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Solemn Devotions Close the Marian Year

"STALAG 17"

On December 19, under the direction of Fr. Terrence, the Padua "Thespians" presented their production of "Stalag 17", a comedy about life in a German prison camp during World War II.

The plot centers around the attempts of the prisoners to discover an informer in their ranks who has been thwarting their efforts to escape by telling the Nazis about them. Suspicion falls upon Sefton, who continually trades and associates with the Germans, but in the end he is cleared and the real informer, Price, the compound security officer, is discovered. He meets a typical traitor's death when upon running outside the barracks he is shot down by the Nazis.

Credit for the scenery and costumes goes to Brother Vincent, ably aided by Richard Tulko and Eddie Wlazlowski.

SIQUAERIS CAMPAIGN

In order to make it possible to publish the forthcoming issue of the Yearbook, the Seniors have launched a promotion campaign. It calls for an all-out effort on the part of the student body to collect ads and subscriptions during the Christmas holidays.

Prizes will be awarded to the students who receive the most ads from each of the classes. A grand prize of a portable radio will be presented to the student who brings in the most ads and contributions from the whole school.

A raffle and other fund raising campaigns are also scheduled to help the Seniors reach their goal of \$5,000.

Remember the campaign during your Christmas holidays.

Get your ads and contributions for the 1955 SIQUAERIS

*Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year*

FROM THE FACULTY,
BROTHERS AND STUDENTS

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Instead of the individual class parties in the previous years, the whole school had a combined party in the refectory on December 20. With each of the classes taking a turn at entertaining and Fr. Claude and the Faculty producing several surprises, the party was much more interesting than the short class parties held before. It is quite probable that this type of party will become another of the Christmas traditions at Padua.

The purpose of this party was to emphasize the bringing back of Christ into Christmas, and speeches were given to this effect by Senior class president Richard Tulko and Melvin Ziemianski of the Freshman class. Next the international character of Christmas was brought out by Joe Kurina who gave a short talk in French, and greetings were given in various languages by members of the Freshman class.

A few hours before the party itself, however, a delicious Christmas supper was served. This meal in many ways resembled the traditional Polish "Wigilia" or Christmas Eve sup-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- December
- 1—First Quarter marks announced.
 - 3—Basketball game vs. Watkins.
 - 5—Basketball intramurals begin.
 - 7—Basketball game vs. Odessa.
 - 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception; end of Marian Year; free day.
 - 13—Oratorical contest preliminaries held.
 - 14—Basketball game vs. Blossburg; first home game of the season.
 - 15—"Sampsonaires" come to Padua.
 - 17—Basketball game vs. Auburn.
 - 19—"Stalag", presented by Thespians in the gymnasium.
 - 20—School Christmas party.
 - 21—Christmas vacation begins.

per. The Polish customs of stuffing straw underneath the dishes and sharing of wafers were observed.

We take an opportunity here to express our thanks on behalf of the whole school to the Brothers on the kitchen staff who shouldered the burden of preparing the meal and decorating the refectory.

Solemn High Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception brought the Marian Year to a close at Padua. During the Mass, the celebrant, Fr. Terrence, delivered a sermon on the Blessed Virgin Mary's new feast, the Universal Queenship of Mary. He explained how according to reason and the teachings of the Church Mary deserves this title and is, indeed, everything it implies. In the evening the novena devotions in honor of the Immaculate Conception were held, and afterwards the Third Order members received the Papal blessing.

These ceremonies marked the end of a year of special devotion to our Lady in accordance with the wishes of the Holy Father. However, it is hoped that the good habits and practices acquired during this Marian Year will not be forgotten in the years to come.

During the past year the Marian theme was being constantly stressed at the school. Feasts of Mary were celebrated with greater solemnity, and on the Annunciation the student body went downtown to St. Mary of the Lake Church to sing an evening Mass. Bulletin displays, especially those of the Library, emphasized Mariology, and the Library also set aside a special section of books dealing with Mary. As a further reminder of the school's devotion to the Blessed Mother, the 1954 yearbook was dedicated to her.

In August the Franciscan Educational Conference, which had as its theme "Mary and the Seraphic Order" attracted many distinguished Franciscans from the United States, South America, and several European nations. It was at this conference that the Franciscan Friars formulated a petition for the institution of the new feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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ALUMNI BRIEFS

Joseph Malina is continuing his civil engineering studies at Manhattan College, New York. Studying modern languages at the same college is Thomas Trainor.

Frank Czajkowski has entered upon his second year's study of law at St. John's University, Brooklyn.

Eugene Lewandowski has taken up the study of medicine at the University of Scranton.

Joseph McDonnell and Ted Nowakowski are in their second year at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

James Angelo and James Kuhn are still attending Alfred University and St. Bonaventure University respectively.

Joseph Danchek, George Sobbeck, and Frank Zygmontowicz have joined the Air Force and were temporarily stationed at nearby Sampson Air Force Base.

Joseph Trella is awaiting the greetings from Uncle Sam after a year at Xavier University, Ohio.

Frank Adamitis is in his second year of study at St. Mary's Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Fraters Seraphin Olszewski and Donatus Szczepanski are continuing their studies for the priesthood at St. Francis College, Burlington, Wisconsin.

Wenceslaus, Joel, and Cyril are the new names of John Pilch, John Rentflejs, and John Pójawis, who have entered the Franciscan novitiate at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

The Immaculate Conception Monastery at Troy, N. Y., is the home of Matthias Yurko and Ernest Lominac, who are studying for the Franciscan priesthood as Fraters Rodger and Roman respectively.

Edward O'Neil has enlisted in the Navy and has been admitted to the School of Pharmacy.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS AT PADUA

Just as every individual family has its particular Christmas customs so too Padua has various customs which are observed from year to year.

The first sign of the Christmas festivities is the large star which is placed on the dome of the school. Since its border is decorated with colored lights, it can be seen for many miles at night plainly declaring the school's belief in the Birth of Christ.

A well-known sign of Christmas is the Christmas tree, and at Padua there are many scattered all over the school. The most colorful, perhaps, is the one in the lobby, which, besides the usual decorations, is adorned with the Christmas cards received by the Faculty during this season.

The burden of decorating, of course, rests most heavily on those who adorn the chapel. Besides the two Christmas trees placed on either side of the main altar, there is the backbreaking job of putting up wreaths on the ceiling and pillars. The poinsettia, as the Christmas flower, is used to decorate the altar itself.

One of the most familiar sights at Christmas is the outdoor crib, located at the old spring. Christmas trees are placed around the crib and decorated with colored lights, and spotlights shine on the statues themselves. One night shortly before the Christmas holidays, the students gather around the crib to sing carols in honor of the Saviour who was born 2,000 years ago.

But though these customs may be pleasant, there is another one which all the boys enjoy very much. After all, what can be more delightful than the custom of going home? According to the students there is nothing better than this, and a few days before Christmas itself the building rings with "Merry Christmases" as they leave.

Record Number of Students On Honor Roll

When the first quarter marks were announced, it was seen that a record number of 33 boys had gained a place on the honor roll. Though the Freshmen and Sophomores with 12 and 10 members of their classes respectively on the honor roll led as far as numbers were concerned, the Senior class, placing 6 of their 10 members on the honor roll, were far ahead in regard to percentage. Valentine Lapsanski, a Sophomore, stayed on top of the honor roll for the fourth successive quarter.

The honor students grouped according to classes are as follows:

Seniors
 Maksymowicz, A. 96.6
 Tulko, R. 96.3
 Kurina, J. 94.3
 Malina, R. 94.1
 McDonnell, E. 90.3
 Uss, J. 90.1

Juniors
 Golinski, P. 95.1
 Tulko, T. 94.9
 Nawrot, R. 91.4
 Pindel, J. 91.3
 Piniewski, J. 90.9

Sophomores
 Lapsanski, V. 97.7
 Passon, R. 96.7
 Campbell, R. 95.6
 Jagodzinski, J. 95.3
 Barstys, J. 94.3
 Kaminski, R. 92.4
 Maselka, R. 91.4
 Michalski, J. 91.3
 Bazyk, R. 90.0
 Ryniak, R. 89.7

Freshmen
 Knorowski, J. 94.5
 Michniewicz, A. 93.8
 Monohan, J. 93.2
 Wojton, R. 93.2
 Dominiak, J. 93.0
 Gorman, M. 93.0
 Tereskiewicz, P. 92.2
 Mullaney, T. 92.0
 Koniniec, Z. 90.9
 Mark, T. 90.7
 Marek, T. 90.3
 Szczepaniak, W. 90.3

SHOUTS and WHISPERS

1. Campbell: Want to save 3 cents, Father?
 Fr. Humphrey: How?
 Campbell: Let me take my report card home.

2. Looks like the Der Bingles and Swoonatras of the Junior Class need a retuning of their vocal chords . . . remember their version of the Tantum Ergo?

3. Amrozowicz, trying his hand at typing had only this to say: "This machine can't even spell correctly!"

4. Looks like we'll have an Ed McDonnellski at Padua . . . Ed's been visiting the Polish class sessions and boning up on Polish History.

5. After 3 months Maselka is still of the opinion that geometry is a form of mental torture.

6. If Richard Tulko and Maksymowicz had their way the exams would have been much more difficult . . . they've run out of letters and space for the honor roll listing.

7. Maksymowicz, upon having his attention called to the fact that the background music in study hall had stopped playing, replied: "Well, what do you expect? They're playing the 'Silent Symphony'."

SODALITY HOLDS MEETING

The first monthly meeting of the Sodality was held with the announcement of the officers for the current year by Fr. Rudolph the new moderator. They are: Joseph Kurina, president; Thomas Tulko, vice president; James Jagodzinski, secretary and treasurer.

After this the Moderator briefly reviewed the main rules of the Sodality for the benefit of the new members and gave everybody a booklet containing these rules. He also stated that from henceforth anyone applying for membership in the Sodality would have to undergo a year of probation before he could become a full-fledged member. It was also decided at this meeting that the evening chapel devotions every Saturday would be considered weekly Sodality meetings.

REMEMBER THE AD. CAMPAIGN DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

J.V. GAMES

CASCADERS DOWN DUNDEE

The Junior Cascaders overcame their nervousness early in the second quarter and rolled to a 38-20 victory over one of the weakest Dundee teams in years. Sparkling defense aided the Padua quintet while their driving forwards continually penetrated the opposing defense. The Cascaders were paced by co-captains Jim Jagodzinski and Andy Zujkowski with 11 and 8 points each respectively.

PADUA TAMES RIVALS

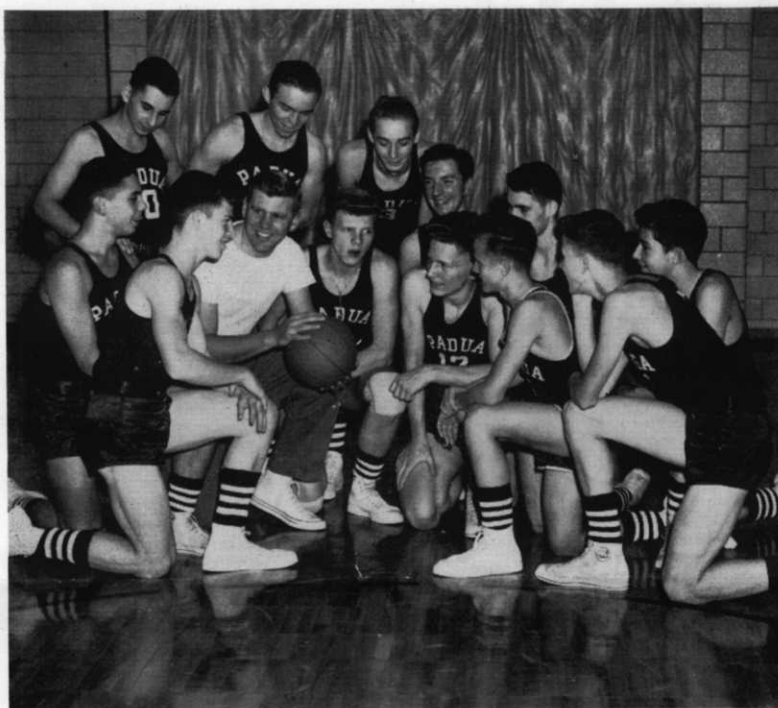
The hard fighting Cascaders outlasted a cold Watkins team by a 51-30 count. Although the Senecas kept Padua in hot water throughout most of the first period, Jerry Nowatarski's set shots kept the scrappy Cascader five in the game. It was the great spirit of Padua which enabled them to run continually through the tiring Watkins defense. Jerry Nowatarski headed the scoring column with 16 points while Jim Jagodzinski was runnerup with 12.

PADUA TROUNCES ODESSA

The Cascaders had no trouble taming Odessa's all Freshman team 52-32, although the manner in which it was done was far from stylish. Padua took advantage of many openings in the center of the Odessa defense, as pivotmen Chuck Krupa and Ron Zgodzinski poured in 22 and 12 points respectively.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1955

- January
 - 7—Owego (away)
 - 11—DeSales (home)
 - 14—Holy Family (home)
 - 18—Blossburg (away)
 - 26—Dundee (home)
 - 28—Watkins (home)
- February
 - 1—Horseheads (home)
 - 4—Lakemont (away)
 - 11—Horseheads (away)
 - 15—Odessa (home)
 - 18—Owego (home)
 - 25—Lakemont (home)
- March
 - 1—DeSales (away)



1954-55 Padua Varsity Team with their coach Bob Wendland

FOOTBALL INTRAMURALS

Two leagues of seven teams each were formed for the six-man football intramurals which took place during November. The captains of the various teams, besides leading their own teams, acted as referees, while John Uss and Joe Piniewski kept the schedules rolling in the Senior and Junior leagues respectively. Though football did not succeed in evincing as much enthusiasm as soccer intramurals had done, it did a good job of filling in the gap between soccer and basketball.

The race for championship of the Senior league was a close contest between Waszak's and Prusakowski's teams, with Waszak coming out on top by defeating his rival 20-6 in his last game of the season. Much of the credit for Waszak's perfect record goes to Ed McDonnell, whose splendid running made him top scorer in the league. The Junior league got under way with much enthusiasm, especially that of the Freshmen, who were full of pep and undaunted by any opposition. As in the Senior league, attention centered around two teams, Piniewski's and Barstys', with the latter beating his rival by one touchdown, 21-14, to emerge the undefeated champion of the league. The end of the season

PADUA WHIPS ODESSA

The Cascaders easily downed Odessa on the latter's court to gain their third straight victory. Leading throughout the entire game, the Paduans closed the first half with only a nine point lead; however by the close of the third period, the game was safely tucked away. During the closing minutes of the game, the reserves saw some action, and when the final buzzer sounded, the Cascaders were on top 73-55. Pindel with 15 points led the scoring for Padua, though Goodrich of Odessa was high for the game with 21 points.

produced a surprise when Lapczynski's team, which had lost its first three games, rallied to win the next three.

Senior League	W	T	L	Avg.
Waszak	6	0	0	1.000
Prusakowski	4	0	2	.667
Uss	2	2	2	.500
Tereskiewicz, T.	2	2	2	.500
Maksymowicz	1	3	2	.417
Wawrzyniak	2	0	4	.333
Ambrozowicz	0	1	5	.083
Junior League	W	T	L	Avg.
Barstys	5	1	0	.917
Piniewski	5	0	1	.833
Lapczynski	3	0	3	.500
Rog	3	0	3	.500
Maselka	2	1	3	.417
Sekula	2	0	4	.333
Murawski	0	0	6	.000

VARSITY GAMES

CASCADERS TOP DUNDEE 63-50 IN OPENER

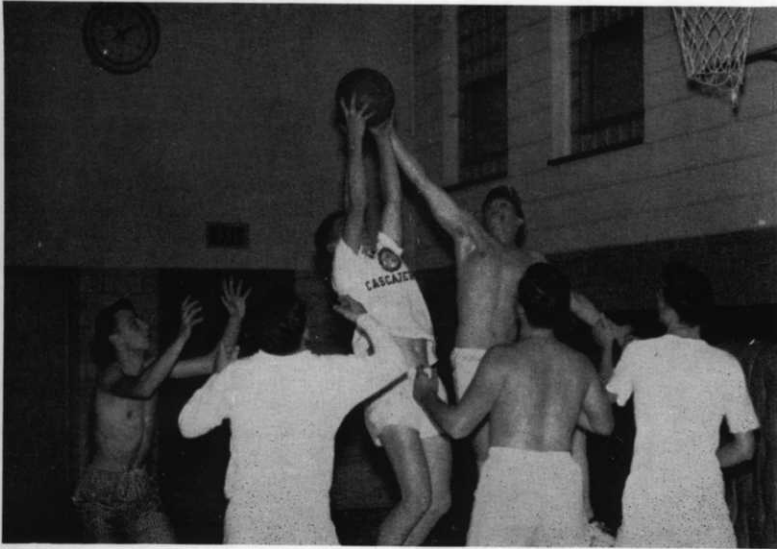
Poor form was displayed by the veteran Padua quintet in the opening minutes of the game. Settling down in the second quarter they surged ahead to a fifteen point lead at halftime. Since several of their best players had fouled out during the first two periods, the Cascaders froze the ball most of the last quarter, and the gap in the score remained the same. High for Padua with 13 points was Kurina, followed by Dmuchowski with 12.

WATKINS EDGED OUT BY PADUA

The beginning of Padua's annual game with their downtown rivals was spent mostly in foul-shooting. After a few minutes, however, both teams settled down, and the game proved to be a close battle all the way. Though leading by four points at halftime, the Cascaders lacked vim as they played their opponents' brand of game, but Watkins failed to draw ahead. The game was not decided till the final minute, when Walt Ranus dunked two foul shots to bring Padua up from behind to a one point victory, 51-50. Don Franzese of Watkins was high for the game with seventeen points, followed by his teammate Harrison and Killigrew of Padua with fourteen.

BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS BEGIN

Enthusiasm was very evident throughout the school as basketball intramurals began December 5. The Varsity and Junior Varsity players offered their assistance as coaches and referees to help to develop hidden talent. The opening day's activities were marked by keen spirits and close games. In many cases the style of play was unorthodox but this was soon corrected after a week of competition. The present intramural teams were chosen temporarily to give the Freshmen a chance to acquaint themselves with the game and the older players an opportunity to get in shape. Permanent teams will be chosen after Christmas.



Welebb & Robie reach for a rebound during intramurals

Padua Improves And Beautifies Its Facilities

With each succeeding year the buildings and grounds of Padua are being constantly improved and beautified.

Thanks to the work of our carpenter Johann and the students who remained at school during the summer vacation, the third floor of the north wing was painted and tiled to provide sleeping quarters for the increasing number of students. The common bathrooms on the second and third floors were also completed and ready for use by the time school began in September.

Work is now in progress in the kitchen for the purpose of remodeling it into a modern and convenient unit. The walls will have a covering of tile, while the ceiling will be lowered to hide many unsightly pipes.

Outside the building many improvements have appeared to beautify our campus. Thanks to the work of our tireless Brother Tim, a new sidewalk was laid connecting the gym with the school building, with newly seeded lawns on either side of it. The gymnasium too, now boasts a revarnished basketball floor.

The construction of a machine shed for the storage of farm equipment and the demolition of the old upper garage to make way for a volleyball court are the last major improvements to date.

THIRD ORDER

This year the Third Order received a new moderator in the person of Fr. Maynard, who promptly got down to the business of selecting officers. Joseph Kurina, Joseph Piniewski, Richard Passon were appointed president, vice president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

After a period of instruction by the Moderator, the novices were received into the Third Order on St. Francis' day. On the same day last year's novices made their profession during a ceremony in chapel.

SAMPSONAIRES VISIT PADUA

On December 15, the "Sampsonaires", a choral group from nearby Sampson Air Force Base, treated the Paduans to a concert in the gymnasium. This was a repeat performance of the fine concert the Sampsonaires presented last year to the student body.

Their repertoire consisted of a wide variety of songs, from "Adoramus Te" by Palestrina to the "Syncopated Clock" by Leroy Anderson. They also presented some light opera selections by Sigmund Romberg and Rodgers. For variety the quartet sang several selections which were enthusiastically received by the Paduans.

As during last year's performance, the students' applause made the group give several encores.

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