



# ST. JOSEPH'S RECORDER



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## Double Feature Staged in Pre-Lenten Drama Treat

### Ice Carnival Highlights Winter Sports

Galaxy of Events, Jan 25

Cold weather, an answer to earnest prayers, and the eager efforts of the student body under the direction of Steve Vesbit's Committee on the Community Affairs made possible an ideal ice rink for the great event held January 25, the second annual Ice Carnival.

The two teams, Icicles and Snowballs, skates slung over their shoulders, paraded side by side to the flag and to the ice rink. It was a shivering group of boys who lined the banks of the rink to cheer their teammates onward.

The ice was smooth and hard, as many found out in one way or another—some on purpose in the event known as the "glide and slide."

The races, backward, forward, obstacle, and group were marked by speed and close finishes although the hazardous turns claimed many victims.

All the races having been completed, Co-Capt. TenEyck of the Icicles and Capt. Lomasiewicz of the Snowballs led their teams in shoveling the rink. Each team was awarded five points for the half of the rink it cleared.

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### Snowballs Skate to Victory in High-Spirited Carnival



Photo by Michael Wilcome

### 'Crossed', an Original Adaptation, and 'Thread o' Scarlet'

#### Head Evening's Entertainment

The night of February 11 witnessed the fruit of intense work and effort on the part of the Drama Committee, when the annual pre-Lenten program was performed before a capacity audience of true lovers of the Thespian art. Two plays were billed, both with an eye to the mystery fan. First on the agenda was "Thread o' Scarlet," followed by "Crossed." Incidentally, the latter was an adaptation of an original opus of Edward Konieczka.

#### 'Crossed'

"Crossed" is a comedy which centers around Horace De Bloon, a millionaire (Dave Hawley). The scene opens as Horace De Bloon and George Rockerport (Bob Cronan), partners in the Rockerport-De Bloon Banana Company, are signing a document in the presence of Herman Inkblot (Fred O'Neill). The contract states that should either of the partners die, the business should be given to the survivor. But just as they sign the document, George Rockerport is shot by Louie the Louse (Dan Quillin). Complications arise as the police (Ed Konieczka and Jerry Norman) arrive and accuse Horace De Bloon of being the instigator of the

crime. Horace denies it vehemently but makes a mistake in trying to escape. After more complications justice triumphs, much to the joy of Horace De Bloon and the chagrin of Louie the Louse.

The play was directed by Robert Barrera.

While the stage crew was busily changing scenery for the second play, the Academia Committee conducted its yearly raffle. Proceeds taken from this venture represented the student body's contribution to the foreign missions.

#### 'Thread o' Scarlet'

A murder was committed, and the jury had condemned and seen the supposedly guilty man hanged on the morning of that very day.

Several of the village men are gathered at the local inn and in the course of the evening's talk cover the morning's incident thoroughly. Much happens in the short time the men are together.

Mike Wilcome is Migsworth, and W. Walters plays Smith, both tradesmen from the village. They are men who, together with the owner of the inn, (Paul Johnson) talk over the murder and discuss the execution of the condemned and hanged man.

Butters (Tom Vesbit) is another tradesman who served as one of the jurymen in condemning the murderer, his very close friend. Butters seems to be constantly dreaming, and at one time thinks he actually sees the condemned man's ghost, hanging from a scarlet thread. The Traveller (Ron Fries) is a wise and silent man, who makes his appearance later in the play. Breen (Pat Corcoran), an odd-job man, in the turn of events is suspected as the real murderer. The real murderer, however, is discovered at the very end. This is a play that would keep even the best detective guessing to the end.

The play was directed by Dick Wiltucki of the Drama Committee, and high school members, Gene Beiter, Carl Jacobs, and Charlie Klingshirn helped with the stage work for both Thread O' Scarlet and Crossed.



## Let's Make Lent Positive

The penitential trek from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday begins soon. Again the age-old problem, "what to give up for Lent." Why is that the first question that one hears when the word Lent is mentioned? Lent is not a negative time of the Church year. On the contrary, it should be very positive.

A pilgrimage is negative if one concentrates on the trouble and inconvenience and forgets the destination. Lent is a pilgrimage. If we be always mindful of the glorious goal of Easter and do not grumble about our penances, Lent will be a most profitable season for our souls. During Lent we must always keep before us that brilliant destination of Easter, only a forty day journey from Ash Wednesday. This penitential season holds in store for us the invigorating prospect of victory over bodily desires and finally the rejoicing with the Risen Savior on Easter Morn.

It seems that everyone seeks for something to give up. How much better it would be if we sought to do something. Giving up is simple for the indolent.

In our daily lives we can find numberless small things to perfect. Why not pay a few extra visits to the Blessed Sacrament or make the Stations daily, as many already have the practice of doing? Why not a little more kindness to our neighbor? Perhaps there is someone with whom we do not get along too well. Why not make it a special point to be nice to him? There is always the need for more courtesy and politeness at table. We should use the words "Please" and "Thank you" more often. After all, that is what they were originated for. Remember, a friendship is never so intimate, nor a dislike so bitter, as to exclude courtesy and respect and charity in our words and actions.

To conclude then, "let's accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative."

J.S.

## CSPA Reports on Recorder

Party	Hours	Devotion
Hallows Jan.	21, 22, 23	

"Master, where dwellest Thou?", the first apostles asked the Savior. "Come and see", was his simple but direct invitation. That is exactly what the seminar-ians were doing from January 21 to 23. They went and saw the King of kings, reigning on His throne and solemnly exposed for adoration.

A respectful silence coursed through the corridor during these days for the Forty Hours of Devotion. The seminarians visited Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament often and demonstrated their faith in the Master.

The highlights from our point of view were many. The Holy Sacrifice was celebrated at the side altars, including the Solemn High Mass on the second day at the Blessed Virgin's altar. The closing day of Forty Hours saw the rector celebrate at the main altar where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed.

Forty Hours ended just as it had begun, with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Rancans gave the benediction and approximately fifty priests were present.  
Donald Lomasiewicz  
II College

# Semester Aftermath

## Exams, Holiday, and Testimonials Take Usual Toll

A certain professor once asked his students to answer the following question in composition form, "Do Semester Exams Help or Hinder Us?" The question of course is a moot one, but the results of a recent survey "de hac re" are most interesting and revealing.

It seems that these "pericula timenda" cause 99.9% of all nail biting, falling hair, and ejaculatory prayer. To the other side of the ledger were accrued the following "favorable" points: infirmarians are given needed practice in the mass distribution of Tums, and the students are shown what to expect in case of an atomic disaster and what to forget for the next exams.

Add to this that odious synonym for the minimum wage, the testimonial, and you will have a sure recipe for sheer misery. Not even a post-semester holiday can soften it. Incidentally, final examinations will begin June 4.



# CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK FEBRUARY 19 - 25

## The Latest in Books



### Modern St. Vincent de Paul

ABBE PIERRE AND THE RAGPICKERS OF EMMAUS  
BY BORIS SIMON, P. J. KENNEDY, 250pp.

"Man has a soul, but before preaching to him about it, see that he has a shirt on his back and a roof over that soul. Later one can explain to him what's inside." With this Christ-like philosophy, Abbe Pierre, an ex-deputy of Parliament, has met the depths of human misery and created life out of death. Four years ago, touched at the sight of men sleeping outdoors, huddled in doorways and under bridges, Abbe Pierre's Christ-like love burst upon the poor of France, and Emmaus, "Haven of Lost Souls", was born, a working community of reckless, embittered men, young and old, whose hands were habitually turned against God, the law and all mankind.

This book is the story of a scholarly priest's epoch-making appeal to the heart of his country and his limitless faith in the ability of the helpless to help themselves. The ragpickers of Emmaus, who early each morning rumage through the stench-filled and fly-infested Paris dumps, pool their profits to provide housing for the homeless.

Boris Simon, while keeping an anxious focus on the ups and downs of the community as a whole, and on the feeling of solidarity which plays so large a part in each individual rebirth, concentrates attention on a few members of Emmaus. Foremost is Djibouti, a tramp who kept his dignity. Others are the Valters, a young couple whose second child died of exposure soon after his birth because they had no home.

The great anxieties, obstacles, and achievements of both individual and community, vividly told, give this stirring narration its great impact. M. Simon has indeed succeeded in showing the public the misery of millions of poor human beings living in the midst of civilized people today - a scandal of our 20th century - and the courage of a few who have shared this misery in order to combat and destroy it. Once you have met Abbe Pierre and his ragpickers, either in person or in this book, you will never forget them.

### 19th Century Giant

CROSS UPON CROSS

BY FRANCIS B. THORNTON, BENZIGER, 263pp.

Here is the first life of Pope Pius IX written by an American. The author, Father Francis Thornton, distinguished himself as one of our leading biographers three years ago with the publication of The Burning Flame, his life of St. Pius X. Now he has confirmed his position in the literary world with Cross Upon Cross.

In writing this inspiring biography, Father Thornton not only visited the scenes of Pius IX's birthplace and youth in search of authentic atmos-

phere, but also had access to the archives of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and other official Roman documents. But despite the scholarly research that such a book required, this work is anything but technical. Unlike Pio Nono, with its lofty style and lengthy footnotes, Cross Upon Cross explains in everyday terms the historical and theological phases underlying the life of this saintly Pope.

Although sufficient treatment is given to Pius IX's childhood, the book

## Library Offers New Selections

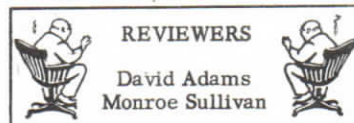
Novels, Biographies, Saints' Lives,  
Spanish Books Fill Shelves

With a view to the new Spanish class that has been added to the seminary, our library has broadened its selection of books to include a large number of Spanish works. These Spanish books are a bequest of the late Father Joseph Bocek. Consisting primarily of religious books and biographies, they are now ready for general circulation.

dwells mainly on his thirty-six years as Supreme Pontiff. They were thirty-six hard years, years of political upheaval in Italy which resulted in the loss of the Papal States. They were years of rising secularism and materialism.

The author has combined lucid description with hundreds of anecdotes in portraying the great humanity and profound sense of humor that always characterized Pius IX.

The reader cannot help but feel that he has met a saint after reading this moving story of a holy and humble man who is soon to be beatified.



### REVIEWERS

David Adams  
Monroe Sullivan



As the librarians continue to process both Father Bocek's books and a large number of newly purchased books, many new and popular titles of special interest to all have already appeared on the library shelves. Besides the books reviewed in this issue, The Wise Man from the West by Vincent Cronin, The Retrieval of St. Joan of Arc by Pernoud, The Miracle of Lourdes by Ruth Cranston, and Bloody Mary by Maynard should find many readers among college men. Also a large selection of saints' lives has recently been made available.

Novels like The Castle and the Ring by Martindale, The Five Devils of Kilmainham by McCullough and van der Post's Flamingo Feather are also worthy of note.

These are but a few of the many interesting books recently acquired by the library. We are expecting another shipment of new books very soon. These, along with those books just released for circulation, are sure to offer many an hour of enjoyable reading.

## Where Integration Knocks

THE THIRD DOOR

BY ELLEN TARRY, McKAY, 300pp.

Painting a true picture of one's own life is a difficult job, but Ellen Tarry does it honestly and well in her first well-known work, The Third Door.

Born of a mulatto father and an octoroon mother, Ellen's life was, from its beginning, difficult. Her faint skin was despised by the Negroes, while her partly-Negro heritage made her an outcast among the whites. She especially felt the degradation of racial discrimination and segregation, and after college decided to move to the North and study journalism.

Ellen arrived in New York at the time of the de-

pression and was too busy supporting herself to bother with her career and education. But with the coming of good times Ellen was given a chance to practice journalism. She also became interested in Friendship House.

During the war she worked with the USO, and her experiences there are exciting enough to interest any reader.

The predominant theme throughout the book is racial justice. As she says in the closing pages, she looks forward to the day when we no longer walk through doors marked "colored" or "white", but through a third door of justice and charity.



**March, Vocation Month****Give Us Priests, Many and Holy**

Tom Zimmer had just settled down comfortably on the lounge before the television set when the telephone rang. He reached for the receiver, and answered. After a minute of silence, he muttered a weak "Thank you", and turned away bewildered. Bill Benson, his best friend and companion, had been killed by a car hardly fifteen minutes ago.

He informed his folks and went to his room. After recovering somewhat from the shock, he stopped to offer an earnest prayer for Bill; then he thought: "Bill was not a Catholic. His family did not care about religion. Yet he was a fine fellow. Why was he not a Catholic? Why could

Furthermore, a vocation is not something to be feared or shied away from. Rather it is something to be most grateful and sought after. When the first thoughts about the priesthood come, you should immediately turn to Christ and beg Him daily to help you see His will. The devil will surely attempt to blind and lead you astray; for what could serve his purpose better? You must take care not to confuse his work with that of God's grace. When doubts arise, say an ejaculation and you may be quite certain you will follow Our Lord's will.

Satan's favorite temptations run: "That is not for you; you are too unworthy." Is not a vocation a free gift of God and can He not bestow it on whom-ever He wishes? The choice is God's. Who are you to question His decisions? At a time when priests are so necessary, dare anyone discard this most important of calls?

How joyfully, a priest would devote himself to them, if there were one. Because we have a pastor and perhaps an assistant, because we enjoy relative freedom and happiness, we are apt to forget the task yet to be accomplished. Truly, there is a need for priests in our country, in our very state and city.

Eugene Hengesbach  
II College



he not be one when he died?"

Yes, why are the neighbors non-Catholic? Why are many, perhaps most of the people living on your street Protestants? Often they are such good people. Or why are the Joneses constantly quarreling? They are Catholics, but hardly ever go to Church. Why does a priest not guide these people to Our Lord? Why does he not teach them the truth? Why?

## Calling All Committees!

### NEW SCAS SCHEDULE

February 12----- Democratic  
February 19----- Eucharistic-Sodality  
February 26----- Apostleship

March 4----- Angelic  
March 11----- Academia  
March 18----- St. Joseph's  
March 25----- Sodality

April 15----- Eucharistic  
April 22----- Academia-Latin  
April 29----- Newman-Forum

May 6----- Democratic (Elections)  
May 13----- Apostleship-Academia  
May 20----- Angelic  
May 27----- Sodality  
June 3----- Newman\*

The College schedule differs in the following points: February 19—Newman, March 25—Eucharistic, and May 27—Apostleship. February 12 through March 25, Orations. After Easter, Debates.

\*Signifies joint meeting.

# Orations Come Early

## Debates to Follow

### at College SCAS

Wordsworth once had occasion to write, "There was a time when...the earth and every common sight, to me did seem appalled in celestial light, the glory and freshness of a dream." I suppose that it was under such an aspect that I viewed and listened to my first debates and orations. There was something very traditional about them, and nothing more appeals to the uninitiated than tradition. So I found myself in perfect rapport and agreement with the serious young men, clad in black, who each exposed some grave ill in the social order and then called us to action by proposing some means which would effect its amelioration. I scarcely remembered or understood what was said, but I did clap long and hard. Then there were the debates with their pleasing formalism --- judges, timekeepers, the balloting. It was all very much like a pageant, an occasion which would give one the opportunity to indulge in a little retrospect and thoughtfully declare, "Dibus illis erant gigantes."

But five years is a long time, and time can do strange things. It is remarkable how quickly that "pageant" can change into an old fashioned race with time, along with a few other minor disturbances such as figuring out what your topic means, worn out fingers from paging periodical indexes, futile trips to the public library, trying to recall what Genung said in Section First a-

bout inference from the induction latter or particulars viewed as concomitants, and finally how are you going to confine some world shaking topics to twelve minutes. In view of the final result, however, such disturbances are of the pleasant variety which make the whole project a most pleasing and worthwhile experience.

This year's debates and orations promise to be as interesting as always. As of yet the debate topics are unsettled, but the orations have been assigned and are ready to begin February 12. There is a wide selection of topics ranging all the way from the "Streptococcus" to the "Boy Scouts," and back to "Alumni Prestige" via "Poetry Can Give You Power".

This year there will be two changes in regards to the presentation of the debates and orations. Contrary to the past practice, orations will be given first. It is felt that this will give the debaters a better chance to grasp the principles of argumentation and the art of debating. Also, the debates and orations will be given only before the College S.C.A.S. This will give the speakers the advantage of speaking to a selective group whose interests and attentions have been keyed to the various political and social questions. Thus with these two changes there is strong hope that the debates and orations will be better than ever.

Alvin Walke  
II College

## CARNIVAL

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The spirit throughout ran high on both sides, but the final score, using the 3-1 scoring system, was Snowballs 99½, Icicles 58½.

Andrew Chrusciel  
I College

Many are the students' theories explaining the recent modifications of prayers before and after dinner and supper. Whatever the reason is, the traditionally long prayers have been shortened none the less.



## Orations

February 12:

Charles Antekier  
"How to Study"  
Richard Basso  
"Poetry Can Give You Power"

Raymond Rademacher  
"Return That Book to the Library"

February 19:

Alvin Walke  
"Mass Education, Success or Failure?"  
Joseph Zenk  
"Culture, What is It?"



# AMERICANS IN ROME

## ALUMNI

## graduates study at vatican

### NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

VIA DEL GIANICOLO, 14

ROME

Pictured below is a view of the new North American College, showing the chapel, main building and west wing. Completed in 1953, this four million dollar building on the Janiculum Hill overlooks St. Peter's, Vatican City and much of Rome. It is an extra-territorial possession of the Vatican and therefore is a part of the Vatican City.

It houses 245 theologians and philosophers who represent 89 dioceses. Michigan has 14 men, five who claim St. Joe's as their Alma Mater.

For five of our alumni with their black cassocks, red sashes, white collars, and blue buttons, the North American College is home.

Rev. Virgil Gradowski, senior man from Michigan at the college, is the mission president, whose activities include sponsoring the candy, cigarette, stamp, and photography stores. Fr. Virgil has been the big drive behind the social and religious discussion groups. Recently Father guided the annual mission raffle which netted \$970 for the needy missions. At present, Fr. Virgil has only two worries; namely, passing the licentiate examination in June, and obtaining a boat ticket for the "S.S. Independence".

Leo Lynch carries the banner in the third year. To be ordained a sub-deacon in July, Leo is one of the pillars of the second tenor section of the Schola. Of late the red-headed Irishman (known as Red-Goose) has turned to writing lyrics. All agree his composition in the Christmas musical show was a masterpiece. Leo is also a key man on the soccer team (he has gone all-European) and has helped to keep the team tied for first place in the Gregorian League.

In the second year we have two Grand Rapids men, Bob Bissot and John Porter. Both were tonsured on January 20, and it seems John is worried about his hair, that is, the little he has left. Besides taking in all the culture he can at the many museums, John is a member of the "Vita Nostra", which has been called the Little United Nations at the Gregorian. By the time he goes home he should be quite an accomplished linguist. Bob, on the other hand, has been kept busy with De Verbo Incarnato, but finds time to work in the Mission Unit of the Department of Knights and Measures (he doesn't know what it means either). Bob also helps the Movie Committee.

The neophyte of the crowd, Dan Mulka, is slowly being orientated into the Roman way of life. All his experience at ceremonies has landed him a position on the smallest bat boy group. With his Latin Dan manages to confuse the professors at the Gregorian College in his Canon Law and Hebrew exams. He is hoping for even better things in Moral and Dogma in June. Last of all Dan is a partner with Fr. Gradowski and Bob Bissot, making his profits in the photo store.



**Patron of  
Workingmen**

**Requiescant in Pace**

He walked his way of silence in  
The thunder of God's shade.  
He walked as did the giants, in  
The meekness of his trade.  
Oh he left his hilly homeland where  
The herdsman pipes of peace,  
And he's mounted Jacob's starry stair.  
His hammer e'er did cease  
Its swinging in the shop astir  
From dawn to vesper star.  
But then some blackened Bessemer  
Belched scarlet from afar.  
He felt new sweat roll down his brow  
New Bethl'hem might forefeel.  
Now mark, industrial millions, how  
A saint can wield his steel.

Joseph Zenk  
II College

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Reverends John Dillon and John Bozek, from Grand Rapids and Saginaw dioceses respectively.

Father Dillon has served as pastor in St. Rose Parish, Hastings, and was pastor of St. Mary's Parish Cheboygan, at the time of his death. Over thirty years a priest, he had guided many students and alumni of St. Joseph's.

Father Bozek was pastor of St. Pancratius Parish, Cass City. An alumnus of the class of 1925, he had completed nearly twenty-five years in the service of the Church.

AMERICAN

NORTH



COLLEGE

Rev. Robert Rose is our only alumnus at the Propaganda Fide College, which is so near, yet so far from the North American College. However, the St. Joseph alumni from the North American College were all present at his first Mass which he celebrated at the tomb of St. Robert Bellarmine on December 22. And John Porter served his Mass.

Of such representation at the Eternal City we can be justifiably proud. And to these alumni, studying under the eyes of the Supreme Pontiff himself, we impart our prayers and best wishes.



# ST. JOSEPH'S RECORDER SPORTS

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## Covering the Winter Sports Scene

### Alumni Whip Students in Cage Game

In a game between the students and the alumni, basketball season here at St. Joe's was sent off on its usual rough, rowdy way January 4. Jim Sullivan, Eugene Sears, Jim Barrett, Fr. Mc Kinney, and Fr. Zuidema made up the alumni team. The students were represented by Monroe Sullivan, Steve Vesbit, Dave Adams, Ron Fries, John Kowaleski, Gerald Wahmhoff, Al Theis, Bob Kolenski, Phil Maslowski, and Don Lomasiewicz. The referees, who lasted the whole game, were Vern Armbrustmacher and Tom Sabourin. Jim Sullivan of the alumni team was "high point" man of the game with 20 points to his credit.

Although the score was only nine to four at the end of the first quarter, the players adjusted their sights to come up with a final score of 33-26 in favor of the alumni.

### Fathers Trounced

A very close contest was suddenly turned into a rout as the Students rallied 20 points in the final quarter to beat the Fathers in a basketball game, February 8. A tight game until the third period, the Students pulled ahead and at the final whistle the Fathers held the short end of a 49-25 score.

### Icicles

#### Snowballed

99½ ~ 58½

	S	I
Col.	26	11
Sen.	33	4
Int.	20	17
Jun.	15½	21½
Shoveling	5	5
Total	99½	58½

### Bigger Rink Attracts Tyros

Initial work on the ice rink was begun Wednesday, January 4, the day after our return from Christmas vacation, by Stephen Vesbit's Community Affairs Committee. Mother Nature seemed to scorn the project in its initial stage, for a base had been established several times only to have high temperatures thwart the effort. But the flooding of the rink and our prayers for colder weather continued until our acre of land directly east of the Sisters' convent was finally suitable for skating January 16. During each recreation period the pond resembled Grand Central Station at a rush

hour for more than 150 amateurs and would-be professionals like Dale LaBrie, Monroe Sullivan, Dick Van Lente, and Felix La Pres, who found pom-pom, skunk, and capture the flag, exciting games, in which to recreate themselves. The ice rink was at its best January 23, two days before the Carnival, when the ice was glassy smooth.

Though we have yet to better our record of 29 days of skating set in January-February of '54, all look forward with eagerness to days of skating during the remaining winter season.



### It's Coming!



### Soccer Enthusiasts Multiply

The latest fad in semi-nary sports has been soccer. Almost every recreation period for about two weeks after the Christmas recess, you could see 20 to 40 boys from all the classes participating. Hugh Leveille and Fred O'Neill were two very familiar figures on the soccer field.

Perhaps the reason for its popularity was the fact that the ice rink had not yet been satisfactorily completed. Then too, soccer has virtually no rules, at least few which can be enforced. Running, kicking, blocking, and even pushing form a crazy mixture in the scoring of a goal.

If it is laughter you want, try playing soccer on a muddy field. Someone is always slipping and falling in the mud. Few have been spared this experience, Dick Basso being one of the lucky ones.

Of course, beware of getting too close to another's legs, or you might get a good swift kick in the ankles. But such collisions do not hurt much, as John Rohloff and Bob Cronan, two battle-scarred veterans, will eagerly testify.

All jokes aside, soccer is really a lot of fun. As the English would phrase it, "It sure is a jolly good game, this soccer, ho ho!"

### SPORTS SPOT

As the Activities building draws nearer and nearer to completion not a few anxious glances have been cast at the height of the building. Now without applying the physics law of projectile motion (We tried it, but we slipped up in determining the angle of projection, or the horizontal velocity, or something) we can by using common sense lay away this fear. The height of the building decreases from 26 ft. in the center to 23 ft. on either side. Now even if we consider 23 ft. as its height, it will still allow the ball 13ft. of arch above the basket. Or in other words the ball may be arched more than one time higher than the basket itself. We might add that from the inside the height ought to more than satisfy everyone.

Now to the rink where students and Fathers alike have their fun on the ice. The other night for instance, Fr. Zuidema conducted a very important experiment. Putting a hockey skate on one foot and a figure skate on the other, Father was determined to find out what kind was better. After many valiant attempts Father found that he could not skate on either. Now Father, being a Dutchman, decided that the only solution would be wooden skates.

Returning again to the basketball scene, which is more quiet than usual because of the skating rink, we observe some keen competition in the College, Senior, and Intermediate leagues. Most of the teams however are just now getting into full swing. Our most pleasant observation is the promising talent of many first class cagemen. Fellows like Jim Beckstrom, Ed Hahnenberg, Paul Calvin, Kent Lewis, Gerry Lobbezoo, Bob Walsh, and Dennis Wasco and a host of others should some day feel right at home in our new gym. A.T.