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Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year

Fathers — Brothers
Students of Padua

NEW SODALITY INITIATED AT PADUA PREP

NEW SODALITY OFFICERS MEET WITH
THEIR MODERATOR IN THE CHAPEL

THE SODALITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Left to right: F. Zygmuntowicz, B. Hulyo, C. Szczepanski, Father Humphrey, T. Tulko.

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which has branches all over the world, has finally come to imbed its roots of devotion to the Blessed Lady firmly among the students here at Padua.

The Sodality had its tiny beginnings in Europe, at the time when Protestantism and Mohammedanism threatened to overshadow and engulf the Mother Church. But it was at this appropriate time that a young beloved Jesuit, called John Leunis, taught one of the younger classes in the Jesuit College at Rome, Italy. Leunis, realizing the many dangers facing a young boy during his time in Europe, gathered what seems to be his prize students around the little altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Roman College. He sketched out for them a very simple program that they followed during their daily life. He taught them to love Mary with a deep devotion and honor and to protect woman-kind because they were daughters of this Most Blessed Lady. He also taught them to make frequent confession and Holy Communion a key devotion and also to study diligently in order to become intelligent Catholics who would, at any time necessary, uphold the Catholic Truth against its enemies, who were constantly storming its walls.

Within a decade the Sodality of John Leunis had, with the growth of the Jesuit educational system, spread across the whole face of Europe. By 1577, the Pope acknowledged the existence of the Sodality and had granted it a list of special indulgences.

Today there are 16,565 affiliated Sodalities in the United States. Each one of these affiliated sodalities has its program outlined and developed along the Sodality's three major lines, i.e. (1) personal holiness, (2) defense of the Mother Church against its enemies, (3) the salvation of souls.

Now this great and extensive organization may add still another member into its ever increasing fold. This new addition, which

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PADUA ERECTS CHRISTMAS CRIB

This year's Christmas Crib has been erected over the former Glen Springs wishing well. Our thanks to Conrad Szczepanski, Richard Olszewski, Edward Haydock, and Richard Tulko, the constructors, for their untiring effort to produce the very best.

The stable is made of crude wood with straw and a large star overhanging. The crib is a replica of that one installed in a cave by St. Francis, who was the first to popularize the presentation of the birth of the Holy Child. The crib served as a rude altar for Saint Francis when he celebrated Christmas in 1223. People from nearby villages came to the cave for Midnight Mass, on Christmas Eve, with lighted torches, and stood around the manger with their candles illuminating the dark vault of rock. The child in the crib seemed real to Francis' friends. Francis then took the child lovingly into his arms, and as he did so the child smiled at this poor mendicant. With its tiny hands it stroked his bearded face and his course grey habit. The vision astonished no one for Francis brought back to life and placed it into everyone's heart. This poor Friar restored the Divine Redeemer to the world and placed the Nativity of Christ on such a high foundation. As the

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Explorer Scout Meeting Freshman Class Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Explorer Scouts was held December 3rd. Matt Yurko, the Deputy Senior Crew Leader opened the meeting with a prayer, then Father Austin, our Scout Master took over. Father Austin presented a few problems which the Explorer must encounter. He mentioned the importance of the Explorer and his duties, especially now with so much help needed to straighten this world of ours by good example and hard work. He said it would be an excellent idea to organize four committees to help us along in our efforts. Each committee would have a leader who would represent them. The committees and their leaders are as follows:

Indoor Activities, R. Chodnicki.
Outdoor Activities, R. Olszewski.

Social committee, G. Lewandowski.

Service committee, T. Colihan.

The Freshmen held their third and final class meeting of the year on November 5, 1952. Steve Kapral, the president, was absent and Walter Ranus, vice-president, took charge.

The committees for selecting class colors and motto were unprepared due to the unexpected meeting and the topics were dropped. The meeting was not in vain owing to the fact that certain rules and regulations concerning dues were established.

Also discussed was the fact that the Freshmen would have to choose a class pennant and to keep it in consideration. The meeting as usual was closed with a prayer.

After the leaders were elected, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Matt Yurko and also a song which Father Austin had introduced into the Explorer unit.

No Room

Two thousand years ago, a choir of angels reported the birth of the Son of God to shepherds as they lay in the fields watching over their flocks. Since this first Christmas people have been celebrating the birth of Christ in a true spirit of Catholicism.

In recent years the word Christmas, meaning the Nativity of Christ, has been changed to Xmas. During the weeks preceding Christ's birthday, we may see the word XMAS wherever we turn, on store fronts, in newspapers, and on billboards. This once totally Christian feast is turning towards worldliness and is becoming a season for which businessmen wait. Everywhere we turn big letters hit us in the eyes **ONLY (SO MANY) SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL XMAS**. The world is tending to do away with Christ by substituting some secular object wherever any hint of Christ appears. On greeting cards a piece of holly, a wreath or a snowman replaces the customary picture of the birth of Christ in a stable or of the Christ Child lying in a manger.

Parents teach their children about Santa Claus before they acquaint their youthful minds with the beautiful story of the birth of Christ in the cold stable.

In countries behind the "Iron Curtain" the people who have the true Christmas spirit are openly deprived of receiving their new-born King. The Communist government has declared Stalin's birthday, December 21, as a national holiday, to be celebrated with the greatest festivity, and regard December 25, the birthday of the Prince of Peace, as an ordinary day of the year.

Although all these facts tend to secularize Christmas, there are many Catholics throughout the world who stand firm in their faith. The millions of oppressed Catholics in Russia and in her satellite countries, defying all civil laws and authorities have fulfilled their duties towards God as best they can. This Christmas Day as in previous years will be celebrated with great sublimity by these persecuted people who seem to be able to serve God in their clandestine ways, while other people refuse to abandon their earthly gains. Millions of Catholics in the free world will observe the birth of the Christ Child with great joy at Midnight Mass on Christmas morn. As the mass continues the congregation will be reminded of the angelic salutation: "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN OF GOOD WILL".

Joe Malina

The Immaculate Conception

Many years ago Our Blessed Lady appeared to a poor, French peasant girl and said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The meaning of these words was so incredible that the people did not know how to interpret them. Holy Mother Church, wise and prudent in her decisions, investigated the matter for a long time before she made any definite statement on the words of Our Lady. Many pious Catholics began to honor Mary under this new title, as the early Christians had centuries before, while some waited to hear the church's decision. But the skeptics and non-Catholics laughed at this. At first they thought it applied to Christ, then they would believe it. The fact of His Mother's Immaculate Conception, however, they refused to acknowledge. Whoever heard that anyone, besides God, should be so privileged as to be freed from the stain of sin at the very instant of conception in her mother's womb, they thought.

Yet it is reasonable. Was not Eve, our first mother, created free from sin? Why then could not Mary, the new mother of the Human race, be conceived free from sin. Isn't the Motherhood of Christ of far greater office than the motherhood of the Human race? Doesn't it require an even more perfect mother than the

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SHOUTS and WHISPERS

1. Since Fr. Claude announced that each one would get a personal interview with him, all the Freshmen are scared stiff.

2. Each week the Paduans wait in anxiety for the "Jewett City Local" the weekly paper of Jewett City, Conn.

3. Pat Yurko didn't go home for Thanksgiving so his friends who did go home remembered Pat by sending him post-cards listing only the food they ate, the shows they were seeing and the fun they were having. I bet Pat was real happy.

4. Pat Yurko waited patiently to get in a Varsity basketball game and score. His chance came against St. Johns of Montour Falls. Pat was hardly in the game two minutes when someone fouled him. Pat didn't even get a chance to shoot the foul shot because on the foul the player knocked his glasses off and broke them and Pat sadly left the game.

5. All the Paduans are still waiting for the statue of St. Anthony of Padua, the school patron, to be put up on the front lawn. It was supposed to have been here June 13, 1952.

6. Those who like music were very surprised to hear Red

O'Neil play Fuerelise. But day after day that was the only song Red ever played. Lately, O'Neil astounded the music world by playing "Please Mr. Sun".

7. Robin Hood better watch out for himself now, for he has some competition. Bernie Petrick bagged one rabbit with his new bow and arrow.

8. Joseph (Kuta) Kuchinski never loses when he bets, but he never wins either. He bets on one thing with one boy, then he makes the same bet with another boy but opposite from what he bet on in the first place. Kind of confusing isn't it? But Kuta thinks it's fun.

9. Francis (Franny) Jedziniak plays the clarinet very well. One day while he was playing for a group of fellows, everyone wanted to hear him play a tune that each wanted and they were all different ones. Then someone asked him to play Polish Christmas Carols, but Franny didn't want to. After being pestered for about five more minutes Franny said: "Look Fellows, I don't have a Polish clarinet to play Polish music and anyhow, I don't know the words".

HONOR ROLL

The first quarter of the school year has passed and the results of the quarterly achievements have been determined. Maksymowicz, a Sophomore, has attained the highest average in the school. The Seniors have seven, Juniors two, Sophomores four and Freshmen four students on the honor roll.

SENIORS—

Malina J.	96.8
Czajkowski	95.
Zygmuntowicz	93.1
Trainor	92.1
Wurzbarger	92.1
Lewandowski	91.8
Adamitis	90.4

JUNIORS—

Pilch	96.7
Baclawski	95.8

SOPHOMORES—

Maksymowicz	97.4
Tulko R.	97.
Kurina	96.
Green	90.4

FRESHMEN—

Golinski	97.1
Tulko T.	95.6
Kopczewski	94.9
Nawrot	92.2

Third Order Elections

Saturday morning, November 1, a meeting of St. Francis took place. The members went into Chapel and there said their office. Then Fr. Austin, moderator of the Third Order, gave a short, firing talk on the importance to our soul of belonging to the Third Order. Then he told the members the necessity of electing officers and the duties of the officers.

After that, all went into the refectory in order to hold elections. Fr. Austin presided over the meeting and took charge of the elections.

From the sixty-four members of the Third Order who have already taken their vows, three boys were nominated for each of the three offices. For prefect, John Pilch, Thomas Colihan and Richard Olszewski were nominated, the first two being the main candidates. The final ballot count showed that John Pilch received 36 of the votes and Tom Colihan received 28.

For secretary, Richard Tulko and Joseph Baclawski were the candidates and Baclawski was unanimously selected by a vote of 46 to 22.

For the office of master of novices, (Continued on page eight)

CASCADERS WIN SEASON OPENER

The Cascaders opened the '52-'53 basketball season in fine fashion by beating Romulus 59-52. The game was a one-sided affair. From the first quarter the Cascaders set a stiff pace and continued this same brand of ball throughout the entire game.

At the end of the first half the Cascaders were a very safe distance ahead. Although the Cascaders were 16 points ahead at the end of the half there was no sign of letting up in the third quarter. They kept up the same pace set in the first half and at the end of the third quarter were still ahead by 16 points.

After setting such a fast pace throughout the game the Cascaders slowed up in the final quarter but had a large enough lead to come out victorious.

Joe Malina was seen setting the pace for the Cascaders with 15 points while Baclawski, Zygmuntowicz and Czajkowski were close behind, each contributing 13 points.

Padua	FG	FT	TP
Trainor	0	3	3
Sobeck	1	0	2
Zygmuntowicz	5	3	13
Czajkowski	5	3	13
Malina	4	7	15
Baclawski	5	3	13
Total	20	19	59

Romulus	FG	FT	TP
Gable	2	1	5
Somerville	7	5	19
Douglas	1	2	4
Smith	4	2	10
Taggerty	3	0	6
Bogardus	2	2	6
Heitman	1	0	2
Total	20	12	52

Cascader JVs Win 3, Lose 2

The Cascader JVs have had a somewhat successful year so far. This year's captain is a veteran of last year's team. He is Joe Kurina, a Sophomore, from Tarrytown, N. Y.

In the Junior Varsity's first game of the season, they upset the slightly favored Romulus five. Eugene Szufel was high scorer for the Cascaders with thirteen points, leading the Junior Varsity to a 44-37 win.

The Junior Varsity trounced Interlaken for their second straight win of the season by a score of 40-26. Robert Malina was high scorer with ten points.

The Cascaders met their first defeat of the season at the hands of a bigger and faster opponent,

Cascaders Roll Over Interlaken

The Cascaders went on to win their second game of the season at the expense of Interlaken Central School. Once they broke ahead at the first quarter by 17-6 the Cascaders continually remained far ahead of their opponents.

At the half the Cascaders had a far more than ample lead. The remaining half was similar to the first two quarters. The Cascaders hit their highest total of points so far this season, winning by a final score of 61-39.

For the Cascaders Zygmuntowicz was high with 25 points, seconded by Czajkowski hitting for 14.

Padua	FG	FT	TP
Trainor	3	1	7
Zygmuntowicz	12	1	25
Czajkowski	6	2	14
Malina	5	0	10
Baclawski	1	1	3
O'Neill	0	1	1
Yurko	0	1	1
Total	27	7	61

Interlaken	FG	FT	TP
Sanford	1	4	6
Fuller	3	0	6
Redman	7	3	17
Pettengil	1	1	3
Lynch	3	1	7
Total	15	9	39

1952-53 Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 21, Cascaders vs Romulus
- Dec. 2, Cascaders vs Interlaken
- Dec. 5, Cascaders vs Holy Family
- Dec. 7, Cascaders vs. Marymount
- Dec. 9, Cascaders vs Odessa
- Dec. 14, Cascaders vs Marymount
- Jan. 13, Cascaders vs Dundee
- Jan. 16, Cascaders vs Elkland
- Jan. 25, Cascaders vs El. Catholic
- Feb. 3, Cascaders vs Dundee
- Feb. 10, Cascaders vs Interlaken
- Feb. 13, Cascaders vs Holy Family
- Feb. 17, Cascaders vs Odessa
- Feb. 20, Cascaders vs Elkland
- Feb. 22, Cascaders vs El. Catholic
- Feb. 24, Cascaders vs Romulus
- Feb. 27, Cascaders vs Lakemont
- Mar. 7, Cascaders vs Lakemont

Holy Family of Auburn. Hindered by the absence of rebounding men the JVs were outscored 35-25. Eugene Szufel was high with eleven points.

The JV Cascaders split the next two decisions, beating Odessa the first game 54-53 in overtime. Killegrew was high scorer with sixteen points. The following game the little Cascaders dropped a one point decision to the Marymount JVs. Pindell was high scorer with fifteen points.

R. Malina

Cascaders Trounce Odessa

After losing two consecutive games the Cascaders finally broke back into the winning column again. Each of the Cascaders' reserves was used as the team rolled up a 60-35 score.

Once the Cascaders pulled ahead in the first quarter, Odessa was never able to come close enough to even become a threat.

The Cascaders had their worst day on shot making but owing to the complete control of the rebounds due to the hard rebounding of Zygmuntowicz and Sobeck the Cascaders were able to make sure that the ball finally did go in.

High men for the Cascaders were Sobeck with 20 and Zygmuntowicz with 18.

Padua	FG	FT	TP
Trainor	2	0	4
Sobeck	7	6	20
Zygmuntowicz	6	1	13
Czajkowski	2	3	7
Malina	5	1	11
Yurko	0	0	0
Griffin	0	0	0
O'Neill	0	2	2
Olszewski	0	0	0
Baclawski	1	1	3
Total	23	14	60

Odessa	FG	FT	TP
Teeter	1	6	8
Misner	4	2	10
Stevenson	0	5	5
Lunger	1	0	2
Dunn	1	2	4
Bard	1	2	4
Total	10	15	35

Holly

Sacred to the Druids, holly was believed to possess the power of driving away evil spirits; therefore, it was hung in the home over the doors and in windows, but because it bore fruit in winter, holly became a symbol of immortality and, most appropriately, of Christmas.

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Cascaders Nipped by Holy Family

The Cascaders dropped their first game of the season to Holy Family High School of Auburn by a score of 58-55. Playing their third straight game away, the Cascaders did not fall behind until the earlier part of the last quarter.

At the end of the first quarter the Cascaders were ahead. In the entire first half the Cascaders played a deliberate game, making all their shots count. Capitalizing on good shooting the Cascaders led at the end of the first half.

In the third quarter the Holy Family pressed harder on their defense and held the Cascaders low enough for themselves to catch up, ending the third quarter in a 47-47 deadlock.

The final quarter was the downfall of the Cascaders for their rebound men fouled out very early in this quarter. Owing to this the Cascaders were outscored 11-8.

High scorers for the Cascaders were Czajkowski with 26 and Sobeck followed with 9.

Padua	FG	FT	TP
Trainor	1	0	2
Sobeck	3	3	9
Zygmuntowicz	1	2	4
Czajkowski	9	8	26
Malina	3	2	8
Baclawski	1	0	2
O'Neill	1	2	4
Total	19	17	55

Holy Family	FG	FT	TP
Gallo	2	0	4
Bagely	7	4	18
Horr	0	3	3
Walsh	1	0	2
Dranscak	3	1	7
Cuddy	3	5	11
Didio	4	3	11
Renahan	1	1	3
Total	21	17	59

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Cascaders Drop First Home Game To Marymount

Still awaiting the completion of their new gymnasium the Cascaders were forced to play the first home game of the season on the floor of St. John's. After the Cascaders fell behind in the second quarter they were unable to tie up the fast breaking Marymount team, and lost 61-50.

The Cascaders led Marymount at the end of a low scoring first quarter 10-7. The second quarter which proved to be the deciding one ended with Marymount ahead 21-19.

Throughout the entire second half the Cascaders were unable to stop the fast break of Marymount and only once did they come within three points of tying the score. Sobeck was high man for the Cascaders with 14 while Czajkowski followed him with 12.

Padua	FG	FT	TP
Trainor	3	0	6
Sobek	5	3	13
Zygmuntowicz	3	2	8
Czajkowski	5	2	12
Malina	3	0	6
Baclawski	2	1	5
Total	21	7	50

Marymount	FG	FT	TP
Lyshia	3	2	8
Garlan	10	2	22
Czerniakowski	7	2	16
Michalski	1	0	2
Wallace	4	5	13
Total	25	11	61

CASCADERS BOW ONCE AGAIN TO MARYMOUNT

The Cascaders evened up their won and loss record so far this season by losing to Marymount by a 68-56 decision. Falling behind in the early part of the game, the Cascaders were unable to tie or pass the fast-breaking Marymount team. Although the Padua five continually netted points, the home team also seemed to keep up their steady pace. Tom Trainor hit for 18 points to be high man, while Zygmuntowicz followed with 13 points in a losing fight.

Padua	FG	FT	TP	Marymount	FG	FT	TP
Trainor	8	2	18	Garlan	11	1	23
Sobek	0	3	3	Czerney E.	5	7	17
Zygmuntowicz	5	3	13	Lushia	0	0	0
Czajkowski	3	3	9	Bieniek	2	1	5
Malina	4	4	12	Wallace	10	0	21
Baclawski	0	1	1	Czerney T.	1	0	2
Total	20	16	56	Total	29	9	68

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Cheerleaders & Pep Rally

Something new has been added to the Padua Varsity team this year, namely, a cheering squad consisting of the three cheerleaders, Joe Piniewski, Hugh Carr, and Thomas Tulko.

Before the Thanksgiving holidays, Father Claude had try-outs open to all boys who wished to become cheerleaders. From all of these, ten were to be chosen, but only three cheerleaders were needed. It was the job of Mr. Franzese, the physical education instructor, to choose the three whom he thought were the most energetic.

After much practice and drill, the cheerleaders had their first taste of cheering at the game between Padua and Marymount.

The cheerleaders were a partial success, but they needed a little more drill. They were ready for the big game between Odessa and Padua and for their efforts they were able to lead the student body. They contributed much to the score. The night before the Marymount game the students gathered for their first Pep Rally, which was directed by the cheerleaders. During the rally the players were introduced to the students, each of whom received a round of applause. Father George also gave a short inspiring speech that could make any team win. The morale of the students was encouraged and they were confident that we just had to win this game.

T. Tulko

1952-53 Basketball Averages

	G	FG	FT	Avg
Trainor	6	17	6	6.6
Sobek	5	16	15	9.4
Zygmuntowicz	6	32	12	12.6
Czajkowski	6	30	21	13.5
Malina J.	6	24	14	10.3
Baclawski	6	10	7	4.5
O'Neil	3	1	5	2.3
Yurko	2	0	1	.5
Olszewski	1	0	0	0
Griffin	2	0	0	0

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Pray tell me little heart of mine,
Why do you throb so gladly?

If I knew, I'm sure I'd smile.
Please tell me faithful friend.

So I may laugh with you awhile.
For my side I fear will rend.

What strange thing has humored
you?

Why do you burst with glee?

And how is this, it can't be true!
You wouldn't laugh at me?

O mercy little heart of mine,
What mystery can this be?

O loving little heart of mine,
Why is it I can not see?

If you but give me just a hint,
I shall then try my best,

To find the reason for content,
Within my sinful breast.

What wonders could make my
friend

So happy and carefree?

Pray let me think what powers
blend

To make him as he be.

Yet as I ponder now I see,
The reason for it all.

And even as the fog does flee,
I see to whom you call.

The date is now the twenty-fifth,
Oh how simple I have been.

For you are thinking of the myth,
And of the God of men.

What's that you say, it's not a
myth?
It really happened then?

He came here on the twenty-fifth,
Born of the Queen of men?

Then sing my heart forever more,
And I shall sing with you.

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MEET OUR SENIORS

JOE McDONNELL—
Bath, New York

Joe entered Padua at the second semester of the Freshman year. Mac played varsity basketball the first year and was and is the catcher for the baseball team. He is an average student who wishes to attend the University of Notre Dame, taking a course in Arts and Sciences.

FRANK ZYGMUNTOWICZ—
Laurelton, New York

One of the pioneer students who enrolled at Padua in September, 1949. Frank played wing on the soccer team for two years and also played center on the basketball team for the last two seasons. He was an Honor Roll Student since his enrollment at Padua. He is also News Editor of the Paduan Staff. "Zyg." intends to pursue a course in Electrical Engineering at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, New York.

FRED WURZBERGER—
Elmira, New York

Fred came to Padua after spending two years at Elmira Free Academy. He played varsity basketball during his Junior year. Fred is an Honor Roll student. He intends to take up Law at Holy Cross College.

THOMAS PATRICK COLIHAN—
Minnersville, Pennsylvania

Tom is also a pioneer student who served at the dedication of the school. He is a typist of the Paduan Circulation Staff. Tom played baseball on the varsity during his Freshman year. He hopes to follow Christ as one of His ministers.

New Professor at Padua

The students of Padua are honored and privileged to welcome Rev. Father Humphrey Tobias, O.F.M., to their midst.

Father, a Pennsylvanian, was one of the most popular members of the faculty at St. Bonaventure and is fast becoming one of Padua's favorites. At St. Bonaventure, Father taught English, History and Library Science and now has the role of teaching the Paduans English and Religion. May the good Lord bless you Father, and keep you under His protection.

**GOD'S CHOICEST
BLESSINGS TO ALL
IN THE NEW YEAR**

**Thanksgiving Vacation
At Padua High School**

After a few months of concentrating on his studies, it made everyone at Padua happy to have a nice vacation, enjoying the relaxation that accompanies every awaited vacation. But it was more than a vacation to us Paduans. It was Thanksgiving, a day designated to give thanks to God for all the things He had given us in the past year, and enjoying the delicacies which we are so fortunate to have.

Most of the students went home for their vacation, but the students who stayed at Padua because of the long distance from home, enjoyed their vacation just as much. While most of the students left Padua Wednesday morning, the day before Thanksgiving, twenty-one remained. The ones who remained were asked to volunteer to pick corn on our farm and to clean the classrooms and the corridors in school. Everyone volunteered to work.

Enjoying a good night's sleep after a hard day's work, everyone rose at 6:30 for Mass and breakfast on the following morning, looking forward to the Thanksgiving dinner. At twelve o'clock sharp, everyone sat down to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings, prepared by the Brothers. Even after eating to their satisfaction no one could resist a heaping bowlful of ice cream. The rest of the day was spent in play and relaxation.

Early next morning and part of Saturday, the students went back to finish their jobs. There were seven acres of corn to be picked so the priests and brothers spent the day helping to make a big job small. Everyone enjoyed working together and had the satisfaction of knowing the job was well done. Finally the school was all tidied up and ready to greet the students who were to come back Monday.

Sunday we took a trip to Elmira in our school bus about 1:30 in the afternoon and were free to go to the theater of our choice. After the movie, we went to fill up our groaning stomachs with a good meal. Walking the streets of Elmira we admired the Christmas displays in the store windows and the brilliantly colored lights hanging across the streets which reminded us that Christmas was almost here. About 7:00 p. m. we left Elmira and arrived at Padua to spend the rest of the night watching television.

**WISHING ALL A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION . . .

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first one? To the early Christians, the Immaculate Conception of Mary was handed down in tradition, but still they believed it from the beginning. They had no reason to doubt it. The angel greets Mary, "Hail, full of grace."

Every man has a picture of his mother in his mind; to him she is the best woman in the world. He is ready to defend her honor at all times. As he grows older he still continues to think she is perfect and pictures her so in his mind. Little does he know or care to know about her life before his birth. She might not have been perfect then, and he doesn't want to uncover any of her faults. Even if he does recall faults his mother had, mentally he eradicates them and makes her perfect; perfect in both respects, as woman and mother.

In genetics we study that desirous traits can be brought out in an animal by crossing the right pair of parents. If man can do this with animals, why could not God do this with his creatures. Where man can only remold his mother's past in his mind, God can form the mother he wants in advance. He has the power to make an individual free from sin. Since He also wanted His mother to be perfect in all respects, why could He not create her thus?

In 1854, Pope Pius XI proclaimed the Immaculate Conception of Mary a dogma of the Church. Now all are obliged to believe in it and Catholics have never for one moment doubted it.

In the United States, we celebrate this feast of Mary on December 8, and it is such a great feast that we consecrate the entire month in her honor. The Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States—a more fitting patroness could not have been chosen. In this impure country where morals are a scarcity, we need one who is a perfect model. One who has never fallen to the temptations of Satan. It is Mary's wish that we follow her example and become like here. Did she not express these desires at Lourdes? . . . Fatima? And when these were not heeded, did not war descend upon us as she promised? It began and ended on the eve of two of her feasts.

Next to the Motherhood of Christ, the Immaculate Conception is Mary's greatest privilege. She wants to be honored in this way. Recently in New York City, two motion pictures were being shown for the first time. Both were good pictures and high above the theaters, neon signs were flashing a scene from each picture. On one, from the Miracle of Fatima, there was a picture of the sun plummeting towards the earth at the beck of Our Lady. On the other was a picture of a famous actress doing an immoral dance in her picture. Side by side on the Great White Way these signs were attracting the attention of many. However an equal if not larger crowd of people went to see Our Lady's picture. If so many New Yorkers were interested enough to see the film, why then can't we show them a daily film . . . our good example. If we say we believe in Her Immaculate Conception, why don't we show others that we are following Mary's example. Are we ashamed of such virtue, or is it easier to disregard it totally? If more of the youth would follow the example of the Heavenly Mary instead of the "Hollywood Mary" they would not be in so deplorable a condition as they are. And if more adults would do likewise, the youth would have perfect examples to follow.

John Pilch

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SOPHS MAKE "FRESHIES" MILD

At about one o'clock on the afternoon of October the 30th the initiation of the Class of '56 began. The Sophomores had drawn names a few days earlier to see which Freshman each would initiate. A list was posted and all the Freshmen reported to their respective "masters for a day". The general procedure was to mix mustard and toothpaste into the Freshman's hair; put his clothes on backwards; paint him up with a green concoction, which only Sophomores know how to make and then give him something to carry in the parade. This parade went around the school grounds and lasted long enough for everyone to get a good look at the Freshmen. One carried an old boot, another a rug, a third carried a toilet seat, still another had a shoestring and so on through a procession of fifty Freshmen. This parade lasted until two o'clock, when the Freshmen were given a few minutes to clean up for the Padua Olympics.

The Olympics consisted of a number of events in which points were given for the first three winners in each event. The class with the most points received a prize, while the class with the least had to rake all the leaves on the campus. The Freshmen, because they are twice as large as any of the other classes, were divided into two teams. Yet they still could not accumulate many points against the upper classmen. The largest single event was the annual cross-country race. In this race, the first team to get four men across the finish line won the usual number of points for the class team, but the individual who placed first will get a trophy at the annual Sports Banquet next spring. The Senior's team took the class honors with two of their members, Malina and Czajkowski placing first and second respectively.

We ate supper at six and very soon afterwards the Sophomore court met in the case of Padua vs. all the Freshmen. The defendants were tried (and all sentenced, naturally) in groups of two or three, except special cases. The judges, the Hon. Hugh Carr and the Hon. Richard Tulko, produced quite a few unusual sentences. Some Freshmen were forced to act in an old fashioned

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SENIORS TAKE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Senior class has raised its total points towards winning the sports trophy by taking the football league with little opposition. This passing and running Senior team had defeated an All-Star team raised by the student body 25-6. On a second attempt to stem the tide of the Senior team the All-Stars fell again but this time by an 18-6 score.

In the league the undefeated upperclassmen bowled over the highly rated Sophomores with a decisive 58-0 victory. The Freshmen having two classes had a playoff for which team would represent the class in the intramural competition. When the team was finally decided upon it was promptly defeated by the lively Junior team 51-0. Both the Juniors and Seniors were now tied for top honors in the race for the football crown. The play-off game was one to be seen by the whole student body.

On a beautiful autumn day the two teams assembled on the muddy playing field. The first half of play showed the two powerful teams scoreless due to the slippery field. Finally after a few minutes of the second half went by Joe McDonnell hit Joe Malina with a short pass in the end zone to break the scoreless tie. Frank Czajkowski kicked the extra point to put the Seniors ahead 7-0. Shortly afterwards Joe McDonnell hit Tom Colihan who carried the ball over for another score. Joe McDonnell raised the score another notch when he hit Joe Malina with a pass in the end zone. The Seniors took the title with the Juniors trailing closely behind. The Sophomores by defeating the unsuccessful Freshmen 12-0 are tied with the Juniors for second place in this tight race.

Standings:

	W	L
Seniors	2	0
Juniors	1	1
Sophomores	1	1
Freshmen	0	2

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CLASS RINGS

The Junior class received their rings with great enthusiasm. They expected them to be late in their arrival at school, as the present Senior class rings were. Fortunately, they were right on time and the whole class will be showing them to their parents and friends this Christmas holiday.

The rings were chiefly composed of the red stone type although there were two blue spirals in the group. So far the two pioneering classes have bought only red and blue stones in their rings. This seems to be the most popular colors as of the present time, but, fear runs high that the next Junior class will break tradition and fail to keep the standards set by their preceding fellow students. Time is the element which alone will tell just how this "two year old tradition" stands in the eyes of the future Juniors.

STAR OVER PADUA

Situated high on a hill above Seneca Lake, Padua is often spotted at night by its Neon Cross. During the Christmas season, however, one notices an even more luminous object directly beneath the cross. This is our "Star of Bethlehem." Near four feet high, the frame was constructed by Johanne, one of the hired help. Another, Brunek, drilled the holes for the lights. A third person, the electrician, constructed the wiring. How odd that three men of different nationalities built the Star which at Christ's birth, had led kings and shepherds of different nations to Our Lord. Shining brightly over the valley, our star of many colored bulbs attracts many to the school.

Coming around the bend to the main entrance, one is stopped in his tracks by a breathtaking sight. At the top of the bend is situated our Christmas crib. The figures are masterfully placed around the Old Well which was constructed to represent a stable. Our angelic chorus hangs artfully from a nearby treetop and lights spread around the area of the stable give the impression of heavenly light. Many a person has left the locale filled with the Christmas spirit inspired by the crib.

Perhaps a traveller looking up from the highway seeing the star may ponder and consider that it was the Star of Bethlehem that led the three kings to the truth.

PROGRESS IN THE GYM

Everyone had thought that the new gym floor would be laid by now but due to some delay neither the wood for the floor nor the workers have arrived. All present anticipate the day when the first game will be played in the new gym; it was to have been the Padua-Elkland game January 16 but now it seems that it will be a game at a later date.

The doors are hung in the gym, all the tile is put up, the windows of glass blocks are set, the lights are all in position but the most important item as yet lacking. At present the men are plastering in the game room and in the future bowling alleys. This work should also have been completed but due to the fact that the contractor refused to pay the men travelling wages, the original group quit. Two men from town are now doing this work and are doing it rapidly and well. If they continue on the job it won't be long before the first floor is completed.

CHRISTMAS CRIB...

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Gospel was sung, Francis stepped forward in his deacon's vestments and preached on the Christ Child.

"With words that dipped with sweetness, he spoke of the poor King who is born in the night, and who is the Lord Jesus in the city of David. And every time he would name the name of Jesus the fire of his love overcame him, and he called Him instead the Child from Bethlehem. And the word Bethlehem he said with a sound as if of a lamb that bleats, and when he named the name of Jesus, he let his tongue glide over his lips as if to taste the sweetness that this name had left there." Francis, with the joy of Christmas in his heart, thanked God for such a wonderful blessing.

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**CHRISTMAS
CURIOSITIES**

Names For Christmas

The Feast of the Nativity is known by many names. In French, **Noel**—traced to the Latin "natalia," meaning birth. In German, **Weinachten**—holy or consecrated night. In Italian, **Il Natale**; in Spanish, **Navidad** or **Noche Buena**—the good night. The world Yule comes from the ancient Celtic and Teutonic pagan festival **Hioul**.

Kris Kringle

No matter what you call him, he's still the spirit of Christmas. "Kris Kringle," who brings gifts to German tots, is a corruption of "Krist Kind" (Christ Child). "Santa Claus" is derived via the Dutch from St. Nicholas, fourth-century Bishop of Myra, who gave generously and in secret and so became a symbol of charity.

Gifts

Traditions associated with Christmas giving are as many as they are varied, but the gifts brought to the Holy Infant by the Magi is the origin most generally accepted. This is why in many Catholic countries, particularly the Spanish-speaking peoples, Epiphany is the day for gifts and the Nativity is a day of solemn religious observance.

Trees

Down the centuries trees have been identified with worship as a symbol of life, hope and conviviality. There are many traditions associating trees, particularly the evergreens, with Christmas. One legend is that three trees stood near the manger the night of Christ's birth; an olive, a palm and a pine. To honor the newborn King, the olive tree gave its fruit, the palm its dates, but the pine had nothing to offer. Noting this, some stars descended from Heaven and rested on its boughs; hence, the first Christmas tree!

Poinsettia

While Joel Poinsett was Minister of Mexico (1829-1833) he was attracted to the vermilion-red leaves of this flame plant. He brought it back to the United States for cultivation. Of no legendary association with Christmas, the plant has become popular during the holiday season because of its brilliance.

CHRISTMAS VISION

(Dana Griffin)

Come take my hand O doubting friend,
And I'll show you why,
The reason for this Christmas spirit,
A reason you cannot buy.
I'm taking you to a far off land,
A land like yours and mine.
With hills and vales and forests thick,
Full of the Christmas Pine.
Can you see it now my friend?
Can you see it there—
The snow reclines upon the earth
And there it falls asleep.
It nestles snugly in the trees,
Or drifts to fathoms deep.
The air is crisp, the moon hangs low,
The stars from a twingling sky.
And if you hold your head just right
They'll twinkle in your eye.
Beneath this sky of glittering gems,
Nestled in the snow,
Lies a town called Bethlehem,

With taverns all aglow.
In perfect contrast in this town
With the silent wintry night.
The inns are filled with noisy folk,
The streets are a crowded sight.
While on a snowy hillside,
Apart from this little town,
Stands a humble stable
With angels for its crown.
Within this stable lowly
We see a regal sight.
The King in His crib of pine,
The Queen enthroned with light.
With shepherds bowed in humble prayer.
And angels' voices singing—
Well my friend, what do you think
After this touching scene.
Is the Christmas of today the same?
And tomorrow, what will it mean?
Will our children stop to ask us,
Why this Christmas season?
And will we answer, if they do,
"Christ's birth, the joyous reason."

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LIBRARY CHATTER

The whole student body has good reason to "chatter" about the library, for it is growing by leaps and bounds. There are always new books to keep our book lovers occupied.

The library had a very successful "Book Week" display last November, thanks to our Rev. Librarian, Fr. Irenaeus and our helpful librarians. Now Father has made another success of a "Sports" display and hopes to go all out for the "Catholic Book Week" in February.

A few new appointments have been made in the library and we feel that they should be recognized. Paul Golinski has been appointed of the Periodical Staff of the library, Joseph Kurina and Richard Tulko as typists, Joseph Szymanski in charge of newspapers, Robert Amrozowicz of circulation and John Uss as book repairer.

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SODALITY ...

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 is Padua's, shall be guided and advised by its moderator, Father Humphrey. The Sodality's first Prefect is Frank Zygmuntowicz aided also by the secretary, Conrad Szczepanski; the publicity manager, Thomas Tulko, and the treasurer, T. Hulyo.

THIRD ORDER ELECTION ...

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ices we have Joseph Danchek, John Adamitis and again Richard Olszewski of whom Olszewski and Adamitis were the chief contestants. After the votes were counted, John Adamitis came out on top with 37 votes to 27 votes for Olszewski.

Since the meeting was called for the sole purpose of selecting officers, Fr. Austin gave the group the Papal blessing and finished the meeting with the Glory Be.

SOPHS MAKE ...

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melodrama; others had to dance, another had to pray for rain (and he got it too) still others were special cases which were taken care of behind locked doors (many were carried out.) All got treatment "X" which consisted of being thrown into the swimming pool.

As soon as the court was over we had a mammoth marshmallow roast over a huge bonfire on the athletic field. After that, we finished a perfect day with one of the best movies we had seen in a long time.

Gruesome music for the occasion was produced through the courtesy of two members of the Junior class, Dana Griffin playing the clarinet, accompanied by John Pilch on the piano.

Rigney Green

MISTLETOE

Symbolic of love and peace, mistletoe was used by the Druids in mid-winter festival worship. It was cut down by white-robed priests with golden sickles and burned in the temples as offerings to their gods. In the early Christian Church the "kiss of peace" was bestowed at Christmas time, to which our own custom of kissing under the mistletoe is traced. The word mistletoe is believed to come from the missel thrush, messenger of the gods, who was supposed to have brought the plant to earth.