

★ For Christmas, New Year, Always — Best Wishes ★



And the angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid,
for behold,
I bring you good news
of great joy
which shall be to all the people;
for there has been born to you
today
in the town of David
a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign to you:
you will find an infant
wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly
host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest,
and peace on earth
among men of good will."

(Luke 2, 10-14)



CHRISTMAS MADONNA, EILEEN GAUGHAN, and Bel Canto-Glee Club choristers, in final tableau of Nativity presentation. Theme: "May the Virgin Mary bless us with her Holy Child." (Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Matins.)

All Student Christmas Assembly Features Dramatic-Choral Groups

The Nativity was the theme of a dramatic-choral program, Dec. 12.

Organ chimes playing "Silent Night" opened the service. Students in cap and gown, lining the balcony and staircase leading to Marian Hall reception room, witnessed and participated in the presentation.

Eileen Gaughan, in the role of the Virgin Mother, interpreted in pantomime the three-part choruses: "Come and Hasten to Bethlehem" by Schnabel, "Christmas Song" by Adam, and "Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin" by Murphy. A life-size statue represented the Infant Christ.

Choral groups contributing were the Bel Canto Ensemble and the vocal quartet, Barbara Hipp, Rosina Menonna, Jeanne O'Brien, and Wanda Toffolo.

Rita Small, dramatic art student, gave a reading "Before the Paling of the Stars," a poem by Christina Rossetti.

At Benediction, the crowning point of the observance, the A Capella Choir sang *O Esca Viatorum* by Isaak and *Tantum Ergo* by Koenen.

College Celebrates Patronal Feast Day By Reception, Dec. 5

Sodality reception and the all-student renewal of consecration to the Blessed Virgin, Dec. 5, were part of the college observance of its patronal feast, the Immaculate Conception.

Heading the academic procession, Mary Jo Doherty, sodality prefect, Sara Jo Mahan, Student Association president, and the four sodality class representatives: Adeline Valdez, Joan Coyle, Mary Catherine Cangany, and Miriam Schopp, escorted the nineteen sodalists-to-be into the chapel, dedicated to Mary Immaculate. The seniors formed a guard of honor.

Reception and Consecration

Candidates, presented by the prefect, were officially received and invested with the sodality medal by the Very Rev. Msgr. John J. Doyle, moderator. Following the act of consecration to Our Lady, Monsignor Doyle addressed those present.

Commenting on the timeliness of the dedication of the sodalists "to the things that matter most," he related the event to Mary as patroness of the college and of the United States.

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Resident Seniors Plan Pre-Christmas Banquet

The holiday spirit penetrated Marian cafeteria Dec. 10 when the resident seniors were hostesses at a pre-Christmas banquet given for the students on campus.

Paying tribute to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, her image, surrounded by snow-clad Christmas boughs, served as a centerpiece for the banquet table.

A brief entertainment followed the dinner.

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Freshmen Greet '48 With Yuletide Dance

Madonna Hall will be the scene of the gala semi-formal yuletide dance to be held by the freshman class on the evening of Jan. 9.

Chaperons will be Capt. and Mrs. George Kraker, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Tragesser, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Werner.

Laverne Tragesser, chairman of the dance committee, and Anna Marie Snider, chairman of the decoration committee, will prepare the bids. Peggy O'Hara will select the theme for the dance.

Louisville Meeting Emphasizes Local Unit as Basis for NFCCS

The campus unit as the basic cog of the NFCCS was the theme of the panel discussion of the second regional meeting, Sunday, Dec. 7, at Nazareth College, Louisville.

"The Duty of the NFCCS to the Student," covered by Martha Yarber, Nazareth, brought home the fact that the NFCCS must provide an outlet for every student's interest if it is at all to be successful. In "The Duty of the Student to the NFCCS" Mary Jane Porter, Marian, stressed the duty of campus leaders to make the federation a living, breathing organization, and a basis from which to drain experience in post-grad problems.

Bel Canto Carols At Monument Circle

Second in this year's Monument Circle Christmas Music Series is the program to be presented by the Bel Canto Ensemble at 5:00 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Three-voice arrangements of yuletide carols will constitute the fifteen-minute choral presentation.

Off-campus events at which Bel Canto members united with dramatic students were the Butler University Newman Mothers Club meeting at the Marott Hotel, Dec. 15.

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President Advocates Council

Regional president, Charles Hogan, Xavier, proposed "The Cincinnati Plan," uniting all activities on campus through a council composed of all activity heads and the student board president. This unit would merely channel activities directly through the NFCCS. His chief argument

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SA Christmas Party Whets Holiday Mood

Preluding the holiday season was the all-school Christmas party, Dec. 15, sponsored by the Student Association.

By special arrangement, Santa, advancing his schedule ten days and tilting his hour-glass a little, managed to be present.

On the stroke of four, students gathered in Madonna Hall around the Christmas tree, decked by Science Club members in trimmings made of biological products grown on campus. Games, carols, and Santa filled a jolly two hours. Co-chairmen, Rosina Menona and Mary C. McCarthy, saw to that.

Refreshments, the topping off-feature of every party, were provided by the faculty and served in the faculty room and adjoining hall.

Six Campus Poems Make Nat'l Anthology

Poems by Marian students were recently accepted for publication in the 1947-48 edition of the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

Authors and their entries are: Joan Baumer, *Elegy in Spring*; Jeanne Gallagher, *To a January Sun*; Barbara Hipp, *Place of Peace*; Mary Jane Porter, *Green Cheese*; Lois Tenbier, *One Dead Leaf*; and Joan Wolff, *Outcast*.

The Anthology, sponsored by the National Poetry Association, is, to quote Denis Hartman, secretary, "a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted, representing every state in the country."



"Please hurry, Father Time," says Betty Kannapel, counting hours till the freshman yuletide formal.



Christmas Cheer: Make It Stretch

Christmas is a cold, snowdressed day in December . . . it is yards and yards of silver tinsel on a tall tree that looks like something out of a story book . . . it is the nearness of family and best friends . . . it is . . . well, it's Christmas, that's all!

Even the experts would be hard put to find

a single all-inclusive phrase for the magic that is Christmas.

When you come right down to it, though, the glow you feel at this very special season of the year is the result of more than one specific influence. It is a combination of rather homely qualities rolled up into one glittering package called "Christmas Spirit."

This elusive spirit, in concrete terms, is nothing more than a spirit of good will, of friendliness and consideration, the ability to forgive and forget, the desire to please others all concentrated into just a few days of the year. That is the only draw back to the situation. Too many people discard their Christmas spirit along with their Christmas tree at the end of the holiday.

Just as your Christmas tree dresses up your living room, so "the spirit" dresses up you, your personality, your life. Why make it merely an annual affair, then? Plan to add a little every day Christmas spirit at the end of your list of New Year resolutions. On second thought, why not include a lot of it . . . and right at the top of the list.

—J.E.G.

Date Rate

Due to rising costs of movies, food, and flowers, the non-rising government checks, and the bank reports of steadily decreasing university accounts, we've queried around campus to what extent this situation affects a good time. Marian misses gave a variety of answers.

Ann Kuebler (most emphatically), "Heavens no! It doesn't affect it at all. A good time depends completely on the boy you're with."

Josephine Powell, "You can go to extremes both ways. A show and a coke are much better than a night club."

Gladys Gonzalez, "An invitation to have a gay time on a bag of pop-corn is proper occasionally—but only occasionally."

Wanda Toffolo, "I like a good conversation, lots of records, and an ice-box raid."

Joan Baltz, "A number of escorts is one answer."

Ruth Holtel, "It depends on what you do, but the boy's personality counts a lot."

Doris Miller, "The person you are with and his personality make or break a low-cost date."

Barbara Zerr, "On a single date you can have much more fun going to some nice place to dance, but a double date can be a lot of fun at home."

Lillian Lieland, "The man's the important thing—not what you do or where you go."



Watch From Within

"France Faces Grave Crises." Is such a headline in your daily newspaper of any concern to you? Or does it merely signify another inevitable aftermath of the war which has ravaged Europe?

Recent news of France has filled the papers; "strike-bound nation" and "alarm over French situation," have become familiar phrases. Secretary of State Marshall has expressed his grave concern over the recent events. Once among the world's great powers, France is now fighting for her very life. Internal and external problems are sapping her last strength. The rest of the world anxiously watches the situation.

Our own country is free from any conspicuous external strife. The United States is a recognized leader among nations. But a country's decadence most often comes from within. It is the small things, unnoticed and therefore unchecked, which ultimately prove the downfall of a nation. It can't happen to us? Who thought it could happen to France?

With an illustrious past as a producer of saints, musicians, scientists, and authors; as the world-center of glamour and romance; and as one of the leading shapers of world destiny, France seemed immune to collapse. Yet today such a predicament is imminent.

Current press releases about France may be more significant than we realize. Don't pass them by with a mental yawn and a complacent shrug of the shoulders. What is happening in France may have its counterpart in America unless we learn to understand and guard the foundations of our democratic well-being.

—J.B.

Bethlehem — Lodestar of Humanity

Who can resist an infant, his chubby hands, sparkling eyes, dimpled arms reaching up for love with supreme helplessness. Who dares not long to hold this precious bundle in his arms?

Consider, then, a mother's desires and meditations as she gazes upon her newborn child. By multiplying these emotions and reflections to an almost infinite degree, we can partly imagine the thought which coursed through the mind and heart of a Virgin Mother nearly two thousand years ago.

Gazing about the bleak stable, at her humble apparel and the straw-filled manger which served as a crib for her swaddled son, did Mary feel the stigma and shame of poverty? On the contrary, we instinctively feel she was oblivious to it—for while angel choirs sang of praise and adoration, while simple shepherds knelt in wondering homage, while even the stars of heaven changed their course, she held in her arms her newborn Babe—The Son of God.

Why did Christ choose to be born in such a humble shelter? Why did he choose to greet the world, not as a leader of great armies, a powerful king clad in royal purple—but as an unassuming infant, wrapped in swaddling clothes, born of a gentle woman?

"Propter nos homines . . ." on our account, to draw us to the love of things unseen, Christ was born. Who, then, can resist the Babe of Bethlehem?

—B.H.

Does Roomie Sing "You're My Ideal"

Are you "buddy-buddy" with your roommate or does she just make the best of it 'till "There'll be some changes made"? Your best friends may not tell you—so best you brief this roommate rater and determine your status.

Answer "No" or "Yes" to these questions. If you answer "No" to at least 11, you're a tolerable roommate; 13 to 17 means you're wonderful; more than 17 indicates you're too super for words. If, on the other hand, your "No's" are below 9, you had better see what your chances are for a private room next semester.

1. Do you lose your temper easily?
2. Do you sulk?
3. Do you talk too much?
4. Do you read out loud?
5. Do you gossip?
6. Do you fail to consider her likes and dislikes?
7. Do you expect to be included in her invitations?
8. Do you brag about your work, friends, or social status?
9. Do you rely on your roommate for amusement?
10. Do you talk too much about your heart interests?
11. Do you always talk about your troubles?
12. Do you try to be the boss?
13. Do you ask questions about personal matters?
14. Do you share her interests?
15. Do you lack respect for your roommate's privacy?
16. Do you play the radio continuously?
17. Do you take the best drawers and most of the cupboard space?
18. Do you litter the room?
19. Do you neglect cleaning up after a party?
20. Do you forget to pay half of mutual expenses?

Challenge to Foresight . . .

In the rush of Christmas holidays, in the mad scramble to buy Tommy a toy gun and Aunt Nell a lace handkerchief, there comes a singular chance to further understanding the real, not the superficial and unlasting, but the real reason for living.

Mary Synon, novelist, short story writer, reporter, and syndicate correspondent, distinguished in a host of other activities, will speak on "Education for Social Living," Dec. 21, at the World War Memorial. Sponsored by the Catholic Forum, Miss Synon carries an important message to students in preparation to live the fullest life possible. Information concerning tickets may be received in the dean's office.

Whether or not students take advantage of this opportunity depends on their individual foresight.

Snowy Eve

The white of snow,
The blue crystalline of frost-laden trees;
The dark night and the jewel stars;
Soft, hushed melodies, solemn, holy;
Yellow warmth of dancing candle flames
On dull green and polished red of holly.
An invisible splint of joy, of love,
Prevails on Christmas Eve.

—L. TENNIEG.

The Phoenix Eyes



by Lorraine Sinz

Piercing eyes of The Phoenix observe:

A "lin-o-type" or two gathered by eavesdropping and eye-dripping . . .

"Sissy" Holtel frantically trying to hold her own against Alverna Al, the house mouse, who brazenly jumped her claim to Room 18 during her absence.

"Walking on air" attitude of Mary Helen Wells—attributed to the supposed 89 lbs. she weighed after a mammoth turkey dinner. Now, don't you be the one to tell her that scale was unbalanced!

"E.B." Freshman calling Railway Express to transport all their luggage home. Someone neglected to tell Billie Jean Eilers it was a 5 day, not 5 week vacation.

Expression of relief sweeping over Pat Mullen's face when she found out that Queen Elizabeth actually did live during a designated period. Marian almost had a student who reads historical biographies "just for jollies." What a revolting development that would be!

"Great balls of fire," uttered by yours truly, aptly expressed the awe felt by those watching the complete wrecking of two walls by the mechanical arm in only fifteen minutes. The huge orange monster was labeled "Lorain."

Dilemma

The editor had an empty space.

She didn't know what to do.

"Tis Christmas," she said, "We need a poem; Who? Let's see. Hmmm! Will you?"

So I sat me down to write a poem

Of cranberries, holly, and cheer;

And the best of my efforts, though not very good,

Is set down before you here.

Merry Christmas at the year's end,

Happy New Year, the editors send.

—M. J. P.

Best Wishes . . . Congratulations

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garrett (Patricia Filcer '48) St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianapolis, Nov. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Jennings (Maryfrances Wendling '48) St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Indianapolis, Nov. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Susold (Mary Schmitter) St. Joseph Church, Delphi, Nov. 27.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gottmoeller (Josephine Hansing) daughter, Christina Louise, Sept. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McManis (Mary Katherine Klaiber) daughter, Jane Ann, Nov. 28.

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Marianettes . . .



Mary Jo Doherty

Cooperative, dependable, capable—that's our prefect of the Sodality, Mary Jo Doherty. Her scholastic record coupled with her diverse extra-curricular interests—Red Cross, Aquinas Literary Guild, and World Affairs Club—have merited for her the distinction of being included in the 1948 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges."

Mary Jo's home-hobbies include knitting and reading. The Red Cross Production Corps has profited greatly from the former constructive avocation.

An English major, supplemented by a social science minor, undoubtedly will augment Mary Jo's possibilities for a successful secretarial position and an even more successful life.

Quick intelligence and a rare wit characterize Gladys Gonzalez, senior and Student Association vice president.

Serious in class and always a good student, Gladys can also be depended upon to lend "sparkle" to any gathering—sometimes with her Spanish dances, always with her vibrant personality.

A biology major, Gladys intends to study for the master's degree after graduation, and then to return to her native Puerto Rico.

Gladys Gonzalez



NFCCS Meeting

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was greater efficiency and coordination.

Plans were set for the regional congress, Mar. 14-15, at Mount St. Joseph. Contrary to the one-day program of previous years, Saturday morning registration will be followed by special-interest sessions and a social mixer in the evening. Sunday High Mass will precede school and commission reports, and the plenary session. Arrangements will be made to involve the greatest number of students.

Relief Chairmen Report

Campus relief chairmen gave individual reports, following a regional report by Mary Lou Sauer, Our Lady of Cincinnati, regional foreign student relief chairman. Event netting the largest sum was the University of Dayton-Xavier freshman football game (\$1,500).

Reporting for Marian, Martha Bosler reported \$200 realized from the benefit dance, the bake-sale, and the Thanksgiving project.

The next meeting will be at Marian, Feb. 15.

Moran Advocates Active Pro-Humanism

"The safety of one is in the conscience of many," said Fenton Moran in his speech at the general assembly, Oct. 21.

He maintained that every individual must recognize the human dignity of every other individual or proclaim the savage law of the survival of the fittest.

The army afforded Mr. Moran a close view of the "wretched bits of human wreckage" that survived the concentration camp.

He warned that understanding world problems is not enough. We must all be actively "pro-human." Only the belief in man's immortal soul, he concluded, will overcome false modernistic philosophies.

Designers Say 'New and Longer'

The tell-all phrase in holiday fashions this winter is the "new look." All clothes from hats right down to shoes and hose, have but one aim—to recreate the "lady" in women's fashions.

Characteristic are long, voluminous skirts, tiny waists, long sleeves, higher-than-ever heels, and lower-than-ever necklines. It's a designers holiday, but definitely.

The new formals are of satin, brocade, taffeta, velvet, lame, moire, or other luxurious fabrics. Their colors are rich and brilliant—royal blue, bright red, forest green and gold.

On campus the new fashions have been accepted, but with moderation. Conspicuous models of the new, not-too-extreme look in skirts are Barbara Schenkel, Martha Brosnan, Lucy Raygada, and Sue Orth.

Bel Canto Carols

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9, the Legion of Mary reunion at Holy Rosary Church Dec. 14, and the Christmas meeting of the Daughters of Isabella, Dec. 16.

In the offing, Jan. 10, is an all-liturgical-music nuptial Mass.

Many Marian students this year will observe Christmas with the old-world customs of their ancestors. Those of Slovenian and Czech origin feature nutcake, *kolace*, and pork and chicken concoctions as the main dishes of their Christmas suppers. Blessed candles are the only centerpieces on the tables.

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Father Witte Hopeful Re Japanese Future; Voices Need of Food

Stamps, cancelled and otherwise, are playing an important part in C.S.M.C. activities. Cancelled stamps are solicited through poster-reminders like: "Are You Popular?" "Donnez-vous des timbres-postes?" "Dan Vds. estampillas usadas para las misiones?" "Sammeln sie kanzellierte Postmarken?"

The mission unit's Christmas gifts to the local Negro children of St. Rita's school will go postage free.

Stamps, the uncanceled variety, were affixed to boxes of clothing sent parcel post to destitute Japanese of Hikone and to the Crow Indian Mission in Montana under the care of the Sisters of St. Francis.

Writing in behalf of his needy Japanese flock, the Rev. Clarence Witte, M.M., says: "Living conditions are very difficult . . . There is a great deal of suffering among the people. Still, one hardly ever hears any word of complaint . . . At present packages of food and clothing would mean more than money."

Father adds this note about the missionary outlook: "Japan has changed . . . There is much interest in learning about the Catholic Church . . . It is the young men, and especially the students, who are interested, just the ones whom we could not touch before the war. Really the future of Japan, especially the future of the Church in Japan, looks bright."

Tastes and Foretastes

Fragrant aromas issuing from the foods lab in recent days have aroused the curiosity of many students passing on the marble stairs. It seems that not a few, eyeing the delicacies through the conveniently opened door, have offered their palates as tasters. According to class members, however, "We bakers know how to fill that position only too well."

Drop, rolled, and ice-box varieties, bearing some Christmas decoration or molded into some unusual form have been achieved. Each wearer of the frilly aprons will take a box of the yuletide tidbits home for appreciative consumption by her family.

Msgr. Doyle Expresses Opinions On Nature of Women's Education

Monsignor John J. Doyle presented his opinions on co-education at a panel discussion concerning the "Education of Women" conducted Nov. 14 by the Indianapolis Junior League.

Chaired by Dean Bail, Butler University, the panel presented five other local educators.

Why and Why Not Co-education

The proponents of co-education, according to Father Doyle, offer the arguments of similar intellectual endowment, mutual stimulation of diverse minds and personalities, and natural incentive to put forth their best intellectually.

Father contends that the first two cancel each other and that "the

specific claims of each sex upon the attention of the other are apt to be emphasized to the detriment of the intellectual achievement of both."

It's a Man's World

"In schools attended by girls and boys, leadership falls mostly to those of the dominant sex. How often does one find a girl the president of a class or of a club or of the student body, or even, though girls tend to excel in literary ability, the editor of the paper? Even apart from general social conditions, boys have a preferred position owing to their superior ability in athletics. . . . The inevitable result of the situation is that girls have not the opportunity to develop their qualities of leadership which nature has given them in equal measure with boys and which they need in their lives as mothers and in any other field."

In referring to an improvement of curriculum, Father Doyle believes there is need for emphasis upon economic consumption, preparation for marriage, and an increased "effort to make young people aware of the world community."

RC Plans Solo Winter Carnival

The Marian College Red Cross unit's first attempt in planning a recreational program entirely unassisted culminated Dec. 11 at Cold Springs Veterans Hospital. The party, christened "Winter Carnival" by chairman Barbara Zerr, did much to create a spirit of festivity and good will among those veterans forced to spend Christmas away from home and family.

Chubby little snowmen invitations, claiming "it snow use to hide," welcomed each patient to visit Lake Placid, Sun Valley, or one of the other simulated winter resorts. Competition was keen as each guest attempted to prove his skill in such sports as showmen-construction, snow-ball fighting, and ice-skating.

Approximately forty-five Marian students were hostesses for the party.

Red Cross Production Corps current activity is centered upon dresses and warm, hand-knit sweaters for children. These garments are to be sent to the needy children in war-torn countries.

Posters to foster early Christmas mailing at Billings Veterans Hospital post office is the newest project undertaken by the art committee. Posters are also being made by Marian girls to announce future Red Cross projects.

Curia Holds Reunion Of Local Praesidia

A reunion of the junior and senior praesidia of the Indianapolis Curia was held at the parish hall of Holy Rosary Church at 4:00 p. m. on Dec. 14. The reunion consisted of a short curia meeting and Benediction, followed by refreshments and entertainment.

At the Catholic Community Center at 25th and Shriver Streets, Mary Sunderhaus, Claudine Lents, and Jane Peters are directing a Christmas play entitled "The Christmas Angel" which will be presented for the children's parents on Dec. 21.

Sarah Page and Ethel James are conducting art lessons at the same center.

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Campus Club Notes

Aquinas Literary Guild

Vespers in Vienna by Bruce Marshall was Jane Monaghan's selection at the Aquinas Literary Guild meeting Dec. 11. Written for sophisticated readers, this latest Marshall novel cleverly injects Catholic principles between spells of bluster, profane writing. Central figure is an apparently hard-boiled Russian colonel, quartered in a Viennese convent during the current Austrian occupation.

Eta Delta

Mr. Warren Anderson of the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation was the guest speaker at the Dec. 2 meeting of Eta Delta. Mr. Anderson spoke on glycols and alcohols. He stressed the fact that when a company is choosing a certain compound for use, the price and the physical properties of the compound, such as odor and solubility, determine whether or not that compound is suitable.

Mr. Anderson aroused special interest when he told the club that some stocking manufacturers are working on still finer nylon hose—10 denier, 54 gauge.

The Beta Rays are still leading the

Alpha Rays for this quarter. Corinne Martin and Jean Mortlock are taking the honors for the highest individual scores.

Inter-American Club

Don Quixote and the Windmills is no longer a vague, childhood memory for the Inter-American Club.

Commemorating the fourth centenary of the birth of the author, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, the club devoted its meeting hour, Dec. 10, to the author's life and works. The biography was given by Ethel James. Episodes from *Don Quixote* were sketched by Lucy Raygada, while the philosophical implications of the classic satire were presented by Mary Patricia Sullivan.

By coincidence, while preparations for the observance were in progress, Stella Pinto, '45, first president of the club, wrote from Madrid, Spain, telling of her attendance at the Cervantes quatercentenary congress there.

At the previous meeting, Nov. 24, Jane Gaughan led discussion on the break between Brazil and Russia.

Science Club

"Antibiotics vs. Bacteria" was the title of Beatrice Loos's paper given at the Dec. 2 meeting of the Science Club. Beatrice gave a detailed and interesting discussion of the soil-borne microbes which have been "harnessed to the medicine-making production line."

At its annual Christmas party each member contributed food products to the supplies being sent to Father Witte, Sister Marie Bernard's brother, in Japan.

World Affairs Club

The clearing-house session for views on Communism drew a record attendance.

During the holidays and New Year, patronize our advertisers.



Pallet and brush drafted into pre-Christmas poster-construction for Billings Veterans' Hospital by Red Cross art committee trio: Sarah Page, chairman, Anna Marie Snider, and Lois Tenbieg.

College Celebrates

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A Cappella Choir Contributes

The A Cappella Choir opened the reception service with Ravanello's *Veni Creator* and sang the Benediction hymns.

The ceremony came to a close with the all-student chorus "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother."

The gold and white chrysanthemums decorating the altar were the gift of a group of sodalists.

Santa Claus Visits Marian Mothers

The annual Christmas luncheon and party of the Marian Guild was held in the college cafeteria.

Entertainment was furnished by the vocal trio, Rosina Menonna, Jeanne O'Brien, and Wanda Toffolo, and pianists Joan Baumer and Mary P. McCarthy. Guild members joined in the singing of carols.

Santa himself, alias Mary Morin, left gifts for all, not excluding the Sisters.

Miss Corrie Koort, of Holland, the special guest of Mrs. Rodgers, favored guests with her autograph.

The next meeting will be held in February.

Sportscaster

It may have been the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, but at Marian it's the "battle of the ball"—ping-pong ball, that is. The second last round of the doubles was completed with Lorraine Sinz, Elaine Thomas, Joan Courtney and Jane Gaughan emerging victorious. The results were in the balance when *The Phoenix* went to press.

It seems that Broad Ripple Bowling Alleys had "Amateur Night" Nov. 28. Colleen Jones and Barbara Allen are still sporting the score sheets proving their three game average of 103. Keep it up—champs are made, not born!

Winter weather is bringing to light more ice-skating enthusiasts. Rita Small, Louise Burkert, Alice Redmond, Ann Gill, and Anna Mae Lepley "fell" right into the spirit of it at the Coliseum, Dec. 12.

Connie Kraker and Barbara Werner were seen at Silver Hill's Riding Stables, Nov. 29. In Barb's case, "the spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak." There's a limit to the maltreatment you can take from a horse—right girls?

Circle Jan. 6 on your 1948 calendar. Schedule your return trip to Marion along with the Wise Men.

NCMEA Honors Music Dept. Head

Sister M. Vitalis, head of Marian College music department, has recently been appointed coordinator for the Indianapolis archdiocesan unit of the National Catholic Music Educators Association.

Sister succeeds Elmer K. Steffen, K. S. G., archdiocesan director of music. As recording secretary, Sister has been intimately associated with the Indiana unit for the past four years.

There are four diocesan units in the state, each having its own committee. Sister Vitalis has appointed Sister Mary Teresa, O.S.B., of Christ the King School, secretary, and Sister Mary Augusta, C.S.J., of Holy Angels School, treasurer for the Indianapolis area.

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