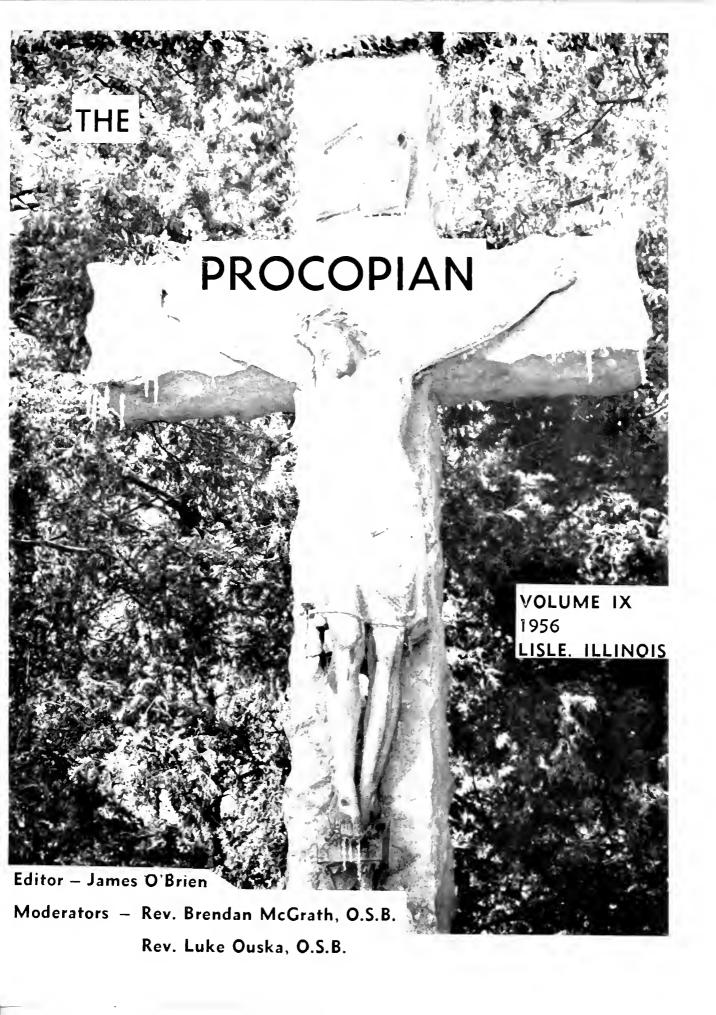




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As we look through this yearbook in the future, we probably will remember this year as very eventful and fruitful. We hope this book has captured for you fond memories, and that it will bring them back as you page through it during the coming years.

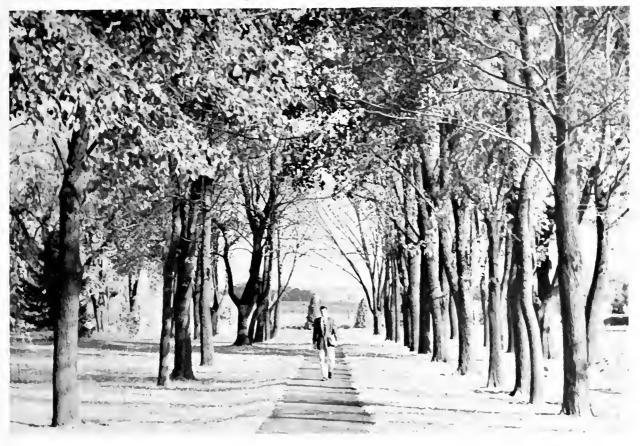
Of all the events that took place this year; classes, sports, and various other extracurricular activities, we probably will remember this most clearly: "1955-1956 school year terminated the co-existence of the college and academy on a mutual campus.

Next year will find the academy situated at the former St. Joseph's Orphanage, leaving the college to occupy its present site. 1956-1957 will find the academy and college editing separate publications, sponsoring separate activities, and using separate facilities.

The separation is indeed a big step forward. It is a partial realization of our big aspiration. We hope the complete fulfillment of that aspiration is in the near future.

We the students of St. Procopius College and Academy, join together in wishing the new institutions the best of luck. We know that they will go on to reach new zeniths in going their separate ways; they have the definite benefit of the Benedictine Tradition and the counsel of the Benedictines, who exemplify in their own lives the Christianity they teach.

Foreword



On March 2, 1885 a Benedictine Monk arrived at St. Procopius Parish in Chicago to assume formal occupancy in the parish. The community of Benedictines was founded a short time later.

Soon they realized the need of a high school. Informally, humbly, yet courageously, classes in a few subjects were announced. This small school opening on March 2, 1887 was to develop into what is now St. Procopius College. So earnestly did the fathers labor in their new field that later in 1890, they applied and secured a charter from the state which empowered them to award academic degrees.

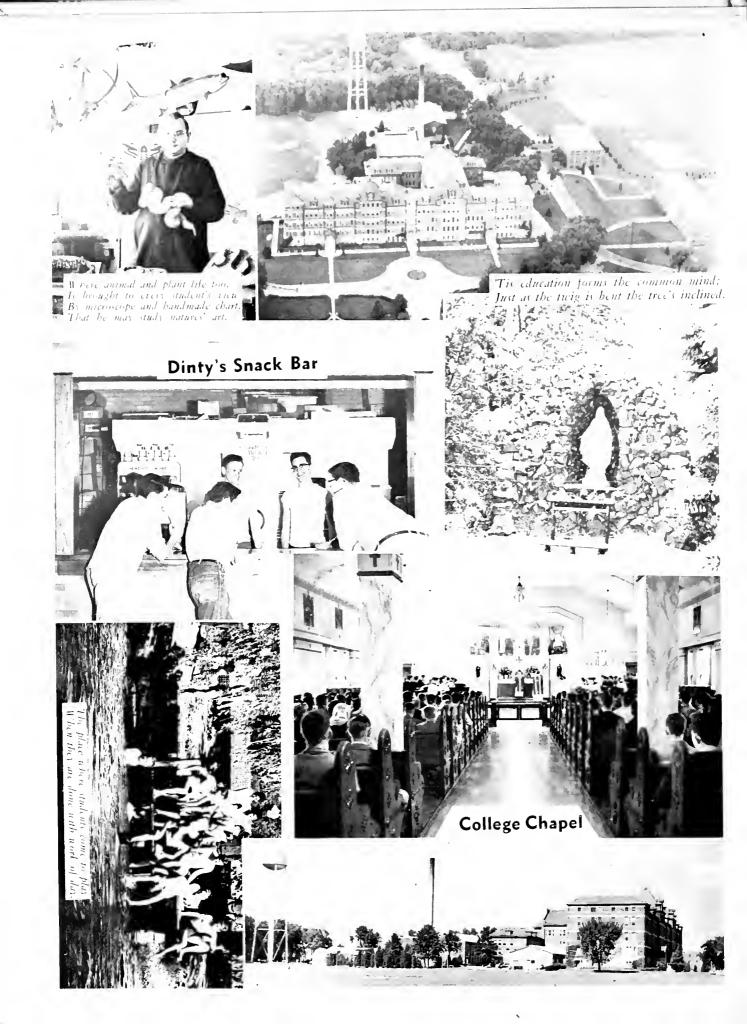
In the meantime St. Procopius Parish was placed permanently under the care of the community which was made an independent priory by the Holy See.

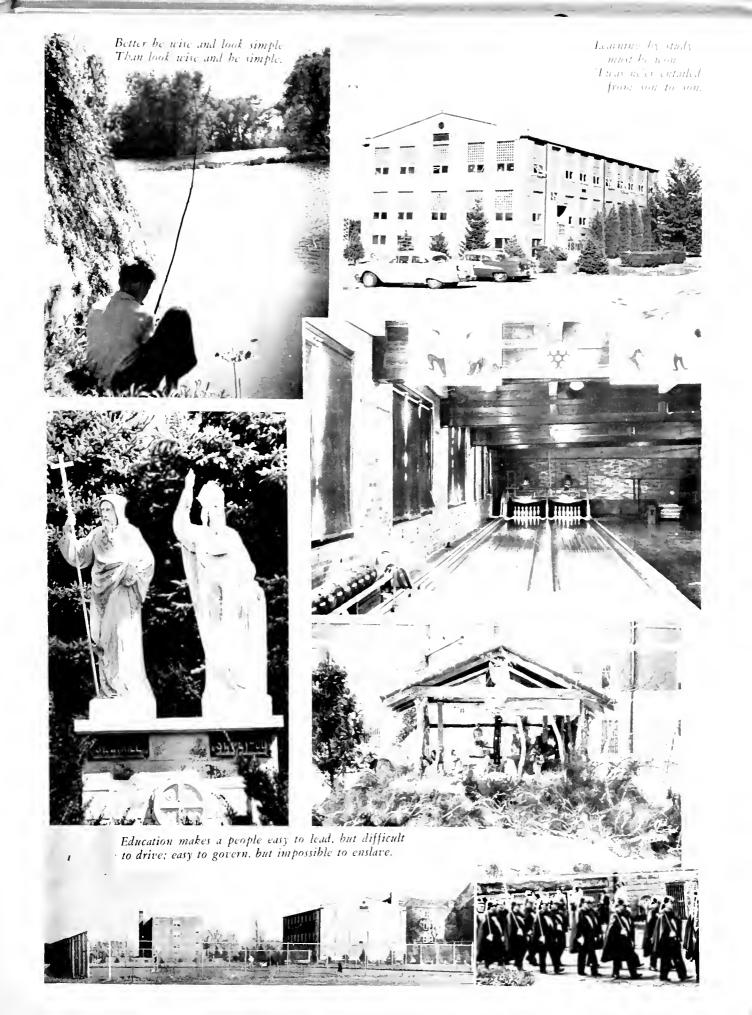
At the turn of the century the fathers decided to begin construction of the first unit of St. Procopius College on their property near Lisle. In 1907 a sizeable addition was made to the original construction, because the enrollment had so greatly increased. An expansion was effected again in 1912 when a wing larger than the original unit was creeted.

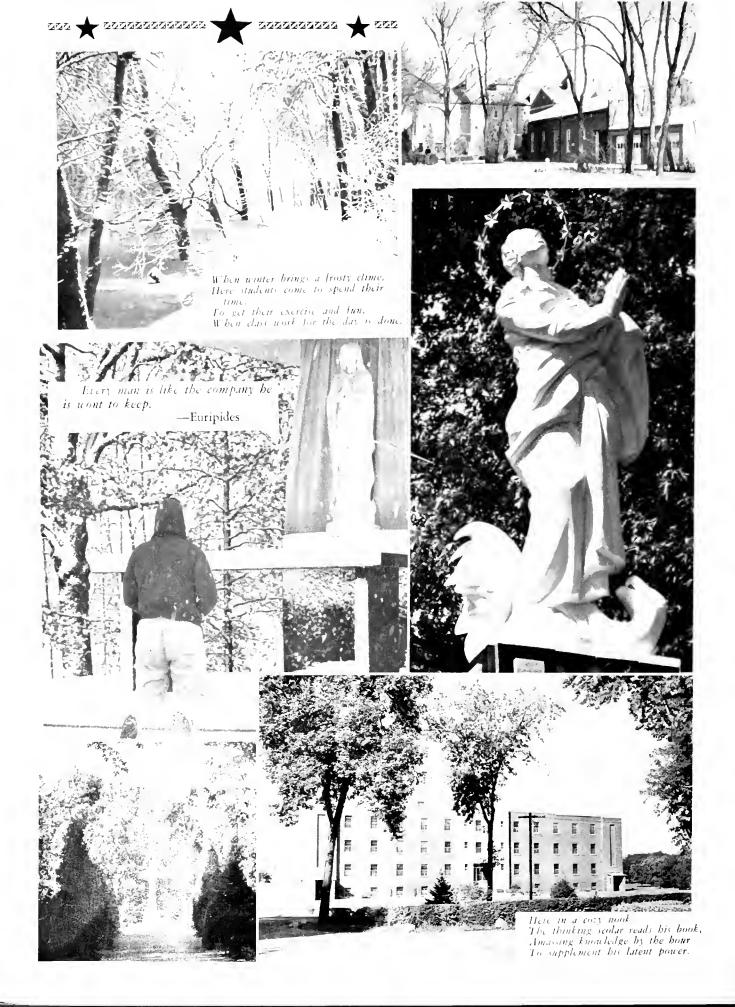
In 1914 the abbey was formally moved from Chicago to Lisle. The college was expanding and improving its staff and equipment. Many of the fathers attended courses in their specialized fields at various universities, some of them studying in Rome. In 1925 the gymnasium was erected, and in 1943 the physical sciences building was completed. 1951 saw Jaeger Hall occupied by 110 boarding students.

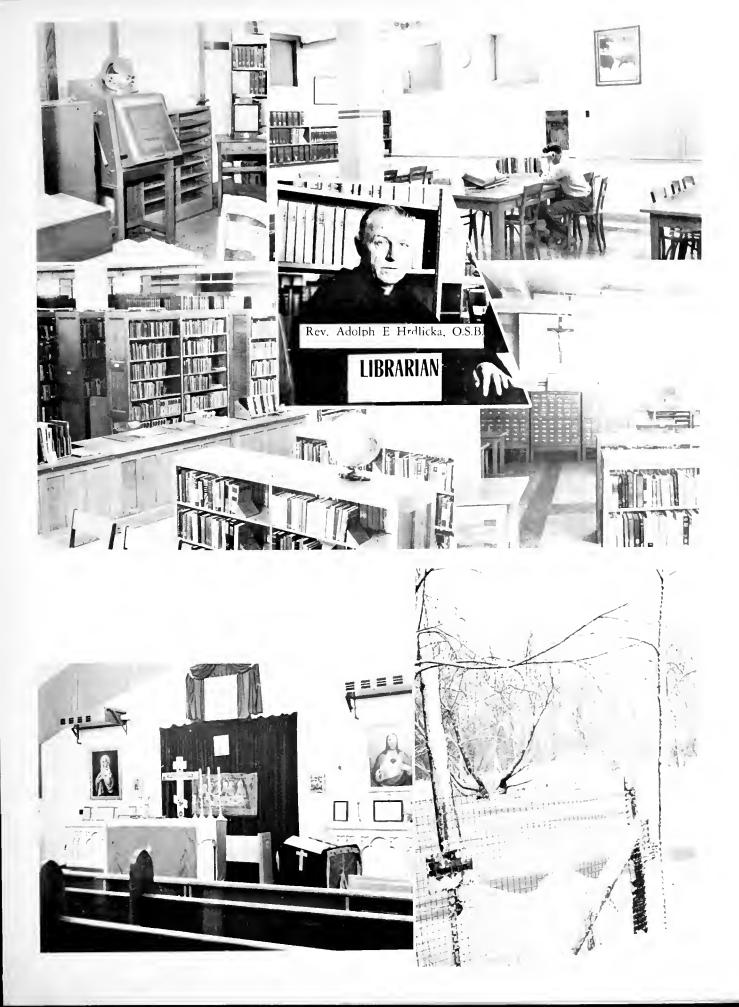
This is not the end, the future holds many more accomplishments for the Benedic-

tine abbey.







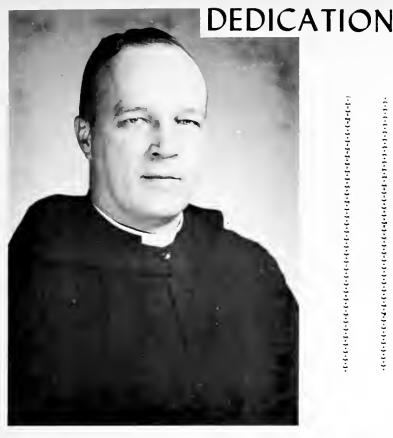


THE MOST REVEREND



MARTIN D. McNAMARA, D.D.

First Bishop of Joliet in Illinois



Joseph Laketek saw the light of day for first time on February 28, 1917. It was dawn for a man who was destined to have a very full and very interesting life.

Except for the pronounced interest and early proficiency in sports, young Joseph's grammer school days at St. Vitus parish in Chicago were uneventful. His interests were, however, not confined to sports. He manifested a keen interest in the field work that the Procopian Biology department was carrying on and came to St. Procopius Academy in September 1934 to be the object of admiration and envy. He "had it made" with Father Hilary. He was one of Father Hilary's veteran helpers.

It was at St. Procopius that "Lucky" achieved considerable glory and much respect both as a student and as an athlete. He excelled in every major sport, and yet maintained a consistently high average in his studies. Already then he manifested those characteristics of devotion to duty, concern for detail, and loyalty to principle and people that came to so abundant a fruition in his later life. He played shortstop and second on the baseball team, kept up a fancy batting average, played guard on the basketball team, and tackle on the football team. He was the right-hand man to Father Mastny, the coach at that time, and the man who was always "Lucky's" ideal.

THE REVEREND GILBERT J. LAKETEK, O.S.B.

On July 11, 1937, Joseph Laketek pronounced his vows in the Order of St. Benedict for the local monastery. From then on, the students knew him as Father Gilbert, and is remembered by many of them as the moderator of the Servers' Society. Believe me, there was never a server missing or oversleeping during those years! Along with this work he was also assistant Master of Ceremonies and made many trips with the former Abbot Procopius Neuzil.

After his ordination to the priesthood in November, 1942, Father Gilbert acted as assistant at St. Mary of Celle parish in Berwyn. He came back to the monastery in 1943 to teach Liturgy in the seminary and then began to fill in temporary assignments in various parishes. He was at St. Vitus, his home parish, then he went to Cedar Rapids where he was administrator of a parish, and in 1945 he was in Protivin, Iowa

The interesting and most fruitful part of his life was yet to come. In the Fall of 1946 he became Head Prefect and athletic director at St. Procopius College. He has since ceased being athletic director but continues

in his capacity as Head Prefect of the College. "Nine long years, as athletic director," he will say.

They might have been "nine long years" but from the standpoint of the students, they were certainly interesting and busy years. He was never the type who could sit by and wait for someone to do things. If he saw that something, connected with sports, needed to be done he just went ahead and got it done, frequently doing much of the work himself. With his ideal of "athletics for everyone" Father Gilbert went ahead with the big project of leveling and filling involved in the preparation of "Memorial Field." When this was done and the grass was growing, he saw that there was need of parking facilities by the gym. He got that done. And in the process of doing that, he saw an opportunity to do some filling and grading in preparation for the ice-skating rink west of the football field. But that is not yet all. Memorial Field was not specially useful unless it had things on it. Characteristically drawing on any and every help he could get, students frequently predominating, Father Gilbert plunged into the tennis courts and volleyball courts. The last big project was the baseball diamond and many of us still remember his resounding command, "stay off that field," during the time that the grass was first beginning to grow.

Father Gilbert has always been rough and tough, But he was also always gentle and kind, generous and understanding. The students feared to offend him but at the same time found him a refuge in time of trouble. They hid themselves when there was work to do, but loved it no end when they were "conscripted," and worked like bears to win his approbation. A stickler for principle, a stern disciplinarian when occasion demanded, a merciless pusher where there was work to be done, a tireless friend when students needed help, a devout and conscientious monk where people did not see him, a brawny, yet gentle ideal for those who could see below

his surface.

To all the students, though they could not have told you so, Father Gilbert represented something strong, something lasting, something genuine and sound, manly and monastic.

We see him first of all as a real man. We see him also as a man devoted to students. We see him as a true monk, a zealous priest, a confident and a friend. We know that his star has only just risen, that he is about to catch his second breath, and that the institution he has become will continue to live and inspire at St. Procepius





Rt. Rev. Ambrose L. Ondrak, O.S.B. Fourth Abbot of St. Procopius Abbey

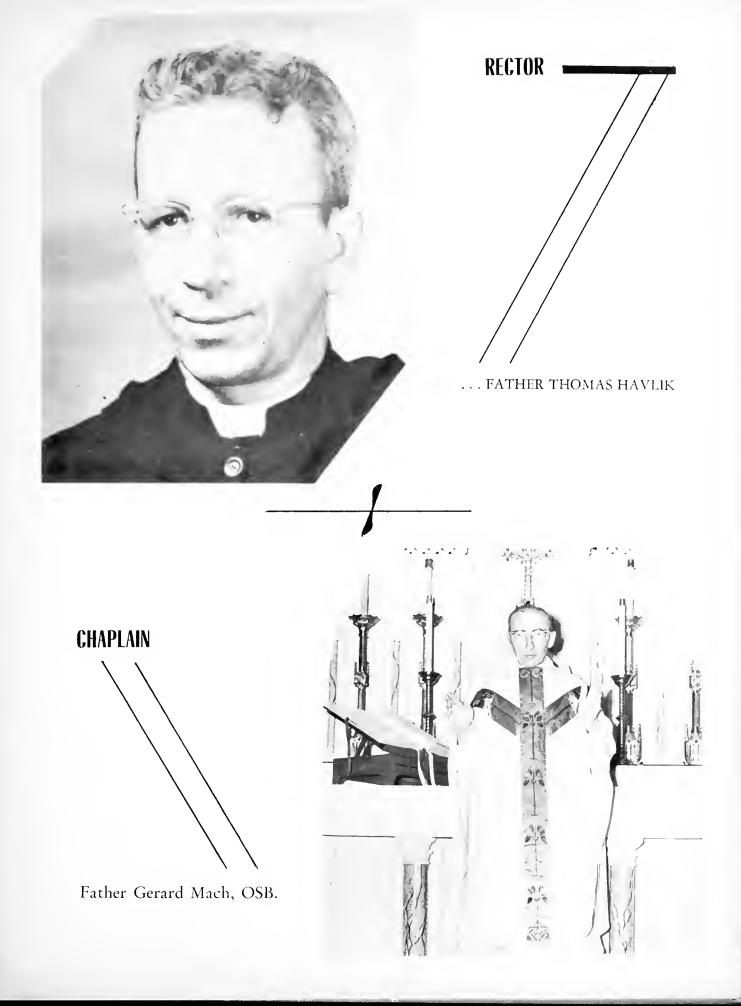
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Graduates of St. Procopius take with them into their various fields of endeavor a full appreciation of the value of religious faith. Their study of that faith has brought them to know also the value of its more material counterpart. The men under whom they have studied during their years at Proco have impressed upon them more than religious faith. The Benedictines have exemplified in ther own lives a more than religious faith. They have shown their students that men must have faith in themselves and that when they have, their work will be well done.





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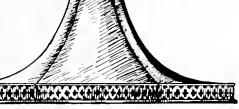
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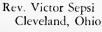
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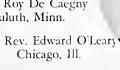


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Joseph Carroll



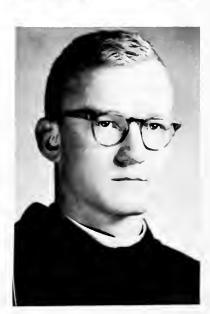
CSG 1,4; Science Club 1,2,3, Pres. 4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3.





Charles Cheng

Fr. Patrick Green









William Hagstrom

Class Pres. 4; CSG Sec. 4; Holy Name Society 1,2,3,4; Golf 2; Intramurals 1,2,3; Dance Committee 4.

Alfred Kaster



James Kreil

CSG 1,2,4, Co-Chairman 1; Procopian News 4; Holy Name Society 1,2,3, Sec. 4; Lettermen's Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2; Philosophy Club 1,2; Orchestra 1,2, 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3, Capt. 4; Football 1,2,3,4.

William Horath

Jerome Kenney



Thomas Kilroy







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Len Hertko, President; Gene Haberman, Secretary;

Junior Class

Cliff Flynn, Treasurer Bob Moroney, Vice President.



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Don Beatty



Joseph Buc



John Tchou



Robert Cisek



Gerald Fasekas



Eugene Haberman



Leonard Hertko



Leonard Jayra



Thomas Kane



Bernard Kleina



Thomas Cronin



John Lajka



William Lester



Robert Merwick



Walter Miller



Robert Moroney



Richard Pommier



George Samuels



Frank Scott



Francis Schima



Thomas Schorsch



Robert Spelman



Tan Swie-in



Thomas Rierdan



Nicholas Zabrinas



Stephen Gleason

Sophomore Class Officers



Left to right: Bernard Rekiere, Pres., Tom Sweeney, V.P., Joe Kelly. Treas., and Joe Gregonis, Sec.

Sophomore Class



Nicholas Alishofski



Luis Anchetta



William Berggren



Art Beuttenmiller



Donald Borzych



Mihn Buu



William Cartwright



Richard Conser



Joseph Cullen



Raymond Daly



Joseph Ducaji



Daniel Enright



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Charles Mitchell



Jose Montero



Raymond Moran



Frank Pellegrini



Bernard Rekiere



Frank Rizzo



Frank Sulc



Ralph Stockhausen



Thomas Sweeney



Howard Turner



Robert Velligan



Carlos Vargas



Warren Wagner



John Walsh



Richard Williams



Paul Zanoni



Nick Dieter

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Gerald Bebar



Joseph Bicek



Gerald Buergel



John Cahill



Harold Carey



Carmen Chiapetta



John Damm



Frank Davenport



Raymond Dempsey



Joseph Ducharme



Donald Dombrowski



Michael Dunne



Frederich Florek



William Fogarty



Raymond Garbin



Feodor Gloss



Teddy Gorski



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Irvin Jana



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John Nickels



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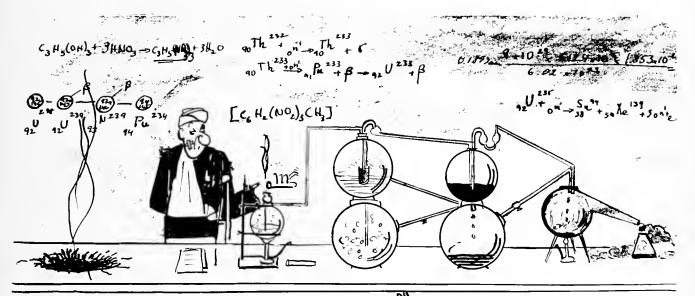
Edward Trop



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"Now, then, we'll resume where we left off last week"

THOMAS W. ROHDE

ASG 3; Servers Society 1,2,3,4, Secretary 4; H.N. 1,2,3,4, Vice President 3; Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; YCS 2,3; Sacristan 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4, NECC Team 4; Murals 1; Class President 4; Class Vice President 3.

LARRY HILMERT

Oblate 2; Servers Society 2,3,4; H.N. 2 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; YCS 3,4; Orchestra 3; Baseball 2,4; Murals 2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4; Class Vice President 4.







FR. TIMOTHY MARCEAU, O.S.B.

Moderator





RICHARD J. BINDER

ASG 3,4, Hell Week Chairman 4; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Procopian Players 1,2; YCS 2,3,4; Sacristan 2; Football 3,4; Murals 1,2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4; Class Secretary 4.

JAMES MICHAEL HIGGINS

ASG 3; Servers Society 2,3,4; H.N. 1,2, 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Lettermen's Club 4; Procopian Players 1,2,3,4; YCS 4; Basketball 1; Football 2,3,4; Murals 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader Captain 2,3,4; Class Treasurer 2,4.



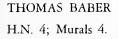


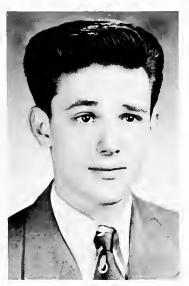
ROBERT AESCHLIMAN

Lettermen's Club 3,4, Financial Secretary 4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4, Co-captain 4; Baseball 2,3,4; Class Secretary 3.

WALTER ANDERSON

Oblate 1,2,3,4; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; YCS 4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Sacristan 2; Hobby Shop 2,4; Murals 1, 2,3.







EMMERT BALLES Lettermen's Club 4; Football 4; Murals 1,2.



Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4; Baseball 2; Murals 1,2.

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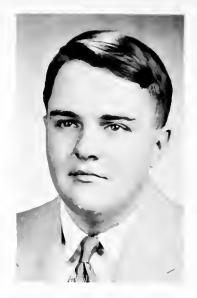
Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Murals 1,2.





GEORGE CHRISTY
H.N. 1,2,3,4; Murals 1.

RUSSELL DICKEY
H.N. 1,2,3,4; Murals 1,2.







WILLIAM DRENDEL

Procopian Players 1,2,3; Orchestra 2,3; Murals 1,2, Annual 3; YCS 2,4;

ROBERT GALOCY

Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Annual 4; Murals 1,2,3,4. Procopian Players 1;





BERNARD C. GOLAB

H.N. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; YCS 4; Murals 1,2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4.

GUILLERMO LIZANO F.

H.N. 3,4; Murals 3,4.





WILLIAM HOLSTINE Lettermen's Club 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 3,4.

ANTON JACHIM Basketball 2; Murals 1.

FRANK JAS1EN Basketball 2; Murals 1.





WILLIAM

KACZYNSKI

H.N. 2,3,4; Glee Club
3,4; YCS 4; Hobby
Shop 2; Baseball 4;

Murals 2; Minstrel

Show 4.

MARTIN B. KLENDA, JR.

ASG 2,3,4; Orientation Chairman 3; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; P.N. 3,4; H.N. 1, 2,3,4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Annual 4, Sports Editor 4; Procopian Players 1; YCS 2,3, Vice President 3; Sacristan 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Football 3,4; Murals 1, 2,4.







RAYMOND KUCERA

ASG 4; Servers Society 3,4; H.N. 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Annual 3; YCS 4; Baseball 4; Murals 3,4; Minstrel Show.

MELVIN KULHANEK

Lettermen's Club 3,4; Basketball 2,3; Murals 2.





JOHN C.

KWIATKOWSKI

ASG President 4, Secretary 3, Career Day Chairman 3; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1; Class Secretary 2; Class President 3. Football 3,4; YCS 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Procopian Players 1; Murals 1,2,3,4;





MICHAEL MARUSHA Orchestra I; Murals 1,2,3.





MICHAEL J. McCARTHY

Oblate 1; P.N. 1,2; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Procopian Players 1,2; YCS 4; Hobby Shop 1,2; Football 3; Murals 1, 2,3,4.





LUIS R. MONTERO A. H.N. 3,4; Murals 3,4.

JOHN MURTAUGH ASG 4; Glee Club 3; Orchestra 4; Murals 3,4; Minstrel Show 4.

DAVID O'MALLEY

ASG 2; Servers Society 1,2,3; P.N. 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Procopian Playets 1; Annual 1,2,3,4; YCS 2,3,4; Hobby Shop 1,2; Murals 1,2,3,4; Secretary, YCS 2.



JOAQUIN A. PATINO H.N. 4; Murals 4

ALBERT PERRY

Oblate 1,2,3,4; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Procopian Players 1,2,4; YCS 4; Hobby Shop 1,2; Murals 1,2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4.

DONALD E. PINS

ASG 2,3,4, President 3; P.N. 2,3; Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; Annual 4; YCS 2,3,4; National President 4; Football 2,3,4; Murals 1,2,3,4.





DONALD POWERS

Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; Football 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Murals 1.

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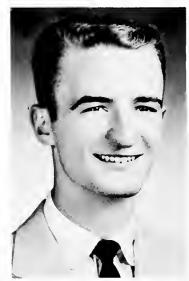
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JAMES RIETMAYER Lettermen's Club 4; Football 4; Baseball 4; Murals 1,2.





JACK SCHWEDER H N. 2,3,4; Lettermen's Club 3.4: Football 2,4; Baseball 4. Basketball 2,3,4; NEGG

Baseball 4, Basketball 2,3,4; NECC Team 3, Captain 4;





JOHN SHALLACK

Lettermen's Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1, 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4, Co-captain 4; Baseball 1,3,4; Murals 1.

ROBERT A. SLAD

ASG 2,3,4; Amateur Night Chairman 3, Homecoming Chairman 3, Social Chairman 4; Oblate 1,2; Servers Society 1,2, 3,4; P.N. 1; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Annual 1; Procopian Players 1; YCS 2, 3,4; Sacreistan 2,3; Murals 1,2,3.



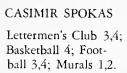


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DENNIS SLANICKY

Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3; YCS 2,3,4; Orchestra 1; Hobby Shop 1; Murals 1,2,3.







LARRY A. THOLEN

Servers Society 1,2,3,4; Lettermen's Club 4; Vice President 4; Annual 4; YCS 2,3, ASG 1,3,4; P.N. 2,3,4; Class Secretary 1; H.N. 1,2,3,4, Football 3,4; Murals 1,2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4; Class Treasurer 3.



ASG 3,4; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; P.N. 4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; YCS 2,3,4, President 3,4; Basketball 1; Football 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Murals 1,2,3,4; Class President 1.

JOHN OTIS WALKER

Oblate 1,2; Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; YCS 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4; Murals 1.





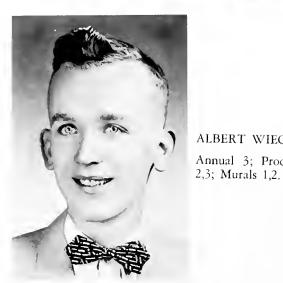
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JAMES WEBER

P.N. 3; H.N. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3; Annual 3,4, Treasurer 4; YCS 3,4; Basketball 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Murals 1,2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4.







ALBERT WIEGOLD

Annual 3; Procopian Players 2,4; YCS





RALPH ZACEK

Servers Society 1,2,3,4; H.N. 1,2,3,4; YCS 2; Hobby Shop 1,2; Murals 1,2,3,4; Class President 2.

JEROME ZENGERLE

Oblate 1,2,3,4; Servers Society 1,2,3; H.N. 1,2,3; Lettermen's Club 2,3,4; Procopian Players 1; Backetball 1,2,3,4; NECC Team 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; NECC Team 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Murals 1.

Junior Class

Left to right: Bill Pullinsi, President; Fred Francl, Treasurer; Joe Jonish, Sectetary and John Vlk. Vice President.



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Donnell Anderson



Dimitri Anton



Robert Bedard



Oscar Caraso



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Harry Enk



Francisco Espriella



John Finn



Fred Francl



Thomas Gallagher



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Thomas Herides



John Johnson



Joseph Jonish



Kenneth Konecny



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Robert Lesner



Paul Lukasik



Patrick O'Connor



James O'Hara



James Ory



William Pullinsi



John Ritzer



Denis Steibel



Miles Szach



John Tyrcha



Donald Vacek



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William W...ter



Earl Weber



John Wojcik

Sophomore Class Officers



Left to right: Bob Sladek, President; Bernie Moonan, Vice President: Mike Bentley, Secretary and Benny Klenda, Treasurer.



Sophomore Class



David Anderson



Ken Agress

Joseph Bentley



Kenneth Brady



Richard Bridis



Charles Brummel



Robert Buday



Clement Dauskurdas



Edward Grosskopf



Jerry Kennedy



George Lipetreusr



Joseph Cada



John Dyben



Harry Hall



Benedict Klenda



Kennth Loar



Thomas Chisholm



Ralph Freibert



Robert Jacklich



Walter Lash



Raymond Lopata



David Chmelir



James Graziano



Joseph Keene



Joseph Linha



Dennis McCann



Lawrence McKay



Michael Mann



Dennis Martin



David Mather



Walter Minkiewicz



George Molnar



Bernard Moonan



Robert Mukenschnabl



William O'Brien



Jerome Rom



Robert Sewall



Michael Sidlo



Robert Sladek



John Smid



Timothy Trojan



Ronald Vinyard



George Weldon



Donald Reiter



Francis Zilinsky



Freshman Class Officers



Left to right: Bill Krauklis, Pres.; Don Tomek, V.P.; John Higgins, Sec., and Alex Rudock, Treas.





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John Banaszak





Larry Barrett



Frank Bluma



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Ronald Boguski



Robert Boness



Edward Breck



Joseph Cesars



Gerald Chmelir



Jon Clements



Raymond Collins



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Robert Cosgrove



Edward Cressler



Jerald DeChant



Gary Diebolt



Paul Donovan



Kevin Ebel



Martin Feeney



Ken Fleck



Thomas Florek



Eberhard Gabriel



Richard Gardner



Richard Gavelda



Lawrence Ghilardi



George Glussezyk



Fred Green



Frank Haider



Thomas Haiting



Richard Homza



John Higgins



James Hinterlong



Robert Jackson



William Jacobs



Raymond Kamradt



Anthony Kermond



Joseph Klenda



Robert Kokes



William Krauklis



Richard Koukalik



Al Kuntz



Thomas Long



Edward Lopata



Brian McCann



Lawrence McNamara



Dennis Martin



Bernard Miks



George Minkiewicz



Thomas Morrison



William Nikolas



John Nowak



James O'Connor



Jerry O'Hara



John Owen



William Parenti



David Pasehall



Walter Pierce



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Ronald Pommier



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Lawrence Power



Bryn Price



Joseph Rajk



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Alex Rudock



Charles Schramm



Joseph Schmidt



Robert Schweder



Frank Selucky



Francis Shonka



Joseph Shonka



Frank Sider



Peter Smith



Joe Soukal



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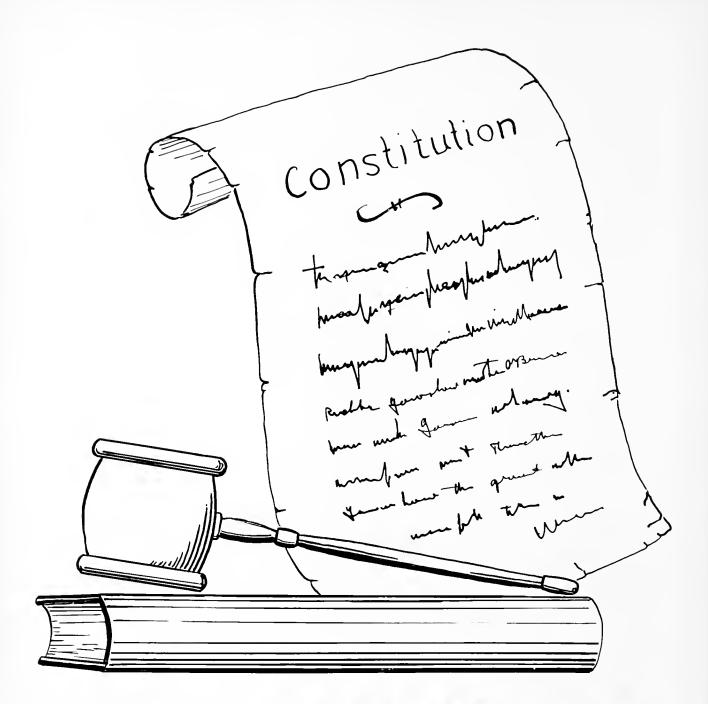
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Thomas Collins Fresh. Rep.



Marty Klenda Procopian News



Robert Slad Holy Name

ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB PRODUCING CHRISTMAS SHOW

The biggest Christmas show ever to be seen at St. Procopius will be held Dec. 11 and 13. Under the direction of Father Alban Hrebic. OSB, and Father Mathias Kucera, OSB, 130 students in three glee clubs and the orchestra are preparing for the Christmas program. The

show will be presented in the gym for the general public on Sunday, Dec. 11 and for the students on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

This year's program is the largest ever attempted with the college, academy upperclassmen, and freshmen glee clubs joining the orchestra to put on the gala

production for the festive season. The program has two phases, first the religious followed by popular melodies. Among the bigger numbers scheduled for the show are Fred Waring's "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and "In a Far Off Town," a carol written by Father Mathias and Father Alban.



Fr. Michael Komechak, OSB., Faculty Advisor

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The Academy Student Govern-

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His main interest now has become lecturing about his home





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The Science Club is an organization which stimulates and encourages the interest and activities of science students on campus. Monthly meetings consist of lectures given by scientists in various fields or short talks by students on various topics.

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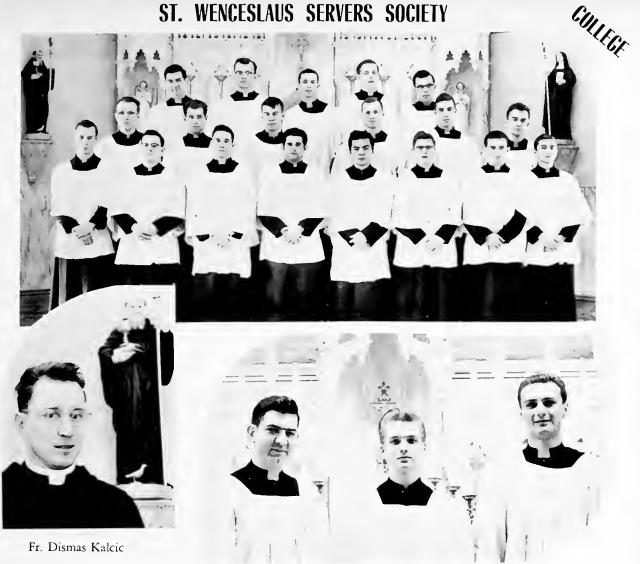


LETTERMEN'S CLUB



GLEE CLUB





Moderator. OFFICERS





Left to right: John Smith, William Cartwright, Thomas Riordan, and William Lester.

The National Federation of Catholic College Students is a nationwide orgaization which unites individual colleges by acting as a medium for the exchange of ideas. This practical training for Catholic leadership takes place through the work of Commissions which devote time to the considerations of problems which cannot be taken apart in the classroom.

On campus there are units which are affiliated with the Mariology Commission, the Forensics Commission, the Student Government Commission and the Related Arts Committee. St. Procopius also has the regional seat of the Liturgy Commission.

This year the president of the Chicago Region, Nick Dieter, was one of our students.

The federation supplies all campus organizations with helpful material and practical advice. In this way there is this exchange of ideas given by colleges in which the same type of problems are present.



Nick Dieter,
President-Chicago Region N.F.C.C.S.



Left to right: Jerry Mettler, Bernie Rekiere, Father Valentine Skluzacek, O.S.B., Fred Malayter, and Frank Schima, Senior Delegate.



Left to right; Nick Alishofski, Jim O'Brien, John Lukits, Father Victor Laketek, O.S.B., and Howard Turner, Liturgy Commision Chairman.



YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

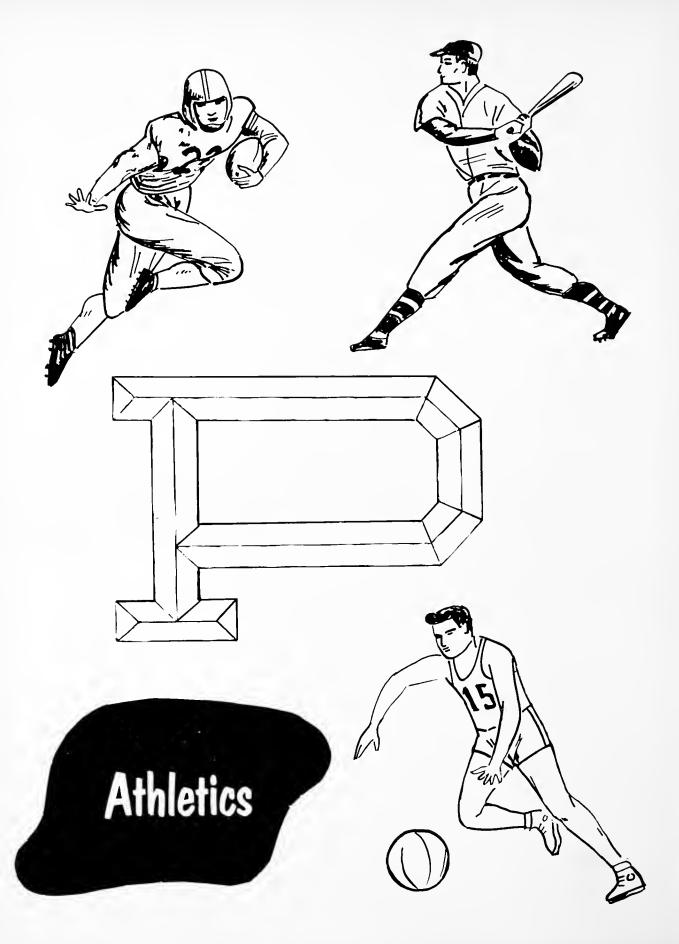


How are we doing boys?





Don Pins Regional President





Thomas Sweeney Tackl ϵ



Robert Trelo Tackle



Warren Wagner Guard



Raymond Moran Manager





Paul Zanoni Halfback

Jerald Buergel Manager



At the initial part of the school year, we saw the Cardinals begin the football season of 1955-56 with high spirits, winning their first game with Wisconsin Extension 6-0 and tieing the second with Concordia 6-6. Following this, the team suffered four losses in a row. However, we can not say the season was an altogether unsuccessful one for the Cardinals, because of the experience it offered to the new ball player of the squad for the coming year of 56-57. Next year with a large majority of the teams' members returning with the same spirit and experience, we hope to see the Cardinals have a better go of it.

Wisconsin Extension	0	St. Procopius 6
Concordia	6	St. Procopius 6
Mission House	39	St. Procopius 6
Northwestern	9	St. Procopius 0
Milton	34	St. Procopius 0
Wisconsin Tech.	23	St. Procopius 0





James Abing End



Gerald Bebar Halfback



William Cartwright Tackle



Richard Conser End



Frank Davenport End



Gerald Fazekas Halfback



Joseph Fedinec Guard



Joseph Hernandez Guard



Leonard Hertko End



James Kreil Quarterback



James Mrkcicka Guard



Arthur Nemec Halfback



John Olson End



Robert Pieczynski Halfback



James Raispis Center



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Robert Spelman - Capt. Tackle



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Football









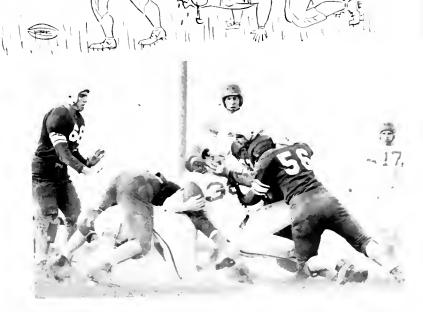


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Mission House	5	()	1
Northwestern	5	0	1
Milton	3	0	3
Wisconsin Tech.	3	0	3
Wisconsin Extension	2	()	4
St. Procopius	1	1	4
Concordia			



Milo Harshbarger, coach











ACADEMY VARSITY FOOTBALL

N.E.C.C.

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
ST. PROCOPIUS	. 2	1	1
Immaculate Conception	2	1	1
St. Mary (W'oodstock)	2	1	1
St. Edward	1	2	1
Maryville	1	3	0

SEASON'S RECORD

SPA		OPP
12	Round Lake	()
13	Maryville	20
6	Immaculate Conception	, ()
33	St. Mary (Crystal Lake)	13
	St. Edward	
21	St. Mary (Woodstock)	. 7





St. Procopius Academy was represented by an exceptionally hard working, successful football team this year. The ream, consisting of 18 seniors, 4 juniors and 1 sophomore, was lead by the co-captains, Bob Aeschliman and John Shallack.

Very adequately coached by Ronnie Baumgartner, the academites were seen practicing almost immediately at 3 P.M. everyday, thus shared the highest football honors in the history of St. Procopius Academy—cochampions of the North East Catholic Conference.

The Redwings started out the 1955 season by shutting out Round Lake, 12-0, in a non-conference tile. Two weeks later the Maryville Terriers edged the Proco eleven, 20-13, to account for St. Procopius' only loss. In the next game with their long-time rival Immaculate Conception, supposedly the roughest team in the conference, the wings were determined to win and did, 6-0! Meanwhile, St. Mary's of Crystal Lake came to Proco's Homecoming and met defeat, 33-12, in a non-conference game. A week later St. Ed's pulled a fast one by tying the Proco team, 6-6. In the last game, with the undefeated St. Mary's of Woodstock, on which pended a co-championship for the Redwings, the coach and team gave their all on a very cold, snowy day to win 21-7. A grand finish for some 18 seniors on the team, 10 of whom were on the first string.

On November 21, the administration and A.S.G sponsored a banquet for the players and their parents, The guest speaker of the evening was Warren Brown, sports editor of the Chicago Herald American.



Jerry Zengerle Line, 2nd team All-Con.



Bob Aeschlinman Back, Co-Capt. 2nd team All-Con.



COACH RONNIE BAUMGARTNER WITH STARTING BACKFIELD



John Shallack Back, Co-Capt. All-Con.



Tom Rohde Line, All-Con.



Don Pins Line, 2nd team All-Con.



Benny Klenda Line, Hon. Men.



John Walker Back, Hon. Men.



Marty Klenda Back



Mike Tooley Line



Jim Rietmayer Line



Bill Sladek Center



Jack Schweder Line



Tom Classen Line



Casey Spokas Back



Larry Tholen Back



Jack Ritzer Line



Jack Binder · Line



Jack Kwiatkowski Line



Emmert Balles Back



Don Anderson Line



Mike Higgins Back



Paur Tukasik Line

TO THE SHOWERS ST. MARY, YOUR LICKED!





ACTION AT ELMHURST





GUESS WHO IS HAPPY ABOUT BEING CO-CHAMPS!



THE FIRST FROSH-SOPH TEAM OF ST. PROCOPIUS ACADEMY



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Asst. Coach Robert Harshbarger, R. Boness, W. Krauklis, R. Freibert, R. Vinyard, C. Zec, K. Agress, R. Sladek, G. Molnar, Coach, Fr. Virgil Trelo, O.S.B. SECOND ROW: L. Power, P. Hurtgken, J. Klenda, M. Mann, L. McKay, J. Uhlir, B. Bentley, L. Vargas. THIRD ROW: E. Cressler, D. Eierman, A. Kuntz, A. Rudock, J. Kennedy, J. Smid, J. Bellerive, J. Vargo, mgr. FOURTH ROW: J. Higgins, W. Lash, D. Vincent, C. Dauskurdas, R. Schweder, J. Fleck, H. Hall, mgr. R. Wagner.

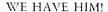
The Fall of 1955 saw the organization of a Frosh-Soph Football Team under the direction of Fr. Virgil Trelo, O.S.B. Recognition also has to be given to Bob "Pinky" Harshbarger, who was an able assistant.

Seeing that the bulk of the Academy enrollment was in the two under-classes, the Administration decided to harness the potential in them and give the Freshmen and Sophomores a chance to gain some valuable experience by making it possible for them to compete against opponents of their own age and ability.

This being the first year of organized training for the greater majority of the participants, the Junior Red Wing squad was inexperienced, yet what the young athletes lacked in "know how" they made up with spirit and drive.

Despite a losing record, two wins against three losses, the games were all close, hard fought contests as is evidenced by the total points of the season: Opponents 86, as compared to Procopians 67.

In view of the enthusiasm shown during the initial season it can be safely predicted that better football times are here to stay at Proco.









— Homecoming





Homecoming, 1955, was a huge success on campus. For the first time a Homecoming Queen was elected to preside over the gala events of the weekend. Miss Merry An Gullickson was named St. Ptocopius' first queen. Misses Barbata Friebert and Dorothy Steiner were elected to the queen's court.

The bonfire the night before and the smorgasbord immediately following the games were the best ever had at Proco.

The Academy romped over its opponent, St. Mary of Crystal Lake, 33-13, while the Cardinals dropped a tough 9-0 decision to Northwestern College in the main attractions held the afternoon of October 15. A gala parade of floats was presented between the games by high school and college students.

Later in the evening over 400 people, composed of students and alumni, congregated in the gym to enjoy the music of Rex Paul and his Orchestra at the Annual Homecoming Dance. Thus ended another thrilling chapter of Homecoming activities at St Procopius.







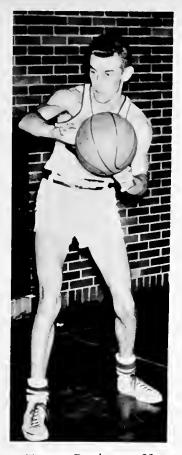












Thomas Bumkamp 22 Center



Donald Bates 25 Forward



Nicholas Zabrinas 21 Guard



Ronald Jelskey 26 Guard



Donald Dombrowski 31 Forward

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

This year the Cardinals were handicapped from the very beginning of the season, because of the loss of seven members of last years team. Plenty of action was seen though, as Coach Harshbarger worked the team hard, making the most out of the material he had, which consisted of mostly underclassmen.

James Kriel, the captain of this years team, together with Nick Zabrinas, should also be complimented for bearing down when the going got rugged.

St. Procopius 38	Great Lakes	80
St. Procopius 37	George Williams	46
St. Procopius 42	Milton	66
St. Procopius 52	Wisconsin Extension	69
St. Procopius 63	Northwestern '	61
St. Procopius 36	University of Chicago	86
St. Procopius 62	Concordia	93
St. Procopius 61	University of Chicago	59
St. Procopius 61	Mission House	71
St. Procopius 70	Wisconsin Tech.	94
St. Procopius 51	Milton	75
St. Urocopius 45	Northwestern	55
St. Procopius 60	George Williams	47
St. Procopius 68	Wisconsin Extension	92
St. Procopius 47	Concordia	67
St. Procopius 60	Great Lakes	77
St. Procopius 65	Wisconsin	70
St. Procopius 46	Mission House	86
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John Damm 35 Center



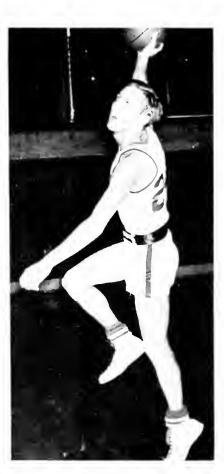
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James Kreil 28 Capt., Guard



Dennis Coyne 23 Guard



Leroy Cook 24 Forward



Richard Demoyer 27 Guard



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COLLEGE TEAM

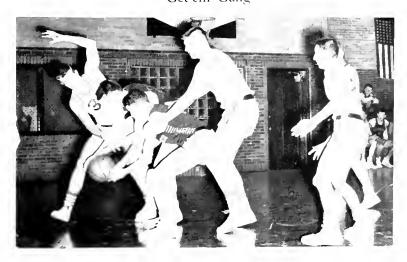








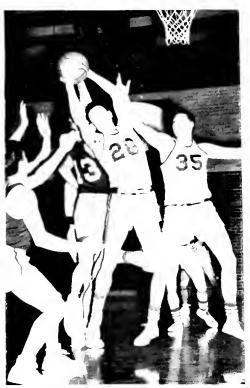
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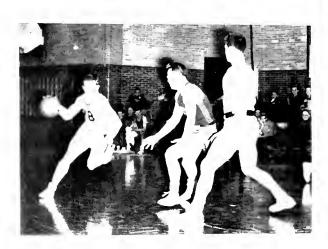




Basketball











VARSITY SEASON RECORD

S.P.A.		OPP.
57	Fenton	19
57	U. of Chicago Academy	339
53	Lemont	28
51	Wheaton Academy	13
46	Morgan Park	25
54	St. Edwards	52
57	Maryville	58
66	Round Lake	37
59	I.C. of Elmhurst	52
48	Lemont	11
63	Round Lake	27
52	St. Marys	22
40	Joliet Catnolic	68
53	Maryville	43
50	St. Edwards	17
42	l. C. of Elmhurst	53
44	Fenton	53
	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	
48	1. C. of Elmhurst	46
54	Fenton	53
	REGIONAL TOURNAMENT	
48	Glenbard	7.1

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

	W.	L.
ST. PROCOPIUS	6	2
ST. EDWARDS	6	2
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	5	3
MARYVILLE	3	5
ST. MARYS	0	8





The Academy Redwings, coached by Milo "lke" Harchbarger, had a very successful '55—'56 basketball season. They tied for the championship of the North East Catholic Conference, won the Lisle District Tournament, and compiled an impressive 16-5 overall record.

The "Wings" two victories over St. Edward of Elgin were definately a decisive factor in winning half of the crown. It was the first time a Procopian five had beaten the Green Wave twice in a single season and the first time St. Eds had ever lost to a N.E.C.C. team on its own floor.

The District Tournament was close for the Redwings. The hoopsters won their first game from i.C. of Elmhurst on a last second hookshot Jerry Zengerle. The contest deciding the championship of the district was won from Fenton two nights later also by a slim margin. Advancing to the York Regional Tournament in Elmhurst, the Redwings were eliminated by a red-hot team from Glenbard high school.



Jack Schweder — guard 2nd team All-Conference



Jerry Zengerle — center All-Conference



John Walker — guard Honorable Mention



John Shallack - forward



John VIk — guard



Arny Blanek — torward Honorable Mention



Jack Flinn - forward



George Blanck - forward





Jake Johnson - forward



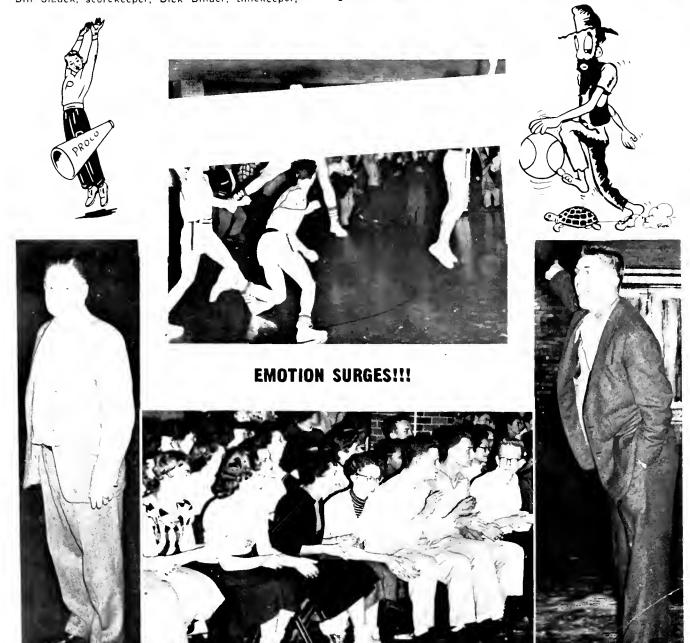
Bob Lesner — guard



Miles Szach — forward



Bill Sladek, scorekeeper, Dick Binder, timekeeper, Managers: Left to right: Joe Smith, Ken Konecny, and Dick Prise.









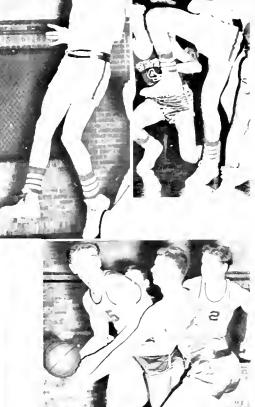
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The Frosh-Soph team was coached by the Rev. Edward Kucera and compiled a 99 season record. They earned third place in the North East Catholic Conference.

The Junior Redwings were rather enigmatic this season; sometimes playing with great precision and energy as against Joliet Catholic, to whom they lost by one point in a very nerve-wrecking contest, and then losing to teams they could have beaten handily on other occasions.

The future varsity players definitely have the ability to follow in the footsteps of their seniors.



ANNOUNCEMENT

The past year has been rather like a life in itself. At the beginning of the term we were feeling our way around, learning the language of the trade and determining with what we were confronted. As the term progressed, it found us cultivating great ambitions, entertaining high hopes for our brainchild; building dream castles. March found us competing with the proverbial "Lion" with the breeze created by our last-ditch bustle. Now all we can say is that we hope our fellow students enjoy the result of our labors and also, you may quote us, "We're tired!"

But now it is done and for that fact we have to thank our moderators. Father Luke Ouska, and Father Brendan McGrath. Also we wish to express our appreciation to Father Daniel Kucera, our proofreader, and Father Thomas Havlik for his kindly advice, ideas and help in many other ways. We have done our best, and whether we did a good job is for youto judge.

. . . and a special thanks to—

Rev. Valentine Skluzacek, O.S.B.









"THAT IS A GOOD BOOK WHICH IS OPENED

