

STUDENTS VISIT ENCHANTED ISLAND

The palm trees looked real enough to climb, the stage backdrop authentic enough to take a sail in, and the prevailing atmosphere was one of far off tranquility and peacefulness.

Without further explanation one can guess that this description is of the "Enchanted Island" Prom on May 10-12. One of the main reasons for its success was the expert preparation, planning, and work that went into it. Those who attended the prom agree that the decorations were superb by the mere fact that they transformed a hollow brick gym into a South Pacific island.

It often happens that with an occasion such as this the net results

are all that is looked at and all that is weighed. The beauty is noticed and the overall effect is judged, but the long, hard road to the completion is often forgotten.

Since right after Christmas when the prom theme was finally decided upon, there had been a bustle of secretive activity every Saturday morning in Room 213. This is the Art Room, and the hustle and bustle was being conducted by Bro. Gegg and his Art Club. Chief co-ordinator John Weiss, along with Jim Manz, Louie Smith, Bob Aurin, and Bob Albers (all seniors), handled much of the administrative work.

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Reviewing The Year

Class day is probably the most welcome day of the school year for both students and teachers, for it brings the curtain down on another long year of blood, sweat, and tears.

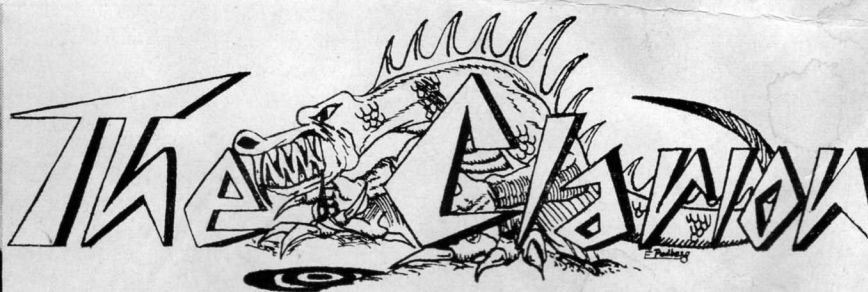
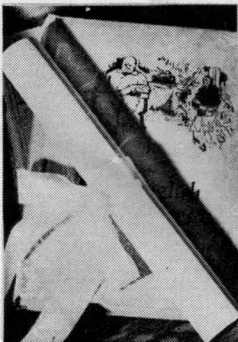
To some, in retrospect, the past nine months has been just another dull year. But to the great majority it has been a year of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Without going into too much detail, we can enumerate some of the achievements of this year. Many new organizations were founded, notably the Fine Arts Club (The Pit), which demonstrated that culture can flourish at S.M., and the new Drama Club (The Pendulum Players), which solidified the status of these new cultural ideas with its two highly successful presentations.

On the sports scene, S.M.'s teams remained in low gear for quite a while, but spirit was always in high. At the end of the year we can boast of a championship baseball team, and spirited track, soccer, basketball, and football teams.

Both student councils demonstrated efficient and productive administrations. Most of the dances were highly successful, as well as many of the other student activities.

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COLLEGE AWARDS GIVEN TO SEVEN S. M. SENIORS

The keen competition of today's complex world almost demands that a person receive a college education both to achieve success and to grasp even a small bit of life's intricacy. While advancing an opportunity for material success, college also provides the answer of how to use God-given abilities and talents and continue their development.

Few people would argue the point that higher education is desirable and should be provided for those persons who are able and willing to use it properly. For many of these, however, it would be impossible to attend

a university due to the great financial strain. Yet the need for this education is still present.

Many have recognized this challenge and have endeavored to relieve the strain. Large grants have been given by generous individuals and organizations to set up scholarship funds. It is hoped that the young people now being helped by these scholarships will blossom into true, representative Americans.

This year a group of seniors have followed the precedent of previous classes and merited scholarships through their hard work. Most schol-

arships were granted on the basis of past academic performance, special test scores, participation in extracurriculars, and financial need. Others were awarded on the basis of athletic ability, which is undeniably as great an asset as superior intellectual ability.

David Schmitt achieved a first for St. Mary's by procuring a four-year, full tuition National Merit Scholarship sponsored by the Universal Match Corporation. Competition for this nationwide program started in the Junior year and continued into

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