

THE FRIAR MERCURY

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Three Cents

FATHER FENNELL BECOMES DEAN

Takes post temporarily
to replace Fr. Chandler

Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O.P., moderator of the Cowl and professor of journalism, has received a temporary appointment as Dean of Studies at the college. Fr. Fennell will serve in the absence of Fr. Chandler who is convalescing in Arizona. Fr. Fennell will assume his new duties immediately.

VICTORY DANCE TO BE HELD

First trimester social
will be out of doors

The Carolan Club, resident organization, will sponsor a semi-formal Victory Dance on Friday evening, June 19 in the circle in front of Aquinas Hall. Admission to the outdoor dance will be one dollar in defense savings stamps. The stamps must be bought on the campus. Dancing will be from 8:30 to midnight. Earl Shean and his orchestra will supply the music.

ATHLETIC PASS BOOKS

Athletic pass books containing stubs which will guarantee admission to all college athletic contests, will be distributed next week. They will replace the student admission card now in use. A charge of ten cents will be levied. Arrangements are now being made to have the books accepted for reductions to games in other colleges in the State.

THE FRIAR MERCURY MAKES ITS DEBUT TODAY

Weekly tabloid will ~~begin~~ begin
summer trimester newspaper

Well, here we are in black and white. The Friar Mercury will take the place of the Cowl during the summer trimester. It will give a complete coverage of all college news. It will have in addition sports, humour, and special feature columns. During times of war it is important that the student know the latest army and navy student program developments for on this knowledge may depend whether a student will continue his college education. We hope what we have started may continue. There will be nine more issues put out during the summer trimester.

The staff will comprise the members of the Cowl staff. Jim Shiel will take care of the news stories. John Gerhard has the sports and features departments. All art work and cartoons will be done by Paul Cavanagh. The business department will be under the direction of John Brady and John Kenney. All are juniors.

Defense saving stamps will be accepted as subscription payments.

RILEY HUGHES HEADS BUREAU

Riley Hughes, '37, is the new head of the Providence College News Bureau. Louis C. FitzGerald, former director, is now a deputy administrator on the R.I. Defense Savings Staff.

Mr. Hughes holds a Masters degree from Brown. He is now living on College Road.

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ALMA MATER

One of the niceties of medieval university life was the student songs. The "Drinking Song" of Old Heidelberg, the "Gaudeamus Igitur" of the University of Paris-these were part of the color and éclat of that glorious era.

We at Providence College have an Alma Mater song. It is the eclectic "Finlandia" of Jan Sibelius.

This musical masterpiece is played every now and then at a P. C. official functions with alumni and students standing inarticulate with solemn bearing. Believe it or not, the Alma Mater song has words. A college song is meant to be sung.

GRATIAS

To Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O.P., assistant dean, for his courtesies,
 To Rev. Henry C. Shelley, moderator of St. Michael's Ju-Ho-Na, for his advice and generosity.

To a friend in Boston,

PLEASE, LORD.

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
 And also something to digest.
 Give me a healthy body, Lord,
 With sense to keep it at its best
 Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord
 To keep the good and pure in sigh
 Which seeing sin is not appalled,
 But finds a way to set it right.
 Give me a mind that is not bored,
 That does not whimper, whine, or
 sigh.

Don't let me worry over much,
 About this fussy thing called I.

(Prayer found in Chester Cathedral)

ALMA MATER SONG

Mother of Truth, we proudly pledge
 to thee
 Undying love and steadfast loyalty
 From thee we learned the wondrous
 work of God,
 His goodness, grace, and holy power
 Clear hast thou shown what path-
 ways must be trod;
 All fearless now we brave life's
 hour.

Though failure frown, though kindly
 fortune smile,
 Firm our advance, naught can us
 e'er beguile.

To honor bound, to love and virtue
 sworn,

Lift we our voices in full acclaim
 Thy sons shall thee with noble
 deeds adorn;

Hail Providence, We praise thy
 name.

A SHORT STORY

Algie met a bear,
 The bear had a bulge.
 The bulge was Algie.

PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAM IS
OUTLINED BY COACH CROTTY

Compulsory course aims
at toughening students

In an attempt to clarify whatever uncertainty may be harbored in the minds of the student body, the Friar Mercury presents a concise and accurate summary of the summer physical training program, as advanced by Coach Ed Crotty, Director.

REGULATIONS:

All students are required to insert in their schedule three hours of athletics each week. The Athletic Office will do every thing possible to arrange these hours to the individual convenience of each student.

The course carries with it one hour of required credit: no cuts or excuses will be issued under any circumstances. Furthermore, absences must be made up at once. A fine of ten dollars will accompany any infraction of the attendance regulations.

Regarding equipment, each student will need a sweat shirt, shorts, a supporter and a pair of sneaks. This equipment must positively be on hand Monday, June 15.

TYPE OF PROGRAM:

The purpose of the new program is to develop and maintain physical fitness. In addition to the calisthenics and relay races that have already been decided on, a 200-yard barrier race is being established. The course for this race will be dotted every twenty yards with such obstacles as hurdles, a four foot vault, a twelve foot ladder climb, a five and one half foot barrier which must be negotiated, additional hurdles, and a six foot wall at the end.

A time requirement will be set and each man must meet this standard; marks will be given on the basis of showings made.

In addition, a cross-country jaunt will be inaugurated, in length between one and two miles. Needless to remark, this program will be effected on a gradual basis, and will allow for rest periods.

Tugs of war, mass games of organization in which teams of twenty-five will compete, and individual contests, such as boxing and wrestling, will round out the program.

INTER-MURAL SET-UP PLANNED

Summer leagues to play

Soft-ball, baseball, and volleyball leagues will be in action during the summer months.

The softball teams will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:45; the baseball teams will have the fields on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the same time. Volleyball schedules will be arranged to suit the various teams.

To enter the softball or hardball league, the only requirement is a ten man team in softball, and a nine man club for hardball. Any group of fellows may organize to form a team.

For day hops who might find it difficult to come up to the college at night, a sincere effort will be made to arrange their games in the afternoon.

In the meantime, all students are welcome to go to the Athletic Office and borrow bats and balls. The equipment of the Athletic Office is available to all.

CURTAIN CALLS

First in the series of personalities to be presented by the Friar Mercury is Ted Mc Connon. Without any attempt "to lay it on" or to make a hero out of a fellow it can be said that Ted is a pretty swell chap.

Known to most of us only for his ability on the basketball court and the baseball diamond, young Mr. Mc Connon does all right in his classes also. This is not to imply that he is one of the scholastic elite. Nevertheless, the fact remains that he graduated from St. Raphaels Academy with honors. So you can see that "Mac" has no charley horse between the ears.

To judge from his quiet, good natured demeanor, you'd never guess that Ted Mc Connon is one of the finest marksmen ever to aim a basketball for the hoop. His shots usually swim through on the fly without touching the rim. But that's the Mc Connon style.

In base ball Ted is in a tough fix. It is unfortunate that he isn't bilocated so that he could be two places at the same time-especially on Sunday afternoons. Ted plays first base for our own college teams and for the Pawtucket Slaters of the New England League as well. Incidentally, Ted was acknowledged the best fielding first baseman in the New England league last season. But that's the Mc Connon style.

DORM LOG

Along with the trimester at P.C. something new has been added, The Friar Mercury. And so continues this endless column filled with news and "stuff". Before I start slinging the hash, let me welcome the freshmen.

That lone light glittering way up in the peanut gallery of the dorm is Aquinas's foremost roomer, the impeccable "Doc" O'Neill, who is burning the midnight candles.

Modern design makes the big difference and so many of the fellows are sporting "crew" cuts", namely- Mike Halloran, Jack Grady, Ray Connolly, Jack Ring, John Fitzgibbon, and the
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THE HISTORY OF THE UMBRELLA

It is a matter of historical record that the terrible eruption of Mt. Vesivius was in 79 A. D.

We have in the letters of Pliny the Younger a graphic description of the awesome fury of that eruption which completely destroyed 3 towns near the Bay of Naples in Italy.

But these historical records neglect a point that us moderns are prone to regard lightly. In the glare of publicity given the actual explosion, we have neglected to credit the eruption of Mt. Vesivius with the discovery of our umbrellas.

For when the cone-shaped peak blew off sending its torrent of lava and rock crashing on the poor people below, it was the humble umbrella tree, very common in that area, which provided refuge for the stricken victims.

Consequently, the people who survived that disaster realized that if an umbrella tree could protect one from falling objects, an instrument of that shape could protect one from the rain and sun. And so the umbrellas were born inspired by a great tragedy.

THIS SUMMER STUFF!

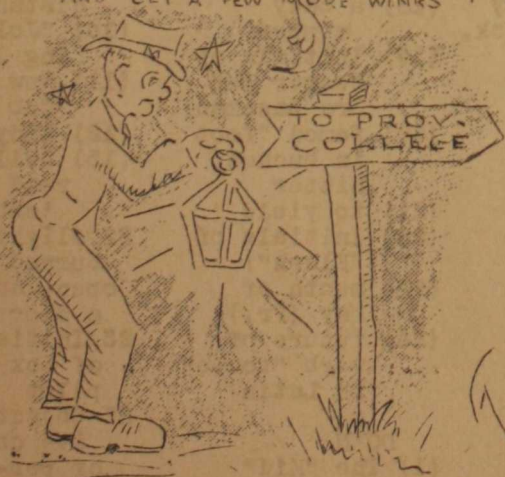
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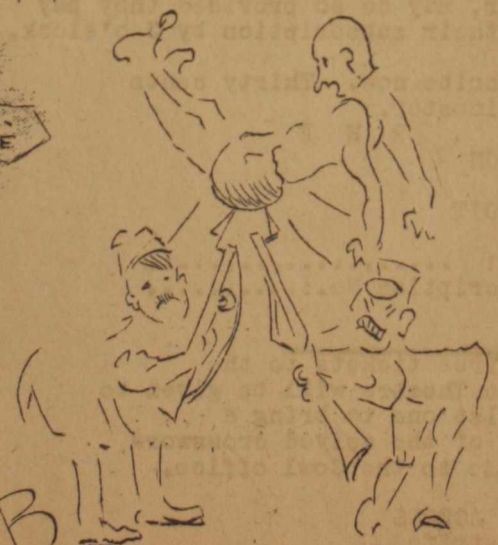
— THAT WE CANT ROPE OFF A CORNER OF THE ROOM AT 8:00 AM AND GET A FEW MORE WINKS



— THAT WE CANT LOCK THE DOORS AND GO ROUND LIKE THIS



— THAT SOME OF US HAVE TO GET UP SO DEAR EARLY



BUT IT COULD BE SO MUCH WORSE

R. Cav.

RED SOX TICKET CONTEST FOR
FRIAR MERCURY SUBSCRIBERS

The Friar Mercury plans to run a series of contests. To enter these contests, one need only subscribe to the Friar Mercury. The first contest will have as prizes two tickets to a Red Sox game or a Red Sox double-header. The winner may choose whatever day he wishes to go, with the single exception of July 4.

Subscriber contestants will fill out the blank below. The one who most accurately guesses the exact score of today's Red Sox game with Detroit, including runs, hits, and errors, will be the winner. If no guesses the exact score, the nearest score will win.

All entries must be in the Friar Mercury box, outside the Cowl office, before 3 o'clock this afternoon. Those who wish to enter the contest but have not yet subscribed to the paper, may do so provided they pay for their subscription by 3 o'clock.

Subscribe now. Thirty cents a trimester.

R H E

BOSTON

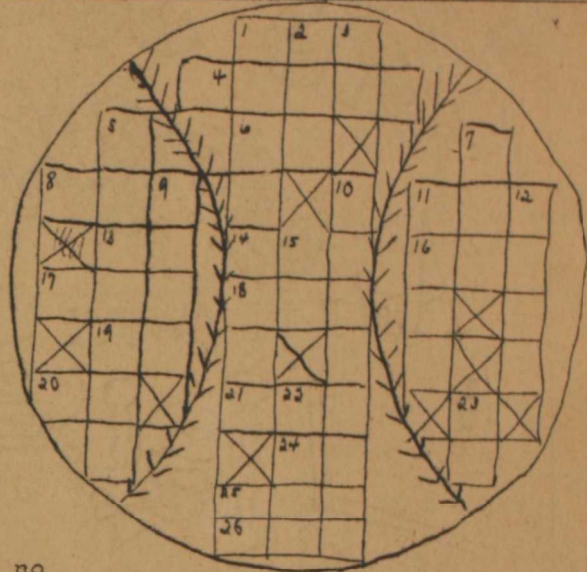
DETROIT

Name:
Subscription No.:

Two free tickets to the Albee Theatre will be given to the 1st one to bring a copy of the solved crossword puzzle to the Cowl office.

ACROSS

- (1) strife
- (4) Brave infielder



- (6) Browns pilot
 - (8) a prohibition
 - (11) spectator
 - (13) pers. pronoun
 - (14) Inf. of verb "to go" - Lat.
 - (16) raw metal
 - (17) by way of
 - (18) a body member
 - (19) Initials of Dodger sub 3rd baseman
 - (20) famed "foot in bucket" hitter
 - (21) to yield
 - (24) Initials of "Flash"
 - (25) month of May (Fr.)
 - (26) future of verb "to be" in Latin
 - (7) a material long in proportion to its thickness
 - (9) not far distant
 - (10) "Jolt- ing Joe"
 - (11) New Cub
 - (12) Tidy
 - (15) Rail- road 'abbr.)
 - 22 slightly turned or open, as a door
 - 23 Initials of Sox pilot
 - 25 Object- ive case of per- sonal pronoun.
- DOWN
- (1) The "Kid"
 - (2) beast of burden
 - (3) right (abbr)
 - (5) Dodger Dolph

Dorm Log(continued)

"Baron" George Burns. The Burkes have another carrot top at the college, John Burke a freshman, Jim's big brother. Recently the Dorm freshman were initiated by the upper classmen, but the hazing backfired. If I tell, it will only lead to bloodshed. Vinny Monteleone has taken over the cleaning business at the Dorm. The Friars Club did a nice job of handling Sunday's baseball game affairs. We hear it was a profitable for the PCAA(Whatever that means?) I'll be back next week for more I hope.

Providentially,
Zilch

Editor's note: Joe Anlauf is the ensign scribe of the Dawn Patrol who can be blamed in all libel suits in connection with this column.

COLLEGE FOOTNOTES

Quinlan, Doyle and Kelaghan caddying on the Municipal Golf Course for credit in physical education....Burns, Conley, Condon asking a survey for the Guzzylup poll.... Andre Manderville sleeping at the controls of the Dawn Patrol. Didn't know the French had wine at breakfast., Tom Gattone driving around Henry Boezie, Gene Hannou, & Ray Thomas.... Paul Reges and "Tiny" Quinn were recent complainants at " Mr. Anthony's court." Dr. O'Neill witnessed the Wall of Jericho being broken.....Howie Kenney, Will Gallagher, Owen Sherry, and Charlie Cottam are getting to be " Murphy's Beanery philosophers....Fr. Donovan's remarks about Chinese marriages caused Kenney Young much answering of questions as to whether he was married or not... Stafford and Sormanti characterizing themselves as "average people"...Gerard Dunn in his beach wagon. Must have a Z card....Doc O'Neill sporting a Eleanor Blue polo shirt.....Tom Mc Cormick dreamily dancing last night at the R.I. C. E. Prom... Dave Tubridy's perennial question " How did the Dodgers make out?" Louis Siy getting philosophical with Father Georges.... It is now 12:30 and soon this final page goes to print.

CORN EXCHANGE

Our title exempts us from making any apologies. Any resemblance to the New York financial institution of the same name is purely or purpose. Our jokes will be so subtle that you won't be able to get them. Stadnicki kept begging us to let us write this column. He said he had so much musical comedy experience..The Friar Mercury had adopted the motto " Caveat Emptor" We were forced to abandon it when some sophomore figured it meany " Beware of Dog" and said he would not come to the Cowl office to pay for his subscription for fear of getting bitten...Pat Mc Carty was told by the priest to keep away from the "hard-stuff" when he was thirsty. Pat kept on drinking so he was never thirsty... Well' the corn is still green and I'd better stop. See you next week with a more satisfying meal.

Harry Phelps

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EARL SHEAN AND HIS ORCHESTRA