

# The Union Jack



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## "Christmas is..."

"Christmas is eggnog." "Christmas . . . means getting new underwear." The preceding definitions were sponsored, not by Webster, but by two Gerard students who participated in the Union Jack survey - "What Christmas Means To Me."

However, this type of answer was not typical.

"Spending two lousy weekends with my mother."

"Christmas is DEAD (signed God)!"

This type of answer, too, was uncommon.

You think Christmas is dead? Then, according to the survey, you're not IN. For there was a much warmer, happier tone reflected in the great majority of answers.

Certainly many students realize that "... it's becoming too commercialized." But there is always a brighter side - for while we are "... helping out the shopping centers" with our purchases, we are doing so with another purpose in mind - that of making "... the people you love... happy."

Some students took the plunge and even admitted that religion was behind their good feelings. "It's a time for... thanking Jesus for being around." And there are the little things - "Decorating my house, having fun and parties, no school, going to midnight mass . . .", buying presents; smelling fresh pine; "keeping the secret of Santa Claus from my little brother."

If we had space, we would print all of the replies and you would realize that a lot of your friends are not as cynical as they let on. For the same thought was expressed in many different ways - here is a summary, as YOU WROTE IT:

"Christmas to me is being happy towards everything."

"Christmas is a time of giving and receiving love."

"Christmas is a time when you have such a warm feeling that you seem to get along with everybody."

"Happiness is and should always be Christmas . . . It's the most beautiful time of the year."

And that about says it.

JULIE BELL '70



## Rabbi Speaks To Sociology Classes

by Sandi Bonds '71

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God; the Lord is one." (Deut. 6:4) We have one God, we are one people. As the children of God we are bound together by our common goal: winning people to God.

It is the belief of Rabbi Albert Plotkin that all people are one in their worship of God. As he said, "No religion is a majority."

Rabbi Plotkin shared his

thoughts in a speech given to Mr. Hockenberg's sociology classes on Nov. 13. He stated that both the Catholic and the Jewish faiths are trying to find the way to God. Then, emphasizing the importance of prayer in this search, the Rabbi declared, "Prayer is the fulfillment of what we seek in life, because it is a dialogue. We speak to God and he speaks to us." He then told the classes that the value of prayer depends on its sincerity. In Judaism, the

greatest communication with God is the prayer without words.

Judaism is a religion of the laity. There are no religious orders, and the world "Rabbi" itself means only teacher.

The current religious apathy of many Jews saddens Rabbi Plotkin. He believes that all Jews should live their religion every day of their lives. For, as he puts it, "... a man's religion is his most precious possession."

## Gerardians Are Invited To Walk In March Sunday

The students of Gerard are invited to participate in a walk to aid in providing a happier Christmas for the poor people of Phoenix.

On Sunday, December 21, the YOUTH CHRISTMAS MARCH will take place. This walk provides an opportunity to those students who are unable to devote their time to aiding people who have not been blessed with as comfortable an environment as most Gerard students enjoy. All the youth in the march will have previously contacted any number of sponsors who will pay them an agreed upon amount for each mile they walk! The goal is a fifteen mile walk; however, participants will be asked to walk only the distance they desire. The objective is to enlist the effort of as many students interested in becoming involved in a unified experience, guaranteed to make this year's Christmas more meaningful, not only for the recipients but also for the contributors.

The YOUTH CHRISTMAS MARCH will begin at Gerard High School at 9:00, Sunday morning. The marchers will be stamped at Gerard and at check points along the route to make evident the number of miles the participants walked.

The donations received will be contributed to the Arizona Republic's Christmas for caring fund for needy families.

We are asking you to donate a few hours of one day, to enable some less fortunate people to celebrate Christmas with a dinner or a few presents. The march will be successful only if you become involved. If you are concerned, please participate.

## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas...

by the Gerard Underground

*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through Gerard, Coach Relph gave a Gov test, man! what a card!*

*The students were hung from the railing with care, in the hope that the Higgins Gang soon would be there.*

*The guys had a car race—you all know Dave Stark He was beat in the parking lot by who, DENNIS CLARK?*

*And Sorrell in his kerchief and the rats in their caps Had just settled down for long winters' naps.*

*When out on the quad there arose such a clatter He yelled for the rats to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the window they flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and smashed down the sash. (THAT'S WHAT I CALL CONDITIONING!!)*

*The moon on the puddles of irrigation below Let the rats see who was coming - who was it: OH NO!*

*What to their red beady eyes should appear but Frank O'Keefe's Rambler. They drew back in fear.*

*With a strange hippy driver carrying one single flower— They knew in a moment it must be Ed Gower.*

*More rapid than Redcoats, his reindeer they came And he swore and he cursed as he called them by name,*

## Gerard TAP Aids Children

One of the least-known organizations on campus but a very active one is TAP. This stands for The Teen Action Program that helps fight children's birth defects by raising money. Mike Hines, Gerard chairman, believes this to be the most satisfying, educational, and certainly worthwhile project in the school.

A trip to the Crippled Children's Hospital was the group's most recent project. Students from West High and Alhambra accompanied the representatives from Gerard. A tour of the hospital was made and dolls were presented to the children. Afterwards, information about the more common birth defects including cleft palates and dislocated hips was given.

Other officers in Gerard TAP are Chris Hoddy, secretary-treasurer, Cathy Fallon, contacts, Mary McGoldrick, speakers, and Valerie Angulo, publicity.

On December 23, Gerard's group plans to go Christmas Caroling with all the TAP members in Maricopa County. In January, a television auction is being planned.

If anyone is interested in more information about TAP, contact one of the Gerard officers.

*"Now Hollar, now Metzger, now Bews, and Perreault, On Berges, on Brenner, on Bunger, let's go!"*

*So up to the top of the Multi they flew With a sleigh full of tests and a report card or two.*

*"Why don't you just burn them? he was asked by Mark Conley "It's too late, now Mark," cried a scared Colleen Donnelly.*

*Yes, Gower had landed and, as was his doom, He had ended up right in the caterer's room!*

*He was dressed all in red with a slight hint of grey And who was that with him, oh no, not Lynn Ray!*

*They looked around quickly and decided to cheat Who would know if they each had just one bite to eat?*

*But the food was all stale, only an echo remained— "Don't spill out that pop!" it complained and complained.*

*So they went to their work and when they were done The tests had been ripped up, what fun, oh, what fun!*

*And after completing their yearly good deed They hopped on their reindeer, Perreault in the lead*

*And the priests in the rectory all heard in their fright, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Happy Vacation!"*

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# Quarterback Is Named Student-of-the-Month

by Rusty Foley '71

Although only a Sophomore, Tim Moncher, December's Student of the Month, has already piloted the Gerard Redcoats to a 3-7 football record this season. Taking over for injured Bobby Pina, Tim felt very lucky, being only a Sophomore, to spend his first year of varsity ball at the first string quarterback position. Tim was president of his freshman class and is now president of the soph class.

His main interests center around sports. When he's not playing a game of some sort, he says he enjoys just "messaging around with the guys."

After several very successful frosh projects, Tim thinks that his class will now be concerned with money-making projects for the '71 Junior-Senior Prom. This



Tim Moncher '72.

will make next year easier for next year's Junior Class President.

In the next couple of years, Tim sees Gerard winning the Class A state football championship. Then he thinks the spirit will be even greater at the school. He says he's glad he came to Gerard because it IS the best! Also, it has been very good to him and he has high hopes for the school. Let's hope he's right.

## Gerard Offers Night Religion Courses

by Mary Aschauer '72

EXPO, (Education of Christian Peoples Organization,) is a centralized approach to religious education that will be held at Gerard beginning in January. It is offered to Catholics in public high schools, and to anyone else who is interested in taking the courses. The sharing of teachers, speakers, films, and other materials will bring eight parishes from Central Avenue to Scottsdale together.

Starting January 5th and 7th, classes for teenagers will be offered on Monday and Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. Each class takes two courses — one is required, the other is chosen from four electives. The required Freshman subject is, "This Thing Called Scripture," while the electives are: "Christian Awareness and Communication," "What It's All About" (a search for identity and friendship), "Man and Woman" (Christian sex education and psychology), and "Come, Let Us Celebrate." Sophomores are required to take "Spread the Good News" (about Christ, the New Testament, and the Sermon on the Mount.) Their electives are: "Come, Let Us Celebrate," "Who Needs the Sacraments," "Our Changing Society" (concerning alcohol, drugs, hippies, and situation ethics), and "Man and Woman." The required course for Juniors will be "The Non-Violent Revolution" (Vatican II and the relevancy of the Church), and the electives are: "Christ in the Ghetto," "Films as Art and Entertainment," "Letters of Love" (St. Paul and his letters), and "Where Are We Going?" (the Church in a modern world.) The Seniors will be taking as their required subject, "Where the Action Is" (parish life in all phases.) The Senior electives are: "Letters of Love," "Comparative Religions," "Marriage and Family Life" and "Christ in the Ghetto."

Many adults are involved in organizing and teaching EXPO. Father John Hillman, S. M., is the EXPO administrator, and Mr. Jon McKallor is the assistant administrator. 32 people will be teaching the classes including Miss Dandurand and Sister Mary Clement from Gerard.

The adult courses offered on Tuesday will include moral theology, liturgy, scripture, and doctrinal theology. Father Dougherty is the chairman of the adult theology course.

## HEADS UP!!

Go to every affair dressed like you mean it.

Rent anything from a black tuxedo or a 6-button Edwardian to a yellow double-breasted coat with patent leather shoes to keep you sharp from head to toe.

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# Coming Up

Dec. 19

A HALF DAY! Also, a 16 day holiday begins after classes today. A Christmas Program is also planned.

Basketball: Indian School at East Wrestling: Varsity at Glendale Community College

Dec. 20

The Boat Raffle and the Lettermen's TV and Radio Raffle (finally!) Basketball: Santa Rita at East

Dec. 22

Interact Dance in St. Thomas More Hall at 8 p.m.

Dec. 25

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 27

C.Y.O. Dance at O.L.P.H. at 8 p.m.

Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR on a worldwide day of PEACE

Jan 5

Vacation's over guys, back to work

Jan. 6

Basketball: Buckeye at Buckeye Wrestling at Glendale C. C.

Jan. 9

Basketball: Bourgade at East Wrestling at Dysart

Jan. 13

Basketball: Seton at East

Jan. 16

First semester ends (REPORT CARDS!) Basketball: Ajo at Ajo Wrestling at Peoria

Jan. 17

A Film Festival — Folk Concert from 8-10:30 in St. Thomas More Hall, sponsored by the Senior Class.

Jan. 19

3rd quarter begins. (Sister Clement's term papers are due, Seniors!)

Jan. 20

Basketball: Peoria at Peoria

Jan. 22

The UNION JACK will make another appearance.

## Gerard Loses Mat Opener

To belong to the Minutemen Club, one must pin an opponent in less than one minute. Two seniors, Mark Pulido and Harry Soza have earned membership in this honorary wrestling club.

The four-way match at Agua Fria on December 9th was the Gerard wrestling team's first of the season. Since Gerard placed fourth, victories were sparse; only five members achieved them. Those responsible for Gerard's points were Chet Myers, Harry Soza, Bill Bourque, Mark Pulido and David Pulido.

Mr. Gene Rettler, wrestling coach, thought the boys did a fine job considering they had only practiced for one week. The team was at a major disadvantage due to a mandatory forfeiture of 45 points. This loss of points was due to the fact that Gerard doesn't have wrestlers in the heavy weight class. Having members in this category would insure many victories for Gerard, and we urge all boys who qualify for the class to join the team!

The wrestling team's last match was Tuesday, December 16th, when they took on Phoenix Indian School.

## Cheer Captain Chosen

by ED Benson '72

Cathy Fallon, November's Student of the Month, is a very

busy person.

Her many activities include being on the Steering Committee for Pep Club, Captain of the Varsity Cheer Line, sewing, and cooking. She is a little "bugger" about these last two. She is also a member of T. A. P., a campus organization that is fighting polio and other children's birth defects.

Cathy was the first Sophomore in Gerard history to make the Varsity Cheer Line. This year she is its Captain and is said to call her squad her "little babies."

When asked what she thought of Gerard school spirit she said, "I think Gerard is a great little school and for the number of people it has, it really has a great school spirit!"

So there you have the November Student of the Month—Congratulations, Cathy!



Cathy Fallon '70, November Student-of-the-Month.

## Students And Teachers To Spend Summer In Europe

by Betsy Keyack '70

Imagine yourself in the audience of a Spanish Bullfight, watching bright colors flash before you in a thrilling spectacle! Then place yourself on the streets of Paris or historical Rome or on a boat peacefully gliding down the Seine. Now, how about a visit to London's Buckingham Palace?

This dream will be a reality for several Gerard students who have decided to take part in the European Summer Study Program sponsored by the Marianist Province of the Pacific. The students will spend six weeks, from July 9th to August 19th, 1970, in London, Paris, Salzburg, Rome and Madrid.

In the classroom, students will experience demonstrations, colored slides, and lectures as well as cultural and historical discussions led by European professors, and related field trips to museums and cultural events. During the students' free time there will be a chance for recreation and study along with social events in the evening to round out the schedule.

The total cost of the Study Program is \$1045 all inclusive. Students who are going are taking advantage of the long-term installment plans for financing the trip.

And who is taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity? Among them, Dona O'Neil, Val Angulo, Rosy Coughlin, Paula Sullivan, Anne Gilbert, Ann Swiger, Sandi Hailton, Barbara Freeman, Judy Genovese, and Betsy Keyack. They are all seniors. Juniors Nancy Helme and Karen Skrzyński are also going. Two former Gerard students, Kathy Sullivan '67 and Eileen Freeman '68, and Mrs. Metzger's daughter, Ann, a Saguro senior, also will go on the tour.

Accompanying the group will be Sister Mary Louise and Sister Mary Clement. Both have previously gone to Europe with the program.

"It's an old chess injury."

## Varsity Is Ready For Big Season

by Peter Martori '70

According to Varsity Coach Bob Sorrell, this year's basketball team will be tough to beat. Returning lettermen on the squad are: Jimmy Pina, 5'8", 155 lbs., Mark Ewan, 6'0", 170 lbs., Jim Etter, 6'4", 210 lbs., Karl Brandenburger, 6'5", 175 lbs., Tim Baumer, 6'3", 150 lbs., and Peter Martori, 5'10", 165 lbs. Also, four of last year's starting JV's, Mike Murphy, 6'1", 155 lbs., Ed Roberts, 5'10", 150 lbs., Lynn Ray, 5'9", 160 lbs., and John Erspamer, 5'8", 145 lbs., will be on this year's Varsity Team. Two rookies from last year's Freshman squad, Jerry Feldhaus, 5'4", 125 lbs., and Dan Novak, 6'4", 180 lbs., will also join the team. Senior Mike Dodd, 5'9", 150 lbs., will finish the roster list.

There is plenty of height in the '69-70 lineup, so Coach Sorrell isn't worried about problems with rebounds. Also, the team seems to think that this is the year because of the team's height, speed, and experience. The only way the Redcoats are going to the finals is with plenty of team effort, and this is the one attribute that Coach Sorrell is praising in this year's team the most.

Being in shape is an important factor in basketball, so the teams work out after school at Immaculate Heart Gym, as well as practicing at school in the morning on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Good luck, Redcoats!





# POTPOURRI

—On behalf of the Student Body, the staff would like to extend a warm welcome to the first Bishop of Phoenix, Bishop Edward McCarthy from Cincinnati.

—Seestor Inez's mother is coming to Arizona all the way from Minnesota for Christmas. Welcome to Phoenix and to Gerard, Seestor's Mom!

—John Casciato and Carl Schwent are working as photographers for Santa Claus at Thomas Mall. Why not have John or Carl take your picture with Santa? or have Santa take your picture with John or Carl?

—There is no such thing as a genius; some people are just less damaged than others.

—Due to technical difficulties,

our original Drama Club production, "The Christmas Carol," has been cancelled. However, Pere Perreault and his gang are putting together a Christmas variety show for the faculty and student body.

—Is Potpourri REALLY going to pot?

—Greg and J. P. Marchand left for Hawaii last Monday to visit their father who is on leave from Vietnam. He is an Air Force Colonel.

—Congratulations to Marc Dubach who won the \$20 raffle at Las Vegas Nite.

—Congratulations also to the Football Awards winners: Jerry Higgins who made the Class A, Division II All-Conference First Team, Lennie Karbo who

received honorable mention in the same class and division, Jerry Higgins who was voted Gerard's Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Defensive Player, Chet Myers who was voted Outstanding Lineman, Ed Elsey, the Outstanding Back, and Mike Dodd, the Most Improved Player.

—Another congratulations goes to the new Frosh Homeroom Presidents: Suzi Fischer, Anne McGoldrick, Eileen Saunders, Larry Martori, and Neil McDonald.

—A final great big congrats goes to The Class of '70 who gave Gerard THE SIGN as their Senior Gift!

—Look for the next UNION JACK on Thursday, January 22.



Say Cheese!

## Christmas Top Twenty

Never let it be said that the Gerard Underground is not versatile (and seasonal!)

by the Gerard Underground

1. Joy to the World — Christmas Vacation
2. Little Drummer Boy — Pear Pero
3. All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth — Buster Butts
4. Deck the Halls — Pep Club Poster Committee
5. Babes in Toyland — Freshman Class
6. What Child Is This — Freshman Class
7. Away in a Manger — Freshman Class
8. Star of the East — Ann Swiger
9. As Joseph Was A-Walking — Joe Litus

10. Come, Listen to My Story — Coach Relp

11. Silent Night — Pep Band

12. God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen — Football Team

13. We Three Kings — Mark, Dennis, and Marianne (plus Therese and Patrick, of course!)

14. O Holy Night — The Higgins Party

15. Jigger Bells — The Higgins Party

16. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — The Higgins Party

17. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas — Val Angulo

18. Thirty-Two Feet and Eight Little Tails — The Psych Rats

19. David the Red-Nosed Reinders — David

20. We Wish You a Merry Christmas — The staff



Jim, what's a Spanky Pants?

## County Complex Visited By FTA

by Mary Beth Swiger '72

On November 18, FTA members Mary Beth Swiger, Mary Weyenberg, Debbie Paluszak, Monica Dunn, Mary Dehlinger, Nalda Brooks, Donna Baumer, and Tom Seiger visited the Maricopa County Complex. Among the locations visited was the place of teachers registration, the zoning department, and the assessors' and auditors' offices. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the office of Mr. Richard Harris, County Superintendent of Public Schools. He told the group some of the problems of the public school system and his solutions to these problems.

On the way out, in the lobby, the group found a sample voting booth so FTA now knows how to vote for the next election.

The final high point of the trip was Mrs. Berges getting a parking ticket (the first in her life) while the group was visiting the complex.

## CLASS OF '73

# Fresh New Faces For Frosh

by Deborah Konkowski '73

The last pep rally of the football season was the setting for the announcement of Freshman Class Officers.

Tom Freeman was elected President. He is backed up by Jaime Sirgany, Vice-President, Cindy Sargent, Secretary, and Peggy Glenn, Treasurer.

President Tom Freeman is one of 7 children, who, before coming to Gerard, attended Orangedale Public School. He modestly confesses a liking for music that has led him to learn to play the drums. He can be heard at pep rallies and games backing up our own Pep Band.

Jaime Sirgany, Frosh V-P, is a Drama Club member and the youngest of 5 children. She is also a model for Saks and paints pictures for profit (one sold for \$50.!) She has a yellow belt in judo and has won numerous ribbons and silver table pieces in



Meet the new frosh leaders: Tom Freeman, Jamie Sirgany, Cindy Sargent and Peggy Glenn.

horse shows.

Student Body Secretary Patty Sargent's sister Cindy, the second oldest of 6 children, is Frosh Secretary. Cindy is active on the IMAGE staff and in Pep Club. She was also chairman of the Frosh's Homecoming Float.

by Julie Bell '70

For the benefit of the underclassmen not taking Mr. Sorrell's psychology course, perhaps a few things should be explained. Such as the patter of little feet in and around room 218. And a rat named Ratsputin running in circles in a ballerina's tu-tu to the tune of the Nutcracker Suite.

Ratsputin (formerly named Sonya Ratsky by his masters Ralph Bruneau, Marie Edwards, Becky Ziegman, Debbie Parker, Anne Gilbert, Mary Shilling, & Leslie Hubbs) is only one of the many rats being used by senior psychology students. Mice and pigeons are also being trained to study operant conditioning. This type of learning is based on "reinforcing" or rewarding the animals when they exhibit the behavior that the experimenters desire.

The most complicated example, according to Mr. Sorrell, is being conducted by a group led by Harry Soza. They are training a black-and-white rat named Agamemnon to match a regularly sounded tone by

pressing one of two levers. One of the levers produces an identical sound when pressed, and when this lever is pressed, the rat is reinforced with water. Gradually, the tones produced by the two levers become more alike and the rat is making very fine distinctions in sound, "until we finally end up with a neurotic rat," Harry finished. The group will then analyze the data that they will have graphed.

In order to prepare the seniors for these experiments, some of them have been going to ASU to view the work being done there with rats and pigeons. "I want to acquaint the students with the techniques of experimental psychological learning," explained Mr. Sorrell. "Some of the seniors have displayed unusual ability in grasping these techniques," he added.

The experiments, done in groups of six to eight, will last about four weeks. Mr. Sorrell considers this experience similar to that which the students would receive in a freshman psychology course in college.

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