

# THE First Edition

St. Mary's monthly newspaper. Issued by the class of '69, Grade 7<sup>1</sup>, Room 13  
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Co-ordinating Editor: Andrea Benack

## GRACIAS A TODOS, AMIGOS Y AMIGAS

Our newspaper would like to give its sincere thanks to several persons who helped make the initial "First" Edition the success that it was. These thanks go to Sister Mary Robertine for her support (and letting us use up all of Mrs. Parcell's ditto paper); to Mr. Casey for helping us get off the ground; to Mrs. Bertrand, who typed the entire paper; to Odilie Quinn, who sold the papers throughout the school; and to all the students and parents behind the scenes for their help and support.

We also wish to congratulate all the students who achieved honors for the marks they received for the last two quarters and to the eighth grade students who have been accepted to the high schools of their choice.

Because of the expense of publishing this newspaper, we have been forced to raise the price per copy.

We also wish to apologize for the lateness of this edition and hope you find this month's paper interesting and enjoyable.

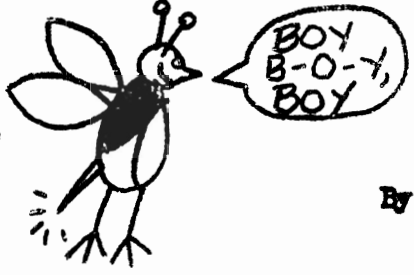
-the Editors

### FROM THE EDITOR

by Adam Grudzinski  
Wednesday, January 22, was the day our beloved cafeteria closed its doors. The students have been having

private discussions, debates, and arguments over what to do with the newly acquired space. Some suggestions have been to use the area as a gym, but I feel that there is not enough space for sports like dodgeball and basketball there; to turn it into a dancehall, an idea that is rather impractical; and to turn it into a science laboratory for the seventh and eighth grades. This last idea seems to me to be the most realistic and constructive one, and would help increase our understanding of science.

I hope whatever the administration decides to do with the cafeteria will be a help and enjoyment to all.



By Mark Johnston & Lorraine Vissas

On February eighth, a spelling bee was held in our school auditorium. There were 16 participants, four from each of the seventh and eighth grades. These students had shown themselves to be the best spellers from their classes by winning their own spelling bees. The final 16 were:

- 1. Andrea Benack
- Adam Grudzinski
- Barbara Norcia
- Rosemary Pugliese

Spelling Bee (cont.)

7<sup>2</sup>  
 Christina Bucia  
 Christopher Kolinek  
 Joseph Martin  
 Jacqueline Stanco

8<sup>1</sup>  
 Carol Gay  
 Joan McDermott  
 Judy Ritacco  
 Mary Scandora

8<sup>2</sup>  
 Margaret Erb  
 Victor Knapp  
 Dorothy  
 Pamela Schwab



the Amish Country. The trip was planned and supervised by Mr. Sleafs and Sister M. Aloysius and several other teachers went as chaperones. This trip was up to the same high caliber as all of Mr. Sleafs's trips. It proved to be very enjoyable as well as educational. Despite the many sights to see and things to do, some people still found time to "cut up" a little.

HONORS

There has been a new addition to the St. Mary's trophy cabinet, and we can thank our glee club for their outstanding performance in the C.Y.O. Contest. The girls performed well even though they were badly handicapped by a breakdown of the accompanying instruments.

RELIGION  
 by Nancy McNally  
 Nor Connors

The Lenten Season is over, and we have seen a major change in the rules concerning fast and abstinence. The Second Vatican Council declared that we no longer have to fast or abstain for the forty days of Lent. We used to perform this sacrifice under pain of mortal sin but now this punishment has been lifted by the Pope with the hope that now we would sacrifice willingly to God. This new freedom was given to us in the same way the freedom to eat meat on Friday was given to us. It shows the changing of the church to more modern ways. We hope everyone uses this freedom wisely and accepts it in the spirit in which it was granted.

ST. MARY'S WORLD OF SCIENCE

Recently in the science classes of the seventh and eighth grades, there was a large display of projects and experiments. The best were put on display in the cafeteria. It was very enlightening and showed us the scientific ability of our students.

Some of the better projects may be entered in the Nassau Science Congress later, and perhaps some of our fellow students will be rewarded for their efforts.

AMISH LAND

Before the Easter vacation, some of the seventh and eighth grade students went on an educational trip to

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 Ben: What do monsters do?  
 Debbie: I don't know, what?  
 Ben: Things. What do monsters do?  
 Debbie: I don't know, what?  
 Ben: Things. What do monsters do?  
 Debbie: I don't know, what?



# MUSIC



by Billy LaNicca & Maryellen DiPetto

## TOP TEN MALE VOCALISTS!!!!!!!

- Mark Lindsay
- Paul McCartney
- Davy Jones
- Bob Dylan
- Mickey Dolenz
- John Lennon
- Donovan
- Neil Diamond
- Tie: Frankie Vallie
- Mick Jagger
- Felix Cavaliere

The question that appeared in the last paper, "What song broke the Iron Curtain?" was answered by Victor Knapp of 8<sup>2</sup>. The answer was "I Wanna Hold Your Hand". If you have the Beatles' third album, it's sung in German and was a big hit in Germany as well as in the United States. Our next question is this: "What famous group opened at the Barge Restaurant in West Hampton in 1965?" Give answers to either Maryellen DiPetto or Wee Willie LaNicca in room 13.

Next month we'll conduct a poll for the top 10 female vocalists.

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## ROSIE'S REVIEW

By Rosemary Pugliese



### THE HAPPIEST MILLIONAIRE

This is one of the funniest comedies in years. Walt Disney has never been better. The setting was excellent and the songs superb.

Much of the film was devoted to the alligator scenes, but this was excusable since these were the funniest parts. Greer Garson, one of America's great actresses, was given too small a part. It was just the opposite for Geraldine Page. Her character was less important but she dominated the second half of the movie.

"The Happiest Millionaire" is worth seeing if only for the performance of Tommy Steele, who played John Lawless, and Leslie Ann Warren, who played Cordelia Biddle. If you have the opportunity, see this film.

School wouldn't be school if we didn't have some things to gripe about. So we hereby present those momentous problems which plague us from day to day as we vainly attempt to survive in this cruel, ratrace of a life.

A gripe poll was taken among 133 students. The results are as follows (Please note that we can no longer gripe about #1, but don't fret. If we take advantage of our new privileges, we might go back to "no talking" again. It will take a united effort by the entire student body, but it CAN BE DONE!!!)

- No talking during lunch.....31
- No keep away .....15
- No talking on bus lines .....12
- No candy or icecream..... 9
- Girls have to wear bowties..... 9
- School is too strict ..... 7
- No chewing gum..... 7
- Dresses have to be below the knee 6
- Lunch hour too short..... 5
- Longer recess periods.....
- Any necessary change like.....

- We don't want no lunch monitors.....3
- More men teachers.....3
- No cafeteria.....3
- Longer excuse time.....2
- More equipment for outside...2
- Books won't fit in desks.....2
- Boys & Girls should be in same field at lunchtime...2
- Girl-boy parties.....2
- Be able to wear lipstick.....2

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Match the names and have a laugh:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Gentle Ben   | A. A good book    |
| 2. Gull         | B. 81, 82, 71, 72 |
| 3. Tiny Tim     | C. Darlin' Deb    |
| 4. Audrey       | D. Chevia         |
| 5. Mighty Quinn | E. GM and/or AB   |
| 6. R. Boddie    | F. Diane Dileo    |
| 7. G. DeVita    | G. Almost Anyone  |
| 8. J. McCann    | H. MR, TG, CM, DR |
| 9. T. McJ.      | I. Michael M.     |
| 10. Ben         | J. Lil Bertrand   |

If [Name] married [Name], she'd be [Name]

If Chaquico Banana married Richard Devita, she'd be Chaquico DeVita

If Jillie Dougherty married Orson Jean, she'd be Jilly Bean

If Odille Quinn married Richard Lai, she'd be O. Lai

If Maryellen DiPetto married Ferdinand Magellan, she'd be Maryellen Magellan

**FLASH!!!!**

God is not dead, and furthermore we now know where He is. A little girl was sitting in her religion class daydreaming when suddenly Sister asked her a question: "Where is God?", she asked. The little girl, being exceptionally bright, did not hesitate at all, but spoke up confidently, "God is in my bathroom!" The sister was shocked and she immediately asked for an explanation. "Well sister, I've got an older brother who spends a lot of time in the bathroom, and sometimes my father goes to the bathroom door, knocks on the door and says, 'My God, are you still in there?'"

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Inspired by the wit of Rowan & Martin & Vendor, the FIRST EDITION presents a list of worthy marriages!

If Denise D'Frocks married Michael Saprino, she'd be Denise Saprino

If [Name] married [Name], she'd be [Name]

If Odille Quinn married Richard Boddie, she'd be Odille Boddie

If Lizzie Clappi married John DeZinna, she'd be Lizzie Dizzy

If Cathy Hemerlein married Bobby Gull, she'd be C. Gull

If Lois Bertrand married Mr. Golia, she'd be Lois Golia

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Jr. Editor-in-chief: Marilyn May Jr. Co-ordinating Editor: David Gibbons

TODAY: EXCELLENT  
TOMORROW: ? ? ? ? ?

Lorraine Vizza

ED SULLIVAN:  
HERE WE COME ! !

Diane Ring

The Glee Club competition was held on March ninth at St. John the Baptist Picesan High School in West Islip. There were more than ten other grammar schools competing with us. The Glee Club Prepared for this event for many weeks. Sr. Beata, who is a great instructor, worked very hard with us. Our Glee Club has greatly increased since last year. We now have over sixty members.

Our Glee Club came through for us with a rating of "EXCELLENT". Congratulations !!!!!

A Talent Show was held in the beginning of February. Our performers included singers, actors as well as children playing musical instruments. There was even a ventriloquist! Our applause to all of the children who did so well in the show.

Our supply of talent was also tapped in March at our annual St. Patrick's Day show. Singers, dancers as well as the Band and the Twirlers all joined in wishing everyone "the top 'o the morning" and "Erin Go Braugh".

## ST. MARY'S PICASSOS

Diane Ring

Earlier in the year an Art Contest was held in which many drawings were entered. They were all very nicely drawn and presented. Some of the originals will be presented at the CYO Art Show later in the year. I'm sure we can all agree what a hard task it was deciding the winners, for they were all excellent.

There was a fine display of oil paintings, pencil drawings, water colors and ceramics. I think all of the children did a wonderful job and deserve credit for their good work.

## LENT : WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

Diane DiLeo

Lent is a religious season observed in the spring by Christian churches. It begins on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter and ends on Easter Sunday. The term LENT comes from the Old English word lenchin meaning springtime, but the word used in church history is Quadragesima. Lent is part of a church year in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Episcopal churches. Other Protestant churches hold religious services to honor the Lenten season or prescribe a special book of devotions for Lent. In the Roman Catholic Church each day of Lent has its special mass. Priests wear purple vestments.

One way we can sacrifice for Lent right

is by contributing to the Mission to Help

MOD WORLD

SCUNDOFF

WHAT'S GOING ON IN TODAY'S  
MOD WORLD

Laureen Vizza

For all you Bee Gee's fans, in case you haven't heard, Vince left the group. Also, Maurice Gibb has married British singer Lulu. Maurice is the twin of Robin Gibb..... In case you'd like to know there's a rumor out that the Beatles are giving 10 free concerts in the U.S. So, keep your ears and eyes peeled. . . . . Here's a tip to any girl going to a concert at Westbury. Don't bring your cameras! After taking 8 pictures there, the guards tracked us down along with about 50 other people. They take your camera away to an office where you get it back AFTER the concert, when it's too late. . . . . That's all for now till our next "What's Going On In Today's Mod World."

H.I.S. and H.E.R. MOD FASHIONS  
MaryEllen DiPetto

For everyone who loves to follow trends there are new ones out that are really great. Some of them are described here.

For all you male ring lovers there is a new fall which is rapidly becoming popular around New York. It's a ring-bracelet. As the name suggests it starts off as a ring and ends up as a bracelet, covering the entire hand in between!

The latest fashion in hats is to get your father's old hat, sew a band around it and insert a feather! It turns out to be a great look for both boys and girls and quite inexpensively too.

Speaking of accessories, a new item on the market is a pocketbook for men! It's made of suede and comes in assorted colors. They might be nice for girls but \$16 is a bit expensive!

To many people these ideas might not sound very practical but they are great FUN!

VOTING AGE COMPARED TO WAR AGE  
Winnie Saitta

Many people look at voting as something of a grown up matter and also that people at the age of 18 shouldn't be able to vote. People feel that teenagers do not have enough responsibility to hold an opinion in a matter like this. They feel that teenagers these days are all crazy. Talk to ten 18 year old boys and only one will be irresponsible.

Adults are afraid of what would happen if the hippies voted. Hippies are people too. There are hippies over 21 who vote now. Hippies have ideas about who they want for President and so do "average teenagers."

Who is it that starts most of the picketing these days? Teenagers. They know what they think is right and what they think is wrong and they do something about it!

How old are boys when they are drafted? 17 or 18 years old. War is a very serious thing, as serious as voting. My point is that is boys can fight for their country at the age of 18, why can't they vote?

TEST OF GENIUS

Billy LaNicca

Ask a friend to read this sentence slowly: "Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years."

Then tell him to count out loud the F's in the sentence. Let him count them only once. How many are there?

One of average intelligence finds 3 F's. If you spotted 4 you're above average. If you got 5 you can turn up your nose to almost anyone. If you got all 6 you're probably a genius and it's a question of whether you should take tests like this!

ANSWER

# THE FIRST EDITION

## Editorial

by A. Benack

Due to the success of last year's experimental newspaper the First Edition, the seventh and eighth graders have decided to start publishing this paper once again. With the help of Mr. Casey, Sr. M. Robertine and this staff we hope to publish this paper every six to eight weeks.

A staff of junior editors from the seventh grade has been added to the eighth graders already working on the paper in order to gain a foundation for the publishing of our school news paper when the present editors have graduated. This system shall hopefully insure a newspaper for St. Mary's for as long as the students want one.

The present staff of senior and junior editors consists of:

Sr. Editor-in-chief  
Andrea Benack  
Jr. Editor-in-chief  
Marilyn Mayne  
Sr. Co-ordinating Editor  
Larry Joyce  
Jr. Co-ordinating Editor  
David Gibbons  
Sr. Layout Editor  
Diane Ring  
Jr. Layout Editor  
Vinnie O'Neill  
Sr. NEWS Editor  
Mark Johnston  
Jr. News Editor  
Dennis Dowd  
Sr. Feature Editor  
Lois Bertrand  
Jr. FEATURE Editor  
Winnie Saitta  
Sr. Sports Editors  
Robert Gull  
Sean Lowney  
Jr. Sports Editor  
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## Jr. Entertainment Editor

Leo Novakowski

## Sr. Art Editors

Barbara Norcia

## Jr. Art Editor

Michelle Mallon

## News

### The Reading Program

by Mark Johnston

This year the students of the seventh and eighth grades have received an excellent reading course, which has been set up by Sr. M. Robertine and Miss McGuire.

Reading will be important all your life therefore it is necessary to receive a good reading background in the elementary grades. This reading program will help you obtain this basis.

Sr. M. Robertine and Miss McGuire have spent a great amount of time and effort on this reading program in order to make it a success.

New equipment such as an EDL reading machine and BRA reading lab have been purchased. The reading machine improves your reading by correcting your eye movements. Along with the machine come a series of books which increase your vocabulary and work on your comprehension.

Miss McGuire has spent hours of her time organizing and improving upon her course. She is also willing to sacrifice her free time to give extra help to those who want it.

Therefore feel that we should express our thanks to Sr. M. Robertine and Miss McGuire for giving us this reading course and the opportunities it holds.

## STURBRIDGE TRIP

In October, the 7th and 8th graders journeyed up into New England to visit Old Sturbridge Village. After a pleasant trip with only one minor mishap, we arrived at our destination and stepped into the world of colonial America.

There were many interesting exhibits in the village showing the actual living conditions and life style of late 18th and early 19th century New Englanders. Guides at different places through-out the village showed us how pottery was made, the method of making and shaping spoons, the necessity and uses of guns, muskets, and rifles, and many other interesting things, such as the candle shop, the bank, the clock and glass exhibits, the herb garden, the farm, the stocks (offenses included idleness and disrespect), and last but not least the jolly old fellow who gave us a ride on his wagon.

Mr. Cleafe called it the most successful trip of all he has planned and I think everyone who went agreed with him.

## HERE WE GO AGAIN

Lois Bertrand  
Winnie Selita

We have now sailed into another "wonderful" school year that shall last us some 200 days until next June. Some changes have been made since last year, and among the new faces is Sister Mary Beata, our "Hookie of the Year", who is in charge of 6-2 and our very (in)famous glee club. In charge of the vivacious cheerleaders is Sister Celeste who teaches 4-1. Sister Kathleen and Sister Rita Mary, two more new arrivals, were both inaugurated on Halloween "When the Saints Go Marching In" (We all remember our patron saint).

Our new teachers, along with the old, are what make this great school. It's no wonder we're the winners.

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Isn't it an amazing coincidence that so many great Americans (Washington and Lincoln, for example) were born on holidays?

## Religion

by Marilyn May

This year, both public and Catholic high school students of our parish are attending a revised high school of religion. The theme of the new program is "be selective, choose an elective." There are many electives to choose from. Some of the most popular are:

1. Sex, love, and dating (by far the most popular)
2. The Gospel according to Peanuts
3. Psychology and prejudice: Negro and Jew
4. Drinking and drugs, and
5. The Evolution and future of man

Father Bain, moderator of the program, has arranged for officials and doctors to speak to the classes about the problems of alcohol and drug use. He also plans to have representatives of other religions speak to the classes.

Surprisingly, Father Bain said, despite the new system, attendance has not been much better than it was last year.

The students who I have talked to said they liked the new program because they feel they can get more out of their religion if they can apply it to practical problems. They also said that everyone was participating more in class because they are more interested. Hopefully, with this new program, religion will come to mean more to some people than just going to Mass on Sunday.

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THE students in the seventh grade should be congratulated for their exceptional social studies projects. They were on display in our school and hopefully will be put on display in the Bryant Library.

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Congratulations to all those students who made the Principal's List and the Honor Rolls.

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Registering guns is undemocratic. Every American has the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. What we should do is outlaw bullets!



The FIRST EDITION takes great pride in presenting awards to the following people:

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS (we print)  
by Merlin

The William Randolph Hearst Award for outstanding contributions in the field of journalism goes to Stanley Shencavitz, who managed to get fired from his position as junior religion editor before the newspaper was even put out.

The Imperial Margarine Award for spreadability goes to TIM McCORKLE, who has spread himself pretty thin among the ladies of 7-1

The Shirley Temple "cute little dimples" award goes to Keith Lawrence.

The Aristotle Onassis award for robbing the cradle goes to Richard Boddie.

The award for best actor in a continuous role goes to LEO NOVAKOSKI for his uncanny portrayal of Keith Lawrence.

The Smokey the Bear award goes to Eduardo Meagher, for attempting to turn himself into a human torch.

The Steve Allen "funny little giggle" award is shared by Tommy Fetzner and Mary Johnston.

The Saran Wrap award for freshness goes to Steven Vander.

The Willie Mays award for playing the field goes to Ann Kreuzcher.

The Johnny Sample award for humility goes to Eddie McCormick.

The chameleon award goes to Sean Downey for his uncanny ability to change color.  
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A snail starts at the bottom of a well 16 ft. deep, and crawls 4 ft. each day. However, the poor thing slips down 3 ft. each night. How long will it take the snail to reach the top?

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Is it true that Keith Lawrence and Larry Joyce have finally reached an agreement about you-know-who?... what girl in 8-2 (initials are D.S.) thinks she's a witch?... where did Danny Ronan learn all those little tricks he plays on Mary Schimoler?... What four boys turned Mr. Casey's car around in the parking lot?... Does Tony Trombino know about "life in the country"... Is it true that Vinnie O'Neill once did something wrong?... Alice's latest is \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in any name you want to... I hear that James McCann is going to Pius... Just what goes on around Joe Swiezbin's desk?... Informed sources insist that Joe Martin is actually an IBM computer with black hair... SCOOP!!!! Diane Ring and Marilyn May have both been kicked out of class once... What's this I hear about the band wanting to sit down the next time they march in a parade?... Maybe it's none of my business, but don't you think Laureen Vizza would look really beautiful with glasses? (she needs them, you know) Next time you see Laureen, tell her... Is it true what Douglas Skene says about his sister?... BOYS!!!! Want to earn extra money in your spare time? Next time you see two girls passing notes, grab them. First Edition will pay 25¢ for each note worthy of publication. Turn them in to either Billy LaNicca of 8-1 or Leo Novakoski of 7-1

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POETS CORNER: Original works by students of St. Mary's school

John was playing football  
But the quarterback didn't call his play  
He was so depressed and sad,  
'Till he heard the quarterback say:  
"John the Moose will do something this time,  
We'll give him the ball to do an end sweep"  
But after a few seconds  
The moose was in a heap.

by Leo Novakoski