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# FATHER MCGWIN WILL DELIVER THIRD LECTURE

## Second Address in Sunday Series Given by Father Clark

The third lecture of the series on Social Problems" will be delivered by the Rev. James B. McGwin, O.P., Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, in the college auditorium. Father McGwin will discuss the present economic situation, insisting that no economic doctrine has ever caused a political revolution, because there is always a concomitant dissatisfaction with conditions in general. The speaker will endeavor to show that the degree of radicalism in any revolution is directly proportionate to the degree of this dissatisfaction, taking examples from the American situation.

An application of this principle will be made to the economic doctrines of Communism, and the fatalism of the Communistic economics will be exposed.

Rev. William R. Clark, O.P., addressing a capacity audience in Harkins Hall last Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, characterized Communism as a negative system . . . unnatural, immoral, unsocial, and filled with contradictions." Urging a militant spirit, Father Clark said, "The cure for Communism, or perhaps we should say the preventive against catching Communism, is a program of action; the Catholic, Catholic action; for the Christian, Christian action; for human beings, for all rational beings, rational action."

The lecture was the second in a series on "Current Social Problems" sponsored by the Thomistic Institute of Providence College. The series is under the personal direction of the Rev. Arthur H. Chandler, O.P., Dean of Studies, and has received the approval of the Most Rev. Francis J. Keough, D.D., Bishop of Providence. Next Sunday's address will be given by the Rev. James B. McGwin, O.P., professor of Economics, who will discuss "The Economic Aspects of the Social Problem." The talks are held in Harkins Hall at four o'clock, and are free to the public.

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# WHILE "THE WORLD WAITS"



From left to right: Thomas Farrell, Raymond Baker, Vincent Rosendale, Charles O'Malley, James Hason, James Maloney, James MacGrath, Eugene McElroy, Wallace Mason, William Lawlor, Edward Russell, John Andre, Leo McKenna, Walter Gibbons, and Harry McKenna.

# STATE DEFEATS P. C. DEBATERS

## Debate Here is First of Season; Oxford System Used

The Providence College Debating Union lost the opening debate of its current inter-collegiate series to the Wranglers Club of Rhode Island State College Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at Harkins Hall. The question was: Resolved that Congress Should Be Empowered to Fix Minimum Wages and Maximum Hours for Industry. The Wranglers upheld the affirmative. Messrs. Hyman Lisker, Edward Boyle, and William O'Halloran were the judges.

Rhode Island State College was represented by Herman Anderson, '37; Charles Marsaglia, '38; and Wilson Bouthroyd, '37. The negative team, of Providence College, was composed of Walter Gibbons, '39; Francis I. O'Rourke, '38; and Francis McGovern, '37. Norman Carrigan, '39, acted as chairman.

The debate, now an annual event, was conducted on the Oxford system. Each speaker is allowed twelve minutes, eight of which he must devote to his main speech and four to rebuttal. The first affirmative speaker, however, presents his rebuttal after the third negative speech, closing the debate.

# PYRAMID GROUP PRESENTS PLAY

## Fine Performance Given; Rosendale and Haran Have Leads

The Pyramid Players, dramatic organization at Providence College, opened its season in Harkins Hall Tuesday night, Dec. 15, presenting "The World Waits," a three-act play by George F. Hummel. The play was under the direction of the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., professor of English at the College, and National Director of the Blackfriars Guild.

"The World Waits" is a fast-moving drama, which is based upon the actual hardships and perils encountered by the heroes of recent Antarctic Expeditions. It is a play effectively written, but because much of the action is necessarily off-stage, it is rather difficult for an amateur group to produce.

Captain Hartley, portrayed by Vincent Rosendale, has led an expedition into the regions of the Antarctic for the purpose of exploration and possible annexation. As the play opens the members of the expedition are stranded in the Hartley Camp,—left destitute in the clutches of a territory not made for the habitation of man. The expedition is cut off from civilization except for wireless communication, which, by the way, is used to great advantage by Collins, a New York correspondent, played by Raymond Baker. Walter Gibbons, in the role of Royce an assistant surveyor, is seen only in the first act, but gives a very convincing interpretation of the youngster who left home and regretted it. Concentrated action which has made for a swift vehicle, and smacking somewhat of melodrama, is eased by the natural humor of Jenks, the half-cockney cook, portrayed by John Andre. All the action takes place in the camp of the Hartley Expedition. The arrival of a rescue ship brings a happy ending to a play virile in both action and setting.

The stage crew consisted of Michael Massad, John O'Reilly, Albert Martocchio, Vincent Anniello, Charles McGovern and Francis Spillane. The technicians were Vincent Greene, Joseph Trovato, John Bucklin and Robert Healy.

# Friar Team Loses Heartbreaker To Villanova College, 40-39

## FRESHMEN WIN FROM BRYANT COLLEGE 43-37

Staging a last minute rally that fell short by one point, the Providence College basketball team dropped a forty to thirty-nine verdict to Villanova. It was a rough and closely contested encounter that brought the crowd to its feet on numerous occasions. Providence staged a whirlwind finish which almost changed the verdict. The loss was the second for the Friar team within a week.

# DEAN ADDRESSES RELIGIOUS GROUP

## Speaks to Parliament of Religions on "Christian Concept of God"

Tracing the concept of God through its various stages, the Rev. Arthur H. Chandler, O.P., LL. D., dean of the college, delivered the fourth lecture in the Parliament of Religions in Grace Church Parish House, Mathewson street, Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, on the subject, "The Christian Concept of God."

Speaking to a group of about one hundred and fifty, Father Chandler traced the concept of God, beginning through pure reason, first through demonstration of the existence of God with the concept of God as known by the five ways given by St. Thomas Aquinas and supplemented by other thinkers.

Father Chandler explained that, "then this material yields collateral influence which enables one to develop the scientific treatise known as Theodicy, which is the science of God and his attributes. But relying upon revelation, men can obtain some knowledge of the intellect of God, and the mystery of the Blessed Trinity."

"At this stage," Father Chandler continued, "we have made not only the distinction of the three Persons in God, but also the appropriation of various works to the different Persons. Among the works of God the one which gives us the best appreciation of the Christian concept is the Incarnation. After noting the proof of the Divinity of Christ through prophecies and miracles, the development increases to a consideration of the life of Christ and his teachings."

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A rather slim crowd turned out to see the game between the Friars of Providence College and the Wildcats of Villanova in the Rhode Island Auditorium last night.

The first basket for Providence came as Joe Carew sank a long shot after Villanova picked up a three-point lead. Both teams were a little slow in gaining speed and were wary both on offense and defense. The visitors from Philadelphia forged ahead on McNally's long tum but lanky Leo Davin, Friar guard from New Haven, retallied for the Friars. However, at the halfway mark of the period, the Villanova quintet was enjoying a ten to nine advantage as the teams battled on even terms. From then on the flashy speed of both teams began to show but the Wildcats drew away to hold but an eighteen to thirteen lead as the half ended.

After eight minutes of play in the second half Providence drew up on even terms with the visitors as Carew catted a basket. A few seconds later they went into the lead as Carew converted a free throw. The lead was short-lived when the Wildcats came to rally and forge ahead, With McNally featuring the attack they pulled away to a 38-28 lead. At this point in the game Ray Belliveau and Leo Davin re-entered the game and injected new life into the Friar quintet.

Belliveau scored two baskets in rapid succession to bring Providence within striking distance of the visitors' score and Hagstrom caged a long tom to put the Friars within three points of a tie.

The visitors caged a free shot but Davin retallied with a field goal to make the score 40-39. Villanova fought to protect the one point lead as the Friars pressed for a winning basket but time ran out and Providence was forced to lose a heartbreaker.

Joe Carew was the star of the Friar (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

# International Relations Union Elects Officers at First Meeting

At the inaugural meeting of the International Relations Union of Providence College held yesterday the primary purpose of this new campus organization and general plans for the rest of the academic year were presented by the Rev. Philip Reilly, O.P., of the Department of Political Science.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of Michael Donahue, '37, as President, Francis O'Rourke, '38, as Secretary, and Robert Healey, '39, as Librarian.

It was decided at the meeting that the group will function as a regional member in the New England area of the Catholic Association for International Peace. Members of the organization will act as student representatives of the College in the de-

liberations of such groups as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Foreign Policy Association. The Providence College Union has already been admitted into the Catholic Association and membership in the other two groups will follow.

The meeting closed with the report of Michael Donahue who attended the regional meeting of the Foreign Policy Association last Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Providence Biltmore Hotel. Thomas Pettis and Edward P. Flanagan, who acted as observers for the Union at the two-day convention of the International Relations Clubs of the Carnegie Endowment for Peace at Clark University, Worcester, also reported on the deliberations of that meeting.

# Freshman Latin Group Displays Talent in Yuletide Celebration

The Christmas spirit held sway in Dr. O'Neill's Latinity class yesterday morning when a program of songs, dances, jokes, and musical selections was put on by the Freshman Class and invited guests. The Doctor relinquished the reign for the period to John Lyons who acted as Master of Ceremonies.

ties called upon Bob Conway for a hybrid rendering of "My Kingdom for a Kiss" in French, and then a folk dance was offered by the two Greek ambassadors, Themistocles Mantalos and "Hairy" Bisarides. John Ditto and Mr. Quinn then dedicated to the Doctor their rendition of "Amor Oculis," the Latin version of "There's Love in Your Eyes." The high point of the morning came in a one-act

farce written by John Henry under an umbrella.

The play dealt with a Maewestish woman, "Tallulah" O'Connor, who asked her father how to reject her lover. At this point in stepped "Leslie" Reedy with his trusty razor strap. He, being a gallant warrior, advised the maiden as to her difficulties. The Ghost, played by "I-Can't-Escape-From-You" Sheedy, enters, and the maiden seeks protection from the manly "Leslie" who succumbs to her fatal charms. The play was frequently interrupted by those cute little fellows, constructions from Latinity.

Dr. O'Neill closed the program with an address and wished all a Merry Christmas and "Successful" New Year. There was, however, a glint in his eye when he uttered that word "Successful" which bodes no good.



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Extends to the Readers of

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Sincere Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

May the Peace That Came to Bethlehem

Nineteen Centuries Ago

Be Yours on Christmas and Throughout the New Year.

"PEACE ON EARTH"

"Peace on earth, to men of good will" about the joyous angels as the world once more harkens to the voices from Bethlehem.

If life is a struggle, that struggle may always have a happy end, for that Babe of the first Christmas presented man with the chance of making life a step to a happier condition.

Yes, the angelic choirs will sing of peace and good will as the world rejoices in the coming of the Saviour. But as often, the sentiment will be forgotten in the expression.

Let us have peace and good will every day of the year. The nations of the world unite to honor the Prince of Peace on Christmas.

THE WORLD PRAYS

While the horrors of war and the fall of kings occupy the world, the position of the Sovereign Pontiff of the Catholic Church has become more important and more influential.

In his service of many years Pius XI has been a commanding world personage whose voice has often rung out over a troubled world.

Perhaps nothing is more characteristic of the Pope than this constant solicitude over the subsversive forces which have during his reign corrupted many of the countries of the world.

His constant industry, his worries over the world situation, and his unselfish desire to aid his fellowmen have hastened the illness to which the Holy Father is now subject.

In particular unite in the prayer that the Holy Pontiff may serve out many another fruitful year of aid to the world.

AN OLD, OLD STORY

The splendid performance of the Pyramid Players on Tuesday and the capable work of the Debating Society Wednesday, both to well-nigh empty houses, brings once more into sharp focus what is an old, old problem here at Providence College.

We must face the facts, however hateful a task that may be. The fact of this matter is that a real, unified, animated college spirit does not exist here at Providence College.

However, the validity and insurmountability of the causes of poor student response does not make the situation any the less distressing.

These are the facts. We would desire nothing better than to offer a solution to the problem they present.

We can only point out to the students the difficulties which the youth of our College presents, and earnestly ask them to remember them and do their level best to give a fair share of their time—and money—to the support of the extra-curricular activities.

which, needlessly to say, are well worth their support.

If anyone has a more concrete proposal, we should be glad to give it publicity in its columns.

AN ILL WIND

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody some good," as Bobby Burns, 1761, said

The recent crisis in England seemed, indeed, to be an ill wind. It brought emotional strain to the monarch and his ministers, and it caused ominous reverberations in Britain's far flung dominions.

Perhaps the greatest benefactors were the die-setters, jewelers and others involved in the making and sale of souvenirs, medals and coins.

After the abdication had become a "fait accompli" they resigned themselves to collecting their insurance, recasting their trinkets, and making the best of a difficult situation.

It seems then that what appeared to be an ill wind brought joy to all except the Lloyd's Insurance Agency, which lost 500,000 through the abdication.

Edward is happy. Wally is happy. Ireland is happy. Albert is happy, and everybody, it seems, is happy—except Lloyd's.

College Clippings

Eureka!

Dr. L. F. Campbell of Rush Medical College has the answer to a fat man's prayer: a reducing diet that allows heavy eating.

—R. I. State Beacon.

Co-ed Engineer

Ethel Reed, Minnesota University co-ed, recently made plans for a government bridge to span the Missouri river at Omaha, which was accepted in competition.

—Syracuse Daily Orange.

"Wanted"

"Wanted. A big, crazy, male University student with small appetite—will work way around world or something."

—Minnesota Daily.

Amherst College Glee Club

The Amherst College Glee Club is one of the oldest college glee clubs in the country, having had about 70 years of continuous concert work.

—Boston College Heights.

This Modern Generation!

Freshmen at Southern Illinois Normal University are getting smarter with the years, according to the results of the intelligence tests given this Fall.

—Northeastern News.

That's Logical

From Marquette comes this one. A drunken man in a bus to the man sitting opposite:

"Did you see me get on the bus?" "Yes." "Do you know who I am?" "No." "Then how do you know it was me that got on?" —The Viatorian.

"Not Only Do They Help Your Throat —"

Conn. State defeated Northeastern U. with a play that had been previously explained in a cigarette ad.

—Boston College Heights.

Not Only Painless

Dr. Neville McLellan, one of the four dentists from Australia who traveled 10,000 miles to take post graduate work in the University of Minnesota's college of dentistry says that the average price for a tooth extraction in his home land is twenty cents.

—Brown Daily Herald.

"Quoting Aristotle"

"Individual treatment is preferable to mass treatment no less in education than in medicine. While it is generally true, for instance, that repose and fasting are good for men with a fever, they are not always so in a particular case.

And that was twenty hundred years ago.

—N. C. State Daily Tar Heel.

Guzman Hall

Edward McSweeney '37

Guest Columnist

Basketball once again is assuming the limelight in the cycle of sports at Guzman. As in the past, there will be three different types of teams from the Hall—one composed of fellows playing in the Guzman League, while functions on Sunday afternoons—another which is entered in the Intramural League—and finally the squad which plays under the name of St. Pius, engaging especially in outside contests such as the State Tournament sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The greatest concern is centered about the last-mentioned team coached by "General" McClellan's understudy, Mal Brown. For the past two years this team has been runner-up for the Rhode Island Catholic Championship. Defeat, in both instances, came at the hands of the strong club of St. Adalbert's.

The two previous encounters were 51-42 and 35-33.

This year holds great hopes of victory for the Smith Hill team due to the return of all regulars except Frank Zavadskis, the Cleveland, Ohio lad who last year was an outstanding pitcher on the Providence College baseball squad.

Others expected to report to Mal Brown for the initial practice are: Ray Collins and "Skip" Conlon, Lowell, Mass.; Jim Loughery, Trenton, New Jersey; Frank O'Connell, New York City; Jack Lyons, Kansas City, Mo.; Nat Hohman, Sharon, Pa.; John Dering and Tom Dolan, Miami, N. D.; Ed Farrell and Mark Jordan, Jersey City, N. J.; Larry Lud Quakertown, Pa.; Sig Nichols, Jarro, Ohio; and Victor Molinari from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mal Brown, when asked for his views on the team's chances for the approaching season, philosophically answered, "Bill Kutneski is still playing for the St. Adalbert team."

Through the Microscope

By E. F. and P. P.

MAN SEES THUNDER

In the natural course of events, a person sees lightning and hears thunder. But according to physiologists the reverse order is not impossible.

Physiologists hold that all nerve impulses are identical in quality but differ only in the rate of propagation. Thus the auditory nerve carries impulses similar in character to the impulses carried along the optic nerve.

Since all nerve impulses are the same, it requires only the hand of a skilled surgeon to attach the optic nerve to the ear and the auditory nerve to the retina of the eye. Then we would see thunder and we would hear lightning.

## Aquin Cercle Holds Christmas Party

Members of Extension Group Hear Father Dillon Praise Work

The extension students at Providence College, who have recently banded together to form a club known as the Aquin Cercle, met in Harkins Hall Tuesday night, Dec. 15, where they had their first Christmas party.

As a part of its program, the club was addressed briefly by the Very Rev. John J. Dillon, O.P., president of the College. Fr. Dillon commended the group for its active interest "in the welfare and betterment of the College."

"The work you are accomplishing as extension students," he said, "either socially or scholastically, is a source of satisfaction to me. It is organizations such as yours that show promise of continuous progress here at the College."

Fr. Dillon was introduced by Miss Julia M. Sheridan, president of the Aquin Cercle. The program was opened by a business meeting, during

which it was announced that the Rev. Nicholas H. Serror, O.P., of the Providence College faculty, would be the speaker at the February meeting. During the social hour which followed, Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the affair consisted of, Julia M. Sheridan, president; Mary McKitchen, secretary; George Hoar, treasurer; Margaret Casey, Rose McHale, Dorothy Donigan, Dorothy Alexander, and Gertrude O'Brien.

### HOLY NAME GROUP HEARS FR. SERROR

The Rev. Nicholas H. Serror, O.P., of the Providence College faculty, addressed the Holy Name Society of St. Augustine's parish on Sunday evening, Dec. 13. Fr. Serror spoke to the group on "The Truth Behind Charity." Concerning the duty of Catholic men he said:

"Every Catholic man has a stern duty if he would not betray youth. Youth has been pressed into life during serious and pressing times. They look for inspirations and ideals, and if the ideals of Christianity are not given to them they have been betrayed."

## Fr. Nagle Addresses Women's Ad Club

Advocates Return to Original Intention of Christmas Spirit

Declaring that "the world will enjoy more the blessed and joyous season of Christmas, when it returns to celebrating Christmas not through its incidentals but through its original intention," the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., director of dramatics here addressed the Christmas meeting of the

Women's Advertising Club of Rhode Island, Monday evening, at the Biltmore Hotel.

In his address Father Nagle traced briefly the Christmas plays and the mystery cycles until the present, both according to the strict formulas of the modern play, which has to do with the remote symbols of Christmas, he drew attention to the fact that this tendency is universal. Father Nagle explained this universal tendency by stating that "the business world in general towards the Christmas season has changed the original intention of this season in the minds of the people." Christmas cards and the methods of advertising

were given as examples.

Florence Dyer presided over the meeting, while Helen M. E. McCarthy was chairman of the program committee. Margaret Lally gave vocal selections during the program.

Thursday night, Father Nagle will address the New Club at Rhode Island State College on contemporary trends and the prospect of the drama. After the address, an open forum will be held.

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# SCOWL

WITH

E. RILEY HUGHES, '37

SANTA CLAUS, Ph.D.

When Santa Claus comes gliding down your chimney Christmas Eve it may be Uncle Willie who has something up his sleeve.

He may fool our pop and mama by makin' 'all this fuss. But foolin' all the oldsters ain't a foolin' us.

Cause we have been to college and they have taught us there

The subtlety that rises from the splittin' of a hair;

With metaphysical discussion, philosophical contusion left 'n' right We are not fooled a minute by an a posteriori sight.

We delve in real distinctions until we reach the bottom.

We think until we've had a quiz that we have really got 'em.

So when Uncle comes as Santa down our chimney for the Yule

We say: "We know you, Willie," cause we have been to school.

We are not fooled by Christmas trees or wreaths of verdant holly.

We don't think ribbon candy or mistletoe is jolly.

We sophisticates have only fits cause we are intellectual;

We find that drums and scooters are very ineffectual

In giving cause for shouting or going on an outing.

When we can very well be occupied with pointing.

A raft of Christmas turkeys won't disturb us an iota.

Nor luscious apple dumplings with a pickle for a floater.

We are not moved by thoughts of food or even Christmas candy

If only there's a hair to split or syllogism handy.

To common folk old Santa Claus is just plain A.B.C.

But we've given him a cap and gown and call him Ph.D.

You can tell Christmas is scheduled for next week because what is known as its "spirit" has already permeated (whatever that means) the vichnige. In the office where all this ethereal stuff springs into being they're singing Christmas carols; everybody has penned or seems about to open a Christmas poem; and then there are the various "parties."

The Literary Criticism party the other noon was very elaborate. Ray O'Mara taxed his ingenuity and brought forth a variegated program that compares with the performance of other years. There was singing by Vin Fallon and Howard Slavin, a terpsichorean number by Danny Roberts, and the piece de resistance, an original play. The play concerned a mythical kingdom whose ruler abdicated for love, and is said to have been based upon fact. Gerald Duffy was attired in an admiral's uniform as the King, other notables being Jack Revens as Prime Minister and Jim Boboras as Archbishop.

## FR. CLARK DELIVERS SECOND LECTURE

(Continued from Page 1) right to private property." Father Clark said, "and advocating the common ownership of all productive property, communistic teaching practically denies all the rights inherent in human nature. This universal breaking of images is noticed in the family and in religion, where the individual's character is most intimately touched."

"Because the rights and duties of marriage are so essential to the attainment of the end of man, Christ, the Saviour of man, elevated this natural institution to the dignity of a sacrament. This sacrament, as does grace in every instance, perfects nature. It perfects natural love, it confirms an indissoluble union, and it sanctifies both man and wife," spoke the great Council of Trent. The parties in marriage are "not fettered, but adorned by the golden bond of the sacrament, not hampered but assisted in the performance of their duties."

"Now it stands to reason that whatever goes contrary to the purpose of marriage goes contrary to the purpose of the family, and consequently to the purposes of society, impeding the members of society in the attainment of their final end. Allow me to repeat that the end suggests the means, and the means must be in accordance with the end, in accordance with right reason. If men do things which tend to, and actually do lead them away from their natural and supernatural end, they are acting contrary to their nature; they are acting irrationally. Any system which sponsors such practices is to be condemned as unnatural, immoral, un-social, unchristian, and filled with contradictions."

"Communism is just such a system. But it is a system of negative doctrine. Communists insist on tearing down existing order. Though Communism may be occasioned by certain economic conditions, the revolt against nature is complete, not merely in the economic field.

"The cure for Communism, or perhaps we should say, the preventive against catching Communism is a program of action. Communists do not depend on teaching; they act. So the solution of this problem lies in a program of action, a program of counter-action; for the Catholic, Catholic action; for the Christian, Christian action; for all human beings, for all rational beings, rational action."

## Dr. O'Neill Speaks To Catholic Group

Professor of English Hits Modern Trend, Toward Vulgarity

Deploping various modern trends in literature, Daniel J. O'Neill, Ph.D., Professor of English at the College, last Friday night delivered an address on "Contemporary Fiction and Non-Fiction" before the Rhode Island Catholic Teachers' Conclave in St. Xavier's Auditorium. Dr. O'Neill's lecture was the last in a series on "Aspects of Catholic Literature."

In his address Dr. O'Neill criticized the vulgarity and cruelty which has entered into modern fiction. "It is about time," he declared, "that someone who is not squeamish protested against this degradation of fiction." The various "dubious contentions" which are being advanced concerning fiction and non-fiction are the product of "stream-lined book reviewers" in the opinion of Dr. O'Neill.

After Dr. O'Neill's address Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Reverend Francis J. Fanning, O.P.

## JUNIOR CLASS NAMES ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

The officers and the moderator of the Junior Class announced the Junior Class Athletic Committee at the class meeting held Dec. 10. This committee will have charge of the basketball team that will represent the class in the Inter-class basketball league which is being formed and will also promote the annual Junior Class Boxing Tournament to be held in the first week of March. Izzy Spierstein, Sports Editor of The Cowl, was named chairman of the committee. The other members of the committee are Bill Spinnler, Paul Ryan, Vic Lynch, and Jim Crowley.

Franklin Pierce was the only president to keep his entire cabinet four years.

Advice to motorists; children should be seen and not hurt.

## SEEN AND HEARD

By George F. McGuire

Tonight the steamboat lines will play host to the boys travelling south and west. In passing may I say these guests will be of the paying type.

Santa Claus a la 1936

At Christmas parties throughout the land the part of Santa, Mr. and Mrs. Claus' little boy, will be portrayed by many and sundry among the most noteworthy of these we find:

Larry (Fat Boy) Walsh at the Arcadia Brawl Room, Providence. Myron (Set them up on alley 2) Billings at the star-lit terrace of the Mohegan in Webster, Mass., right next to Patsy's place. Moe Timlin will perform at the Roger Sherman in New Haven. In Pawtucket it will be the Macker at Del's Paradise. Jim Brady will hold forth in the New Haven Railroad Station in New Haven.

Ray O'Mara will hold his party in the Long Island Bowl, and Walt Doolan will represent Brooklyn among the gifts.

On Going Home

Ed Gill wishes all the young women of Providence to carefully note that he will not be in Providence as he is going home to Olneyville, for the Yuletide.

Leo Davin will again be under the tree Christmas morning in a certain home in New Haven making it once again Alice IN Wonderland.

The United Electric Railways will be running special busses for those students from Pawtucket and Black-

stone Valley who will be returning home for the holidays.

Ben Katz and Art St. Germaine will spend the eve of the New Year in New York. Ben asked me what kind of a band was playing at Grant's Tomb on Riverside Drive, as he bought tickets at a special rate from Pete Magnotta. Do not worry too much about it Ben as there is no cover charge and after all you always have the Hudson to wash away your sorrows.

Tom Durkin has a few choice locations on the Brooklyn Branch of New Year's Eve. You can reach Mr. Durkin through the City Hall, New York.

Ray Belliveau will celebrate the New Year at that hotspot of local fame, Georgiaville. Ray wishes his many friends to know that he looks forward to a big year on the polished surface. In regard to Georgiaville Mal Brown suggests that they feature longer dances and shorter intermissions or vice-versa.

The Ubangi Club in New York's southland (Harlem) will celebrate the return of the Jersey City Roustabout in the person of Albert A. Groceries. In closing may I say if the little woman should forget you it is far better this year to give than to receive.

Jan. 7th will be open house at St. Joseph's Nurses' Home. The nurses wish the boys in Providence would please attend.

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### Egan at Conclave

Jack Egan, gray haired fox and veteran of the diamond and present Friar baseball mentor, who scouted for the Red Sox last summer, attended the major league club owners and managers conclave held at New York last week. We have it that Coach Egan acted in the capacity of advisor to Tom Yawkey and was no little responsible for the trade that sent infielder Billy Werber to the Athletics for infielder Pinky Higgins, and also for the signing of Catcher Johnny Peacock, free agent.

Jack knows his baseball from A. to Z. He played big league ball when the rabid fans tossed beer bottles at the visiting stars, and he called balls and strikes when the ump's had to be escorted to their hotel room after the game by the police reserves. Some fun. Egan recently told me that Lefty Collins is an excellent prospect for the big show and is one of the finest college twirlers he has seen in recent years. And he should know.

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### Friars Lose First

The Friars invaded Mike Jacobs' New York Hippodrome last Saturday and received their first setback of the season at the hands of a great C. C. N. Y. five that displayed a fine passing attack with which the visitors were unable to cope. The Beavers registered 18 points in the first 14 minutes of play while holding Providence scoreless.

Any team that can hold the Friars scoreless for 14 minutes is without a shade of doubt a great club and make no mistake about it. The New Yorkers are reputed to have one of the greatest quintets in the country and they proved it. Any aggregation that can pin a 44-23 defeat on the "Gen's," charges deserves the rating that is given to Nat Holman's Beavers. Despite the score, the Friars made a great showing against a superior quintet.

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### Bruiser Casey Speaks

With the Junior Class Boxing Tournament still a couple of months away this column has already been requested to issue a challenge to any members of the student body who are or think they are squirm artists or rascals or anything else you desire to call them providing it is printable.

The challenger is Bruiser Casey Moher who has the reputation of being a first rate squirmier. Bruiser Casey nonchalantly stated, "I, the great Casey, hereby challenge any two men or boys at Providence College weighing 150 pounds or less to a battle royal to take place at the Junior Class Boxing Tournament to be held the first week in March." Thus spake the great one cylept Bruiser Casey who is now perfecting his pet hold which will be divulged in the near future. All acceptors of this challenge will please notify your columnist at your earliest opportunity.

If the great Bruiser is successful in his debut, your columnist will match the Bruiser with Dr. Malcolm Brown, exponent of the improvised combination headlock, toehold, and Japanese armlock, in a match for the Smith Hill championship.

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### Here and There

Sammy Baugh, greatest forward passer in southwest football history, received the Honston Post's annual award as the "most valuable player" in the Southwest Conference.

## P. C. HOOPSTERS DEFEATED BY CITY COLLEGE

### Lose 44-28 Decision at New York Hippodrome; 5000 in Attendance

The Providence College basketball team lost a 44-28 decision to City College of New York last Saturday. A crowd of 5000 attended the first of a series of basketball doubleheaders which are being staged this year at the New York Hippodrome. Manhattan defeated Brooklyn College 31-22 in the other game of the twin bill.

The fast C.C.N.Y. five acquired an 18 point lead before Collins broke the ice with the Friars' first tally. During the first 15 minutes of this half, Nat Holman's quintet displayed a brilliant passing attack, and a rugged defense. Fliegal and Schneiderman paced the New Yorkers in scoring during the first half. The Friars trailed 24-10 at the end of the half.

The Friars showed a new spirit when the second half opened. Davin and Bobinski paced the visitors who were endeavoring to overcome a 34-16 deficit. Goldstein and Singer led the attack in the second period Gotham scoring. The play of the last ten minutes of the game was fast and rough. However, Providence was unable to overscore the C.C.N.Y. lead.

Nat Holman used 12 players, many of them Sophomores. "Gen" McClellan used his entire squad of 10 which made the trip to New York. Captain Leo Davin, Ed Bobinski, and Leo Fliegal led the Providence attack, while Fliegal, Katz, Singer, and Goldstein were the City College high scorers.

## Davin On Little All-American Team

### P. C. Tackle Given Mention In Small College Selections

Leo Davin, giant Providence College tackle, and Bobby Mudge, stellar R. I. State back, were given honorable mention in the Associated Press's Little All-American Selections announced last Sunday. These selections are based on a country-wide survey of small colleges by the A. P.

The Little All-American eleven is compiled from colleges with a student body under the 1900-mark and which do not compete against major elevens.

Davin captained the freshman team in his first year and played tackle on the varsity for the past three years, he being a tower of strength in the Friar forward wall. Leo also starred for the undefeated freshman basketball team and has held down a guard position on the varsity for the past two seasons. Last winter, he was named as one of the guard positions on the All-New England college quintet.

CRYSTAL BALL SELECTIONS			
Selections	Won	Lost	Av.
127	83	44	654
New Year's Day Classics			
Winner		Loser	
	Rose Bowl		
Pittsburgh	.....	Washington	
	Sugar Bowl		
Louisiana State	.....	Santa Clara	
	Orange Bowl		
Mississippi State	.....	Duquesne	
	Cotton Bowl		
Texas Christian	.....	Marquette	
	East-West		
East	.....	West	
	Cuban Sports Festival		
Auburn	.....	Villanova	

## Subsidization of Athletes Hit By Cowl Sports Editor

That annoying and controversial problem of subsidization has again forged itself into the public eye. This time it is in the South where two of the leading conferences have adopted entirely different viewpoints regarding this problem which has been the bone of contention for a good many years and will probably continue to do so even when you and I are long dead.

There has been numerous and various opinions and suggestions set forth concerning the subsidization of athletes—both pro and con. But as yet none of the colleges or universities has been able to agree upon a specific standard to govern subsidizing.

At the annual meetings of the Southwest Conference and the Southern Conference held last week, directly opposite measures concerning this question were adopted. In the Southwest Conference, open subsidization of athletes was favored while the Southern Conference adopted a regulation under which the athletes must maintain a higher scholastic standing than the minimum required of students to remain in the various schools.

We all know that, except in a few very rare cases here in the East, there is a great deal of "business" existing under the present system which consists of athletic associations cleverly hiring players on one pretext or another and enthusiastic alumni sending promising and potential All-American athletes to college "for an education." The smartest faculty committee in the country can't get around such underhand professionalism or whatever else you desire to call it, even when it tries.

Stop your "pussy-footing" because you're only fooling yourselves! Everyone knows and it's very obvious that if a college wants its team to win and its gate receipts to be huge it is expedient to go out and hire its men as some of them are now doing. No one can deny that college football has become highly commercialized. Therefore, I strongly advocate an out-and-out payment of college athletes. But this should all be done honestly and in the open. The underhand and crafty methods should cease immediately.

I contend that a large percentage of colleges are exploiting their athletes for their own financial gain. Get away from the foolish systems of having a boy risk his life for 50,000 howling spectators just for dear old Alma Mater. College football is no longer

a sport conducted for the benefit of the participants. It's a big business. Therefore, why shouldn't the lad, who is risking his health on the gridiron, share some of the enormous profits of the game? On top of this, the athlete who really wants to do some studying and gain some knowledge while at college is unable for the most part to do so. Because of the physical strain attached to the long and tiresome training grind and the numerous road trips, the athlete is forced to neglect his studies. If you doubt this, try it some time. Generally speaking you can't be an athlete and a student at the same time. You're either one or the other.

It has been estimated that the pay of the professional college athlete under the present system is one thousand dollars or a soft job that is the merest sham to cover the real transaction. By professional colleges we mean the major colleges. The smaller colleges give the athlete free tuition, and, in some cases, they toss in the board for good measure. But a thousand dollars handed out in niggardly fashion to a fellow who works as hard as the college football player does for three grueling months is no pay at all, especially when you consider the thousands and thousands that have been brought into the coffers of their associations.

True John Public is very gullible. But this is one case where he knows what is going on. But he doesn't care as long as he gets a good show. So, why carry on in such an underhanded fashion? Everyone knows what is transpiring behind the curtains. Pay the athletes off in the open, list their salaries, give them a percentage of the gate—they deserve it, make it a legitimate business. Football has become a big business—conduct it as big business should be. I advocate that the colleges get together and adopt a standard of open subsidization of athletes that will be satisfactory to all concerned. It can be done very easily, and it should be done in the near future.

Of course, a scheme such as this would seem like a blow at loyalty and college spirit and love of Alma Mater. But, one thing is certain, it would put the whole darn business on an honest basis. It would simply require a little shift in sentiment. I maintain it is an excellent way to clean up a nasty situation.

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## VILLANOVA WINS IN CLOSE GAME AT AUDITORIUM

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attack and with seven points shared the scoring honors with Smith, Halfway through the second half he was ejected on fouls and the Friar hoopers lost a valuable man in their offensive attack. McNally played an outstanding game for the visitors and was high scorer of the evening with thirteen points.

### Freshmen Win Opener

The P.C. Freshmen quintet won its third straight victory with a 43-37 decision over Bryant College in a fast preliminary game. The Friarlets gained an early lead with Barnini and Alexander leading the attack, and they were never seriously threatened thereafter. It was the fifth defeat for the Bryant five which had won its first two starts this season.

The Friarlet's defense was stubborn. They held an eight to one lead before Bryant scored their first field goal after approximately eight minutes of play. Barnini scored ten points and Alexander 7 during the first half which ended with the home-sters enjoying a twenty-five to fourteen lead.

Bryant pressed Providence more closely in the second half and the game was much faster. Sweeney led the Providence second period attack with eight points. Barnini had a total of fourteen points to gain the scoring honors of the game. Alexander had ten points, Sweeney eight and Leo seven. McGoff paced Bryant scorers with eleven points. Kubelle and Dandigelovitch each shared eight points.

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## Fr. La More Given Leave of Absence

Will Return to Catholic U. To  
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For Ph. D.

The Rev. Edward C. La More, O.P., will return to Catholic University in Washington, D. C., after the Christmas recess to complete his studies for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, it was made public this week. Father LaMore will enter the new school of philosophy at the University, where he will specialize in the social philosophy of St. Thomas.

Completion of his studies for the degree was prevented last year when

he was made a member of the English department here. Father LaMore expects to receive his degree in June.

As moderator of the Alembic this year, he has brought about several innovations in the content of the magazine which have been commendatory in every respect. It was reported that the Rev. R. D. Reilly, O.P., assistant moderator of the Alembic, will succeed him for the remainder of the year. Father Reilly became a member of the English Department this year, after completing his studies at Catholic University.

The first college paper was established at Dartmouth in 1800, called 'The Gazette'.

Our sincere sympathy to Norman Eichner, '38, on the death of his father; and to Edmund P. Galliano, '39, on the death of his mother.

## DEAN ADDRESSES RELIGIOUS GROUP

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