

As Christmas vacation approaches the spirit in the air is one of happiness; it is traditional to give gifts and to receive them. But as we thank the Lord for all the blessings of this holy season we should begin to realize how very fortunate we are throughout the whole year and not only at Christmas time. This article will not concern itself with those "standard" gifts that are evident throughout the year, such as our Catholic faith, patriotism, our family and homes, however great these are. Nor will it concern itself with the trivial physical gifts we receive from our parents and friends at Christmas time. Instead, and in all seriousness, we present this list of what we consider those unnoticed blessings we have received through the years.

We thank God for giving us the wisdom to see that for which we should offer thanks, and the time and ability to offer Him that thanks.

We offer Him thanks for giving us the chance to attend such a school as Padua; for giving us the perseverance to remain at Padua and eventually become seniors.

We thank Him for present conditions at Padua, whatever they may be, good and bad . . . (we thank Him for the many of the former that there are, and for giving us the chance to practice mortification and self-discipline through the latter).

We thank Him for our Disciplinary and for our teachers who help us practice this mortification.

We thank Him for the wonderful brothers who cook for us (and for the meals they prepare), who clean the building, who care for us when we are sick, who drive us to where we have to go, and who offer the best sermon toward leading a good life . . . a good example.

We are grateful to Him for our fellow students — the tall, the short, the thin, the not so thin, the friendly, the aloof, the indifferent, the helpful, the annoying ones — all of whom are part of His great plan for us as individuals and for mankind as a whole.

Yes, we offer You thanks, O Lord, for these and all the other great gifts You have given us, give us, and will continue to give us, even though we are undeserving. During this Christmas season, help us to be "better", Lord, in everything, to succeed not for the sake of success, but for Your honor and glory, and to accept our failures humbly as Your Divine Will.

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THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Roger Hetel

This year, as in years past, the student body has been subject to various nation wide tests. On Saturday, October 22nd, the juniors and seniors gathered in the dining hall for the PSAT. This test was a preparation for the SAT's which were taken by the seniors on December 3rd, at Cornell University. The Scholastic Aptitude Tests are necessary for almost any college bound student. On November 2nd, the freshmen and sophomores took the NEDT's, a series of tests which includes math, social studies, verbal and science skills; those students who receive an average of 90% or over for that test will receive a certificate of merit on achievement night. Also on November 22nd, the entire student body took an intelligence test.

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Many students were happy to receive their copies of *Syrian Yankee*, an autobiography by Mister Solom Rizk. Mr. Rizk came to Padua on October 19th, and delivered an interesting lecture about his life; at the close of his speech, he offered copies of his book to anyone interested and the majority of the student body responded enthusiastically.

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A new face on campus is that of Brother Albert Margetz, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Brother Albert arrived from Saint Pascal Friary in Toledo, Ohio, and he is now secretary to the Guardian, Rector and Bursar.

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This past Thanksgiving vacation was a little different than those in former years for most Paduans because all those traveling to the east coast went by bus instead of the traditional train. The reason for this is that the Erie Lackawanna Railroad Company cancelled the famous Phoebe Snow Line on November

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Paul Lesczynski, Stan Romelczyk, Tom Voroselo pick up their food under the new prefect system

CAREER DAY 1966

The annual Career Day was held on November 12, 1966. Many of the alumni arrived Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The central purpose of this day was to prepare and make the students aware of the many different fields of work in the world today.

The morning started about 10 o'clock Saturday and Mr. Thomas Wojslawowicz, Class of 1960, who is President of the Alumni Association, acted as master of ceremonies. He introduced Mr. John Uss, who is a professor of Theology at Iona College. Mr. Uss originally studied for the Franciscan Priesthood but he left to become a teacher. He explained his life in the Order, and then went on to stress the need and importance of theology in the college curriculum.

Next was a former President of the Alumni, Mr. Frank Czajkowski, Class of 1953, who is now a lawyer working for the government. He explained the courses which lead up to a law profession.

Third was Chester Sec, who explained different ways to finance a college education; he included scholarship funds, student jobs and

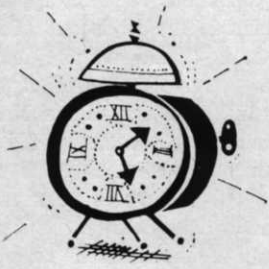
loans. Mr. Sec is now studying at Rutgers Night School for his business degree.

The last alumni speaker was Mr. Robert Malina, who is now working toward a degree in anthropology. He stressed the importance of achieving good study habits and good reading habits, early in high school, and carrying these into one's college career. He also mentioned that a student should carefully select a major field in college by making sure that it is a field that he is interested in, and that comes without much trouble. In concluding the morning's program, Mr. Wojslawowicz gave a few encouraging words about entering and staying in college.

In the afternoon, a few alumni played the students in several games of volley ball, and in the evening the annual basketball game was held between married and unmarried alumni with the unmarried coming out on top.

All in all, the weekend was a success, and quite rewarding to all.

GET SIQUAERIS
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THOUGHTS IN THE EARLY MORNING

By Steven Czajkowski

There is something in the air in the fall. And it rises in a cloud all around Padua. You start to learn, and you begin to feel . . . you begin to see that all the things you starved for while up at school and wildly overdid back home don't mean so much after all . . . that the sun and moon shine in other places — especially just over those hills that rise up in front of you every chilly morning . . . that you never have anything worth having until you have somebody to share it with.

There are parts of you that find another side. You find out about the authentic small town, and you see how the people fit in. They tell you that one doesn't lose his individuality in a cozy, chummy small town the same as in the Big City. And you wonder if you ever could find on North Franklin the dark, flashing eyes you looked into on the narrow streets just past Washington Square.

You start to feel out beyond the white window frames that remind you of Victorian museum pieces and recognize the hardy brown of the good earth on sprawling hills, and the tiny, twisting string of gray concrete merging into the distance.

You know about the kinds of things Padua lacks — the free afternoons, the noisy gatherings of boys and girls, the streets past 9:30 p.m.

You reach at the horsechestnuts just beyond the road that marks out-of-bounds in the same mood you have on Sunday afternoons, when the limits are lifted, and the loose change is tight in your pocket.

You find your body aching after gym class — and your throat sore.

There are the things that everyone decides in the seltzery, harvest air. Ask Vince what in the world is the use of a guitar? Ask Martin if he's ever going back to New Britain. Ask any senior why he wants a motorcycle this summer! And they'll tell you. Any Paduan could tell you. They'll tell you about the October-



Richard Wasek, new co-editor of the PADUAN, poses for a picture on a sunny afternoon

crisp, yellow stained-glass streets of Watkins Glen, the sound of soccer balls booted and convulsing in the air, about the lake out there, that turns into a long, silver barette buried in the chestnut hair of this lady of the north, and the wheezing, whistling of the wild wind at night.

There's something about autumn at Padua that wakes you up. Sometimes you forget that you are young because of all the weight that's on you. You need something that will press you down, coil you and then let you spring . . . spring right over this fence in front of you.

1967 SIQUAERIS REPORT

As Christmas vacation slowly approaches, a cry is making itself heard in the halls of Padua. The entire staff of the 1967 Siquaeris, especially Vincent Serzan and John Bognacki, who are the business editors, are asking the entire student body to sell their quota of ads. The seniors are asked to sell \$60.00 worth of ads, and they will receive a book with a padded cover. The juniors, sophomores and freshmen are all asked to sell \$30.00 apiece; in addition to every student getting his individual book, each sponsor will receive a copy of the yearbook.

"CHESS CLUB REPORT"

The school year of 1966-1967 saw the return of one of its most active clubs, the Chess Club, in what looks to be a most successful year for it. Starting out with a remarkable number of fifty-three members, the club, under the careful eye of its moderator, Fr. Fidelis Filipek, has a well-rounded schedule of interest for its wood-pushing members. Along with its long list of tournaments and activities, the club is in the process of building up its club library with books for beginners and advanced players alike. The "Rooks", the school chess team, have their hopes set high for their coming season in the **Finger Lakes Chess League**.

Although the club is mainly internal in its purpose, Jack Opiola, the club's founder and president, has expanded its means over the entire area. Appointed by the **New York State Chess Association**, Jack now fulfills the duties of secretary of the **New York Scholastic Chess Council**, and Area Representative to it, Assistant Tournament Director of the N.Y.S. High School Chess Championship, which will encompass almost every high school in New York State, and he is also a committee member to this tournament.

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27th. Most of the boys preferred the train to the bus, but nothing can be done now because Phoebe belongs to the ages.

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The remodeling of the second floor dormitory is moving along through the efforts of Brother Casimir, Mr. Grish, and Brother Gabriel. The rooms on this floor are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy after Christmas recess. The lavatories and chapel are going to be remodeled next. Also the fire escapes on the right side of the building are nearly completed and those on the left are already completed.

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The library had an interesting display commemorating the death of President Kennedy. Thomas Orczyk supervised the whole thing and the librarians helped. It consisted of memorial books, stamps, etc., on President Kennedy. Special thanks go to Father Gabriel for the loan of his book, "**As We Remember Him**", which was available to all students in the library.

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A new prefect system is being tested in dining hall. Now each table has a junior and a senior at the head; the junior gets the places for the students and the senior disciplines the table. If this system is a success, it will remain as it is now, otherwise it will be abandoned after Christmas vacation.

ORACLE AT GRAND STREET

Over the rusty ashen mountains
Away and far past the white-washed walls,
Yes, Electra sits in the doorway at night
And the street is a flowing lace shawl.

A Spectra moves like a feather on the wind.
The breath of an organ chipped out of ivory,
Throws me senseless for what can't be touched,
Calling like a flame to the shores of the city.

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NOTES FROM THE BATCAVE

The forces of evil in Gotham City being temporarily at bay, I rushed upon returning from my recent trip to that glorious "hot-spot" or teeming metropolis (take your pick), Watkins Glen — if you didn't recognize it from my description, to repel those evil forces which Robin informed me are still rampant there, and to, as Robin said in our last issue, "emit more wit in good taste from the deepest recesses of the incinerator".

Before starting on "serious" matters, Robin and I would like to congratulate our former "bosses", Steve Czajkowski and Reg Stanczyk, for their efforts in the last two issues of the **Paduan**. They did a good job, and Robin and I both hope that the new bosses, Roger Hetel and Rich Wasek, do as well and will be as cooperative with us in letting us publish this column. (If I heard correctly, one attempt was made already but was squelched for some reason). Does "some reason" equal moderator?

Now for more serious things. How true the saying, "History repeats itself"! From last June: "I order the following to be expelled from the B.M.S. unless they correct their faults":

Whoever orders the Saturday and Sunday night movies (there have been very few good ones this year). Will any improvement be forthcoming or will Robin and I have to get out the "anti-lousy movie" gun and use some friendly persuasion.

Other notes:

Fr. Mel wants to know why everyone is yawning during his Trig classes. The seniors, in turn, are thinking of offering a vigil of thanks for all the Physics, Trig, and Latin classes they have been fortunate enough to have missed. (They might also offer one of petition so that they'll miss a few more).

Tom Orczyk and Reg Stanczyk want to know why Brother Benjamin wouldn't serve them lunch November 28th. Until they find out, they're going on a hunger strike. However, to keep their strength up, Robin and I will bring them delicacies from the Batcave. (By the way, after reading about the TOPS club in last June's issue, Tom has lost 10 lbs. at Padua, eating Brother Benjamin's food, or not eating Brother Benjamin's food? He's letting the whole world know about it. Take heed ye others that suffer from excess poundage, or be-

ware the consequences).

Rides in the Batmobile go to: Fr. Reynold for donating 50 science paperbacks to the library.

Steve Czajkowski and Bob Dylan Fr. Cherubin and his pink and yellow papers. (Now all he has to do is buy a set of records, "How to teach typing in ten easy lessons".)

Expulsion from the BMS club is decreed for:

Robin and me for changing the original purpose of this column and making it a gossip corner.

Wayne Wojcik for his picture taking.

Ron Czaban, Wayne Wojcik, Breault, Ed Zawadzki, etc., for not following Tom Orczyk's example.

The entire student body for not reaching their Siquaeris ad goals yet . . .

I must interrupt these notes and rush back to Gotham City now, as I just received news that the Joker is back to his old tricks again.

Batman

MARATHON DAY

It is traditional at Padua, that October 31st, Halloween, is the day that a spirit of enthusiasm and competition is brought out within the entire student body.

This year, Halloween seemed to be exactly what everyone wanted. It was cold, the leaves were still swaying in the trees, and most important, everyone was happy. The morning was cool and classes were dragging on, because no one could wait until the races started. The dining hall emptied quickly, and everyone dressed in warm clothes for the big afternoon. It was interesting to view the students coming up to the athletic

field, some in jeans, others in shorts, and some wore sweat shirts, others football jerseys and navy pea coats. Everyone was ready.

First the Marathon race was held. Twenty-eight runners lined up on the golf course, and at the sound of the gun, they embarked on a hilly rocky 1.7 mile course. Throughout the race, John Opiola and Tom Kaczmarek were close to each other for first place, but Tom was suffering from an ankle injury and was slowed down near the end of the race. As it finished, Jack Opiola was first, followed by Tom Kaczmarek, John Marosy, and John Mlynarski. This title gives Jack Opiola the honor of having his name engraved on the James Franzese Memorial plaque in the school lobby. He will also receive a large trophy on Achievement Night.

Following the race were the usual, competition stunts, several of which were rather comical when viewed. The ping-pong race was one of these. It involves two participants taking a ping-pong ball, placing it between their heads, and traveling a distance without dropping the ball. Anyone watching the race would wonder why two teen-age boys are doing the tango. The dizzy-izzy is also rather difficult. The student must spin around a baseball bat 5 times and then run a few yards, and they are usually lucky if they ever get back to the finish line. On the whole, everyone enjoyed himself and at the final tally, the sophomores placed first and the seniors a close second, followed by the juniors and the freshmen.



The Senior Class in an informal picture during the Marathon

PADUAN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

by Gus Kuklinski

Recently I was sent to the North Pole in an exchange student program. When there, I became lost one day in an icy wasteland and 'stumbled upon Santa's workshop, where no other human had been. Sneaking stealthily through the elves who stood guard, I got to Santa's Christmas Present List and had time to copy down some Paduan future presents before I was detected, shot with a sleep inducing dart, and secretly taken back to school. The list I copied is as follows:

Czajkowski: Dylan's autograph
Marosy: Ferrari 330 P3
Sadowski: pair of stilts
Nowakowski: new slide rule
Olechnowicz: his citizenship papers
Fr. Mel: year's subscription to Mad Magazine
Kaczmarek: Mr. Machine
Rich (Java) Prelich: new cave
Young: Fruit of the Loom
Kosydar: back brace
Zawoyski: Mary
Czaban: minus 150 lbs.
Noble: Czaban's 150 lbs.
Kiersznowski: more stationery for Kathy
Bob Wasek: a harem
Porfido: answers to 1967 Regents
Kuklinski: bag of coal (I was a bad boy).

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FROM BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL

by Rich Wasek
by Richard Wasek

As the weather turns colder and the days grow shorter, Padua once again leaves the athletic field and returns to the gym for the beginning of basketball season.

Since November 2nd, when the team's tryouts were new, the response to basketball as a sport has been tremendous. Under the direction of Martin Rembisz, teams have been picked and intramural games have already started. Intramurals are divided into four leagues — A, B, C, and D. The students are classified according to age and experience in basketball. At the end of the season, the teams with the best records receive individual trophies for all members of the team.

While on the topic of basketball, the Varsity team started off on what looks like a bad year. The Cascaders won their first game by defeating Hammondsport, but then lost the next two in a row. The second game lost was our first league game against Odessa. The final score was Odessa 55 and Padua 45. The score does not really tell the whole story, as Odessa had an overage height of 6' 3" with a center who is 6' 8"! At the half, Padua trailed by 25 points but managed to score in the last half and brought the final score to 55-45. In the next league game, the team was handicapped by the loss of our star center, Steve Czajkowski, who was out with a sprained ankle. Ovid took a tremendous lead and held 25 points over Padua at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Then Padua came alive in the fourth quarter and scored 22 points to Ovid's 9, but it was too late and the final score was Ovid 55, and Padua 43.

In both league games, it was quite apparent that Padua has a good team but the lack of rebounds and the lack of scoring in the second and third quarters really ruined the team's chances for a win. If the team can lick the problem of the



Jack Opiola crosses the finish line and wins the Cross Country Race on Marathon Day and the James Franzese Memorial Trophy

scoring drought in the second and third quarters, a good season may be forecast.

The Padua J.V.s lost their first game but came back to win the next two games which gives them a 2-0 record in the league. This year's team is marked with excellent height and shooting. Tom Nied and Mike Jaskulski provide the height and shooting. Mike Jaskulski showed much promise with his 17 points against Ovid. Much credit should be given to Coach Maas, who molded a last place team into the excellent team it is.

This year, Padua's Gym Team plans to enter into competition with other schools. The best of luck . . . Since winter is finally here, Paduans are looking forward to hockey and skiing. That's the whole of Paduan sports, so until next issue take it easy.

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1966-67 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri., Nov. 18, Hammondsport, away
Tues., Nov. 22, Odessa away
Fri., Dec. 2, Ovid home
Fri., Dec. 9, Romulus home
Tues., Dec. 13, Notre Dame away
Fri., Dec. 16, Interlaken away
Tues., Dec. 20, Dundee home
Fri., Jan. 6, Trumansburg away
Tues., Jan. 10, Notre Dame home
Fri., Jan. 20, Odessa away
Fri., Jan. 27, Ovid away
Fri., Feb. 3, Romulus home
Fri., Feb. 10, Interlaken home
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PADUA VS. HAMMONDSPORT

Padua's first game of the season was a fierce one. From the jump ball at the opening of the game to the buzzer closing the 3rd quarter, the Cascaders had to fight hard several times to come from behind and catch up to the Hammondsport quintet. In the 4th quarter, however, Padua took a gradual lead and stretched it a little by little until the final buzzer ended the game 69-56 in favor of Padua. Padua's entire first string ended up with double figures led by Jack Opiola with 15 points, followed by Rich Stoklosa and Witold Plucienkowski with 14 each, Steve Czajkowski with 13, and John Mlynarski with 10 points. Chris Franzese, Padua's only substitute, also had 3 points.

PADUA VS. ODESSA

In their second game of the season, Padua went down in defeat to Odessa 55-45. Due to its overpowering height, Odessa took a 20 point lead early in the first half of the game. In the second half, however, under the leadership of John Mlynarski, who tallied 16 points, and Rich Stoklosa, who also helped with 10 home points, the Cascaders poured the pressure on Odessa while the Padua home fans screamed and cheered in support of their team. Although the away Padua five outscored Odessa 30-21 in the second half, the early lead built up by Odessa was too much to overcome. John Mlynarski was high scorer for Padua with 17 points, followed by Rich Stoklosa with 15.

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