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the Truth in
Charity"

The Ascent

"Where Christ's
spirit is, there is
freedom."
—St. Paul

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DECEMBER 13, 1957

Mass, faculty tea Terminate '57 year; Classes out today

An offertory procession, reminiscent of early Christian customs, highlighted the Student Christmas Mass celebrated December 13 by the Rev. Joseph Weber. Students brought food and clothing for poor baskets which will be distributed before Christmas by the class presidents. Last year, student donations were sufficient to fill fifteen baskets, which were delivered to needy Buffalo families.

The Mass closed the 1957 academic year and the major portion of first semester, and served also to open the Christmas holidays.

The traditional Faculty Tea, which highlights the pre-holiday activities on campus, will take place this afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Marian Library Social Room.

The social room, with a giant Christmas tree and holly, will take on a warm, festive atmosphere. The Christmas theme will also be carried out by the Glee Club which will sing holiday selections from different lands. Included in the selections will be two 15th century carols, "I Sing of a Maiden" and "A Little Child There is Born," and a Flemish tune, "The Angels Sang."

Members of the Board of Trustees and the Administration will form the receiving line to greet each student individually. Representatives from each class will provide entertainment.

The event will end with the distribution of gifts and the exchange of best wishes for a blessed and a Merry Christmas.

Senior Retreat January 23-25

Father Vianney, O.F.M., of Siena College will conduct the annual closed retreat for the seniors at Stella Niagara Seminary, near Lewiston, New York.

Opening with a 5:00 p.m. conference Thursday, January 23, the retreat will extend through Saturday, January 25. The tentative schedule for the following days' religious activities has been released by the office of the Dean of Students. The day will begin with Holy Mass and will include conferences, Stations of the Cross, confessions, the Rosary and Benedictions. Father Vianney will also be available for private conferences.

Students Execute Chapel Furnishings and Design Windows

St. Joseph's Chapel will have two stained-glass windows before the end of this school year when the enthusiastic plans of a number of sophomore art students are realized. Mr. William Malarcher and Miss Wanda Lewis are directing the plans. Josephine Macari said that the designs for the windows are being submitted by the individuals participating in the project, and these designs will be incorporated into the over-all design for the windows. The glass for these windows has been purchased; but all design and handiwork will be that of Rosary Hill students.

Clare Siegel '59 and Ellen Klausman '59 have completed a set of wooden Stations of the Cross. These plaques, done in red and black paint on natural wood, were on display in the library at the beginning of this semester.

A group of students in the interior decorating class are planning a backdrop to be used behind the altar in the chapel. At this time, the design is in the preliminary planning stage; but it is hoped that the backdrop, as well as the stained-glass windows, will be completed before the end of this year.

Chemistry Dept. Looks To Future

The chemistry concentration purchased a potentiometer this year. This will enable the science students to carry on many more experiments in electro-chemistry with a minimum of error, which was not possible with the make-shift apparatus previously used.

Holly, Ivy Deck Kleinmans At traditional Christmas Ball

With the spirit of the holiday season, senior students are heard chanting their "Holly and Ivy" theme while rallying underclassmen to support their coming dance. As the theme of the 1957 Christmas Cotillion suggests, the Mary Seaton Room of the Kleinmans Music Hall will be decked with boughs and bows.

Chairman Dea McKenna, announced that tables will be set up on the dance floor and may be reserved by groups. Special invitations have been issued to alumnae of the College and to parents and members of the sen-

Council Acts To Alleviate Parking Queue

A new parking policy is being formulated for the Rosary Hill campus by the Student Government Association. Council president, Joanne Joseph, stated after the council's meeting, December 3, that the new regulations should go into effect with the beginning of the second semester.

Although plans are subject to further revision, she stated, the policy as it now stands requires car window stickers designating, by color, appointed parking areas.

These areas will be those which are already in enforcement: freshmen and sophomores at Marian; underclassmen in music and art concentrations at Daemen, however; juniors and seniors enjoying dual privileges.

Permits will be obtained free on a semester basis at registration. Failure to obtain a permit, observe traffic signs or speed regulations will be subject to a fine tentatively set at one dollar.

Summit Sponsors First '58 Dance

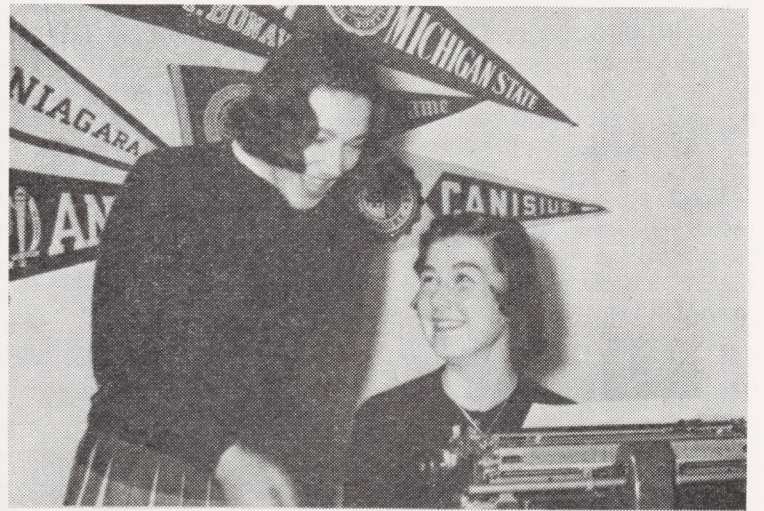
The first important social function of 1958 will be the Summit Mixer. It will be held January 11 in the Social Room.

Betty Martin, the chairman of the dance, stressed the importance of a capacity crowd to be present, since the Summit is in need of funds. Area college men will be invited from Canisius, Bonaventure and Niagara.

The band name and further details will be announced.

STRATEGISTS PLAN CARNIVAL; Proceeds Aid Building Fund

—KATHLEEN P. McCARTHY



Barbara Piteo, co-chairman and Ellen Klausman, chairman formulate plans for "Carnival Nite", February 13th.

Former Socialist, Waring Pianist, to Address Students

The semester lecture series will present Miss Dorothy Day, the renowned editor of the "Catholic Worker." Miss Day has contributed to the lay apostolate inside the Church. An avid co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, she was associated with the Socialist movement at the University of Illinois before her conversion to the Faith in 1927. As a screen writer for M.G.M., she met Peter Maurin whose apostolic exuberance led her to devote her efforts to the "masses."

A forthcoming assembly will feature Livingston Gearhart, a former member of the Fred Waring choral group. From 1942 to 1954, he was a staff arranger and member of the group's piano team.

Mr. Gearhart, currently conducting classes in piano and choral conducting at the University of Buffalo, first studied under the direction of his mother Lillian Hawley Gearhart, a former Buffalonian.

He furthered his studies at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia with a triple major in oboe, piano and composition. Mr. Gearhart made his debut in Paris, following a period of study at Fontainebleau. He was then commissioned to compose a ballet for Paris, later presented to the Library of Congress.

Chairman Picks Aides

"Start saving your pennies early, all you RH'ers, the Building Fund event this year will again be 'Carnival Nite,'" says chairman, Ellen Klausman '59. A circus atmosphere will descend on the Marian Social Room on the evening of Thursday, February 13, from 7 p.m. until all your money is gone.

Ellen promises everyone spectacular prizes for her well-spent money. Ellen and her co-chairman, Barbara Piteo '60, have recruited the aid of Jeanne Migliore, Joan Waldman, Judy Ryan, Barbara Schnell, Pat Dadante, Marcia Jankowski, Arlene Rollek, Pat Wilkiewicz, Estelle Palmer, Pat Albino, and Pat Parada.

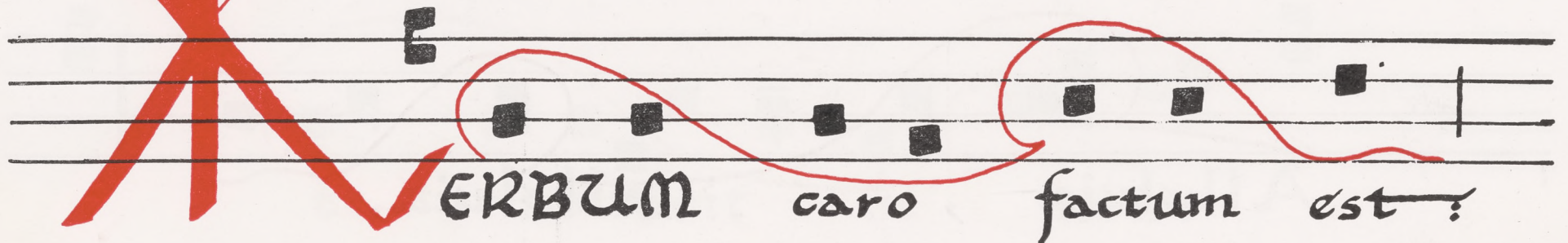
Policy Changed

This is the third year that the students have sponsored a "Carnival Nite." All the profits will be added to the college's building fund. Each campus organization and class will sponsor a profit-making booth.

The committee instituted a new policy concerning first selection of booths. Classes, according to seniority, will have first concession preferences, followed by campus clubs and organizations.

Consignment booths which in the past have dwindled profits will be at a minimum this year.

"The committee has the ideas," commented Ellen. "All they need for a successful carnival is the enthusiastic support of the entire student body."



Sister Angela's Christmas Message

My dear Students,

Today we are living in a world of confusion and turmoil in which educators are working feverishly to bring back standards that gradually gave way to the philosophy of pragmatism; in which politicians, in an effort to prevent actual warfare, are sacrificing party lines in an attempt to present a united front to the enemy; in which the thinkers and writers of our age are groping blindly for answers to problems that grow more complex with each solution offered; in which artists, who confuse their public but who are true to their trust of interpreting the times in which they live, are depicting the resultant spiritual and intellectual entanglements; in which sociologists are multiplying their efforts and statistics to prove to us the existence of conditions of which we are well aware; in which the modern money changers are busy trying to allay man's fears by creating new gadgets and creature comforts to satisfy his natural thirst for life, enjoyment, glory, and wealth. In the midst of this confusion let us go apart mentally to contemplate the Marian-Francis-can solution contained in the ideal of our College. Both Mary and Francis are found at Bethlehem, the heart of the answer to the cry of man for peace. In 1223 at Greccio, Francis reproduced the Bethlehem scene, drawing man's attention to the humanity of Christ. With his love for the God-Man Francis rocketed through the social complexities of his age to the answer — Christ. During his brief sojourn in this world the sparks effected by his piercing directness enkindled the cold embers to glowing re-birth of faith.

Mary gave us Christ at Bethlehem. Daily she renews this giving. But at Christmastide, we are more deeply conscious of its reality. As we relive this scene, this year 1957, let us look to her, our mother, as she lifts her living monstrosity to bring us the blessings of Our Savior, Our Hope, the Prince of Peace.

Cordially in Mary and Francis.

Sister M. Angela, O.S.F.

The entire staff of the ASCENT wishes each and every one a Blessed and Merry Christmas and the best for 1958.

VENITE ADOREMUS

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For modern man it is all dull and nonsense; silly people shouting harshly — brakes screeching, doors slamming — no time to be kind, no place for ridiculous "good deeds." Hurry, hurry — alarm rings, down the stairs — coffee on, hurry up, just a cup — no time today — out the door, miss the bus — wait and fume — sky gray, wind brisk — shiver, mutter, no efficiency — bus at last — push, elbow, fumble — drop in coins, — grab the last seat — headlines scream — yes, the world is all the same — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday — what's the use. All of a sudden the stop comes — just another day, or is it? — stop for a paper — turn to walk away, "Thanks, Mister, and Mister — Merry Christmas — Merry Christmas!"

What — again? bill, bills, bills. "Got a dime, Mister?" whaaa, o . . . sure, here — "Thanks, Mister — and Mister, Merry Christmas, God bless you."

God? Walk a bit, let the wind blow fast, blow the stuffiness out of the mind, out of the heart — sweep away the — naah, forget it — what's the use — snow falling — making haloes of the lamplight — past the now quiet shops — honks and blare of traffic far behind — building looms ahead — a church — pass by — simple foolish people inside, missing life — door opens, familiar sound — when I was small — "O come — let us adore Him" — Him! — up the steps, slippery, probably break a leg — dark inside — how hushed, low strange — follow up the blackness — slowly — almost afraid — one light — so far, so far — now — there at last — here, over the familiar scene. He's here. Oh, forgive me . . . God bless me — "God bless you, my Child."

— Joan Collins

The Mailbox

Any material sent as an open letter to the ASCENT must be signed before it will be considered for publication. However, at request a pseudonym will be printed.

Dear Editor,

It seems that a sophomore is disappointed with the clubs on campus. Also, she doesn't like to be spoon-fed various opinions.

Perhaps she is one step ahead of some of us in that at least she realizes something is amiss. However, it is one thing to realize that a certain defect exists, whereas it is another thing to attempt to remedy the situation. How about some action instead of just talk?

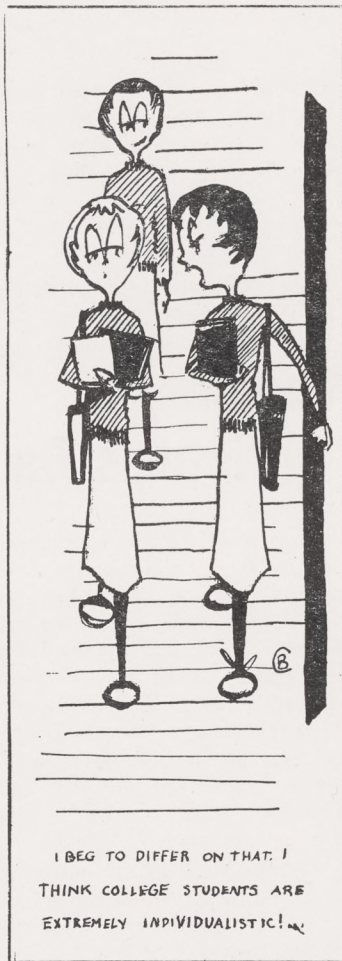
Dorothy Gates

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of the ASCENT I was shocked by a fiery letter to the Editor concerning Clubs on Campus. Unless I am mistaken, the clubs were stormed for their inactivity. Seems to me, the article on page four of the same issue, entitled CAMPUS CLUBS IN FULL SWING is a slight contradiction. What with CCD's Junior Newman Club and work at the Good Shepherd Home, and the ABC's study on Greene — besides the Art Club's preparation for a workshop (to mention a few), why, there are all sorts of activities in "full swing." —Adele Hamam

OUR MISTAKE DEPT:

Karen Brady reviewed "The Potting Shed" at the October 28 meeting of A. B. C. Sorry, Karen!



. . . From Your SGA President

"His followers are not strangers in an alien world. His Light and Life are for this world, these men."

And if sometimes it seems we can do nothing else — we can still love."

— Robert Hoda

The thoughts conveyed above are indeed in keeping with the spirit of the Christmastide.

December brings hope and happiness in that it commemorates the birth of the Source of Love. The season offers us the opportunity to express fond wishes to our fellow men.

I could not let pass this customary gesture; therefore I extend best wishes for the holiday season.

No doubt, gratitude can also be an appropriate expression during the festive days. The projects thus far undertaken in the scholastic year have been most successful and are the results of serious efforts on the students' behalf. The Student Government Association is ever aware of the encouragement and assistance given by the administration and faculty.

The Student Council has been a most earnest and hard working group. I know that at the end of its term of service, there will be much credit due to the Council. Before the year's end, when so many laurels are given out that much of their meaning is lost, I should like to say that it has been most satisfying to work together with them.

It is my deep wish that each member of the college community will be blessed with the true joy which the coming of Emmanuel conveys.

Joanne L. Joseph
Student Body President

Weinachtsstollen

(Christmas Loaf)

This special Christmas recipe comes to us from Bonn, Germany, via Maria Dahmen. Try it this December 25.

Few drops lemon	4½ cups of flour
Pinch ginger, nutmeg	1 cup sugar
2 eggs	2 spoons baking powder
¾ cup butter	2 spoons vanilla
1¼ cup cottage cheese	1 pinch salt
½ cup raisins	1 spoon rum
½ cup almonds	Few drops bitter almond

Flour and baking powder are sprinkled on a board. Then: make a hole in the middle of it and put in sugar, condiments, and eggs. Work this mixture in with a part of the flour until it is a thick pap. Work into this the butter, (cut into small pieces), the cottage cheese (pressed until smooth), the raisins, the almonds. Cover the fruits with flour and press the whole thing together into one big ball. If it is sticky, add more flour. Form the dough into a loaf, put in pan into oven, and bake 75 minutes at a heat of 270-300° F. Remove and brush with melted butter and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Senior Chairs MENC Panel

A member of the music concentration, Mary Lynn Brydges '58, was appointed moderator of the College Student Division panel of the Music Educators National Conference. It was held at Rochester during the week of December 1.

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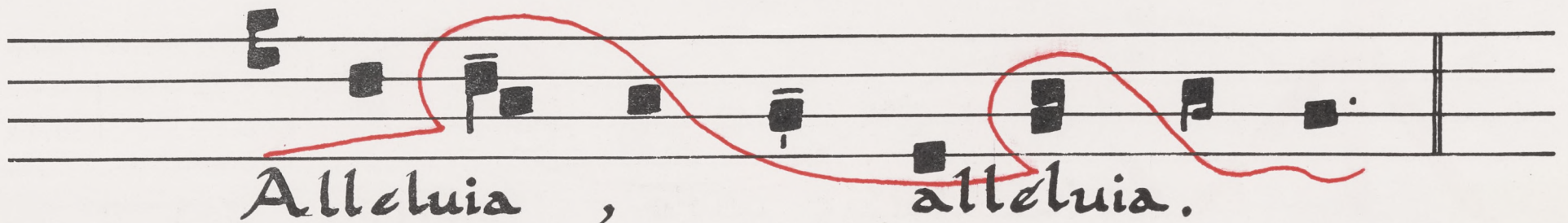
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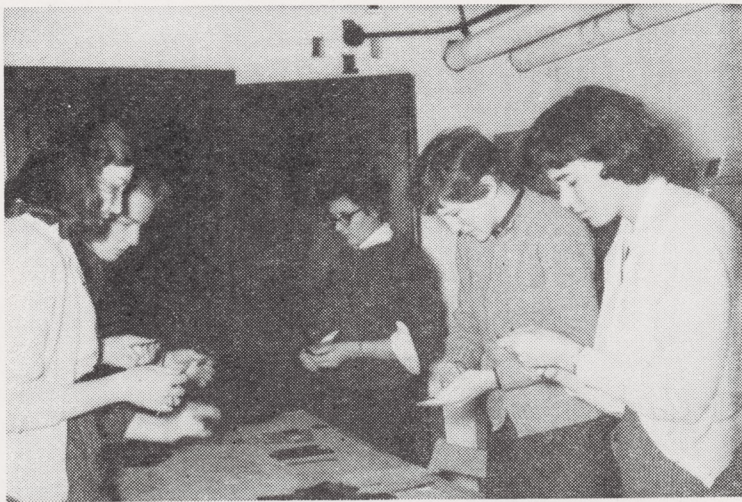
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Sophomore art students chip painstakingly at glass for chapel windows. L. to R. are: Nanette Tyrrell, Pauline Wallace, Jo Macari, Michaeleen Olkowska and Mary Kay Hatch. (Story on page one.)

Logic Stressed In Apologetics

The Catholic Action Club's Coffee Hour on November 26 was based on the principle of "explaining, not defending your faith." Reverend Raymond J. Ash, spiritual director of the Newman Club at U. B., stressed the personal, logical approach in preference to quoting doctrine and Canon Law.

Father Ash expressed the value of "bull sessions" in which the technique of meeting arguments against the Church could be learned from discussions under the guidance of a qualified priest or nun.

"Censorship, birth control, divorce, ethics, and politics are the most popular topics which are confronted," said Father Ash. "Give them reasonable answers which appeal to their immediate comprehension," was Father Ash's advice for securing a sincere, receptive attitude from the non-Catholic.

NSA Discussions Air Honor System

A most ambitious and well received discussion on the honor system was held November 22 in the Marian Social Room under the sponsorship of NSA. Approximately 40 students attended this coffee hour, chaired by Caroline Ernst '59, NSA campus co-ordinator with panel members Mary Carol Collins '58, Thelma Farley '60, and Mary Ann Habermehl '61. They aired the pros and cons of the system which were selected and discussed by the entire group.

Mrs. Gertrude Shafer '59 expressed the opinion that if seriously presented and accepted, the college student would develop a realization of true scholarship.

The semester's fifth honor system discussion concerning a judicial body was held December 9. "The campus is fast becoming aware of the possibilities of the honor system," Caroline stated at this meeting, "which would make tangible the already existing code of honor. We must be aware however, that this system implies inner development and

Debaters Revamp Plan Tourneys

The Frantonian is no longer a dead branch of the club structure on campus. Sparked by the enthusiasm of a group of interested freshmen and the stimulation of Sister M. Georgia, Dean of Studies, the club has outlined its program for the year.

The first meeting of the club took place on November 4. The following officers were elected: Michelle Jasinski, president, Patricia Bylebyl, recording secretary, and Gail Tolti, corresponding secretary.

The officers have announced that Niagara, St. John Fischers, and D'Youville are anxious to meet the new team. The national topic for debate is Resolved: "That the requirement of membership in a labor union as a condition of employment should be illegal."

Religious Training Treated By Author At Dec. Assembly

Mary Reed Newland, author of two books concerning the religious training of children, addressed the students of Rosary Hill College at the weekly assembly, Thursday, December 5.

In one of her books, "We and Our Children," she discusses parent-child relationships to God. Priests conducting Pre-Cana conferences often include this book in their bibliographies.

In her other book, "The Year and Our Children," Mrs. Newland deals with planning the family activities for Christian feasts and seasons.

Mrs. Newland, who was born in Michigan, attended Pratt Institute and the New School for Social Research. At present she is living on a farm near Monson, Massachusetts, with her husband and their seven children.

not merely student proctoring."

The State Convention of NSA was held in Albany last weekend, at which Kathleen Patterson and Mary Ann Habermehl represented the RH campus.

Art Club Fosters Creative Instincts; Girls Make Cards

Many students will be sending and receiving distinctively personal Christmas cards this year, thanks to an original project sponsored by the Art Club. On December 2, the student body was given a chance to exhibit their artistic talent at the first workshop of this type.

The members of the art concentration served as counselors and assisted in the creation and execution of the individual designs. Each girl provided her own supplies for the project.

Approximately thirty girls let their creative talent pour forth into their holiday masterpieces. Wood-cuts, stencils, and the silk screening process were used.

Barbara Czwodjak kept all the hungry artists well supplied with steaming hot chocolate and cookies throughout the evening.

Frosh Officers Asked To Give Platform

Freshman elections were held on Monday, November 11, in the Marian Social Room. Isabelle Mercer, SGA vice-president, officiated.

Triumphing in the final tally as president was Michelle Jasinski. Michelle, with aspirations toward a medical career, is a member of the biology concentration. She is a graduate of Immaculata Academy.

Grace (Taddy) Ryan holds second place as vice-president. Brush in hand, she is pursuing an art degree. Taddy was graduated last spring from Holy Angels Academy and was also chosen this year as freshman chairman of Field Day.

Next in rank, as secretary, is Gerry Warthling. A math major, she has some teaching experience behind her. Last year Gerry taught at a parochial grade school. She is seen frequently on duty in Marian Library.

Treasurer Bonita Mayer, another alumna of Holy Angels Academy, is a member of the sociology concentration. Bonnie took charge of the Summit patrons for the freshman class.

The officers themselves say:

"On behalf of the Class of '61, we are already motivated by the impetus and spirit of the Freshman Class! We have formulated plans for our first class project, Carnival Nite, and are convinced this is only the beginning of a long and lasting friendship between the class of '61 and Rosary Hill College."

The Ascent extends sincere condolences to Sister M. Clarita O.S.F. on the death of her father.

Critics Corner

COPELAND VIEWS CONTEMPORARIES

A major triumph has been scored for contemporary music in our own city by the appointment of Dr. Aaron Copeland as Resident Snee Professor of Music at the University of Buffalo. The man who is presenting a lecture series on the Contemporary Idiom is himself an acknowledged American composer whose own compositions have established his reputation as an important contributor to the music of our times. The conversational nature of his lectures has won many a Buffalonian's interest in a controversial and much debated issue - - contemporary music.

His first lecture, "An Introduction to the Contemporary Idiom" attempted, very successfully, to explain and answer the public objections to modern music. "The American Public", says Mr. Copeland, "is often guilty of a kind of musical neurosis called the masterpiece complex." The music selected by the public includes only those records which are labeled "masterpiece". Therefore, interest in the new trends is to some degree neglected.

The most recurring and universal objection to this new music is its seeming lack of melody and warmth. In explanation of this difficulty, Mr. Copeland volunteered the interesting theory that in its unfamiliarity with the 12 note, atonal scale, the public becomes impatient with the modern composer.

A novel feature of the program thus far has been the performance of selections by contemporary composers. Of special note was Darius Milhaud's minute opera "The Abduction of Europa", provided in excellent musical taste by students and faculty of the U. B. music department.

Auditorium Dance Scheduled By NF

Marty Resch, campus N.F. Senior delegate announces plans for a dance to follow a basketball game February 8, 1958, at the Memorial Auditorium. The mixer, sponsored by the Lake Erie Region of NFCCS, will complement the Canisius-La Salle, Bona-Manhattan games.

Collegians will dance from 10-2 to the strains of the Pinto Quartet. Tickets are available for \$1.00 from your N.F. delegates. Judy Walker is campus chairman.

The Lake Erie Region of N.F. C.C.S. sponsored a seminar Sunday, December 8, at the Catholic Center in Niagara Square. A subject of wide-spread interest on Catholic campuses in recent years, "Academic Freedom," was discussed.

Chairman Bert Maggioli of Niagara reported that schools participating in buzz-group discussions included Canisius, Rosary Hill, St. Bonaventure, Niagara, D'Youville, Gannon and Mercyhurst.

President Attends Three Conferences

Sister M. Angela, O.S.F., president, spent the Thanksgiving holidays and the following weekend attending conferences.

Sister attended the annual convention of Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hotel in Atlantic City, November 29. The following day Sister attended the Eastern regional of the National Catholic Education Association.

Last weekend Sister Angela attended the conference of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York held at Cornell University. The Techniques and Practices of Legislative Liason was the theme of the conference.



Joyce Jankowski views with satisfaction her Christmas gift from the faculty and administration.

Chapel Veils Presented Today

Christmas gifts of the Administration and Faculty to the students will be delicate black lace veils.

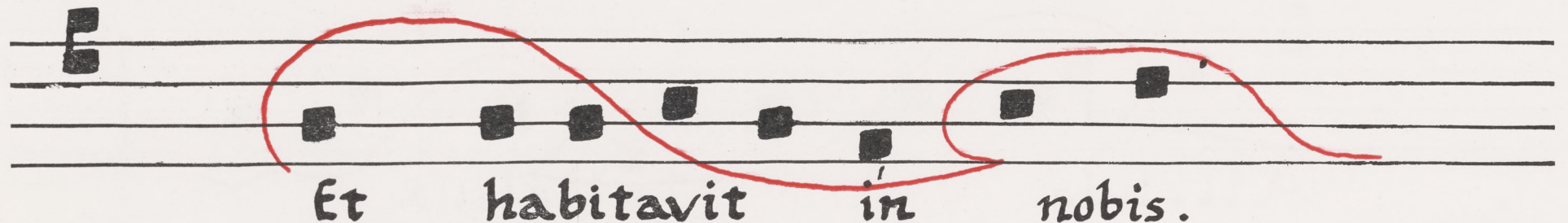
The gifts, to be presented at the Faculty Christmas Tea this afternoon in the Marian Social Room, are encased in plastic purses. The veils, which are fast becoming fashionable for devotional wear, can be carried in handbags for easy access.

Faculty Cook Wins Contest

Quaker Oats Company has discovered what our religious faculty has known for several years now: the convent kitchen boasts a culinary expert.

Sister M. Devota, O. S. F., earned \$100 as second prize for a recipe she submitted to a national contest sponsored by the national concern. Sister's prize recipe, an oatmeal and cottage cheese dish, makes a Lenten luncheon treat that is a complete meal in itself.

She plans to use the award for the chapel in Rosary Hall.



Hillarities

By COLLEEN BROPHY

During a recent New York convention, one of our Ascent staff happened to wander into a Greenwich Village book store. (I would like to clarify this statement here and now, to avoid giving the person in question the dubious appellation of "intellectual." The only reason she entered the book store was because it was raining). But to resume: Our heroine, obsessed with the notion of buying Christmas gifts for our deserving faculty, and having a few extra traveler's cheques in her shoe, began the difficult task of selecting **What for Whom.**

Efficiency personified, she carefully withdrew her shopping list written on two hundred consecutive Juicy Fruit wrappers. Here is a partial summary of her impeccable and discriminating taste.

For Sister Urban, she purchased a copy of Cuppy's "Decline and Fall of Practically Everybody" bound in Yak-hide. For Mr. Hannotte, (oh! feminine sagacity) a volume of "Great Expectations." Catching her eye on the pamphlet rack, she brushed away the tears and bought seventy-five booklets by Dr. Popoenoe for Mr. Barresi.

Down to her last peso, she pawned all her Ivy League buckles and concluded her spree with a volume of "Poetry by Edgar Guest" for Mr. Masterson, "Peace of Mind" for Mr. Herman, and "1001 Hobbies" for Sister Paula.

Later, munching a carrot and yogurt sandwich in the Village Health Shop, she happily reviewed her purchases. Muttering through her cardomen seed tea, she was heard to say, "I hope they all have a Merry Christmas!" (And may I wish the same to all our readers)!

This is the first in a series of pro-seminar reviews designed to acquaint the student body with these senior projects. A year-long, one-credit study, the pro-seminar enables seniors to apply acquired academic discipline to a practical project outside their regular course of studies.

Flu studied

"Epidemics and how they have plagued men through the ages will be the topic undertaken by the biology concentration group," said Annette Sparcino. "We are comparing our present-day Asiatic flu with the influenza of 1917." The historical background, symptoms, remedies and cures will be covered on a comparison basis. The geographical extent of the disease, the prominence of such virulent outbreaks and the relationships or the common factor governing their inception will be studied and charted in detail.

Landmarks "marked"

History majors will make a contribution to posterity. "Buffalo has been negligent in omitting a list of her fine statuary from 'The Things to See,' in the sightseeing catalog," said Betty Martin, of the Social Studies concentration.

The 1957 senior seminar will correct this oversight by compiling a list of these fine sculptures. In addition, a brochure will be prepared which will give location, chronology and history of each item listed.

Italian Statue Gift of Donor

The presence of the statue, *Rosa Mystica*, in the Marian Library Conference Room has been made possible by Mr. Frank Rast. The Italian wood carving was donated to the college by Mr. Rast, in memory of his wife, Emiline.

Mrs. Rast was a member of the Rosary Hill Guild. This group has made plans for a formal blessing of the statue before it is permanently placed in the new building.

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Inquiring Reporter

By ESTELLE PALMER

Question: What would YOU do with a Grimalkin if you found one in your Christmas stocking?

Maria Dahmen: I'd look it up in the dictionary and send it to my family as an American curiosity.

Jane Broadhurst: Well, I'd just tie the top of the stocking and throw it in the fireplace!

Marcia Jankowski: Oh, I'd shoot at it with the disintegrating ray-gun I'm getting for Christmas!

Joan Markulis: Me? I'd take it to dance class so that I'd be sure to have a partner.

Pat O'Neill: Nominate it for MUD Queen.

Judy Ryan: Frame it and put it in Coffee Encore!

Surprise, Gang: A grimalkin is another name for a cat — but Merry Christmas, anyway.

Writing Group Pens First Issue

This year's first publication of "The Alpenstock," campus literary pamphlet, featured a fall theme. The collection is open to all creative writers on campus who wish to contribute.

Poetry, short stories, and essays comprise the subject matter, which is cleverly illustrated by the art students. A second issue will be published early next semester.

Science, Sociology Topics of Co-Sem

The senior co-ordinating seminar class invited two area college professors to address their group. The Rev. Joseph F. Cantillon, S. J., professor of sociology at Canisius College, spoke on "The Regulatory Power of Theology in the Field of Sociology." The Rev. Jose C. Pando, C.M., professor of theology at Niagara University, treated the same topic as it pertains to science, Thursday, December 5.

Co-sem, peculiar to the senior year, is designed to synthesize the accumulated knowledge of the concentrations in the light of theology and metaphysics.

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The wealth of material gained from the Reverend Robert Schwab's bi-weekly lecture series to the Family Life Club is being prepared in pamphlet form.

Father Schwab's subject matter includes the many problems facing college students who are contemplating marriage. Included are the problems of dating and courtship, Church laws on marriage, birth control, and mixed and interracial marriages.

The club, under the direction of its new president, Cynthia O'Shea, felt that the content of these lectures would be a benefit to all the students. Michael-leen Olkowska has directed publicity and the soliciting of subscriptions for this booklet.

Mothers Arrange Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the **Daemen Mothers' Club** was held Wednesday evening, December 11, at eight o'clock in Marian Library, with Mrs. Kenneth B. Leitten, chairman, and Mrs. George J. Evans, co-chairman.

The Christmas gift to the Sisters this year will be a check to cover the expense of furnishing the dining room tables and kitchen cupboards with formica tops.

The staff of the "Ascent" extends sincerest wishes to Joanne Burgan and Joan Waldman for quick recoveries after their unfortunate automobile accidents.

Keeping Posted

At the November 17 meeting of the **Third Order** the following officers were elected: Gerald Brunning, prefect; Ann Getz, vice-prefect; Carol Siefert, secretary; Tim Sullivan, treasurer; Terry Miskall, Master of Novices.

It was decided that the term of office be changed from three years to one year because of the constant shifting of college-age tertiaries.

The **Glee Club** has had a busy schedule during the month of December. Patrina Saia, president, stated that the choristers sang December 9, for the Business Woman's Club at the Park Lane; December 10, for the Holy Angels Rosary Society; December 11, at the Good Shephard Home; and December 12, at the Golden Age Club.

At the December 9 meeting of **Kappa Sigma Rho**, a discussion on "Life on Other Planets" was led by Mary Ryan Mills and Barbara Baumgartner.

As part of a membership drive, the **Sodality** has two probation groups for candidates. The groups meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 4 p.m. One group of freshmen who have already made their permanent Act of Consecration is working on the Apostolate. The other, composed of those new to Sodality, is concentrating on the rules.

"Folk Music" was the topic of Mr. Charles Castelli, lecturer, on December 4. Mr. Castelli, a history teacher at Williamsville Central High School, demonstrated with guitar accompaniment.

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