

Merry  
Christmas

# Purple and Gold

Happy  
New Year

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## Seniors Beat Faculty 49-45

On Wednesday, November 22, 1972, after a half day of school, a large portion of the student body moved into the gym to see the faculty and seniors do battle against each other in basketball.

For the most part, it was a toss and turn game except for the first quarter, in which the seniors were able to maintain a five point lead. After that, however, the scores remained usually within two or three points of each other.

The pattern for the majority of the game stayed the same and the three minute overtime had the stands rocking with cheers. Nevertheless, after a long hard game the seniors proved victorious over the strong faculty team with a final score of 49-45.

The scorers of the two teams are as follows:

### SENIORS

Pfenning	1
J. Alonso	13
Sexton	2
Rodriguez	2
Quinn	2
Magee	8
Henry	12
Rooney	4
Fillipone	2
Hernandez	1
Clelland	2

### FACULTY

Malone	13
Treacy	2
Jensen	6
Brosnan	1
O'Connor	21
O'Donoghue	2

Congratulations to the seniors on their victory!

-C. Wallace



## Band Concert Big Success



Mr. Morra conducts Band at Rehearsal for Christmas Concert.

## Student Leaders Meet at Iona

On January 4, 1973 the Student Leadership Conference will be held at the Iona College campus. Similar to last year, student leaders from all the Christian Brother Schools throughout the Northeastern States will come together to discuss and attempt to find solutions to the ever present problems of all the schools.

Members of the Student Council, Newspaper staff, Aspira, and the Afro Amer-

ican Society will be present to voice their opinions. Hopefully by finding out what goes on in other schools, whether bad or good, will help to benefit and improve our own school situation by instituting new programs and improving those already present. We would like to extend the student leaders the best of luck and hope they return with new and fresh ideas.

Time: Saturday evening, December 16. Place — The Power Gymnasium. Event: — The Christmas performance of the Power Concert Band. As we know, every year the Band, under the sponsorship of the Mothers' Club, presents an evening of music in the Christmas spirit. Well, this year they did it again by presenting a great show.

When Mr. Morra, the director and conductor, moved into the conductor's spot everyone knew they were in for a good time. He and the band have never disappointed the audience. The night not only included listening but participating as well. Mr. Morra occasionally had the audience singing along and clapping with the music.

Christmas favorites, pop tunes, classical melodies, even Power's other alma mater, "Midnight in Moscow" were heard on Saturday eve. Everything blended beautifully into a performance that showed the hard work of Mr. Morra, the band members, Brothers Bechner and Dausch. Bravo!

## A Prayer From Space Christmas Eve 1968

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust the goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming day of universal peace. Amen.

## Alumni to Return

On December 22, Power will be playing basketball against LaSalle in our gym. Following the game Power will host its second annual sports alumni Christmas party in the cafeteria. Last year, Brother Sirignano went all out to make this event a great success, and it was. It is expected that many former track, basketball and baseball players will be returning to renew acquaintances and share past memories. Most of the faculty will be on hand to welcome everyone back to their alma mater, and it is hoped that in the Christmas spirit everyone will have a great time.

## In Sympathy

The faculty and student body wish to extend their prayers and sympathy to the following students whose mother or father died during this academic year.

The fathers of: Joseph Pasciotti  
Stephen Blinka  
Raymond Hines  
John Butler

The mothers of: Richard Pahopin  
George Janis

# Letters

## Religious Education at Power: An Unwanted Burden

It is required of each student at Power to take the Religious Education courses for all four years in order to graduate. Although the state does not demand religion as a subject, the mark received on the report card is computed into the average and failure has to be made up. Consequently, the religion course becomes an added worry and added work. The assignments and projects given in the subject interfere with those of the others and draw from the student's energies. For seniors, who have enough to do preparing for college, it becomes an unwanted burden. It is not enough that we do not want it but there are other reasons.

The religion course taught at Power is now a mixture of such things as psychology, social studies, and morality. Morality cannot be taught, social problems cannot be solved in classrooms, and psychology has become a fad wherein it has lost its validity. Thus the course is merely an excuse to trade opinions on a variety of matters and does not justify its existence. Each person has his own opinions which he can freely express anytime he wishes without the "benefit" of the religion courses. I do not see how the courses accomplish anything but fill up space on our program cards. They are quite futile.

I feel, and others with whom I have discussed this feel, that religion should be made a voluntary subject that would not affect the average grades or prevent anyone from graduating. I suggest that the opinion of the student body be taken on this matter and a decision made on the basis of the majority's opinion. Those who wish to continue to take the religion course offered may do so, but would have the freedom to choose under a voluntary system.

Making the course voluntary may mean a drastic reduction in the number of those taking it, but this is no problem. If the majority of the students no longer took it, then they would remain in their regular classroom for the subject and have a study period while the remainder would meet elsewhere for religion. Unoccupied classrooms and the chapel would be suitable locations for them.

"If you don't like it, don't come here" is the equivalent of "America. Love it or leave it!", both being ignorant statements and is no type of reply to this article.

—John Nolan

## A Response

Part of an education is learning how to deal with problems having nothing to do with the classroom situation. A person will eventually have to finish or leave school and if he leaves with no knowledge of life at all except for some major points he may have picked up on his own, he is going to find out the hard way. It is very simple for a school to produce computational wizards, who can do math, chemistry, or physics problems in a few seconds without any trouble; it's not so easy to produce people who can really think for themselves and be of some positive value to society. Sometimes an individual is scared to take on a responsibility of his own, maybe that is why many students fail to realize the value of a religious education.

Morality cannot be taught, agreed, and social problems cannot be solved in a classroom. However, will ignorance of these issues be an asset in any manner, or will you use lack of knowledge as an excuse for your own inability to deal with these particular problems?

How many times does a student really receive an opportunity to express himself out in public, how many times is a student given the chance to think for himself rather than fill his brain with soon to be obsolete material? If it were up to the student body, we all know religious education would probably be abolished; we also would be walking around in dungarees and sneakers. As you can see this really isn't the solution. I agree, some religion courses can be a bore and bordering on the unacceptable but the same is true of many other subjects. Shall we get rid of them also?

People should be willing to take a challenge once in a while; it will do some good. Religious education is necessary if an individual plans on dealing with people in the future. If not it is going to be a pretty lonely world. Take advantage of it while it is still here.

—Robert Davila

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## Spiritcon is on the Move

With Brother Sirignano as moderator, Spiritcon seems to be working very actively this year. President, Joe Rivera, has found that all the members in the club have much enthusiasm and interest.

In an all out effort Spiritcon hopes to make the dances, boat ride and basketball games as successful as in the past. The different sub-committees are even now planning ahead for these events. A fourth committee, and a very important part of Spiritcon, is made up of those who make the posters which advertise the dances and other major activities. They too will be busy at the drawing boards.

At the regular meetings, which are held on Tuesdays, Spiritcon brings up new ideas and works on old ones. They are hoping to do something by way of a Christmas drive for children in orphanages; for this they will be calling on our generosity and support. Also for the benefit of all of us, they are trying to get the gym open on Friday nights with the cafeteria also available for student use. A TV and stereo might be set up. Spiritcon's reason behind this is to help make a person more at home with his school environment; such a plan might help in giving us a better feeling and a closer feeling for our school.

Spiritcon is now at full tilt in trying to do its part in making this school year a success. Let's help them by participating in the things they sponsor and make possible. Spiritcon is alive and well — let's keep it that way.

—Robert Patrizio

## Christmas Tourney

While the students are away on a Christmas Holiday the Varsity A basketball team will be quite active.

They are traveling to Atlantic City's Convention Hall for the Seagull Invitational Basketball Tournament on December 26th, 27th, and 28th.

This tournament has been called "the big one of the year" in which the Panthers will meet some of the toughest competition throughout the country.

The schools participating in this event are; Power Memorial, Bishop Eustace, Germantown, Holy Spirit (host), Roman Catholic, Atlantic High, ABP Carrol (D.C.), and Lafayette (Brooklyn).

I am sure faculty and students alike wish the Panthers the best of luck at the tournament.

—C. Wallace

## Peace on Earth and Mercy Mild





### Then and Now '42 - '72

In 1942 a general question was asked to individual students in different Home-rooms. — Now in 1972, 30 years later, I asked the same question put forth in 1942. The question was, "Have you any suggestions for the general improvement of the school, or any of its activities?" Compare for yourself the answers.

1972

Douglas Ferguson - 505 "There has to be more involvement in the activities; I think another activity period would do the trick."

James Rotan - 506 "Not really, it's run fairly well. Though maybe the schedules could be changed; they're very confusing."

Robert Vilches - 402 "We need more variety in activities other than sports."

Bernard Alfonso - 401 "Activity-wise I think they should have more sports."

Stephen A. Reyes - 307 "The administration doesn't care enough to help solve problems among the students."

Michael Polye - 306 "Just general apathy among the students has to be improved because nobody cares about anything."

The following are the responses of students to the same question as they appeared 30 years ago in the December 22, 1942 issue of the Purple and Gold.

J. Tuomey - 506 How about a swimming pool on the roof?

A. Pisacano - 505 I suggest that we go on strike until the lunchroom gives us straws with our milk.

F. McCarthy - 507 Let's have more social activities. (We shall have them now through the efforts of the Student Council.)

P. Kelly - 401 Why not cut down on vacations? Give us a two month vacation — six times a year.

T. Williams - 402 We could use a gym of our own.

H. Bernier - 306 A longer lunch period.

J. Buckley - 307 How about letting us STUDY during the study period.

-John Corso

## Checkmate

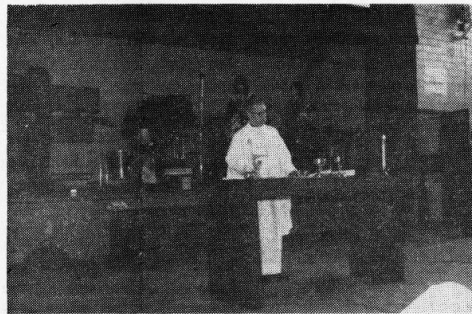
The Thanksgiving holidays were more than just holidays for they marked the beginning of a new activity here at Power. For the first time, our school entered a chess team in the Sixth Eastern High School Team Championships at the McAlpin Hotel. Although Power didn't win anything, it was a good experience for the team members and their coach, Mr. Cassar. The competition was tough and most of Power's opponents were from out of N.Y. State. The individual records are listed below:

Board No.	W.	L.	T.	Tot. Sc.
1. M. Gonzalez(s)	3	1	4	8 5
2. O. Gonzalez(j)	3	5	0	8 3
3. M. Kim(jr)	3	4	1	8 3 1/2
4. R. Lee(sr)	3	1	0	4 3
5. E. Santos(fr)	1	3	0	4 1

The chess club has always been at Power, but now under the leadership of Mr. Cassar it is a booming success. The club plans to enter a team in the Cardinal Hayes Chess League early next year. Anyone interested in joining this team or the chess club to play after school should come to the periodic meetings every Tuesday, Thursday or Friday after school. All are welcome.

—Mark Kim

# Celebration!



Mass is celebrated by Father Jacobs for Power students and faculty.



Mr. Regan looks on as rock band performs in concert after Mass.

Mr. Regan, with the aid of his self-assembled band, recently brought to Power its first rock-folk Christmas Mass. The Mass was held on Thursday, December 14 in the gym. Father Jacobs, our school chaplain was the celebrant for this liturgy. Instead of the usual hymns, the service consisted of six musical numbers played by the band; the selections ranged from hard rock to classic folk. Opening the Mass was "Jesus Christ Superstar" which was followed by the Young Blood's "Get Together," Jethro Tull's "Hymn 43," John Lennon's "Imagine" and Black Sabbath's "After Forever."

The Mass, which was followed by an hour concert, should be considered a success in that its originality and difference made going to church, for some, a more pleasurable experience. Thanks to Father Jacobs, Mr. Regan and all involved.

-Don Troise

### STUDENT COUNCIL '72

The following students are this year's representatives to the Student Council:

#### SENIORS

301 — C. Wallace	307 — E. Carroll
302 — R. Davila	308 — M. McKee
306 — J. Rivera	705 — V. Iluzzi
J. Nava	E. Rivara
C. Sardo	G. Meade
C. Lutz	F. Lamourt

#### JUNIORS

604 — N. Giberti	607 — J. Joyce
605 — M. Odom	608 — E. Jennings
606 — V. Rodriguez	706 — G. Sullivan
M. Kim	R. Shewmaker
J. McGarty	J. Grandi

#### SOPHOMORES

401 — P. Polizzotto	502 — S. Reilly
402 — K. Dresh	503 — G. Weber
403 — W. Vasquez	505 — J. O'Connor
407 — S. Sonnick	303 — R. Prydal
408 — P. Arnone	707 — K. Nelson

#### FRESHMAN

404 — L. Rivera	506 — C. Toscano
406 — R. Cox	507 — G. Hopkins
504 — R. Wallner	508 — P. Murphy

## Movie Index

### Sounder

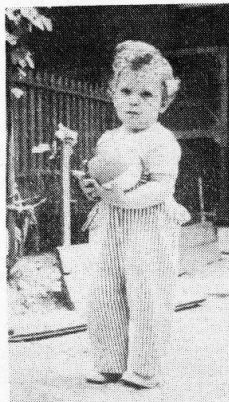
An intelligent film dealing with a family of poor black sharecroppers in the midst of the Depression (1933). It is a fine family film without dancing in the streets and contains a fantastic performance by Cicely Tyson who plays the role of the mother.

### The Valachi Papers

A bloody, gutsy type film dealing with the true story of Joe Valachi, inside informer of goings-on in the Mafia. There is much violence but not much else; this film succeeds only in being ridiculous.

-Don Troise

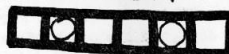
### Ho! Ho! Ho!



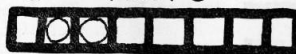
Christmas is a special time for Children. These are pictures of current faculty members when they were kids. Can you guess who they are?????

**Jumble:** (unscramble The letters To form ordinary words)

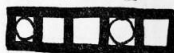
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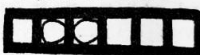
GTANENPO:



VACRE:



KCYJOE:



Now arrange circled letters to get the surprise answer.

What the doubtful boy said in response to the question: "What is the difference between a boy and girl?"

I can't - - - - -

# Varsity "A" Starts Off Big

Last year's City-Champs are rolling. Their record is 4-0. So far the teams path has been: Rice (71-54), Spellman (77-37) and Mount Saint Michael (78-36). Defense has had a large part to do in these victories. All three opposing teams averaging only 42 points a game while the Panthers have been averaging 75 points a game.

Leading the Panthers scoring attack are: Bob Misevicius 17 points a game (he hit 25 points against Rice), Steve Richardson 16 points a game and Glenn Kolonics 12 points a game.

In the assist department Bob Misevicius leads with 6 per game. Steve Richardson 5 per game and Sophomore Ralph De Jesus 4 per game.

The big men in rebounding are Bob Misevicius 10 per game, Raymond John and Glenn Kolonics 7 per game each and Ralph De Jesus 5 per game with Glenn Mc Iver, Joe Nava and Mike Smith lending a hand. As a team the Panthers average 40 rebounds a game and 26 assists per game.

Regular substitutes

George Taveras, James Jackson, Mike Smith, and Joe Nava complete Coach Malone's starting squad, with sparks from Glenn McIver, Dan Bruen, Auguste Roc and Terry Donohue ready to add to the structure.

On December 22, the Panthers match up against La Salle and over the vacations the Panthers will be at the Seagull classic facing a rough road. Come out and support the team.

-Ed Sanchez

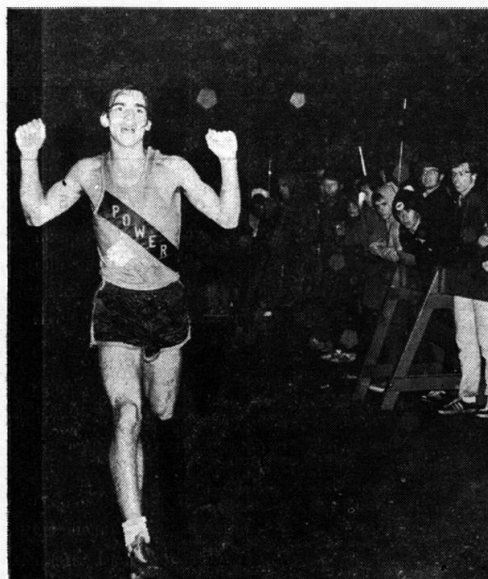


Greg Little demonstrates the winning talent which makes him a great prospect during Indoors.

## Freshman X Country City Champs

Freshmen track men are X country champions once again under the strong and superb coaching of Brother Binkley and Brother Smith. The top seven men who put it together in the City Champs were Maurice Weaver (in number 2 position) who ran an 8:26 time, Thomas Harrington (6th position) 8:37, Robert Harris (12th) 8:49, Victor Diaz (13th) 8:49, Alfred Fiorentino (15th) 8:50, Victor Alvarado (45th) 9:12, and Andrew Smith (46th) 9:12. Power had a total of 48 pts., while the second place team, Molloy had 70 and 3rd place, All Hallows with 169.

-Jim Hickey



Matt Centrowitz shown winning Cross Country City Champs looks in top shape for Indoor Season.

## Frosh Panthers Looking Good

The 1972-73 freshman class has produced some tough basketball players. There aren't too many outstanding players, but when they are all molded together they form a dynamite club. With Brother Jensen as their coach, the team is looking forward to a long and successful season. During scrimmage season, the frosh Panthers didn't lose a single game. They have whipped teams like Molloy, All Hallows, Holy Cross and McClancy. Just last Tuesday, they beat LaSalle 58-50 in a come from behind win. Above everything, this team takes pride in its hard-nosed defense. Their offensive game is extremely strong, mainly because of their "great shooters."

"This team has the most depth off the bench of any team I have ever coached," exclaimed the thoughtful Brother Jensen. The team will credit most of their wins this year to defense.

The schedule is a very tough one; the squad plays outstanding teams such as Rice, Hayes and Spellman. With total effort and strong school spirit the Panthers' success is in sight.

-Sean Geoghan

## Power Indoor Track Is Rolling

The Power Indoor Track Team shifted into high gear on December 9. The team gave several exceptional performances. Matt Centrowitz has a good chance at breaking the national flat floor mile record (4:12.6). Matt will be running in other events such as a series of 880's and the 2 mile race at the Johnson and Wales Meet in Providence, Rhode Island. He will also be entering into a 1000 yard run against the tough Bill Dabney from Boys High. Leland McGee has been doing well on the hurdles. Greg Little has also been doing fine. He clocked a

time of 51.3 in the quarter mile leg of his relay at the Polar Bear Meet. The mile (Daryl Everett, Julio Rivera, John Redgrave and Robert Ricciardo) and 2 mile (John Novak, Juan Vera, Tom Cully and Sean Ryan) relay teams are shaping up in excellent form. With more events than ever before, the team thinks that the Intersectional championship is within their grasp. The Millrose time trials are also going to be a real test of the team's abilities. Brother Bielen is very confident that they can make it all the way.

-Robert Unick

### Indoor Track Schedule 1972-1973 . . . .

December 23	Johnson & Wales, Providence, Rhode Island
December 27	CHSAA Relay Carnival
December 29	Development Meet No. 1 Christmas Relays (Long Island)
January 7	Frosh Sectionals Novice Intersectionals
January 9	Millrose Time Trials
January 13	Martin Luther King Games (Mile Relay) Knight's of Columbus (Nassau Colis.) — (2 Mile Relay)
January 20	St. Francis Games
January 26	Millrose Games
January 27	Hayes Games