

As the school year moved into Winter, life got considerably more dreary — shorter days, plummeting temperatures, and upcoming midterm exams were some of the major woes which plagued the students. However, there were still plenty of events and activities to keep everyone in cheerful spirits. The Christmas Season, highlighted by various choir and orchestra concerts, was once again a festive time. The Christmas Dance also did much to boost the students' morale, as did the much needed Winter Break. Students and faculty alike were delighted by the light-hearted winter play, *The Star-Spangled Girl*. The Lady Aves basketball team brightened exam-time doldrums with their "Pack Withrow" spirit campaign, which brought a large number of Sycamore students to Withrow High School to see the girls win the league title. This year's musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was a big hit with audiences and the annual Right to Read Week capped the winter season. Once again, students' pride also centered around the school's academic accomplishments; not only did Sycamore have a record number of National Merit Finalists — 15 — but also received a prestigious award from the State Board of Education, citing Sycamore as one of the top secondary schools in the state of Ohio.

