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"CAREER ANGEL" ALIGHTS ON SEMINARY STAGE

Christmas Play

JUBILARIANS

TOTAL 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

The entire seminary joined in celebrating with Msgrs. Shaw and Martin and Fr. Weisengoff, on Monday, December 8, the occasion of their 25th anniversary in the Priesthood. The day of celebration began at 9:15 A.M. when Msgr. Shaw offered a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving. Msgr. Martin had celebrated a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7: this was the actual anniversary date.

On the evening of the 8th, we attended the banquet, a tasty chicken dinner by candlelight with soft music in the background. Afterwards, Fr. Moran, the toastmaster, congratulated the Silver Jubilarians and presented the two at hand, Msgrs. Shaw and Martin, with their gifts. The faculty and student body had contributed toward a spiritual bouquet and a purse for each, and the Sisters also gave them a gift. In addition, the faculty presented Msgr. Shaw with a silver chalice as a special token of appreciation, since he has been here at the seminary since Jubilarians page 3

Promises Many Laughs

The annual Christmas drama, as presented this year by the students of the Seminary, features "Career Angel," a comedy in three acts by Fr. Gerard Majella Murray. The entire cast numbers sixteen. Thomas Novak, John Vesbit, Michael Danner, and Bob Walsh play the leading roles of Brother Gregory, Brother Fidelis, Brother Seraphim, and Seraphim's Guardian Angel respectively.

It seems that the Brothers' orphanage is in dire need of money, and is on the verge of closing. However, Brother Seraphim's Guardian Angel comes to the rescue when he discloses to the Brother the whereabouts of a valuable historical document.

Since the Angel is seen only by Brother Seraphim and the audience, the Brother's sanity is questioned by the other Brothers. Due to his "angelic visitations," Brother Seraphim is finally sent off to an asylum. The discovery of Communist spies on the Orphanage premises lends further complications to the plot.



Pictured above is a scene from "Career Angel". From left to right are T. Novak as Brother Gregory, R. Walsh as Angel Guardian, and M. Danner as Brother Seraphim.



Pictured from left to right are Msgr. Martin, Fr. Moran, and Msgr. Shaw. Picture was taken immediately following the banquet on December 8.

The Jubilarians are holding spiritual bouquets and monetary gifts given by the students.

By the end of the play, Brother Seraphim's Guardian Angel, who was out looking for a "career," has had quite enough to content him for a while.

Fathers Thome and Rose are faculty directors of the play. Paul Milnowski and Charles Klingshirn are the student directors and producers.

A formal dress rehearsal will be presented for the faculty and the entire student body on December 18. The parents of the city students will view the play on December 19, Sisters on the 20, and Priests and parents from outside the city on the 21.

From all indications, the presentation should prove very enjoyable and amusing for everyone.

EDITORIAL Views

A DULL TOY?

At the beginning of the school year, there were very few students who were not talking about SCAS. Improvement and change were synonymous with the SCAS movement. Now, after only three short months, the movement is forgotten, in so far as the entire student body is concerned. The whole idea, and the work it entails, has been thrust upon the few men who govern SCAS.

The student body played with SCAS as a baby plays with a shiny, new toy. After a little wear, the toy has lost its luster and novelty and is cast aside. So also with SCAS. The shine and newness of the movement wore off; all that can be seen now is the hard work which is necessary to carry out the plans. For this reason SCAS has again taken a very low place in the students' conversation.

"Let the SCAS officers take care of it", is the attitude taken, because "We elected them to run SCAS, so let them do their job". Let's change that attitude. SCAS is ours; not the instrument of the nine men who govern it.

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Pictured above is the Recorder Staff. From left to right in the back row are: D. Gemuend, T. Sullivan, M. Danner, C. Jacobs, P. Milanowski, D. Tilmann, L. Spitzley; second row from the back: P. Frank, E. Oberle, D. Wasco, T. Rinkevich, T. Novak; third row from the back: T. Schindler, T. Platte, W. Broad, P. Kress, T. Doud; in the front row: J. Schultz, R. Stasker, D. Smolinski, R. Walsh. Not pictured are J. Wieber and J. Runyan. Refer to the Staff list above for their positions.

This page is actually a combination Christmas card and thank you note to our readers.

We thank you, our readers, for your very generous response to our plea for financial support in publishing the Recorder. We on the staff are very much aware of our dependence on your generosity. This thank you goes not only to the major seminarians, priests, and Sisters who have given us material aid; but this thank you also goes to the students of St. Joe's. In the past

the students' aid has been little mentioned, but without it the paper would have a short life indeed. For these reasons our only aim is to strive to put out a paper which will be a credit to the name of the seminary and to the loyal support which you have given it.

This page is usually filled with articles exhorting you to do something. Therefore, in keeping with this goal, we on the staff exhort you to have a blessed and holy Christmas.

JUBILARIANS

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ary for so many years. Fr. Moran then gave well-merited praise to the Sisters on the fine meal; he then announced a movie for 8:00 P.M. The evening closed with Solemn Benediction. Msgr. Martin was celebrant.

Msgr. Shaw

Msgr. Shaw was ordained in Rome on Dec. 7, 1933. After spending a few years as assistant pastor at Holy Name Parish here in Grand Rapids, he was transferred to St. Joseph's Seminary in 1936, where he has been ever since. In 1941, he was made vice-rector of the seminary and Censor Librorum of the diocese. Five years later he was put in charge of the marriage court. Pope Pius made him Papal Chamberlain in 1948, and Right Reverend Monsignor in 1952.

Msgr. Martin

Msgr. Martin also was ordained in Rome on Dec. 7, 1933. He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Muskegon and later at Sts. Peter and Paul, Ionia. In 1941 he was sent to the Catholic University of America to take up post-graduate studies in Canon and Civil law. He also taught Moral Theology and Canon Law there from 1944 until he was transferred here to St. Joseph's in 1957, as a member of the faculty. It was in 1955 that he was made Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor.

Fr. Weisengoff

Unfortunately, Fr. Weisengoff was unable to enjoy the festivities with us. He left for Milwaukee the day before for medical attention. Before he left, however, Fr. Moran publicly congratulated him and gave him his anniversary gifts.

Fr. Weisengoff was ordained in Maryland on June 12, 1934. We anticipated his anniversary so as to celebrate it with the others. The first four years of his Priesthood were spent in Rome taking post-graduate studies at the Biblical Institute and the Gregorian University. From Rome, Fr. Weisengoff returned to the Catholic University to teach Biblical Greek and assist the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in translating the Bible into English. In 1956, he was asked to make

a detailed study of Mormon theology. He is still doing research in this field, while teaching at St. Joseph's since the beginning of the 1957 school year.

The students felt very honored to celebrate this momentous occasion with the jubilarians. They were very happy to read in the Western Michigan Catholic that the jubilarians had been honored at a banquet in the Pantland and will again be honored at a banquet which will be held at the seminary during the Christmas vacation.

In the last issue, the editor promised a little surprise in connection with the jubilarians. If you will look on page six, The Beginning of an Era, you will find the surprise. We were unable to obtain anything from Fr. Weisengoff since he left before we could ask him; but we hope you will enjoy what we do have about the other two jubilarians.

Msgr. Verreau

We hope that when you are praying for the jubilarians, during these joyous days of Christmas, you will not forget to pray for another jubilarian. He is, of course, the late Msgr. Louis J. Verreau. Had not God called him to Himself last summer, he would be rejoicing with us today. The ways of God are not the ways of men; let us, therefore, often remember him in our daily prayers.

Stop And Pray

Since Christmas has assumed the tradition of giving gifts, don't you suppose that the Christ Child would like to give us a few special gifts of His own? After all, He is the center of Christmas itself. Why not pay a few visits to the Christmas Grib at your parish church. You would be surprised how much the Christ Child would like to give you, if you would only ask Him.

OTTO -

alias Uncle Scrooge

Fellas, this is one Christmas I feel like an "Uncle Scrooge." I can't seem to get into the "Merry Christmas!" spirit. During the past few days there have been yule tide smiles everywhere. The actors who will star in "Career Angel" are busily putting the final touches on their lines; the drama committee is giving the set that last bit of "spit and polish" to make it perfect; the Christmas chorus is giving the music program a final going over. In spite of all these preparations, I still do not seem to have the bug.

Santa To Visit Sem.

Once again Santa Claus has an appointment with the seminary. We will greet him on December 20 by throwing a party in the auditorium in his honor. The program, filled with song and skits, will begin at 7:30.

Putting first things first, the evening will begin with a solemn dedication of the Advent Wreath by Fr. Moran. Afterwards, there will be a cantata, taking as its theme "For Unto Us a Child Is Born". The singing will be done by the Christmas choir and the Soprano choir. After the cantata there will be a tableau, following an appropriately religious strain. Thus at the beginning of our party we will give due honor to the Christ Child in the true spirit of Christmas.

The jovial spirit of Christmas will be given full rein in several popular Christmas songs. The High School sophomores and seniors have promised us a wide assortment of carols. To give us a chance to catch our breath, we will be entertained by two Latin skits.

The Christmas Choir will then sing Santa's anthem and welcome him to our party. Santa promises that the faculty and Sisters will receive some interesting gifts this year. With the evening's fun drawing to a close, the community will sing a few carols, wishing Santa good-bye till next year and preparing us for Christ's birth, five days hence.

Did you ever hear about the golfer who went to the course wearing two pair of pants because he was afraid that he would get a hole in one?

Last week Bob Kneiper was looking around for a Santa Claus. If he happened to glance over the sixth classmen, I am sure he found a very fitting candidate, or maybe two, for Santa's tent size trousers. There is one sure thing about Santa this year: if the snow continues to fall as it has been for the past few days, Santa's sleigh should be here in plenty of time for the party. This will be doubly true if Paul Milanowski, the red nose seminarian, guides his sleigh through the cloudy night.

Cheerful as the atmosphere may be, the dorm prefects are having a tough time smiling. (And when they do smile, their faces freeze into a smile for some time.) I envy the privilege they have in leaving their warm, cozy rooms to sleep(?) in their "roomy as the all out doors" dormitories.

Oh well! I guess I have depressed your spirits long enough, so I will lumber on.

Otto

P.S. I almost forgot.
Merry Christmas!

Minute Meditation

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my MISSION - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons, He has not created me for naught.

Therefore I shall trust Him. I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may make me feel desolate, hide my future from me -- still He knows what He is about.

The Board Speaks

Editor's note: In this column you will notice references to a joint Board meeting. This procedure, as yet, is not, strictly speaking, constitutional; but it is only in a trial stage. This committee is neither an organ of the College nor of the High School; it is to serve as a unifying force between the two houses.

college

The College and High School met twice thus far. The first meeting was taken up with discussion of the aims of the committee and the procedure which it would follow in conducting business. The second meeting dealt with unofficial business - the choosing of a title for the Spiritual Director's weekly. To avoid inconveniencing its members who are in the Christmas play or chorus, the College Board had no other meetings.

high school

In addition to the two joint Board meetings, the High School Board met once. The routine business of appraising the previous meeting was attended to. After considering the students' conduct of the past few meetings, the Board members decided that their position as prefects was showing good results and that they would continue to act in that capacity. Since orations are under way, the Board also decided to meet less frequently and to use the joint Board meetings for conducting house-wide business.

Gloria In Excelsis

"Gloria," the angels sang,
"To God be highest glory."
Through all the earth the echoes rang
To tell the wondrous story.

The shepherds in the distant plain
Heard first this song of praise,
And wondered at the sweet refrain
They heard the angels raise.

"In David's town the Christ this night
Was born," the angels said,
"A stable is His dwelling site,
A manger is His bed."

They left their lambs behind to graze
On Juda's meager sod,
While they, the shepherds, went to gaze
Upon the Lamb of God.

Returning to their past'ral fire,
Their hearts aglow with love,
They joined the song of the angle choir,
Which filled the skies above.

"Gloria," the shepherds sang,
"To God be highest glory,"
And through the earth the echoes rang
To tell the wondrous story.

Francis Maitner
II College

Music

Program

Father Thome and his Christmas choristers have prepared one of the more appealing Christmas recitals of recent years. The regular choir, with a few additional members, make up the Chorale which will sing at all four performances of the Christmas Drama.

There will be numbers to please those who love the traditional carols, the popular Christmas songs, and the festive music of the classical composers.

The traditional holiday melodies will be: Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming, What Child Is This, We Wish You A Merry Christmas, and O Tannenbaum, which is to be sung in German.

The classical selections, compositions of rare performance, and yet of rare beauty, are: The Heavens Resound, by Beethoven; and Praise Ye the Lord, by Saint-Saens.

We trust that the performance this year will be up to par and as enjoyable as ever.

THE SALT

SHAKER

Within the past two months, another bulletin made its bid for the students' reading. This one is a weekly, put out by the Spiritual Director. The name of the weekly is "Salt Shaker". The name was chosen from over fifty entries given in a contest held by the Spiritual Director. The name takes, as its meaning, Christ's words: "You are the salt of the earth". The name seems appropriate, since the material in the paper gives the students a good shake every now and then.

The CCD committee has been given charge over distribution of the paper, and, in the future, it may help Father in finding material for it.



The Christmas stars at Bethlehem
Shone very clear and bright.
Oh, may they shine with light divine
For you this Christmas night.

Students Take Up

New Hobby



Pictured above is a typical Wednesday afternoon group, working on its various projects.

Since the construction of the new refectory, many questions have been asked as to what would be done with the former dining hall. Those questions have now been firmly answered. On November 5th the hall became the headquarters for the new leather craft department. The room is now called the "hobby room". Ninety-four of the students joined the project.

From the very first day the hobby room has enjoyed a well-deserved popularity among the students. At first, the project dealt entirely in leather work; but now as the students are showing more interest,

it has expanded into the rosary-making field also.

The hobby room is under the direction of P. Sweedyk, T. Doyle, B. Sass, and R. Merillat. Their job is to show the beginners the ropes in making rosaries, missal covers, etc. Although these students take care of the shop, Fr. Moran was the first to suggest the idea, and still keeps an eye on its progress. He also supplies the shop with whatever materials the workers may need.

Those wishing to use the hobby room, but have not signed up as of yet, may do so after the Christmas holidays.

VIVA IL PAPA!



During the past few months, the Church has passed through alternate periods of intense sorrow and joy. In October the Church lost her chief shepherd, Pope Pius XII. The sorrow caused by this loss was magnified by the love which Pius XII had merited during his self-sacrificing reign which lasted for almost twenty years. While the Church was enveloped in mourning for their beloved Holy Father, arrangements were already under way to elect a new leader, a new shepherd to guide the flock of Christ through the trials and troubles of mortal life. As the Cardinals gathered to elect this new shepherd, death added more sorrow to the Church's already overflowing cup. These Cardinals, one Italian, the other American, have now received the reward of their holy and selfless lives. The conclave, from which the Pope would emerge, then began. From this conclave was to come a joy and triumph which would counterbalance the preceding sorrows.

The secular world began to predict who would be elected. Reporters looked over the Cardinals to see which one could do the most for the Church at the present time. Some went so far as to suggest that an interim or transition Pope seemed most "advantageous." Through such discussions - and they were wide spread - they degraded the office of Supreme Pontiff to a merely political or worldly standard. They seemed to neglect two aspects of the functions given to the Church, teaching and sanctifying. In spite of all these distractions the Cardinals entered the conclave with the intention of doing what they, with the help of the Holy Ghost, thought best for the Church, not the political world.

After three days of intense expectancy in the Church and the entire world, the white smoke was at last seen. The announcement of the Pontiff's name



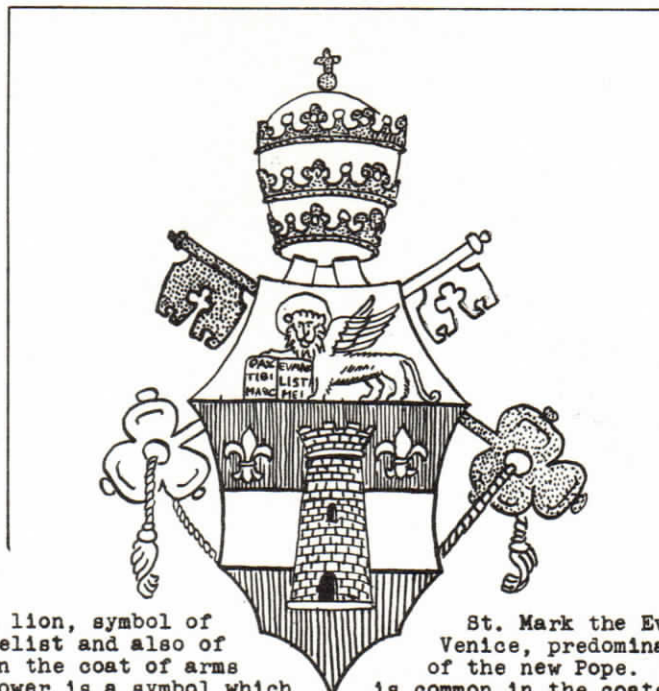
Pope John XXIII



as a Cardinal and the name he would take as Pope brought thunderous applause from those standing in St. Peter's Square; and afterwards the world warmly acknowledged the wise choice of the College of Cardinals. Cardinal Roncalli, now Pope John XXIII, was seldom mentioned by the political experts; but the Cardinals, guided by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, decided that he would be the best person to carry on the office of teacher, priest, and pastor.

Pope John XXIII, as has already been shown, brings to Peter's throne the wisdom and experience of age pleasantly coupled with energy and force of youth. During the two short months since his election, the Holy Father has displayed both of these qualities to their full advantage. He has already made various addresses and has called "youth the symbol of the Church." He has already pointed out the evils of war - hot or cold. He has shown a desire to keep up with the times and to avoid living in the past. He has broken a long standing tradition by raising the number of Cardinals to seventy-five. From all indications, Pope John XXIII will do much for the betterment of the Church, both internally and externally.

In electing the Pope, the Cardinals realized that the tiara would rest on the Holy Father's head heavier than ever before. The world today is so wrought by suspicion, distrust, and hate that the Holy Father must use every ounce of patience available to attempt to throw a guiding light across the world to show it the true, but difficult, path to the bosom of our Creator. Let us thank God for giving to His Church a shepherd so qualified for the office; and let us pray that He give Pope John the grace to use well the most important office in the world.



A lion, symbol of St. Mark the Evangelist and also of Venice, predominates in the coat of arms of the new Pope. The tower is a symbol which is common in the coats of the Roncalli family. The fleur-de-lis recall the Pontiff's service as Nuncio to France. The Papal tiara and crossed keys of St. Peter complete the design. The background is silver and red. The lion is holding an open book with the inscription "Pax tibi Marce Evangelista Meus". "Peace be to you, Mark, my Evangelist".



Fred Erhardt made a grand appearance on the evening of December 3rd, wearing his turtle-necked sweater- inside out. At first he did not realize the "boner"; but after enough students gave him the eye, he showed a rather red complexion in embarrassment.

Doug Hogan showed forth his fathomless wisdom in Biology class. Father McKinney was discussing the large amount of harmful bacteria in milk before pasteurization; puzzled Doug raised his hand and asked: "Father, if there are so many harmful bacteria in milk, why doesn't the cow get 'racked up'?"

Phil Kelly gets the prize for the best "boner" of the month. Sister Christopher asked Phil to sweep up the Infirmary before going home for Thanksgiving vacation and to run around a little bit with a wet mop. So Phil makes out a permission card to stay in and gives it to the Dean, giving as the reason: "Run around the Infirmary with a mop". That project sounds more like a Father Zaskowski idea.

When going to confession before Mass one morning, Bill May wondered what was taking so long. He had already been kneeling in the confessional for about ten minutes and still the door didn't open. Finally Mike McBarnes opened the curtain and told Bill that Father was in the other confessional.

Christmas Crib Resume Time-Honored Position

The picture below shows the crib which will stand in St. Henry's Hall. The crib was purchased by the students living at St. Henry's. This will be the first crib to grace St. Henry's halls since its construction in 1956. It owes its position to the efforts of the College Press Committee.



The picture above is the new crib which will stand in the Administration building for the junior house. It was hand-made by S. Lechtanski and W. Zink. This was a hobby room project and it has turned out very nicely. Who says that the crafts of yesteryear are dead?



The Beginning of an Era

The following two poems were written by Msgrs. Shaw and Martin in 1926, when they were fifth classmen. The auto seems to have been replacing the horse at the time; and the poems bewail the loss of the horse. I am told that the auto depicted below is Msgr. Martin's dream car. Maybe that will explain his taste in "autos!"



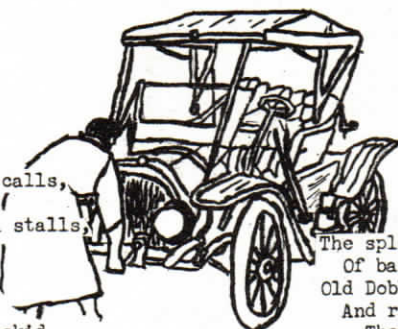
Horses, Horses

The horse that once at London's calls,
A-clattering galloped past,
Now stands quite still in London stalls,
His use is gone at last.

The "autos" do what he once did,
His working days are o'er,
They whir and chug and honk and skid,
But he now pulls no more.

No more to fires he leaps and bounds,
No more he hauls the hay,
The horse alone of the merry-go-round,
Is the horse that works today.

Joseph Shaw, '28



The Passing of the Horse

The splendor falls on ruined stalls
Of barnyard castles old in story;
Old Dobbin gloats above his oats,
And rattling Lizzies bump in glory.
Then go, Dobbin, go,
Pace by the Lizzies flying;
Go, Lizzies lead them, Dobbin,
Dying, dying, dying.

Oh horse, you die to yon rich sky,
You aint on hill or rill or river;
Lizzies roll from pole to pole
And grow forever and forever.
Then go, Dobbin, go,
Pace by the Lizzies flying;
And follow, Lizzies, follow,
Dying, dying, dying.

Thomas Martin, '28



What's In A Name ?

My name may lead you to
think I am quite _____ but
actually I am rather small.

If you like pineapple, you
are sure to know of _____
Pineapple.

I am as solid as a _____.
At least my name says so.

Without a _____ a chain
wouldn't stay together.

Even though my name is _____,
I don't take any of it
from anyone.

If I misspell my name cor-
rectly, the symbol for it
in Chemistry would be Zn.

My name isn't spelled like
a certain bald-headed mo-
vie star's, but it sounds
almost the same.

W. Broad, J. Doyle, T.
Rock, V. Link, B. Sass, W.
Zink, F. Brenner.

Alumnus, Eyewitness in Vatican

(Editors' note: We thought our readers might like to read about the recent activities in the Vatican from a seminarian's point of view. One of our alumni, now studying there, was kind enough to send us this eyewitness account.)



NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

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POSTAL ADDRESS:
VATICAN CITY (EUROPE)

Dear Recorder readers,

Among other things quite often we Catholics take the Papacy too much for granted.... Of course, we know its meaning, we experience its effects, we hold it in high regard....

For me the activities of Vatican City first began to take on a deeper significance, as I joined the long cortege of mourners in St. Peter's Square on the cool, crisp afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 11. One Pope had just died.... Immediately I thought it strange that I should come so far and get so close only to see His Holiness Pope Pius XII, for the first and last time, lying in state near the Pontifical High Altar in St. Peter's.... But to see him thus mourned by thousands, was perhaps more inspirational....

Meanwhile throughout Rome the personal characteristics of our late and beloved Pontiff were being discussed at length...a very outstanding quality of sacerdotal holiness with which he ruled.... As the spiritual leader of souls he had become an inspiration and model for every priest and seminarian.

Such were the sentiments of all the students at North American College - the Deacons and Subdeacons who were called upon to stand Honor Guard over the Pope's remains at Castelgondolfo, the II Theologians who took part in the funeral procession...and the rest of us who merely joined in the huge, continuous line of mourners.

The official mourning period lasted ten days during which we attended Solemn Requiem Masses for the Pope here at the College and at St. Peter's.... But the simplicity of the Papal funeral itself clearly bespoke the universal feeling of loss; even the drab, dreary weather coincided with the occasion.

Within a week...fifty-one Cardinals gathered for the conclave. The tension and expectation rapidly mounted as we joined the throngs twice daily in the crowded Piazza to await the fumate. Finally on the evening of Oct. 28 a small puff of smoke curled upward from the long, slender gray smokestack set against the darkening sky. Arguments commenced; was it black or was it white? Some twenty minutes later the Conclavists rushed unto the balcony...and a tremendous cry rose from the crowd: "Viva il Papa!"

Soon Cardinal Canali appeared on the main balcony to announce in a weak, but definite voice that the new Pontiff was Angelo Cardinal Roncalli of Venice.... Amid the cheers and applause Pope John himself appeared...bestowed his first urbi et orbi blessing to a hushed and kneeling throng....

Hierarchy, clergy, and peoples from all nations literally poured into Rome to attend...the colorful procession of the Pope into the Basilica, the Solemn Pontifical Mass at the High Altar, and the Coronation itself....

It is the prayer of all of us at North American College, and we hope the universal prayer, that Pope John XXIII have a long and prosperous reign like that of his predecessor. Reiterating the words of the Coronation hymn, we exclaim "Ad Multos Annos!"

John J. Kowaleski

Coming attraction - a feature on St. John's Seminary

Puer Natus Est

Filius Datus Est

May the Divine Babe of Bethlehem, through the intercession of His Immaculate Mother, grant you the Blessings of a Joyful Christmas and a New Year of Peaceful Days.



catnip

During this season of "Greetings" and Felicitations, mother cat would like to extend a meow of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all her young kittens, and also to those who are not so young any more. May she also here thank all her kittens who sent some "class A fish bones" to her.

We Happened to Hear...

that bowling season has begun at St. John's. Hengesbach and Schneider, from reports received, seem to be members of avid teams. Are their teams leading the league?

that Dale LaBrie spends two days a week in the swimming pool at an establishment near St. Paul's.

that Gaspar Ancona, Father Moran's ex-one-day-librarian, is head of the Basselin library at T.C.

that Norm Siegel and Paul Kolbiaz sang their way into the community at T.C. in D.C. in the Newcomers' Play, Please Don't Eat The Basselins.

that Al Theis is the head of the Athletic staff at Sacred Heart.

that Joe Schmedicke flew home from Washington during the Thanksgiving holidays.

that Norm Siegel's Roman collar still itches a bit.

that John Kowalski and Ed Mike are in the house choir at N.A.C. in Vatican City.

that on Nov. 22, the students at N.A.C. in Vatican City had finally completed two weeks of classes at the Gregorian University, where they have their Theology classes.

that Father Jim Hoogterp and Father Ray Sonefeld, two of our alumni, made it to Baltimore for the anniversary celebration of St. Mary's chapel.

that Al Theis and Tom Sabourin spent the Thanksgiving holidays at a hunting lodge up north. (Transportation? The Imperial, of course!)

that at Baltimore the I Philosophers' History of Philosophy professor once called a meeting for all those who passed his exam. He said it would be held in the phone booth on the second floor.

that Gene Hengesbach attended the encouraging class, to which his professor brought a plaque which read, "Flunk now, avoid the rush later!"

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Gridiron Classics

6th vs 5th

The Fifth Class, the underdogs, surprised the Sixth Class with their tight defense, which held the Sixth to 6 points, and with an interception-TD that tied the score at 6-6. The seesaw battle remained in that deadlock at the final whistle.

5th vs 4th

Evenly matched as this game was, the Fourth Class took advantage of the one big break they had. When the Fifth fumbled the ball behind their goal, the Fourth recovered and took a 7-0 lead, which they retained to the end.

4th vs 3rd

The Fourth Class amassed a phenomenal seven touchdowns in trampling over the Third Class. All that would have been necessary to win was the first TD, since the Third was kept from scoring at all. The final tally was: 53-0.

3rd vs 2nd

In this well-fought contest the Third Class managed to score first and go on to a 42-21 victory over the Second Class. The latter team showed good power on its part.

2nd vs 1st

Despite its fine spirit and fight, the First Class was unable to cope with the determined opposition; as a result, the game was literally a walkaway, the Second Class piling up a 39-0 win over the First.

Footnote

Knute Rockne always put sportsmanship above victory and stressed that victory without it is "hollow and unworthy of effort." He defined sportsmanship as "respect for the rules of the game and the rights of your opponents."

6th vs 4th

The Sixth Class scored once in every quarter due to its smooth offensive play; its defense held the jittery Fourth Class to but one TD. Final score: 27-6.

Ball Bearings

Once again, as another successful football season has drawn to a close, the footballs, no more seen spiraling through the air, have been placed in cold storage. The transition from football to basketball took place in earnest immediately on our return from Thanksgiving vacation. Winter's elements, cold and snow, were sufficient to cause the hieira to the Activities Building. Play and chorus practice have kept down the number of those on the courts, but those who can are preparing for the coming cage play.

According to M. Haviland, head Athletic man,

the Seniors this year, as last, will be divided into two leagues. As was proved by last year's play, such a division affords better, more spirited games.

Ping-pong, as always, is a much-played game among seminarians. Last year the residents at St. Henry's were not able to play much, since there was no table in St. Henry's; this year, several weeks ago, a new ping-pong table was placed in Room 4 for the use of the College and 4th Class. The den of the Main Building yet contains four tables, all new, for the lower three classes.

(Be sure to note and quote the "Footnote".)

Final Tally

JUNIORS	W	L	T
Emerson	7	0	2
Philco	6	1	1
Kelvinator	5	3	2
Sylvania	3	4	2
Gen. Electric	2	4	1
RCA Victor	2	4	1
Admiral	0	9	1

INTERMEDIATES	W	L	T
Rams	8	2	0
Redskins	7	2	1
Giants	6	3	1
Colts	5	4	1
Browns	4	6	0
Bears	3	6	1
Eagles	2	7	1
Lions	2	7	1

SENIORS	W	L	T
Setback	5	1	0
Crazy 8	4	2	0
Old Maid	4	2	0
Canasta	3	2	1
Fish	2	3	1
Slap Jack	2	4	0
Pinochle	1	5	0

Sports Afield

Several seminarians, so we heard, grabbed a gun and a pocketful of shells and set out hunting this last vacation. Most of the expeditions into the woods ended on sad notes, but D. Tilmann and Wm. May were more fortunate. Del must have been extra wide awake, since he bagged a rabbit and a squirrel. In another venture Del got lost in the woods while hunting with T. Burgess in the North Land.

We also heard that Fr. McKinney, a modern Robin Hood, some time before Thanksgiving went hunting with bow and arrow. He saw a deer, took a firm stand, let fly an arrow, and -- the deer refused to co-operate! Telling the tale to students later, he commented: "I wouldn't have known what to do with it anyway".

All we need say now is: "Merry Christmas," and "Better luck during Christmas vacation, fellas!"

England's Own

For a time at least, soccer has taken over where football left off; for the hardy ones who brave the icy blasts claim that they have the time of their lives in the great outdoors. Despite bruised shins and whatnot, interest in this sport should not flag, unless, of course, the weather cause a decline in enthusiasm.

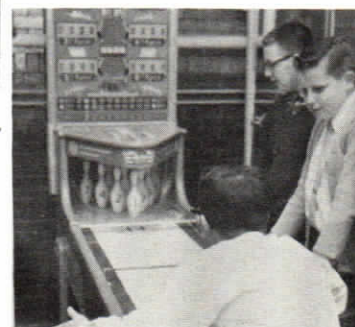
Minding Our Pucks and Cues



A group engaged in bumper-pool in St. Henry's lounge.

Pictured above are D. Tilmann, C. Sigmund, and L. Howley wrapped up in a game of bumper-pool in St. Henry's lounge. The table, acquired for the College department on Nov. 5, provides a very popular free-time recreation for the 4th, 5th, and 6th Classes.

On Oct. 27, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes were pleasantly surprised to see an electric bowling machine in their den. The pins are hit with a puck rather than a ball. This game, too, as our picture shows, is very popular among the students.



Bowling fans at play in den of Administration Bldg.