Magnificat, a high school magazine, features an article on the 3rd All-girl Key Club in US Starts, discussing their charter members, the Governor of Ohio Kiwanis joined in the event with representatives from all Northern Ohio Key Clubs. The school auditorium will be able to obtain Christmas gifts, adding happiness and joy to their holiday season, according to Student Council member Katie McBride.

Installation of the following club officers took place on Dec. 6 at the Westlake Hotel Ballroom: Mary Helen Petrus, president; Marybeth Nedrich, vice-president; Joan Eitel, secretary; and Linda Cawley, treasurer. Sister Rose Schaeffer, principal, accepted the Magnificat Key Club charter, and the girls in Key Club were presented with their charter memberships.

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"Ladies’ Choice" at Prom

Wagner’s Country Inn is the site of the year’s Junior-Senior Prom to be held on Dec. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The girls and their dates will dine and dance to the music of Breakout, a band which plays a variety of music including disco, hard and soft rock, and slow dances.

A committee of seven juniors and eight seniors are planning the prom around the theme of "Ladies’ Choice.”

Christmas Spirit

As the holidays approach, Magnificat students are contributing to the annual Food Drive which is not in full swing and runs through Dec. 19. This year, the students will collect toys, clothes, and food will be given to the poor with the assistance of the St. Martin De Porres Center.

A survey which was conducted in the Activity Rooms showed that students favor a hardcover bound book, captions and comments under senior pictures and more candid photos.

"Dawning" focuses on the work of students with artistic talent in photography, graphics and creative writing.

The staff, under the direction of faculty member Ms. Therese Pavilions and Mrs. Maryjo Zarnoski, solicits students to submit original poetry, prose, and black and white photos for consideration.

According to Mary Larry, junior class president, these girls have worked hard and have taken on the responsibility for making the prom a success.

Choirs Herald Christmas

The school auditorium will ring with the sounds of Christmas at the annual Family Choral Concert on Dec. 20 at 8:15 p.m. The performance will then be repeated for all students and faculty during as assembly the day before Christmas vacation begins.

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Pursue Benefits of Taking AP; Earn College Credits at Mags

Last year one-fifth of the high school's principal and college-level learning opportunities for the students. Magnificat was among them.

Students can earn college credits high school by passing high in the Advanced Placement Examination administered here in May for senior students. The test, given in several academic areas including math, science, English, and history is graded by college professors.

AP placement can save college time and money. If one hour of college credit at a particular school costs $275, a student with 3 hours of AP credit would save $825 and approximately 45 hours of classroom time. Many people are not aware of what they should do to obtain these academic and financial benefits. At Magnificat girls interested in AP usually do enroll in honors courses as a preparation for the examination.

The Governor of Ohio Kiwanis and the College Board encourages students to investigate college policies in their home states.

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Skiing, skating, tobogganing and ice skating all are popular winter sports in Cleveland. Late November and early December open the season for a traditional "sport" that demands extreme spirit. What challenging activity requires huge amounts of energy, stamina and mental endurance? Christmas shopping is the name of the game. It puts the squeeze on your time and patience (and wallet). First, you are faced with the "what gifts do I buy?" decision. It should be something wanted or needed, and yet remain interesting. (Take a hint if Dad's birthday ties are holding up the tomato plants.)

Second, you must brave the drive over mounds of snow to push and elbow through "Santa's bargain." (No wonder he's always ho-ho-ing.) Finally, with your holiday spirit in threadbare, exhaustion and frustration have numbed your senses, and your head is reverberating "Jingle Bells." (With an insert: "Stubby Pringle's Christmas," to the saga as Bridges appears in this realistic Christmas story by O. Henry is reeled here in a modern version. Rush hour...traffic jam...a hoary procession of sardines. Mrs. Lorence sat in her two-door Chevy as usual at 6 p.m. After driving through the crowded streets of Chicago, she finally reached her destiny, Filmore Avenue.

She parked the rusty car, grabbed the keys and ran to the wooden staircase to the apartment, one-room apartment. The door was locked; the mailman opened it. It was already Christmas Eve but, unfortunately, the snow was still falling, shortly to become doubtful.

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Instinctively knowing what was inside, Mrs. Lorence said, "No, girls, you cannot peek in this bag yet." Since she had encouraged them, she added, "Santa knows you have been good this year. Now go and brush your teeth and come back."

Hurrily Judy and Melissa hurried, but discovered that their savings amounted to only one dollar and a quarter. They were thinking of the little trinket box in the front room.

Our Status: High
by Laura Martin
One thing can be said about Cleveland: we live up to our name of "Rock Capital of the World." Anyone doubting it can look at our concert schedule. In recent months Cleveland has been the American of many special appearances made by Heart, which was broadcast nationally, Hall and Oates of Philadelphia, and as of January, The Moody Blues, and a special high school appearance of Alex Hafler. If any questions still linger about the Cleveland music scene, take a look at who is in the forecast: Tonight, Styx will be at the Coliseum. Before Christmas, they will be recording a new album, "Wishful Warrior" by Ted Neugent on Friday, and later the M-1978 band will return for a New Year's Eve show.

If you're still not satisfied, listen to the radio: Cleveland debuts quite a few new albums these days. One is a Christmas release within the past few months; it is called "The Best Is Yet to Come."

Part of Todd's album was recorded at the Agora.

"Gift of the Magi" Retells Heartwarming Story
by Cathy Schaefer
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Will Accidents Cause Raise in Legal Driving Age?

Are legislators really considering a raise in the driving age in Ohio? Not now. No, however, it is not an impossibility that legislators could pass such a bill sometime in the future. Teenagers opposed to a change in the driving age in relation to other important legal changes such as the legal drinking age are predominant with the children of their age and the older generation.

In the United States, and other countries that do not have a driving age of 18, the driving age is typically 16. In some countries, such as Japan and the United Kingdom, the driving age is 17. In other countries, such as Australia and Canada, the driving age is 18. In some countries, such as Germany and Switzerland, the driving age is 21. In some countries, such as Denmark and Norway, the driving age is 18, but drivers must pass additional tests before being allowed to drive on their own.

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These figures may seem like a small percentage of juniors in accidents, 44% of seniors in accidents, and 50% of seniors in accidents to us, but we consider that only a minority of licensed drivers were polled. In addition to those polled, many other drivers have more than one accident. In fact, a survey was taken of upper-classmen Activity Rooms chosen at random. Students were asked the question: Have you ever been involved in a car accident while you were driving? Results revealed that 9 juniors were involved in accidents, 101 juniors were not involved, 32 seniors were involved, and 40 seniors were not involved.

The Staff of The Magnificat wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Holiday Traditions Encourage Peace, Goodwill
by Bridget McCallery
Yuletide customs around the world, no matter how different, symbolize an imminent major event. Whether a person becomes a Christian, Jew, Moslem, Hindu or other religious faith, many different countries have favorite dishes which are prepared for only one special night, Christmas Eve. Sophomore Denise Wimbush and her family honor the spiritual Slovak Christmas tradition of washing up for dinner on Christmas Eve. Sophomore Judy Baskin and her family honor the Hungarian Christmas tradition of "a cherry twig by Christmas Eve," and Sophomore Barbara Kortum and her family honor the Slovak Christmas tradition of "non alcoholic punch." The common thread in all of these traditions is a symbol which signifies an imminent major event.

Prediction of the future is attempted by eating mint cookies, drinking from a new cup, playing a game of cards, and other tribal customs. Or, as a Soviet cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, put it, "There are many symbols of Christmas, but only one symbol is a certainty."

In an ideal world, peace truly would come to the earth. Until then, may Christmas, traditions, though varied and many, and reflected a universal hope for the true meaning of the Christmas story, be a true symbol of peace, goodwill to men.
Step into the narrow door of the Dark Room, located in the Prints Create Image Resource Center's Production Room. Every day happens to be an everyday Room. It is equipped with enlargers, dry print, film dunk and tinted lights.

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Both Volleyball Teams Win Championship Titles, Trophies

Sisters in Speedskating Competition

"Dedication, determination and devotion are a few of the necessary requirements needed to compete in speedskating," said sophomore Chris Dorenkott.

Chris and her sister Julie, a senior, took up skating at early ages, Chris at 7 and Julie at 5.

"Dedication, determination and perseverance are necessary requirements needed for their sport," said sophomore Christine Dorenkott.

Christine began in the Pee-Wee division in second grade. For two consecutive years, in both fourth and fifth grade, she won the Ohio State Championship for her age group. She also received the Lakewood Silver Skates Award. In the fifth grade Christine lost interest in the sport, but now she's getting back into the fast-moving competition.

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Julie has high hopes of winning the state championship again.

Speedskating is an exciting but time-consuming sport. Exercises and practices take up part of the girls' daily routine. They skate regularly at Winterhurst Ice Rink. Both Julie and Chris belong to the Lakewood Speed-Skating Club.

For the Dorenkotts, speedskating is a family sport. Julie, Christine and their brother recently competed in Chicago.

Skiers Brave Slopes, Conquer Cold Winds

Stem climber, stalwart: "What do they mean?" you ask. Any experienced skier should be able to tell you.

This year's Ski Club has attracted some 150 students. Braving subzero weather and stinging winds, the girls will venture to Brandony Ski Center on the first six Tuesdays of 1979, weather permitting.

Two all-day trips will also be offered by the club. Peak-n-Peak and Cockaite are the sites of this year's outings.

Despite this defeat, the Blue Waves on Ice had a competitive and winning season. The varsity won 14 games, lost 15, and tied 11.

As the weather outside gets colder, the familiar sound of basketballs bouncing against the backboard reverberates in the gym. After practicing for many long weeks, the Magnificat varsity and junior varsity basketball teams are ready to challenge Regina High School in the season opener next Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. at Regina.

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by Clare Burnett

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