

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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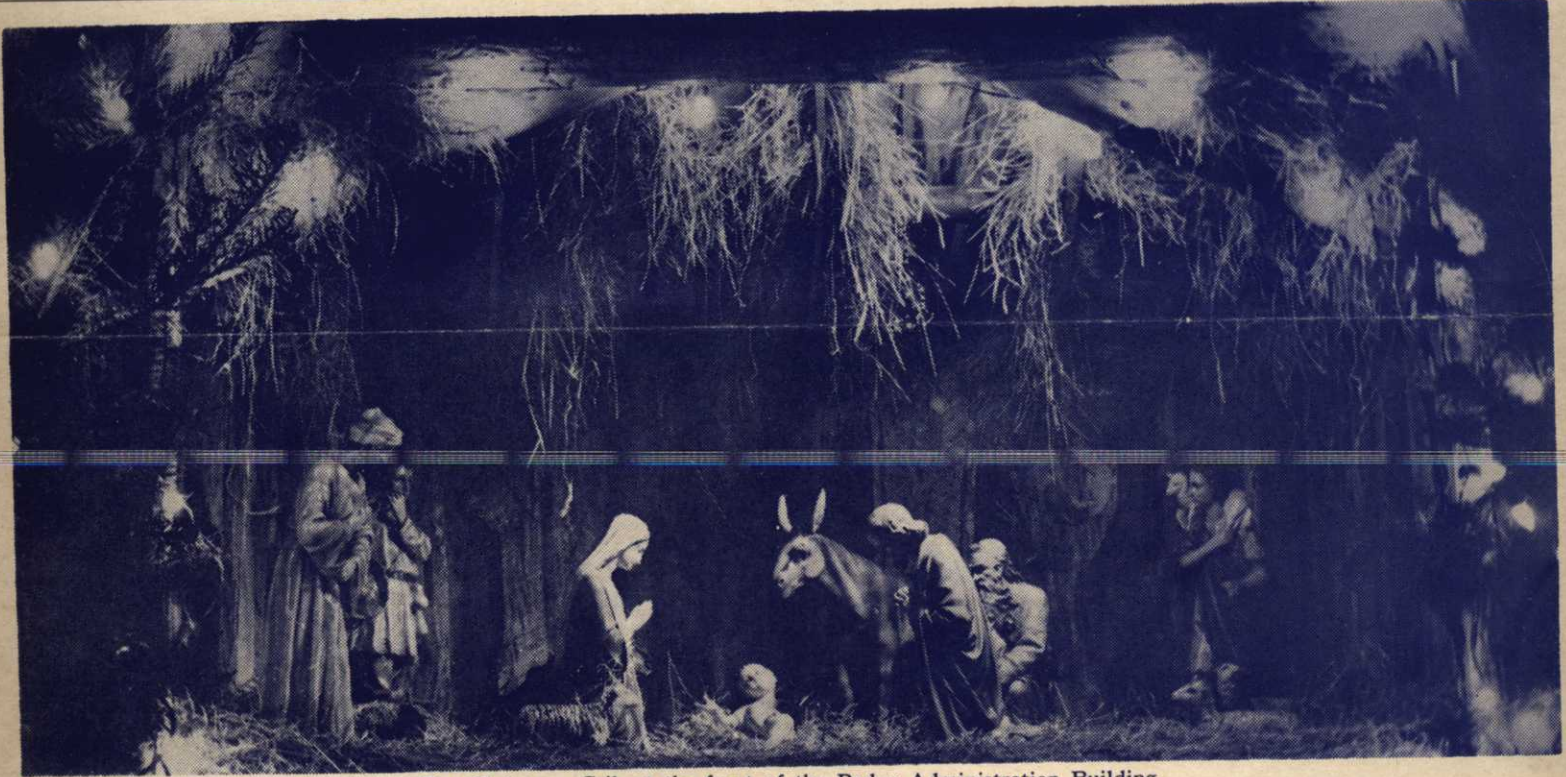
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The Christmas Crib at the front of the Padua Administration Building

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PADUA

On December 17th, all the Paduans, the Faculty, Brothers and Students, attended a gay Christmas party in the student refectory.

The refectory was gaily decorated with a large ornamented Christmas tree, and its ceilings and walls were decorated with wreaths and garlands. In one corner of the refectory a beautiful niche was set up to hold a crib for the Christ Child. The students sang Christmas Carols to greet the Christ Child as He was brought in procession from the student chapel to the refectory.

According to the time honored custom all the participants broke "wafers" and exchanged holiday greetings before partaking in a traditional "Vigilia" dinner. After the dinner, members from each class presented brief entertainment programs. After these

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FAREWELL

At some phase of our life we all seem to get attached to some persons or things. We, as teenagers, are no different now than we ever were or ever will be. Whether the object of our attachment is the latest craze in Rock 'n Roll, or one of our professors, it is difficult to give up that attachment. However, two of our professors to whom many of us were greatly attached because they were well loved for their human approach to our problems, are no longer with us.

Father Humphrey Tobias, O.F.M., who after three years of teaching English at Padua, finally was able to realize his ambition and go to the foreign missions. But we must not forget the enormous legacy of good he left behind—a legacy of good English that is remembered by all those whom he taught. Besides this, he has left behind a memory of understanding and helpfulness to many a problem

troubled Paduan.

Although Father Flavian Nowotarski, O.F.M., was here for only one year, it is easy to say that in that time he gained a following that challenged many. He did not have to wait long to achieve his ambition, for he received permission comparatively soon to carry out his desire to go to the Philippines.

His legacy is a love of math, which although imparted to only one class, is nevertheless well instilled. Our present seniors will long remember him for his unique method of teaching Latin III. He is remembered by all as one of the most thoughtful and understanding professors you could ever hope to meet.

To both we bestow our sincere thanks and appreciation. We are deeply indebted to them and we can only hope and pray that they will achieve even greater success in this new endeavor. May God reward them and bless them!

Christmas In The Philippines

This Christmas two former Paduan professors will be enjoying the Holyday festivities Philippine style. There won't be sleigh rides and snow, but Christmas will be there just the same. We can just imagine Father Flavian Nowotarski, O.F.M., and Father Humphrey Tobias, O.F.M., decorating a palm tree.

But seriously, the Philippines have their own Christmas customs as does America.

In the islands, once a possession of the United States, Christmas is celebrated in a greatly religious manner. On Christmas Eve the churches are open, and the coming of the great day is celebrated by a Mass at midnight; and during the entire Christmas day, Mass is held at every hour until noon, so that everyone may have an opportunity to attend.

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THE BABE OF LOVE

A brisk wind whistling through the cracks of the stable, the coldness of the crib, the snow falling from the sky presented a cold, crisp atmosphere in Bethlehem on that first Christmas Eve. Travelers were moving in the town trying to find shelter from the cold night. Never did they think that a little stable on the outskirts of town would provide the warmth never before found on the face of the earth. Lying there in a manger was a Babe whose heart like a furnace was glowing with love for men.

Soon the shepherds came to visit this little child, but each recognized sadness upon His radiant countenance. This sadness was caused by the many people, who instead of visiting the waiting Babe, went casually about their business.

But how often, like the people of Bethlehem, do we pass up opportunities to show our love to Jesus? Our negligence in this respect acts as a cover, smoldering all sparks of love. Would not the daily reception of Holy Communion and visits to the Blessed Sacrament add the fuel needed to warm our hearts with Christ's love? Indeed it would change the smoldering sparks of love into a raging fire seeking to repay the divine love of the Infant of Bethlehem.

James Jagodzinski

RISE AND SHINE

"A lazy boy and a warm bed are hard to part." This statement is going to become very true especially with the cold weather setting in. Of course, no person likes to leave the comfort and secure warmth of his bed to face the brisk chill of the morning air. Even the normal room temperature sends a tingling sensation up the spine of a sleepy headed person. No matter how great the spirit of perseverance is instilled within a person, he is liable to falter in this "early to rise" resolution many times.

All of us have the opportunity of attending the daily sacrifice of the Mass. Some are impeded by the "sleepy time blues." We as Catholics should take advantage of our opportunities to start the day off with Christ. Unless we get up immediately at the bell we'll be late for Mass and cause undue distractions to those participating in this Holy Sacrifice. The next time you are inclined to turn over for a quick wink or to doze off during Mass, think of Christ and His innumerable sufferings for us. He did not complain or hesitate at all and He gave up His life that we might live again in heaven. It isn't such a task if you do it with the love of God in mind. Make a firm resolution to be on time for Mass and spend that half hour each day with Christ. Such a simple thing as giving up a little sleep will merit you a hundredfold reward in heaven.

Remember, when you open your eyes tomorrow morning, thank God for protecting you through the night and then . . . rise and shine for Christ.

Ronald Maselka

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EDITOR'S NOTE—

What is it? Can it be? How can it be? Don't ask us but it is. It's Elvis "the Pretzel" Presley. The question of the hour seems to be . . . "What do you think of Elvis?" Many may not admit it but they don't recommend his antics as typical moral behaviour.

Sure, he sings and gives a good try too, but man he should be gone—really gone. He makes a load of money but the impressions he makes, leave a burden on the minds of many parents. He has a new style of doing things but it certainly is the most earthy thing that has been publicly viewed in many years.

Since when does a person have the right to present as public entertainment such questionable motions? Let him sing his songs, all fine and dandy, but just let him control himself a little more. Is any person entitled to be so self-centered and eager for unearned fame that he will sacrifice reputation and the morals of others to attain this end?

On the other hand, it isn't easy to say that Elvis is all wrong, because he's not. He's just another version of the Charleston with a snappier beat and the beat is all right. We'll go so far with him, but we can't tolerate those unbearable contortions.

Maybe, if he does away with the latter acts his fame will die. So what, are you really going to miss him that much? Think it over! And as we said before, he's gone, and in more ways than one!

R.J.M.

TOWER OF BABBLE

A current and controversial question is one pertaining to that famous, or infamous personality, according to your opinion, Elvis Presley. This box office beauty has recently succeeded in taking the country's teeners by storm. Now, some of the Paduans through the inquiring pen of the Tower of Babble express their views on this widely controversial topic. The views expressed are typical, but the general conclusion is that his songs and music are acceptable, but his contortions are not.

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- Frank Bazyk: "No comment, on grounds of self incrimination."
 John Marcheski: "Elvis Presley is a twisted up pretzel."
 Joe Barstys: "Eh????"
 John Liczner: "I don't care too much for him." (from one musician to another)
 Val Lapsanski: "He's the sharpest."
 Ted Krziuk: "To my mind he's just a plain guy who got a good break."
 Gale Trainor: "Elvis is just what he stands for, the modern Teenager."
 John Knorowski: "He's got dat real gone beat."
 Ray Ryniak: "Elvis cannot be defined in one sentence."
 Richard Majka: "He can sing but he shouldn't try to act."
 Ray Malolepszy: "Elvis is a man of talent but does not use it in the right way."
 Chet (23) Szanowski: "He ain't nothing but a hound dog. Ain't that a shame."
 Anonymous: "He belongs in an exhibition."

The Volunteers

Well, here it is . . . Padua's own epic, the "Kitchen Story." We'll try to make it our answer to Virgil's Aeneid.

Let's see . . . "I sing of pots and pans, and men with grimy hands, who from the morning to the night labor in the interests of Paduan digestion."

How's that? It may not sound too good, but it really summarizes the work of the students in the kitchen crew, feeding 170 hungry high school students.

They say that an army travels on its stomach and that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Well . . . the Paduans cover a lot of territory, and many a student's stomach is where his heart is, so the kitchen crew has its work cut out for them.

No matter what they do, be it cleaning tables, washing dishes, they are performing an important task. Working in the kitchen isn't an easy job or the most pleasant. After washing a pile of dishes or cleaning tables for awhile one would find that it is not such a snap.

"Jake" Jakubowski and "Wally" Brom, deserve a special mention as they help the brothers dispense the trays of food and as a result have to wait for their meals. But the grapevine has it that they do alright by themselves.

The kitchen crew's work often goes unheralded and unappreciated, so we say, "orchids to the culinary comrades!" And, "may your dirty tables be small, and your grimy dishes few!"

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tunity to attend.

Even the popular customs that the people observe are of a religious character. Many of them consist of little plays or dramas founded upon the life of the Saviour. These plays, called "pastores", are performed by young men and women who go about from village to village to present the plays. The visit of the wise men and the flight to Egypt are only a few of the incidents related.

The lack of snow surely does not hamper the Christmas spirit of the Filipinos one bit. As the

SENIORS LEAD TROPHY RACE Zujkowski Wins Cross-Country

After completing three events in class competition, the seniors hold a slim lead over the juniors in the race for the Sweepstakes Trophy. The lower classmen made a fine showing in the marathon but lagged behind in football and soccer.

The seniors' margin was gained in the marathon as the junior and senior classes fought to draws in football and soccer. In the annual Halloween Day festivities the sophomores surprised everybody by taking an early lead and holding it half way through the contest. The seniors, floundering in third place for most of the afternoon, staged a fine rally to pass the juniors and sophomores. Pacing the senior class was the winner of the cross-country race, Andy Zujkowski. His record time of eight minutes and forty-five seconds placed him far ahead of juniors Gale Trainor and Terry Mark in the race for the James Franzese Memorial Trophy.

Soccer competition developed into a senior versus junior contest but inclement weather conditions didn't permit a meeting between these two classes. Both had little trouble downing the lower classes while the sophomores gained their lone victory with a win over the freshmen.

The same pattern held true for football as the junior-senior game ended in a 0-0 deadlock. Defense was the main factor in this battle as the ball seldom crossed the twenty yard markers. The seniors threatened to score in the closing minutes of the first half, but time ran out before they could tally.

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programs, gifts sent in by the parents of the students and by benefactors were distributed to the students.

The party was brought to a close with the singing of Marian Antiphon, "Alma Redemptoris Mater."

Filippinos say, "Maligayang Pasco, at Masanganang Bagong Taon." . . . "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year", especially to Fathers Humphrey and Flavian.



Toboggan Ride, Beginning and End

PADUAN CHORISTERS WINTER SPORTS

After a one year intermission, the Paduan choristers have again revealed their latent talents in planning a song filled Christmas celebration. Their main impetus for beginning practice of Christmas songs was an offer to appear on television from channel 14 in Elmira, New York.

Having resumed preparation for a program of Christmas songs under the direction of Fr. Emil, the members are practicing daily to be ready to give a performance that will be a credit to Padua. With beautiful arrangements of such popular Christmas songs as Silent Night, Jingle Bells, Angels We Have Heard On High, etc., we are sure they will succeed.

Plans also have been made for the Choristers to cheer the patients with Christmas songs at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira.

INTRAMURALS

Some 145 boys are participating in the practice round of this year's intramural basketball program. The first few weeks are devoted to introducing the freshmen to the fundamentals of the game and to acquaint all the participants with the rule changes. After Christmas new teams will be chosen, and every team will be gunning for the trophies awarded every year.

For a while it seemed that Padua was doomed to an unending Indian Summer. Suddenly old man winter in all his fury, on Sunday, Dec. 9th, covered the Padua domain with a carpet of glossy snow. What had just been a cool green panorama of flowing grass was now a shining blanket of soft crystals.

The Freshmen were the first to realize the full meaning of the abrupt change in the weather. Skis were waxed, toboggans dusted, and physical constitutions reinforced as the adventurous first year Paduans scoured the hillsides in their search for likely spots to test their skill in the various winter sports. The upper classmen, not to be outdone, soon joined the freshmen. A steady stream of fun loving Paduans soon roamed the rolling and glistening hills.

The freshmen with their flying discs, procured by Fr. Rector, and juniors with their toboggan seemed to be having the most enjoyment. The juniors seemed to enjoy the spills more than the ride.

As the snow continued to fall late in the day figures of frosted living snowmen proceeded to end their day of play. Full of enjoyment and hard knocks, with frozen features and crimson noses, they called it a day and looked forward to many more days of winter sports.

JUNIOR CASCADERS WIN ONE BUT DROP TWO

Since Ted Wieckowski is the only first stringer returning to the roster, Coach Fr. Emil, will have much work in rebuilding a team. The freshmen have produced little talent this year, with the exception of Sowa who has broken into the starting five and Bahara who is expected to see plenty of action this season. Vince Petrone, a newcomer to the sophomore class, has shown himself to be a smart ballhandler and an aggressive team player.

Fr. Emil has presented the team with various zone defenses, including the 2-1-2, the 1-3-1, the 1-2-2 zones and has been trying to develop an impenetrable man to man defense.

Lacking experience, this year's team can, with hard work and heads up ball playing, produce a creditable record.

The Junior Cascaders staged a 39-25 comeback victory over Dundee in their season opener. Midway through the game, the Padua jay-vees trailed 14-12, largely the result of taking only fourteen shots in the first two periods. In the second half the Cascaders, led by Hejna and Wieckowski with fifteen and thirteen points respectively, began to widen the margin. This initial win over Dundee has proved that the Cascaders have the potential and ability to meet the heavy schedule they face this year.

Although co-captains Vince Petrone and Teddy Wieckowski scored 26 points between themselves, Padua suffered a 46-41 defeat at the hands of Watkins Glen. The Cascaders controlled the ball almost the entire first half, and at the intermission they led 23-10. In the second half Padua's inexperience against a pressing man to man defense proved fatal as it caught the Cascaders off guard. With two minutes remaining Watkins grabbed the lead and went on to victory.

Padua tasted defeat for the second time of the season at the hands of Hornell 54-31. A pressing man to man defense combined with strong rebounding and accurate shooting enabled

CASCADERS FACE DIFFICULT SCHEDULE

Faced with a tremendous rebuilding job, Coach Bob Wendland will depend on a small but hard fighting team to represent the Cascaders on the hardwood this season. Since only five members of last year's squad returned, inexperience may cause the team to start slow, but they should improve as the season progresses.

Injuries and an ineligibility weakened Padua's bench from the outset of the season. Since Bob Wendland was counting on the reserves to contribute greatly to the success of the team, he is greatly concerned about this loss.

The recent adoption of the twelve foot lane fits well into Padua's free style offense. With this pattern, Mr. Wendland employs the combinations of Ron Zgodzinski and Bob Kaminski, and Ed Brozek and R. J. Campbell as post men, while Andy Zujkowski, Jerry Nowotarski, and Jim Jagodzinski work as ball handlers. The coach is also counting on Ralph Holyst's height and Steve Kurpiel's speed to help out.

This year's schedule with such prominent teams as C.F.A., Hornell, Notre Dame, Waverly, and Horseheads, along with the cross town rivals Watkins Glen will provide a difficult test for the Cascaders. Although the team isn't the powerhouse of last year, nevertheless, they will give their opponents a good game and with a few breaks could produce a winning record.

Hornell to take an early lead and hold it throughout the game. The closest the Cascaders came to their opponents was after the first half when they trailed 25-21. In the third period the Paduans, having their backs to the wall, were unable to show much, and Hornell began to pull away. The game was no contest in the fourth quarter when the Cascaders made countless errors. Due to the persisting aggressiveness of Hornell, the Padua five managed to take only three shots throughout the period.

PADUA DOWNS WATKINS FOR FIRST WIN

The Cascaders chalked up their first win of the season by scoring an impressive 56-42 victory over their cross town rivals Watkins Glen High. While posting their seventh straight win over Watkins, the Cascaders played a fine defensive game and gave some spectacular spurts of offensive play.

Both teams got off to a slow start, but Padua really rolled in the second quarter. Led by Ron Zgodzinski's fine shooting, the Cascaders amassed a total of twenty-eight points and hit on 80% of their shots during this period.

Watkins never overcame this wide margin although they made a fine comeback in the second half. A former Paduan Bob Marciniak and Nick LaPre began to hit from in close and led the Senecas with 14 and 12 points respectively. Bob Kaminski picked up where Zgodzinski left off to keep Padua well ahead. He was high scorer of the evening with 16 while Zgodzinski had 13.

HORNELL 57 PADUA 41

Hornell's hard driving five completely outclassed Padua as they posted a 57-41 victory. They bottled Padua's offense for nearly a half with a 3-2 zone while offensively they relied on their big men Crowe and Crowley to score on drive ins. At half time the Cascaders were down by fourteen points but still determined to win.

Coming back strong after the intermission, the Paduans played an entirely different game. Defensively they stole the ball several times and forced Hornell into countless errors. Meanwhile, they changed to a 1-3-1 offensive pattern with Zujkowski and Kaminski soon finding the range. This attack continued into the fourth period when Padua narrowed the margin to 40-33. Hornell caught fire with ten consecutive points, to put the game on ice.

DUNDEE STUNS PADUA

For the second straight season Dundee spoiled the Cascaders' opener 60-51. After Andy Zujkowski opened with two quick baskets, the visitors took command and never were headed. Several times in the second period Padua closed the gap but could never catch up. When Padua switched to a 1-3-1 zone in the third period, Dundee began to hit from the outside and slowly pulled away. The Cascaders finally caught fire in the last period, but too much damage had already been done.

CASCADERS CONCLUDE VICTORIOUS SOCCER SEASON

Paced by Joe Barstys and Gale Trainor, the Padua pitchers rolled over Savona 5-2. Early in the opening stanza Joe Barstys netted the game's first tally. Gale Trainor added to this margin when he posted his third goal scored against the Savona club this season. Don Jakubowski rounded out the scoring with a free kick giving Padua a 5-0 half time bulge. The reserves saw action during the remainder of the game, holding Savona to only one goal.

At Nunda, Padua suffered its second setback in the hardest contested game of the season. Padua had Nunda pressing from the start as Mark Eleniewski tallied in the opening minutes of the game. Nunda came bouncing back, but beautiful saves by Ted Wieckowski prevented any damage until Earl Snyder scored a free kick. Both teams threatened in the third period but didn't score. Finally with but six minutes remaining Earl Snyder tallied the winning marker for a 3-2 Nunda victory.

The Cascaders concluded their season with a 0-0 tie at Campbell. Playing on a rain soaked field, both teams played sloppy ball and outside of one penalty kick there were no serious scoring threats.

This year's team was undoubtedly the finest ever fielded by Padua. Competing with the area's best, the team compiled a 4-2-2 record. Congratulations must be extended to Coach Fr. Emil and the team for a job well done.