



## Visions Startle Townsfolk

Bethlehem, December 26—Shepherds in this little-known Judean village have reported unusual activities during last night's watch.

According to Abraham ben Juda, head of the flocks which graze on nearby hills, "We were all either quietly watching, or else asleep, when suddenly there was a burst of brilliant light, and an angel appeared. He spoke in a wondrous voice and told us to come to Bethlehem, where we would find in a

manager, a baby who was our Savior."

Isaac Bar Abraham, son of the chief shepherd, states, "And then the whole sky was filled with hundreds and hundreds of angels, all singing. And then we came to Bethlehem and found Him, just like the angel said we would."

Citizens of Bethlehem hold various opinions concerning the occurrence. James ben Abba, one of the more prosperous innkeepers, states,

"Ridiculous! A savior born in a stable! Too much imbibing on the part of the shepherds, if you ask me."

Rumors have been flying here, and speculation is rampant. Who is this Child? What is the meaning of these strange occurrences? Whatever the explanation, one thing is sure: Sleepy Bethlehem now has something to keep it awake for some time to come.

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## Franciscans To Open Retreat January 30

The Reverend Adrian Brennan, O.F.M. Conv., Superior of the Mission House at Seaside Park, N. J., and the Reverend Cronan Cantlan, O.F.M. Conv., will conduct the yearly Canevin retreat.

The retreat will commence January 30 and continue through February 1. Father Adrian will speak to the boys this year while Father Cronan will act as spiritual advisor for the girls.

For every Canevin student, the annual retreat has offered in the past an opportunity for a few days' withdrawal from worldly affairs to make a self-examination, pray for vocations, and afford ways for amendment of life.

This retreat will permit all students to do some thinking on the problems of adolescence and to lay the foundations for a life of Christlike activity.

Pope Pius XI once said of retreats, "In these remarkable spiritual setting-up exercises, the will becomes strong and vigorous and youth comes away vigilant and capable of upholding the cause of God."

## Society Visits St. Vincent's

For qualified and interested juniors and seniors an enrichment program sponsored by the Diocesan Religion Department has been inaugurated.

Plans for the program include three lecture-discussion meetings on the theme of the Ecumenical Council.

The first of these will be presented January 13 at Saint Basil High School, Carrick. A Day of Reflection is planned for March 31.

A trip to Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, initiated the program, December 9.

The day began with a short talk on the Divine Office, followed by a tour of the Archabbey.

After Vespers, the students attended the biblical play, "Daniel," given by the seminarians.

Seniors chosen by the Religion Department to represent Canevin at these events are: Dolores Sachaski, Frances Wilhere, Mary Richards, Joy Snyder, Audley Ciamporero, Thomas Coyner, and Raymond Dombrosky.

Juniors are: William Bartley, Anthony Klancher, Catherine Bednar, Mary Ann Balzer, Mary Kate Clair, and Vivian Falleroni.

## South American Students Promote Understanding Between Americas



Maria Eugenia Porras, Canevin's first foreign exchange student; and Ginny Milsovic, her American sister, look over American postcards and refer to "the most necessary book"—a Spanish-English dictionary.

Maria Eugenia Porras from San Gil, Colombia, is Canevin's first foreign exchange student. She will attend classes regularly until her return to South America in late February.

Eugenia is a member of a family of five, four girls and a boy. Her elder sister is an exchange student at Canon-McMillan High School. Both girls traveled to the United States with a contingent of thirty-three students from their country.

Included in Eugenia's course of study in Colombia were academic subjects. Upon her return to Colombia, Maria Eugenia hopes to study diplomacy.

The English that she is rapidly learning will help her in her future career. At present, she calls her Spanish-English dictionary her most necessary book.

Ginny Milsovic, G-201, is Eugenia's North American sister. Along with Ginny, she lives with her North American parents in Carnegie. She shares many common interests with them—such as bowling, sewing, music, and cooking.

On December 20, Ray Dombrosky, B-210, and his parents will receive a new addition to their family from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Guillermo Horatio de la Riva. Bill will also attend classes at Canevin for three and a half months.

## Federation Ball

The Diocesan High School Federation will sponsor the annual Federation Ball January 23 at the Hotel Penn-Sheraton.

Selection of the "Queen of the Ball" will climax the evening. All Diocesan High School students are invited. Student tickets are available through the Student Council and may be purchased at \$6 a couple.

## Coming Events

- DECEMBER
- 19—Christmas Program—Students
- 20—Evening performance
- 19-20—General Aptitude Tests
- 21—Christmas Vacation begins
- JANUARY
- 1-4—Interracial Week
- 3—Interracial Assembly
- 21-23—Mid-Year Examinations
- 23—Federation Ball
- 24-25—Semester Vacation
- 28—College Night
- 30-31—Retreat
- FEBRUARY
- 1—Closing of Retreat
- 6—Guidance Assembly
- 15—Junior Prom

## Student Council Formulates Plans for Month's Activities

Special Christmas projects will highlight the various Student Council projects during the pre-Christmas season.

Two Christmas projects are planned for the patients at John J. Kane Hospital. The Student Council is responsible for sending both cards and carolers there.

Each Canevin student received the name and address of an individual patient, and sent that person a Christmas card.

Earlier in the month of December, a committee, consisting of Margaret Pealer, Sec. Lec., chairman, Anthony Torcasio, B-208, Linda Masetti, G-206, Corrin Lyon,

Sec. Lec., and Thomas Bonfili, B-109, was in charge of the planning for the Senior "Pix-Mix," held on Dec. 7 during the Activity Period.

The main purpose of this event was to give the seniors an opportunity to exchange their class pictures.

Father Gervase, Headmaster, gave a formal address at the solemn ring ceremony for the juniors, held in the Auditorium. Each student received his ring individually on the stage from Fr. Gervase.

Each student also received a booklet explaining the significance of a ring ceremony from Josten's Manufacturing Company.

## Concert Features Tableaux, Dancers

Angels and shepherds, Kings bearing gifts and an adoring Madonna will bring Christmas to Canevin during the Christmas Con-

cert December 19 and 20.

Dressed in pastel evening gowns, the Girls' Glee Club will open the concert with selections from the

Nutcracker Suite.

Interpreting several of the songs will be ballet dancers Elizabeth Minick, Darlene Kness, Mary

Irene Hughey and Bonnie Foster. Accompanist is Mary Lou Lisowski.

In keeping with the Yuletide spirit, the Boys' Glee Club will sing familiar carols. John Bonstingl will accompany the group.

Tableaux, directed by Sister M. Joanna, S.C., will reproduce the Christmas story. Taking part in the scenes are Donna Tracy, who is the Blessed Virgin; James Cataldi, who plays Joseph; and John Connors, representing a Prophet.

The three Kings are Barry McCabe, Terry Hays, and David Wholey. The Angel Gabriel is Linda Prunzik. Shepherds are Daniel Hoover, Jay Cardinal, Mark Hermes, and James McKee.

Attired in red choral robes, the Junior-Senior Mixed Chorus will narrate the tableaux in song, "Ave Maria," "Coventry Carol," and "March of the Kings" are a few of the selections.

Accompanists are Mary Ann Balzer and Dennis Notek.

Valerie Stasik is narrator for the tableaux.



The Three Kings (Barrv McCabe, Dave Wholey, and Terry Tays) bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Infant Christ held in the arms of the Blessed Virgin (Donna Tracy), while Saint Joseph (James Cataldi) looks on in a Christmas Concert tableau scene.

## Art Club Shows Festive Spirit In Yule Dance

"Holly Frolic," a Christmas dance sponsored by the Musart Club's Art Division, will be held Thursday, December 27, from 8:00 to 11:30 P.M. in the school gym.

Student combos will provide the dance music. Refreshments, cake and cookies, will be available.

Proceeds from the dance will be used by the Art Club to buy supplies.

Newly-elected officers of the Musart Club who will plan the decorations and management of the dance are: Daniel O'Donnell, president; William Reilly, vice-president; John Bell, secretary; and Thomas Black, treasurer.



# Pax!

Pax et Bonum! This is the traditional greeting of the followers of Saint Francis. It may be translated: "Peace and Blessings."

That I should greet the students of Canevin High School at the feast of Our Saviour's Birth with "Peace and Blessings" is to be expected both naturally and supernaturally. First, in the order of grace: my Christmas Masses will beg the Incarnate Christ to increase your Blessing of grace—the only thing that really matters.

However, in the natural order, I wish you Peace. Peace among nations, you have so often heard, is truly dependent upon the peace resulting from conformity to the laws of Almighty God. Peace within your own social group, both family and school, likewise is based upon order and ideals. At Canevin we do not need a constant addition to rules. The regulations you have received need merely to be respected and applied. The increase of discipline which is needed is an interior thing, an ordering of self. Students will enjoy school situations and realize the joy of achievement if the total group develops a sense of inner ordering, as individuals, which will then express itself by outer orderliness. Almighty God gave us only Ten Commandments; but these comprise the whole morality which is sufficient to please the "Perfect One."

May the blessings of the Season of Christ's birth bring you both grace and peace.

FATHER GERVASE M. BEYER,  
O.F.M. Conv., Principal

## Many Lands Compose Mosaic; American Christmas Is Result

Gathering eagerly beneath the gayly-decorated pinata, Mexican children await the crash that will shower them with sweetmeats and toys.

Flowers and music set the joyful mood in Italian streets as a merry crowd throngs by torchlight to the Church. French children watch for the "Petit Noel," the Christ Child, to come down the chimney and fill their shoes with gifts.

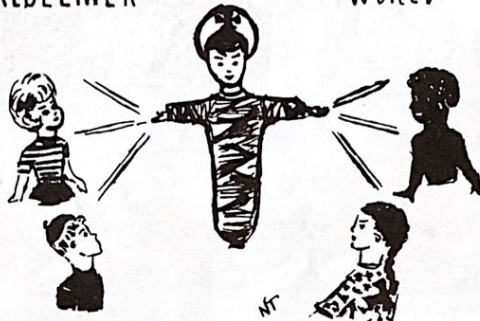
After a fast of twenty-five days, a fatted calf is killed as part of the Persian preparation for the Little Feast.

In Bethlehem crowds flock to the Church of the Nativity to kiss the very spot where, two thousand years ago, Christ lay in swaddling clothes.

These represent only a few of the varied ways in which the world celebrates the Feast of Love.

Setting a place for the Holy Child, the

## REDEEMER of the WORLD



### Silent Season

The old Church  
Is ruined and boarded up.  
No candle  
Is allowed to burn: a crime  
To ring the bell or rever the Cross  
Is punishable by death.  
Say His Name or His Mother's name  
And one's tongue would be slashed.

But the people do not need  
To have the Church  
Or light the candle  
Or ring the bell or rever the Cross  
Or say their names.  
They celebrate the Feast in their souls.  
They speak His Name to friends in  
their eyes.

Those thoughts are in their hearts.  
—Judith Kooser



### Peeling Chimes

The peeling chimes of Christmas bells  
Float o'er the city square.  
The misty music fades and wells  
In the snow-flaked, wintry air.

Is this Christmas music?

Carolers under lanterns bright  
Harmonizing, sweet and clear,  
The soothing strains of Silent Night  
To all who wish to hear.

Is this Christmas music?

As the family trims the tree,  
Their voices blend together.  
They sing, expressing season's glee,  
Of Santa, sleighbells, frosty weather.

Is this Christmas music?

From the hearts of those, who in Christ's  
name  
The deeds of mankind tend,  
Though human ears can't hear the strain  
Silent hymns ascend.

This is the music of Christmas.

—Mary Lou Martinac

## Christmas Eve

The snow is full of silver light  
Spilled from the heavens' tilted cup.  
And on this holy, tranquil night,  
The eyes of men are lifted up  
To see the promise written fair,  
The hope of peace for all on earth,  
And hear the singing bells declare  
The marvel of the dear Christ's birth.  
The way from year to year is long  
And though the road be dark so far,  
Bright is the manger, sweet the song,  
The steeple rises to the Star.

—Frances Kleine

### A Season of Love

Christmas is Love wrapped in the paper  
of friendship and tied with ribbons of  
warmth and jollity.

It is the indescribable communion among  
men in a communionless world.

It is the Divine Being sitting in the  
midst of ecstatically pleased angels say-  
ing, "Let the day when my son is born  
forever be a day when divine love spreads  
through the hearts of men in spontaneous  
combustion enveloping the universe in  
celestial warmth."

—Joy Snyder

## Students Reveal True Spirit

To each Canevin student, the word Christmas conveys a different meaning. To some it means a special sight; to others, a pleasant sound; to still others, a warm, tingly feeling.

Marie Skrzyzynski, G-101, states, "There will always be a tree, food and relatives who can't get over how you've grown."

"While Dad is patiently struggling to decorate the tree, making things easier for Santa Claus, the kids are breaking ornaments faster than he can put them up," laughs Kathleen McDonough, G-104.

## Magdalena

Harsh, metallic, female laughter slices  
The cheap, cigar smoke cioseness, coming  
near,  
Too dangerously close; and then a heart  
Maliciously it stabs; nostalgia flows.

A broken, painted doll of thirty-two  
Flees the Sawbuck Saloon to breathe again,  
To feel that on this Yuletide Eve a piece  
Of that broken china still remains.

A memory; that Christmas twenty years  
Ago long buried. How odd to faintly  
Hear the half-forgotten, soft-voiced  
scripture

In this Sodom near a desert called Hell.

A hunger for thought, or peace, or both  
Lifted her to a wagon and horses.  
Snowy mission rising to touch the stars  
Proved not to be will of beasts, but of goal.

A timely stillness and silence hushed all.  
A beat did skip and trembling forced her  
knees.

She entered then to sit near humble crib.  
Growing, glaring red hair barked at  
candles.

Beneath this flag a thought was now  
reborn.  
Innocence He sent to save such as she.  
Did time ill-spent deprive her this privi-  
lege?

Was now too late to choose a straighter  
path?

An hour came and two did leave, all  
burdened.  
The light of sun now came to eyes of dusk,  
Greens of Hope now sprung from these  
seeds well sown.

No storm would now destroy faith so  
rooted.

—Valerie Stasik

### Crossbars

When the Christ Child was born  
He was laid between  
Two slanted crossbars of wood:  
A manger.

Yet He alone knew of the other two  
Crossbars that would stand upright  
In live defiance of sin.

—Judith Kooser

### Kaleidoscope

Bulging stockings, candy canes,  
Glit'ring bulbs, frosty panes;  
Golden turkey, mincemeat pies,  
Frozen noses, shiny eyes.

Bayberry candles, gleaming lights,  
Sledding parties, snowball fights;  
Santa Clauses, tinkling bells,  
Steaming pudding, beck'ning smells.

Sparkling tinsel, one-day toys,  
Mistle-toed arches, mischievous boys;  
Crumpled wrappings, stacks of cards,  
Shim'ring evergreens, snow-piled yards.

Wreaths of holly, yuletide log,  
Cheery greetings, spiced eggnog;  
Children's laughter, balls of corn,  
Bundled carolers, Christmas morn.

—Linda Heany

## Christmas Is . . .

Christmas is two touseld towheads poring over a toy catalogue. . . . Christmas is the soft hollow in Santa Claus' velvet lap. . . . Christmas is bubbling bubble lights reflected in tinselly ribbons. . . . Christmas is glowing plastic houses covered with Ivory Snow and surrounded by a whistling diesel. . . . Christmas is bows on choir boys' cassocks, red as the poinsettias above the altar. . . . Christmas is two gleaming candles in a small child's saucer-like, wondering eyes. . . . Christmas is the unpainted plaster Christ Child lovingly out of place between the gilded statues of Mary and Joseph. . . . Christmas is love.—Joyce Kury

Polish family gathers for their Christmas meal. In Ireland a beckoning candle shines from the window of many homes offering shelter to Mary and Joseph who, according to legend, seek shelter on Christmas Eve. "Stollen," narrow cakes said to represent the Babe in the manger fill homes in Saxony.

While the Slovakian family eats the blessed Christmas wafer, the mother dips her finger in honey and forms a cross on each child's forehead hoping that he will be as sweet as honey during the coming year. Many Americans still cherish these customs of their ancestors and commemorate Christmas with them.

In fact, most American traditions came to these shores with immigrants. Santa Claus is a descendant of the Dutch Saint Nicholas who fills the shoes of all good children on December 6.

Just as "Silent Night" originated in Germany, other favorites crossed the Atlantic. And Christmas cookies reflect the skills of a dozen countries.

Mistletoe, Yule logs, and plum pudding emigrated from England while Germany gave the fragrant, gaily-bedecked tree



that shelters every child's gifts.  
From Italy came the most beautiful symbol of the season of giving—the creche that reminds all who gaze upon it of the Gift of the first Christmas Day.

### Star

On top of the tree  
Rests a shining star,  
The prettiest trimming  
Of Christmas by far.

But beneath the tree  
Is the Spirit so true—  
Christ in the manger,  
Which is Christmas for you.

—Kathleen Ruppen

### Yuletide Recipe

Take a bushel of tinsel, sprinkle well throughout the house. Add two dozen stars and one mistletoe, an armload of holly and full measure of snow laid in curved hills along the window sills. Toss in a Christmas carol, and season well with good will and friendly laughter. Light the candles, "one for adoration, two for celebration." Let the first burn brightly, and may those you love be near.

The yield: ONE HAPPY CHRISTMAS.  
—Frances Kleine





## Writers Vie For Honors

Contests will be foremost in the minds of many Canevin students between December and March. The English Department will sponsor the Noma Spelling, National Ability Counts, Voice of Democracy, and Writers' Club contests.

The Spelling Contest will be held March 6 and April 3. The words given are the one hundred most frequently misspelled words, according to the Noma Company. "How My Community Benefits from the Abilities of Handicapped Workers" is this year's theme for the National Ability Counts Contest.

To participate, students must be juniors or seniors, do research on the topic of handicapped workers who are proving "that ability, not disability counts," and submit a report not exceeding 750 words. Members of the Writers' Club will enter the Writers' Contest conducted by the Diocesan Writers' Honor Society.

Poetry, short story, and essay are the categories of this contest. The Voice of Democracy Contest will be coordinated by the History and English Departments. Each contestant writes and orally delivers a brief radiocast on "What Freedom Means to Me." Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible.

## Tomorrow's Secretaries Begin To Apply For Jobs

While many people are shopping early to avoid the Christmas rush, seniors in the Office Practice Groups are applying early for jobs to avoid the post-graduation rush. One hundred ten girls are sending Personnel Data Sheets and letters of application to prospective employers.

They give personal information such as age, weight, and height as well as educational background, their speeds in typing and shorthand, and their efficiency in operating business machines.

### Dietician Joins Staff

Annette Laquinta is the new dietician in the cafeteria replacing Rita Bialek.

When asked to give a comment about Canevin, she replied, "In my short time here, I have found the school immense, the students friendly, and the cafeteria workers helpful."

Miss Laquinta stated that she will welcome any suggestions from the student body on ways to improve the cafeteria menus.

## Student Delegates Sponsor Countries At United Nations

With its meetings resembling those of the United Nations in New York City, the Student United Nations conducts its assemblies at the University of Pittsburgh.

In its second year of participation, Canevin is entitled to 10 delegates: Ronald Hundenski, B-203, Richard Opalanko, B-202, William McQuade, B-113, William Dornenburg, B-220, Frank Darpli, B-201, William Bartley, B-203, and William O'Reilly, B-203.

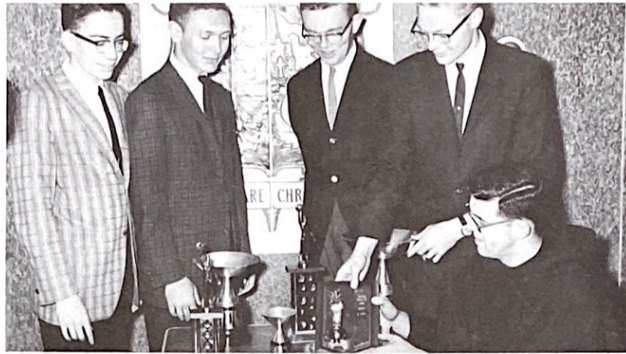
Maurice Mackey is the chief delegate from Canevin and Charles Lego has been elected president of the Trusteeship Council, an organ inside the U. N.

At the initial meeting of the year, each school chooses the countries its students will represent. Canevin will represent Belgium and Austria.

In April, the Student United Nations, which has the same aims as the United Nations itself, forms its General Assembly for the new school year.

In last year's SUN activities, William Dornenburg was awarded a scroll as the outstanding speaker in the Economic Social Council.

At Canevin the Student United Nations moderator is Father Justus, who is also moderator of the History Honor Society for the boys' division.



Standing before Bishop Canevin's Coat of Arms in the main lobby, A-Team debaters and their coach look over the trophies they won during the month of November in Forensic League tournaments. Left to right, William Stallings and James Gambone, affirmative speakers; James Allen and Robert Kalasky, negative debaters; and Father Egbert, debate coach.

## Forensic Tournaments Win Title 'Month of Trophies'

"Trophies! Trophies! Trophies!" This is the usual comment made by students passing Canevin's awards case in the main lobby. Canevin's forensic speakers brought awards from three tournaments back to Canevin during the month of November.

The "A" debate team achieved most of the honors. James Gambone and William Stallings debated the affirmative side while Robert Kalasky and James Allen uphold the negative.

Canevin scored second in the Tri-State Debate Tournament at Bishop McCort High School, Johnstown, November 3. Central Catholic took highest honors.

At the tourney, Canevin was rated the best affirmative team of Class A and James Gambone was chosen outstanding debater.

William Bartley, Paul Bartzak, Anthony Klancher, and Bryan Orr also helped pile up points to win the second outstanding school trophy.

Canevin, along with 29 other high schools, sent delegates to the Catholic Forensic League's first speech tournament of the year at Sacred Heart, East Liberty. Canevin ranked second, with James Gambone taking first place as the outstanding boys' extemporaneous speaker.

Mark Kohut, B-104, won the cert-

ificate for first place at the freshman Ex-Temp tournament November 12, at Fontbonne Academy, Bethel Park.

At the Central Catholic Trophy Tournament, November 22-23, Canevin took first place in debate, with Robert Kalasky receiving honors as the outstanding debater, and the team of Kalasky and Stallings rated as the best negative team at the tournament.

In placing first at this tournament, Canevin debaters defeated 39 contending teams from Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, and Washington, D. C., closing with a perfect record of eight wins.

Father Egbert is debate moderator for the boys' teams.

members dress as lay persons, was founded in Holland to work in slum districts and attempt to bring fallen-away Catholics back to the faith and, if possible, to make converts.

Several CHS students offered to assist the religious in their work on the North Side. Volunteers are Pat Campbell, G-202, Rita Goldbach, G-202, Marilyn McNelly, G-210, and Mary Richards, G-208.

By the time the girls in junior sections A, B, C, and D take their driver's tests, they certainly will be experts at highway safety. Each of them is helping to compile a teenage driving code.

The health students will also probably be the most charming girls in CHS since they also studied personality improvement and modern fashions.

## CAN-E-VUES IN BRIEF

By Faye Tanney

### Bulletin Boards

A modern shift to symbolic bulletin boards may be detected in G-103, thanks to the creativity of Mary Ann McGill and Joan Olzewski.

Their November theme was "Education Meets the Challenge of Change," demonstrated by traditional insignia of "School Days"—books, a slate, and an apple for the "teacher" (with a perky worm popping from its side.)

This display brought back to students memories of grade school days when they brought fruit to their teachers and always hoped it would be inhabited.

### Ladies of Bethany

Two members of the Ladies of Bethany religious community spoke to the Crusader clubs November 27. The Congregation, whose mem-

## Math Society Selects Two City Delegates

Virginia Milosovic, G-201, and Eugene Pucci, B-204, have been elected school representatives to the board of the Diocesan Mathematics Honor Society. These, along with the other members of the Math Honor Society, attend the monthly diocesan meetings.

Held at a different school each month, the meetings present and explore different aspects of the field of mathematics for the development of the mathematical skills of members.

In addition to attending the monthly meetings, members are required to submit each year a mathematics project, dealing with any phase of the science.

The girls' division of the society, under the direction of Sister M. Saint Jude, R.S.M., includes, in addition to Virginia Milosovic, Camilla Conway, G-206, Norma Evangelista, G-206, Suzanne Brown, G-111, Mary Kate Clair, G-113, Jean Haller, G-204, Patricia Isiltzer, G-113, Linda Hirschfeld, G-204, Wanda Jettkiewicz, G-202, Jeanne Knopf, G-202, Verna Kraf, Sc.L., Virginia Kuhn, G-111, Mary Lou Ragaller, G-113, and Dorothy McKool, G-111.

In addition to Eugene Pucci, the boys' division, under the direction of Father Ronald, O.F.M. Conv., includes George Gaughier, B-210, Richard Aubele, B-210, Richard Brentin, B-201, Ray Dombroski, B-210, Thomas Kaminski, B-206, Richard Traci, B-210, Kenneth Wochele, B-206, Joseph Magerl, B-204, John Emmerling, B-203, James Smith, B-206, Robert Gilleskie, B-203, Edward Hoeller, B-201, Kenneth Marino, B-201, Richard Seibel, B-202, Anthony Strazisar, B-113, and John Yokim, B-201.

## Members Show Skills At Musart Meetings



Rita Palas and Bonnie Wiess entertain fellow Musart Club members while John Bonstingl plays the piano.

Stains of "Old Folks at Home" floated through the quiet halls. A few minutes later a piano was softly playing "Deep Purple."

It was 3:30 P.M. Most Canevin students were on the way home, but Musart Club members were gathered for their monthly meeting. A typical meeting, the one of December 3, began with the presentation of Merit Cards to Mary Ellen O'Reilly, Sc. Lec., Mary Lou Lisowski, G-204, Rita Palas, G-204, Joy Ann DeGrosky, G-206, and Eileen McNally, G-111.

Students receive merit cards for musical performances in public, reports, projects, and attendance at concerts. Six such activities are necessary for one merit card.

Mary Ann Lisowski began the musical program by playing "Reverie" by Debussy at the piano. Other performers in the program were: Maryann Balzer, G-204, who played "Deep Purple" by Peter de Rose; Doris Spitznagel, G-104, "The Pines"; and Kenneth Ampr, B-203, "Autumn Nocturne." Rose Bernordelli, G-102, played "Christmas Melody" on the accordion.

John Bonstingl, who has written a number of original compositions, played two of these on the piano. Preceding the musical program, the year's theme, "Music as a Profession," was discussed.

Members plan to carol in their neighborhoods December 23.

## Spirit of Advent Heightens Enjoyment of Christmas

By Father Tobias

The season of Advent is almost behind us for another year; our Christmas will depend on the preparation we have made for it.

Not so much the presents we have bought or the cards we have written; not so much the size of our tree or the number of its ornaments; but the preparation we have made in our hearts.

All this time holy Church has been showing us the example of St. John the Baptist in each Sunday's Gospel.

No splitting of hairs with him; no questioning of how far to go without committing serious sin. And we know that because he refused compromise, he lost his life at the hands of a spineless king.

We don't have to go as far as John did, but we can take our cue from him. A little time spent before the Blessed Sacrament or some small mortification, coupled with real efforts to eliminate sin from our lives, can be just the key that unlocks the treasures of God's blessings.

Without God's grace you can't be truly happy. Serious sin is the only

cause for a long face. Long faces should never be seen at Canevin since the means of grace are always at hand.

Holy Mass is offered each morning at five to eight, and, after school, confessions are heard till twenty to four.

If your mirror gives you back a sour reflection, maybe you need a trip to the chapel.

## Science Department Formulates Activities

"Active" is the word for Canevin scientists these days.

Richard Traci, B-210, will represent Canevin on the TV program, Science Talent Quiz.

Father John Joseph will attend the Science Convention in Philadelphia during the Christmas holidays. Sister Placides will also attend.

Barbara Hoegle, G-110, and Janice Selder, G-204, will present papers and projects during the Science Congress, to be held at Buhl Planetarium December 26, 27 and 28.



# Senior Squad Plans College Days Ahead Crusaders Crush Char-Val; Seek Snowden Win Friday

Senior Varsity football players have completed their last season at Canevin. Many of them plan to attend college, some hope to continue their football careers there.

**Gene Poggi**, Canevin's 1961 Most Valuable Player, has already received six letters from colleges. Among these are Texas, Indiana, Citadel, Rutgers, and Brigham Young.

Although Gene believes that football will be an important part of his college life, he is going to college, football or not. He will work for a degree in business administration.

**Lou Trombetta** has decided that Miami State will figure in his future. Wrestling and football are the sports he may try for.

Lou was chosen All-League guard by Chuck Lynch of the Pittsburgh Catholic. He hopes to teach mathematics after college.

Another All-League member, center **John Zarvis**, hopes to attend Dayton U. He is a future engineer. He'd not refuse football offers in college, but he doesn't intend to stress it.

**Jim Cullinane** thinks that Miami State or Arizona State will offer him the best opportunities. He's

afraid that his size puts him off the list for football. He's going to take accounting.

**Carl Nery** is considering either Duquesne or Saint Vincent's. If he goes to Saint V., he'll play football. Accounting and social studies interest him.

West Penn Technical Institute will see **Lou Cancelliere** next fall. He wants to take construction.

Another probable candidate for Dayton U. is **Hugh Gaugler**. The 6'2" end wants to take electrical engineering. If possible, he'd like to play football in college.

**Ray Jeglinski** is one Canevinite who plans to stay in Pittsburgh. While attending Pitt he hopes to attain a degree in engineering. He will not play football in college.

Canevin's halfback, **Paul Ejzak**, is still undecided as to his choice of college. He will attend one that offers him a scholarship.

**Paul** definitely wants to play football and he will study architecture or engineering.

A first honorable mention was awarded **Ed Hepp** in the All-Catholic League. He'd like to attend Notre Dame, and take either engineering or pre-med. He'd also want to play football.

**Tom Reaghard** would like to attend Slippery Rock State College. He later wants to teach physical education. He has received a letter not only in football, but also in wrestling.

**Pete Buzzanell** hopes to go to a state teachers' college. He'd like to play football, but he feels it would have to be in a small college. If he can't get into college right away, he'll first go into the Marines.

Canevin, minus the services of injured John Len and Frank Gustine, began the 1962-63 basketball season on a high note by defeating the Colts of Chartiers Valley Joint Senior High School, 78-56.

The Crusaders broke the scoring ice after four seconds of the first

quarter when Dick Platt sank the first of many foul shots. Chartiers Valley then pulled momentarily ahead on two additional free throws.

The lead see-sawed throughout most of the first quarter, however, and Canevin managed to pull ahead to stay, leading 18-14 after one

quarter. In the second canto, the Crusaders doubled the points of the Colts, scoring 20 points to their 10, and retiring to the locker room with a 14-point margin, 38-24.

The second half was just a repetition of the first, as Canevin while having three players foul out of the game, outscored the Colts to win 78-56.

Big gun for the Crusaders that night was Bill Beerman, who sank 10 field goals and one of two free throws to end the night with 21 points.

Beerman was second high scorer of the game as high point honors went to Kappeler of Char-Val with 22 points. These two were followed by Dick Platt and Jim Kuten with 17 apiece, and Alex Dempster with 13 points.

Another fact worth mentioning is that there were a total of 41 fouls called on the two teams. In the preliminary game, the junior varsity lost a hearbreaker to the Chartiers Valley Junior Varsity, 39-38.

Canevin takes on Snowden this Friday in the last home game before entering the Elks Tournament.

## CANEVIN

Player	G	F	T
Beerman	10	1-2	21
Platt	7	3-8	17
Dempster	5	3-4	13
Manzini	2	0-1	4
Finnerty	2	0-0	4
Emmerling	1	0-1	2
Kuten	6	5-9	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12-25</b>	<b>78</b>

## CHARTIERS VALLEY

Player	G	F	T
Ossella	3	11-13	17
Siegfried	0	1-1	1
Yacina	1	2-3	4
Perkins	3	5-9	11
Kappeler	8	6-12	22
Marwood	0	1-1	1
Burnisky	0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26-39</b>	<b>56</b>



Jim Cuten (20) dribbles toward basket for shot against Moon. Canevin won this second game of the season by a score of 67-35. The Crusaders completely dominated the game led by good performances from Dick Platt and Alex Dempster.

## Lou Trombetta Selected Most Valuable Player

Lou Trombetta has been selected as Canevin's most valuable player by the Crusader coaches.

He was also honored as the most valuable lineman at the Ninth Annual

Touchdown Club Banquet held at Chartiers Country Club. The tributes came as a climax to Lou's four years of playing football at Canevin.

Throughout his high school athletic career, Lou has been awarded six letters; four in football, one in track, and one in wrestling. In his sophomore year he was chosen as the most valuable player on the football squad.

Lou was injured early in the 1962 season in the game against Redstone when he suffered some bruised and separated ribs. Although he was in pain he went back in the game and was taped up for nearly a week.

"The toughest game this year was against South," Lou said. "They hit the hardest."

Commenting on next year's team, Lou said, "I hope they keep fighting like we did."

Lou wants to attend college where he hopes to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in order to pursue a career of teaching. He would like to play football in college.

## 175 Canevin Girls Will Participate In G.A.A. Sports

One hundred seventy-five girls have signed up as members of the Girls' Athletic Association. The purpose of initiating this group is to insure a well-rounded and better-organized intramural program.

"In previous years, due to lack of organization and cooperation, the intramural program never realized its potential. This was due to the fact that it was first organized by sections and the following year by homerooms. Both methods proved ineffective," commented Miss McConville.

It is hoped that a more tightly-knit group, such as that achieved through the G.A.A., will overcome these difficulties.

Members will play basketball during March and April, switching to volleyball in May and June. In September, volleyball will be resumed.

## Intramural Sports Coach Schedules Basketball Meets

Basketball will again be featured as one of Canevin High School's intramural sports. Most of the games will be played on Saturday or Sunday.

There are a total of 20 teams participating in the four divisions. There are six teams in the Senior Division, four in the junior, five in the sophomore, and five in the freshman division.

Father Rufino Maloney, the moderator of the intramural program

commented, "The turnout is excellent, now if the students only follow through to the end." Father Rufino will be assisted by Mr. William Sgro.

Intramural volleyball has just been concluded and another sport is hoped to be added to the program later in the school year. Awards will be given to the champions at the end of the year.

The intramural sports give each student a chance to participate in some sort of organized sport. The only requirement for participation is that the student be eligible and not engaged in any varsity sport with its season concurring with that of the intramural.

## Slants on Sports

By John Fuchs

Congratulations go to Jim Cullinane and Gene Poggi who were selected to the Post-Gazette annual Catholic All-Star football team. Frank Gustine, Ed Hepp, Tom O'Dowd, and Lou Trombetta received honorable mention.

Lou Trombetta, who was selected MVP from Canevin by the Pittsburgh Press, made Chuck Lynch's All-League team along with John Zarvis.

Tom O'Dowd (who Chuck Lynch sometimes refers to as 132 pounds

of guts) believes Canevin should have a good football team next year.

Possible Canevin starting lineup next season: halfbacks, Exler and O'Dowd; fullback, Riddle; quarterback, Gustine; center, Gilleskie; tackles, O'Connell and Goff; guards, Herman and Lachowicz; and ends, Geyer and Donnelly.

Looking ahead to the January Catholic League games, the Crusaders will play this season's first game in the league at Central Catholic on January 11.

Later in the month, Canevin will battle the Trojans of North Catholic, who last year won the league title. The Catholic state championship, and the Gannon Invitational Tourney. It is obvious that North will want to repeat as league champs.

The Crusaders play South in January, and on January 25 they travel up the valley to renew the "rugged" rivalry with Mon.

Canevin started this season with several injuries. Frank Gustine had a leg injury, John Len a sprained ankle, and Lou Manzini a bad thigh.

Chuck Lynch, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Catholic, did not seem to favor Canevin this season because of the injuries. However, Canevin has a fairly balanced team and should be able to play a good game without the services of one or two of its players.

This is the final season for five seniors: Dick Platt, Alex Dempster, Bill Beerman, John Len, and John Manzini.

## Ninth Touchdown Club Banquet Honors Area Football Players

The Ninth Annual Touchdown Club Banquet at Chartiers Country Club, November 29, honored the players from high school teams at Carnegie, Chartiers Valley, Crafton, South Fayette, and Canevin.

The two Canevin players receiving awards were Louis Trombetta, most valuable lineman, and James Cullinane, most valuable back.

Senior lettermen from Canevin were: Pete Buzzanell, end; Lou Cancelliere, tackle; Jim Cullinane, halfback; Paul Ejzak, halfback; Hugh Gaugler, end; Ed Hepp, tackle; Ray Jeglinski, end; Carl Nery, end; Gene Poggi, tackle; Tom Reaghard, tackle; Lou Trombetta, guard, and John Zarvis, center.

The invocation at the Touchdown Club Banquet was given by the Reverend S. Richard Terza, Ss. Simon and Jude Church. The welcome was given and the toastmaster introduced by Robert W. Peal.

The toastmaster was Bob Prince, the voice of the Pirates. Mr. Prince discussed the teams' records for the year and introduced the speakers.

The guest speaker was Ronald C. Hoffman, head football coach at Saint Lawrence University, Can-

ton, N. Y. Carl DePasque, Pitt football coach, presented awards to the outstanding players.

Next on the agenda was the highlights of the 1962 high school season. Each school coach spoke two minutes, outlining his team's season record.

Coaches present were: Carnegie, Ray Zaney; Chartiers Valley, John Duchess; Crafton, Paul Derrick;

## Basketball Season Starts With Rally

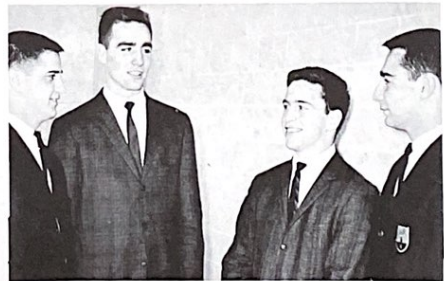
The 1962 basketball season was ushered in on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 4, with a pep rally in the school auditorium.

Featured on the program was a comedy skit entitled "Calling Dr. Casey," presented by the "Morange Road Players," including Tom Crew, B-204, Gene Poggi, B-204, Tony Torcasio, B-208, Bob Norkus, B-206, John Bonassi, B-206, Jim Talerico, B-210, John Zarvis, B-204, and Audley Ciamporecero, B-204.

South Fayette, William H. Weir, Jr., and Canevin, Stephen Hazlewood.

The evening was concluded with remarks by Robert J. O'Malley, Jr., of the Chartiers Valley Touchdown Club.

The closing benediction was given by the Reverend Ronald G. Kilion, pastor of Saint Stephen Lutheran Church.



Among those honored at the Touchdown Club Banquet were Lou Trombetta, Jim Cullinane, Gene Poggi, and Ed Hepp, all of whom were also chosen for the Post-Gazette All-Catholic team.