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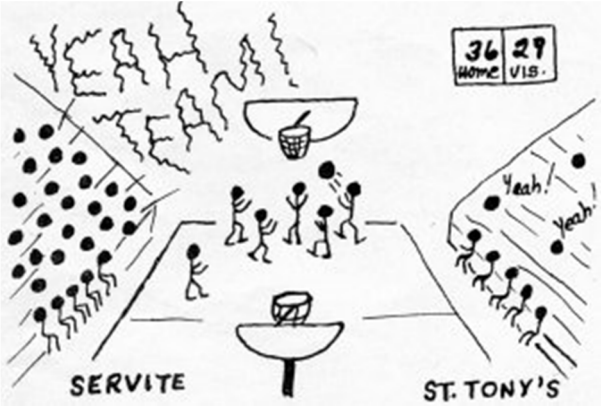
THIS IS YOUR ANNOUNCER, Al Athlete, bringing you the exciting action of tonight's game between St. Anthony and Servite. We're at the top of the 4th quarter of a battle that is far from being decided.

First the home team and then Servite takes the 2 and 4 point lead.

Across from us, in the crowded stands, the visitors have been backing up their team with wall-shaking cheers all evening.

Here, in the St. Anthony bleachers, the spirit of the game is reflected on the faces of and in the applause of proud parents. You can just about hear the cheers of the um-m-m, the um-m-m — the student.

Well, the parents have really turned out for the games this season. This enthusiasm is a welcome change from the depopulated stands of last year.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter because of the one which appeared in the last issue, which said that the team was somewhat of a spiritual disappointment as well as a football one.

If "Student Joe" would take a count of the Communions on week days and Sundays he would realize that the athletes are among those on the top of the list. We explicitly take the good example set by the coach.

The defeats and ties cannot be blamed on the coaches because I think they prepared the team well. They did a great job with the material they had. Part of the blame can be put on inexperience but the players and coaches will be the last to admit it. We were a team, and we did our best.

A Player

P. S. I think basketball will show what a place it has in this school. Let's get behind the teams!

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Dear Editor:

We would like to give a word

of thanks for the installation of the music in the cafeteria and the smoking lounge for the are just great.

They are just a few more little extras that are making our senior year more memorable.

Grateful Seniors
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Dear Editor:

Why are the freshmen allowed to attend the dances before January? Are they privileged? Nobody else ever was.

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

It was decided by the office since there are so few dances, to invite the freshies to all of them. You'd want it if it you were freshie.

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Dear Editor:

A personal reaction to SALLY'S previous "soap box letter." Is it a necessity for a soap box speech to be given for the junior squad?

As for time—Isn't it known by the entire student body that practice by both squads has amounted

'Round the World

By JIM TAUBE

Khrushchev's threat over West Berlin cannot be overlooked since the city is bordered by 120 miles of Communist-ruled territory. This alone is a dismal threat to the West and any attempt to laugh it off is dangerous.

Since it is folly to think that the East Germans alone can drive out Western nations, Krushchev during the past week broadcast over Moscow radio the announcement that if they did not withdraw freely within six months, Russia would consider that an act of aggression and cause for open war.

Many optimistic people would like to think that the Russian ruler doesn't mean what he says. They like to believe that West Berlin is too small to be the object of full-scale war. It may be small in size; however, when measured as a propaganda issue, it becomes a colossal giant. If the West were to back down on this issue, how many other similar ones would be brought up?

Are we to let Russia feed upon the free world? Its appetite may grow next year.



Christmas Customs Did You Know

Many of the things about Christmas that we take for granted today have an interesting historical background.

As an example we have Santa Claus. Tradition has it that St. Nicholas was not so fat and jolly as today's Santa. Rather, he was a lean and reserved man.

Americans came to believe that Santa resembled the good Dutch burghers, and this impression became permanent with the poem "A Visit from St. Nick."

Then there is the custom of gift-giving at this season. Gifts at Christmas were the result of a practice begun by Roman emperors who invited their subjects to present them with gifts at the Winter Solstice. It was more a means of getting gifts for the emperor and had a completely different spirit than today.

Decorating Christmas trees also has a Roman origin. Some Romans hung little masks of Bacchus on pine trees and vines to induce fertility. The practice soon spread and others began to deck trees and poles with gifts and food as offerings to the gods.

Kissing under the mistletoe stems from mystic rites of the Druids in England. They believed that mistletoe was an omen of happiness and good fortune to lovers who announced their engagement beneath its berries.

If the "mistletoe kiss" is done according to Hoyle, each kissed maiden must be given a berry and when all the berries are gone, the kissing privilege is gone too.

Dennis, Mimi A "Different' Christmas



- Jaeger

Christmas is a special time of year for Sophs Dennis Meloche 115 and Amalia Kirkaldy 114. Each has a special way of observing the season of the birth of Christ.

Dennis is a member of the Boys' Choir of St. Raymond Parish. The group, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Andrews, will sing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

"We've been practicing for weeks now and we are all looking forward to taking our part in welcoming the Christ Child into our parish," says Dennis.

Amalia, or "Mimi" as her friends call her, along with 30 other members of the St. Margaret Mary Parish Sodality will be hostesses at a Christmas party for 35 orphan children from in and around the parish.

"We wanted to do something special for Christmas this year and the party for the children seemed to be the best thing," Mimi says. "Gifts will include articles of clothing for the kids," she adds.

The choir of which Dennis is a member has sung at the Detroit Art Institute, the Boys' Choir Festival, and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

"Our choir and the Men's choir have been requested to sing at several other churches," says Dennis. "We are all proud to be members."

"There is something special about watching the kids' faces when they open their gifts," says Mimi. "To see them happy at the happiest time of the year brings out the true side of Christmas."

Besides the party, the sodalists will attend Midnight Mass at St. Margaret's and form a choir. "I love to hear Christmas music on that night," Mimi says. "It makes you feel extra special."

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to months and months including school and summer seasons—seniors, one and one-half years and juniors seven months. 'Tis true they are a bit green and lack experience!

Can anybody question the "spirit, drive, potential energy" of a St. Anthony cheering squad? HOW DARE THEY!

By what right, Mr. Editor, does SALLY question the solid support of St. Tony Students? The cheerleaders can vouch, she has no right!

Do SAH cheerleaders have to put on a show to "show their stuff" in order to get the support of the students? I don't think so!

You see I know personally; St. Anthony students didn't need to have their eyes opened to either squad by a "soap box letter."

What right has SALLY to insult St. Anthony backers in such a way? NO RIGHT!

An irate Pep Club member
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Dear Editor:

Would it be possible to have a SENIOR PAGE?

The Prelude covers only the high points of each month. Why not make the articles a bit longer? They are a lot better and more interesting to the reader!

Certainly though, the editors, Sister Bettina, the reporters, etc. must take a bow. You are all making a paper the students of St. Anthony are proud to have. Thank you for your time and effort.

An Appreciative Reader

Dear Reader:

Thank you!

Since the Prelude comes out so infrequently, we try to balance the writing so that everyone will enjoy its contents.

Editor

If an unknown disease should infect SAH students, from their ranks many so-called physicians would rise to the rescue.

One the Prelude staff reporters asked students what they thought psittacosis is and what they would do if they had it. Their answers are as follows:

Joan MacLean "M.D." of 219 classifies psittacosis as a rare tropical disease. But her treatment is a bit drastic. She suggests shooting oneself.

"Take Turns. Turns are good for the tummy," says Terry Miesel 312, since her decision is that psittacosis is a stomach disorder.

"Little brown bugs crawling on leaves" is Joe Romano 214's contribution. He suggests spraying the unfortunate plant with insecticide. Senior Rosemary Petrella 218 has no mercy for poor plants, however. "To the ash-can with it!" she says.

"If I had psittacosis," says Marianne Zimmerman 114, "I'd bury it." Joanne Grillo 120 says "I'd step on it!"

Around lunchtime Ken Smolinski 312 said "If I had psittacosis, I'd eat it!" "I wouldn't eat it," says Chuck Belfiori 312. "It doesn't sound good enough for me to eat. But Paul Bradley would."

"I wouldn't eat it either," says Mike Wild 312, "I'd smoke it." Ken Morsch 218 says he'd take it home with him but Riehrad Dichtel 218 says he'd throw it out the window.

Freshie Carol Dunn 119 has a sensible answer. "I'd. first find out what it was." Robert Sliwinski

117 is quick to act. "I'd get. out oJ" Detroit," he says.

Joe Puzzuoli 216 says that he'd

Snow-White Winter Color-Bright Fashions

In the language of fashion this winter, the accent is on color with a capital "C".

Red, green, blue, gold, and orange run riot in apparel from hats to shoes. Anything and everything is popular.

Real eye-catchers are colored leotards for informal wear. No shrinking violet dare wear them if she fears turning heads. Nylons are also gaily tinted for wear by the less courageous.

From the House of Dior in Paris comes the "trapeze" dress with a waistline high above the natural waist.

Other Paris-inspired dresses have high waistlines, low waistlines, or no waistlines. Bodices are bloused in back, and/or in front. Skirts are straight, paneled, or flared.

The most popular fabrics for the dresses are wool mixtures and knits, again ranging in color from bold horse-blanket plaids to softer, dull prints.

To perk up any outfit, the sophisticated solution is jewelry. A favorite color combination is blue and green.

To top off a sporty tweed skirt, there are contrasting bulky knit sweaters.

The sweaters are no longer the unchangeable cardigan; the bulky knits almost equal a dress for versatility.

For important dates during the holidays, a velvet skirt and dressy blouse are appropriate. The combination is economical, since the separates can be interchanged with others for the different effect.

go to see a doctor.

Sharon Fisher 219 would see an undertaker instead. "I'd start counting the minutes I had left to live," she says, scratching her head and wondering if she has it.

But alas, no matter how hard they tried, even the great minds of SAH failed to come up with an answer.

Webster's dictionary says "Psittacosis—parrot fever; a type of influenza peculiar to parrots, characterized by pulmonary involvement and high fever."

Students Select Extra Courses

During the week eleven select students of SAH attend outside classes in Spanish, Italian and debating. This term the increased number of courses includes four languages, nuclear physics, advanced chemistry, debating, and advanced mathematics. The language classes meet twice a week.

"I've always wanted to take Spanish," says Francia Miesel 312, "and I think a language does a great deal to broaden your education."

Even though the courses are entirely outside of a student's regular scholastic schedule, their popularity made it necessary to limit the number 01 entries frum each school.

Future Nurses Display Caps, Hold Raffle, Visit Hospital

"Caps representing 14 different nursing schools were on display in the chorus room. Dec. 9," explains Sister Mary Anne, Future Nurses' moderator. The purpose of the cap display was to encourage students to inquire in-to the field of nursing.

"Nurses from several schools spoke about the career in general and described preparation required to enter this field," said Donna Guzdiol 217, president. "Catholic schools were emphasized," Sister added.

Other activities sponsored by the club include the penny raffle of a portable radio purchased through Merchant's Gift Stamps.

The raffle was held on Dec. 11 and 12. Proceeds will be used to finance a party that the club is sponsoring for a group of orphans on Valentine's Day.

Club members also attended an open house at Providence Hospital on Dec. 11.

This Year I Want ...



- Rutkowski
"A dolly, and a buggy,some dishes, and a sled and a," a little girl tells Santa in his house at Eastland.

9 Awarded

Gregg Shorthand Co. awarded future secretaries for their 100-word transcriptions. Shorthand II students receiving the certificates are: Kathye Molner, Phyllis Augustyn, Judy Adams, Joanne Perez, Judith Le Fave, Sandra Jozwiak, Barbara Snyder, Colleen Carey, and Marsha Buda.

"This year instead of going to an orphanage, we will make presents for the retired nuns at Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin," said Pam Flowers 214, Future Nurses treasurer.

"The gifts will include dogs made of towels," she concluded.

Santa Claus Shaves Clean?

What would Santa Claus be like without his beard? Youngsters may find a clean-shaven St. Nick next year when they troop up with their Christmas- lists.

Santa's beard, made of yak hair, and the yak, a bull-like animal, are beginning to be extinct. The problem is to find a synthetic to replace its hair.

Chemist are attempting to find the solution but they fear the kids won't be fooled by the fake beards. They want "the real thing."

Here Comes Santa -- in His Helicopter

"I had to come to Detroit by helicpoter this year," said Santa Claus, gift-giver to the world. "Reindeer are pretty hard to get these days."

Santa arrived at Eastland Center on Nov. 28 and was greeted by hundreds of his fans.

"It was a real thrill to see all the youngsters and parents waiting for me," says Santa.

He then took up residence in the Special Events Building, named for him "Santa's House."

"Youngsters have been visiting me with their requests ever since I landed," said Santa. "I've tried to be jolly and friendly with everyone of them. They have my helpers up to their ears in requests for dolls, trucks, trains, and whatnot."

"I have to speak to each of them individually to find out exactly what they want. Of course, their moms are nearby to hear what I'm going to get them."

Santa says that his visitors fall into two main groups. There are the firm believers who crawl up ready with their lists and not at all afraid of the man with the bushy beard and long white hair.

There are also the skeptics who are not quite sure of what they want. "I have to do a lot coaxing to get it out of them. I tell them to leave me a note under the tree if they've forgotten anything."

A few youngsters like to tug at Santa's beard. He puts his hand to his chin so that the tug doesn't hurt and tells them, "If you pull at my beard you'll hurt old Santa Claus."

Once a curious little boy asked Santa, "How old are you, Santa?" After thinking for a while Santa chuckled, "Sonny, I'm as old as time itself."

Santa says that he gets a big kick out of interviewing the youngsters and that their parents enjoy it as much as he does.

"Youngsters aren't the only ones who come to see me," said Santa. "Many teenagers visit me and have their pictures taken on my lap."

"Merry Christmas to all," concluded Santa. "And to all a good night."

- Rutkowski
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Santa in Town

Santa Claus, philanthropist, flew to Detroit by helicopter from his workshop in the North.

The purpose of his trip south is to prepare a gift list for the young and old of the city.

Mr. Claus may be seen at Eastland Shopping Center, at Hudson's downtown, and at other department stores throughout the city until 5:00 p.m. Dec. 24, when he must return north for his trip around the world that evening.

In One Ear

By JUDY STOCKER

This Christmas, trim your musical tree with sparklers from the LP album world. Just as each ornament on your Christmas tree is different, so each Christmas LP has a special appeal all its own.

CHRISTMAS IN CAROL by Robert Rheims is thoroughly enjoyable. Traditional melodies of the yuletide season, many of them taken from pagan chants, are played by organ and chimes reminiscent of European cathedrals.

Old English carols are sung in modern lilting rythm by the Robert Rheims "Choraleers" in CHRISTMAS IN SONG.

Another recording sure to delight the ears of young and old is CHRISTMAS MUSIC presented by the Boys' Town Choir. The rich blend of their voices enhances favorite music.

Jackie Gleason wishes all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS in soothing musical arrangement.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS ... and Santa arrived with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians. Their unusual harmony brings cheer as they sing, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Carol of the Bells", "O Holy Night", and other songs.

Rousing everyone with his CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, Spike Jones swings for a lively good time.

Besides these, many popular singers have a special LP for the Christmas season. Each singer presents the traditional favorites of the season in his own particular styles.

Whatever your taste, the albums bring extra listening enjoyment to the Christmas Season.

'Ettes Win 2 Tournaments: at St. David, St. Anthony

A 29-25 victory over St. Mary of Mt. Clemens earned for the Teutonettes the championship of St. David's tournament, the second tourney championship for the 'Ettes this season. The first was their own invitation. The St. Mary - St. Athnony game put a climax to the tourney. The Mountaineers managed to stay one or two points ahead of the 'Ettes in the first half. Their highest lead was 8 points.



DUD Rutkowski outjumps a St. Mary of Mt. Clemens opponent to set one in.

Girl All-Stars in Tournays

Carol Roe was named varsity All-Star and Dorothy Rutkowski received honorable mention in the St. Anthony Invitational. In St. David Tourney, Dorothy was the All-Star and Carol received honorable mention. Junior varsity All-Stars were Madelene Nutaitis and Cathy Lauer. In St. David's tourney they were Joyce Joyner and Cathy Lauer.

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'Pears to Me

By SAM SPORTSMAN

IT LOOKS GOOD for the St. Anthony basketball teams. The season is still young for the Teutons and even though they've lost both league games there's still plenty of time to improve. They have great possibilities. They handle the ball well and have a variety of shots. But they'll have to start pushing a little harder through the whole game. If they can run up a 10-point lead on a team, they should be able to keep playing and hold the lead. THE TEUTONETTES show great promise. Winning two tournaments so early in the season is quite a feat. In their six victories they have met with several kinds of teams and managed to cope with each one. They prevented a freeze and came from behind in both of their two championship games. They play well together and aren't easily shaken. Over-confidence is the big thing the 'Ettes will have to watch out for when their season starts in January.

In the second half the tables turned and St. Anthony gradually gained on them. In the fourth quarter the Teutonettes netted three more baskets than St. Mary's and barely managed to stop them from scoring. Carol Roe scored 24 points and Dorothy Rutkowski 18 for the winners. St. Thomas, 64-22, and St. Ambrose, 51-16, provided very little trouble for the 'Ettes in the opening games of the tourney. The Teutonettes walked over both teams with little effort and gained a little playing experience. Being the victors of their own tournament was a big prize for the Teutonettes. Their three games of the tourney were close and hard fought. The Teutonettes first met St. Mary of Mt Clemens 29-25. St. Anthony was never in any real trouble even though the game was close. They maintained a lead through the entire game and never gave St. Mary an opening to come up. The semi-final game against Rosary High gave the 'Ettes another victory 40-28. Nancy Perrault hooped 21 points for the Teutonettes. In the final game against Immaculate High St. Anthony kept a small lead through the whole game and came out on top 30-22. By staying ahead a few points through the entire game the 'Ettes prevented Immaculata from freezing the ball. Both the defensive and offensive playing of the Teutonettes were superior in all the games.

Cheerleaders Perform at Servite Meet

Keeping in mind that there's always room for improvement, SAH junior and senior cheerleading squads, accompanied by S. M. Gilbertine, S. M. Lauren, and S. M. Carl attended a cheerleaders' workshop sponsored by, Servite High School, Saturday, Nov. 6.

Cheerleaders from about 25 Catholic high schools in the Detroit and neighboring areas assembled at 9:30 a.m. in Servite's gym to exchange ideas in their methods. Included was one boys' squad from the University of Detroit High School. Servite's gym instructor and cheerleading advisor, Miss Mary Preda, highlighted the program with a talk on cheerleading techniques. Miss Preda afterwards answered the cheerleaders questions on the subject and offered solutions to any of their problems. Also featured were the techniques about cheering blocks demonstrated by Servite's card section. Guest cheerleaders from the University of Detroit demonstrated college cheers. In the afternoon each school's representatives performed cheers for the others. "We really got a lot out of it," comments junior squad co-captain Rose Sciarota. "We saw new actions, ideas, cheers, skills. The whole convention was very interesting."

S P O R T S

Teutons Lose 3 Games after St. Cyril Opener

After a sparkling opener against St. Cyeril 63-45, the Teutons dropped three games. Two of these were league games with St. Ladislaus and St. Catherine, the other a non-league contest with Cathedral Central. St. Cyril gave the Teutons little trouble. St. Anthony made their shots from the floor and played good defensive ball. High scorer for St. Tony was Dennis Fink with 16 points. A seven point victory for Cathedral Central 34-41 was the result of slow defensive and offensive playing on St. Tony's part. The Teutons hesitated to shoot

St. Anthony Standings

| TEUTONS | |
|----------------|-----|
| FTA | 143 |
| MADE | 77 |
| PERCENTAGE | 60 |
| POINTS FOR | 193 |
| POINTS AGAINST | 190 |
| TEUTONETTES | |
| FTA | 82 |
| MADE | 41 |
| PERCENTAGE | 50 |
| POINTS FOR | 301 |
| POINTS AGAINST | 206 |

It is interesting to note that though the Teutons lost three out of four games, they scored three more points than their opponents.

Student Body Watches 'Pros' against Varsity

A combination Globe Trotter-Piston team played the St. Anthony varsity, Nov. 24. Leon Hillard demonstrated his excellent dribbling and deadly shooting. The other playmaker for the team, Dick McGuire set up plenty of plays and was the sparkplug in the defense.

Wilt, the Stilt, Chamberlain really out jumped all other players in this game. He proved vital under the basket and in getting rebounds. Shooting both left and right handed was only one of Phil Jordan's specialties in this contest. Besides driving into the basket he put in a few important set shots. George Yardley really played a terrific offensive and defensive game. He took advantage of all the opportunities afforded in the game to lick the other team. Even though this team was composed of "pros" it wasn't expected to win. What people didn't know is that these men have been practicing together for ten years.

They belong to the Globe Trotters and Pistons by ability rather than by contract, for they have signed over their services to another "team"—the Fathers of the Society of the Precious Blood.

and let one Central player run riot in scoring points. Dennis LeVans netted 15 points for St. Anthony. In their first league game St. Anthony dropped a ten point lead and lost the Same to St. Ladislaus 58-52. The first half was all St. Anthony. St. Lad's were unable to stage the shots, get rebounds, or break through their defense. The second half the Greyhounds crept up on the Teutons and it was point for point the rest of the game. Ray Fisher scored 24 points and led the team in foul shots. In the final minutes a rebound gave St. Lads the ball and they pushed in a 4-point lead. From then on both teams traded baskets, but Lads ended up three ahead. Another near victory was that with St. Catherine 42-46. Again the Teutons outplayed the other team but in the end the score was to their disadvantage. Free throws played a big part in this game. St. Anthony made 75 percent of their shots but if they had made four more they could have tied the game. St. Catherine missed 8 out of 19. These shots would have given them a firmer lead. Tonight the Teutons play St. Florian in a home game.

Teuton JV's 2-2; Teutonettes 1-2

The Teutons junior varsity slightly bettered the varsity's standing record by winning two games and losing two. St. Cyril 25-18, and St. Catherine 26-18 fell to St. Anthony. The jv's played an all-round game and wouldn't let the other teams gain an advantage. Cathedral Central scraped a two - point victory from the reserves 26-28. St. Anthony missed rebounds and their own shots and was unable to stop the Central players from scoring. Another loss was handed to the jv team by St. Ladislaus, 31-34. The Teutons missed a large percentage of their free-throws which made a big difference in the score. The Teutonette junior varsity was unsuccessful in their tournament. A 22-33 loss to Guardian Angel's knocked the jv team out of competition in the SAH invitational. In St. David's Tournament the reserves beat St. Thomas 44-6. Their glory was short-lived, however, for they were swamped by St. Jude 46-22.