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FACULTY PLAYS HOST TODAY AT TEA



The Staff takes time out—to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Carm Bongiovanni, Pat Brechtel, Pat Troy, Aggie Cavanaugh, Joan Reichard.

NFCCS Sponsors Three Marian Tours to Europe

In his recent encyclical letter "Fulgens Corona" (The Radiant Crown), His Holiness, Pius XII, proclaimed the celebration of a Marian Year from December 8, 1953, to December 8, 1954, to mark the occasion of the first centenary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Pope Pius IX (Dogmatic Bull "Ineffabilis Deus" of December 8, 1854).

Inspired by the Holy Father's wish, and desiring once again to service the needs of the students of its 1954 member colleges, the National Federation of Catholic College Students (NFCCS) has arranged for the presentation of student tours of six European countries.

Three tours, priced at \$679, \$779, and \$859, for 30, 40, and 50 land-days, respectively, will include visits to numerous Marian shrines in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

It is to be noted that ten days sea travel time should be added to all tours. Each tour will be accompanied by a chaplain and a guide.

Besides extended stops at the famous shrines at Lourdes and Fatima, visits will be made at Notre Dame (Paris), Notre Dame de la Garde (Marseilles), Our Lady of Walsingham (London), Our Lady of Einseldeln (Lucerne), Our Lady of Loretto (Ancona), Our Lady of the Snow (Rome), and Our Lady of Montserrat (Barcelona).

In addition to being religious in their theme, the tours are designed to prove educationally stimulating. In line with this goal, plans are being made to divide the student tourists into groups with similar interests, such as art, history, literary, and linguistic, so as to afford the student the full benefit of the experience.

All tours will originate and terminate at New York harbor. Sea travel will be aboard Cunard Steamship Company passenger lines, and will consist of cabin accommodations in tourist class.

Trans-Atlantic and continental transportation, plus hotels, meals, and gratuities, are included in the over-all price. Lodging abroad will be in second-class hotels, and where rail transportation is utilized, it will be at least second-class. There will be no over-night train travel. Chartered motor-coaches will be used extensively on the Continent, since they afford maximum mobility.

Students interested in this NFCCS service may obtain additional information from Carol Granville, NFCCS Senior Delegate.

Faculty Member Becomes Citizen

The population of the United States has become larger by one citizen. Father Louis Lekai, after having lived in the United States for about six years, has received his citizenship, and now is a full-fledged American. He is a native of Hungary.

In Father's case the procedure was somewhat more involved than usual, because of the new immigration law he had to wait a year longer than usually is required, and also because he had lived in Wisconsin for over six months, he needed two witnesses from there as well as from Buffalo. Otherwise everything went very smoothly. Being a historian, he had no trouble at all with the history test that has to be passed by the new citizen.

"Why it was easier than the easiest tests I give to my students," he said.

The faculty and students extend congratulations to Father and sincerely wish him success in his "new land."

Senior Retreat Set for Toronto

Seniors will go to the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle in Toronto Jan. 26-28 for their annual retreat, Sister Angela, RHC president has announced.

Other students will have their retreat in Daemen Hall, with two retreat periods scheduled. One is slated to start Jan. 26 and end Jan. 27, while the other will start Jan. 27 and end Jan. 28. Sister Angela said the division of the student body for the two periods has not been set.

The Cenacle has been chosen for the Seniors because of the opportunities it offers for an excellent spiritual retreat, Sister Angela explained. The Society of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle was founded in 1826 at La Louvesc, France, and the Cenacles now have spread the influence of retreats into France, Italy, Switzerland, England, Belgium, Holland, the U. S., Brazil and Canada.

Religious of the Cenacle, whose inspiration is Mother Therese Couderc, the order's founder, lead a life both contemplative and active. On one hand they maintain the recitation of the Divine Office in choir, and have perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; on the other, their life is exceedingly active, since the work of retreats and teaching Christian doctrine entails apostolic zeal and charity of a truly missionary nature.

Seniors who make the retreat will have the opportunity to see why it has been said "The Cenacle was born of purity, grew in humility and expands in love."

\$2600 Raised At Fun Night

The Fun Night Nov. 19 brought \$2600 profit for the Building Fund.

Sponsored by the Daemen Mothers Club, the Fathers Club and the Rosary Hill Guild, the party was a definite success; the crowd was one of the most congenial ever assembled in the name of RHC.

Everyone wandered into the cafeteria at one time or other to enjoy the delicious roast beef sandwiches, cake and coffee. The most jaded appetites responded to the fine cooking of the Mothers Club.

Another enjoyable feature of the evening was the dancing when the mothers and fathers joined their offspring and their beaux in tripping the light fantastic.

All who attended agreed that the Fun Night justified its title and predicted that it will become an annual tradition at RHC. Students were so pleased as the administration with the success of the affair.

Some of the bricks have been purchased—we're on our way!

Ancient Church Ritual Featured; Choir and Dancers Participate

The faculty of Rosary Hill will play host to the students when they entertain this afternoon at the faculty-student tea from 1 to 3 o'clock in Daemen Hall. Since the school's first year, this tea has been a traditional affair, and is the last formal gathering and exchange of greetings before the Christmas holidays.

Highlights of this year's entertainment will be the gaily decorated Christmas tree, the beloved manger scene, the singing of the age-old carols, and an unusual presentation of an ancient ritual of the Church.

The school choir will sing the O Antiphons, the parts of the Masses from December 17-25, expressing the great longing of the Jews for the Messiah. In accordance with an ancient custom of the Church, Eurithmics, an ancient interpretive dance depicting this 4000 years of longing, will be executed by six members of the Freshmen dance class.

This combination of chant and dance was formerly included in the Church ritual and is still being practiced in some countries in Europe. This will mark the second time such a presentation has been staged in the United States; Our Lady of the Springs College presented a similar program last year.

Heading the refreshment committee this year is Mary Alice Walz while decorations are under the supervision of Kay Hughes and Carol Granville.

Christmas Dance Planned By Senior Class

The Senior Class has announced plans for the annual Christmas dance. A tinsel and holly-decked Lafayette Ballroom will be the scene of the fifth Cotillion Dec. 28. For the semi-formal occasion, Buddy Mack will provide the music for dancing from 9 till 1.

A gala evening of fun and general Christmas cheer is guaranteed by chairman, Claire Hoelscher and her committee. June Mahany heads reception, and publicity is handled by Lennie Lane. Shirley Flood, ticket chairman, announced that tickets are now on sale for \$3.60.

Public Relations Board Established at RHC

Sister Angela, RHC president, this week announced the formation of a Student Public Relations Board, to aid in getting news of the college before the public.

Four sophomores, Sue Spencer, Gretchen Meissner, Marilyn Campbell and Joanne Naber, have been chosen for the board this year, the president reported. She explained that four sophomores were chosen because they are more experienced in school affairs than freshmen, yet have more than two full school years in which to serve on the board.

The students will work under Sister Angela's direction, and the board will be expanded as necessity demands.

NSA Delegation Numbers 21 From RHC

Rosary Hill, with 21 students, furnished the largest registered delegation to the National Students Association Regional Convention Nov. 13-15.

A typical comment from the RHC students who attended was that it "taught me that NSA is really a functioning organization and not just three letters posted on the bulletin board occasionally."

Responsible for much of the enthusiasm was the new system adopted by the region this year, revolving around a central theme, Student-Faculty-Administration Relations. The topic was subdivided into six panels, Regulation of Social Life, Scheduling of Events, Control of Intercollegiate Athletic, Student Conduct, Curriculum Problem and Scope of Student Government. At least two Rosary Hill students participated in each panel discussion, with a seventh panel, reserved for senior delegates, discussing the policies and problems of the region.

All participants reported on practices at their schools, and the panelists worked toward a theory and methods of putting it into practice.

Speakers included Congressman Leo W. O'Brien, Gene Keating, NSA vice president of national affairs, and Edward Lax, national NSA travel director.

Social highlight of the conference was a three-hour variety show, sponsored by the Eastern District, followed by a dance.

RHC students attending included: Dorothy Ann O'Loughlin, NSA senior delegate; Rosemary Attea, student council president; Janet Conley, SGA vice president; Joan Turner, Western District secretary. Maureen Castine, NSA Junior delegate; Ann Lalley, SGA treasurer; Peggy Farrington, Sophomore Class president.

Also Bernie DeMaria, Sheila Esmond, Marie Gallagher, Pam Neville, Claire Hasselbeck.

Marge Dempsey, Audrey Vincent, Theresa Attea, Carol Hemberger, Bette McLaughlin, Irene McMahon, Eileen Reagan, Carol Kobza and Janet Wilhelm.

The Administration, the Faculty and the student body of Rosary Hill College extend sympathy to the Friars and students of Saint Bonaventure University for the great loss suffered in the death of Father Vincent Devine, O.F.M.

Editorial . . .

Among all the striking contrasts which this world, its history or its people can put before us, no contrast, I think, is so sharp, nor so drastic as the one which exists between a modern American Christmas and that first Christmas in Bethlehem. Actually millions of dollars are spent by businesses, municipalities and individuals in a lavish display of Christmas spirit and generosity. Never, I believe, was there such an opulent and richly gorgeous memorial to an event so harshly frugal.

Mary and Joseph were impoverished pilgrims, forced by a series of the cruelest circumstances to seek shelter in a rude cave hardly fit for cattle. Without benefit of even the most rudimentary comforts of life, and terribly alone in the loneliness that only the desperately poor can know, Mary gave birth to her infant Son—and Joseph winced in real pain that he was powerless to offer his little family more.

And yet it is this event so bleakly drab which the showy, green and red extravaganza of a modern Christmas recalls.

Still, no one is distressed by this seemingly shocking contrast, because all seem to know instinctively that our modern Christmas memorializes not the barrenness of the stable, or the other austere circumstances of Christ's birth, but rather the all-pervading joy in the hearts of Mary and Joseph in the presence of such convincing proof of God's love for man. And that joy surrounding Christ's birth went forth from the stable through many countries and all the centuries up to our own place and time, bringing happiness at Christmas time to the millions who hear its message.

In the complicated, competitive and so cold world of which we are a part, the story of Christ's birth, even weighted down as it is with so much gaudy color and commercialized display, still has its mysterious power to bring joy to every heart open to its tender narrative. Kindliness replaces indifference, consideration subdues brusqueness, generosity moderates selfishness and, briefly the coldness of our busy world warms to the glow of the holy joy which Mary and Joseph felt.

Truly, Christmas is still a miracle.

Marian

Looking lovingly at Mary we cry out in admiration: "Thou art all fair, O Mary and in thee there is no stain of original sin!"

So have Christians stood before this spotless one and for generations have called Her blessed, for truly, He Who is mighty has done great things in her. No generation probably has been so filled with devotion to God's Holy Mother as our own; none has been more sure of and insistent on her singular blessedness. For one hundred years we have come back to this feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception with the surety of those for whom this doctrine has been defined.

With the close of the century which has so quickly passed since Pius IX defined Our Lady's spotless holiness, Pius XII has declared 1954 to be the Year of Mary. It is altogether fitting that we begin this year in consideration of Mary's freedom from sin and fullness of grace. Let us live this whole year in Mary, learning of her, loving her. This is the ardent desire of our Holy Father.

The Sodality will post all Marian activities. Take advantage of the opportunities offered you during this Marian Year. There are numerous indulgences offered to encourage the faithful to answer Mary's plea for prayer and penance. For your own sake, we must not fail Her.

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Nativitate et Crucifixio

My Way is Faith

And His own did not heed—

The strength of the crowd will not let a Child lead.

My Way is Hope

And the path is steep—

Love comes forth unbidden from the silent and deep.

My Way is Love

And the path lies apart—

The unseen way is the way of the heart.

Thy way, above, is wearily plod

My way, above, is the pathway to God.

And his Baby arms were soon stretched up

Til full strongly they bore the sacrifice cup.

Letter to Editor

The "new" *Ascent* has ascended! Congratulations to all members of the staff! The banner is distinctively strong, yet distinctly feminine—more articles on such collegiate issues as the "Honor System"—"All we want is the facts" and they have been clearly and concisely disclosed. The interest of the majority has been aroused in the introduction of individual's names; it is "newsy" but not "gossipy"—more inspiring articles like the "editorial" would also interest our friends, parents, and other exchanges.

How about a cartoon on collegiate capers when the occasion arises, and more educational articles such as: book reports, short stories, outstanding educational discoveries, for those who like to mix business with pleasure?—S.K.

Ed. Note: Thanks for the compliments, but most of all—thanks for the suggestions!

Art Club Forms Discussion Group

Barbara Joyce, president of the newly formed Art Club at Rosary Hill stated that "the group is well on its way toward the discussion of many various phases of art." On December 2, a panel, led by Marge Dempsey and participated in by Carol Granville, Joan Stanislauski and Barbara Joyce, voiced their opinions on "Christmas Cards of Today." Modern, religious and trite Christmas cards were displayed on posters and the group discussed each group individually. Sue Kaminisky, Joan Campbell, Betsy Zimmerman and Marlene Murphy composed a panel on "Art in Industry."

On December 9, the Art Club members made a field trip to the Albright Art Gallery to see illuminated manuscripts.

The next meeting for the Club and those interested will be held the Tuesday after classes resume at 7:30 P.M. All are invited to attend.

1st Intercollegiate Dance Attracts 581 Students

This success story goes back to Nov. 4. The scene: the home of Joanne Naber; the characters: Catholic college students; the plot: plans brewing for a dance sponsored by the five Catholic colleges in the area acting as one unit—the Intercollegiate Dance Committee.

The plans really began flying—Rosary Hill, D'Youville, Canisius, Bonnie and Niagara students presented the idea of an Intercollegiate Dance Committee to their respective student councils. After all of the Councils approved the idea, the Committee set to work.

On Nov. 18, a meeting was held at Zari Manzella's home and the dance was on its way! There was a flurry of tickets, posters and good old fashioned enthusiasm for this first venture toward a better and more closely-knit relationship among the five Catholic colleges.

Now that we've managed to give a little look-see "behind the scene," the real facts of the story take us to the night of Dec. 11 at the Knights of Columbus auditorium on Delaware Avenue. The astounding number of 581 (yes, that's right!) Catholic college students attended and it was not only a financial success but a social success as well. The dance committee was as pleased as the proverbial punch.

The profit, which was \$260, was placed in a joint bank account under the Intercollegiate Fund. This fund will be used for the purpose of having more dances in the near future.

The Intercollegiate Dance Committee is composed of Zari Manzella, Pat Brinkworth, Marie Gallegher, Joanne Naber and Mary Ann Bell from Rosary Hill; Cathy Breese, Helen Keefe, Mary White, Lee Mule and Fran Curra from D'Youville; Ray Naber, Dick Gessert, Frank Busteed, Don O'Connor and Fred Floss from Canisius; Jack Malley, Paul McCabe and Jack McCarthy from Bonnie; Mike Chamberlain, John Dowdall, Ed O'Grady and Tom Denn from Niagara.

We have just one comment—congratulations!



Freshman Dance A Huge Success

Congratulations are really in order for the Freshman class! Remember that record we mentioned last time? Well, they made it! The dance was tremendous and one of the best in the history of R.H.C.

The Lafayette Ballroom was crowded with 150 couples dancing to the music of Buddy Mack and his orchestra. Celine Cooley and her escort, Don Sears were crowned king and queen of the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kraus, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ricketts and Mr. and Mrs. Zureck chaperoned and even they had an enjoyable evening.

Orchids to chairman Betty Liotti and her committee for a tremendous dance. A profit of \$97 was realized and a good time was had by all!

Organizations Bring Christmas Cheer

In recent weeks Carol Granville, senior delegate of NFCCS on campus, has been kept busy coordinating all activities sponsored by the federation at Rosary Hill. Each commission is striving to attain the true meaning of Christmas and convey this to others. Each division works individually, yet aims at the same goal: namely, bringing Christ to others at Christmas.

After receiving a letter from one of Santa's helpers, Sue Price became a bit perturbed. The letter stated that due to a very busy season at the North Pole, Santa would be unable to finish all his toys and have them ready for December 25.

Sue, being the NFCCS'er that she is, decided to do something to help poor Santa out, so she gathered together her colleagues (better known as the Missiology Commission) and the problem was solved.

In case you hadn't noticed, a toy drive for children for the Franciscan missions was conducted recently on campus. Remember that fire-truck (it really wasn't in very bad condition!) your little brother discarded, and sister Sally's Mama doll of which she had tired. Now some little boy and girl have known Santa just a little better as a result of these gifts.

In the same spirit of giving, the Family Life Commission, another division of NFCCS, is sending Christmas baskets of food and gifts to needy local families. Marg Dempsey's commission enthusiasts, her "family crusaders," include Carol Hemberger, Peggy Farrington, Pam Neville, Carole Campbell, Mary Ellen Evans, Mary Paul Kennedy, and Irene McMahon.

The Sodality, under the Mariology Commission, has also given in the spirit of the Christ Child. Again this year the Sodalists and their friends filled Christmas stockings with toys, candy, and other special gifts for needy children at the mission the Sodality has adopted.

Giving "to the least of My brethren" will merit many blessings.

Janet Conley, vice-president of the S.G.A. requests applications for dates on the student calendar to be submitted as soon as possible.

'Sincere Leader The Best'--Dr. Rugina

The Leadership Training Clinic held on December 4, 5 and 6 at Niagara University, was the second conference of this type to be presented by the New York Region of the National Students' Association. The main purpose of the clinic, as stated in the opening panel, was to aid those present in the setting up of leadership training clinics on their own campuses.

Clinics were conducted, throughout the weekend, by individual speakers on the qualities of a leader, what constitutes leadership and the techniques of leadership. Following this, students from the various colleges discussed these main topics in four workshops (each composed of approximately fifteen members). Dorothy Ann O'Loughlin, senior delegate for Rosary Hill College led one of the groups speaking about techniques of student leadership.

At the clinic on Sunday, John Rae, a Canadian student, explained the method of establishing a Leadership Training Program on campus. He discussed the advantages of "group dynamics," that is he believed that the organization of a group composed of recorder, observer, chair and members would give the students a concrete example of leadership training. After having presented his ideas on "group dynamics," the final evaluation of this technique was an almost majority approved by the panel.

Dr. Margaret Fisher, Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Buffalo, spoke to the group on "Leadership Education in Higher Education." Dr. Angel Rugina, Professor of Economics at Niagara University, pinpointed the underlying theme of true leadership—"Never forget sincerity as a leader; it is the beginning of wisdom."

Canisius Alumni Present 'Othello'

Sunday, Dec. 27 will see the advent in Buffalo of a newly formed drama group to be known as the Canisius College Alumni Community Theatre. The initial presentation of the group to be given at 8:30 P.M. on this evening at the Erlanger Theatre is Shakespeare's "Othello."

The purpose of the group is to bring to Buffalo audiences good performances of the leading classics of dramatic literature. This objective, together with the fact that most of the original cast are available at the present time, led the players to choose "Othello" as their first major offering. It is their hope to bring several productions of first rate quality and material within the access of all genuinely interested in promoting fine theatre entertainment.

The cast includes Matthew V. Oreskovic in the title role, Richard T. Wagner as Iago, Ellen Larsen Furmanek as Desdemona and Marjorie A. Hughes in the role of Emilia, all of whom will appear in the parts they created when the Canisius College Little Theatre presented the drama in 1950. This year's production is again under the direction of Walter Barrett whose work with the Little Theatre has merited much popular acclaim.

Tickets for "Othello" are now on sale at \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50. The box office of the Erlanger will be open several days prior to the performance and reservations may be obtained now by calling GA. 7000.

For students who have an interest in literature, drama or just plain good entertainment, the Canisius Alumni theatre night is a holiday must.

Lili Finds Yule Customs Different

The Christmas feeling is the same all over the world, even if some of the traditions differ. This will be evident to one freshman this December 25.

She is Adilaida Cabigas who came from the Philippines on Sept. 21 to attend RHC on scholarship. Her parents and sister are still in her native Maranding Lala Lanao, Mindanao.

"Our Christmas tree is quite different from yours," she explained. "At home, they take a tree branch and wrap it with crepe paper and for added decoration they string Christmas cards." "One thing which is not different is that we also give small gifts to our friends."

"Lili's" scholarship is sponsored by Rosary Hill and her stay in the United States by Mrs. Joseph Walter, sister of Father Bahl, a missionary in the Philippines. Father hopes that Lili will return to her homeland after her college education and help teach in the schools.

For Lili, English offered no problem because "most of the schools offer English from first grade through college," she explained. They do not speak English at home, however; but have their own language, "Visoya."

When asked if she liked Rosary Hill, Lili said that the friendliness of the girls overwhelmed her. "When I'm in school, I don't feel homesick."

As a Biology major and a Spanish minor, Lili will be quite the linguist. Well, Merry Christmas to you, Lili, in Spanish, English, and "Visoya."

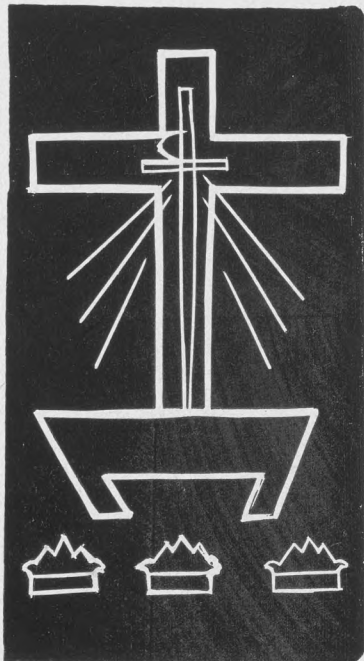
Spanish Club Formed at RHC

A Spanish Club has recently been formed on campus. "A constitution has been drawn up by the members and will be presented to the Student Council at its next meeting," announced Patricia H. Curran newly elected president of the club. If the Council should approve this constitution, the Spanish Club will then receive its charter as a qualified organization on campus. Other officers of the club are: Lucille Biondillo, vice-president; Kay Kearns, Secretary; and Callista White, treasurer.

The club sponsored its first entertainment Tuesday afternoon, December 15 when it held a novel "Spanish Party" for the members. Spanish Christmas carols were sung and an authentic Spanish dance was presented by the members. Following the entertainment, refreshments were served.

Later, students reported seeing Santa Claus dressed in full garb headed in the direction of the party. They claimed he had a bag chuck full of presents for Spanish enthusiasts only.

According to the majority of members, the club has proven itself successful in its first project. All are looking forward to its next venture.



Mother's Club Party Held

Noting Sister M. Angela's first year at Rosary Hill, the Daeman Mothers' Club Christmas Party Tuesday was centered on the theme "the angels of Christmas Time."

Decorations and favors carried out the theme, and reminders to the mothers encouraged them to "be an angel and send your donations."

Preceding the party, the mothers held a short business meeting and Sister M. Georgia, RHC dean, gave a book report. Students joined the club members in singing Christmas carols during the afternoon.

Co-chairmen for the party were Mrs. Edward Castine and Mrs. Joseph F. Klausman. Mrs. Gerard M. Zimmermann, club president, assisted by past presidents Mrs. Oliver Perry, Mrs. Raymond Shutz and Mrs. Alfred Curtis served the punch.

Committees for the party were: Entertainment: Mrs. Edward J. Brechtel.

Decorations: Mrs. James Gallagher and Mrs. Norman Campbell, co-chairmen; Mrs. A. R. Pusatari and Mrs. Edward Burke.

Tea Table: Mrs. Francis Bell and Mrs. John Haggerty, co-chairmen; Mrs. Harry Berst, Mrs. J. Evers, Mrs. Clayton J. Babcock, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Henry O'Loughlin.

Refreshments: Mrs. Paul Hughes, Mrs. James McLarty, Mrs. William M. Connelly, Mrs. Robert J. Striegel, Mrs. John O'Donnell.

Orphan Gifts: Mrs. Elias Attea. Reception: Mrs. Samuel Battaglia and Mrs. Earl Gabriel.

Publicity: Mrs. Charles R. Turner.

Angels: Mrs. Oliver Perry.

Department News

Kappa Sigma Rho, the chemistry society of Rosary Hill began this year by making some important changes in its format. Because of the large number of girls outside the chemistry field who expressed their interest in the organization, the members decided to rename their club to the science society, making membership open to all students taking at least one year of any science. Because of this change, a revised constitution was necessitated.

The other science professors on the faculty, Sister M. Florentine and Mr. Wilbur D. Eger, were invited to become permanent members of the society. They have accepted and have contributed much to the enjoyment of the meetings.

On Monday, December 13, three members of the mathematics department were given an opportunity to practice their classroom techniques by teaching the first year trigonometry class. The class was divided into three sections to allow each mathematician to manage a class of her own. Sister M. Gloria and Shirley Heslink, Seniors, and Patricia Colquhoun, Junior, explained the method of measuring angles by means of radians to Freshmen.

"The girls were very responsive and willing to learn. It really wasn't as bad as I had expected it to be," commented Miss Colquhoun.

During the second semester, the Seniors in the education field will be practicing teaching in the various high schools for six weeks, while the Juniors will spend a portion of their time observing the methods of teaching in their respective fields.

On November 6, Phillip G. Brockish, a personnel officer in the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States Government told a group of the Secretarial Science Department students about positions available in the Central Intelligence Department in Washington, D. C. and possibly overseas at a later time if the applicant is interested.

Mr. Brockish stated they have some permanent, career type positions open and that the processing takes approximately four months.



Freshmen Art Students working on the Christmas Display; L. to R. Evelyn Cappellini, Lee Schmidlein, Mary Paul Kennedy, Sue Moore, Rosmary Menki, Lois Batting and Kay Leitten.

New Brochure Will Appear In January

The new brochure of Rosary Hill College will be available sometime in January; it is in the process of publication at present. The brochure will set forth the requirements needed to enter Rosary Hill, the physical aspects and the educational aims of the school.

The theme of the booklet is the Franciscan ideal of education, set forth by St. Bonaventure, upon which our college has been built. It illustrates and emphasizes how Rosary Hill prepares students to do and live for mankind efficiently, graciously and apostolically.

Each field of concentration is ably set forth and is accompanied by illustrations. A map showing the location of Rosary Hill and its proximity to Buffalo and the New York State Thruway and thus its accessibility to students from outlying areas, graces the back cover.

When the brochure appears, the unanimous opinion will be one of pride in Rosary Hill College; it will consist of twenty pages, bound with a russet cover and each page will be set with pictures and descriptions displaying the beauty of the campus.

The Gift Wrapping

"T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring"—except my 5 year old brother, Jimmie! I suppose it was really asking to much to have him in bed early one night of the year, even on Christmas Eve. I had just settled down and was all set for a nice, quiet peaceful evening of wrapping presents; I'm the type that gets everything done before Christmas so I only had a few to wrap (30 to be exact). The presents were all stacked very neatly on the dining-room table along with all the implements needed to wrap them with an artistic flair. I had haunted the five and dime searching for fancy trimmings stores until it had reached the point where the salesgirls would jump under the counter when they saw me coming. The paper and ribbon that I had chosen were really just the thing though and I was going to be so proud of my gifts when I finished them. At least that is what I thought in the beginning. I did not stop to think of, or reckon with Hopalong Dillinger. Well to get on with my story . . .

I was gail humming Christmas songs (they ranged from "Rudolph to Santa Baby") and wrapping the gifts when I heard the pounding of little feet and Jimmie appeared garbed in his 'television' pajamas (they shine in the dark). He very innocently asked if he could watch me because everything looked "so pretty." After he took the oath saying that he would be "quiet, good and go to bed in one half hour" I sat him on a chair and he silently

'Amahl'--A Holiday Treat--Dec. 20th

Gian-Carlo Minotti's Christmas opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" is ending its third year of popular appearances in this country, and already has established itself as a well-loved part of traditional American Christmas lore. The opera will again be presented in Buffalo during the holiday season on Dec. 18 at Kleinhans Music Hall and televised on Channel 4 on Sunday evening Dec. 20.

"Amahl" is the simple story of the faith of a little crippled boy and the miracle wrought by that faith. Interwoven in this theme is the personage of a harassed mother, hardened to reality by the mishaps of her everyday peasant life, and the coming of the three Kings, who with their majestic pageantry, become the medium through which a miracle is effected.

Recently performed by the Buffalo Opera Workshop, the group played to a full house and featured Patricia Brechtel in the role of the mother and John Barrow, remembered for his fine performance as Dr. Sloper in "The Heiress," in the part of King Melchior. The opera is lovely music and charming story that offers a fitting observance of the holiday season.

watched. You know, "the calm before the storm."

Well, this lasted about two minutes when he became a little discontented; he started squirming in the chair. It was then that his hand reached for the ribbon but being the good natured sister that I am, I paid no attention. He couldn't possibly hurt it, but then, one must never underestimate the power of a 5 year old. Jessica (that's our dog) was sleeping peacefully, completely unaware of the impending disaster when she let out a yelp that would have frightened Dracula. Jimmie had given her a little nudge and she streaked by me about 40 miles per. I still did not notice anything amiss, until I saw her tail; the last time I looked at Jessica it wasn't red! This time it was, but it was too late when I caught her to save the gorgeous red ribbon (\$1 a roll) that Jim had so lovingly tied onto her tail.

I must have really had Christmas spirit for I just severely reprimanded my darling little brother; if I had had any brains I would have sent him to bed. No, I had to be good hearted and let it go at mere scolding. I finally settled Jimmie into his chair once more and I started to work for the second time. The next time I looked up he had disappeared! I called his name when all of a sudden a little blonde, pointed head, all covered with Christmas seals appeared from under the table. I really had to laugh at this because he has hair similar to that of a porcupine and with all those seals—

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Hill-arities

By PAT BRECHTEL

Snow-time, and we've changed our go-go Wagon to a bob sled, Christmas beribboned for the up-Hill journey, last of '53.

More caperings on campus this month—enuff to keep poor Franklin casting a more and more hopeful eye to the holiday recess ahead.

And this month, fame came to grace our hollowed halls, and tales of courage and knightly valor were whispered in awed tones from locker to locker. Sister Florentine's Bunsen is burning at half-flame and the smoke in the lounge curls upward in a heavenly halo, all because—*Father John Found his Fox!* The four religion classes have but a singular theme now. "Be ye not only hearers of the word, but also doers"—the word in this case is "Prey and be saved!"

Who ever heard of doing the Bunny Hop at a Thanksgiving Dance? The Freshman sure did, and hats are off to them and their committee (Betty Liotti was chief turkey-trotter) for the swell dance at the Lafayette Hotel on the 27th. Biggest and best yet, kids. You've got your Sister Class scared into an all-out effort to make their Easter Prom likewise (maybe they'll play "Turkey in the Straw"). Chairman Ruthetta Scott is already home coloring the eggs.

Let's stop a minute at the Art Department, and unload a couple special gifts for the talented "Poets of the Palette" making their own Christmas Greetings for the season. The kids are so good they've already received national recognition—Sue Kaminsky and Barb Joyce are vying for this year's choice to replace Grandma Moses. Don't applaud, send crutches!

Another Rosary Hiller to brush with fame and fortune is our erstwhile yearbook editor, Joan Downey. Under her humble exterior, which in Joan's position is sometimes mistaken for that "beaten look," Miss Downey holds the distinction of winning a \$10 award (we'll get that library yet) as a result of gaining a high place in the Courier Express Editorial Contest. "Writer's Cramp" Downey, we salute you!

It seems there is always a touch of sadness in our journey. This time the foul Finger of Fate reached out and called to its own one pair of greatly-needed tonsils. If found, please hastily return to the victim and that poor man's Daniel Webster—Carol R. Granville. What does the "R" stand for? Oh, *Rally*, now!

Quotation of the month: "That library's gittin' so crowded, pretty soon you'll need a ticket to get a seat." Thank you, Mary Johns. A year's subscription to the college girl's magazine "How to Live in a Little Room" is on its way to you.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, here follows a tale to touch every heart:

Ah, but mercy knows no bounds. Caught in the heated grasp of a conscientious council member, for upsetting the equilibrium of collected gray matter (knocking over a loaded ash tray, to you), a poor misled Freshman looked up at Mother Council with brimming eyes and a weak-stammered butt . . . butt . . . butt . . . And in that moment love conquered all—the warning was served on the back of an old pinocle card, and Pat Ganey was allowed to go on with her game!

That star on the tree is really goin' to pep up its twinkle this year, what with new shiny additions to four Rosary Hill left hands. Congratulations Pat Coloquhoun, Carol Irwin, Jean Peters, Rosemary Gimbrone—after her marriage Rosie has promised to donate the ring to Daemen, so R. H. can boast of its own Aurora Borealis!

Happy Holidays, kids. May they be crowded with cheer and brimful of blessings. See you at the Cotillion!

Job news for college students—opportunities in economics, administration, mathematics, statistics psychology, journalism, law, library science, accounting, public administration, employment interviewing, engineering or architecture, biology, chemistry and physics. The date of the exam is Jan. 16, 1954. Write to N.Y.S. Dept. of Civil Service, Albany, N. Y. for information.

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Third Order To Receive Novices

"Receive, sister, the light of Christ as a sign of your immortality."

With these words, Rosary Hill novices will be received Feb. 14 into the Third Order. The cord and scapular will be presented and thus the aspirants will be clothed in the habit and become members of the great Franciscan family.

The novices who have been learning the way of Francis will adopt his way of life as their own. They then will be numbered among the 3,000,000 Tertiaries scattered over the globe who have recognized the need of a rule of life to attain perfection—a rule of life that utilizes their spiritual forces, that prevents waste and dissipation and that directs to best advantage their ordinary everyday actions.

The rule set down by Francis so many years ago will help recall to mind their obligations, to keep them constant in pursuit of virtue, to act as a stimulus and to support them along the hard road of daily duty.

Though they are adopting and thereby imposing rules upon themselves through their reception, the novices will find the advantages and consolation far surpass the sacrifices.

Besides numerous plenary indulgences and other benefits, Tertiaries are entitled to the singular favor of **Communion of Privileges** with all their brethren of the three Orders of St. Francis.

The three Orders constitute a vast family, and as in family life, the members give mutual help, so in the Franciscan family there exists a spiritual communion by which the good works of the individuals benefit the other members of the Order. This way, the endless number of Franciscan saints claim the Tertiary as their own, and shed the halo of their glory about him.

By becoming part of the Franciscan brotherhood the novices will find comfort and security. St. Francis is their father in Christ; the multitudes of Franciscan saints are their brothers and sisters. They will plead for him before Our Lord with all the love and devotion of brothers.

Gift Wrapping

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well anyway, it was funny.

For the next ten heavenly minutes he was so quiet I thought perhaps he was having an attack of something or other. Then his lily white hand reached out and as all tragedies go, it was a sad, sad thing. The presents, so neatly stacked and ready for wrapping came tumbling down into one sad heap on the floor. By this time, he had had enough rope and I was about ready to hang him on the Christmas tree when I decided the best thing to do was to put him to bed. So I did! I gathered my gifts from the floor, put them back into the right boxes (I still think I gave only one stocking to Aunt Mary) and wearily finished my task. The paper may have been torn, the ribbon may have been wrinkled and the seals may have been scotch taped but—I tried!

I started for bed when Jimmie's booming little voice could be heard, "Merry Christmas to all and all a good night!"

Frank Full

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