

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.

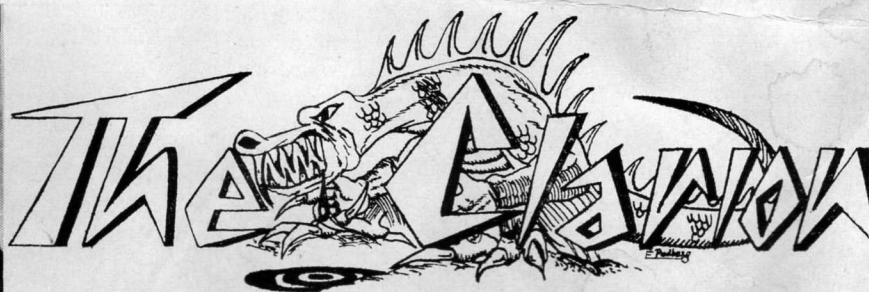
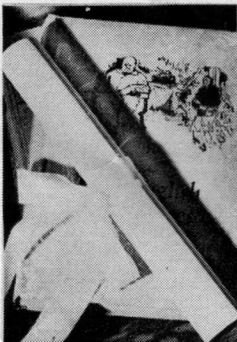
To some, in retrospect, the past nine months has been just another dull year. But to the great majority it has been a year of accomplishment and satisfaction.

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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HO HUM! JUNE ALREADY

Must Catholics Be Negative Thinkers?

Most Catholics in our country are negative thinkers. All our concentration is put on what we should not do. Take, for example, the field of motion pictures. As a regulatory agency with the negative function of censoring movies, the Legion of Decency is doing its job well.

But many Catholic critics, and even the Legion itself, are de-emphasizing the ideas of Legion censorship. They are trying to get Catholics to think positively by praising the good movies rather than always heaping coals on the bad pictures.

This trend is perhaps the first indication that American Catholics are finally maturing. In past years the identifying characteristic of Catholics has been their idea that the world is basically bad and they are here to confine that evil so it does the least possible damage. This is indeed a naive principle! How much more satisfying is the thought that the world is essentially good, and that we are here to make it better!

This optimistic idea prompts Catholics to come down from their ivory towers and become deeply involved in the affairs of the world, with the intention of using their short earthly lives to improve this good earth as much as they can.

The Communists have adapted this principle of positive thinking and optimism to a false ideal and have overrun half the world in the short time of forty years. Think of the tremendous good that could be accomplished if we used positive thinking in connection with Catholicism, which is so much more appealing than Communism!

A step towards positive thinking can be made by each one of us, if

we respond to the desires of Catholic movie critics and the Legion of Decency.

The motion picture is a legitimate art medium of tremendous potential. In all other arts far more attention is paid to the good works than to the bad. Let this be the case with motion pictures also. Realize that there will always be bad pictures because of the warped morals of many people. But far more important than condemning the evil pictures is praising the good pictures. Don't hesitate to congratulate a producer, director or actor on his accomplishment.

These methods will bring about more good motion pictures, and a corresponding decrease in the bad pictures, which not only hurt us as individuals, but also are causing a rapid decay of American morals.

Dave Schmitt

Dragon Teeth

by Eric Eckhardt

First things first. A wave of the green paw goes in the direction of John Weiss and the Prom Committee for out of this country Prom decorations. Fact is, they were Hawaiian.

Whole-hearted thanks from the seniors also goes to the Faculty members who worked on the driveway for the Senior Prom.

Ending further suspense, the coveted H. R. Moore Four Year Driving Award goes to Frank R. Birkenmeier, who left all other competition behind with his skillful jaunts. Doubt it? Ask Pat K., Carol S. or Sandy M.

Word has it Kane traded in his T-Bird for a 60-Impala in order to better transport the baseball team. The C.A.C. champs rode in style.

Mamon's and Face's real fathers haven't heeded their sons' happy words: "Be rich!" This means back to the Admiral for the summer.

Has a new dating team, consisting of Schoemehl and Hartnett, been formed for a sister combination? If so, good luck to opponents Dave and Jerry—even though they don't need it.

West Point bound O'Leary still thinks that's where the Wacs' are trained, and I haven't heart to tell him.

FLASH: The Biology room with the doings of Jacquin has gone to the rats. There must be hundreds up there.

By the old clock on the wall I see where time is running out, thereby requiring several last good-byes.

. . . to those who keep the track in such perfect condition.

. . . to the cafeteria whose memories will be with me always — unfortunately.

. . . to the "B-Team" football coaches who always end up in Peru the following year.

. . . and last but not least, all kidding aside, to the faculty and the student body who have made this year the greatest of them all.

One last word: Good night Miss Meyer whomever you're with.

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Juniors Gerry Eschmann, Jim Prag, George Burgard, Tom Grady, and Bill Birmingham, Sophomores Dave Weiss, Jerry Mazdra, and Jim Weckback, and Freshmen Ed Heil and Marty Bansbach were the actual workhorses of the project.

With all this help the Prom Committee and the Art Club finished the job by April and produced one of the most magnificent proms in recent years.

REVIEWING:

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All these things will be commemorated on Class Day, Thursday, June 8. Awards will be given in both academic and extra-curricular activities, and the senior class will give its regards to all those who have helped make their past four years happy, productive, and memorable.

We of the CLARION staff wish to students, faculty, and especially to the graduating class a happy and safe summer and a continuance of the growth which has been cultivated by life here at St. Mary's High School.

GREEN DRAGONS SWEEP THE C. A. C. BASEBALL TITLE

POST 15-1-5 9-1-0 IN LEAGUE

The batting Dragons of '61, in a year of drought sports-wise for St. Mary's, brought forth the rains with one of the best overall seasons while taking home the C.A.C. championship.

Coach Gummersbach in his first year, after a shaky start, finally set the ball club on the path we like to take. **VICTORY.** With a record of six out of ten non-league games, hopes were high for league play and rightly so with our fine pitching staff of Carter, Kane, Hoehn, Tepe and Schroer.

Going beyond even our own expectations, the Green Dragons slugged it out and once rolling, took the title with little competition.

Although sometimes they moved only late in the last two innings, the Dragons were C.A.C. champs, winning 9 and tying one.

In a team sport you can't single out one man, but if you could, ours



From left to right, kneeling: Bob Robben, Rich Keller, Bob Kane, Bill Reitz, Jim Zerillo, Mike Robben, Larry Haman, Terry Matteson; standing: Mr. Joseph Gummersbach (coach), Mike Hughes, Bob Tepe, Tom Schoemehl, Jim Schroer, Mike Christanell, Cliff Jokerst, Keith Mauller, Tom Carter, Mike Heilich, Mike Peters, Emil Joller, Wally Dawson, Don Schremp (manager), Frank Ladish, Randy Hoehn.

would be Tom Carter. Tom, while having a 5-0 pitching record in C.A.C., ended the year with a 7-0, not to mention his .406 average, 31 RBI, and 4 homers.

Things look good for next years team also with three fine pitchers coming back: Kane 4-0 (C.A.C.) 5-2

overall; Haehn 2-0, and Tepe 1-2.

The leading hitter was Tom Carter. Following him were: Keller .352, 8-RBI, 1-HR; Joller .349, 19-RBI, 3-HR; Robben .343, 19-RBI, 4-HR; Zerillo .309, 5-RBI; Mauller .296, 13-RBI, 1-HR; Reitz .254, 14-RBI, 2-HR; Christanell .245, 9-RBI. Of these eight four will be back next year adding solid batting to the pitching.

MY FOUR YEARS

During the past four years at S.M., while writing for the sports page, I have witnessed many funny, tragic, and stirring situations in the various sports. The following I feel are the best in each area.

The funniest football play occurred in my sophomore year. The "B" team was leading Mercy 36-6 with time enough for one more play. The ball was on the Dragons' own 35. Since word was sent in to run it out, the quarterback rolled out with time to kill. To his surprise, there suddenly appeared on the five yard line a third string end with not a defender in sight! Why not give it a try? He threw a picture perfect pass that surprised everyone—especially the Bulldogs. Another T.D. was assured. But, after all that, it bounced out of the ends hands as the gun went off.

The most tragic event in basketball took place likewise in my sophomore year. Our varsity was playing McBride and at the half were in the lead 42-19. The second half was a different story however. They held us and unfortunately won 64-62 when one of our guards fouled them. This loss later proved to be our defeat in a title tie with DuBourg and McBride.



From left to right, kneeling: Paul Wiese, Henry Bullard, Faro Buzzetta; standing: Tom Janson, Paul Goldak, Bob Nord.

RECORDS FALL TO DRAGONS

The Flying Dragons of the track, while having a 5-4 season and taking 3rd in C.A.C., added two new Junior Division records to the books this year. Jim Daus, junior, ran the century mark in 10.65 to lower the previous record by .05 sec. The Junior mile relay team, running in C.A.C., set a new record with a 3:51.2. The team, composed of Tom Janson, junior, Faro Buzzetta, freshman, Paul Wiese, freshman, and Henry Bullard, sophomore, ran hard against a strong DuBourg team to win going away in the last lap.

This year we had one of the best

freshmen track teams in S.M. history. While posting a 5-0 record, marks fell or were equaled largely due to the efforts of Bob Nord. Bob broke marks in the century with a 11.0 flat, and in the 120 yd. low hurdles with a 16.0 sec., breaking the old mark of 17.2. He also tied the high jump of 5'2" and the pole vault with a 9'6". Nice little job Bob! Paul Wiese lowered an even harder record set only last year with a 2:14.3 in the 880. The weightman, yes he weighs a lot, Paul Goldak, set two more records: 114' 9 1/2" in disc and 45' 7 1/4" in shot.

A SENIOR PREDICTS THE FUTURE?

ABBOTT—navigator
 ABLAN—fast cars
 ALBERS—wrecking radios
 ANDERSON—first married
 AURIN—very amateur cartoonist
 BANGERT—St. Pius soccer coach
 BARNETT—lifting weights
 BARRALE—a house on the hill
 BARTA—All-American boy
 BARTELS—photographer
 BAUMGARTNER—superman
 BETH—sleeping
 BIEDENSTEIN—Donna
 BIRKENMEIER—fruit seller
 BLASE—reading comic books
 BOGAD—Millie
 BRINKMAN—social drinker
 CARTER—out, staying in shape
 CLYNES—English teacher
 CORDES—librarian
 CUTAK—husband
 DARK—movie hound
 DAVIS—man about town
 DESCHLER—cook
 DIVIS—handwriting expert
 DIXON—beetle Bailey
 DOERHOFF—Unionist
 DOLENZ—one for the road
 DONEY—you name it
 DULLE—workhouse
 DUNPHY—playboy
 ECKHARDT—Den mother
 EISENHOFFER—pool shark
 ENDRES—truck driver
 ENGEL—tavern owner
 FINK—his own bookstore
 FOLKL—Wate-gain pills
 FOX—ditch digger
 FRAME—two on the aisle
 GARVIN—young Dr. Malone
 GASTREICH—oiling valves
 GOUGHENOUR—swimming coach
 GREEN—wine tester
 GROSE—drivers license
 GROWE—bartender
 GUINAN—lawman
 GUMMELS—truant officer
 GURLEY—dragging
 GUTTING—another Gene Krupa
 HAGAN—mattress-tester
 HALLERMANN—going steady
 HARASHE—collecting starlets
 HARGAS—Mr. America
 HARTNETT—driving instructor
 HASELHORST—private eye
 HAYDEN—marble champion
 HAYES, J.—car salesman
 HAYES, R.—barber
 HERPERS—bald
 HETTEL—father
 HOMANN—Health Studios
 HOPSON—fastest thing on wheels
 HUGHES—man in grey flannel suit
 HUTCHISON—bowling ball king
 IADEVITO—silent movie actor

JANSON—250 lbs.
 JOLLER—Elmer small change
 JONES—German gals
 KAHLE—five pounds of hair
 KAUSCH—all night parties
 KEIFER—hypnotist
 KELLER—bonus baby
 KOHLER—successor to F. L. Wright
 KOPP—one line comedian
 KOSTECKI—swabbing decks
 KUHN—Rock-n-Roll king
 LATO—bottle jockey
 LESCH—car customizer
 LETTER—South of the border
 LEWIS—cop
 LYNCH—life on the East Side
 MANZ—slide rule repairman
 MARSHALL—two packs a day
 MASCHEK—harmonicat
 MAURER—long and easy life
 McBRIDE—storyteller
 McCLANAHAN—summer at Sunset
 McDERMOTT—good samaritan
 McDONALD, M.—actor
 McDONALD, R.—hard worker
 McGRATH—rug salesman
 McNAMARA—I-a-day vitamins
 McPHERSON—sneakers and shades
 MERLI—Indian Chief
 MESSINA—Mad cartoonist
 MIEGER—always in top shape
 MOEHRKE—studying English
 MORAN—editor of Time Mag
 MORRIS—Funny Farm
 MUEHLHER—philanthropist
 MUENSTERMANN—town loafer
 MURRY—bootlegger
 NIETERS—kite flying
 NOEL—truck driver
 NOTHEIS—trouble shooter
 OBRADOVITS—expensive women
 O'LEARY—five star general
 PABEL—teacher
 PELCH—90 miles an hour
 PENNINGTON—nice guy
 PETERS, M.—big league ball
 PETERS, W.—big league women
 PRATHER—artist
 PRENDERGAST—politician
 RANTZ—prizefighter
 RAUHUT—swooning girls
 READY—the sky's the limit
 REITZ—spending money
 RHODE—country singer
 ROBERTSON—Mr. Lucky
 RODERIQUE—quiet man
 ROTERMUND—too much V.P.
 RUZICKA—dance instructor
 SATTEL—gambler
 SCHEJBAL—efficiency expert
 SCHINDLER—Howdy Doody's
 double
 SCHLATTMANN—Metrecal
 SCHMITT—young genius
 SCHOEMEHL—Penecillin tester

SCHROER—a long vacation
 SCHULTZ—hog caller
 SCHUTZ—settle down by Bayless
 SIMON, D.—private eye
 SIMON, G.—reformer
 SMITH—diplomat
 SPRENKE—lover
 STEINBACH—kitchen police
 STOLTZ—Joe College
 SULLIVAN—olympic hurdler
 SWAIN—big man
 TEMMEN—Latin scholar
 TEMPLIN—sleepwalker
 THEE—wrestler
 TIGGARD—rackets boss
 UCINSKI—watermelon stand
 ULOZAS—fixing the old Dodge
 VAN HOOGSTRAAT—thinker
 VOLANSKI—making money
 WAGNER—country boy
 WALKENBACH—comedian
 WALKER—working at the zoo
 WALSH—fire chief
 WEATHERBY—stickball champ
 WEINDEL—forward for Kutis
 WEISS—interior decorator
 WHITE—Prince Albert ads
 WINZEN—Judo champ
 WOBBE—math teacher
 WOTAWA—neighborhood grocer
 WYRWICH—clothes salesman
 YATES—fastest Olds
 YOUNG—Ph.D.

COLLEGE AWARDS

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the Senior year before Dave became a winner from among the 10,000 students in the competition. The scholarship will be used at St. Louis University.

In competition for scholarships granted by the Archdiocese in connection with St. Louis University, Dennis Young and John Weiss received four year, full tuition grants to SLU. They were recipients from among 18 scholarships offered through the St. Louis Archdiocesan Catholic Foundation for Education.

Tom Carter has won a four year, full tuition athletic scholarship to St. Louis University. It is his desire to join the famed Billikens and establish even more deeply their national reputation.

The St. Louis College of Pharmacy has awarded Larry Harashe a Faculty Memorial Scholarship for two years with full tuition paid.

It is also of special note that Gerald O'Leary received an appointment to West Point Military Academy.

Still to be awarded is a four year, full tuition scholarship to St. Mary's University in San Antonio, which is granted each year to a senior at S.M.