

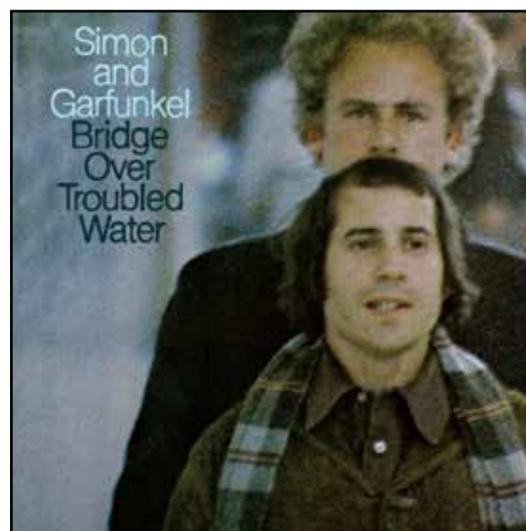
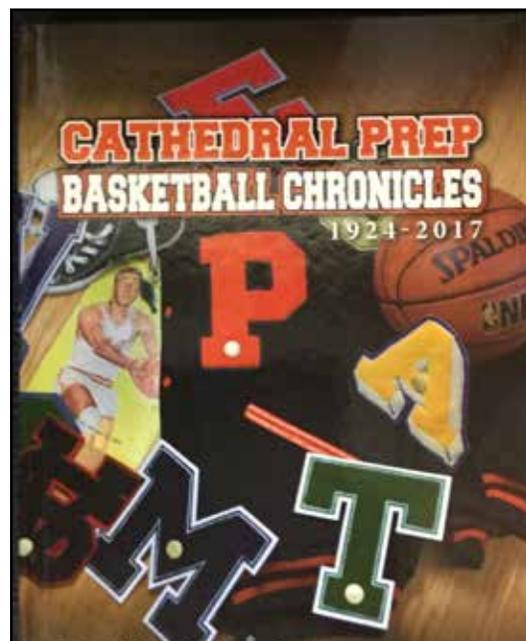
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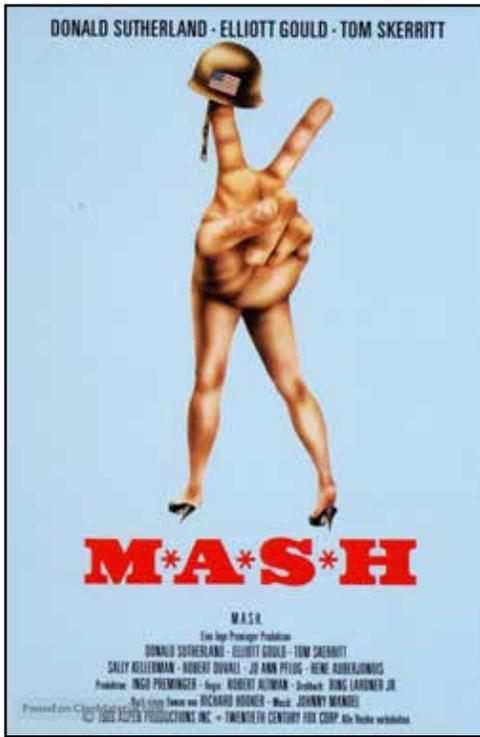
By Tom Bodle

The euphoria of the basketball conquest of Padua had but 40 hours to be relished by Viking fans. The final week of January began with a rare Sunday afternoon contest. Cathedral Prep, a perennial Pennsylvania power, travelled west from Erie on I-90 with its 10-4 record to encounter St. Joe. The Ramblers engaged our hoopers in a “nip and tuck” battle throughout the game. Jim Hill came up big for the Vikes scoring 33 points. Pat Lyons continued his outstanding play with 22 points of his own and 17 rebounds. Our hoops squad dominated rebounding 55-25, but Erie was resilient and very efficient on offense, not allowing any Viking surge. At the end of this matinee, St. Joe came away with a hard fought 78-73 victory. The end of the week also concluded with a contest against a team from Erie, East High School. In completing its sweep of Erie foes, St. Joe defeated East 75-61 and ended the month with a 14-2 record.

The end of January continued to be filled with seasonably cold weather as students warmed up to their second semester academic schedule. As usual pop culture was a welcome distraction to a student’s day. This week, the Jackson Five climbed to number one on the pop charts with “I Want You Back”, displacing the month long hold of “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head.” The duet of Simon and Garfunkel also released what would become its iconic “Bridge Over Troubled Water” album this week.

In major sports news, the “Land Down Under” hosted the first of the four major tennis tournaments. The Australian Open Champions were crowned this week. The host country’s “pride and joy”, Margaret Court won the women’s title, while American Arthur Ashe took the men’s crown. In professional football, Terry Bradshaw of Louisiana Tech became the first draft pick in the newly merged National Football League, as the Pittsburgh Steelers chose him with their first pick.





Premiering this week in movie theaters throughout the nation was the wartime comedy MASH. Based on life in a medical unit on the front lines during the Korean War, the film became a box office success. It was nominated in several categories for Academy Awards and spawned a hit television series which lasted 12 years. It remains one of the classic movies of its kind in film history.

In our years in school, the cinematic arts had been gaining recognition as a truly unique and productive field of study. In our time, a Cinema Club was created which offered showings of classic movies as well as discussions. Evolving from this came the introduction of filming in English classes, such as Br. Bob Hollis' and later Mr. Andrew Wiget. During our senior year a "Viking Film Festival" was held. From November 13th to March 5th a weekly showing of a movie classic was presented at St. Joe. The session concluded with a discussion. "Casablanca," "Requiem for a Heavyweight," "On the Waterfront" and "Coconuts" were a few of the 14 movies shown on the Viking movie screen. This last week of January "The Chase" was featured. Starring Marlon Brando, Jane Fonda and Robert Redford, the 1966 film centered around a prison break and the entanglements and intrigue among those involved.



Interscholastic competition was not only held in the sole universe of athletics, but also in the academic realm. WEWS TV channel 5 was at the forefront of displaying local academic talent to its television audience in northeast Ohio. On Saturday evenings, the popular "It's Academic" was aired on TV5. The end of January was the time that the Vikings could show their stuff to Greater Cleveland. Seniors Don Reed, Jim Meil and Max Gorenssek were the on-air team which represented the St. Joe contingent. Ken Kampman, Jerry Lutkus, Glen Thompson and Harold Rutherford were also team members. The group gathered and practiced throughout the month and encountered Mayfield and Beachwood in a fast paced and high scoring match. The team did themselves and St. Joe proud in placing second in the contest.



To complete the activities of the week, John Storey's wrestlers sought to regain their winning ways. After two successive losses to area powers, St. Joe would take on a Wickliffe team with a 6-1 record. Wrestling with confidence and determination, St. Joe allowed the Blue Devils to win only three matches and cruised to 31-9 victory.