A Day in the Life of an Archivist

Quote from an email received January 7, 2019.
The question:
“I'm looking for information on SJU student Roger Plattes, Class of 1940. He was a St. Cloud guy and attended Tech High School.”

His junior photo in the 1939 *Sagatagan* yearbook

He is pictured as a junior on p. 41 (of the pdf) in the 1939 *Sagatagan* yearbook
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/47795/rec/4
1940 *Sagatagan* yearbook, p. 22
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/28453/rec/5
His senior photo in the 1940 *Sagatagan* yearbook on p. 22
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/28453/rec/5

He was also pictured on p. 77 in the 1940 *Sagatagan* yearbook as an official at a track meet.
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/28480/rec/5
Plattes, Roger SJU 1940 in WWII 103Sh3v2p43no6.tif photo in the SJU Archives

_Saint John’s Magazine, Summer 1961, p. 21_,
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/765/rec/6

His February 2009 death was noted in the Fall 2009 _Saint John’s Magazine, p. 43_
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/5409/rec/7
An article by Roger turns up in *The Record*

the bottom half of page 1 of the **April 20, 1939** issue of *The Record*
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Page 6 of the April 20, 1939 issue of The Record
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So many of these Johnnies are in "Democrania" – but where is that?

On left: page 6 of the April 20, 1939 issue of The Record
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On right: page 1 of the April 20, 1939 issue of The Record
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/29158/rec/12
And...what? The U.S. wasn’t in World War II yet in 1939...!

the top of page 1 of the April 20, 1939 issue of The Record
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BATTLEFIELDS RED WITH ALUMNI BLOOD

Charles Hinz

Meets Death

In Air Battle

Rescuers Find Charred

Body Of Past Editor

In Plane Wreckage

By James Barry

A dispatch from Pueblo, capital of Colorado, reached this city yesterday morning, announcing that a plane, en route from Pueblo to St. Joseph, crashed in the mountains near the Colorado border. The pilot, who was killed, was a former student of the university.

The plane was carrying mail and four passengers. Three of them were injured, but one died on the way to the hospital.

The pilot was identified as Charles Hinz, 25, a former student of the university.

Glee Club Given

Wartime Concert

In keeping with the spirit of the war, the St. John's Glee Club will give a special concert tonight at 8 p.m. The program will feature songs of patriotism and hope for victory.

Readers Notice!

With European war clouds gathering, present prospects, and with America finally a part of the war-mad scheme of things, few realize how near America is to becoming engulfed in another conflict. To bring even more clearly the disastrous effects of such a step, the following story is told:

Two men, both of whom had been in the army during World War I, were walking along a country road. Suddenly, one of them turned to the other and said, "My God, what if it happens again?"

The other man replied, "I'll tell you what. I'll make a deal. You stay here and I'll go home and get a gun."

The man with the gun said, "Okay, but don't forget we're in America now."

The other man said, "I know, but I want to be prepared."

Jim Roche Kicked

Smooching Bomb

On Fighting Front

Jim Roche has made the supreme sacrifice. His body lies in the narrow trench, his name etched in history. He was a true soldier, fighting for what he believed in.

Chaplain.

Barry, James, 26, Mining in Arizona. Got a letter from home yesterday saying he was coming home for a visit. When he arrived, he saw his old friend from high school.

"Hi, Jim," said the friend.

"Hi, Bob," replied Jim.

"How's it going?"

"Not bad," said Jim.

"Are you still in the army?"

"No, I'm out," said Jim.

"You didn't have to do that," said Bob.

"I know," said Jim.

"But you've always been so patriotic," said Bob.

"I had to do it," said Jim.

"I understand," said Bob.

"Now I can go back to Arizona," said Jim.

"That's great," said Bob.

"I'll see you later," said Jim.

"Take care," said Bob.

"Thanks," said Jim.

End of story.
the top of page 1 of the April 20, 1939 issue of The Record
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/29158/rec/12
The editorial:

So it's all a hoax – a macabre one.

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Another clue, on page 3:

Page 3 of the April 20, 1939 issue of The Record
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/29160/rec/12
The April 20, 1939 issue of *The Record* has now been added to the list of known “Spoof/Parody” issues – the earliest one found, so far!

https://www.csbsju.edu/sju-archives/csb/sju-student-newspapers-on-vivarium
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