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Dean Of College Discusses Academic Grades States Definite Need For Present System

Students attitudes regarding grades are frequently mixed. Some look on them as a necessary evil; others say they are nothing but crude guesses, influenced more by the prejudices of the instructor and the personality of the student than by what the student truly knows. Indeed, according to some of the stories told by students, professors use no objective standards in grading. Judging by their remarks you might believe that professors grade examinations by throwing them up on a flight of stairs—happy landing on the highest step means an excellent grade for the lucky student; the odds for a good grade are definitely in favor of those papers corrected by the professor after rather than before dinner—pity the student with a dyspeptic instructor; the speedy scribbler who can fill several bluebooks is certain of receiving a high grade—professors are stupors as regards to equal quality with quantity; teachers mark on the "curve"—a certain number will get A's, so many will get F's, even if

they do not deserve it; given the same exam to correct twice, the same instructor will grade them differently—he never reads them closely; give the same exam to different professors and the grades will range from F to A, even in Mathematics, the whole business is purely subjective; some teachers, even those who teach the same subject, are "easy" markers, others grade low—get in the right class before it's too late.

I suppose it all depends on where one sits. Perhaps some of the professors made the same remarks when they were seated on the other side of the desk in their undergraduate days. This much is certain: there is no perfect system for grading students. In fact, there are dangers involved in any system. If students became more interested in marks rather than the material they are learning, then there is little hope of further study after grades accepted, credits and courses completed. Still "learning for learning's sake" does not rule out the need for grades, nor does it militate against their desirability.

Students have a right to know where they stand and how they stack up against objective standards and other students. Many hours of time and effort have been invested in study. In return, students want an honest appraisal and recognition of what they have accomplished. Parents, too, insist upon reports of the progress and status of their children. They have frequently sacrificed much to send their sons to college and want to know if they are working as they should. The college, moreover, has need of fairly accurate measurements of academic achievements—not only for counseling purposes, but be-

cause promotions, honor and student privileges are based on grades. Again, when the student graduates and seeks a job, his future employer wants proof of his competence. The record is requested. Finally, if the student wishes to enter graduate or professional school, if he hopes to obtain scholarships, teaching fellowships or foundation grants, his record of academic success or failure is brought forth to either help or hinder him.

Marks, then, have many practical values and it would be silly to say that they mean nothing. They do not tell the whole story, of course, for they include

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Death Claims Fr. Regan, O.P.



FR. A. P. REGAN, O.P.

On December 21, 1957, death claimed a former member of the Providence College faculty, Rev. Ambrose P. Regan, O.P. Father Regan was a member of the Philosophy Department from 1933 to 1941, and was widely known as a preacher and lecturer, as well as an educator. Father was a graduate of Providence College, class of 1926, and Catholic University, where he received his M.A. and S.T.L. degrees. He also attended Collegio Angelico at Rome from 1931 to 1933.

Fr. Regan was born in Lawrence, Mass., on Aug. 24, 1904. He was professed in 1924, and ordained at Washington, D. C. in 1930. While at P. C. he was voted "Favorite Professor" in 1939, 1940, and 1941. Father served as moderator of the P. C. Debating Union from 1938 to 1941.

Placement Notes

Seniors who have registered with the Placement Office and have prepared Personal Resumes, are invited to bring them in to be mimeographed. This will be done without charge.

Fr. Slavin Replies To College Critics

In the current edition of the Providence VISITOR, there appears an article concerning Father Slavin's answer to the current criticisms of Catholic higher education. Rev. John J. Kavanaugh, former president of Notre Dame University, recently charged that a relatively small percentage of Catholic leaders are in such fields as science; he gave as reasons that Catholic institutions had spread themselves too widely among having teachers who are either not of a high quality, or are too didactic or catechetical.

While recognizing that critical and constructive self-examination is prudent and necessary for educational institutions in order to point out the defects which must be overcome, Father Slavin pointed out that the problems outlined by Father Kavanaugh are not those

of Catholic institutions alone, but of all institutions of higher learning.

It would seem that perhaps the Notre Dame priest had succumbed a little to the pragmatic philosophy current in many circles today—that a man's qualities are to be judged by the world's appraisal of him. Father Slavin seems to have knocked the props out of Father Kavanaugh's argument by asking: "What is leadership and where should it be exercised? If a man can govern himself is he not a leader? If his education has set him on the pursuit of truth, a pursuit that extends beyond lifetime, has this not been a successful education?"

Father Slavin is not implying that Catholic colleges should not be criticized. It is the type of (Continued on Page 6)

'Night Of January Sixteenth' To Be Presented By Pyramid Players

"Night of January Sixteenth," a three-act play by Ayn Rand will be the second in an annual series of three dramas presented by the Pyramid Players of Providence College. The production will be staged in the Harkins Hall auditorium on February 16, 17, and 18. It will be produced by C. Judson Hamlin and directed by John E. Welsh.

The play, set in a New York Superior Court, is presented as the trial of Karen Andre, played by Carol DeRise, for the murder of her former employer and paramour.

In an effort to draw the audience into a feeling of direct and active participation, the author employed a unique device. The jury for the trial is drawn at random from the au-

dience. These jurors sit on stage, weigh the evidence as presented, and reach their own verdict. There is absolutely no pre-arrangement of their pronouncement.

Rand goes still further in an attempt to create the courtroom atmosphere. As each witness is called he proceeds from the audience to the witness stand, just as he would in an actual trial.

The cast at this time consists of Robert Graftwohl, Arthur Boucher, Carol DeRise, John Mancini, Elizabeth August, David Carl, Fred Nelson, George Boyd, Donna Nelson, Robert Oppel, Thomas Byrnes, and Barbara Tomei. The general understudy for all male roles Edward C. Lind.

Fr. Gerhardt To Give Weekend Retreats

It has been announced by the chaplain's office that Father J. P. Gerhardt, O.P., will conduct two retreats which have been opened to the student body. The weekend of Feb. 7-9 is filled but there are still a few openings for the weekend of Jan. 29-31. The retreats will be held at the Narragansett Retreat House. A \$10.00 fee will entitle applicants to their meals and all other necessary accommodations for the weekend.

KCC Christmas Activities

On the evening of December 21, the Kent County Club held a Christmas party for the residents of the Lakeside Home. A good time was had by all involved. Needless to say, the children enjoyed the coming of Santa Claus (Carl Dizon) to brighten an otherwise dreary holiday.

The party, held at the home, opened with the announcement by Buzz Barton that Santa had arrived with a bundle crammed with toys. The children, who ranged in ages from 3 to 16, were led up to the jolly old man and each was presented with a carefully selected gift. After the distribution of the presents, refreshments were served for the staff as well as the children. These included home made pastries, soda, ice cream, and candy. Next step on the program was a presentation of a live stage show. Members of the Clair Hill Stasiowski "Stairway of Stars" and Bertha Duerdon Carr Dance troupes

were the performers. Musical accompaniment was provided by the ever popular Kings Quintet. The entire production was donated by the individuals concerned. All good things come to an end, and this party did by the joint singing of carols (college men and children) and a little entertainment by the children themselves. After the conclusion of festivities, a very small 5-year-old boy approached a very tall microphone and whispered "Home the children of the Lakeside Home wish to thank the children of Providence College".

The following Sunday, the KCC sponsored a bowling tournament at the Meadowbrook Alleys in Warwick. Cash prizes were awarded to the individuals with the highest totals for three strings and a single string. First was taken by Roy Szczepnik with Ray Plaziak of Mount Union College, Ohio, as runnerup. High single was taken by Ed Lombardi with Ray Blais as runnerup.

Military Ball Plans In Progress Scheduled For Valentine's Day

The executive committee of the Cadet Officers' Honor Club has recently announced that John Shevlin, a business major from Providence, was named chairman of the seventh annual Providence College Military Ball. The club officers, in coordination with the ball chairman and Special Services Officer Dave Harrington, have announced the following: the men to the respective committees: program and tickets, Phil O'Hara and Jim Edge; invitations, Dick Kerr and Eldo Maschio; decorations, Jerry Camarota and Jim DiMario; publicity, Jack Tretton and Jack White; queen, Don Grenier and Terry Daugherty; and refreshments, Bill Dineen.

Attire for the ball will consist of the legitimate uniform for military personnel and cadets and tuxedos for non-ROTC students. Bids have been placed at four dollars per couple and may be purchased from any member of the Honor Club.

Highlights for the evening will be the crowning of the Queen, who will reign over the ball, homecoming, and the final review in May. Also, in conformity with the newly revised constitution of the Cadet Officers' Honor Club, Junior Class pledges will be formally re-



JOHN SHEVLIN

ceived into the club at the dance.

The committees have chosen the affair to be held on Saint Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, the eve of the annual homecoming celebration. Because an invitation is being extended to the entire student body of the college, Rhodes-on-the-Pawtucket has been obtained as the sight for the formal, non-floral dance. Couples will dance to the music of Tony Abbott and his orchestra.

By Dave Heaney

"What is your opinion of Examinations at P.C.?"

Liberal Arts Tradition

It is of common experience that we take for granted things with which we are closely associated. This is indeed partly true on the part of many of us in regard to the fine liberal arts education we are getting here at Providence College.

We may be skeptical about the need for the extensive theology courses we are required to take. We wonder why we don't have a course in apologetics. We question the wisdom of three years of philosophy.

We are skeptical for the most part because our friends at other colleges boast of the different programs of their respective institutions. We are, perhaps, even envious of the reputation of some of the older New England colleges.

But we needn't be envious, for our courses are in line with the fine tradition of liberal arts, and our tradition extends back to the time before the founding of all New England colleges — indeed to the time of St. Thomas.

In this light it is well to note that several years ago, a distinguished educator, Dr. Deferrai, secretary-general of Catholic University, speaking at a convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society, told the gathering that colleges should re-organize their curricula so that emphasis is placed on training and not on the accumulation of facts.

The revamped college program, he added, "must be centered about a group of basic and unifying subjects, namely theology, philosophy, and history—but especially theology.

"Especially in theology should great emphasis be placed upon the methods of approaching and solving problems," he explained. "Personally, if I had my way, it would be the method of Saint Thomas Aquinas, and it would be so instilled in the minds of our Catholic youth that its application would become instinctive with them, 'a habitum' as St. Thomas himself would call it."

He added that while loudly proclaiming the importance of theology and philosophy in Catholic higher education, many Catholic colleges have all too often just drifted along imitating their non-Catholic neighbors, and trusting in a few desultory courses in so-called religious education and the general atmosphere of their institutions to provide the element which would justify their being called Catholic.

"The program of the great majority of colleges today is not a unit bound together by a pervading philosophy and theology, with all the teachers and students participating in the program conscious of the common end of their combined efforts, but a largely heterogeneous collection of separate and distinct compartments of learning with each teacher thinking primarily of the purely intellectual or academic phase of his own subject alone, and the student expecting nothing more than this from each course and its teacher," he also declared.

Needless to say, in the light of the courses offered at Providence College, Dr. Deferrai's statement requires no further comment.

Change of Tempo

The holiday and festive season is over, in general, although there are some who have more time to themselves only when they return to their studies. A clean break is necessary. Some will try to keep alive the vacation spirit and its carefree attitude, and will attempt to avoid reality. To these, good luck; they will need all the luck they can muster.

To seniors especially, the present is a very important and decisive time. This is the last chance that they have to raise their averages. After the next two weeks have passed, their marks will be entered in the books, never to be changed. The juniors and underclassmen must also be aware of the laxity and indifference which is prevalent at this time of the year. Semester exams are almost upon us. We have had considerable time to ourselves in the past two weeks, and after the next few weeks have passed, we will again have more free time on our hands. We are given this opportunity to relax, to receive a change of scene, to repaid our wallets, and most important of all to catch up on our studies — if such be the case.

This week and next will make or break many marks. B's will change to C's, and C's will become D's. This need not be the case. B's and C's might also turn into A's and B's. There is still ample time and opportunity remaining for those who are interested. To those who are not interested very little can be said.



means a period of non-study and in some cases 'cramming'.

Those students who must resort to 'cramming' are unfortunate in the sense that they must overcome what they should have been doing all semester. In the long run they should only find fault with themselves and not with the exams.

The remainder of the students who have done their work will not find the exams too tedious and will probably do well with a reward I believe if a student maintains at least a 'B' average in a subject he should be exempt from the final in that subject and others should have to take the exam.

George E. Boyd, '59: I. The final exams I have taken fall into three groups: Good exams, which are in the minority.

Fair exams, which are written in a vague style which really can admit of several answers, e.g. How will we study History? One doesn't dare answer, "With malice toward none."

Poor exams, which are given just so you can say you took one.

2. More proctors should be used during exams. It is noble to trust your fellow man; it is also fool-hardy.

3. Those examinations which are scaled should be scaled only by divisions rather than by averaging the marks of everyone who takes the course. The differences in teaching methods and amount of material covered is very often ignored when final examinations are corrected.

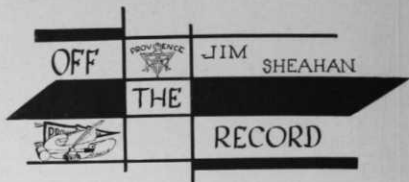
4. Examinations should be abolished as soon as each and every student consistently demonstrated throughout the year that he has mastered the subject.



however, a 'B' should exempt the student from a final exam in that subject. Under our present system, however, final exams here are a test of one's ability to cram.

Bruce MacHardy, '59: If a student has a 'B' average in the course I don't think it to be necessary for him to take the exams. This would promote some sort of a goal for the student and make him strive for better grades.

COMES FIRST
Wisdom precedes, religion follows, for the knowledge of God comes first. His worship is the result of knowledge.
—Lactantius



Our Decision

England's Prime Minister Macmillan proposed last weekend that the West enter into a pact of non-aggression with Russia, and possibly hold a summit conference in the near future. Both of these proposals have been made repeatedly by the Soviet Union with the Bulgarian letter to the NATO allies being the most recent.

U.S. Disagrees With Allies

Reaction in this country has been rather pessimistic toward the suggestion and in some cases officials believe that such a proposal would do more harm than good. The United States has, in the past, stated that the set-up of the United Nations Charter, which rules out war except in self-defense, is sufficient evidence that all aggression is unlawful. It is also held by some that since Russia made so-called non-aggression pacts with a number of countries which it later overpowered during the second World War, any further agreements of this type would not be worth the paper they were written on.

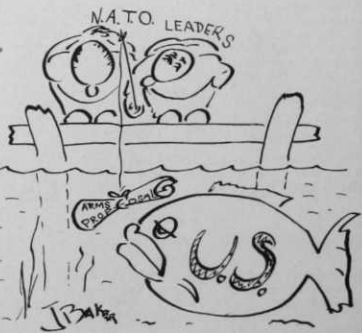
Our other NATO allies, on the other hand have shown their approval of them. They contend that although Russia has been known to violate them in the past, there is always the possibility that she will be sincere especially in light of her recent achievements. They maintain that if such a proposal was

studied, it would show the willingness of the West to at least attempt something positive in the direction of peace.

Cannot Afford To Ignore Proposal

Our snubbing of the Bulgarian letter was done with utmost discretion, and since it was heartily received by our allies in anticipation of negotiation, it made the United States look extremely bad in the sphere of international diplomacy. Now with our chief ally, Great Britain, offering a plan much on the idea put forth by Russia, we MUST take definite steps to begin negotiations as suggested, or else risk the loss or, at least, the weakening of relations with our Western allies. On the other hand, the United States must not take a complacent attitude toward Russia as some countries have done. The idea that Russia has really changed is pure nonsense. If at the moment she appears to be agreeable and friendly, it is only because this apparent attitude best serves her purpose.

The decision which the United States makes regarding the Macmillan proposal will have far reaching effects, for, if it is considered our allies will continue to hold us in a spirit of friendship, whereas if we refuse dire consequences could follow. We can only hope that the decision will be made in the interests of world peace, and not in view of our past experiences with the Soviet Union.



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Student Congress Meeting Addressed By Father Slavin

On Tuesday, December 10th, the Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., addressed the members of the Student Congress at a special meeting.

A few of the topics discussed included those concerning senior privileges, the use of the cafeteria by non-students, class weekends and the widely discussed problem of the placement office of the college, pro and con.

The feasibility of senior privileges which included the possibility of unlimited cuts for Dean's List Students and also a program whereby seniors in the second semester would be exempt from taking final exams in subjects where a 'B' average has been maintained.

The placement program was discussed at great length in hopes of resolving a situation which has bothered a majority

of upperclassmen. At this point, Father Slavin presented some interesting statistics on the present positions held by P.C. alumni. Father went on to say that only 76 out of last years graduating class availed themselves of the services of the placement office, and that prominent speakers were invited to come to P.C. and speak about the opportunities in many various fields only to find little or no attendance at the meetings. Furthermore, he stated that the students should get all the facts before making rash and sometimes false accusations.

Joe Dolan, Congress president, speaking for the student body, asked Father Slavin why this ignorance of the facts existed, and suggested that there is a definite lack of communication. (Continued on Page 6)

Soph Activities

Plans for a "mixer" have been announced for this Friday night at Salve Regina College. The dance is being sponsored by the sophomore classes of both Salve Regina and Providence College. However, the dance will be open to all students of both schools.

Transportation by bus and admission will all be covered by a small fee of one dollar. The bus will leave the front of Harkins Hall at 7:15 P.M.

Preliminary arrangements have been made to hold the Sophomore Class Weekend on April 25, 26, 27. The co-chairmen for the weekend will be Jim Ryan and Paul Campbell.

There will also be a general sophomore class meeting on Tuesday, January 1th, to discuss plans for the social events of the year. All those with any ideas are especially urged to attend. The meeting will be held in room A-100 of Albertus Magnus Hall at 1:45 P.M.

Marlboro Contest Winners Are Boston, New Haven Clubs

The winners of the recent Marlboro Flip-Top Box Contest have been announced, with the New Haven and Boston Clubs declared the winners. After the final count of the returned cigarette boxes was made, it was learned that the two clubs, under a merger agreement, had collected a total of over 3,500 boxes. Mister Gerald Giardino, sectional manager of the Marlboro division of Philip Morris, Inc.,

awarded the Philco hi-fi set to Ed Lewis and Tom McDonough, presidents of the New Haven and Boston Clubs respectively. Now it is up to these two men as to just which club will keep the hi-fi set. Both Ed and Tom received cigarette lighters for their individual efforts in the contest.

Campus representative Jim McLean, '60, stated yesterday that another contest will be held this spring.

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INDIANA STATE
TEACHER'S COLLEGE

Stuffy Toughie

WHAT IS PUPPY LOVE?

MARINA LA MADRID
U. OF WASHINGTON

Collie Folly

WHAT IS A MARCHING BAND THAT NEVER GETS A LUCKY BREAK?
(SEE PARAGRAPH BELOW)

MEMO TO MAESTROS: is your band dawdling instead of tootling? Is it full of feeble fifers and drooping drummers? Well, this musical slowdown may be traceable to lack of Luckies. Better give your band a break—and make it a Lucky one! A Lucky, you see, is a light smoke—the right smoke for everyone. It's all cigarette—all naturally light, wonderfully good-tasting tobacco. And Luckies' fine tobacco is *toasted* to taste even better. Now then, what's a marching band that never gets a Lucky break? Why, it's a *Sore Corps!* (Wasn't that cymbal?)

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A TOURNEY TRIUMPH: There was action galore during the Christmas Quantico tourney and most of it was dominated by members of P.C. court array. The accompanying shots were provided by U. S. Marine Corps and catch Capt. Eddie Donohue and Len Wilkens in action on the left in the tourney wrap-up against Quantico. Above Friars Ken Clements, Richie Whelan, Dick Bessette, and John Woods perform in the win over St. Michael's.

FRIARS WIN QUANTICO TOURNAMENT SWARTZ UNANIMOUS FOR BEST PLAYER

Marines Defeated In Finale; Woods Stars

Surprising everyone, including themselves, a spirited Friar basketball squad took all the honors in the Marine Sponsored Quantico Invitational Tournament. The Friars first played Hartwick College of Oneonta, New York, in the quarter final. Right away Jimmy Swartz started displaying the form that was to win the Most Valuable Player award for him. Jimmy hit for 27 points on his patented overhead shot giving the Friars a third of the points they needed in the 80-64 triumph. John Woods also was a standout for Providence in this one as he dominated the defensive board.

The Friars next met St. Michael's of Winooski, Vt., in the semis. In this game the Black and White was facing both a team and a jinx. St. Michael's had not been defeated in its last 24 games against New England opposition. But the jinx was broken as St. Michael's was beaten 68-53. It was a team effort all the way. Reserves Pete Schementi and Frankie Torico stepped in at clutch moments. Swartz turned in another sensational scoring performance with 19 points boosting his two game total to 46. Len Wilkens and Wally Di Masi chipped in important baskets and excelled on defense. John Woods had 16 rebounds for one of his best performances.

The Friars had now reached the finals. Quantico, the host team, was the opposition having beaten Baldwin-Wallace and Belmont Abbey. The Marine squad, of course, was comprised of former top collegiate stars like George Wadleton of Holy Cross, John Ritch the ex-Friar captain, Mike Cushman of Fordham, Roger Marcell of Pawtucket and Belmont Abbey and Dave Smalley of Navy.

As Joe Mullaney said afterward: "We didn't expect to beat them." However, beat them the Friars did. 63-58. John Woods was again cited by his coach as

being "terrific." But Jim Swartz received all 8 votes of the coaches in the tournament for the M.V.P. award.

This victory was one of Providence's best wins under coach Mullaney. The Black and White was the first team to win over the Leathernecks in 12 tournament starts.

Commissions Offered Six ROTC Students

Six Providence College Army ROTC Military Students have been offered Regular Army commissions, Colonel Norman P. Barnett, Professor of Military Science and Tactics has announced. Selections are based on academic achievement, military leadership and outstanding character. Those eligible to receive Regular Army commissions upon graduation next June are: Jeremiah F. Camarota, Donald H. Grenier, David B. Harrington, William C. Hickey, Jr., Thomas E. McDermott, and David Roche.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Many a man will live and die upon a dogma: no man will be a martyr for a conclusion.

—Card Newman

Sports Extra

It's been close to a month since COWL writers and readers have had a chance to get a birdseye view of both varsity basketball and hockey pictures. Here, then, is a resume of both sports since the last paper back on Dec. 11.

Basketball:

- P. C. 64, A. I. C. 56.
- P. C. 71, St. Francis (Bklyn.) 58.
- P. C. 80, Hartwick 64.
- P. C. 68, St. Michael's 53.
- P. C. 63, Quantico 53.
- P. C. 80, Brown 52.

Hockey:

- P. C. 5, Princeton 2.
- P. C. 7, Loyola (Mont.) 3.
- P. C. 2, Boston U. 7.
- P. C. 10, Northeastern 2.
- P. C. 3, Boston College 5.
- P. C. 6, Northeastern 5.

Capsule Highlights:

Dec. 13: P. C. cagers post stunning 71-58 upset win over St. Francis five in Alumni Hall duel.

After giving Princeton an early lead, the Friar hockey force knocked off the Tigers 5-2 for its fourth triumph of the year.

Dec. 17: Jimmy Swartz paces basketballers in Quantico tourney opening win.

Dec. 18: Surprising Friars make tourney finals dousing St. Michael's 68-56.

Dec. 19: Mullaneymen take tourney crown by whipping host Marine team 63-56.

Dec. 27: Joe Barile registers four goals and two assists in 10-2 P. C. victory over Northeastern in Boston Arena hockey tourney.

Dec. 28: B. C. tops Friar six 5-3 in wind-up of Boston play.

Friars Win Over Huskie Pucksters

Tom Eccleston's pucksters warded off a last period onslaught by a rejuvenated Northeastern University sextet, and downed the Huskies by a 6-5 score in the Lynn Arena. It was the Friars second win over the Huskies in this young season, the first coming by the lopsided score of 10-2 in the Boston Arena Christmas Tourney.

Led by Captain Lou La Fontaine who notched himself a "hat trick" for the evening, P. C. countered five times in the second period, and this proved to be just enough to ward off the onrushing Northeastern sextet.

Northeastern surprised everyone by jumping off to a two goal lead in the first stanza. Their first goal came at 2:41 with Bob Harrington ringing the nets on assists by Ray Lambert and Ray Wenham. Jim Cronin came back at 12:08, scoring unassisted, and put the Friars down 2 goals. La Fontaine came back to score for the visitors just before the period ended, connecting at 19:42 on a pass from center Joe Barile.

The Huskies bounced back

quickly at the start of the second period with Don Salvucci countering at 1:40 with Weham assisting.

Now it was the Friars turn, and they took over in fine style. George Boudreau scored first at 2:21 with Bert LaJoie getting the assist. Bob Labbe tied things up 2 minutes later on assists from brother Ray and Al McMahon. La Fontaine, with LaJoie setting up both plays, came back with 2 more tallies and the visitors led 5-3. Joe Barile picked up the one which proved to be the clincher; at 19:17 he scored on a pass from Ray Moore.

Northeastern tallied twice more in the third period, but this wasn't enough, as the Friars wrapped up their 7th win against 2 setbacks.



"Oh! Charlie Has A Lot Of Enthusiasm, But He Has An Awful Lot To Learn About Technique."

Friars' Tourney Showing Is P.C.'s Holiday Tale

By Dale Faulkner

This is to tell Joe P. C. that there is a Santa Claus. This is to say that there are real life Christmas stories.

This is one of those stories.

It all started back on Dec. 13 when P.C.'s basketballers began reaping the early benefits of Santa's annual visit.

It was the night when a highly touted St. Francis five barged into Providence and returned to Brooklyn talking about reindeers with names of DiMasi and Wilkens and a guy named Woods.

It was a night that made 'em forget about Brandeis.

This was Dec. 13, a Friday. After Johnny Egan had gunned the Friar Frosh to a 78-50 triumph over the Quonset Flyers, the tall, poised operatives of St. Francis began aweing the Alumni Hall gathering, but not for long.

DiMasi and Wilkens ran rings around the visitors and Woods . . . Well, Woods put on an outstanding show while out rebounding and out classing 67" Al Inniss.

All contributed importantly to P.C.'s impressive 71-58 upset win.

Next chapter in the local Christmas saga was the ride to Quantico, Va., and expectations of playing in company with some of the nation's top college and service performers.

In their first appearance in the Quantico Invitational, the Black and White extended their sensational play and whipped Hartwick College of Oneonta, N. Y., 80-64.

Again Santa's gift came to Coach Mullaney in the form of a supreme team effort, along with a "flat shot" scoring surge by Jimmy Swartz, which netted the good-looking New Yorker 27 tallies.

It was Wednesday when the on-rushing locals stopped St. Michael's and Christmas had really arrived. Of St. Michael's it might be well to note that the Vermont array had previously racked up 22 consecutive triumphs over New England colleges and had performed in the last season's NCAA Regional play-downs.

Once more the sportswriters told well of the play of Swartz, Wilkens, DiMasi, Woods, and added plaudits to Capt. Ed Donohue and Pete Schementi.

We were traveling to New Rochelle, N. Y., at the time when a local morning paper re-told the final segment of P.C.'s Christmas. All we could find was the small case score: Providence 63, Quantico 56.

But what a story was behind that under played score!

For the fourth straight time, the Cinderella five of Providence had generated a team effort to stun the defencing Quantico quintet and leave with the tourney crown.

Making the play-down sweep complete, Swartz copped the tourney's top player trophy.

What a story! With apologies to **The Night Before Christmas**, we'll have to designate this our Holiday legend of the year and hope that a sequel can be written in the year just starting.

Hoopsters Cop State Crown With Easy Win Over Brown

By Paul Coleman

If you want to know how to start the New Year off right, you are referred to the members and coach of the Friar basketball squad. Playing against a Brown squad which had fought a hard losing battle in the first meeting of the season, the Black and White played beautiful ball and beat the same Bruins 80-52 last Saturday night. The feature of the game was that P. C. copped the state and city title with the win.

The Brown team went into the game 20 point underdogs, but they had a good sprinkling of experience, shooting power and height. Friar coach Joe Mullaney again sent Eddie Donohue, Jimmy Swartz and his sophomores, DiMasi, Woods and Wilkens, against the Ivy Leaguers.

After the opening tap, Gerry Alamo, husky Bruin forward, was fouled. He converted his two free throws and the score was 2-0. That was the only time that Brown had the lead all night for when they called time out at 15:28, P.C. had racked up 14 straight points and the Bruins had not scored again. The Friars were not rattled, however, and maintained their lead. John Woods again was showing that he can play against the bigger man. Al Poulsen (6-3) was the Brown center, and, of course, he had several inches on John. But Woodie controlled the boards especially on defense and he was moving to the outside and hitting on offense. He contributed 5 field goals and a free

throw for 11 points in the first half.

The Friars had just about won the game at half-time leading by a 41-26 score. Wally DiMasi had 12 points, Jimmy Swartz and Lenny Wilkens 8 and Pete Schementi had 2 points. Beautiful play by Captain Ed Donohue was contributing his usual solid game too, but had only 1 point to show for it.

The Bruins were way off with their shooting, as is obvious. Joe Tebo generally contributed as the big gun did not hit. A lot of this can be contributed, no doubt, to the fact that Joe had sustained a

knee injury in the previous Bruin contest. When he first took the floor, Tebo had it well bandaged, but it was evidently worse on than off so he removed it. Joe's shooting wasn't helped just the same, and he and Alamo got only 12 points between them all evening.

The Bears could not show much more of an offense in the second period than they had shown in the first. The only bright spot in their lineup was John Bellevance who scored 11 points. They would have to have been very good to win this one anyway, as P.C. hit for 47% at the half way mark of the second period. Joe Mullaney took out his regulars and inserted his reserves who were able to maintain the lead and come up with some nice plays. Frankie Tirico scored on a jumper at the end of the defense and put up a left hander going away from the basket.

P.C. Ties For 3rd In Hockey Tourney

Boston College and Boston University finished in a tie for first place in the Christmas Hockey Tournament in Boston. Both clubs went undefeated in the three game round-robin tourney. Providence finished in a third place tie with Brown and Dartmouth, winning one game and losing two. Northeastern placed sixth with a record of three losses.

On the opening night, B. U. stopped the Friars 7-3 in the first game. In the second game of the night, Brown edged Northeastern in a hard fought contest which was highlighted by a 10 minute brawl to the left of the Brown cage during the closing minutes of the third period. Boston College edged Dartmouth in the third game of the night.

The Friars scored first against the Terriers as Ray Blanchette fired the puck in from fifteen feet out on an assist from George Boudrea at 3:27 of the first period. B. U. tied the game at 6:22 of the first period on a 30 foot slap shot by Bob DuPuis and took the lead at 17:39 of the same period when Ed Creighton scored on a power play while the Friars were down a man.

B. U. scored again at 0:46 of the second period when Ronnie Keith drove the puck in during a scramble in front of the Providence cage. The Friars closed the score to 3-2 at 5:21 of this period when Lou Fontaine set up George Boudrea in front of the Terriers cage. B. U. scored twice more before the end of the second period to take a 5-2 lead on goals by Bob Marquis and Bill Kinlay.

LaFontaine set up Boudrea on a breakaway at 8:24 of the third period to keep the Friars in the game, but the B. U. defense tightened and the Terriers scored twice more when the Friars were pressing hard late in the third period to take a 7-3 verdict.

Providence rebounded the following night to roll up a 10-2 score against Northeastern. In the other games that night, B. C. edged Brown 4-3 in overtime and B. U. defeated Dartmouth 9-2 after the Indians had kept the score close for two periods.

Joe Barile and John Blair sparked the Friar attack against

Northeastern as Barile collected four goals and three assists and Blair added three goals and an assist. Barile scored the first goal at 0:57 of the first period on an assist from Ray Blanchette. John Turner scored the second Friar goal and Barile scored his second before the period was over to give Providence a 3-1 edge. The Northeastern goal was scored by Pete O'Connor.

The Friars slowed down in the second period, but outscored Northeastern 2-1 to carry a 5-2 lead into the third period. John Blair and Lou Fontaine scored the Providence goals while Don Salvucci tallied for Northeastern.

The Friars broke the game wide open in the third period as they scored five goals while blanking Northeastern. Joe Barile and John Blair each notched a pair of goals during this period while Bob Labbe got the other marker.

The Friars dropped a 5-2 decision to B. C. on the closing night of the tourney, while Dartmouth edged Northeastern and B. U. defeated Brown.

Boston College scored two goals early in the first period and added another late in that period to defeat the Friars 5-2. Ed Kane scored at 0:45, Pat O'Neil at 4:29 and Kane repeated at 18:21. Lou LaFontaine scored at 12:01 of that frame to put the Friars in the scoring column. The Eagle defense was superb for the remainder of the game as the Friars did not tally again until 14:48 of the third period when Al McMahon scored an assist from Bob Labbe. Dick Bunyon and Paul Cusack scored two quick goals in the middle of the third period to provide the Eagles with a 5-2 margin.

Wingman Joe Barile was honored at the close of the tournament by being selected to the All-tourney first team. Defenseman Bert Lajoie was selected to the second team.

Cranston Club

The Cranston Club will sponsor its "Winter Frolic" at the Valley Ledgemont Country Club, West Warwick, this Saturday evening, January 11th. The dance will be from 8 until 12. Bids of \$2.00 can be bought from members or at the door. Dress is informal and music is by Vin Ferrai.

Holy Name

Following Mass and Communion at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday, the Holy Name Society of Providence College will hold a meeting. Father Thomas L. Fallon, O.P., will address the group briefly.

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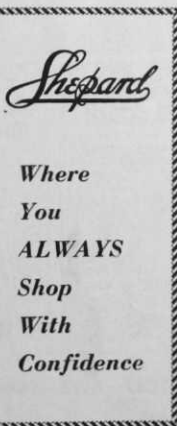
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Fr. Slavin . . . Congress . . .

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criticism to which he appears to object. Perhaps it arises from a type of "inferiority complex" which seems to have a grip on Catholic students and professors. Our colleges and universities rank with the best, but for some obscure reason we feel that they don't. This is evident even here at P.C.

Father Slavin pointed out that "there is no distinct Catholic problem unless it be that at the college level where we have concentrated on teaching rather than research." But, he went on to add that he personally felt that teaching belonged on the college level, while the role is reversed in the university. The statement is logical, for unless one has been taught the basic principles of a science, he surely is not equipped for research.

There is always room for improvement in the teaching field, and Father Slavin called for "less and less spoon feeding and more emphasis on independent study" and "less lecturing at the college level and more discussion, less of the ready answer and more of the inquiring mind." The professors and students of P.C. should be the first to take up this challenging concept of the President.

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cation between the placement office and the student body.

While the Congress agreed that blame for this situation is laid on both sides it seems it is not equally divided. While initiative has been lacking on the students part, nothing concrete has been done by the placement director to encourage or even arouse the interest of students preparing to embark on a business or professional career.

The Student Congress is now undertaking a program to familiarize the students with the types of jobs and opportunities available in their chosen fields. Mr. Dolan pointed out that this program will depend on the students to show enthusiasm and interest in those who are asked to speak.

Mr. Dolan proposed a bill concerning no exams for seniors in the second semester who maintained a 'B' average in a subject. This would reward those seniors who kept working until graduation, and give further incentive to seniors in a period when they seem to become lax. It would be worthwhile both to the student and to the school. Father Slavin is to bring the program before the school administration for their recognition.

Dean Of College Discusses Academic Grades . . .

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cate only one aspect of the student's total personality. But that aspect is a very important one. Hence, grades mean a great deal. They cling to a student wherever he goes and thwart or promote whatever he does.

It is the hope of every teacher that students will do their best all the time without thought of possible results. A teacher would be naive, however, if he operated on the principle that students are so wrapped up in ideas as to be uninfluenced by the approval or disapproval of other people. Experiments in letting students grade themselves have been attempted at some colleges. The results have not been encouraging. Throughout life we are constantly being judged by other people. In the student's case the person best equipped to render judgment is the teacher.

Unfortunately, grades are not always accurate. This is especially so in quantitative grading. Does the mark of 80, for instance, mean 80 per cent of what the student is capable of learning, 80 per cent of the content of the course, or 80 per cent of what the instructor knows? The arithmetic grade does not tell us. That is why a

system of qualitative grading is used at Providence College. It cuts down the margin of error and provides a more precise evaluation of mental achievement. Even so, a professor, being human, can make a mistake. Over the long haul of four years, however, the estimates of teachers even out to give a fairly clear picture of total academic accomplishment—the too-high grades of one instructor being offset by the too-low grades of another. On the whole, college professors are a conscientious breed and rare is the teacher who assigns a grade without careful consideration and much real evidence.

The hard-working student may sometimes feel that a "C" grade is an insufficient compensation for all the effort expended in study. The mark, however, is not given for effort but for achievement. The majority of students who evince substantial knowledge of subject matter and creditably perform class assignments are rewarded with a

"C" grade. It is an honorable mark. While it is not uncommon for a student to think himself above average, the higher grades are attained only by an exceptional few.

Some psychologists deprecate the use of grades because they are convinced that feelings of bitterness, discouragement and inferiority are the natural concomitants of failing marks. But failure is as much a part of life as is success. There is a lesson to be learned from both. Success should whet the student's appetite for deeper knowledge and urge him on to greater conquests. On the other hand, failure in study for the student of college calibre, or low grades for the superior student, is usually a sign that he is not working up to the level of his ability. That is the great tragedy. That is the cardinal academic sin. God gives grades, too. They are based upon whether or not a man uses his God-given talents. On this alone shall a man be truly judged.

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