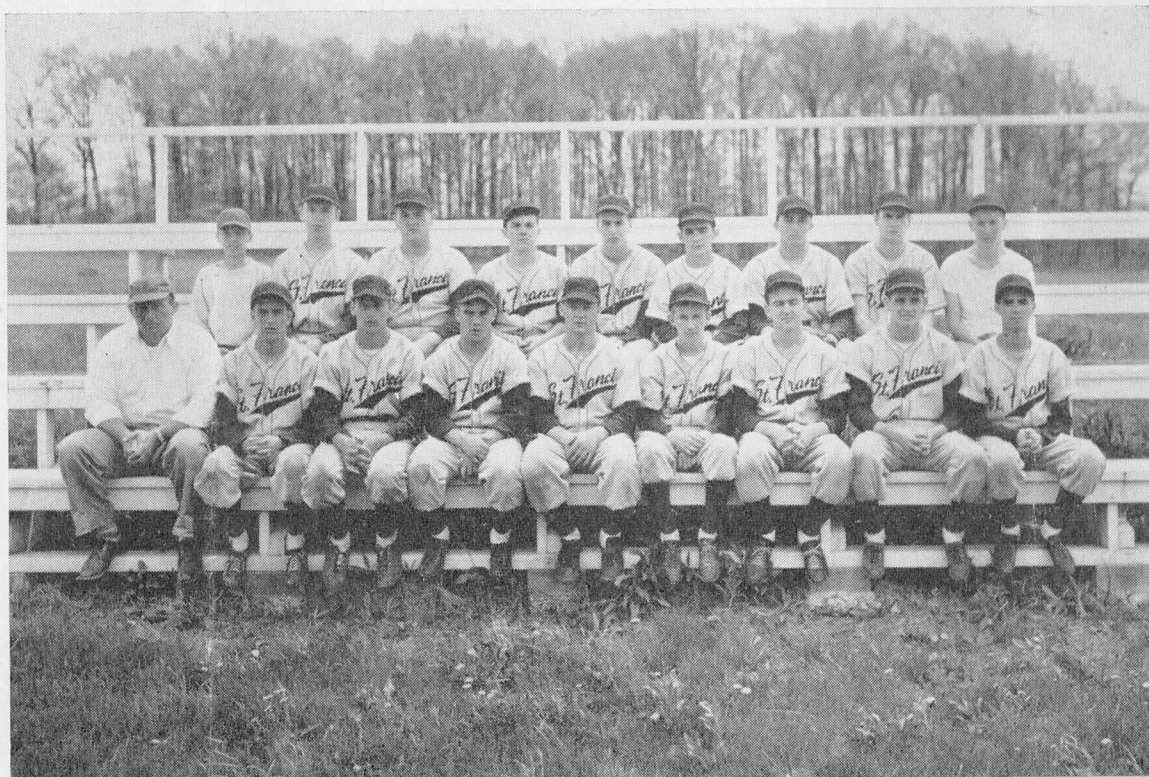
St. Francis	R	H	E	York Jr. Col.	R	H	E
Nichols, lf	1	0	0	Brown, ss	0	0	0
Breen, cf	0	1	0	M'steller, cf	1	0	0
Fake, ss	1	1	0	Root, c	0	0	0
Davidson, ss	1	1	0	M'ring, 2b	0	0	0
Harrison, 1b	0	1	1	Hopple, 3b	0	1	0
Hands, p	0	0	0	Sunday, lf	0	0	0
Long, 2b	0	2	0	Mitzell, lf	0	1	0
Alarcon, rf	0	0	0	Newlin, rf	0	0	0
Reilly, rf	0	0	0	Miller, rf	0	0	1
Koenig, 3b	1	0	0	Clapp, 1b	0	0	1
				Heindel, p	0	0	0
				Hartzog, p	0	0	0

Saint Francis	2	1	1	0	0	x-4
York Jr. College	0	0	0	0	1	0-1

BASEBALL SCORES

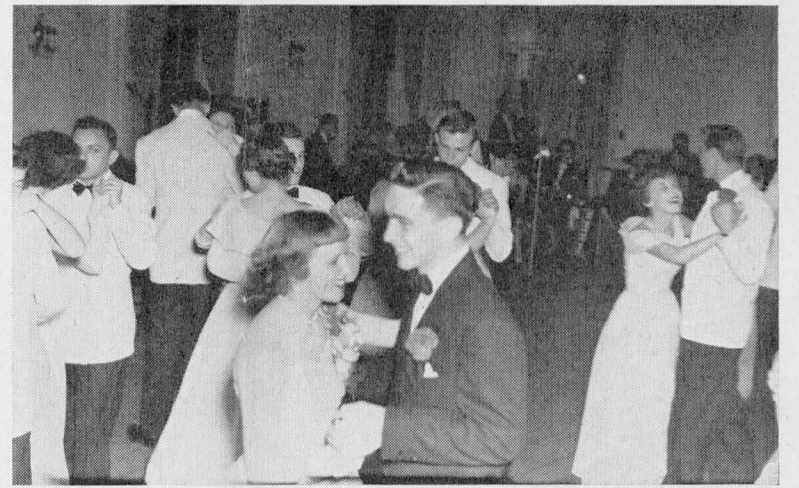
- Prep, 0; West Nottingham, 1
- Prep, 0; Mt. Saint Joseph, 3
- Prep, 3; Devitt Prep, 2
- Prep, 3; Camden Catholic, 10
- Prep, 7; Camden Catholic, 8
- Prep, 2; Mt. Saint Joseph, 16
- Prep, 4; York Jr. College, 1
- Prep, 3; West Nottingham, 1
- Prep, 2; Yankee A.A., 6

HILLTOPPER'S BASEBALL TEAM



Members of the baseball team of Saint Francis Prep are pictured with Coach Fred Thomas. Front row (l. to r.) G. Alarcon, R. Davidson, E. Nichols, T. Breen, R. Long, J. Koenig, R. Fake, and F. Hands. Back row (l. to r.): M. Osorio, R. Cusick, J. Flinn, D. Reilly, H. Rincon, O. Lopez, C. Harrison, and J. Valenta, Manager.

JUNIOR PROM COUPLES



Promenading at the Junior Prom are Prepsters Humberto Rincon, Carlos d'Empaire, Joseph McAdams, Stuart Dare, and Paul Alexsa.

PRE-PROM IN GYM



The Pre-Prom held in the gym attracted many students and their guests from nearby schools.

Sophomores Halt Freshmen In Afternoon Game, 9-8

In a game played on the afternoon of May 22, the sophomore team defeated the freshman team. The final score was 9-8.

Highlight of the game occurred when Father Jude, who was playing with the freshman team, having two balls and two strikes, knocked a Texas leaguer into left field, brought in Pugliese and made second base for himself.

Pitcher Dave Reilly of the sophomores struck out 11 batters, stole six bases, made two hits and drove in one man.

Freshmen	Sophomores
Fr. Jude, 3b	Fr. Walter, c
Fr. Felix, 1b	Muchacho, 1b
Cusick, p	Bellin, 2b

Larkin, c	H. Rincon, ss
Flinn, lf	Briceno, 3b
Devitt, rf	Reilly, p
Lopez, cf	Beadle, rf
Joyce, 1b	H. Guerrisi, rf
Olivarez, ss	McAdams, cf
M. Osorio, cf	J. Guerrisi, cf
	Clark, lf

Umpires were Jerry Krahnert, strikes, and Eugene Nichols, bases.

Extra Innings Bring Victory

The Hilltoppers, after being forced into extra innings on April 29, defeated Divitt Prep School of Washington, 3-2.

The results of the nine inning game, originally scheduled for seven innings, were as follows:

St. Francis	AB	H	A	Divitt	AB	H	A
Nichols, lf	4	2	0	Kelly, cf	4	0	1
Breen, cf	3	1	0	Quinn, 1b	4	0	0
Fake, c	4	0	1	Roe, ss	3	1	4
Davidson, ss	2	1	1	Darkey, 3b	2	1	0
Koenig, 3b	4	1	2	Rafferty, rf	2	0	0
Lopez, 1b	4	0	0	Sheiry, lf	4	1	0
Alarcon, lf	2	0	0	Colley, 2b	4	1	4
Long, 2b	2	0	2	Klim, c	4	1	1
Hands, p	3	2	2	Perry, p	2	0	2
Harrison, rf	2	0	0	Ceyter, rf	2	0	1
Rinco, 2b	1	1	0				

Saint Francis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-3
Divitt Prep	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1-2

Second Encounter Proves Successful

In their second encounter with West Nottingham of Maryland, the Hilltoppers emerged with a victory, 3-1. The game was played Saturday afternoon, May 20, on the home diamond.

Although West Nottingham had an edge, 8-4 in hits, Harrison kept the invaders bingles well scattered. The Prep had a 1-0 edge at the end of the third. West Nottingham tied the score in the fourth only to have Dick Long drive in two runs with a single in the bottom half of that frame and decided the issue.

W. Nottingham	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-1
Saint Francis	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	x-3