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THE THREE TOWERS

Bishop blesses the School year 76-77

On the 7th of September, Monday afternoon there was an opening ceremony for the school year 76-77. The ceremony began at about 3:00 and ended at 6:00 p.m.

This was the first time Xavier High School ever held a ceremony like this, but it was held because of a great change that has occurred. This change is the admission of girls to Xavier for the first time in 25 years.

The master of the ceremony was the Most Reverend Bishop Martin Neylon, bishop of the Caroline and the Marshall Is. The event began when all the boarding and non-boarding students gathered around the flagpole in the front-lawn. There, they were divided according to the classes, the seniors, the sophomores, the juniors and the freshmen.

After all the excitement and noise calmed down, the Xavier Band, composed of only Marshallese students, began to play the Micronesian Anthem. All sang the anthem with the band except two respectable members of the Senior class, Mr. Bellarmine Helgenberger from Ponape and Mr. Nelson August from Palau. They were asked to raise the flag. At first they had problems because the

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The Xavier Public works, a voluntary-employed organization resumed its repairment and maintenance works on October 12, 1976. This year, the organization's opening was preceded by two conventions held in the Lab and senior classroom with the interested seniors and Brother Paul C. Acer, the manager of Xavier facilities. During the two conventions Brother P.C. Acer S.J. discussed the aims and goals of X.P.W. this year and the work involved in it. Present at the meeting with the Sr. were

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ELECTION

Bellarmino Helgenberger won the presidency of the Student Body during election on October 4, 1976. After the hard and intolerable Physical Fitness the whole student body assembled in the studyhall to elect the student body officers. Before the election proceeded our Dean of students Mr. Ketson Johnson, a native of Pingilap Iskand (Ponape) gave a brief talk on how to elect good officers and how to go about the election itself.

The candidates were limited to the District Representatives and Class Officers. The only eligible candidates for presidency were

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NEW STAFF

Fr. Richard Zanoni S.J. is now the principal of Xavier. Fr. Zanoni is a native of Brooklyn, New York. He got a Bachelor Degree in History from Fordham in 1969. After his graduation he taught at Cansius High School until 1972. There he was acting as an assistant principal. Later he went to Regis College in Canada where he got his Masters of Divinity. Since Fordham is a Jesuit University he went back there and that was where he was ordained as a priest.

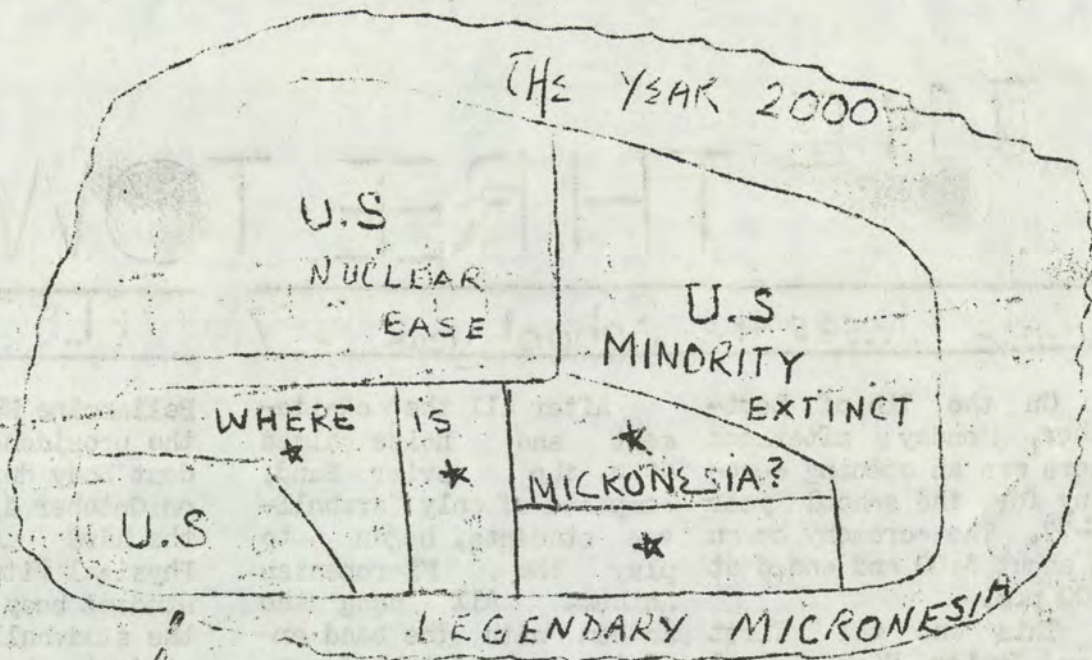
Last year he was working among the American Indians. He was giving retreats and those things of that nature. cont.p.4

FUN-NITES

On Saturday Oct. 16, the seniors had their first fun-nite, the first of the year at Bay View Restraunt down at the Base. It started at 8:00 p.m.

Because the quests were late in arriving and because of the rain, the fun-nite was delayed for half-hour, from its designated time to start. Each senior invited his own quest but not all the quests were

sky high
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"get it on!!"



JES '77

DREAMS...

"It is an unbearable burden for me to carry this personal feeling of mine till tomorrow. Trying to avoid having nightmares, I realize that it wise and better if I unload some of my worries about what is happening to us in Micronesia.

You may have heard the conclusion of the just recent Round of the Micronesian Status Negotiation which was held on Saipan early in June this year. Recorded on tapes Ambassador Franklyn H. William explained the Draft Compact of Free-

Association which both sides have initialed.

I really could not believe that Micronesia is going for Free-Association as its Future Political Status. Flashing back to our history, you know and hear that our dear ancestors lived on these small but beautiful island, simply and peacefully. The islands were small yet they had had enough supplies for human life necessities, Food was never scarce. The sea provided enough meat. All of a sudden, the unexpected and uninvited foreigner trespassed on our lands. First, came the Germans they looked down upon us as uncivilized people. Later, the Japanese came they practised slavery on us. Now the Americans are taking over. Aside from what the Germans and Japanese had done to us and from what the Americans would do to us, they brought many different terrible disesses which our islands were free from. These American

white serpents do not imitate the Germans nor the Japanese movement in Micronesia but rather introduced their own styles of life tempting us to follow their luxurious life which is impossible for us to have. They know that we have suffered enough from the Germans and Japanese aggressions so Temptation is the only suitable way of achieving their goal in getting Micronesia under their dirty hands.

If the Americans are taking over, I genuinally believe that in a few more years, our clean, pure, and virgin Micronesia will be a land of riots, juvenile delinquents, gangsters and of course evil disorders.

The new generation will suffer under the impractical ways of life which these Americans will be offering. At the same time Micronesia, the world known paradises will no longer be as it is, but will rather be a legend for the young Micronesians' Entertainment.

Eichy Keller

SIGNIFICANCE OF TIME

VANGUARD

Xavier High School has never been an institution for both boys and girls. We girls are the first to be present at this time when Xavier is no longer for boys only. We are the pioneers to clear the way and guard against surprises for those who come after us. We are the "Vanguard" for all girls that will be coming to school at Xavier from here on. We are the first to walk on the new path, and we shall shatter all obstacles that we should encounter and note all possible dangers for the benefit of those that will follow after us.

Xavier goal is to help every student to function fully and relate to people clearly and pleasantly. The spirit of this goal should put us in better and enviable position among the people of Micronesia. All the people of Micronesia have a lot to thank Micronesia for; but we, the student of Xavier, have more to be thankful for. We shall do our best to make Micronesia a better place than ever. We will offer ourselves to be "leaders of a movement that will help Micronesia in the future. We will be the leading position that will become the "Vanguard" for the community of Micronesia.

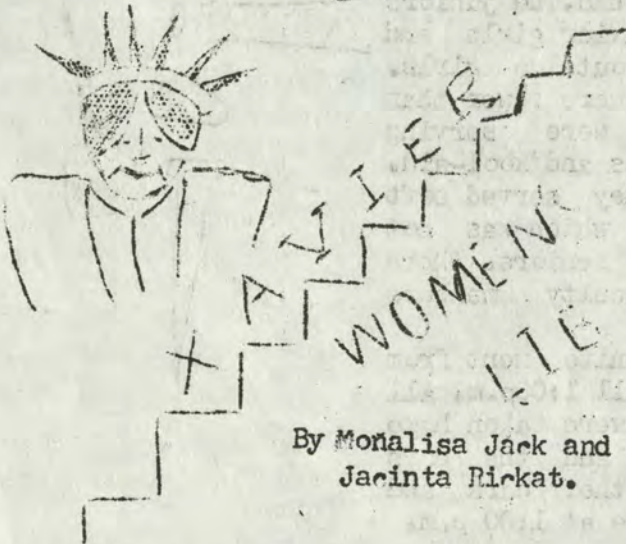
Time is, to me, something that is really necessary in the lives of all human beings. Without time, there can be no life, no change, no growth, and no possibility of becoming the person we want to be. So therefore, we can say that time is as vital to man as much as other things.

Time is not something that we can make, produce, buy or earn; it is not a man-made commodity. It is something from God that is given to us as a gift. It's something that we can only receive and accept and be happy and thankful for. It is given to us freely and without limit. But we are expected to use it well so we can develop by it.

Frequently, we tend to take time for granted. You might ask the question. What is in time that we should pay attention to? Well...in order to answer this question, we'll just simply answer it in a few sentences since it will take a whole book if we answer it completely. So first of all, time is an opportunity given to us to develop ourselves. We need time to live, to change and to prepare. Time is a special gift that goes with the gift of life.

Lastly, time moves in an unfolding process. We do not receive it all at once, but only second after second, minute after minute, hour after hour, day after day and so on, but always one second at a time. Hence, time is perishable. Once a second or minute goes by then under no circumstances, can we bring it back to the present. It has gone to the past, and so it is something in the past. Because of this, time is independent. It is beyond man's control. This brings us to the realization of the significance of time, most especially the time that we hold in our hands. Now, is the only time that is ours. The past is gone, the future is not yet. So let's not waste it, but rather use it more meaningfully and fruitfully in order to achieve our long-dreamed dreams. Wasting it, is a foolish and dangerous way of life.

EQUAL RIGHTS



By Monalisa Jack and Jacinta Rickat.

XAVIER DAY IS COMING!!!

MOBILIZE!!!!

ELECTIONS

try my very best to work with Mr. Helgenberger and Mr. August." After the speeches were given the students clapped and shouted to the top of their voices. The election was over and everybody congratulated the officers of this year student council.

MORE ON NEW STAFF

He then was asked to come to Xavier last June. He is now the principal. He will be with us for two years and maybe he will be going back after his apportionment is completed.

Eric Metzgar, is a native of Long Beach, California. He graduated from (UCLA) University of California Los Angeles, where he got his Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) and decided to work on films which interested him very much. Out of his curiosity he happened to come across Micronesian cultures and it intrigued him and he began to contact, finally he came across our director, Fr. Francis Hezel, S.J, who is well known for his interest in Micronesian cultures. Fr. Hezel is the man who is taking care of the Micronesian Seminar, at Xavier.

So, they made a deal. Mr. Metzgar came to replace the Media teacher and at the same time, work on his films. He will be with the seniors during their Town Study Project.

Afterwards he will proceed into his work in the outer islands of Truk and Yap where he thinks that most people are still practicing their traditions. He is now teaching Media to the seniors, English Skills to the Juniors and sophomores. He said that Xavier is a very good place for learning.

FUN-NITE

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able to come. Xavier girls invited but not all could make it. The boys outnumbered the girls which is always the case. There were twelve girls present this time. Cookies, cakes, and kool-aid and a number of refreshments were served. There was a number of faculty present. Almost everyone danced that night with the exception of Rt. Zanoni and Norman McComb with some other seniors.

The fun-nite ended at 11:00 p.m. The boys came up on the Ford and Toyota. They arrived at Xavier around 12:00 p.m.

On the week of October 23, the juniors had their fun-nite. It was at the same place, Bayview Restaurant, and it started 8:00pm due to the same problem, the seniors had. The juniors invited Xavier girls and also some outside girls. The girls were fewer than them. They were serving cakes, cookies and kool-aid. However, they served soft drinks too which was not done by the seniors. There were also faculty members with them.

The fun-nite went from 7:00 p.m. till 1:00p.m. All the guests were taken home by 12:00p.m. and the boys came up in their cars and they got here at 1:00 p.m.

NOTE ON X.P.W. 76-77

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Brother Acer, and two new staff of Xavier faculty, Phil Rosenberg and Mike Hamelai.

In the course of these meetings Bro. Acer with his two aides Mike and Phil, appointed five seniors to head the different departments in the X.P.W. Two other juniors were officially appointed as heads of two other departments that were vacant. These are the following seniors, along with their assistants and also the two juniors who were just recruited this year. Sekap Esa is the head of the Automotive Repair Dept. with Koschy Reuny as his assistant. Jerry Fagolmul heads the Carpentry Dept. with Yopas Mori as his assistant. The Dept. of Plumbing is now under the supervision of Jed Aliba Heddleston who is assisted by a junior, Nelsin Iriarte.



X P W

HEZEL'S FELIX
VOWS

Power and electricity installation and repairment is still supervised by its old director Joe Kamram, and aided by Viny Mailmong. Seberiano Barnabas and old employee of the X.P.W has now become the director of the painting dept., with Nelson August as his aide. The two other Departments, are Sanitation and Landscaping. They are steered by juniors, Simraam Simram and Vincent Kallop and are assisted Speeder Setile and Leo Falcam Jr.

Mike Hamelai, a new staff of the Xavier Maintenance work, is a Micronesian Volunteer and he's doing his charity work here at Xavier. He supervises the Painting and Automotive Repair Depts. Mike's commitment will expire at the end of the second semester of next year, and he is looking forward to further his education aboard. Mike graduated from PATS last June.

Phil Rosenberg also a new staff at Xavier, is a Peace Corps Volunteer and will be staying here for only one year. Phil supervises Plumbing Carpentry and Instrument Repair Departments, and helping the directors of these Departments. Unfortunately we haven't been able to start working in the Instrument Repair Dept, due to the lack of qualified individuals. This Dept. is taking care of repairing old typewriters and other related kinds.

Xavier Public Works is a organization that originated in 1974 as a

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"MEANS YOU
CANNOT MARRY
TO WOMEN!"

"WORK TUE.
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Bro. ACER

result of the students' willingness and cooperation Bro. Acer, the founder of this organization, felt that this is important for the student education and growth. It aims to develop the students in their practical skills and to have them experience the ordeals of life. He furthered affirmed that students' initiative and creativeness could also be improved as they continue to progress in their assigned chores. The Xavier Public Works employees work three days a week during the regular working period. Lastly, the Xavier Public Works wishes that the students cooperate with these people in this organization so that this year work may be a success.

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XAVIER DAY
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COMING!!!

Before the Xavier High School student body and Jesuits from three other district, Frs. Felix Yoach and Francis Hezel took the final vows. Hezel was to prepare for the occasion. Song rehearsals for mass was conducted by Ketson P. Johnson, the Dean of Students. The main celebrant was to be Fr. William McGarry S.J., Superior of Micronesian Jesuits.

Fr. Hezel S.J. was born in Buffalo, New York in Jan 29, 1939. He entered the Jesuit Society in Aug. 4, 1950. He came out to Micronesia, as a scholastic, in 1963. Aside from the few years he went back to the States, he was working here on Truk. He is the director of this school and also the one who is taking care of the Seminar.

Fr. Felix Yoach, one of the only two Micronesian Jesuit Priests we have. He was born in June 26, 1932, on the island of Koror, in Palau District. His decision to enter the seminar came soon after the death of his father. So on July 30, 1954, Fr. Yoach took his first vows as a Jesuit priest. As a novice, he was sent to the mission on Truk for training. However, after completing one year, he gave up and decided to finish his high school on Guam.

The ceremony took place in the St. Robert Bellarmine's Chapel. While Fr. McGarry said the sermon, cameras clicked, and flashbulbs blinked as the Media students covered the event.

Old man Sekap

by Shamuz

Old man Sekap holds his cudgel

With pain and sorrow.

His eyes gleams no more, but fluttering hastily

Passes by a lively young man with merry jogs.

His eyes gleams radiantly and ceases fluttering.

He walks joyously, following the path of reality,

Now a dream.

The jubilant world he once possessed has now

Gone, gone with all its vitalities and its signs.

He has become a stranger in an alien land.

He lives in a land desolate and abandoned by its

Former kinds.

Sneered and hated by the young belles of Xavier,

He hopes for nothing, not even sympathy,

Only death.

Death is a destiny that he has long awaited.

The cruel world not only robs the treasures once owned,

But atrociously murders his soul.

Peace of his soul can only be attained

By a stoned heart.

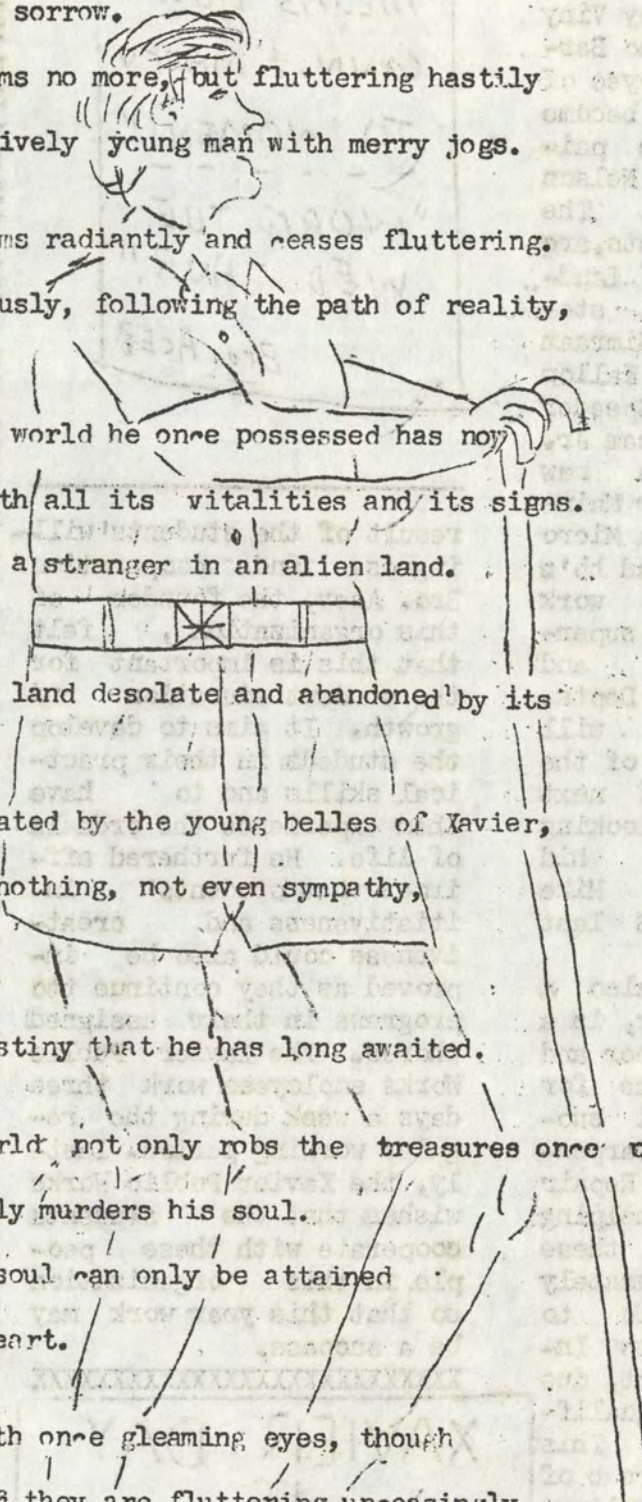
He glances with once gleaming eyes, though

To a spectator they are fluttering unceasingly.

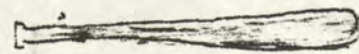
A lively young man passes by with merry jogs,

Strikes with the curse of aging, the old man Sekap holds

His cudgel with trembling legs and teary eyes.



SPORTS:



VARSIITY I BEATS FACULTY BY A HAIR

On September 28, a decisive game was exhibited by the older faculty members and the vigorous members of the Xavier Varsity I, in which the faculty lost by a close margin. The game was held on the newly built Takashi Court since the inside court could not accommodate the vast number of audience that had gathered to watch the first official game of this school year, 1976-77.

After a brief introduction on the game's rules by the distinguished chief referee Mr. Leo Falcam Jr., the game commenced with the Varsity captain, Nelson August dribbling the ball to his side of the basket and unbelievably made a perfect long shot that brought cheers from his comrades and some of the boys who were on the Varsity side.

At the same time, Fr. Francis Hezel, the unrecognized leader of the faculty team, grunted in disbelief and a bit of envy was expressed on his face. Thus the game proceeded with the Varsity leading by a basket.

Halfway through, the first half of the game, the faculty began to lead by two fresh baskets that were added by Fr. Hezel's magnificent hookshots. While the players were trying to pull in more baskets, the packed audience on the varsity section of the court (mostly seniors) would sit and cheer in a monotonous tone whenever a basket was made by a Varsity member.

On the other hand, when a basket was made by a faculty, the crowd would yell out, "accident" as if the basket was not made on purpose. It appeared as the game was progressing, that this was no longer a game but rather, a dispute between the experienced old and the liberal teenagers. At the end of the third quarter, the faculty still led by a basket despite the antagonistic cheers that were aimed at them by the biased crowd of onlookers. By now, the slow build-up suspense, had unraveled, choking the only hope of winning in the hearts of the young athletes. With the procrastination of the last quarter by ten minutes, the Varsity members had enough time to restore their strengths

their game strategy.

Now that they are neck & neck on the scoreboard, both teams began to play in a heebie-jeebies order. At the same time, the audience began to rise from their seating grounds to give their neighbors enough space to move around in the moment of ecstasy. With only five minutes more to go, James Mormad, the sophomore class teacher scored a basket that put the faculty in front by two points. Nelson August, then got the ball from his centerman and started dribbling down his side of the court, leaving two opponents falling down, as he fooled them with his tricks. While still ten feet away, from the basket, he made a jump-shot that was so striking to his friends that they began to clap their hands. With two minutes remaining and the score tied, everyone expected to see the game end with both sides still unchanged in their team set-up. However, in the last remaining minutes, the Varsity had to reverse the position of the center man and one of the defence men. The change was not recognized by the faculty members. The game proceeded with Eric, throwing the ball to Mr. Ketz, but was intercepted by Yokbay, who caught the ball before Ketz ever glanced at it. Yokbay quickly outdistanced his opponents and his nearest teammates to score a lay-up prior to the referee's blow of the whistle which signified the end of the game. The score was closed, with the faculty scoring 36 points and the Varsity 38 points. Thus ended the first game of the basketball season.

ACCIDENT!!

LETS GET WITH IT!!



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SENIORS HUMOR

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Jesse Haglelfeg, who attended a work shop in Honolulu last summer, was planning to go into priesthood. Unfortunately, after seeing a little pretty bird who comes up every morning and goes back in the afternoon, he has changed his decision. Mr. Haglelfeg is the Secretary of the Senior Class, the Secretary of Labor, and also the Secretary of the Student Government.



Jerry Fagolimul, who also attended the work shop in Honolulu last summer, hopes to go back to Hawaii, get a wife, and get settled. Mr. Fagolimul is the Yapese District Representative, and he always refers to himself as Jay Osmond. His only ambition is to become a Hawaiian beach comber. He is a native of Ulithi, Yap District.

ALOHA!

Vincent Mailmong, a native of Ulithi, is planning to change his citizenship. Mr. Mailmong was a very faithful citizen one year ago. But after the change that had taken place here at Xavier, he decided to become a Ponapean. "Vinny, you are always welcome. Do not hesitate, just come right in and take your time."

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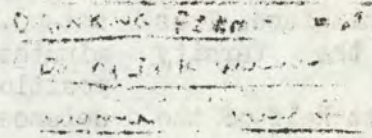
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Banny DeBrum, the father of the Xavier bell, expressed his emotions about this school year in a dream. While dreaming, Mr. DeBrum said something like, "Ha, ha, ha, I really like this year. Everything seems so beautiful!"



DING DONG
DONG DING

A distinguishable senior from the Marshalls, who often calls himself Faisal, has been a successful businessman. He sells one stick of cigarette for only five cents. When asked about his business license, he replied "I have a drinking permit."



Nelson Francis August, the Vice President of the Senior class, and a very talented athlete, is planning to continue his studies at the United States International University. Mr. August has a friend from the freshmen class.

HARVARD MA!!
PWATAO?

Jackobus Rocob, a native of Tol Island in the Truk lagoon, is planning to further his education at Harvard University. He plans to study medicine. Mr. Rocob has developed an extraordinary behind after all the lessons he has been taking in karate.

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A very talented singer, Heddleston Jeadrick, was found one day crying under a tree. When asked why he was crying, the poor child responded, "I really miss grandma." He was given some candies and he started smiling. After a few minutes, he was going around puffing on a cigar.



Newton Lajuan, one of the most critical member of this class, received a lovely letter from a girlfriend who identified herself as only four years old. Mr. Lajuan is now the Manager of our benjo. He hopes to get his Master's from the University of Langar, Arno Atoll.



Mr. Johnson Elimo, a handsome young man with long hair and purple cheeks who is also the Trukese District Representative wishes to be recognized to all the underclassmen. He said out of depression, "I just wish I had the guts to approach the gals!"

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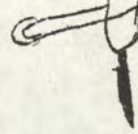
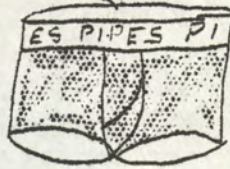
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And guess what he did next? He put his long arms around the giant pillar and went to sleep in fantasy-land.



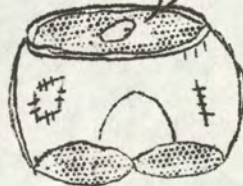
THE SENIORS NEED ME

After reading the Underground issue on those unfortunate seniors without underwear, I had to admit that I had a terrible night-mare that very night. And one of the things I kept repeating in my ordeal was "Use your money wisely-Buy underwear".



It is beyond imagination, how a person could substitute an image for a pillar. Believe it or not, a senior whose name is withheld by request, did exactly that. After receiving a grand letter from his girlfriend saying how much she missed him, he began to feel home-sick so he went to bed early without doing his Physic's assignment. Sleeping that night was difficult as he would roll on his bed countlessly. So finally he remembered the huge pillar that separated his bed from the nearest senior's bed.

I'M EXPENSIVE



Did you hear about the silly Xavier student who went fishing with a sling shot? He was so stupid that he spent four hours in the water just chasing a grouper. When finally he cornered the fish among some coral in the shallow water, he pulled the rubber just to hear it 'twang as it broke. Without hesitating, he swam toward the fish, hoping to catch it with his bare hands. However, when he was about to seize the fish, he noticed that the fish was smiling at him. So astonished he was that he broke surface with a roar exclaiming, "Oh! My gosh, what am I gonna do now? Mr. Oppus didn't tell me that fish can smile".



Letters from the Editors

We would apologize for not producing this volume earlier, due to some complications with the THREE TOWERS-STAFFS we the journalism class, have tried our best to publish this volume,

Though, it may not satisfy your tastes, we hope that in the future our Publications will satisfy your curiosity and your tastes.

We ask you to write for the THREE-TOWERS NEXT PUBLICATION, which will be on Dec. 12, 1976.

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