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## A Tribute to a Great Man

On Tuesday, March 28 Brother H. A. Filehne, who is perhaps best known to some of the seniors here at Power, died in St. Clare's Hospital after a long illness. Brother had been living here at Power for the past six years. During this time he taught religion and math to the freshmen classes but three years ago he was forced to retire because of poor health.

Brother was born on May 11, 1904 here in New York City. He attended All Saints Grammar School in Harlem and at the age of 14 he decided to enter the Brothers. That was on February 2, 1918.

During his life he earned a B.A. degree from St. Mary's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia and two masters degrees, one from the University of Notre Dame and the other from Catholic University.

Besides teaching here in Power, Brother also taught at Leo High School in Chicago and had served as principal of All Hallows High School and St. Cecilia's Grammar School. From 1960-66 he was a professor of religion at Iona College in New Rochelle. During



Brother Filehne during a visit to Antigua on a Provincial Mission.

these same six years, he served as an assistant to the Provincial of the American Province of the Christian Brothers. (The picture above was taken when brother was visiting the Brothers' schools in Antigua on behalf of the Provincial.) He also served as worldwide assistant to the Superior General of the Congregation which was then in Ireland.

Brother Filehne's life

seems impressive. However, he will be remembered not for his achievements but mainly because he was a kind, generous, hard working and most of all, happy Christian Brother. Those who had him in class or met him at any time know this best, and people could always see in him that Christ lived among men.

## Policies for Next Year

Are 40 minute periods, 10 minute homerooms, "floating" middle periods, and History and English "sets" appealing to you? If they are, you may just find them here, at Power next year!

No one knows just how long the periods will be next year, but it is almost certain that they will be shorter than the present 50 minute periods.

There will be sets in English and History offered to Seniors. A set consists of 4 different aspects of the subject, each aspect being handled by a different teacher over an eight week period. A final exam at the end of each 8 week season will be the basis for the mark. This will take a lot of the misery and monotony out of learning, as you will now have many upsetting faces to look at instead of one.

Although the rest of the schedule is up in the air at this time, here are some things that we might possibly look forward to:

A ten minute homeroom period at the beginning of each day.

Everyone will have a first period everyday.

The first, second and seventh periods are stable throughout the year.

The rest of the periods will be "floating" periods, varying from day to day.

As I have said, these are only possibilities, but it looks like they might come to Power next year.

—W. Maldarelli

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## Seniors Graduate

On Friday, June 2 at 8:00 p.m., a number of students will have climaxed four long but somehow short years of hard work at Power Memorial.

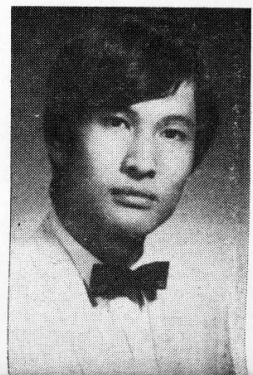
On that evening, graduation ceremonies will be held at Hunter College and 207 seniors will receive diplomas and special awards from the principal, Bro. A. X. Keane. Among the students receiving high recognition will be Peter Wong for General Excellence and T. Bruce Shanahan for Second in Merit. The Valedictory address will be delivered by Raymond Slattery. Presiding at this year's graduation will be Monsignor James Feeney, Deputy Superintendent of Education of the New York Archdiocese. He will also give a special address to all assembled.

At the conclusion of this memorable evening, 207 young men will go out into the world to start something new for themselves. With them they take a proper education and yet something even more valuable — an experience. One must learn not to take experiences too lightly for through them one learns things that could never have been taught in a textbook.

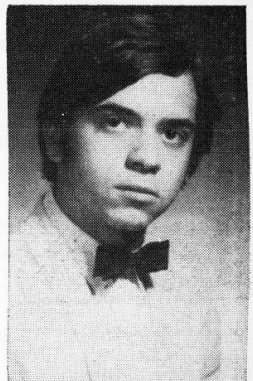
With this thought in mind, we hope that each and every graduate uses his talents and gifts to his own benefit and for the benefit of others so that one day he may look back and say, "My life had meaning."

In conclusion, we, the student body would like to congratulate the Class of 1972

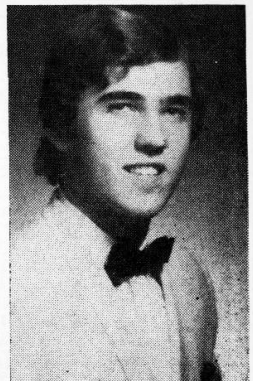
and with the help of God we hope that they will eventually find additional meaning and will accomplish their innermost desires.



Peter Wong  
General Excellence



Bruce Shanahan  
Second in Merit



Raymond Slattery  
Valedictorian

## Spirit is the Word

This year, we would like to give special thanks to Brother Doughty and the twenty-five members of Spiritcon for their persevering efforts in promoting so many Power's events and extra-curricular activities.

The industrious Brother Doughty and his indomitable crew have given up countless hours of their time to sell tickets, draw up posters, cheer fanatically at basketball games and organ-

ize various excursions such as the ski trips and the boat ride.

The work of Spiritcon is present in almost every activity whether it be stirring up enthusiasm for games and dances or pushing the boat ride or arousing interest and publicity for the annual student faculty game. Our gratitude is extended to all who have made this organization a "tremendous success."

—John Jennings

## Thanks

The Staff and moderator of the *Purple and Gold* would like to express sincere thanks to our printer, Mr. Joseph Ugor, of the Millo Printing Company. Through the course of the year, Mr. Ugor has given the staff unlimited help and advice in the technicalities of layout and printing. We could not have been successful without his sincere interest and patience.

## End Of The Year

As another year of school draws to an end, the students must not ease up too soon. Although official classes end on Friday, June 2, reposing too early may prove hazardous. Final exams begin that Monday, June 5, and continue through June 8. For those who are taking the Regents, there is almost 2 weeks off from official classes to the regents, which are on the 19th through the 21st.

To help the student stay on the top of his work, some teachers may offer to hold classes during the lay off between the end of school exams and Regents.

Barring any delay, report cards will be distributed on or about the 23, and summer school will begin on the 27.

To those concerned, summer school will begin on the 27 and run til August 7. All power students (with few exceptions) must come to Power for summer school. The classes will run for 90 minutes each day, and each student is allowed to go for 2 subjects. Any more than that, and the student will no longer be able to attend Power.

So far those who may be on the border line, summer school is not very pleasant. And for those who feel that they have nothing to worry about, you better think twice.

The Bay Belle stood waiting for nearly 2000 students, both male and female, from St. Michael's Academy and Power in order to take them all on a memorable trip to Rye Beach and Playland. As the kids entered the boat everyone could feel it swaying from side to side.

As the boat moved up the river we slowly left the city and all its familiar sights. In the background, a great rock band by the name of "John Bodkins" beat out mean tunes. Lots of people were dancing, some were just listening but everyone was enjoying himself. When "John Bodkins" took a break a superb band named "The Soul Vibrations" came all out to make the boat rock with their soul and Latin music. It was not long before boys met girls and girls met boys. Soon Rye Beach came into view and a great roar came over the boat.

We quickly unloaded the Bay Belle and left the dock with the reminder that the boat would be returning at 4:30 p.m. Once at Rye, it seemed as though everyone went his separate way. Some rides were massive, some small but regardless they all fit the purpose of having a fantastic time. There was a roller coaster, a spook house, fun and game rooms, and for the lucky fellas there was a tunnel of love. Banana splits were on sale along with buttered popcorn, candy apples and salt water taffy. There was also a basketball game which at-

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tracted the attention of many. There was even a boating area and for sun lovers. But all good things had to come on an end; the announcement came over the loud speaker that the Bay Belle was ready to load once again to return us back to Battery Park Seawall.

Everyone was tired and exhausted but most of all happy. At approximately 4:35 the boat was leaving the place where it had once docked and was heading in the direction of home. Once again, "John Bodkins" and the "Soul Vibrations" strummed some boat rock-

ing, feet stomping music. Eventually the Seawall came into view which meant we were almost home. Rocking and swaying form side to side, the Bay Belle, which had made the day such a happy success, said good-bye to all.

—Michael A. Stephens

The faculty and student body wish to express their prayers and sympathy to the families of the following students whose fathers died during this year.

- John Oddo '75 - 301
- Matthew Malecki '75 - 302
- Robert McDonald '74 - 607
- Thomas Horan '72 - 405
- John Horan '73 - 507
- William O'Driscoll '74 - 607
- Edward White '72 - 406

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## BLACK NEWS

The Afro-American Society had worked mainly to board awareness and unity. The greater success was in the sense of unity which the Society achieved. More freshmen are now involved in the Society and we have gone much further in establishing a relationship with the Afro-American Society of our sister school, St. Jean's. There were a number of rap sessions at both schools, and we joined efforts in putting on a variety show here at the Power Gym. As a result of the rap sessions among ourselves, we got to know each other and found a common ground on which we could communicate as "Brothers in Power."

Our rap sessions also brought us closer to our goal of becoming more aware. Through them we obtained ideas from each other and in some cases learned things that we weren't aware of before.

On some occasions we've had films and speakers come to enlighten our minds and increase our knowledge of Black People. Our newsletter was put out to keep people aware that society existed and what was being done in the club.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the society was a lot more profitable this year. We succeeded in building a foundation for the following years by having as many underclassmen take

part is possible. The apathy in the school prevented us functioning as we would have liked. We hope that next year we will have an even larger membership with even more underclassmen as well as seniors.

## N. H. S. Has New Members

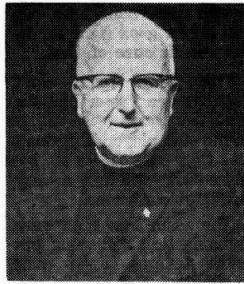
Congratulations to the following students who were accepted in the National Honor Society in January of this year:

- John Stout
- Peter Hendrickson
- Vincent Illuzzi
- Richard Lee
- Joseph Leavey
- Stephen Celella
- Harry Jechin

## Band Holds Annual Concert

Since January the band has been preparing for its annual spring concert. This year it was on Saturday, May 20, at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center. This year's concert marked the 10th year that Power has given concerts at Lincoln Center. For the faculty and student body it meant honoring Brother Michael Hurley and Brother John Leavy on the occasion of their Golden and Silver Jubilees respectively in the Congregation of Christian Brothers.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Morra, performed a wide range of well known compositions by many famous composers. In the classical vein there were selections from "Tannhauser" by Wagner, and themes from "La Boheme" by Puccini. The band also entertained with familiar strains of contemporary songs like "Love Story", "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Officer Krupke" from "West Side Story".



Brothers Hurley and Leavy, honored at annual band concert.

been called on to rise and receive recognition together with their hard working coaches, Br. Jensen, Mr. Malone, Br. Binkley, Br. Smith, Br. Haynes, Br. Sheridan, and Mr. Connor, the band had its turn so "show off" its achievements. Br. Dougherty mentioned their winnings at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and afterwards they stimulated the Powermen into an uproar as they played "Time Out for a Jam Session" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." And when they played Power's theme song, "Midnight in Moscow" everyone rose in a standing ovation. Again, individual band members received their awards and were recognized by the Power students. Mr. Morra and Mrs. Bechner and Dausch were given a hand of applause for their hard work with the music department of our school.

Now came a different aspect of Power. Br. Dougherty called our attention to the members of the school's clubs. Aspira and Afro-American Society officers were asked to stand and be recognized. Those who worked all year putting out the yearbook and those who put their efforts in publishing the newspaper rose to be seen by their fellow Powermen. Br. Dougherty stressed the work of Spiriton, a different kind of club. They did much of the work behind the Boat Ride, the Ski Trips and the Dances. He also mentioned the Intramural program and gave special recognition to the referees. The Student Council received formal praise and the Society of Samaritans received it too.

As the Assembly began to draw to a close, Brs. Sirignano was given a round of applause because of his hard work in the school as Athletic Director and organizer of the Assembly. Taking everything into consideration, it was an impressive afternoon. Those who deserved honors received them with the best of applause from their fellow Powermen. The trophies stood high in glory as the Band played the school Alma Mater. Power stood up in Power pride.

The Assembly — a success Power Memorial — brought to a new life.

—Robert Patrizio

## Card Party A Big Success

Does fifteen thousand dollars sound like a lot of money to you? To most of us Power students it does. But if you consider it in relation to paying for various projects that directly or indirectly affect the school, then that sound changes somewhat.

To keep the cost of tuition down without compromising the building's maintenance, the Power Mother's Club has its annual card party. This gives the students a chance to have a direct influence in keeping the cost of going to school at a minimal level. And as if keeping the tuition down is not enough, the students have a day off for their efforts.

For years, the card party has given Power a "shot in the arm" to help ease the financial situation. In the past, the card party paid for those things that directly affected the school. It was a major factor in making the biology lab the kind of place that it is now. The card party also was responsible for the band uniforms which the members now

wear at parades and concerts. In these ways, the card party has directly helped the school, and as a result, helped the students.

Today the card party money is no longer specifically designated for any special project or purpose, but acts instead as a sort of fund to be drawn upon when needed. The school uses the money for audio-visual aids and renovations necessary for the proper upkeep of the building. Without the help of the card party, all these improvements would not have been possible without a rise in tuition.

Because this year's card party netted us fifteen thousand dollars and drew 500 people, we might consider it a success. But without the help of those people in charge, notably the Moderator, Brother Noone, the President Mrs. Virginia Smith, the officers and chairladies, it would have been a dismal failure. They as well as all the students who cooperated in selling the chances deserve a thanks from all.

—William Maldavelli

## From The Council

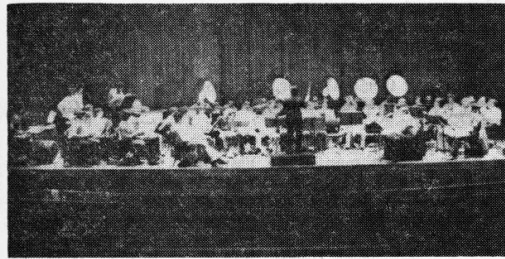
A general statement as to the purpose of a student government and its procedure is that the existence of such an organization is to serve and attempt to improve the learning atmosphere.

Organizations face a great deal of problems in selecting members and representatives. This year the Student Council had to deal with such problems. The council has a constitution that states methods of elections; however, these methods are not workable. Representatives that were elected in the past have not shown their devotion or have not met with their obligations as representatives, whereby proving the methods of election that are stated in the constitution unfeasible. Persons were elected because of their popularity not because they had leadership.

I was appointed by last year's President to organize the Student Council for this year. Therefore I made an attempt to alleviate the election problems by doing away with the election procedure and introducing the idea of working with volunteers. Those that volunteered wanted to work with the council and they did meet their responsibilities as representatives. Twenty students volunteered to work as representatives of the Council. These representatives consisted of students from all four classes.

Besides the major topics of the year, we have also worked on such issues as the teaching program, student employment, and the March of Dimes Walkathon. This year, we have accomplished a number of things, but it is usually not enough. We hope that next year we will be able to accomplish even more for the benefit of everyone involved to make Power a better school than it stands today.

John Phillips, President



Mr. Morra directs the Power Band at the Lincoln Center Performance.

After the performance of these and many other selections it was easy to understand why Power's band is considered to be the best high school band in New York City. This honor was not easily earned however, for the boys have practiced many long hours in order to gain and hold their high reputation. The students, families and friends of Power really had a terrific time

last Saturday afternoon. It won't be forgotten. Those who missed this year concert should make a point of being prepared for the 1973 performance.

All proceeds from "Time for Music — 1972" will be used to help the band remain a reality that has as one of its main purposes giving people enjoyment — through music.

—Michael Lupo

## A Day for Recognition

As Brother Sirignano stated over and over again at the award ceremonies, it has become something of a normality that our school should notch top honors. This is true, but as Bro. Keane spoke, the true Power spirit became apparent in a way that was not ordinarily seen. This school spirit was shown when all of us, Frosh, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors met together.

The standouts were the

graduating seniors who had played and had run on their respective teams this year and in times past. It is needless to list all the individuals' names because they have been seen and advertised many times before. At the award ceremonies though, they all took their turn at standing up or receiving an award. This recognized them as "heroes" of the school.

After all the teams had

Have A  
Good Summer

## Varsity Makes Playoffs

For the second year in a row, the Pover Varsity Baseball team has clinched a playoff spot in the Manhattan - Bronx Division of the C.H.S.A.A. This year, the Varsity has torn the league apart and after nine games without a loss, hopes to end the season undefeated in league play.

Much of the credit for the Varsity's success this year belongs to their strong pitching staff. Junior, Julio Alonso has been the pacesetter for the squad with a 5-2 record and an Earned Run Average of 1.26. The highlight of Julio's pitching this year was when he struck out 19 batters in a league game against All Hallows and set a new strikeout record for one

game. Besides leading the pitching staff, Julio also leads the team in RBI's with 15 and plays first base and the outfield when he is not pitching. Along with Julio, the team has three other strong starters in Tony Di Giosaffatte, Jim Buggy and Mike Smith with a dependable relief staff in John Horan and Steve Alonso.

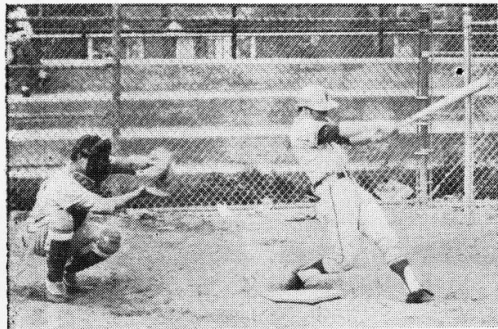
Although Power has always had a good pitching staff, this year's team also has an explosive hitting unit. This hitting attack is led by Second Baseman, John Bulone (batting .463) and Center Fielder, Kevin Finnegan (batting .450). Other contributors to this offense are Third Baseman, Bob Kearney (batting .293), Shortstop, Edgar Ale-

jandro (batting .300), Captain, Jim Campbell (batting .275) and outfielders Joe Hernandez (batting .300) and Jackie Maine (batting .404).

Along with strong pitching and hitting, this year's team also has depth. Due to this depth, Coach Malone doesn't become too excited over injuries since he has players like Ray Henry, Ray Slattery and John Grasso on the bench. Each of them have shown that they can come through with the big defensive plays or the big hits when needed. The coach also uses a platoon system with his catchers Frank Hopkins and Tommy Danko. He does not hesitate to use either on any given day.

Perhaps the best way to sum up the potential of this year's team is to get the coach's opinion. Mr. Malone has said, "This is the most well-balanced team and has the most depth of any that I have ever coached at Power, and I feel we have a good shot at All City this year."

—John Grasso



Tom Danko at bat during the Mater Christi game.

## FOOT NOTES

As the cold March winds chilled the lonely runners in the park, the 1972 Outdoor Season had officially begun. No longer was the shelter of the armory available and for each runner the upcoming Outdoor Season would hold its own meaning. For some it would mean two more months of pain and drudgery, while for others it would provide a chance to improve and build for next year. But to the majority of this year's team, the Senior class, it would mean two more months, just two more months to alter their glorious or not so glorious high school careers.

It is a known fact that Power is not a championship Outdoor team. This is somewhat due to the fact that we don't have a field event team and also we lack the proper facilities for practice. But I feel that following the long indoor season, there is a loss of motivation and desire by the majority of the runners.

With little resemblance to the championship squads of the Cross-Country and Indoor seasons, the first half of the 1972 Outdoor season passed. No major

Trophies won by The Varsity were exhibited in the school hall. Power was living up to its Outdoor reputation.

But now as the season draws to a close, the same runners who were responsible for PMA's winning other City Championships are coming through once again. Benny Greaux and Pat Rafferty, the team captains, have had outstanding months of May after not so productive starts. On Saturday, May 20, the team tied for 3rd place at the Edy Games in Schenectady. Among the highlights at this event were the winning of the distance medley and Pat Rafferty's winning time in the mile of 4:22. I must also mention Steve Smith, Tom Horan and Tony Fiorentino who have hustled every season. Combine these with our regular strongmen in the Two-Mile Relay: Bill Palladini, Jeff Snaggs and Matt Centrowitz; the Mile Relay: John Novak, John Redgrave and Darryl Everett; the 880 Relay: John Lynch, Greg Little and Arthur Jackson and perhaps the Power Tack squad will make it to the top.

—a Runner

## Bro. Sheridan's Never Ending Dream

Power's Varsity Handball team headed by Bro. Sheridan, won a 3 out of 5 decision, Thursday May 18, for their second victory beating LaSalle.

Due to circumstances beyond our control (the weather), we were only able to get in 3 games so far this season. The team beat Rice High School the first game, but lost a well fought second game to LaSalle.

There are two divisions in the league: the Bronx-Manhattan and the Brooklyn-Queens. We are in the Bronx-Manhattan of course. Other teams in contention in our divisions are: Mount St. Michael, Cardinal Hayes, LaSalle, and Rice.

During a season each division, depending on the number of teams, plays two rounds, meaning that every team plays each other team twice. Then, at the end of the regular season, the team coming in first place in each division plays for the City Championship.

Each game consists of five matches: three singles, and two doubles. In order to win a game, a team must win a majority out of five matches.

Future games that will hopefully be played are a double-header with Mount St. Michael on Tuesday May 23, a single game with Rice on Wednesday May 24, and

a double-header with Cardinal Hayes on Thursday May 25. That ends regular season play. Pessimistically speaking, Power is unlikely to take the division title, but will give a good fight for it, you can be sure of that.

This year's team can't beat the one Power had the past two years with Ginty as the star player. But don't let that mislead you because they still are a very powerful contender.

The team has been very enthusiastic, and has put much effort and pride in playing. Not always victorious, but as the saying goes, "You can't win them all." The members of the team, as well as their coach Bro. Sheridan, spend a considerable amount of time practicing and sacrificing their leisure time. Much credit must be given to them as well as members of Power's other sport's teams. I have just given you a small account of what a team goes through during the season. Many people don't realize what they do.

The members of the team that are to be congratulated for their time and effort in order of seniority are: Thomas Barbato-Senior, John Leroy-Senior, Frank Calo-Junior, Vincent Illuzzi-Junior, Anthony Orrigo-Junior, Israel Toledo-Junior, Dennis Hyde-Sophomore, William Vargas-Sophomore, and Carlos Semeidei-Freshman. Special Thanks and congratulations should go to Brother Sheridan for his splendid coaching.

—Vincent Illuzzi

## Fast Frosh

The freshmen Track team has had a very successful season. Led by Thomas Smith, the team swept through the Cross Country season. They won six meets, four of them involving championships: The Sectional Championships, the Private Schools Championship, the City Championship and the Manhattan Borough Championship.

When the indoor season finally arrived, Brother Binkley got his first look at his sprinters. Led by the fine running of Julio Rivera, the team went undefeated throughout the indoor season. The track team won the Sectional Championship by a margin of four points and in another close meet captured the City Championship, which brought the indoor season to a great victorious close.

Going into the Outdoor season our freshmen team knew they were the best in the city but had to prove it. They accomplished this by again winning the Private Schools Championship, and Sectionals and City Champs with great ease. There is little doubt that this outstanding year was made possible only by the coaching of Bros. Binkley and Smith and the best freshman team that Power ever had.

—Francis Rafferty

## J. V. Rolls Along

The JV Baseball team got off to a slow start this season dropping their first two decisions of the year. Brother Jensen's persistence, time and outstanding effort were only several of his major contributions in molding this team into a contender. Led by captain, Bobby Coppola and Pat Eckard, the team started its winning ways.

Coppola led the team in many key areas; he has proved to be a valuable asset to the team. Eckard started the pitching staff with a fantastic earned run average of 1.17 while posting 3 victories and no setbacks. "Sam" Ponte, off to a slow start, came alive and led the team in batting with a .463 average and a tremendous "on base" percentage of .683. John Varone, Greg Smith, Pat Torney and Terry McGowan all played important roles in making our defense a well organized unit. Poise,

explosiveness and desire have been some of the qualities seen in teammates like Ralph Felcin, Felix Martinez and Val Minnefield.

In my opinion, the bench is the most important department in a baseball squad or in any squad for that matter. Our bench had been enthusiastic, competitive, and without it we wouldn't have won. It takes a special person to sit on the bench and accept his responsibility always ready to go when needed.

The JV team bounced back and won its last 6 out of 7 games to qualify for the playoffs with a league record of 6 WINS and 3 LOSSES. They have looked sharp in their games, beating Cardinal Hayes 8-5 and St. Helena's 6-5 and 15-1. Strength in pitching, defense, hitting and most important, execution will help the JV team do very well in the C.H.S.A.A. playoffs.

—John Vogele