Students to Celebrate Festival; Spring Show Scheduled for May 6 and 7

Swinging and swaying to the music of Lou Elgart and his Orchestra, seniors will dance at their last formal evening tomorrow at 8:00.

Chinese lanterns, bonsai trees, pagodas, and a fire-breathing dragon will transform the gym into an Oriental garden. A wooden bridge will overlook a moonlit fountain at the entrance, while a flower-filled rockshaw reflects the glamour of the Orient.

The five-piece orchestra will furnish songs from "Moonlight Serenade," to "Night Fever," while couples display their grace at the foxtrot, polka, rumba, shimmy, two-step, cha-cha, and hustle.

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Students React to Crisis

"I love this country and I had two sons serve in Viet Nam. I abide by the laws of this country, but not Taft-Hartley. That's slave labor, and there's no democracy in it against the companies."

This opinion, expressed by a striking coal miner in a Time magazine interview, was one of the many contradictions of the recently settled coal crisis. Because of the miners' refusal to obey the Taft-Hartley law, they made a bad situation worse.

Many states such as Indiana ordered power cutbacks of 15% for essential use, 25% for commerce and industry and 41% for education, sports and recreation.

Test Your Mags Morality

Ever notice something different around, a change in the way a girl besides her brains, beauty, and a blue skirt? During the last three years the spectators have noticed some idiosyncrasies of "same" Magnificat girls. Here, at the risk of insulting Ann Landers, is a condensed version of our Magnificent Morality Test. Score two points for every "yes" and rate yourself on our conscience scale at the end.

---Have you ever broken a cookie and asked for a discount?
---Have you ever insisted that your beagle school bloused was white before it went into the wash?
---Have you ever invented authors and titles for a bibliography?
---Have you ever been caught chewing "Aspergum" in chorus?

SC Head Supports Change in Constitution

As Student Council elections approach, a group of girls have proposed a "Pagey" Constitution. Though these cutbacks were necessary to stretch dwindling coal supplies, we question why education was such a low priority on the scale. Does the state have so little consideration for the value of education that they classify it with the non-essential leisure activities of sports and recreation? This in itself is a contradiction.

While the overall crisis made students more aware of the need for energy conservation, the actions of the miners seemed to condone defiance of the law rather than its respect. As students, we are disturbed by the state's attitude toward education and by the total disregard of the miners for the consequences of their actions.

Local Restaurants Flourish, Add Flavor to Eating Out

By Eaddy Hochworth

With the arrival of spring dances on the high school scene, and if that certain guy is trying to impress you with his great weight, passing Burger King and Pizza Hut for some place a little more special might add some flavor to your social routine.

The number and variety of restaurateurs in our vicinity is considerable. You may want to keep in mind a few of The Magnificent staff's favorites that represent the "basic unfulfilled, yet discerning appetite of the American teenager."

For elegance in dining, Iron Gate, Molly McGuire's, Pier P and Top of the Town are favorites. Each one has unique characteristics that give it a special charm. Iron Gate features seafood and other delicacies in an atmosphere of high back leather chairs and formal elegance. Pier P, shaped like the stern of a boat and cantilevered over the lake, specializes in seafood. Stouffer's Top of the Town, located on the 32nd floor of Eireview Towers provides a spectacular view of the lake shoreline at night. At Molly McGuire's, turn-of-the-century antiques figure prominently in the decor. The restaurant features a mouth-watering five-tier dessert cart.

If you are looking for something a little more casual, try Brown Derby, Don's Fishmarket, or Heck's in Ohio City. Brown Derby is popular for its reasonable prices and generous helpings. Don's Fishmarket specializes in fresh seafood and prime steaks in an authentic Victorian and New England warehouse atmosphere. If your appetite can accommodate jumbo gourmet hamburgers and a "Paradise Delight", sample Heck's in Ohio City.

Try Old Austria, Chung's or Palmina's for a variety of ethnic dishes. Served by colorfully costumed waitresses, Old Austria offers specialties like wienserschnitzel, potato pancakes, schnitzel and Black Forest torte. Chung's Oriental dining features Cantonese and American cuisine. Palmina's has a diversity of filling Italian pastas in a decor of scattered grape arbors.

Don't feel you have to wait for Mr. Big Spender to enjoy the experience of dining out in style. Give yourself a break, get together with some friends, and splurge!

Quiz Challenges Rock Music IQ

1. For what now famous rock band did Ray Manzarek once play drums?
2. Of what band is Todd Rundgren presently a member?
3. Name the Bee Gees.
4. Who played the Pinball Wizard in the play version of Tommy? The film version?
5. To what famous male vocalist is Pink Floyd's Roger Water most often compared?
6. Who is "an excitabl e boy "?
7. What band is Peter Gabriel once lead vocalist?
8. Who is the creative force behind the band Boston?
9. From what city do Styx come?
10. Who was Bob Welch's once member of Fleetwood Mac?
11. What was the original name of the Beatles?
12. What are the first names of Loggins and Messina?
Mime Dan Kamin Performs

by Pam Conyham

What type of person would appear in public wearing a purple and orange striped shirt, black tights and a black sequin hat? This question was answered Monday, March 14 when accomplished mime artist Dan Kamin performed for the Magnificent student body.

The unusual outfit which, Mr. Kamin explained, “helps accentuate my body movements for the audience,” along with the traditional pantomime white face are his trademarks.

According to Mr. Kamin, “Mime is using your body expressively. The mime tells stories with his body. Mime is the real original. The performing arts, dance, drama are all subversions of mime.” Mr. Kamin’s interest in performing was ignited at age 12 when he worked as a magician. “Magic is making something disappear; mime is making nothing appear,” observed Mr. Kamin.

The pantomime seed was naturally planted when Mr. Kamin came an avid fan of Charlie Chaplin movies. He became even more intrigued with the art after having met Jewel Walker, a professional mime, who later became his friend and mentor.

Mr. Kamin works in Pittsburgh and most of his past tours have been to various college campuses. However, he is planning to visit most of the Pittsburgh high schools this spring.

The calm, cool exterior Mr. Kamin presents while performing raises the question: What does this graceful clown think of while portraying his array of characters? “The most important part of mime is technique. I think of nothing on stage except technique and body movements.”

At his Magnificent presentation Mr. Kamin broke the traditional mime mold with a fresh approach to his show. Instead of complete silence, he talked personally of himself and incorporated an overall story-line between skins.

The thrilling illusion Mr. Kamin received here shows that he really knows his body language.

With the arrival of warm breezes and sunshine, students have taken a renewed interest in school activities, proving that creativity and hard work are a winning combination.

MHS artists and artisans received tangible recognition for their talents at the recent Regional Scholastic Art Exhibit at Halle’s downtown. Photographs, paintings, drawings and sculpture were displayed in the one-week, 800-piece show. The participating winners were: seniors Jennie DeCiant, Maritime Eady and Lynn Sikora, junior Trish Fernstrom and freshmen Julissa Franco, Lisa Humenik, Frank Litzler and Nan Chaffin.

The regional show was sponsored by the New Castle Art Council.

Pastels Highlight Spring Fashions

Baby soft colors and light airy fabrics are making this year’s spring fashion news. Gauze is popular again, but with a different twist. Last year’s natural colors are supplemented by pastels and flowery prints. These prints are enhanced by lace, ruffles, and shiny satin ribbons.

Suits are also popular but with a new look. Short jackets in soft fabrics replace last year’s mannish look. These jackets are worn over “sweet blouses” complete with ruffles and lace. The suit skirt is also softer. Skirts are popular choices. Their slightly gathered waistlines complement the sweet blouses and short jackets.

The enduring fashion trend is toward more feminine clothes. Even classic jeans reflect the new softness. This year they are paired with evesel peasant tops, vests, and blouson tops.

by Lynn Sikora

Sophomore Drama Club member Jean Wysocki learns pantomime techniques in a session with mime artist Dan Kamin.

UN Discusses World Affairs

What do wooden shoes, grass skirts, tarantula kits and navy blue Kip Craft uniforms have in common? They are native costumes of the 31 countries represented by students in a model United Nations program.

High school delegates from Magnificent, Beechwood, Midview, Fairview, West Tech, John Marshall, Orange and Garfield Heights compose the UN Council. The program is sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

Magnificent’s participants include seniors Teresa English and Mary Thomas, junior Ann McAlluliffe and sophomores Sue Franklin, Renee Van Huff and Donata Rechnitzer, all representing the Philippine Islands. Other representatives include senior Sabina Marguerics and her sophomore sister, Maria, as well as sophomores Monica Arnold and Lydia Hidalgo, all for West Germany.

The model UN delegates generally work independently or with a few others periodically. At these meetings they group according to such mutual interests as minority countries, Communist nations, and coastal countries. Some of the problems they debate are intervention by foreign countries and restriction of trade. These general studies are led by chairwoman Hortense Gerardo, senior, and Sheila Kelleher, junior.

Magnificent’s coordinators of the program are Miss Liz Brass and Miss Anna Palazzo, both social studies teachers. They meet with the Magnificent students to explore the problems of their respective countries.

Miss Brass remarked, “Students are really enthusiastic about the program; they feel they learn a great deal about their country as well as international politics.”

French and Spanish students are presently preparing for a foreign language contest to take place this Saturday at Kent State University.

In the recent Diocesan Foreign Language Poetry Contest, 45 Magnificent girls competed against 11 other area Catholic schools. Fifteen of these students were awarded ribbons for their work in the categories of original poetry and short stories, posters, postcards and radio recitation. Magnificent won a trophy for second place overall.

Junior Teresa Moore received a first place on the French level for her original poetry while senior Kathy Andreatto took second place in original poetry, also on the French level.

In original poetry on the French 4 level, junior Kathy Gardner received a first place. In the same category, juniors Colleen Heller and Lori Dorn made a second place and honorable mention respectively.

Lynn Sikora, senior, topped first place in the original short story category on the French 4 level. Senior Kelly McCarthy was awarded second place in the same category while junior Chris Levy took third place in Spanish 3.

Honorable mentions in poetry recitation went to senior Mary Kinney on the Spanish 3 level and junior Mary Menges in French 1.

A first place in Spanish 1 posters was taken by a freshman team consisting of Agnes Meyo, Kathy Rayan, and Kim Peifer. For French 1 posters, freshman Mary Clas and sophomore Carol Kusley together received second place.

In native costumes, Model United Nations delegates Sabina Marguerics, senior, and Monica Arnold, sophomore, practice a German dance.
Blue Streak Softball Opens

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The Blue Streaks are aiming to win as many games as possible in the Western Division of the Greater Cleveland Catholic Girls' Athletic Conference. A good finish would provide a chance for the team to go to the East-West championship to be held in May.

The year's schedule consists of only 12 games since last year's rain brought about cancellations in an originally heavier schedule.

Sponsors of the 1978 Magnificat Blue Streaks softball team are:

- Sue Franklin, Of the New York Yankees and the youngest manager in the majors.
- Jeff Torborg.
- Mr. Steve Matthews, head coach, and the administration.
- Maggie Carey, Mary Beth Dull.
- Cindy Neiger, Penny Petri.
- Karol Kamienski, Bengt Lifdal, Irene Medraza, Steep Moore, Kathy Povinelli, Karen Timmons, Faith Voss, sophomores.
- Tannos Carlin, Margey Canon, Tricia Farrell, Colleen Healy.
- Terry O'Connor, Maureen Povinelli, Betty Rabatsky, Ginny Waite, freshmen.

1978 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE
April 13 Lumen Cordium
April 18 St. Joseph Academy
April 20 Nazareth-Holy Name
April 25 Cleve., Central Catholic

River Presents Challenge
Betsy Rides Rugged Waters

Sophomores Kathy Povinelli, standing, and Faith Voss warm up for this afternoon's softball game.

Betsy Priem, wearing a wetsuit, helmet, and respirator and an oxygen tank, goes out into the river at least "Before attempting to go out on the river, Betsy cautioned, "you should be well-informed of the water safety rules and know how to move about in the water."

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Diver Seeks Ocean Floor
By Linda Cawley

Mountains, oceans and open fields all serve as terrain for different sports. One of the most fascinating sports I have ever practiced is scuba diving.

Scuba is a relatively simple sport if you have a basic knowledge of the necessary instructions before advancing into the water. After receiving the instructions, our group was taken down to the edge of the water while each person obtained his own equipment, consisting of weight belts, buoyancy vests, a respirator and an oxygen tank.

Once you are fitted with all the necessary equipment and familiar with the use of each instrument, you are ready to begin your dive. The instructor, who should be quite familiar with the area of the dive, leads the rest of the group under water.

At the start of the dive, you are usually at a depth of only 2-5 feet. During this time, everyone becomes familiar with the operation. Those that find themselves uncomfortable can decide if they will go on or not. The rest of the group continues its descent. You are never more than three feet above the bottom of the ocean and, therefore, cannot really tell the depth at any specific time. For this reason, the instructor usually keeps an inner tube floating directly above the group. In an emergency, the inner tube can be reached for safety.

While underwater, you observe a wide variety of marine life. The colors of the fish and corals are unbelievable. Some are fluorescent purple, yellow or bright blue. There are crabs that "disappear" into the rocks when they are touched. What is most amusing, is that these crea, usually shy of people. They swim around you and don't seem to care if you touch them or not.

After 30 minutes and having reached a depth of 20 feet, we arrived back at the starting point. We couldn't believe that we had been underwater for a half-hour. It had seemed like only a few minutes. Our instructor explained that our sense of timelessness was due to the fact that underwater life is in a world of animation and slow motion.

I would definitely recommend trying scuba diving if you ever have the opportunity. The experience will sharpen your entire perception of the world around you.

Dive Board by Linda Cawley

Students who are interested will have a choice of two races, the 10,000 meter race (approximately 6 miles) and the 5,000 meter race (approximately 3 miles). The entry fee is $3.

Solemn Blessing for the Water

By Sue Franklin

The Cleveland Indians trotted into their 1978 season displaying new uniforms. They will wear all white uniforms at home, a combination of white and blue on doubleheaders and gray on the road.

This year's management is headed by president Gabe Paul, formerly of the New York Yankees and the Chicago Cubs. In the major leagues, Jeff Torborg. Not only has the administration changed, but some of the players as well. Rick Manning and Jim Kern have taken off their beards. At Fitzgerald has lost a few pounds and chopped off his mustache. Johnny Grubb has gained some weight but is still in top shape.

Last year the tribe finished in third place but hopefully this will be their year with all debts paid and money to spare. The tribe is strong with big hitters such as Willie Horton, designated hitter; Paul Dade, right field; Rick Manning, center field and Johnny Grubb, left field.

Track Team Forms

Runners in Training

This year Magnificat's physical education department is introducing a new way to have fun and get exercise. The Track and Field Club has been organized with approximately 125 interested girls.

Track events include: the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, mile run, 440-yard relay, 880-yard relay, and the medley relay. Field events are discus, shot put, long jump and high jump. Practices are held Monday through Thursday from 3:10-5 p.m. at Rocky River High School track.

Miss Linda Roessky, physical education teacher and moderator of the club, and assistant coach Miss Anne Carmody are looking forward to a productive season with the girls.

Mr. Louis Povinelli and Mr. Bernard Hamrock, members of the West Side Runners Club, are the coaches of the newly created Cross Country Club. The group was organized for girls interested in long distance running and the enjoyment of the sport itself.

River Present Challenge
Betsy Rides Rugged Waters

Students who are interested will be eligible to ride in the Lakewood Youth Races sponsored by the Cleveland-West Side Roadrunners on April 23. Lakewood Park will be both the starting and finishing mark. The runners will be given a choice of two races, the 10,000 meter race (approximately 6 miles) and the 5,000 meter race (approximately 3 miles). The entry fee is $3.

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Student Track Team Forms

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