

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Christmas at Padua

Padua is our home, and as in every home when the Christmas season arrives, there are many beautiful customs observed.

A big star decorates the top of the school building announcing to one and all for miles around that the Christmas season is here.

The Christmas tree, symbolic of Christ's everlasting presence, is found in abundance in the school buildings and on the campus. The gaily decorated tree in the school's lobby is the most colorful having, aside from the usual decorations, its branches laden with Christmas cards received by the faculty.

The Chapel deservedly, as it will witness the commemoration of Christ's birth at Midnight Mass, is richly decorated. The main altar is adorned with brightly colored poinsettias while evergreen sprays on the pillars and Christmas trees on the side altars give it the added touch of color.

One of the most pleasing sights serving as a reminder of the Christmas season, is the replica of the first Christmas Crib, located at the old spring. It is surrounded with Christmas trees and resplendent with many colored lights. Traditionally, shortly before they leave for home for the Christmas Holidays, the students gather around this outdoor crib and sing carols in honor of the Christ child.

SENIOR CLASS PICTURES

On November 8 the Senior class took a trip to Elmira to have their photographs taken for the portrait section in the Siquaeris yearbook. Accompanied by their class moderator, Father Emil, they took a day off to get their pictures taken at Steiner's Studios in Elmira.

Christmas Party

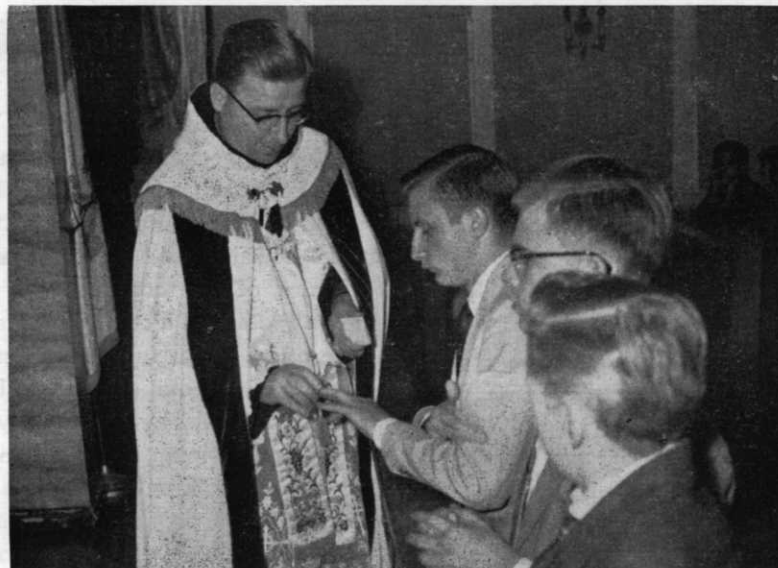
Two days before the departure of the students of Padua on their Christmas Holidays, a Christmas Party was held for all the Faculty Members, Brothers and Students.

The party was held in the student refectory, which was gaily decorated with a large Christmas tree and ornaments about the walls and ceiling lights. In one corner a beautiful niche was set up to hold the Christ child which was brought in processionally from the Student Chapel. The students sang Christmas Carols to greet the Christ Child.

According to the time honored custom all the participants broke "wafers" and exchanged Holiday greetings, before partaking of the resplendent dinner prepared by the cooks.

After the dinner all the classes presented 15 minute programs for the entertainment of those present.

Richard Nawrot acted as Master of Ceremonies during the entertainment program. The Juniors waited upon the tables.



Fr. Humphrey distributing Junior Class Rings

Junior Class Rings

This year as in former years, the Junior class received their class rings in an impressive ceremony in the chapel.

Prior to blessing the rings, Father Humphrey, the class moderator, gave a short talk to the boys in which he emphasized the symbolic value of the ring and the part it should play in the students' lives. The rings were then blessed and distributed. The services ended with the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 19, Christmas party
Dec. 21, Christmas recess begins
Jan. 4, Recess ends
Jan. 23, Regents and semestral examinations
Jan. 26, Retreat
Jan. 30, Second semester begins
Feb. 2, Very Rev. Provincial's NAMEDAY, holiday
Feb. 15, Ash Wednesday, holiday
Feb. 16, Rev. Rector's NAMEDAY, holiday
Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday, holiday

James Franzese Memorial Dinner

On November 20, the second memorial dinner was held at the school in honor of James Franzese, late coach of Padua. The dinner consisted of tasty spaghetti and meatballs prepared by the members of the St. Theresa Society of Watkins Glen.

The Junior Class cooperated in this event by preparing the refectory, setting the tables, and acting as waiters. The Seniors, acting as hosts, escorted the guests into the refectory and seated them at the tables. Other Seniors acted as parking attendants.

A large number of people from Watkins Glen and the neighboring vicinity attended the affair. Through the generous cooperation of the St. Theresa Society of Watkins Glen, the affair was a success.

The proceeds of the dinner will be used to help the Franciscan missionaries on the Island of Samar in the Philippines.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1956

January

10—Odessa (home)
13—Horseheads (home)
18—Lakemont (away)
20—Owego (away)

February

3—Notre Dame (home)
7—Corning F. A. (home)
10—Waverly (away)
14—Watkins (away)
17—Lakemont (home)
21—Odessa (away)
24—Horseheads (away)
28—Notre Dame (away)

March

2—Owego (home)

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CHRIST'S MASS

Christmas Eve arrived. The night was bright and the stars shone in all their splendor. The whole earth was still and at midnight, bells rang out in the unknown village of Greccio, Italy. It was the call to Midnight Mass.

The GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO was sung as never sung before. After Mass Saint Francis went to the crib and gently lifted the Child in his arms. As he did so, a golden circle of light appeared around His head and He smiled. The people fell on their knees and adored Christ as the shepherds had done so many years ago.

This was in the year 1223. Saint Francis of Assisi wanted to tell the people of Christ's birth. A cave to shelter a crib would be the ideal representation of the first Christmas. One resembling that of Bethlehem was found on the hillside outside of Greccio. Live animals, hay and straw were brought into the cave.

Francis was very happy. He wanted to share this happiness with the people. He invited them to attend Midnight Mass at the cave.

Yes, this was truly Christmas, because this was CHRIST'S MASS.

Richard Nawrot

HONOR ROLL

With the completion of the first quarter the scholastic results, grouped according to classes, are as follows:

Seniors

Golinski, P.
 Tulko, T.
 Nawrot, R.

Juniors

Passon, R.
 Lapsanski, V.
 Jagodzinski, J.
 Campbell, R.
 Maselka, R.
 Barstys, J.
 Michalski, J.

Sophomores

Koniniec, Z.
 Knorowski, J.
 Michniewicz, A.
 Tereskiewicz, P.
 Dominiak, J.

Freshmen

Klint, P.
 Trela, J.
 Tulko, A.
 Jaros, R.
 Dombkowski, J.
 Kobus, R.

SHOUTS

and
 Whispers

If there are any special prizes for the most broken windows, the Freshmen have it cinched.

Looks like Lapczynski and Przybysz want to make cheer-leading their life's profession.

94 "Mortu" Matus is available for all wake and funeral services . . . with or without recordings.

96 EXTRA !!! News has just reached us that "Robertus" Killigrew and "Josephus" Piniewski are aspiring to teach Latin at Padua.

91 "What's the matter Hryczyk? Are you going into the state of N rv na?"

94 We learn that Latin I-A gets explosive at times.

92 "Queeg" Maselka learned his part well . . . he's seen talking to himself most of the time.

90 Sophomore ink seems to have gotten into the Junior's hair.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

From Christmas till New Year's Day much is said about New Year's resolutions. To many, this is a light matter and consists of making fantastic resolutions without serious conviction of keeping them. For us, as Catholics, they should be firm resolutions of mind and will to make ourselves better through the perfection of shortcomings.

In the life of a student there is much room for improvement, hence much room for resolution. At Padua where discipline is a keynote, it is our duty to follow the disciplinary actions proclaimed and held by the faculty. Here we can definitely begin our reconstruction. Let me cite some examples.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass is celebrated every morning and all students participate. The prayers during Mass are supposed to be said in unison yet it seems that only a sporadic effort is made by many students. We should try earnestly and zealously to say them in unison. Let's make the following resolution. I RESOLVE TO SAY THE PRAYERS EVERY MORNING IN UNISON WITH FERVOR AND ZEAL.

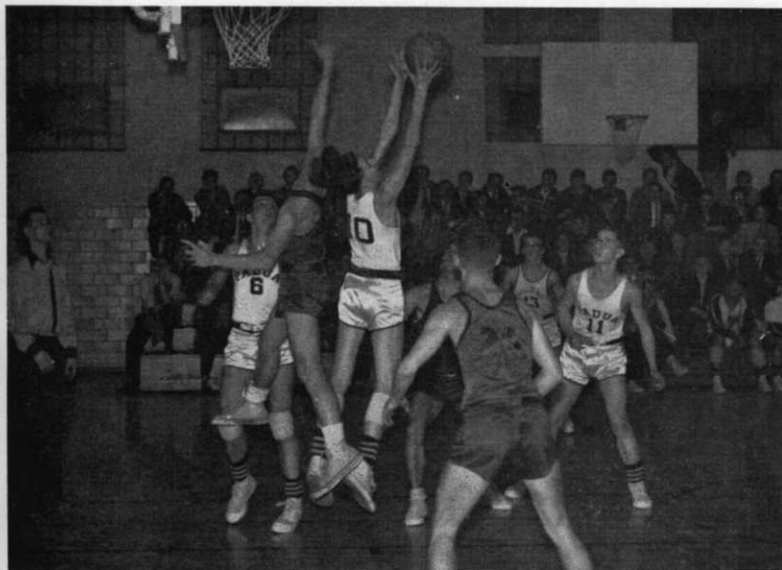
"Silence is golden" is a common but proverbial saying. Surely since it has outlived generations it must be of importance. To a Paduan this should not be difficult to realize. Silence is prescribed in ranks, chapel, study hall, and other designated times and places. Let's resign ourselves to observe silence, for in silence is discipline, and in discipline is character. Hence, another good resolution: I RESOLVE TO KEEP SILENCE AT ALL DESIGNATED TIMES.

Even if but these two resolutions are kept, it is easy to imagine the wholesome effect that will be engendered. Put these two resolutions at the head of your New Year's resolution list and firmly resolve to keep them.

Paul Golinski



Ladies from the St. Theresa Society preparing the Memorial Dinner



Kaminski snares rebound in Watkins game

Padua Swamps Watkins

The Padua quintet, after its first two defeats, found the range and downed Watkins 90-55. It was the home opener for the Cascaders who took the lead early in the first period and were never headed. The Senecas loose man to man defense offered little opposition to the Cascaders' fast break style of play.

Both teams were off to a fast start and the Paduans took a 16-11 advantage after four minutes of play and held a 20-15 bulge at the quarter. The fast pace began to tell on the Senecas midway in the second period and the Cascaders rolled to 39-24 halftime lead. After the intermission the home five continued where they left off building a sizable lead with only two minutes gone in the third period. At this point Coach Wendland sent in his second string who continued to add fuel to the fire. A wild ragged style of play predominated throughout as Coach Lemak's outfit tried desperately to score. The climax of the evening came when Ted Perzanowski scored the ninetieth point which broke the old school record of 88 points set last year.

Former Paduan, Bob Marciniak, led the Seneca men scoring 23, while John Klos had 22 for the victors. Opiola and Ranus also had double figures with 13 and 11 points respectively.

Padua Suffers Second Defeat

A tall, hard-driving Corning Free Academy team handed Padua their second straight defeat 68-50. The scrappy Cascaders did a splendid job since Corning had two six foot five men under the boards and two "hot shots" from the outside. Ted Perzanowski saved many baskets with his timely blocks while Killigrew, who had scored 25 points, gave their defense plenty of trouble.

Killigrew got the Padua quintet off to a 4-0 lead with a fielder and two fouls, but from there on Corning took over and gained a 30-19 half time lead. A crushing blow was then dealt to the Cascaders when Academy came up with a ten point rally before they could net a basket. From there on the Padua five was never in the game although they hustled all the way.

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THE CASCADER QUINTET

With only memories of last year's splendid squad, coach Bob Wendland had a multitude of worries when tryouts were held. Besides losing six members from last year's squad, a comparatively tougher schedule faces the Paduans. Only sixteen showed up for tryouts, and after the team was cut to twelve, co-captains Bob Killigrew and John Klos, along with Ted Perzanowski, Walt Ranus, Ed Opiola, and Bob Campbell were fighting it out for starting berths. Andy Zujkowski, Ron Zgodzinski, Bob Kaminski, Jim Jagodzinski, Ken Foss, and Chuck Krupa are also expected to see plenty of action. Coach Wendland is optimistic, however, on our chances, but he doesn't expect to equal last season's 14-4 record.

Cascaders Drop Opener

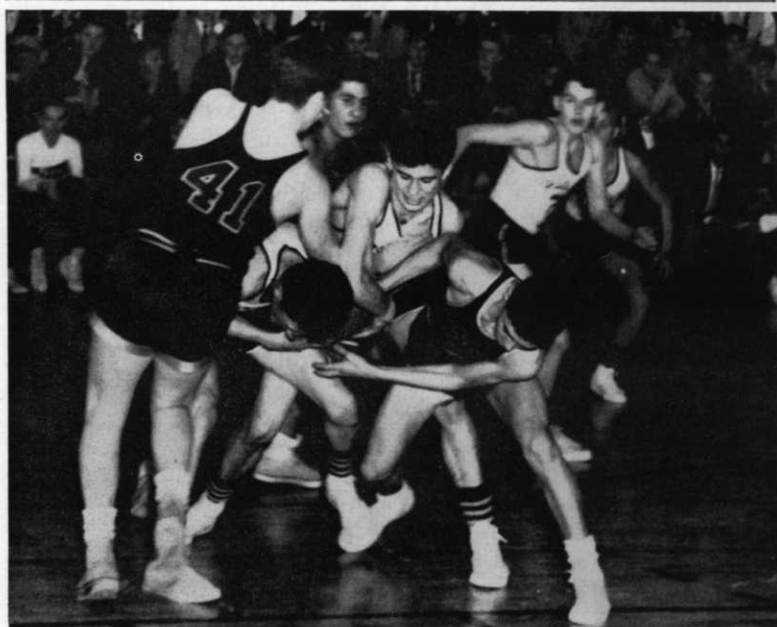
One of the strongest Dundee teams in recent years held command throughout the game as they spoiled the Cascaders' opener 61-45. Employing a fast break the Dundee outfit ran the Cascaders ragged while their 1-3-1 defense stopped the Cascaders cold in the first half. After the intermission the Cascaders showed plenty of fight and Killigrew began to hit from the outside, but Dundee stayed right with them. Then midway in the fourth period both teams began to substitute freely. Killigrew and Opiola paced the Paduans with 14 and 13 points respectively.

JR. VARSITY NOTES

After much practice and anxious expectation this year's JV team went into action against a comparatively smaller Dundee squad. It was the first game for most of the team and naturally they were nervous, but their fighting spirit led them to victory with the score 43-37. The Cascaders set a fast pace in the first period and led all the way although a late fourth period rally gave the Paduans a scare. Minichiello led the victors with 11 points.

Playing their second game at Corning, Padua made its first encounter with this potent team. Both teams matched baskets in the first quarter but as the game progressed Academy pulled away with the final score being 44-23. The tall Corning club crushed our zone defense and controlled the boards while the Cascaders were having trouble with both passing and shooting. Brozek's nine points led the Padua five.

Appearing on their home court for the first time the Junior Cascaders rolled over Watkins Central High 57-33. Continuous fast breaks aided the Paduans although the fast and unsystemized style was anything but spectacular. A splendid job was turned in by the reserves as they saw plenty of action in the second half. Minichiello headed the attack with 16 points, most of which came in the first half.



Jasiocki and Rudnicki fight for possession of the ball

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Class Meetings The Junior Varsity Five

SENIORS — The Senior class held two class meetings between issues of the Paduan. At the first it was decided that a raffle would be held after the Christmas recess for the purpose of securing funds for the Senior treasury. It was also decided that a goal of \$4,000. is set for the publication of the yearbook, and that to reach this sum, a commission of 10% would be given all salesmen on sums collected over \$50. The rest of the meeting was taken up in discussion about the yearbook.

At the second meeting, the main topic of discussion was that of plans for the Christmas party. For entertainment, a choir of Seniors was chosen to sing a medley of Christmas carols at the party.

JUNIORS — During the Junior meeting on December 7, it was voted on and accepted that as a project the members of the Junior class would prepare the refectory and act as waiters for the James Franzese Memorial Dinner, and also all other banquets during the school year. As in the other class meetings, members of the class were picked to furnish entertainment for the Christmas party. At this time, because of the proximity of the Senior year and the realization that a large amount of reserve dues would be needed then, the dues were raised to \$5.00 a year.

SOPHOMORES — At the Sophomore meeting, the main topic of discussion again was the selection of entertainment for the school Christmas party. Various suggestions were brought up and discussed, the better of which were selected for the party.

FRESHMEN — The first topic of discussion was the election of a new class secretary due to the departure of former secretary Wroblewski. After the candidates were nominated and elected, John Trela emerged as the secretary. Next was the selection of entertainment for the Christmas party. The meeting concluded with the election of Andrew Kaczmarek and Joseph Szczesniakowski as class prefects of A and B respectively.

Fr. Emil is relying on Sophomores to carry the load for his ball club this year since the present Freshmen have produced little talent. Speed and excellent ball handling will be the keynote to success since three experienced playmakers, Gale Trainor, Jerry Nowotarski, Tom Minichiello, are slated for first team assignments with Edward Brozek and Jerry Barrett under the boards. Freshmen, Ted Wieckowski and lanky Steve Rudnicki, however, could break into the starting five before the end of the season. Jasiecki, Balsiewicz, Kurpiel, Knorowski, and Tereskiewicz, P., round out the squad.

BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Keener competition is expected in the basketball intramurals this year since a three league program replaces the customary two league system. One man teams are expected to be eliminated by this decision and talent will be more evenly divided.

After two weeks of play, signs of some close races are very apparent in both the B and C leagues. However, Waszak's team is dominating play in the A league.

Varsity and JV members direct the teams and officiate while Jim Jagodzinski handles the task of scheduling the games and publishing statistics.

TULKO CAPTURES SOCCER CROWN

Only a 0-0 tie with Killigrew marred a perfect season as Tom Tulko's team took the soccer championship in a very heated race. Linemen, Jagodzinski, Trainor and Maselka, led the team offensively but did not overshadow the splendid defensive play of goalie Ted Wieckowski. Keen competition carried the race right down to the wire when Tulko's 4-2 victory over Golinski decided the championship. After a slow start, Barstys' team was working on a four game winning streak while Iwachow was knocked out of a possible championship when Tulko beat him 2-0.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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