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## Off Campus Color

The name of the place is North Water Street. From the bridge which passes above, motorists can see the single row of houses, but it is doubtful whether any of them have ever given North Water Street a second thought. The street is remote and does not look too inviting from the bridge. In order to get there, it is necessary to pass under the shadows of Peekskill's oil complex, and the road is narrow and unpaved.

All the houses face the Hudson; some are even built out from the shoreline. Most of them are only shanties, quickly put together, and with one or two rooms. Most of them have boats propped up in their yards; some are seaworthy, and some are not. The grass in the yards is either dead or dying. In one, a sign reads "DO NOT PICK THE FLOWERS," but there are no flowers; only a few

weed-choked stalks where flowers once existed.

The people of North Water Street don't like to talk about themselves. Their children are normal boys and girls. The boys have bikes, and their main interest is riding up and down the unpaved road from the city dump to the oil tanks. They don't go anywhere else, only from the dump to the oil tanks, and back again. When it rains, the ruts in the road fill with water, and the kids love to splash themselves and others when they come to a nice deep rut.

The people of Peekskill don't like to talk about North Water Street either. They think of North Water Street as apart from the rest of Peekskill, even though they know that it still lies within the city limits.

Some of the people who live on North Water Street make the attempt to better their surroundings. In front of one house, there is a picket fence enclosing a tidy yard. The fence has been recently painted. In the center of the yard, a large pole is planted in the ground. At the top of the pole, the American flag flutters in the faint breeze coming in off the Hudson. A few doors down the street, there is another American flag, but this flag is tattered and faded. The pole has fallen over onto the decaying shack behind it. In this yard, there is no grass, only beer cans, old tires, and rotten wooden crates. The only fence is made of rusted chicken wire, and it has been knocked over by passing traffic. An old dog, chained to a stake in the yard howls continually at his neighbors who howl in turn at him. This, with the yelling of the children, makes up the sounds of North Water Street.

The children don't mind the dirt. They accept their homes and their neighborhood with smiling faces and laughter. Their parents aren't worried about their getting into trouble. All they do is ride up and down the street on their bikes. They're not going anywhere.

## OPINIONS ON STUDENT COUNCIL

On March eighth, the Student Council put into effect for the first time the idea of having some sessions of the Council open to the student body.

A student opinion poll has been taken in order to get the school's reaction to this measure. Disregarding those students who did not wish to express an opinion, the great majority was in favor of the idea.

Those in favor of the meeting think the sessions promote a better relationship between the student body and the council. These boys point out that since the council is for the most part an elected assembly, all students have the right to know how the council operates.

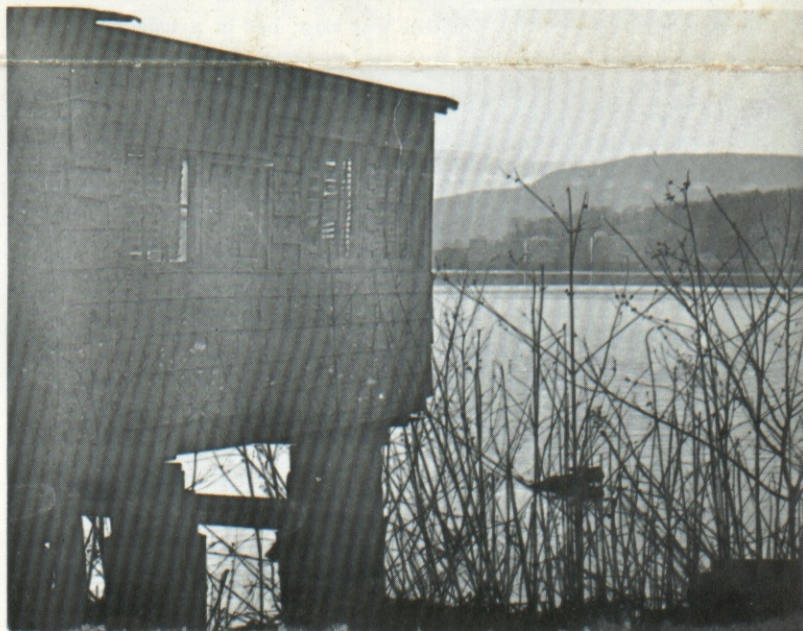
There were, however, negative opinions expressed which are also valid. The main point of the disagreeing students deals with the ability of the council to operate effectively when subjected to student opinion. These boys feel that outside pressure may be exerted on the members of the council, due to the many unpop-

## Additional Facilities To Expand Library

The library of St. Peter's is to be enriched by the addition of a record library. This is part of a plan to expand the facilities of St. Peter's. The nucleus of one hundred is to be formed within the next two months. The records will consist basically of classical music but, of course, poetry, drama, and folk music will not be overlooked.

The classical section will encompass works from all periods of compositions, Rococo to contemporary. This will include vocal, solo, symphonic, and chamber music. Since this will be a new addition to the Fleischmann Library, the funds will be channeled through the budget of the Friends of the Library. The organization of this collection will be under the supervision of the Director of Music, Mr. D. R. Thurman, and Mr. Mohgtader, advisor to the Classical Music Club and Library Committee.

ular rules which the council is trusted to enforce.



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## The Editor Opines

Every prep school in the country is confronted with a major problem which is almost insolvable. This problem deals with stealing. Almost everyone at one time or another has had his property stolen, whether it be money, sports equipment, or whatever. It is not only expensive to replace these items, but it is absolutely infuriating. This does not mean the situation has increased over the years, it still exists behind your back.

There is no easy way to solve this problem, but everybody can help in one way or another. Stealing is usually invited by an availability of property that can easily be taken. The first solution is to have respect for your own possessions and keep them in safe places. The locker rooms are strewn with valuable equipment, inviting destruction or loss. This is a sign of irresponsibility which can be corrected. By making possessions less available, the rate of stealing will decrease.

Secondly, and most important, the problem would no longer exist if people could exercise a little personal rectitude. The basis is sound, and the argument is indisputable. When something is not yours, do not damage it or take it. Before you touch someone's possessions, think it over seriously. As long as there is a society, this problem will exist, but in a society like our own, we can prevent it by making trust an important factor in our everyday life.

B.R.

*The Annual Spring Concert will  
begin at 8.15 p. m. in the Hotel  
Roosevelt in New York City  
on Friday, April 29, 1966.*

## Views in Verse

### THE ANGRY ONES

Nonsensical babble and chatter  
drip from their mouths  
like waste from a disjointed gutter.  
It degrades, insinuates,  
permeates, poisons, surrounds  
like so much infectious clutter  
there in the air to dissolve and de-  
stroy  
all that fringes on kindness or joy.  
Its arrogance reigns, inflicting the  
pain  
that embitters the weak  
and saddens the hearts of the sure  
whose perceptive eyes recognizing  
the size  
of the minds of self-centered bores  
see at a glance that their tactless re-  
marks  
flow for particular reason.  
They can not bare the superior air  
of the man who resists the indecent.  
Living in mold, they know they have  
sold  
any remnants of dignity's honor  
by becoming the slaves to a disgust-  
ing wave  
of conformity, to their *dishonor*.  
So . . . they resent what you've done  
forcing them nearer an unfriendly  
mirror.  
They are the angry ones.

By Baldy

### SPRING HATH—

At last! At last! Spring is here.  
The cold dreary nights have disap-  
peared.  
Little children romp and play  
Among the dew glistened stacks of  
hay.  
Look ahead! Look around! I dare say  
Spring is here to stay.  
Sit ye on a perch of high,  
See the fields of wheat and rye;  
The shimmering shoots of new grain  
Are bending heavy from the April  
rain.  
Look around! Look around! I dare  
say  
Spring is here and here to stay.  
The birds, the animals, the morning  
dew,  
The bees, the buds, all are new.  
The earth awakens to the song  
Of the birds rejoicing at each dawn.  
Look around! Look around! I dare  
say  
Spring is here and here to stay.  
These beautiful things I believe  
Are all part of a fantasy and dream.  
I awaken, look up at the sea of blue,  
And contemplate a dream come true.  
Look ahead! Look around! I dare say  
Spring is here and here to stay.

Trehubenko

### UNIFIED LAWS

In an institution, any institution, a society is formed within its network. When a society is newly born, rules, regulations, and laws are established for the sole purpose of preserving that society. Large or small as it may be, these conditions must be obeyed by everyone, eliminating the privilege of exceptions.

As one becomes a part of this society, he finds there is a necessity to establish these rules on common ground. A new member of this society will of course be expected to follow closely the regulations set before him. Members of longer standing are, for the most part, allowed certain privileges which distinguishes them as "higher classmen."

It is very important for these rules and laws to be enforced efficiently and obeyed carefully and correctly. By doing so, the members of the society will be able to live in greater peace, happiness, and fellowship. There should not be room for a member or a group of members to be allowed exceptions. Once a situation arises, each member of that class will attempt to achieve the same exceptions. Once a competition of this nature arises, strict punishment must be distributed. What then might have been achieved becomes a loss. This rebellious group is then placed under a form of probation or "hopeful watching" period. Yet, through the proper enforcement of these understood laws and careful obligation attributed to them, each one belonging to that society will gradually benefit.

### EDITOR COMPETITION

For the first time in a number of years, the *Dragnet* is holding competitive trials for persons interested in becoming editor-in-chief of the paper next year. Competition is limited to the Fifth Form because the post is normally held by a senior. Currently, six students have entered the trials, and each one is going to publish at least one issue of the *Dragnet* before June. Each boy is given a five day deadline before he must submit his articles to the printer. Once the galley proofs are made up, it is then his responsibility to proofread and lay out the proofs. After completing this, he then submits the page proofs and the photographs to the printer for the final printing. All this must be finished within two weeks. It is a tight schedule, but each will get a good idea as to how he will have to run the paper next year when a paper will be issued every two weeks. The next editor will be chosen before June, and the new editor-in-chief will be announced in the final issue.

# First Variety Show Proves To Be Great Success!!

It was created. It was written and rewritten. It was rehearsed. Then rehearsed again and again until one rainy night, it all came to a happy and successful conclusion. They planned it for the night before spring vacation when every student and faculty member was restless and anxious to be away. Was this not daring? Did they not know the normal attention given to a movie shown the night before vacation is nil? They did know this, and so they decided to present St. Peter's first variety show because they knew they had a good show in store for these restless people.

For one and half hours, one hundred watched and applauded the third formers as they entertained the seniors. You mean to say the third formers were capable of entertaining the senior class? Lead by Bill Howe, who wrote and preformed in his own play, a cast of ten underformers presented a short skit entitled "Insanity." The skit was presented without a hitch, and somehow Chase managed not to bumble his lines. By the way the seniors liked it.

"Still Alarm" added a little light comedy to the evening. With such actors as Kit Corbin, Ben Rowles, and Pete Jones, how could it not bring some laughs? The action centered around a fire which was destroying the hotel in which the heroes were lodged. No one was the least bit concerned even when McLaren announced the wall was going to collapse!

Probably the biggest hit of the night was the short skit "Chug-a-lug."

Bernard Mack, Frank Dawson, and Steve Wentzell excellently imitated the typical West Virginian coal miner. Their homemade still was so productive that evening that the seniors have since confiscated it for their own use.

The Annex crew did a realistic presentation of "Along Came Jones." Vlad Wilhousky brought the house down with his imitation of Jones. St. John proved that he still makes the best villian, and Tony Collela looked quite charming. Reynolds is definitely talented on the sax.

The last skit of the evening was entitled "Leorna." A farm girl (Randy Lyon) attempts to marry a bum (Chris Foulsham), but the audience is denied the final outcome until next year when the next Variety Show is to be presented.

A good mixture of serious music was mixed with the comedy throughout the show. The Bishop's Men started the evening with such songs as "Till Then," and "Scotch & Soda" in which Hartman was the soloist. Mohler sang three pieces from Gilbert and Sullivan. All were good. Howe sang three solos: "Passing Gance," "October Sun," and "Flora." Hartman played "Ebb Tide," and some creation of his own on the piano. Both the "Watchman" and the Glee Club performed that night with the latter bringing the evening to an end.

Mr. Wasby, Mr. Regan, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Thurman spent a great deal of time helping to produce this show, and as a result it was immensely enjoyed by everyone.



Richard Chase, Bill Howe, and Greg Trehubenko present "Insanity." Howe wrote the one act play.



Doug Mohler in his presentation of a few numbers from Gilbert and Sullivan.



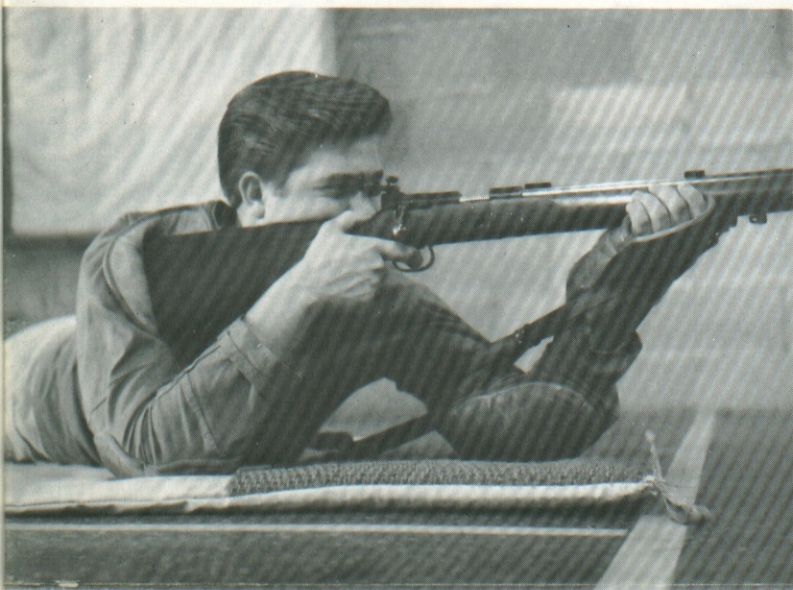
Bill Howe singing his solos.



From left to Right: Charles Sunblade, John Walsh, and Meade Faulkner combine talents as the "Watchmen."



Kit Corbin and Pete Jones team up to add a little comedy to the evening. They starred in "Still Alarm."



## SPRING SPORTS REVIEW

The spring sports season is now under way. Baseball, track, and tennis teams are coached by Mr. Williamson, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Wasby respectively this year. The spring season officially opened Monday, March 16; however, many of the formal team practices did not start until the middle of the week. The baseball team has the largest number of members.

This year St. Peter's baseball team is composed of around thirty players. There are five returning varsity players: Ralph Carrara, a pitcher Don Coe, who plays first base, was last year's top hitter, and is one of this year's captains; Randy Giarraputo and Vlad Wilhousky, who are both second basemen; and George Turner, who is a short-stop and a team captain. Some of the newcomers to the varsity team, who have all proven themselves to be excellent players on the J.V. squad, are Randy Lyon, Larry Parker, Bruce Reynolds, Doug Mohler, and Ky Thomas. The varsity pitching staff consists of Ralph Carrara, Larry Parker, and George Turner. The early season practices have been good. The J.V. and varsity squads practice together and have scrimmages, with pitching and catching staff reversed, every day. Mr. Williamson admits that there are a few weak spots in both squads. The junior varsity's major problem is pitching. The pitching staff is small and lacks depth. Both the varsity and the junior varsity have problems in the outfield. Coach Williamson says, "The outfield will need a lot of work." The team's first game is at

South Kent on April 14. Both teams are looking for victories.

Twenty-four boys are out for track. Of this number, eleven are returning from last year. This year the team's middle distance runners are going to be Bob Gray and John Hatzenbuehler, who are both new to the team. The sprinters and hurdlers are Chris Cianella, John Hatzenbuehler, and John Corbiere. Bob Gray and Carl Nixon will be the high jumpers. The pole vaulting squad consists of Paul St. John and Reed Coles. Handling the shot and discus for the track team will be Lance Nazzaro, John Hartman, and Paul St. John. Coach McDowell states that the team is suffering a depth problem. The team is not large enough to cover the twelve events in track adequately. The coach says, however, that early season practices have been very encouraging.

The third and smallest of the three spring sports is tennis. There are sixteen boys out for the tennis team this year with only three of them returning from last year. The coach Mr. Wasby, is busy training and conditioning the new hopefuls. The three returning players are Kit Corbin, who is the team's captain and this year's number one tennis player, Malcolm Keers, and Keith Walter. Coach Wasby says there are some new boys who look very promising. Among them are Ben Rowles, John Kelly, Matt Jordan, Terry Sanford, and Greg Trehubenko. The coach is optimistic over the team's first encounter of the season. It will be an away match with Peekskill Military Academy on April 13.

## Fencing Victory Rifle Team Finishes Respectably

The last fencing match of this season with Albany State resulted in a smashing victory for SPS. This victory gave the fencing team a winning season. In sabre, Ben Vincent won three out of three. Ben also won a foil bout. Steve Herbert took two bouts in sabre which meant that the sabre team was victorious. The foil team was also victorious with Bob Fox winning three in a row. Bill Howe managed to take a bout when he substituted for Jeff Yunis. The epee team lost by a score of five to four. John Walsh took one bout, Charlie Lombardo took two, and Jim Sprung took one.

In the ladder this year, there are a few changes from last year. Ben Vincent is again number one on the sabre team, and he is again number one on the whole team. This means that Ben wins the gold medal. He had to fence the number one man in each team in all three weapons to win this award. Bob Fox is number one this year in foil as he was two years ago, and he is also number two on the whole team. Charlie Lombardo won the epee this year and is number three on the team. This is the first time Charlie has appeared in the upper part of the ladder. He did not start fencing epee until half way through the season. Needless to say, he caught on quickly.

This was a good season for fencing. Perhaps next year the SPS fencing team will regain its old championship.

## Riflery

This year, St. Peter's Rifle Team was privileged to compete at Raritan, New Jersey in the N.R.A. (National Rifleman Association) Junior Rifle Match. Individual competition was held as well as team competition which was categorized into two groups. St. Peter's team was listed as nonmilitary, the other group being military.

It was necessary for the weapon's trigger pull to be adjusted to a three pound pull. Unfortunately, and to John Patterson's misfortune, Father Nordeck's rifle was unable to be used, due to the inability to make the adjustment.

At 5:30 P.M. warm-up shooting began. Fouling shots were taken to warm up the rifles. The match itself started at 5:45 P.M. This was a 40 bull match consisting of ten bulls in each of four positions: prone, sit, kneel, and stand. The competitors from our school were Bruce Reynolds (high scorer), Chub Vaughan (second), Douglas Mohler (third), and John Patterson. John was forced to shoot with a borrowed rifle because of the mishap mentioned previously.

The match continued for two days during which the Saints were able to hold fifth place among the ten competing teams. The aggregate score was 1396, out of a possible 1600 points. There was a possibility of our holding a higher position in our class, because military teams were also included within the ten scored.

The match ended near 7:00 P.M. and by 7:15 P.M., the team was on its way home. Father Nordeck stopped at a Howard Johnson's on the way where everyone was able to satisfy his hunger.



John Walsh fences epee against Albany State