Senior Choir Sings Mass Opening OCEA Meeting

Magnificat's Senior Choir, along with several other high school choirs from the diocese, sang at the opening Mass of the Ohio Catholic Education Association Convention yesterday.

Cleveland Convention Center is the site for the two-day meeting. Many faculty members from Magnificat including Sr. Rose Schaffer, principal, are attending.

Program offerings include activities for both elementary and secondary school teachers. Among them are talks by professional educators, group discussions, exhibits and special evening program on religious education.

Noted guest speakers at the convention are ABC's Jim McKay, "The Voice of the Olympics", The Most Reverend James A. Hickey, Bishop of Cleveland, and Jackies Mayer, a former Miss America and motivational specialist.

Some of the seminars are exploring such ideas as legislation and the future of non-public schools.

2 Seniors Gain Semi-Finalist Status

Seniors Jenny Millson and Mary-anne Povinelli have been selected as National Merit semifinalists by the top one percent in this year's competition.

Six seniors, Kathy Andrae, Meg Fletcher, Gigi Penehah, Karen Seiler, Lynn Sikora and Mary Vaughn, received letters of commendation for outstanding performance on the qualifying test.

As semifinalists, Jenny and Maryanne are eligible to continue to the finalist competition for approximately 9,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Seniors Remember Genie Kaiser

Magnificat will remember Genie Kaiser through a scholarship fund that will provide annually two eighth-graders with a four-year, $100 renewable scholarship to Magnificat.

The Kaiser family established the fund as a memorial which could also enable more girls to receive an education here. The recipients will be chosen by the participants of the scholarship test to be held in December.

The senior class will also remember their classmate Genie on The Feast of All Saints, Nov. 1. At the all-school Mass that day, a memorial plaque will be blessed. Then the Class of '78 will place it in Magnificat's Resource Center. The gold plaque, mounted on wood, is inscribed with the following words in which Genie wrote in the fall of 1976:

A Poem

We live not understanding all that is around us.
We question: We search: We prod.
We are not satisfied with the answers we are given.

The year's Open House will take place Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the purpose of opening the school to both prospective students and Magnificat parents, according to Sr. Rose Schaffer, principal.

A special Mass will be celebrated for Magnificat families and faculty at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. At this celebration, the Senior Choir will sing the Mass they learned for the opening of the OCEA Convention yesterday. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Every department will take an active part in the day's activities with student involvement from all four classes. The Math Center in the newly-converted MPR will be major stop on the tour conducted by student guides.

In the cafeteria students in the Foreign Language Department will present cultural aspects of the French and Spanish-speaking peoples through collages, songs, dances, food and plays. A Spanish style show featuring fashions from La Casa Bella in Berea will highlight the afternoon.

Night-in-Blue at Halfway Mark; Classes Compete for Top Spot

Magnificat's annual Night-in-Blue Fund Raising Drive is now at the halfway mark and will culminate with the bazaar here on Nov. 5.

This year, instead of the winning class earning a free day, each girl who sells her quota of tickets will receive a day off. Also new is the awarding of prizes to the top ten ticket sellers, first prize being a stereo and second price, a portable electric typewriter. This year's top ticket seller will receive Room Activity Room will go out for a pizza dinner.

The winning Night-in-Blue ticket holder will drive home a new red Chevrolet Citation while the winning ticket seller will receive $300.

Magnificat Makes Modifications, Improves Educational Facilities

"It was like being a freshman again, " said Sr. Jane Marie Kudlacik, Sr. Mary Patricia Cook and Sr. Carol Anne Smith.

Last year the seniors won the drive in a "come from behind" victory over the freshmen. This year, the seniors are competing with 238 freshmen, 168 sophomores and 161 juniors.

Sophomore Diane McConnell says, "Selling tickets is a lot of work, but if that's what it takes to get a free day, I'll do it."
Council Initiates Realistic Goals on Everyday Life Issues

In countless speeches, assemblies and elections, the Student Council goals have been stated and repeated: to serve the school community, to promote school spirit and unity, to provide the link between students, faculty, parents and alumnae.

We’ve heard it all before, right? We do have to give previous Student Council credit for creating these goals, but something has happened to the responsibility of SC to really sit down and take some of these goals and implement realistic goals now. SC President Maryanne Povinelli emphasizes that until their efforts reach the students, Council hasn’t really done anything.

We recognize that this year’s representatives have been elected since May’s elections and the results are already beginning to show. Cafe- teria conduct has improved thanks to the senior class leadership. Careful supervision and cleanup procedures are in operation with the help of scheduled volunteers. Also the senior officers added some color to the southeast wall of the café.

Revision of the Student Handbook, the addition of the secretary/treasurer position in homerooms, and the re- birth of Student Exchange are just a few of Council’s early achievements.

In addition, four newly-created committees that encourage total student body participation are the Student, Intraschool, Interschool, and Service Committees. Concerns can be directly channeled to and handled by any of these committees.

While each year’s SC can be said to possess lots of school energy, we say that this year’s Council is off to a vibrant start. Hopefully, they will be able to sustain this momentum throughout the year.

Support Respect Campaign

October has been designated as Respect for Life month. In the past, many students have given strong support to organizations that emphasize the value of life. Respecting life, however, is not reserved for publicized issues only or solely for this month.

In our everyday interactions everyone can probably think of times when, being late for class, when she left her cafeteria table unwatched or, when in a hurry, yelled down the hall to a friend during classes.

These are constant and seemingly insignificant compared to the larger, more serious situations that occur, yet surely can distract and isolate others just as much as the bigger problems. Think of how many times you have been on the receiving end of someone else’s thoughtlessness. There are the Resource Center, cramming for that next mod history or French test, and then there are the five others each in at least 15 minutes, stand over their cars, talking and squishing Friday’s football game. Eventually they decide to depart, leaving their headphones on blaring out the latest Aerosmith single.

Or what about the time you waited 10 minutes in line for lunch after fighting your way through the main hall at Activity Room, only to see four freshmen cut in front of you.

The encouragement for us to respect life this month first must be exercised in our simple, personal level before we can begin to campaign for the bigger, more dramatic issues in the news today.

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WHO: Any alumna who attended Magnificat between the years of 1959 and 1966.

WHERE: You can help make our 20-year volume complete. Write to: The Magnificat, 20770 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Big Mac Attack Occurs; Fleetwood ‘Dreams’ On

Fleetwood Mac has been the major music in this music season. Winning Best Band, Best Producer and Best Producer in this year’s Rock Awards has proved a positive start for their fans.

They performed two sold-out concerts at the Coliseum here, Sept. 24-25. Interviews, contests and radio shows revolved around this popular band.

Rumours, their latest album, was released while their previous self-titled album was still on the top of the charts. Three singles, “Go Your Own Way,” “Dreams,” and “Don’t Stop,” have all hit the charts some time this past summer. They have been loved by personal experiences of the band members. All of the songs reflect the lives of Fleetwood Mac as well as today’s society.

Fleetwood Mac is not one of the newer groups around. Their first album, Fleetwood Mac, was released in 1967. Since then, the band has recorded 11 other albums.

“Future Games,” “Sentimental Lady,” and “Bermuda Triangle” were all successful, but mass popularity didn’t come until the release of another self-titled album Fleetwood Mac, in 1975. “Rhiannon,” one of the most requested songs by Fleetwood Mac, as well as “Over My Head” and “Monday Morning,” brought popularity to the album.

To show their appreciation for Cleveland’s support, Fleetwood Mac joined their sponsors, WMMS, in the donation of a purse to the Cleveland Zoo. The purse has become known as the popular mascot for Fleetwood Mac. By request of band leaders Mick Fleetwood and John McVie, the animal was named Peter.

Request Prayers

Masses have been offered in the school chapel this month for John Nickels, Marianne Patton, a ‘75 Magnificat alumna, and John Mc Laughlin. Please remember them, along with their families and friends, in your prayers.

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Veteran Offers Sales Secrets

by Hortense Gerardo

There is an art to selling Night-in-Blue Tickets. After three years of experience, I’ve come to learn that door-to-door sales aren’t quite as glamorous as the Avon lady might make them seem. It is up to you, Magnificat students—yes, YOU, to make the most of this month and create a fun atmosphere wherever you go to sell tickets.

It is in the spirit of good will that I, a seasoned veteran of the vending arts, will pass on secrets of success. Here then, are some rules-of-thumb to follow, guaranteed to make you legends in your Night-in-Blue lifetime. For references I’ve consulted Sears and J.C. Penney catalogs, Fuller Brush men, and every cliche business man that I’ve heard.

Do avoid looking “tacky” during your sales pitch. Your uniform is preferred over a flashing neon sign listing this year’s prizes. DON’T forget the prices on your school item—customers have a good chance of winning. Be convincing. Win them over with a big smile and pride in your school; begging on the corner will get you nowhere. DON’T be easily discouraged—maybe the 80-year-old lady really does have a daughter at Magnificat. Do remain cheerful and pleasant no matter how scared you are of your 300-pound Doberman.

Finally, DO remember the Scholarship Drive is a worthy cause. Your Exorsoles ought to hold out for at least these last two weeks before the big band concert. And oh, is anyone in the market for a perfectly good flashy neon sign with last year’s prizes...?
HM Sister Authors Journal

Some Magnificat students might already be familiar with the new book, My Journey, My Prayer. A creation of Sr. Bernadette Vetter, the book is based on a concept used in the Prayer course she teaches at Magnificat.

My Journey, My Prayer is a colorful softbound journal designed for use by persons wishing to reflect on “their journey, their prayer.” It is part of a new religious experience series published by the William H. Sadlier Company, New York. Other books in the series include, Ten Planned Retreats and Mini-Retreats, Preparing a Team for Ministry, and Celebrating the Lord’s Year With Youth. Sr. Bernadette’s book is available to Magnificat students through the Media Services.

The prayer journal was published through the Center for Learning, Villa Maria, Pennsylvania.

Woodstock Sparks Spirit

Two hundred and forty strong, the class of 1981 has replaced the sophomores as the largest class in the school. With yellow as their class color and Woodstock on their button, the freshmen have displayed a rousing spirit at Night-in-Blue rallies. Their class song is set back books according to their own pace through the entire course, and then again at the end of the course to record the progress each student has made.

During the course the students use Skills in Reading II which develops skills in reading social studies, the sciences, and literature. The SRA Vocabulary III focuses on the development of words through various techniques. Students also read from a wide variety of paperback books according to their own choice. The student works at her own pace through the entire course in either Room 102 or 103 where all the equipment is located.

Sister Eleanor believes that, since this year’s course devotes the whole semester to reading, the students should improve even more than last year.

His year Amy McClelland and Miss Maryjo Kauke are enthusiastic about teaching the course this year.

Looking at the newly published book My Journey, My Prayer are author Sr. Bernadette Vetter, center, and Sr. Rose Schaffer, right, in the Center for Learning Board offices, standing, from left, Myron Nadler, Vice-President; Diane Michelon, Pres.; Charles Foley, Treas.; and seated, Harold Van Huffel, Chairman.

This year the Center has established an auxiliary office at Magnificat, Coordinator of School Services, Sr. Mary Jane Simmons and Miss Sheryl Williams, who give workshops and teacher training seminars, staff this office.

The Center for Learning is easily recognized by Magnificat students. As freshmen they quickly become familiar with the Center’s handouts, which will lead them through four years of religion class. The Center also publishes books, kits, and a values series for use in secular and non-secular high school and adult courses.

These materials include the recently published Respect for Life Mini-units, and a Language Arts Series with courses on Shakespeare, drama, poetry, novels, non-fiction, and composition.

Sr. Rose Schaffer, principal, has been director of the Center for Learning since its founding in 1970. Since then the Center has expanded both its works and personnel.

In the new Center for Learning office are Miss Sheryl Williams, left, and Sister Mary Jane Simmons.

Frequent Engine Checks Prevent Auto Troubles

This article is the first of a series on auto mechanics. Hopefully it will provide helpful information to the unmechanically inclined student.

Traveling down a dark, lonely road can be a frightening experience, especially if you are faced by a sputtering, knocking car that barely bumps down the road. A car does not need to be new to run smoothly. Even the oldest jalopies can be driven safely by employing a few basic maintenance practices.

One of the most beneficial of these is a weekly check of the car’s oil level. It’s easy to do; just locate the dipstick and remove it from its tube. Wipe the stick clean and reinsert it into its holder. Pull out the dipstick a second time and read its oil level. If the level reads below the “Add” marking, you or an automobile assistant should add a quart of oil. By maintaining a sufficient oil level, it is possible to prevent major engine problems.

The safety of a car is dependent on the quality of its first. To avoid excessive tire wear, make sure they are properly inflated. A tire gauge lets you check the air pressure. Spot a problem before you are forced to take the car and add air as necessary.

These two procedures are basic to car maintenance and take only minutes. Employing these weekly might save both your car and your pocketbook.

by Lynn Sikora

Seniors Enjoy Foreign Lands

Educational opportunities were expanded this summer for three Magnificat girls who traveled abroad. Foreign lands brought them more than the usual summer tan.

Seniors Meg Fletcher and Kathy Wilder spent seven of their summer weeks in Modova, Mexico. They had an opportunity to learn about Mexican culture while developing their language skills. The travelers noted that, although the teenagers of both past and present were basically the same, young Mexicans tend to be more family-oriented than some Americans.

Both Kathy and Meg still keep in touch with their new-found friends and look forward to traveling to Mexico again.

Another senior, Jenny Milano, was able to visit Ireland this summer through the Irish American Cultural Institute. During her stay, Jenny spent six weeks studying the Gaelic language and culture.

Jenny, who was nearly arrested in Belfast for taking pictures of a military installation, commented, “I loved Ireland, but you never appreciate America until you’re out of the country.”

It seems to be the current fashion to dub journalists with an easily-recognizable nickname. The two investigative reporters on the Washington Post became “Woodstock” at the height of Watergate. I became Mac (short for McCartney) at the height of junior year.

Since it is a reporter’s job to report news rather than relate her life history, here are the latest stories.

Ghost and witches, move over! Costumed Magnificat students will provide strong competition at the Halloween Party on Oct. 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the cafeteria. Games, treats, and a surprise movie guarantee a spooky evening.

Do juniors Mary Helen Petrus and Barb Pretzer have futures in a professional theater? Judge for yourself at the St. Ignatius production of Skin of Our Teeth on Nov. 4-6 and 11-13 in the Student Center. As Ivy and the fortune teller, Mary Helen and Barb will give strong support to this dramatic presentation of the Thornton Wilder classic.

Avoid missing your next committee meeting by checking the new Student Council bulletin board above the Student Hostess desk.

There are some new faces among the service staff at Magnificat. The lady who served as a chef of delicious French fries in the cafeteria yesterday is Mrs. Martha Valco, and the gentleman who sold your amman locker last week is Mr. Russ Smith. Welcome to MHS!

Thirty staff members of the Magnificat attended a newspaper workshop at Villa Maria High School on Sept. 30. Though many Villa girls laughed at the MHS students’ “sneakers,” a firm friendship was started between the sister schools’ newspaper staffs.

by Kelly McCarthey
The Magnificat volleyball teams are practicing hard as they anticipate upcoming tournaments. Both teams are scheduled to participate in the Sectional Volleyball Tournament during the week of Nov. 1, although their main goal is to qualify for the East-West Championship at the end of the season. The city tournament includes champions from both the West and Eastside Conferences. Stephanie Moore summed up, "We’re all working hard to qualify for the East-West Championship, but there’s still much to be done before we’ll be ready to go."

More important than the competition is the participation and the enjoyment the girls receive from being part of a team. Brenda Martins stated, "Playing a competitive sport has been fun and interesting. I really have enjoyed myself."

SC Committee Offers Variety of New Clubs

MHS Tennis Smashes onto Scene

Basketball, gymnastics, softball and volleyball are all teams which already exist here at Magnificat. Smashing into the sports scene is the new varsity tennis team.

Coaching the team is Mrs. Jam Warren who joined the faculty this year as an algebra/geometry teacher. Previously, she taught at Olmsted Falls and also coached the girls’ tennis team.

Surveys conducted last year indicated that Magnificat students were interested in forming tennis teams. Between 45 and 50 girls signed up to participate. Kathy Manley comments, "I think it’s good that a program like this has started." Kathy, who aced her way to the top, is playing first singles for the team.

In their first match, the Magnificat team was tightly defeated 3-2 by Lake Ridge Academy. "The girls here are enthusiastic and made a great showing against Lake Ridge. They are also very optimistic about future endeavors," says Mrs. Warren.

Other matches will be scheduled as the team continues its work-outs.

Every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., the players practice on seven courts at River Oaks Racquet Club. Intramurals are also being played, creating a competitive atmosphere for the players. The net result is a winner!

Variety of New Clubs

The newly-formed Drama Club has just elected its officers: Mary Bichi, president; Colleen Helfer, vice-president; and Mary Beth Seikel, secretary/treasurer. Sr. Mary Jane Simmons, coordinator of the club, hopes to establish regular meeting times and accomplish activities in many fields of drama.

The Language Department has also started a club to help students understand the cultures of a foreign country. Sr. Mary Therese Berry wants her French students to use their imaginations to suggest activities that will add new dimensions to the study of a foreign language. Each level has its own club with a creative name and theme. This week Notre Bande, for French III students, enjoyed the cuisine of the French restaurant, The Wagonwheel, located on Cleveland’s East side.

The Art Club also has met to make plans for the upcoming year. Sr. Elaine Schindler, moderator, commented, "We have had a good response so far. Our objectives are fun and service to the school through crafts workshops and sponsorship of art shows." Other clubs being considered this year are dieting, tennis, backgammon, debating and horseback riding.

Precautions Key to Fun

This column is written to inform you of the opportunities available in the nearby neighborhoods. Each issue will cover a different activity that is of interest to many students for a minimal cost, if any. For more information on any of the organizations, contact the sports editor.

Clubs, classes and organizations offered in this issue are provided on a voluntary basis to students who wish to participate, compete and learn. Some activities available at this time of year are boating and water sports, sailing, soccer, and tennis.

Power squadron, sailing, and U.S. Coast Guard classes are taught at many of the area high schools. The cost is $25 for the textbook if the students wish to buy them.