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Father Mel and an eager group of Seniors start out on the trip to Montreal and Expo 67

## PADUANS AT EXPO

What happens when 130 Paduans invade Montreal? Read on.

After a tiring nine hour journey, the 130 Paduans in four Elmira-Watkins Transit buses arrived at Montreal, Canada at 6:00 P.M., Friday, September 22. Unfortunately we reached the city in the height of the rush hour traffic. The regular rush hour mess was further complicated by the fact that the city was suffering from a transit strike that weekend. The impatient students made use of the two hour stop-and-go ride to our accommodations by opening the windows and putting their French vocabularies to work in greeting the inhabitants.

Upon reaching the sleeping quarters, a hospice of questionable appearance and unquestionable discomfort, our group disbanded into several smaller groups and left in search of excitement in Montreal's night life.

After a night of walking around the French section of Montreal, everyone was reluctant to rise from their uncomfortable bunk beds at nine the next morning to board the buses that were to deliver us to

Expo. The exposition itself was about six miles from where we stayed, and on our way there we learned that there was a lot more to Montreal than we had seen.

Although most of us took in several pavilions, we didn't find the weather conditions very encouraging. The temperature stayed at about 45° most of the day, and we came expecting Indian Summer weather.

Among the pavilions which we enjoyed most were those of Iran, Czechoslovakia, and Telephone Building of Canada. One of the biggest disappointments was the United States pavilion, which looked a lot better from the outside than from within.

By 6:00 P.M. most of our boys boarded the Expo Express (that in-expendable aid in getting from one island to the other at Expo) for the last time and returned to Montreal proper. Some took in movies that evening, others browsed through the major department stores, and the rest found different means of entertainment.

Sunday was our day of departure. Before we left we attended Mass at

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Father Eric distributes Holy Communion during Mass held at Grand Prix course on October 1



## THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Paul Lesczynski

Welcome once again to the **Paduan!** The 1968 Paduan staff wishes to welcome everyone back and extends its best wishes to the new freshman class. A special welcome is given to Humberto Ciffoni, the new senior, whose father is a Venezuelan ambassador. We are most happy to have him with us.

This year there are two new faces on campus, those of Father Frank and Brother Lambert. Fr. Frank, a newly ordained priest, is here to take the place of Fr. Fidelis. Bro. Lambert is not entirely new to Padua. He was here a few years ago and has returned after a brief transfer. Welcome both to Padua Prep.

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On September 22nd, the student body left for a three day trip to **Expo '67** in Montreal. Fr. Emil arranged room accommodations and chartered buses for the trip to Canada. Once there, everyone had the

opportunity to visit the city and **Expo** as they pleased. It was a weekend no Paduan will easily forget. When Sunday came around and it was time to leave, everybody was reluctant to board the bus for school.

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For the seniors, especially, this year started off with many special events. As in past years the senior class went to Elmira for their yearbook pictures. All the seniors will remember that September 19th, especially the four who missed the bus on the way back.

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On September 30th seven seniors went to Syracuse with Fr. Eric for a yearbook seminar. The meeting was aimed chiefly at helping high school staffs develop better, more modern yearbooks.

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The greatest event for the seniors came on October first, the day the entire class attended the Grand Prix of the United States. Watkins Glen's Grand Prix course is about six miles from Padua, but no one minded the hike. Six seniors were lucky enough to get an early morning ride to the track. They assisted Fr. Eric at a morning Mass held at the course on the day of the race.

It was a tiring day, but it was great to see the famous drivers in their cars at such speeds. It was especially exciting to see Jimmy Clark receive the crown of victory.

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Just the day before, the Paduans also tasted victory. The soccer team won its initial game of the season.

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Miss Grace Donajkowski — Padua's new full-time Librarian

**LIBRARY NEWS**

One of the first things that most returning Paduans noticed this year was the reorganization of the library. The entire periodical section has been processed and re-sorted, the reference room renovated, and the history section refinished. Who do we have to thank for this service? Padua's new full-time librarian, Miss Grace Donajkowski, who completed this marathon task during our summer vacation.

Originally a resident of Alpena, Michigan, Miss Grace visited Padua for the first time last April, on a trip to see her cousin, Brother Benedict. She decided to take on the duties of Padua's librarian in late June, and has filled the position very efficiently ever since.

Because of her cheerful and pleasant personality, the students immediately accepted Miss Grace. She is always willing to help researchers find the information they need in the library.

Miss Donajkowski, along with her staff, intends to do a considerable amount of work within the next year in order to form a more productive library for us. With her continued efforts, the library is sure to become a source of pride for our school.

**GLEN MOTOR COURT**  
ROUTE 14  
ON SENECA LAKE

**OPTIONAL MASS**

Continuing its current trend of modernizing and reorganizing the daily schedule, Padua's faculty recently decided to eliminate compulsory attendance of daily Mass. In the past all students were obliged to be present at Mass or pay the consequences. Now each individual student may or may not choose to attend the service.

This change is a sensible one and is appreciated by the entire student body. The upperclassmen especially realize the extent of this progress. After enduring three or four years of forced attendance, they have learned that religion cannot be pushed on anyone. When a person is obliged to perform an action at certain intervals each day, that action becomes commonplace and sometimes even boring. Reactions become mechanical. Participation at Mass should not be something mechanical or boring, but a chance for each person to express freely his feelings to God.

Paduans should now take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with a new awareness and appreciation of its meaning.

J.P.M.

**GUILD BROTHERS**  
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MEN'S & WOMEN'S CLOTHES

**WHY INDIFFERENCE?**

Currently a trend within our school is toward indifference — let somebody else do it.

Primarily this apathy leads the student to shirk responsibility. For instance, everyone mentions town permission, a smoking lounge, and dances, but has anyone really done anything to realize these dreams? No, the general indifference prevents these motions from passing into reality.

Perhaps it seems that it's the faculty's fault or maybe our parents' fault that we don't have these privileges. On the contrary, we students are to blame. If we attempted to do what we are instructed, these hopes could become facts. For example, instead of bickering with faculty members on assignments we should agree with them, thus inducing a more friendly relationship. Why should we have them against us when we can enlist their support?

The student body as a whole can help the situation by cooperating with the seniors. Since it is their duty to control the remainder of the students, you can aid the cause by keeping out of trouble. Both time-consuming penances and some strict regulations enacted because of disobedience could thus be avoided.

But why only do the minimum? If we go out of our way to start and complete additional projects, the faculty cannot help noticing our initiative and rewarding us for it. Such actions would induce more trust between students and faculty.

Above all let's try this positive outlook for once. Every other way we've tried has failed, so why not give this a try?

S.R.

**EXPO**

(Continued from page 1) the famous St. Joseph's Shrine, an impressive structure high on a hill on the outskirts of Montreal.

The ride back to school seemed a lot shorter than the one there; it always does when you've had a great time.

J.P.M.

**An Editorial:  
THE PADUAN'S  
PURPOSE**

It's up to you! Yes, the contents of the school newspaper is up to you, the student at Padua. The 1968 Paduan staff wants to put out a Paduan for you.

The way we see it, the paper is put out for three main purposes: first, and most important, for your benefit; second, for your information; and finally, for your enjoyment.

Informative articles will take on a new look, with some different views on current "happenings". All controversial issues will be handled fairly, with in-depth coverage of both sides of the story. As far as entertainment goes, we'll try to keep the short stories and poems humorous and to your liking.

In former years the paper was written entirely by the Paduan staff. We would like to ask any student with an opinion on an interesting topic to make himself known through this publication.

In short, we want to make this your paper. Accept our invitation to you to make suggestions, constructively criticize, and tell us what's on your mind. We hope you'll help us make this a true media of communication, so that it can benefit both the individual student and the school as a whole.

John Paul Marosy

**HAPPENING . . .**

(Continued from page 1) This was the first time the team won the opener in six years! We will long remember Padua's 5-1 romp over Seton Catholic on that last day of September.

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One final remark which seems fit to print is that Gus Kuklinski is well recuperated\*. Some of you may remember that Gus, our bicyclist, had a little accident last year. We hope he gives up cycling now for some other means of transportation, preferably four-wheeled!

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Tom Voroselo (right) looks on as a B.R.M. is returned to garage for adjustments prior to U. S. Grand Prix

## RACE WEEKEND

by Steve Kiersznowski

Exciting, spectacular, and tiring are the words which describe September 30th, 31st, and October 1st of each year here at Watkins Glen. Leaving school early in the crisp morning air, the exodus begins. After walking up the beautiful but rugged cross-country course and across the barren corn field, we pick up that dirt path they call a road. Any other Sunday of the year it would be a rare occasion to see three cars on the road, but today there are thousands. Once on the road we begin the task of hitch hiking, that great art of sticking out your thumb at the right time. Getting a ride today was a cinch. After we got in the old black Ford which picked us up we silently wondered if it perhaps was a mistake. The Ford rattled and hissed like a sidewinder and the kid driving thought he was Lorenzo Bandini!

After shelling out eight dollars for a ticket, the long arduous task of finding a place to stand began. There were about a hundred thousand people packed on a two point three mile piece of land, so it shouldn't have been too hard finding a spot. As we searched for this minute piece of terra firma we couldn't help being distracted by the sleek sports cars parked throughout the course, especially the electrifying Ferrari. After the fast bend and just before the ninety we found our promised land, five square feet of muddy earth in front of a bunch of Hippies. The Hippies were a little playful at times;

they got their laughs by pouring beer all over a ninety year old cop who was giving them a lecture. By starting time they were so inebriated that they just passed out and missed the race.

As the green flag fell, the drone of twenty-two racing engines tore at my ear drums. Then as the cars came screaming past us the excitement was almost unbearable. As the race surged on the agony of defeat showed on many faces. The man next to me saw his favorite car blow an engine; you'd think his heart had stopped! As the checkered flag came down, a roar went out from the crowd and thousands attempted to pry their way into victory lane.

Now the strenuous and tiring walk from the track got under way. The roads were so jammed that you could make better time walking. Taking this into consideration, we hopped over the guard rails and started our long trek through the fields. To our astonishment we saw a thousand other people who had the same idea. Even the fields were crowded! Walking through a corn field, we discovered that the people we were following didn't have the slightest idea where they were going. Finally, after going up and down ravines, through corn fields, and across mud patties, we reached the road which at last brought us home, exhausted but with a feeling of fulfillment.

**LaFACE'S SODA BAR  
&  
GROCERY**

## DEVELOPMENTAL READING

As of this year, the seniors are faced with a new type of course, one without high school credit and grades. Yet it holds great possibilities for becoming a most useful subject because it gives a firm basis for study.

What exactly is the function of this reading course? In the words of Fr. Austin, the founder and director of Padua's reading lab: "The Developmental Reading Program has a three-fold purpose: first it teaches better reading comprehension, secondly it increases the student's rate, and finally it introduces a greater volume and more extensive variety of reading material". College demands a great quantity of reading which must be done outside of class, so this planned method will insure success if applied correctly.

At this time, the course uses the library as its base of operation. However, a new area for the reading lab is being constructed on the main floor near the study hall. Upon its completion, it will accommodate 96 students. In addition it may be divided into two separate areas, one of which may be used for language lab courses while the other can house the reading course.

Presently the reading lab's equipment consists of two Reading For Understanding labs for aiding comprehension, 12 tachistoscopes for speed acceleration, 12 "pacers" for speed improvement, and a 16 mm projector for overall advancement. Using these tools along with the library, a student can more readily adapt to the college courses.

Recently a representative of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act inspected the reading lab. After viewing it, he commended the lab as being one of the most sophisticated developmental courses in the area.

As for the future, Fr. Austin intends to extend the course so that it can be a remedial one as well. Although it will still serve as a developmental class, it will also help students to discover their difficulties and correct them. Eventually it may be utilized in conjunction with the language courses so that its effect will be far reaching. If it continues as it has been doing, success for its introduction as a permanent course will be insured.

## cobweb corner

this article will probably seem pretty strange to you, and it is. you see, i, the author, am a little black spider who inhabits the cracks and crevices of padua's walls. i can get around without being noticed much and boy, some of the things i see and hear! i have been seen a couple of times, though. last year, i remember m.b. almost drowned me with his water pistol. as for how i get my information to j.m., well, that's for me to know and you to find out. you may be wondering why there are no capital letters in my column. that's because when i type, i can't reach the shift key and the letter at the same time.

that was some trip to expo 67. the only things i didn't like were the canadian girl spiders. they were so stuck up that they wouldn't answer any spider who squeaked in english. j.p. didn't have the trouble he expected over citizenship papers at the border. the guards just asked him where he was from, and he replied, "i was born in the u.s. of a." then b.b. dropped a few switchblades in the restaurant and turned redder than a beet. but for me the biggest surprise was crawling off the bus. duke almost ate me, the big dufe!

i was on the soccer field for the first game, and it was fun to see padua win for a change. of course, m.b. made his usual mistakes, but h.c. made up for that. nice game, fellas!

yesterday, i took a trip to b.b.'s hideaway (the kitchen), and i saw one of my cousins fall into the jello. i wonder who the lucky one was who got him for dessert!

with that delicious thought, i leave you for this issue.

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**SPORTS OUTLOOK**

J. A. Opiola

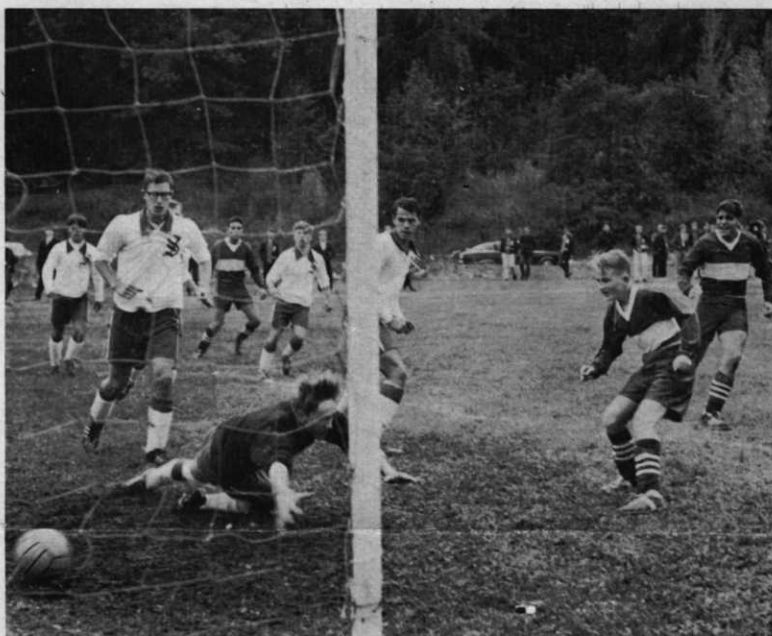
Experience is the common denominator of this year's sports scene. To the many athletes who dominated last year's sports picture, it is a year of high hopes. Last year's rebuilding teams are now at full strength and ready to bring home the spoils of league competition. It is a year of anticipation.

Soccer, under the direction of Coach Fr. Emil, looks great. In the first game of this year, the Padua "red devils" trounced Seton Catholic, 5-1. Tremendous passing, a stiff defense, and a scrapping offense are the three ingredients which make this season look bright. Although the team suffered minor setbacks in games against Hammondsport and Southside, they bounced back to defeat Elmira Free Academy, 4-2. In the spotlight as net-creasers this year are newcomer Humberto Ciffoni, center half-back Rich Stoklosa, and center forward John Rybak. Gazing into the crystal ball, I see a 5-5 season in the making.

The other sport of this season, cross-country, appears to have the potential of a winning season. Returning runners from last year are Jack Opiola, John Paul Marosy, and Stan Romelczyk. Two very fast newcomers are Al "Whitey" Ratkowski and Ken Kokozka. Judging from the lap times turned in at our course so far (13:39 average for the first 5 runners!), the team is definitely one of the strongest in the history of the school. In the first two meets of the season, the team met close defeats at the hands of Odessa and Dundee, but outpaced Trumansburg and Ovid by a wide margin. A 3-2 league record can be forecast for this year's 5 runners.

Still reigning as the No. 1 sport is basketball. A mere mention of its name has a ring of anticipation. Returning from last year's rebuilding team are center, Gus Kuklinski, forward Jack Opiola, and guards Witold Pludzinkowski and Rich Stoklosa. Bench strength will be provided by last year's J.V. team, which finished fourth in the league. Adding these facts together, only one result can be obtained; a good chance of bringing the league championship back to Padua.

Things to watch for: the Stoklosa-Opiola-Pluczinkowski combination to set the pace . . . tight games with Ovid, Mt. Carmel of Auburn, and Odessa . . . renewed rivalry with Watkins . . . high scoring games . . .



"Goal"! John Rybak scores in soccer game against Seton Catholic on September 30

a J.V. championship . . . the start of a Padua basketball dynasty.

Within the realm of statistics is a 15-3 record for the Cascaders.

Last year's winningest team, the Chess team, should return with another good season. (At the state tournament do not be surprised if our "Rooks" bring home the first place trophy). The facts are simple, first board, Jack Opiola; second, Ed Scarp; third, Steve Jurewicz; fourth, Henry Karesh, all veterans from last year's team. This quartet should prove challenging enough for any visitors.

Baseball rounds off the sports schedule for the year. Now that last season's newcomers have gained valuable experience, a better record may be predicted. The team will have to be much stronger at the plate, and will have to have a strong starting pitcher along with two reliable back-up pitchers. The bats of Opiola and Stoklosa should chalk up a good season in both offense and defense.

No matter what the outcome of these seasons, no matter how much we anticipate, the simple fact that as long as Paduans are out on the field

or court and trying their hardest to win, we will always have something to be proud of.

**CONTEST !!!**

Give us your estimate of how the Cascaders will fare in the 1967-68 basketball season, and if your guess is the closest to the actual results at the end of the season you win \$10. Before the first Padua game, give any member of the **Paduan** staff a slip of paper stating your predictions for the 18 upcoming games. Be sure to include your idea of what the score will be for each game. Only students presently attending Padua Prep. are eligible to enter. No entries will be accepted later than Wednesday, November 29th, 1967. Good luck!

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**PIT STOP**

Padua's Slot Car Club moves into its second year this year, and it is still going strong. Membership has increased, and with the additional dues the club is installing electric heat, along with storm windows, to insure the tracks' year-round operation.

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in the second annual P.S.C.C. championship, which is to begin after Thanksgiving vacation. This year, the rules have been modified to allow a wider variety of cars to compete in this series of races.

Recently the club purchased a large quantity of new equipment that is to be made available to its members shortly. Included in this purchase are four new controllers and various spare parts for the cars.

Membership is open to the entire student body and new members are always welcome.

Charles J. Niewadomski

**1967 - 1968 PADUA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 29—Padua at Hammondsport\*
  - Dec. 1—Padua at Ovid
  - Dec. 8—Padua at Romulus
  - Dec. 15—Watkins at Padua
  - Dec. 19—Padua at Mt. Carmel of Auburn\*
  - Dec. 21—Padua at Dundee
  - Jan. 5—Interlaken at Padua
  - Jan. 12—Trumansburg at Padua
  - Jan. 19—Odessa at Padua
  - Jan. 23—Mt. Carmel at Padua\*
  - Feb. 2—Romulus at Padua
  - Feb. 9—Padua at Watkins
  - Feb. 16—Dundee at Padua
  - Feb. 21—Hammondsport at Padua\*
  - Feb. 23—Padua at Interlaken
  - Mar. 1—Padua at Trumansburg
  - Mar. 8—Padua at Odessa
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