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## Cardinal Cooke Celebrates Silver Jubilee

It was indeed a pleasure for Cathedral students to welcome His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke to the Prep for the second time this year, and to congratulate this prominent leader of the Catholic Church on his silver anniversary in the priesthood.

One of the greatest archbishops New York has ever known, Cardinal Cooke has achieved much in his struggle to alleviate some of the problems facing the city and the nation. His work to help the poor of the archdiocese has been quite stunning. He has led campaigns to assist the starving people of our ghettos, the ailing in our hospitals, and the troubled situation in the parochial schools.

His Eminence, a man of impressive stature and social grace, came to the Prep after visiting President Nixon. Fatigued and weary from his recent journey to U. S. servicemen abroad, the Cardinal nevertheless found time to come to the house and say Mass. Co-celebrated with several priests of the Prep, the Mass was a solemn and memorable occasion.

Cardinal Cooke spoke elo-

quently and deeply about the work of Catholic missionaries, stressing especially the work of two archdiocesan priests in the poorer regions of Venezuela. Cardinal Cooke pointed out the fundamental significance of Catholic missionary work around the globe. He emphasized the

priest's role as a man who goes beyond all others in helping his fellow man, one who sees no struggle that is too difficult, and, even more importantly, one who does not wait to be asked for assistance, one who performs on his own initiative.

It was one of those unforgettable and momentous events when the whole student body, sitting and listening to his Eminence, was uplifted by the sincerity and remarkable concern this man of faith displayed.

After the liturgical ceremony, the Cardinal was greeted by Student Council President Joseph Collins, who, on behalf of us all, expressed congratulations to his Eminence on his 25th anniversary. To show our appreciation and gratitude for the many years of service that His Eminence has shown, the



His Eminence  
Terence Cardinal Cooke

students contributed \$100 in Cardinal Cooke's name to the archdiocesan priests who have committed themselves to missionary work in Latin America. His Eminence graciously thanked all the students for their offering.

After the traditional greeting from Monsignor Smith and Father Kavanagh, the Cardinal met all of the students individually--an act which in itself displays a dedication beyond the required and a sensitive appreciation of the men. Coming to the Prep directly from his important call at the White House, His Eminence still showed unfailing strength and inspiring Christian energy.

John Powers '72

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Leddy:

You call that an editorial?  
"That's the Cathedralite? What  
happened to it?" I'll tell you  
what happened: not only did we  
get a new masthead for the pap-  
per, we also got a new meat-  
head for the editorship!

-A Critic

Deer Leddy:

I was reeding yore nuz-  
paper but I did'nt like it to much.  
In fact the only storie I under-  
stood real good was that one by  
joe Callaghan, "Of Life and  
Deth." My baby sister liked it  
real good also. Butt the rest of  
youre paper was'nt to great,  
specially youre article. How cum  
you do'nt write funny storys any-  
more?

-unanimous

Dearest Stevie:

I think your latest paper was  
simply marvie! In fact I just  
finished my sixteenth perusal of  
your masterpiece and my palms  
are still sweating! Keep up the  
fabulous work.

Biffy Lovelace  
XXX XXXXXX

Dear Biffy:

I think your latest letter was  
simply divine! In fact I just fin-  
ished my nineteenth perusal of  
your masterpiece and my glass-  
es are still fogged! Keep up the  
fabulous work.

-Ed.

Dear Mr. Leddy:

What are you? Some kind  
of Commie Nut? ! How could  
you and your pinko staff print  
that Marxist propaganda by that  
militant revolutionary "Thomas  
Jaskolka." (Beefs on Reefs)  
What are you trying to do—cor-  
rupt our country? ! Since when  
does every wierdo radical who  
plants a hidden bomb in your  
home get to have all sorts of  
subversive material in that  
scandal-sheet of yours?! THESE  
HIPPIE MANIFESTOES MUST  
CEASE!!

-John Birch

My Dear Mr. Leddy:

Allow me to express my  
deepest sympathies upon the  
recent demise of the Cathedralite.

-A Reader

Mr. James Burns:

The "Spirit of Christmas"  
will continue to haunt the Ca-  
thedralite for years to come.

-Jacob Marley

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ  
-Occi Dilldock

O'Callaghan:

I couldn't understand your  
story, "Of Life and Death," at  
all! What did it mean?

-Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

Send in your answers,  
gang! The five best entries win  
underground elevator passes.

-Ed.

Sheehan:

How do you know so much  
about the Senior retreat? I didn't  
even see you there!

-A Senior

# SKI TRIP

The annual trek to the mountains made by some of the better skiers of the N. Y. area, and Mr. Scotti, began on January 14. The bus full of skiers left after an extremely long day of classes. Father Kavanaugh was delayed, because he defrosted his V. W.

The bus ride was pleasant, filled with music supplied by Mr. Scotti's tape recorder which mysteriously disappeared for the duration of the trip.

There were unconfirmed rumors that it was being held for ransom by the juniors.

We arrived in Montecello about 6:00 P. M. and made a short stop while the bus driver asked for directions. After a ride through some unknown wilderness, we arrived at Saint Joseph's Camp, where we were quickly interned. We then proceeded to dinner. The food was not too bad, but it can't compare with our cafeteria food. After dinner, we were assigned rooms impartially by Mr. Scotti. The juniors were escorted to their luxurious suites above by Mr. Scotti, while the seniors were dragged to their rooms below.

Back at the house, the all-night card games began and late-night schemes were hatched. The ring leader of the senior section was a short round-headed kid with a gladiator's net, who kept getting caught by the Norge. The only major problem of that night was a small black-out on the second floor caused by unknown forces.

The first day of skiing at Holiday Mountain began well with this reporter being the first on the slopes. The students were soon out of the rental shop and ready to hit the slopes in one way or another. The skiing that day was generally good.

One of the stars on the slopes was none other than that famous skier-photographer Jean Claude Niebrzydowski, who was seen invoking the spirit of the Roman snow gods. The biggest hazard on the slopes was "The Great Norge," who was tearing up the slopes, literally, with his many falls and zits marks. Mr. Byrnes and his brother Robert were also reported on the slopes that day. For those who weren't sure if they saw Mr. Byrnes, he was the one making hand signals before every turn. I would have to say the fastest skier was Mr. Scotti, who moved like greased lightning. Rumored to have been on the slopes was the singing skier, also known as Father Thompson.

That night, activities were much the same as the night before. However, in tobogganing not too bad, but it can't compare a new record for a four-man toboggan was set by the seniors with 176. During the game, a tremendous brawl broke out on the ice, which drew the five-minute penalty for both team captains. During this time, 67 goals were scored, which resulted in a victory for Father Thompson's team, 34 to 33.

The following day was very cold with the temperature at 10 degrees and with a wind chill of about 5 degrees. Still undaunted, the students took to the slopes. The newly completed area was somewhat deserted because of the high winds.

The cold wasn't the only deterrent on the slopes that day. One of America's Olympic Ski Team hopefuls was deprived of the remainder of this year's ski season, when the great Norge attacked him as they were getting off the lift and caused him



Cathedral Prep skier displays suicidal tendencies

to tear cartilage in his right knee.

The following awards were distributed after the final day of skiing. The "John Mc Glyn Memorial Award" given to the person you should avoid the most while on the slopes was presented to Marty Garvey and his slippery skis. The John Morley Trophy for ski breaking was awarded to Tom Hostomsky. In the future, a new annual award "The Joe Pig Tree Killer Award" will be given to the student who kills the most trees while skiing.

A special word of thanks is given to the Ski Club, Mr. Scotti and Father Kavanaugh (alias the Great Norge) for arranging so successfully the 1971 Ski Trip.

Joseph Renton, '71

# Super- Star

The rock opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, is the most ambitious work to come out of rock and currently the most widely discussed. The critics have hailed and panned it in many of the national periodicals. The opera is concerned with the divinity of Christ, and it explores the topic by following Christ in his last week of life. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, the composer and lyricist respectively, view Christ as a great man deluded into thinking himself divine.

Judas is the central character. He believes that Christ is indeed an illusion. Judas is not a hypocrite, but an idealist disillusioned with his leader. All the characters misunderstand Christ, especially the status-seeking Apostles. Pilate is sympathetic to Jesus, but powerless to help him. The most affable role is Magdalene as Christ's unrequited lover. Jesus seems to be haunted and crushed by the role he can't bear.

The music is a fine blend of rock, blues, folk rock and classical. There are melodies that run through the entire opera in different arrangements and in counterpoint with others. The major roles are all sung well, especially Magdalene (Yvonne Elliman) and Judas (Murray Head), but many of the minor roles are done terribly.

The importance of Superstar is that it shows rock can be done on the large scale of opera. Dylan, Simon and the Beatles proved rock's worth in their lyrics, and this affirms it.

by Noel Carroll

# Drugs Mods

There are problems facing our nation but they are not insoluble. There are solutions. However, these problems cannot be solved by a few people. All true Americans must unite to help America regain her greatness. Once Americans are alerted to the destructive forces within our country, they should immediately try to build a better future.

The demonstrators who violently oppose the war in Viet Nam say they want peace. But what type of peace do they want? Do they want a just peace with equal rights for all? Or do they want peace through a Communist victory? If they want a Communist victory, they cannot claim to be true Americans. If they want a just peace and must oppose the war, they should do so in a peaceful manner, not a violent one. If the peaceniks and pacifists are sincere, they should realize that the way to gain their ultimate goal of peace is not through violence.

Blacks and whites must see the necessity for peace and co-existence. There is no place in this period of history for a racially divided nation. The Constitution of the United States clearly states that all men are created equal. Segregation in the schools has to be eliminated. Societies whose aim is to turn man against man because of the color of his skin must be abolished. America should be a nation of equal rights for all men, not only in words but in deeds.

There is one tragic problem facing our society that has to be stopped before America can even begin the hope of regaining her greatness. That problem is the drug addiction among our youth. They claim that by the

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In September of '69 we were introduced to trimesters and modular scheduling. Under these new systems a student was to take four subjects at a time for two-thirds of a year. Other changes that the new schedule brought were honor phasing and independent study time.

After the first year, results were good. Grades often rose, and many students were in favor of the new system.

While observing the system I came across a number of deficiencies. Though four courses for three trimesters equals six courses for two semesters mathematically, it doesn't seem to work out in practice. Often teachers appear to be racing a clock, while cutting corners to fulfill requirements.

Sometimes the system doesn't allow us to meet requirements. In languages, the time period in which a particular language is not taken can stretch to nine months (as it did last year.) During this time the student forgets much of what he previously learned, necessitating longer reviews. Yet the course time is shorter.

Students who may have difficulty in a particular course find it even harder to catch up.

Study time (which is necessary for average as well as honor phase students) often becomes a play time.

Thus, I recommend a return to semester scheduling with modifications. First, keep honor phasing allowing advanced students to progress. And second, even though we return to one period a day in every subject, there is often no reason why every period must be a lecture. Some periods can be allotted to research and individual work. Paul Moglia

# Ad Altare

"To the altar of God." These words explain the existence of a true altarboy. Yet this ancient service to his fellow men, an actual early and temporary vocation, is being discarded in today's world. The most probable cause is a desire for independence. The greatest pressure upon our generation is a premature realization of the evils of our environment. Thus, a new identity and direction in life is desperately needed to combat these evils.

There is little doubt that an altarboy can freely express himself in many beneficial ways. A server may benefit from his position on the altar in both a physical sense and a spiritual sense. As he participates closely in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, his very presence upon the altar provides an example to others.

Do not mistake, however, serving as the only means of expression. There are many others, so take your pick. Take your time also; you have all the time in the world. Or do you?

Angel Falcon II, '74

## DRUGS

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use of drugs they can escape from the harsh realities of today. But they cannot afford to hide from their nation's problems; they must stand up and face them. The youth of today should realize that they are the leaders of tomorrow.

Remember, if America is to keep her greatness, reforms are needed. And only we the people of this nation can complete the changes needed.

Donald Nielsen

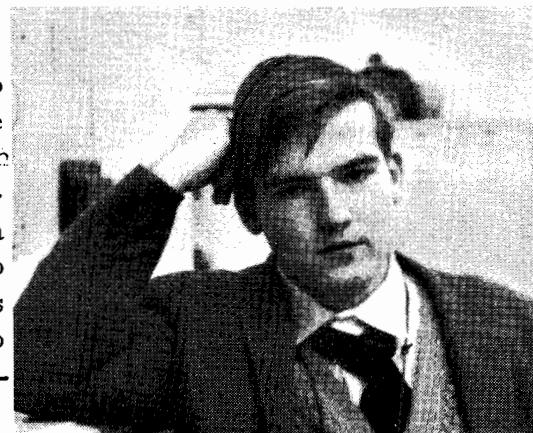
## Inquiring Photographer

Paul Moglia '72

"It has been said that schools which have and enforce dress codes are exemplifying totalitarian practices. Do you agree with this statement?"

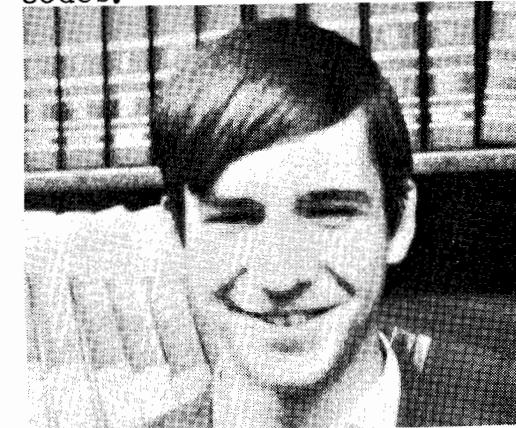
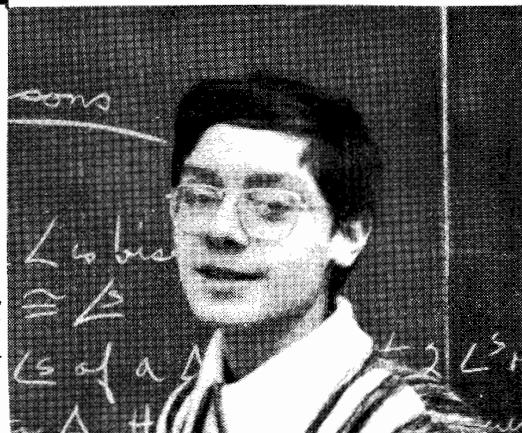
Noel Carroll:

Dress codes generally exist to make an individual presentable to other people, to mold him into an acceptable image. Education can be construed as a "leading out." It is supposed to help you form yourself. Rules such as the dress code seem to go against my concept of education.



Leo Burns: No, I don't. Students should be willing to accept the rules which are set up by school authorities. With regard to a dress code, the fact that you do accept it is in itself a sign of pride in yourself and in your school.

Wilson Martinez: No, I disagree. I don't think that the schools are trying to be totalitarian. One of the purposes of a dress code is to insure neatness. A dress code should be flexible enough to change with the times. For example, there are many styles and types of clothing which are neat, and yet not allowed by many dress codes.



Andy Figura: I disagree. Having a dress code, I feel, is more or less a necessity. Its removal would, I believe, contribute to a general breakdown of discipline, which would hinder the educational process.

# Basketball & Bowling Intramurals

Contrary to popular opinion, football intramurals has not had a rebirth in the gymnasium. What those ten men do upstairs after school, whether consciously or unconsciously, is to attempt to play a brand of basketball that could best be described as a cross between animal ball and kill-the-guy-with-the-football.



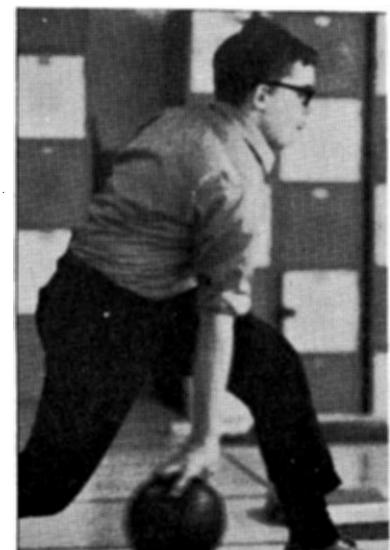
headed toward at least two showdown games between them did not have an easy time keeping their records untarnished. In their first game, Goin's "Wuff," with a combination of Pete Ross' rebounding and John Connors' shooting, overcame a big twelve-point lead that Steve Leddy's "Midnight Macaroons" had over them going into the fourth quarter. After shaky first halves Sheehan's squad of John Horan with his surprisingly fine defensive play, and the rebounding of John Roche and Marty Garvey began to take effect and wear down their opponents, Jose Vega's "Purple Haze" and Leddy's team.

Proving that intramurals are always full of surprises, all four teams have survived the first round of play in the "B" league. Brian Flanagan's "Hackers" squeaked past Lenny Hughes' "Transylvania Madmen" 34 to 33. This game was marked by John "Mavarich" Morley's successful attempt to show that shooting with your eyes closed and your fingers crossed really does pay off, (He hit for nineteen points.) In the other game, Joe McGee's "Naked Grapes" romped over Tom Streppone's "Spartans" - 30 to 11.

This year, the players who signed up for basketball intramurals which is under the leadership of Mr. Scotti and Mr. Geiger, were divided into two leagues, "A" and "B". At the time of this writing, the standings in the exciting "A" league show two undefeated teams, Jack Goin's "Wuff" and Jim Sheehan's "Our." Both teams

Bowling Intramurals, once known as the sport all the athletic rejects take part in, has now become a respected and competitive sport, thanks to the work of Mr. Denis Geiger. Teams consisting of three or four bowlers were established by Mr. Geiger on the basis of average scores. The games are played on the handicap system which gives poor bowlers a chance to beat the pros. Bowling takes place every Monday after school at the Eastend Bowling Lanes on 80th Street between East End and York Avenues.

Now in their fifth meet and looking good are John Roche's team, Genesis, in first place, John Derasmo's team, Trilogy, in second, and Paul Ciaramella's team, the Pisanos, in third. Genesis is 3-1/2 points over Trilogy, but all the teams are still likely competitors for first place. The two highest individual games of the year are Carmine Barrisi's 198 and John Derasmo holds the lead for highest individual game over his average. His 197 game put him 106 pins over his beginning average, but John is shaping up.



Trophies will be awarded for high individual game and high individual average as well as winning team.

There are about five more weeks of the bowling season, so good luck to all the teams, and keep those pins falling.

# VARSITY

December 11. Delehanty romped to a 26 point lead at half time. The Canons went down by 11. 76 - 65.

December 15. Canons were going to the board and getting the second and third shot. The net result was a 3 point victory over a strong St. Francis Prep. 66 - 33.

December 18. The team? Power Memorial. Canons came through with a big night both shooting and rebounding.

January 8. Albertus Magnus brought an expectedly large turnout, matching ours, to "beat the Priests." The first half was completely dominated by the Canons, but the Canons were in foul trouble. The final buzzer sounded, handing the Canons a 5 point loss, 70-65.

January 11. The Canons play

a newcomer, St. George. They proved no match for the Canons. The first string was called on to play for less than half the game. 87-48.

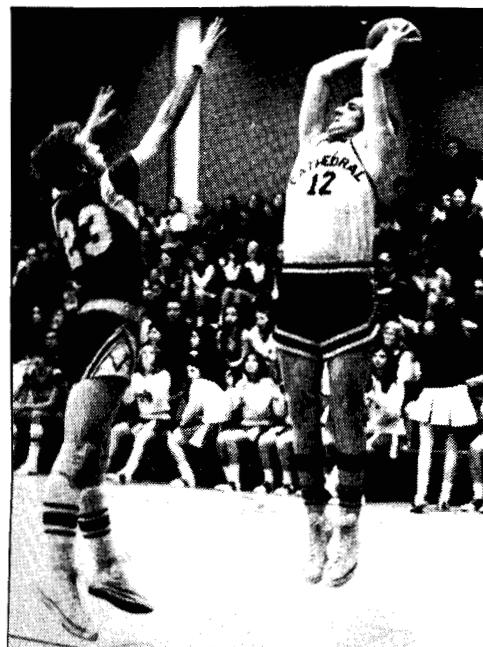
January 14. Today the Canons played ball. This proved to be enough for a margin of victory over a slow Brooklyn Cathedral, 96-70.

January 19. St. Francis got things straightened away. The Canons lost by 2. It was a perfect example of losing a game on the foul line. 57-55.

January 26. The Canons get Birch Wathen. The game was completely dominated by Cathedral, 81-46.

January 29. The Canons were really hurting before a big game against Molloy. The Canons were thoroughly beaten, 78-55.

February 2. The Canons are



Bob Murray hits for another basket.

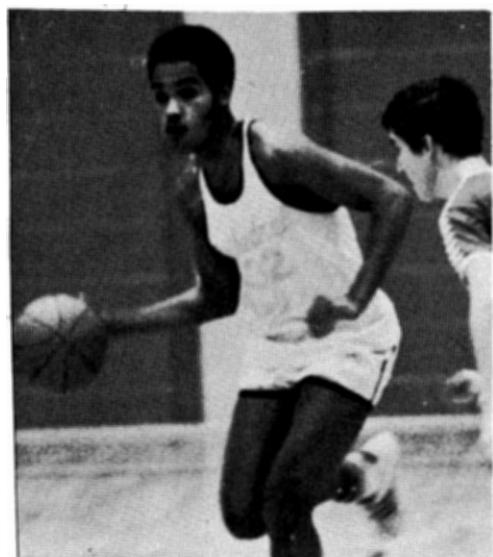
looking for blood, and they found it in Manhattan Prep. Charley Smith came through on the line to give the Canons a 78-77 victory.

Wally Casey '71

## JV BALL

The J. V.'s first game of the season was against Delehanty. When they left the court at half time, Delehanty had a 4-point lead. In the end, the Canons lost, 50 to 36.

Next on the list for the Canons was Riverdale, where we suffered a 68 to 32 defeat.



Pete Guelta dribbles on court.

After Riverdale, the Canons sent out to New Jersey to play Queen of Peace. This was a tight game all the way through, but we came out with a 56 to 50 loss.

In our third game, against Fr. Duffy Squires, we were tougher and played a good ball game. We came out on the top, 50 to 47. Sean McGrail led the scoring with 19, and Billy Fisher had 13.

In the fourth game against Albertus Magnus we suffered a terrible loss with the final score reading 74 - 35.

In our next game, against St. George, we showed complete ball control and drove to a 72 to 37 victory. Sean McGrail led the scoring with 25.

St. Bernard was next and we took our third in a row.

Next came St. George again,

and we took our fourth straight with an 88 to 46 massacre. Pete Guelta led the scoring with 18.

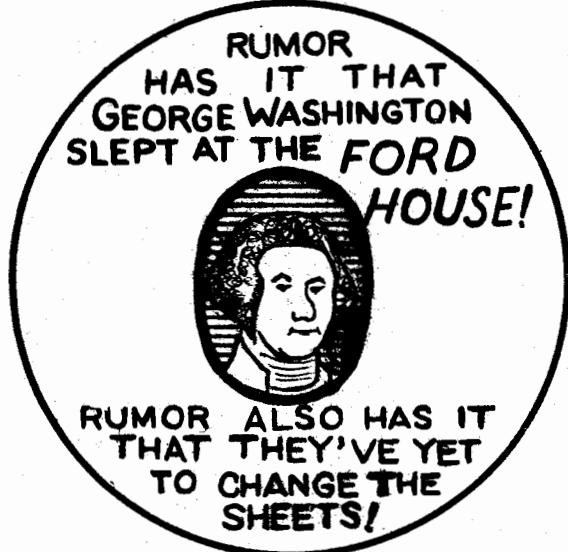
Next came our fifth straight win with a 46 to 22 romp over Birch Wathen. Bill Fisher led the scoring with 15.

Next came what must have been the most exciting game of the year. It was against Trinity. The Canons went in after half time depressed because they were losing by 13. They came back strong in the second half tied the score with 44 at the end of the fourth quarter. During overtime Tom Baffuto scored a basket, and with that plus two foul shots we took the game, 52 to 48.

Next we took our seventh in a row, this time from Queen of Peace's team who had previously beaten us by 6.

William Fisher '73

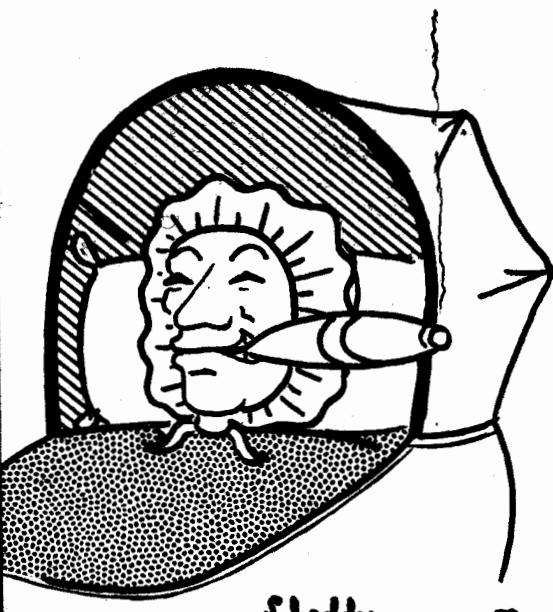
# Leddy's Believe It or Don't!



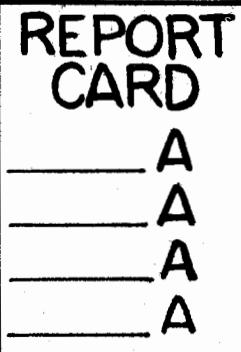
JAMES SHEEHAN WAS IMPRISONED IN A LOCKER BY SEVERAL FUN-LOVING FROSH FOR THREE WEEKS, UNTIL HIS ABSENCE WAS NOTICED!



1942 - THE BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST TROPHY WAS STOLEN BY A MYSTERIOUS INFANT WHO BLEW CIGAR SMOKE IN THE JUDGE'S FACE AND ESCAPED IN A MOTOR-POWERED BABY BUGGY!



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NIEBRZYDOWSKI SPELLED BACKWARDS IS IKSWODYZRBEIN

## LOVE LEAFLET

Love Leaflet by A. Rich Seagull (\$19.95; Rancid House Publishers)

### Chapter I

I was staring at her through the bars on her subway cashier's cage. It was dark down at the subway station. Dark like the darkness of her eyes. (Wow! how poetic!) I walked up to the window and paid my fare. "You're a nickel short, stupid!" Like wow, I was in love. Her name was Karen.

### Chapter II

It's not easy driving your Ferrari through a turnstile, even at Harvard. I'd come down to meet Karen after work. We drove to the Crimson Hangout where she ordered a bowl of Crispy Critters and a beer. She was beautiful. "When are we getting married, fish-face?" Karen had a gentle way of getting her point across.

### Chapter III

It happened at breakfast. One morning Karen stood up and her

arm fell off. I knew something was wrong, but I couldn't let her know.

### Chapter IV

I knew Karen was dead the moment I walked into the hospital room because she wasn't cursing me. What can you say about an 82-year-old girl who died? That the turnstiles will never be the same. That at 84 I have my whole life ahead of me to live without her.

Tom Jaskolka '71