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It's Academic: VICTORY

On Sunday, October 29, three Saint George students brought a first to their school with a victory in "IT'S ACADEMIC!" competition. This win is the first such triumph for the Dragons in three years of participation on the NBC-TV program.

The triumphant team consisted of John Winikates, team captain, John McKenna, and Tim Pohl for the first string. Larry Pankau, Jim Kottra, and Art Torre were the alternates. All are Seniors and are enrolled in Honors and Advanced Placement courses at Georges.

Pitted against Cary Grove from Cary, Illinois, and Saint Ann, from Saint Ann, the "Brain Dragons" took a ten point lead in the first round and managed to maintain that hold on first place through the entire game.

While Saint George dominated the play in the three regular question rounds, the Grab Bag Round was less than solidly ours. Each question in the round was valued at twenty points, and midway through the minute long period, victory for Cary Grove seemed imminent as they trimmed the Saint George lead to one question.

An all important answer from one of the three team members increased the Saint George margin to forty points. Then, with less than half the round left to play, a tough break came to Cary Grove. Penalized for a wrong answer, the Cary Grove team dropped to second place, sixty points behind the Dragons. At this stage, Saint Ann suddenly dominated the scoring and continued to do so for the remainder of the Grab Bag. They were un-

able to score enough to win, but they did keep both of the other two contenders from scoring.

The final score was Saint George—280, Cary Grove — 220, and Saint Ann — 155. The Dragons had only one wrong answer and passed only three questions through the entire game.

John Winikates, the team captain, represents Advisory 108, and is the valedictorian of the Senior class. His courses include Advanced Placement Calculus, European History, and English, as well as German, Physics, and Religion. In addition, he spends much time on his extra-curriculars — mainly the Key Club and Drama Club. John is a resident of Park Ridge.

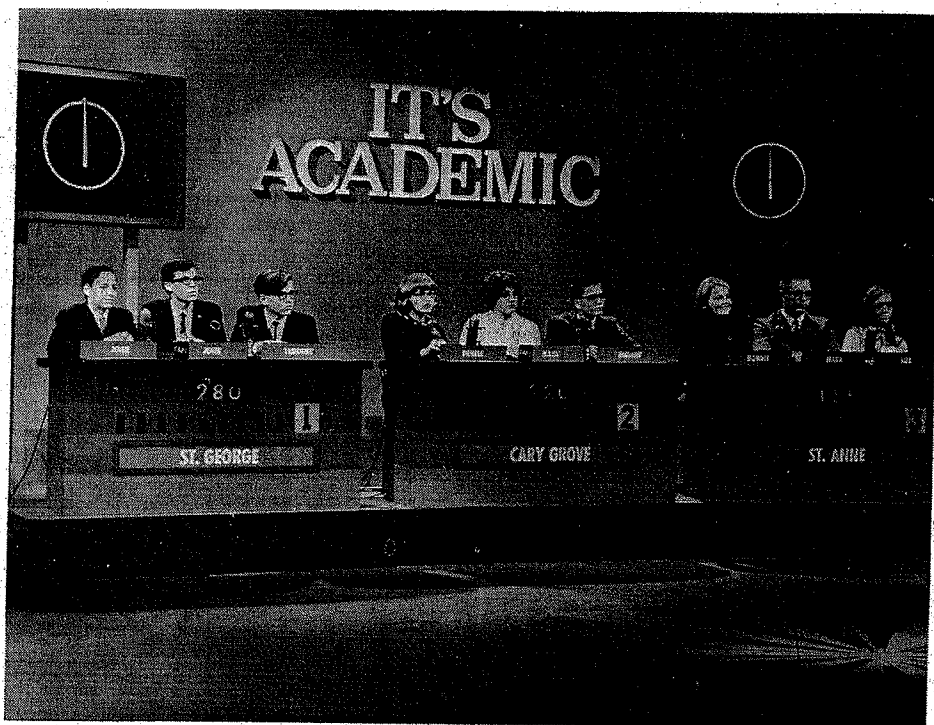
John McKenna, Advisory 101, is a Math-Science Honors student. His class schedule contains A.P. courses in Calculus, Physics, and English, rounded out with Senior Social Studies and Religion. President of the Math Club, John lives in Evanston and plans to study Physics at the University of Chicago.

Tim Pohl, Advisory 107, is an A.P. English student. He also takes Math Analysis, Physics, Senior Social Studies, and Religion. Tim's home is Skokie.

Both John McKenna and John Winikates will graduate with honors in June, 1968.

The team went to the WMAQ studios in the Merchandise Mart for the taping session. The game was recorded on video tape to be shown December 9 at 5:00 P.M. on Channel 5.

Before the telecast of this first contest, the team will return to NBC for a second taping. In mid-November, the Dragons will once again compete on "IT'S ACADEMIC!" in a semi-finalist round. Continued victories will bring the team back for further contests.



The DRAGON Speaks . . .

Congratulations go out from the DRAGON to all involved in the Homecoming weekend. This year's Homecoming was the best in many years. "Southern Enchantment" was even better than had been anticipated and it was by far the best Homecoming dance in recent years. The pep rally and sock hop were quite successful and they helped raise the spirit and pride of both the football squad and the student body. All who participated in building a float admitted that it was great fun. The weekend ended with the greatest football game in many years. The Dragon gridmen fought their hearts out against a tough St. Pat's team, but unfortunately the game lasted three minutes too long. An upset victory was lost in the closing minutes of this grueling contest.

Another point of mention is the apparent revival of the once famous St. George pride and spirit. It was said that there were over 2,400 people cheering the Drag-

ons on in the Homecoming game. If this can be kept up, along with the excellent playing of the football team, the year could be the start of a new St. George tradition of excellence in sports and of strong team backing.

Thus far, the response in the sale of the 1968 GEORGIAN has been only fair. As expected, the yearbook received strong support from the Senior class. Moderately strong support was also received from the Juniors, but the Sophomores and Freshmen have been a sorry disappointment. Let's go, underclassmen, show the upperclassmen some school spirit by supporting the yearbook.

Soon tickets will go on sale for "Oliver," the Drama Club's musical production for this year. Judging from past years, this play should be quite an event that the student body shouldn't miss. The DRAGON urges the students to support the Drama Club and this great play.

KEY CLUB

One of the friendlier organizations around St. George is the Key Club. This worthwhile club is sponsored by the Evanston Kiwanis Club. The main purpose of the Key Club is to be of service to the school and the community. As well as cooperating with the school and the school principal in various projects, the Key Club prepares its members for useful citizenship.

The administrative theme of Key Club International for 1967-68 is to "achieve understanding through involvement in my club, my community, my nation, my world, and my faith." Other permanent objects of Key Club International (besides serving the school and community) are to develop initiative and leadership and to provide experience in living and working together.

John Winikates is the President of the St. George Key Club. Other officers are: John Meader — Vice-President, Tom Duffy — Treasurer, and Manfred Mueller — Secretary. Mr. Pedretti is the faculty moderator and Mr. Myerson is the Evanston Kiwanis representative.

Perhaps the most noticeable project of the Key Club this year has been the renovation of Rooms 204 and 205. This project was begun late last year and was finished over the summer. The complete renovation included the painting of the walls, the installation of new movable desks, laying of new tiles on the floor, and the

introduction of a new desk for the teachers. Profits received from a Key Club sponsored basketball game between members of the Lance Club and various girls' schools in the area were used as payment for Room 204. Room 205's renovation has not been paid for as yet.

Earlier this year, the St. George Key Club joined other schools of this area to march with Danny Thomas against Leukemia. The march was quite successful and much money was collected for this worthy purpose.

For the Homecoming, the Key Club undertook the building of a float for the parade. Several Key Clubbers were up all Saturday night working on this float. The float placed third in the judging, immediately behind 108. George Hahn, the Homecoming Parade chairman, was in charge of building the float.

DRAGON STAFF

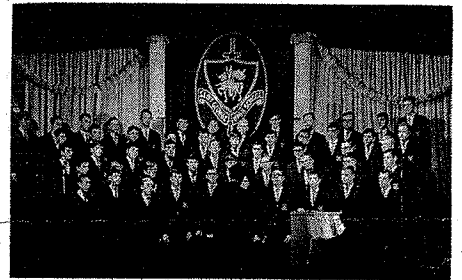
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Another ambitious Key Club project is the running of the KKK, the Key Klub Kavern bookstore. The bookstore is under the direction of Juniors Brennock and Balogh this year. Thus far, the bookstore has been fairly successful.

In the Annual Ma-Pa Festival the Key Club was on hand not only to help run the festival and the booths, but it also ran its own booth. This booth was used by the Key Club for the purpose of selling playing cards, mugs, and ashtrays, all of which carried the St. George emblem on them.

Looking to the future, the club's president, John Winikates, stated that it was his belief that the club could accomplish great things in the school (including the further renovation of classrooms), if there was greater cooperation and leadership among the members of the club.

Glee Club



The Saint George Glee Club has consistently been one of the schools finest extra-curricular activities. It has served to develop the musical talents of many Saint George students while simultaneously spreading the greatness of the school. The club is known for its excellence throughout the entire midwest. From Memphis to Marywood the club has won showers of praise for Saint George.

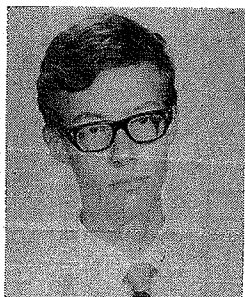
This year the Glee Club will undoubtedly maintain its fine tradition. Among this year's highlights is a short television special which will feature the voices of our chorus. The program will be a human interest story about Mr. Camastro, director of the Glee Club. It will illustrate his involvement in Saint George as both football coach and Glee Club leader. The Glee Club will sing the Negro spiritual "Get Happy," which will be heard as background music for the program. The show will be aired sometime in November on channel five.

In the words of Mr. Camastro the year's Glee Club will be "one of the best." With forty returning lettermen, the club has much experience behind them. The student body can be assured, once again, of having a Glee Club of fine quality representing them.

Men of Mention

The Perennial Header of the class of 1968, Jasiu Wubujates (Polish for John Winikates), is a commuter student between Saint George and the wrong side of the tracks in Park Ridge. As is well known from last years awards assembly, John has a fantastic 4.69 grade point average, and a knack for making his thoughts clear. "I guess it's the Polish blood in me, it affects people in that way."

Besides maintaining his exhaustive academic schedule, Winikates finds time to engage in a wide variety of activities. He is president of the Key Club, an *Illustrations* editor, assistant director in the Drama Club's upcoming production of *OLIVER*, student council representative from advisory 108, and an officer in the National Honor Society.



Because of his involvement with the leadership of the school, much of John's praise and criticism is centered around that subject. "We need more dissent and criticism in the organizations concerned with student involvement such as the student council and the Key Club. The student body in general is content to let a few leaders do all the work in every organization. It seems that a few students, and you see them in almost all the extra-curriculars, are called upon to do all the work by themselves. It's up to the Seniors each year to produce a small number of men to run the student participation groups in the school. Not enough underclassmen get involved. Thus, they are often ill prepared to take over."

Winikates also feels that there is too much of a consolidation and centralization of power and authority within the student council. "It's the fault of the representatives themselves," says John. "They act like a mindless rubber stamp, accepting without question the dictates of the Executive Board."

One example of this, he says, is the Board deciding "who gets the sock-hops, and then taking on the responsibility of running the dance through the council. The whole council should decide who gets the affair, and then the individual club

should be required to run the dance." In this way, John feels, more students get involved.

Winikates concedes that greater student participation and discussion might create some confusion and problems, but "it's vital if the council is to survive as a student run organization, and not controlled by a few active kids."

As to the future, John has yet to decide about which college to attend, but Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania are among his considerations. In his spare time, John studies the theory of Polish military victories, but source material is pretty scarce.

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"Time — 10:10, second place, Crann, Saint George." No finer words of introduction to Senior Len Crann than those. The mentor of 202 is truly a man of mention, one who is involved with all phases of his school, be he on the track, the stage, or in the classroom.

Lenny, originally from East Orange, New Jersey, came to Chicagoland in 1957. After settling in Evanston, Len was enrolled and graduated from Saint Nick's. He has gone on to become one of that school's more illustrious graduates.

When choosing a high school Len followed his older brother, Jay Crann, to Saint George. He lost no time in becoming involved with his school. As a freshman, he was elected as an advisory representative to the then new student council. As the council grew, so did Len's participation in his school. Along with constant membership in the student council, Len finds time to captain the cross country team, sing for the glee club, and act as presidential advisor in the drama club. He will be making his starring debut as the "Artful Dodger" in the clubs coming production of *Oliver*. Add to this two years with the Lance Club, a very respectable 3.17 grade point average, red hair—and you have Len.

About the future? As of this point, the young Mr. Crann is still rather undecided. He hopes to go to Notre Dame and there major in, most likely, political science.



"I've been lucky," is all we could get Len to say concerning his success in high school, "I've had good teachers, and a lot of help from a great school." If Len follows the course he has set at S.G.H.S. his success in future life is assured. As a closing remark, "Everybody is always talking about student apathy, from what I see, we still have a long way to go, but there is more spirit in this school now, 1967, than in all the time I've been here." Len, and guys like him, helped put it there.

More Books, Better Library

The St. George school library is now in the process of a complete renovation. Under the librarian, Mrs. Barnhill, her assistant librarians Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Adams, and her Mothers' Club helpers (notably Mrs. Gorham), the library has taken on a new look. Over the past few years many of the old books were removed and their place has been taken by a whole new set of books and periodicals. These new materials were purchased under the approval and recommendations of the school teachers. Further, a new card catalog has been set up.

Thus far this year, a new paperback reference section has been established near the check-out desk. At present, this section consists pretty much of books concerning the Social Studies, especially American and European History. Eventually this section will cover other subjects such as English, Religion, and Science. More changes and renovations for the future are now in the planning stages.

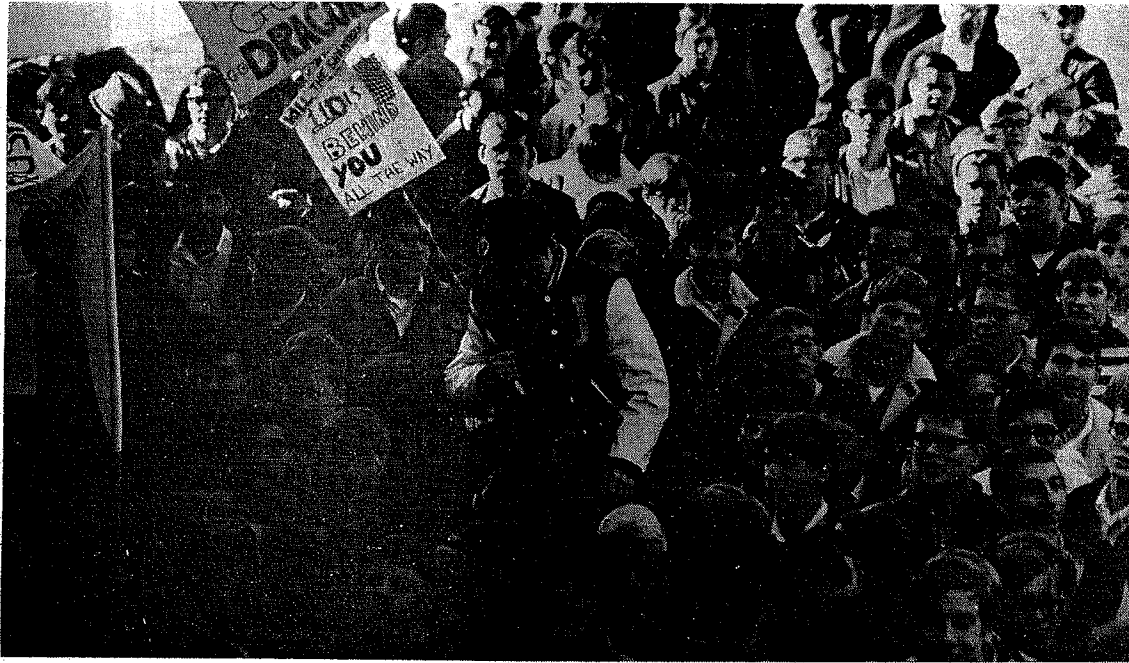
The Library Club (or staff) at present consists of 15 members of the student body. Mike Martin is President of the Library Club. Other officers are: Bud Nidey — Vice President and Tim O'Toole as Secretary-Treasurer.

According to Mike Martin, the Library Staff is now understaffed. More students are needed to help run the library.

The idea of student proctors for the library is now in its second year. These proctors check books for students entering or leaving the library and help to keep order among the students. Library proctors for this year are:

Steve Shaw — first period
Manfred Mueller — second period
George Hahn — third period
Paul DeMay — fourth period
Pat Nugent — fifth and sixth lunch
Joe Becker — seventh period
Don Fosnacht — ninth period

homecoming: th



A spirited pep rally, a fantastic dance, and a blood thirsty football game highlighted this years Homecoming and made it the greatest scene around. Friday, October 20th, rousing talks were given by Coach Schmidt and Bro. Luke on the blacktop. The Dragons picked up the momentum and chanted the truth St. Pat's well realized in the football game—we're number one!



