

"Christmas comes but once a year," are the words of a popular seasonal tune, but have you wondered why Christmas comes only once? Definitely we know that December 25 is Christ Jesus' birthday. And who ever heard of celebrating a birthday twice or even three times a year? But that isn't my point at the moment.

What in the world would the shopkeepers, the song writers, and the greeting card salesmen do if Christmas came more than once? The super salesman seems to have a hard enough time to prepare for the big sales pitch in just 11 months and 15 days. (We are allowing Santa's helpers the traditional twelve days of the Christmas holidays to recouperate from their most strenuous effort.) It used to be that we were allowed to clean off the Thanksgiving turkey carcass before we were assaulted with all kinds of Christmas paraphernalia. Now, long before the hectic final six weeks all manner of materialistic schemes have been prepared to captivate your silver clanking coins, the symbol of today's holiday spirit. You couldn't walk by any store window three weeks ago without being reminded that there were only 370 shopping days until the big day in 1959.

Let's put Christ back into Christmas! You alone can't combat the worldliness which permeates the celebration of the holy season, but all of us together can make a dent in its tinselled shell. Your good example is the weapon to fight the materialistic attitude of society towards Christmas. That doesn't mean to neglect to give your little brother his Christmas ball, but it does stress an awareness that Christmas belongs to Christ. Considering a gift, why not give Christ back His ball, the world, this year?

SHARE Your Wares!

To Whom It May Concern:

By a method (which will remain secret for the present) we have been able to obtain one of the questions to be asked on the History Final given in January by a certain nun on the Murian faculty. If you are taking one of her History courses, it may be to your own profit to do a little research on the answer - -

Briefly outline, contrast and compare, show the cause and effects of, and discuss the history of the world. (10 minutes) (Write your answer in the margin) There will be no more movies until we can get what you want. We're hoping that during January you will be able to see two of those movies which you prefer. Until then, economize.....

The newly-formed French Club will hold its first off-campus meeting tonight at the home of Mrs. Lyon. The time is 7:45. Here are the directions: Go east on Kessler till Spring Mill Road, then turn left, shoot around and up the hill and then proceed to 63rd Street. Turn left here and then right at the first street. (This is Crows Nest. Silly, isn't it?) The house is on the right hand side down the block. The address is 6391. If you are in need of a ride see Sr. Rachel.

It seems a real shame to me, and I may be wrong, that only 250 dollars has been raised for patrons for the yearbook. Why can't 400 students manage \$2.00 from their parents. Come on group, let's get on the stick.

There will be a FREE dance sponsored by the Senior CTO on Friday, December 12 at the K of C. An orchestra and the whole bit.

Marian 97 - Huntington 80. If you saw the game the other night, you might start wondering who the team will be to keep us from winning the rest of the schedule.

Coach Walt Fields has his lads ready for the second big home game crowd tomorrow evening. The Knights play Franklin College at Scecina at 8:00 P.M. See you there!

It's First Friday; So remember to start the month of December right with: Mass at 11.30 and Benedection at 12:15 YCS is having an Advent Wreath ceremony Wednesday at 12:15 in the Clare Hall Assembly Room. All are invited to attend.
Prayer to be used:

"Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who liveth and reigneth, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God....."

The CSMC is sponsoring a drive to help eight needy families enjoy their Christmas. Each class will help two families. Four cartons, one for each class, will be placed cutside the bookstore. Starting Monday, you may bring canned foods, etc. and toys. Let's really make a big effort to help others have at least a degree of the material joy we have at Christmas.

Monsignor Reine wishes to thank the Student body for the gift he received; namely, the carrying case. More than often, gifts which are not really needed are given. However, our President wants it to be known that this was a timely gift, and also, that he will remember us in the Mass.

The Juniors have turned in about 175 for yearbook patrons. The Seniors have turned in 50. There is only one way to straighten me out on this point. Need I say more??? Of course, seniors, if you like, the Juniors will carry you through and see that you have a nice yearbook to go along with your diploma.

The Student Board has finalized plans for the December 18 Christmas party to be held from 8:90 to 11:00.