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## COLLEGE GRANTED ROTC UNIT

### P. C. Glee Club Enters "Big Time" On Monsanto College Series January 28

The Providence College Glee Club will be featured on the "Songs From New England Colleges" series sponsored by the Merrimac Division of the Monsanto Chemical Company, Everett, Mass., on Sunday, Jan. 28, over the seven stations on the New England Regional network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The program will be broadcast from Aquinas Hall lounge from 2:30-3:00 p. m. and will be heard in this area over station WJAR. Other stations on the New England NBC network include WBZ, WBZA, WCSH, WLBZ, WVIC, and WRDO. A special telephone line from the lounge will be run in to the local network station.

An experienced NBC team of announcer, producer, and technicians is assigned to the series to produce each broadcast. The Jan. 28, broadcast will include college songs and as many familiar songs as possible during the allotted time. There will be short commercials and a feature story either about the college Glee Club or some other phase of Providence College.

The program is being handled by the Gardner Advertising Agency of New York; initial arrangements by Mr. Charles E. Sweeney, an alumnus of Providence College and an executive in the advertising company. About fifty guests of the Monsanto Company will be present at the broadcast.

Final arrangements are being worked out between the college and the NBC producer of the series. The program will be under the direction of the Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., Glee Club moderator.

### Alumni Secretary Takes New Position

Arthur P. Famiglietti, executive alumni secretary of the Providence College Alumni Association, has resigned his position in order to assume his duties as administrative assistant to Governor Dennis Roberts.

Mr. Famiglietti was appointed to his position with the Alumni Association on April 1, 1946. Two weeks later he was named director of the college News Bureau, and conducted both offices until his new appointment. According to latest reports his vacated post is still unfilled.

A native of Providence, Mr. Famiglietti received his early education in the local schools. Prior to his entrance at Providence College, he attended Morris Heights Preparatory School. At this college he was a member of the first Providence College football squad. After graduation with the Class of '24, he did graduate study at the Boston University Law School.

Mr. Famiglietti entered the field of journalism in 1928 when he joined the staff of the Journal-Bulletin. On June 2, 1942, he became assistant to OPA Director Christopher DelSesto.

#### PHILOSOPHY MEETING

Professor Oliver Martin, Rhode Island State College, will speak on "The Iron Curtain of Education," tonight in the Albertus Magnus Hall Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

### Frosh Nominations Extended To Friday; Interest Lags

Nominations opened on January 3 for freshman class officers and will close this Friday, January 12, at 2:30 p. m.

The date has been extended because of the lax interest shown in the freshman elections so far. Perhaps this condition can be attributed to the present world situation.

The general opinion among the students seems to be one of uncertainty about the future, and this has been reflected in the slackening interest in some student activities. The college administration has announced that it is doing its utmost to ascertain the position of the college student at this time, and assures the student body that it will attempt to allow them to complete the current academic year. The Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., is attending a conference in this regard at present.

Candidates are to submit a sheet of paper as follows to the Student Congress office in Harkins Hall: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, desire to run for the office of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature." The candidates for office will be presented at the assembly in Harkins Hall auditorium, January 15, at 9:30 a. m. They will present their platforms at that time and state their election promises.

### Penny Sale Staff Now In Full Swing

Although the Penny Sale is still three months away, the Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., spearhead of the annual building fund and grotto drives, and his assistants are busy with the necessary details that are involved in achieving its success.

Students are urged to sell their tickets early. Father McKenna said, as the alumni will receive their tickets in the very near future.

At present, Father McKenna added, there is a need of about five hundred prizes which will be raffled off at the Penny Sale in the Rhode Island Auditorium on April 6, the big night. Each prize must have a retail value of at least ten dollars. Household goods are preferred.

### Activation Of Army Transportation Outfit Stirs Flood Of Comments

Who will be eligible? What will be the setup of the program? These and other allied queries have dominated the bull sessions in cafeteria, lounge, and dorm following the announcement that an Army ROTC transportation unit will be activated at the college next Fall.

### Melodrama, Farce To Feature Second Arena Theatre Night

Plans are underway for the presentation by the Pyramid Players, student drama society, of a second theatre night featuring excerpts from well-known plays. The showing will be held in the student lounge of Harkins Hall, Monday, January 26.

The Rev. John B. Larnen, O.P., moderator, has announced that William McMahon will direct *Angel Street*, and Charles Todd, *Show-off*. Casts have been selected and rehearsals begun.

As at the last theatre night, which was attended by a large gathering of PC students and their friends, the public is invited to attend free of charge. James Marshall, vice president of the group, stated today that with the experience gained in their previous endeavors, anyone seeking an entertaining evening is advised to attend.

Marshall also gave a short resume of what the plays will be about. "As in the past, one excerpt is serious and the other is in a comic vein," he stated. *Angel Street* is a melodrama laid in an eerie London setting. Featured in the cast are Clifford Fusara as the husband with criminal intent, Esther Vellardi as the wife he is attempting to drive insane, and Joseph Boyd as a sympathetic detective. Mr. Boyd may be remembered by viewers of the last theatre night from his role as a mundane English countryman.

The *Show-off* will comprise the less serious element in the program. It concerns an average American family (Continued on Page 6)

For a general review of what constitutes an ROTC transportation unit training program, see information on page 6 released to Cowl yesterday by Col. Leroy Wilson, professor of military science and tactics at R. I. S. C.

The Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president, and others on the administrative staff, are attending an educational conference at Atlantic City and were unavailable for comment.

According to reports received yesterday, the Army authorized activation of an ROTC transportation unit which will begin training operations at the beginning of the September term of school. P.C. is among 33 new units the Army announced which brings the number of active units in the nation to 235.

The Armed Forces As A Career, one of the few sources locally available on ROTC, states that the program is divided into a basic and an advanced course, with one-half or one-third of the original class eligible to take the latter. Veterans with six months' service may receive credit for the one year basic course without taking it in college; and those who have had not less than one year of active service may receive credit for the (Continued on Page 6)

### Placement Director To Hold Conferences

Round Table conferences covering the basic points in choosing of careers will be held on January 17 and 18 from 1:00 to 2:30 p. m., it was announced yesterday by Mr. Maurice Timlin, placement director. Interested seniors may obtain cards in room 207.

In discussing the job opportunity for '51 graduates, Mr. Timlin declared that the outlook is better now than it has been in the past. This is especially true in finance and industry.

He advises the seniors to begin taking interviews now rather than wait until the summer when the competition will be much keener. Another point which Mr. Timlin stressed is the value of experience in interviews. The job seeker should have several interviews with less promising prospects before going to a firm which promises better opportunity.

The Placement Office is harassed by calls for men not subject to the draft, but Mr. Timlin stated that draft eligible seniors should not assume a defeatist attitude. There have been cases of draft eligible men being accepted by these employers and there are many others who ask no questions concerning the man's status.

### Ph. T. Degrees Given At Family Hour

#### Seniors' Wives Honored At Meeting Sunday

Conferral of the degree of Ph.T. upon wives of eleven seniors in Aquinas Hall, Sunday night, climaxed a three-fold Family Hour program of education, religion and entertainment sponsored by the Student Congress for married students and their wives.

The Ph.T., the Rev. William H. Clark, O.P., moderator of the fourth annual event, explained, could be interpreted either as "pushing, pulling or putting" husbands through four years of college.

The degrees, conferred by Father Clark, assisted by Vincent Clark, chairman, stated that each wife "has completed four years of conjugal and

collegiate helpfulness in that she has borne with her spouse patiently and faithfully in the pursuit of his higher education, writing his term papers, typing his lecture notes, arranging his textbooks for a Dagwood departure in the early a. m., turning the radio low so that he can concentrate on his philosophy, remembering coffee and cigarettes for midnight cramming sessions, catechizing her husband in preparation for exams, going out to work to supplement the G. I. check, providing many other wifely encouragements during these four years, thus fulfilling the requirements for the degree of Ph.T. and is entitled to all rights and emoluments accruing therefrom. . ."

Recipients were the wives of Joseph F. Barret, William H. Burr, Vincent H. Clark, Anthony Guglielmi, Benjamin P. Hague, Frank J. Johnson, John

#### Couples Renew Marriage Vows In College Chapel

F. Kenny, Zygmunt K. Kochanek, James H. Lamb, Ben W. Malson, and John F. Ryan.

The program got underway for the 35 couples who braved Sunday's storm with an informal discussion on the practical problems of home management by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. O'Reilly of Jamestown, parents of eight children. After a medical film on "Human Reproduction," Dr. Walter Durkin of Providence discussed the medical aspects of marriage. Dr. Durkin scored the indiscriminate employment of therapeutic abortion on the part of some obstetricians, and (Continued on Page 6)



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## To All Students

Excerpts From A Letter Received By Very  
Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President,  
From American Council on Education  
Saturday, January 6, 1951

Prediction is precarious. But uncertainty of present situation justifies statements of fact and assumptions. Top administrative leaders in government, including the military, recognize the important service of colleges and universities to national defense. **ONLY CONGRESS CAN CHANGE THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING DEFERMENT OF THOSE IN OCCUPATIONS "ESSENTIAL TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND INTEREST" AND "IN TRAINING AND PREPARATION THEREFOR."** Even in World War II the law made postponement of induction mandatory for high school students until completion of the semester or quarter in which they received their call for induction. Hearings will not begin on new legislation until mid-January, and will not be passed until well after the beginning of the second semester. **HENCE, STUDENTS WILL BETTER EQUIP THEMSELVES TO SERVE THE NATIONAL INTEREST BY REMAINING IN COLLEGE TO COMPLETE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Students in ROTC will almost certainly be kept in college to complete their education. Some plan of continuing deferment to graduation for selected students now in college is probable to meet high-level manpower needs. The Council is seeking to modify existing policy of the Defense Department to make it possible for **STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED BY SELECTIVE SERVICE AND HAVE HAD THEIR INDUCTION POSTPONED.**

## Have You Heard?

Have you heard the latest? The administration is preparing to place the college on a trimester basis. Yeah. Got it straight from my roommate who overheard another student talking with a professor who . . . etc . . . etc. Imagine that. You know what I heard? I heard the college is closing up in June because they figure there won't be anyone around here anyway so they might as well close. And you know what else I heard? I heard that come spring second base out on Hendricks Field is getting plowed under for another victory garden. Yeah. Got a friend who knows one of the maintenance men who said an order has been set in for a new tractor . . . etc . . . etc.

Prediction, the American Council on Education points out in the correspondence above, is precarious. There's danger in anticipating events that most probably will never occur. And if they do there's still no sense in worrying until such events materialize. Gosh, if this keeps up we'll all be a frazzle of nerves in no time. Won't even be able to construct a valid syllogism let alone field-strip a carbine. So for the now, gentlemen, rest at ease. As the administration points out, as the Council

reaffirms, you will better equip yourselves to serve the national interest by remaining in college to complete this academic year.

## Lets Go Frosh

Student Congress to run freshman class activities!

That in the not to distant future is a headline the Cowl may have to print unless the Freshman class shows more interest in their class elections. The response to the call for nomination of class officers has been practically nil and unless the situation shows a marked improvement the freshman class would either have to cancel all its activities or have them run by the Student Congress.

Neither of these alternatives present an attractive picture to the class of '54. It would brand forever mark them in the annals of Providence College history as the class who were to preoccupied to partake of the normal rights of a citizen of a democracy.

Some freshmen have remarked that the uncertainty of world conditions has preoccupied the minds of the students and has caused them to lose interest in extracurricular activities. This is sheer folly for if we are too busy worrying about whether we will have to fight to preserve our democracy that we overlook our democratic rights we are hypocrites and do not deserve to be free and have such privileges.

What if everyone in the United States decided during the last Congressional election that he was too preoccupied with the Korean War to vote. The answer is obvious—the very people who we are fighting would conquer us without so much as a drop of blood being spilled.

Withstanding that the freshman election will not bring about events of world shaking consequence, it is a dangerous precedent to ignore a democratic right. Lack of interest now will breed complacency in later life when, perhaps, the future of the country might be decided on how many make use of their democratic rights.

It is imminent, therefore, that the freshman, for not only their own self respect but also for the honor of Providence College, display an enthusiastic interest in the nomination and election of class officers.

## The Prospect Before Us

The prospect for students in 1951 is not bright. Our nation is involved in a war which may continue for some time and may even develop into something more terrible. Boys who would ordinarily come to college directly from high school will have their studies interrupted by a period of service in the armed forces; and students already in college, confronted with the possibility of immediate service, find their interest in studies waning. Enrollment in college has been curtailed and will become more so next year.

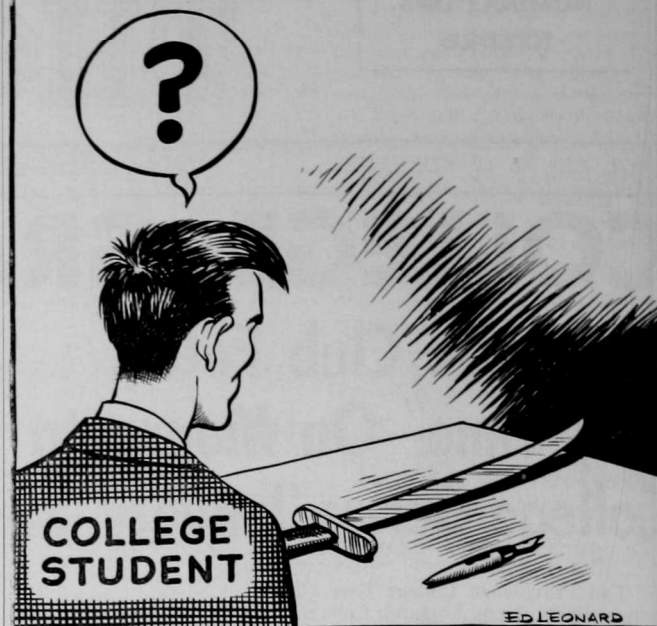
We should not allow ourselves to be unduly upset by what is happening. It is not the most desirable situation, but neither is it an extraordinary one. Our generation has not been cursed with more than its share of tribulation or singled out for trial and sacrifice. Everything that is happening today has happened before, and men have survived. Not only have they survived but they have gone about their business and, insofar as it is possible this side of heaven, have been happy. St. Thomas was at Paris when the Tartars were overrunning Poland. The Renaissance flowered while the Turks advanced into Europe. The fact that the Moslem horde reached the gates of Vienna in the seventeenth century seems to have had no more serious effect on the Austrians than to have given them a fondness for coffee.

We should cultivate tranquillity. It is the duty of gentlemen to be happy. It is certainly the duty of rational beings to put everything in its proper place. What can upset us, after all? It is senseless to fear death, the worst that can happen, since it can happen at any time. It is senseless to become bitter over the years we may spend in the service since they could be lost in so many other ways. It is senseless to regret having been born in this particular age since any other would have been as bad.

We must keep a right perspective and do the best we can by studying as hard as we can, enjoying the pleasures a considerate Heaven provides, and seeking our souls' salvation. These things are necessary to us as men and we must perfect ourselves in them, because we are men.

The prospect is not bright but we should not let this deter us from following a regular course, from advancing a little each day in wisdom and grace. Difficulties will never be an excuse for burying talents. Rather, they should incite to greater effort. It we are Christian men let us behave like Christian men. If we desire the survival of civilization let us behave like civilized people, here or wherever we may find ourselves.

# WHICH ONE FOR 1951?



## - Literary Column -

By William Plummer, '51

### By William Plummer

William Faulkner, who won the Nobel Prize this year, is one of the great writers of the United States. However, his books are not as popular in this country—he is very popular in France—as they should be, for a number of reasons. Among other things he is sometimes very realistic, as in *The Wild Palms*. Realism in this instance does not imply realism as in "real life" but realism as used by Zola and members of that school. It places what some consider unnecessary emphasis on human frailty and is characterized by minute descriptions of sordid details. In itself it is a revolt from the earlier and equally unreal pollyanna school of writing, in which all men were brave and all ladies fair (that they were ladies goes without saying). It emphasizes the sordidness of life, as Greek tragedy emphasized the bitterness or the plays of Moliere the comedy. A true artist can do much in this genre but he is apt to offend the maiden aunts of both sexes, of which the United States has more than its share.

Another reason Faulkner is not as widely read as he deserves is that he is a Southerner, with a Southerner's views, political and social, with which the majority of the reading public disagree. Yet sensible people, educated people, cultured people—whoever make up the reading public—should be able to read someone with whose views they disagree without becoming rabidly anti-this or that and without taking personal offense. It is perhaps this very "southernness" of Faulkner which is at the basis of his greatness. He knows his background completely, he senses everything he writes. There is no pose or self-consciousness in his southernness, certainly no cruelty or lack of intelligence in those Southern beliefs with which other Americans disagree. He accepts the situation as it is, no doubt knowing it is basically economic, as the nobleman accepts his superior position. He is not too proud of it since he was born so; neither will he surrender it since he thinks it the natural order (a Pius IX "non possumus").

The very simplicity evident in the above reasoning may also be considered part of this writer's greatness since genius is singularly uncomplicated. Everything he writes about is ordinary. His language is that of average people. Even his devices, among them one this reviewer thinks of as "the interrupted thought", are transparent. But they are effective, as his language is effective, as his characterizations are effective.

This reviewer finds the author's frequent use of a boy as narrator and central character, with an answering uncle or father, interesting. Undoubtedly, the boy is Faulkner, himself. But is the uncle or father also Faulk-

ner or an actual uncle or father? It is a clever way for a writer to get many things said which could not be said otherwise. Surely such a story as *The Unvanquished* was told by a father or uncle as he remembered it, or perhaps the writer, having heard such stories, introduced himself to them in the character of the boy. Again the boy and uncle in *Knights Gambit* and the boy in *Intruder in the Dust*, an episode which must certainly have occurred.

Due to circumstances too well known to need reiteration here the South has not advanced as quickly as some other sections of the country. Like Ireland, a comparison which comes to mind, it is agrarian, poor, and isolated. Judging by the past success of Irish writers and the present success of Southern writers, however, such regions are fertile ground for artists. His fellow Southerners must be proud of William Faulkner, as all his compatriots are, even those who disagree with him.

Prompt care may prevent crippling when polio strikes. It is provided for thousands by your March of Dimes contributions. Give today!

## .Cowl Mailbox.

Dear Editor:

This fall at Harvard College, for the first time in the history of the school, was formed an officially recognized organization known as the Harvard Weightlifting and Gymnastics Society, for the purpose of promoting these activities among the student body. The society consists at present of 51 paid members.

The purposes of this letter are both to acquaint other colleges with the existence of our club, and to inquire if a comparable group or groups exist at your college, and if so, would they, or members of the student body or athletic association interested in forming such a group, contact us here at Harvard. It has been our thought that joint meetings, expositions, and competition could be arranged between the two groups of our respective colleges.

Please bring this notice to the attention of your readers. Hoping that we may receive a reply from you in this matter, we are,

Very truly yours,  
Harvard Weightlifting and  
Gymnastics Society.

Richard O'Connor,  
Leverett House G-42,  
Harvard College,  
Cambridge, Mass.



## "Why Ski?" Ends Tuesday P.C. Student Winner Last Year

Beyond the fact that several million Americans have felt his ferocious bite, very little is known about the "ski bug." In its annual "Why Ski?" contest, the Vermont State Development Commission again appeals to students of 225 eastern colleges for information on this fascinating species.

Last year a Providence College student, Michael J. O'Keefe, '51, was one of ten college students to enjoy an expense-free, week-long tour as guest of the famous winter lodges and ski areas of the Green Mountain State.

As was the case last year the awards will go to ten students, five men and five women, submitting the best statement of 100 words or less on "Why Ski?" The statements which may be on any aspect of the question "Why Ski?", and either prose or verse, must be postmarked not later than midnight, Tuesday, January 16. Winners will be announced January 27, and "Ski Week" will be held from Sunday, February 4 to Saturday, February 10.

Entries should be addressed to the Vermont Development Commission, Public Relations Division, Montpelier, Vermont. Judges will include Sepp Ruschp, nationally known teacher and skimaster of Stowe-Mansfield; Andrea Mead, Vermont's young Olympic star; and Dr. A. John Holden, Jr., Vermont Commissioner of Education.

The contest is designed to focus attention on Vermont's 350 miles of unsurpassed ski trails and 300 acres of tow-equipped open slopes. It has the support of the state's resort operators who have pledged all-out efforts to make "Ski Week for 1951" an outstanding success.

Eligible to compete are undergraduate students in good standing of accredited four-year colleges in the six New England States and New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware. Both skiers and non-skiers are urged to compete since entries will be judged on originality and not necessarily on expert knowledge.

The winners will enjoy stays at Mad River, Pico Peak, Big Bromley, Woodstock, Snow Valley, Dutch Hill,

and Hogback, and will attend the National Jumping Championship at Brattleboro's famous 70 meter hill.

The Vermont Development Commission, sponsor of the contest, will act as official host, and provide all transportation within Vermont. Lodge and resort operator will act as hosts in their own areas, and furnish meals and accommodations, skiing, ski instruction if required, and entertainment. The only expense to the winners will be transportation to and from Vermont.

Other winners besides O'Keefe of the "Why Ski?" contest were: Phyllis Clark of Lowell, Mass. and Connecticut College, '50; Carol Goodman of Bennington, Vermont, and Bennington College, '50; Jean Dudley Weeks of New York City and Hunter College, '50; Mary Roche of West Hartford, Conn., and St. Joseph's College, '53; Shirley Whalley of Charlotte, Vermont, and the University of Vermont, '53; Gene McLoughlin of Larchmont, New York and Fordham, '50; Paul L. Shirman, of Millburn, N. J., and Yale, '53; Richmond D. Williams of Mill River, Mass., and Williams College, '50; and Gerald Gould of Charlotte, Vermont, and Middlebury College, '53.

## Club Photo Sitzings Listed For Friday

Club pictures for the 1951 Veritas will be taken in Harkins Hall auditorium on Friday, January 12, it was announced by Robert Flaherty, editor. Club members are asked to adhere to the following schedule promptly in order that engraving commitments be made on schedule:

Fall River Club	9:30 a.m.
Bristol County Club	9:40
Blackstone Valley Club	9:50
New Bedford Club	10:00
Newport Club	10:00
Taunton Club	10:20
Cranston Club	10:30
Kent County Club	10:40
Woonsocket Club	10:50
Albertus Magnus Club	11:00
Phi-Chi Club	11:10
Ski Club	11:20
Providence Club	11:30
Swimming Club	12:30 p.m.
Ship and Scales Club	12:40
Debating Club	12:50
Flying Club	1:00
Third Order	1:10
WDOM	1:20
Pyramid Players	1:30
Spiked Shoe Club	1:40
Friars Club	2:00
Monogram Club	2:10

Attention Dorm Students

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## Buckley, Quinton To Represent P. C. At B. U. Tournament

The Rev. Irving A. Georges, O.P., announced that Richard Buckley and Joseph Quinton of the Providence College Barristers will represent the school at the Boston University's National Invitation Debating Tournament to be held at Boston, February 9 and 10.

The team will debate both sides of the national scholastic debating topic: Resolve, that the non-communist nations form a new international organization. Edward Fitzsimmons will take part in an extemporaneous public speaking contest to be held in conjunction with the tournament.

Both Buckley and Quinton are experienced debaters having taken part in several debates, both intramural and intercollegiate. Fitzsimmons is an experienced speaker. He delivered a short talk on that subject before the Forensics workshop recently held at Providence College.

Debates are being arranged with Emmanuel and Albertus Magnus College to be held sometime before the end of this semester. Next semester besides the Boston University Tournament, the Barristers will take part in the National Catholic College Tournament at Philadelphia.

## Polio Fight Depends On Support Of All

Every American has a stake in the 1951 March of Dimes this January. Upon the individual contributions received depends the future of the fight against infantile paralysis.

Each dime and dollar given to this fund-raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is urgently needed this year—to provide assurance of adequate care for all those who cannot pay full costs without help. For the National Foundation ended 1950 with patient care funds exhausted and many bills unpaid. For the second successive year, its epidemic aid funds were insufficient for the job. The deficit must be met, and its epidemic aid funds must be replenished.

During the years 1949-50 a total of some \$47,000,000 was spent for polio patient care alone and there were unpaid bills besides. There is no telling how much will be needed to cope with patients already stricken who will still need care in 1951, nor is there any way of predicting how many new cases will be added to the tragic roster.

What is clear, however, is that the 1951 March of Dimes must raise more money than ever before, so it may continue paying costs of care for those who can't pay and at the same time intensify its promising research and education projects.

The past three years have been staggeringly high case incidence. No one knows if the trend will continue. But should there be a welcome "light" year ahead, the National Foundation's responsibilities are heavy.

The time to prepare is now. During the 1951 March of Dimes, January 15-31, give, and give again. Safeguard your stake in the fight against polio!

**CAMERA CLUB TO MEET**  
The P.C. Camera Club will hold a very important business meeting tomorrow night at Club Geister. Members are asked to meet at the club at 8:15 p.m. Plans and activities for the second semester will be formulated. All are urged to attend.

## Providence Club Elects Ryan Prexy; To Meet Tuesday

Robert J. Ryan of Providence was elected President of the Metropolitan Providence Club of Providence College, at its first official meeting, held December 14, 1950, in the student lounge of Harkins Hall. Other officers elected were Thomas Clesson, vice-president, William Jarvis, Secretary, and Richard Johnson, treasurer.

By way of opening the meeting, George Murphy, acting chairman of the club, introduced the club's moderator, Rev. Hugh S. Halton, O.P.

Following the introduction, Murphy presented the proposed constitution before the members for their approval.

After holding nominations and elections the meeting closed with the passing of a motion that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, January 16.

The officers later announced that the meeting will be held at the Roger Williams Legion Post, 285 Smith Street. There will be entertainment and they urge all eligible students to attend.

## Throngs Attracted To Gala CYO Dance

Featured by three small musical combinations, playing everything from jazz to waltzes, a crowd of approximately 500 boys and girls from high school age and up crammed the Harkins Hall dance floor last Friday evening for the Catholic Youth Organization's Collegiate Dance sponsored by its Girls' Catholic Action Group in conjunction with the 15th Anniversary of the CYO in Rhode Island.

Two small combinations consisting of four piece outfits, one playing popular and waltz music, the other dressed in cowboy clothes playing for those who wished to barn dance, alternated their performances in the dance hall, while the third group gathered informally in the lounge.

The program was under the direction of Rev. William M. Delaney, leader of the State's CYO activities since its inception, and Matthew I. Serpa, Social Director. The Very Rev. Robert O. Slavin, O.P., president of the college, and Rev. Charles T. McKenna, O.P., were also present at the affair.

Twenty million polio viruses laid end to end equal one inch. That's one reason why polio is a tough problem. Give to the March of Dimes today to fight polio!

## OSP Student Relief Program To Begin In Early February

The annual Overseas Service Program campaign for student relief will begin in early February, Edward T. Kennedy, '51, campus OSP chairman said yesterday. OSP, the international phase of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, of which Providence College became a member last year, has a program covering displaced persons, student priced foreign travel, and fund raising for needy Catholic students abroad.

Last year's drive netted \$66,431 raised by 146 colleges throughout the country. During the past four years three quarters of a million dollars has been raised for distribution to Catholic students or student groups in Europe and Asia.

Many NFCCS colleges are beginning their campaigns now, but due to exams, Kennedy said, only planning will take place here until the end of this semester. Last year through campaign projects ranging from a tag day to the penny jar in the cafeteria, P.C. contributed \$300 to O. S. P. The year before affiliation \$350 had been raised.

### Specific Projects Abroad

A listing of numerous projects in France, Germany, Japan, Austria, Korea, and Poland has been received here by OSP committeemen. These include providing for the maintenance of refugee students in various centers, especially in four German universities, contributing toward the building of direly needed Catholic centers, and providing funds for scholarships and housing.

Project No. 3, for example, is the construction of a two story building for a student center at the University of Kiel, where Catholics form a 10% minority. Kiel is a very badly destroyed city in a diaspora section of northern Germany.

Cost of the center is 120,000 marks (approximately \$30,000) toward which OSP hopes to make a large allotment. Three hundred students will benefit.

A letter of thanks from Ernest-Gunther Koch of Kiel, reads in part: "... Kiel is bombed down for one third ... the question of accommodation is very difficult especially for all fellows coming as refugees from the east ... So they live in garrets or in small rooms together with other fellows or in villages near Kiel.

"Supported by your generous grant, Pater Stephan Richter, O.F.M., our students' father, resolved to build a students' boarding house. There are provided 45 rooms for students (refugees will be referred), three club rooms (one of these will be dedicated to you, our American friends), a library, a dining room, and our chapel.

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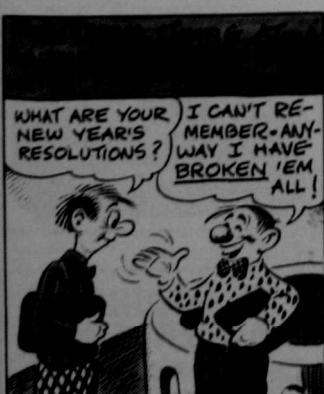
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## Johnson Sets 1/2 Mile Mark In Boston Naval AAU Tilt

Newman Breaks Mile Record Finishing 2nd, Cassedy Retains Quarter Mile Title

by John Saleses

Led by Dick Johnson and Jack Cassedy, the Providence College track team got off to a good start in the first formal indoor meet of the year last Saturday afternoon in the First Naval District A.A.U. games in the Fargo Building in Boston.

Johnson's time, two minutes, one-tenth second, for the half-mile open A.A.U. event, set a new record as he smashed the old mark by 8.6 seconds. He ran an exceptionally fine race considering the time of the year and that it was on a gymnasium floor. Nevertheless, Johnson's time would certainly be exceptional were it made on a regular board track or in cinders. Pop continues to show his all round abilities to prove that he is a definite asset in the Friars' track picture.

Jack Cassedy lead a Friar sweep in the 440 yard open A.A.U. dash. Cassedy turned in a good performance as he won the event for the second straight year. Dick Tiernan and Jim Penler tied for second. John McMullen broke 56 seconds in his heat but did not make the finals.

In the special one mile run, Jesse Van Zandt, the B.A.A. marathon specialist of Boston, passed Friar yearling Bill Newman in the last lap of an exciting race to nip the latter at the tape. Van Zandt's winning time of 4:28.7 surpassed the old mark of four minutes, forty seconds set by Pop Johnston last year. Newman and the Boston University distance ace, Johnny Kelley, placed second and third respectively also breaking the old mark with times of 4:29.8 and 4:31.5.

The next event on schedule for the Providence track forces will be next Saturday night in the nation's capitol. P. C. will probably be represented in the 1-mile and 2-mile relay events in the Washington Evening Star games against some of the leading colleges in the country.

### TRACK INVITATIONS

It has been announced by the athletic office that the P. C. track team has received invitations from the Boston Athletic Association for the B. A. A. Games to be held Feb. 3 and the Washington Evening Star Indoor Track Meet on Jan. 13, to be held in Washington, D. C.

### FIELD EVENTS MEN

All students interested in trying out for the indoor track field events, namely, the shot put, high jump and pole vault, kindly report to Coach Harry Coates in the athletic office.

## Coach Harry Coates To Teach At RICE

Harry Coates, track coach of Providence College, will teach a course titled "Track Coaching, Methods and Materials," which will include demonstrations, starting next Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Rhode Island College of Education. The course is fifteen weeks in length. It will give two semester hours credit toward a Master of Education degree or a teaching certificate. There will be a tuition charge for instruction.

## Frosh Defeat RICE, Moran Tops Scorers

Before the Christmas holidays the P. C. Frosh turned in their fourth win of the season with a win over R.I.C.E. This R.I.C.E. club had turned in some fine performances and looked like world beaters in the first half. Shooting without much poise but plenty of accuracy the Educators stayed neck and neck with the Future Friars throughout the first half. Sporting only a 40-35 point lead at half time, the boys decided it was time to roll. R.I.C.E.'s shooting dropped from spectacular to ordinary and it was all over. Bob Moran turned in another fine game with his 26 points, tops for the evening. Hank McQueeney's 21 points were gratefully accepted by P.C. rooters.

### BC 84, PC 54

General Al McClellan's Boston College Eagles raced to a whirlwind victory, 84 to 54, over the Providence College Friars last night at the Boston Arena. A disastrous first half, in which the Cuddymen sank only 5 of 40 shots from the floor, paved the way for the Friars first loss of the season.

The Eagles, using two and three man breaks and three and four man weaves effectively, ran the Friars into the floor. For all practical purposes, the game was decided in the first half, at the end of which PC was trailing 15 to 42.

## Friar Folio

by Bob Flanagan

### NOT ALL IS DISMAL . . .

With the coming of the new year, things do not look too bright on the world scene and the feeling of insecurity prevails. The sport picture at Providence College, however, is continuing along with an optimistic spirit toward the future. The popular hoop team continues its winning ways, while the Frosh basketballers are keeping pace very handily. The spike and shoe team is not very far behind with victories in many events over all comers. Interest in intramural basketball is growing and this phase is highlighting the student participation program.

Coach Vin Cuddy and his court crew are in the process of building an enviable reputation for the school. Providence is currently rated with the leaders in New England basketball. The 1950-51 basketball season is going to be the best in P.C. history.

The tracksters are doing a bit of globetrotting for themselves this season. Meets in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D. C., highlight the campaign. Mentor Harry Coates has an excellent club of athletes who are co-operating to the fullest extent. It is a talented group of runners led by Captain Bill Sherry who are tearing up the boards and the cinder paths for the Black and White this season.

### PERSONALITIES . . .

A big reason why the Providence College basketball team is on top is Co-Captain Ray Garcia. Returning to his guard post after playing forward last season, the aggressive Newporter has established himself not only as a ballhandler and playmaker, but also as a scoring threat. Evidence of his spectacular play was seen in the Friar home games this season. We know he'll be popping them when the going gets rough.

Dick "Pop" Johnson, sophomore distance running sensation, is the unsung hero of P.C. athletics this season. Besides leading the cross-country team in their first official season, "Pop" is burning up the indoor boards with his 880 and 1000 yard run performances. Just last Saturday Dick Johnson set a new record in the Naval AAU Games in Boston with a very satisfactory victory in the half-mile event. His time was 2 min. one-tenth sec. Dick is one of the big reasons why track at Providence College is becoming a most popular sport.

### FROM ECIAC . . .

An old pal of P. C., Siena College, is the current leader in the Eastern Catholic Basketball Conference. The nine-team league is in operation for the first time this season and is progressing to be one of the strongest conferences in the East. In the next two years, when the Providence schedule can be organized, the Friars will take an active part in the league.

A player P.C. fans might remember from last season is Tommy Smith of St. Peter's, who is the leading scorer in the conference. Last season Tom Smith and his St. Peter's team came within one point of upsetting the Cuddymen. Smith poured 27 points through the nets that evening. He is now sporting a 21.7 points average per game. New York sports writers call him one of the outstanding hoopsters in the Metropolitan district.

## P C Basketball Team Faces Tough Schedule This Week

Meet St. Anselms Thursday Night, Gymnasts Saturday, AIC Aces Mon.

by Gil Cipriano

The Providence College varsity basketball team will engage in the most intensive part of its schedule within the next week. Having played only five games to date (the last one being against Boston College last night), the Friars will be at a slight disadvantage, at least in their next two games against St. Anselm's at Manchester on Thursday and Springfield here on Saturday.

Both St. Anselm's and Springfield must rate slight favorites on the basis of their season's experience to date. The Hawks from Manchester, who will play host to the Friars tomorrow night, have played seven games, of which six have resulted in victories for the New Hampshire club. Their only loss was to Wheaton College of Illinois at the Boston Garden.

Springfield has an even more impressive slate as far as games played are concerned. Going into Saturday's contest with P. C. at Mt. Pleasant gym, the Maroons will have passed their thirteen game mark of the season. As this story goes to press, Springfield has played 11 games with a won and loss record of 5-6. Tonight they face Clark at Springfield and on Friday evening they go against Rhode Island State at Kingston.

The appearance of their poor record can be deceiving to those who believe the Maroons will be an easy mark for the Friars. Springfield has been one of those traveling clubs who go to the toughest section and play the best teams. Most of their games were played in the Midwest where they faced such teams as Kansas State and the University of Kansas, both high in national ratings.

St. Anselm's will probably prove the toughest on the basis of its season's won-lost record, the Hawks have one of the strongest teams in years manned by several tall boys of proven ability. Mainstay of the Manchester crew is Captain Bill O'Connor, a 6' 3" boy who has been the club's steadiest player as well as best scorer. Also on hand will be two other "big" men, guards Charles "Chuck" Duffley and Gus D'Orazio, 6' 5" and 6' 3" respectively. With height, experience and a fine record, St. Anselm's should definitely be among the best opponents facing P. C. this year. Last year Providence College beat the Hawks 63-61 and then 91-81.

Springfield also has a scrappy bunch with Captain John Burke, a 6' 2" guard, and a sophomore, Alan Schutts, showing the way for the Maroons. Schutts has been something of a sophomore sensation this year. The 6' 4" sharp-shooter, Schutts, led the Frosh club in scoring last year and it's reported he can shoot equally well with either hand from the pivot post. In two contests last season, Providence College dunked the Maroons 70-48 and 62-59.

### TICKETS FOR P.C.-STATE GAME

Tickets will go on sale today for the P.C.-R.I. State game to be played in the R. I. Auditorium, Thursday night, January 18. Prices: student floor seats, 60c; reserved seats, \$1.80 and \$2.50. Bring student booklets to athletic office for floor tickets.

## Martinmen To Face Gymnast Cubs Sat.

Springfield will provide the opposition for the Frosh in their next outing. Newman Prep was scheduled as the next opponent for our all winning frosh, but the game has been cancelled. Another club will be added to the list at some later date.

Springfield is always a strong outfit. The Gymnasts get some of the top talent in New England and usually can be relied on to come up with one of the section's top combines. The freshman club hasn't operated much in this territory, but you can bet your bottom dollar they'll be rough.

Our team has been improving steadily. Hank McQueeney joined Bob Moran as a scoring threat and Jim Walsh finally came up with his share of the points. Moran has been turning in fine shooting performances right along and it's good to see the rest of the club join him in the scoring column.

## Louthis Seeks More Boxers For Smoker

Boxing classes will begin at the College next Monday. Pete Louthis, boxing instructor, announced this week. The names of the boys who have signed up for the course will be on the bulletin board outside the athletic room with the times they are to report for instructions.

Louthis has expressed disappointment with the turnout so far. The ten men who have registered for the course is far short of the two dozen who participated in the program last year. Louthis wishes to renew his invitation to students who are interested in learning the rudiments of boxing and engaging in the intercollegiate and smoker bouts which will get underway in March.

The former professional fighter also wants to stress the fact that whether or not a boy is interested in actual contests, the training he will receive from the course will be an invaluable aid should the student enter military service.

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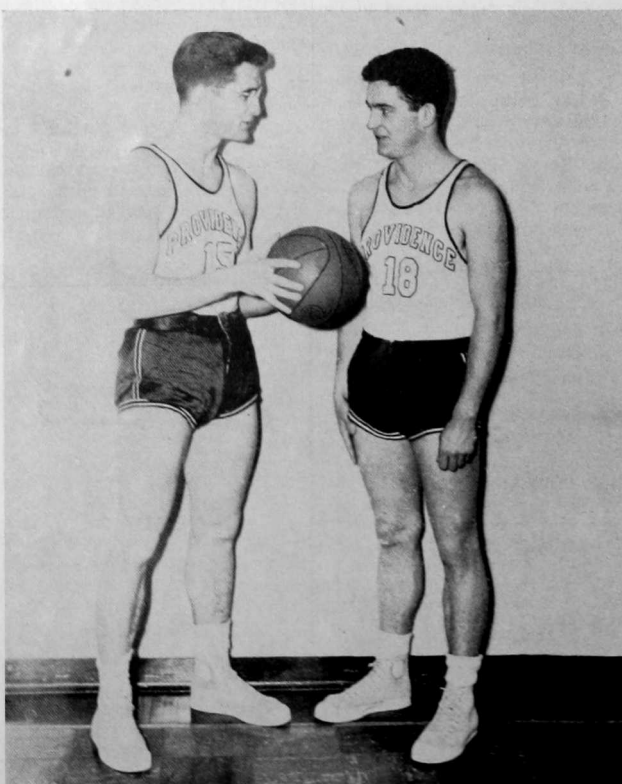
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## Power Boys In Boston



Jim "Hokey" Power and younger brother, John "Beaver" Power, talk over P.C. potentialities against Boston College in Arena last night. Both are reserve guards on the Friar hoop team. They hail from West Roxbury.



## NFCCS—A SURVEY

### Forensics Called Cornerstone Of Extracurricular Activity

(Last year P. C. joined the National Federation of Catholic College Students. This is the third of a series of articles describing the actual and possible benefits to be derived from active participation. This article deals with forensics. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Quinton, the NFCCS committee, or the Barristers office.)

By Joseph Quinton, '52  
NFCCS Parliamentarian

Forensics might be called the cornerstone of extracurricular activity for it contains in itself the two tools by which college societies carry on their work—speaking and parliamentary law. The National Federation of Catholic College Students (NFCCS), recognizing this fact, made Forensics one of the thirteen commissions through which NFCCS operates directly on college campuses.

To coordinate this work on the national level the national headquarters of NFCCS designates one school to channel all work of forensics down to the individual colleges. The national chairman, St. Joseph's College of Philadelphia, gathers all possible material on the subject. In the case of forensics this involves three phases—debating, speakers bureaus and instruction in parliamentary law.

#### Information

A bibliography, compiled from various sources of current information, on various debating topics is issued.

Each year a national debating tournament is held, this year on February 17. Other printed material on speakers bureau (organizations of students capable of speaking before outside groups) and Parliamentary law are also distributed to the various regions.

Here at PC we have a particular interest in this regional division of forensics for at the last New England NFCCS Congress, Providence College was awarded the regional chair in forensics. This means that our college has the duty of propagating forensics throughout all the New England Catholic colleges. To do this we use the same methods employed by the national chair. Printed material, both originating with ourselves and passed on through us, is an important pool. P. C. hopes to hold later this spring the first New England regional Catholic college debating tournament. But the personal element plays a bigger part in the work. In December a workshop was held here on campus in which student speakers discussed the various aspects of forensics. Strenuous efforts are being made to build up strong debating teams in every Catholic college. The chair has also issued a brochure on Parliamentary law.

#### Regional Chair

But these actions of the forensics chair are independent of student ac-

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tivities here at Providence College. Here as on other campuses debating, for instance, as well as all other activities connected with forensics, is directly under the administration. Coaches and moderators of the individual schools give impetus to these activities.

The forensics chair does not work directly on any campus. Rather students of Catholic colleges who need help in any of the various phases of activity represented seek aid from the chair.

#### APPLICATION

Specifically here at Providence College we have an active debating group, the Barristers. Teams from it are entered in the National Catholic College tournament in Philadelphia (previously mentioned) and in the

Boston University debating tournament. Plans are underway to institute speakers bureaus in the near future. Naturally Parliamentary Law is handled in the clubs and societies on the campus who use it to conduct their normal business activity.

NFCCS is of great help to the Catholic college student, for not only does it give him material help as through the Forensics commission, but also shows that he is united with his fellow students in the unity of Catholic Action.

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## Liturgy Group Holds Short Story Contest

Frances V. Donelan, of Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, Mass., chairman of the national liturgy commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, has announced a short story contest to be held from Jan. 6 to March 25, according to *The Federator*, new national NFCCS monthly.

Entries are to be based on the theme, "Christian Social Living", and contain from 1,200 to 2,000 words.

The third issue of *The Federator*, released on campus last week, also announced the appointment of the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, as National Episcopal Moderator of the Youth Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference. He succeeds Archbishop Cushing of Boston and will be moderator of NFCCS, the Newman Club Federation, and the Catholic Youth Organization.

Liturgy contest entries should be addressed to National Liturgy Commission, College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee, Mass. Three Catholic writers will act as judges. They are Richard Sullivan, novelist, short story writer, and professor of English at Notre Dame University, Sr. Mariella Gable, O.S.B., reviewer, poet, and head of the English department at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn., and short story writer Joseph Dever.

The *Federator* also disclosed that two Dominican colleges in Wisconsin, Edgewood College, Madison, and the Dominican College of Racine, are the latest NFCCS affiliates.

#### NFCCS Summer Tours

An editorial in the Federation organ discussed the two-fold purpose of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine national commission of NFCCS. The unit aims "(1) to supply workers for the field of religious instruction now and (2) to train leaders for later work in this field." The paper also reprinted, among others, an editorial from *Elmscript*, student organ at Our Lady of the Elms College, commending Catholic laymen in Kansas City for bringing about the establishment of a Catholic daily newspaper, *The Sun Herald*.

The second issue of *The Federator* has announced the inclusion of both South America and Europe among itineraries planned for the 1951 NFCCS summer travel tour program.

Other stories reported the visit to NFCCS headquarters in Washington of Jean Pierre Hadenque, president of the Catholic Students of Paris and president of the French Catholic Student Federation, as well as the recent action of the 8th annual congress of the Federation's Detroit Region, which passed a resolution urging investigation of "possibilities of a more stringent federal law governing the sale of indecent literature."

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## Possible Set-up of ROTC Program Theatre . . .

An ROTC training program in colleges, according to information released by Col. Leroy C. Wilson, professor of military science and tactics at RISC, is designed to produce junior officers capable in military leadership.

The four year training course for the transportation unit assigned to Providence College, he said, will emphasize the general aspects of the military plus, more importantly, the particular many-facet task involved in transportation.

The general schedule P.C. students joining the unit will follow, starting tentatively in September, is outlined as follows:

### First Year

- Introduction to military science; military organization; evaluation of warfare; military psychology; and personnel management.
- Elements of national power.
- Leadership, drill, and exercise of command.

### Second Year

- Introduction to transportation corps history and services of corps.
- Military highways.
- Highway organization.

### Third Year

- Organization of transportation staff sections.
- Organization of railroads' officers.
- Military railroad service history.
- Movements: freight movements by rail.
- Security of supplies.

- Port operation, embarkation, debarkation, beach clearance.
- Stevordore operations.
- Harborcraft and marine maintenance.

- Highway transportation service division.
- Individual weapons and marksmanship.

### Fourth Year

- Military railway service in theatre of operations.
- Railway intelligence.
- Traffic regulations.
- Highway traffic control.
- Logistics.
- Overseas supply.
- Combat intelligence.
- Responsibility of transportation officers.

The four year program will be about 480 hours, including classwork and drill, with 90 hours in each of the first two years and 150 hours in each of the last two.

As soon as any more definite information is available, it will be printed in the COWL.

### BUSINESS CLUB TO MEET

Mr. John Kajander, Industrial Relations Manager of the U. S. Rubber Company, Providence plant, will address the Ship and Scales Club at its first meeting of the new year tomorrow night at 8:15 p.m. in Antoninus Hall.

"Industrial Relations Today" is the topic of Mr. Kajander's talk. Refreshments will be provided.

whose offspring are far from average. Richard Buckley (who portrayed the amoral prize fight manager in last year's *The Milky Way*) plays the innocent inventor. Thomas Kelly (last seen featured in *Room Service* in 1949) will be his brother, the wordly wise show-off. Barbara Sullivan (also starred in *The Milky Way* as the cynical girl friend) will portray the mother of these two eccentric offsprings.

As in the last performance given at Harkins Hall lounge the staging will be in the new style, currently popular on Broadway, the arena or theatre-in-the-round. Accent will be on the players themselves with a minimum of background and props. Changes in mood will be shown through varying lighting effects. James Marshall has been named production manager to supervise these workings.

### Snow Ball Dance

An invitation has been extended to the college by the Cranston Club to attend their annual Snowball Dance, Friday night, at the Ledgemont Valley Country Club, West Warwick, R. I.

Tickets are \$1.00 per couple and may be purchased from club members or at the door. Music will be furnished by the Ledgemont Country Club Orchestra; dancing will start at 9 p.m. A door prize and entertainment will be special features of the dance.

### TO PLAN DANCE

There will be a meeting of the Kent County Club called shortly to determine a new date for the postponed Holiday Frolic. The annual informal dance was scheduled to be held Dec. 29 and was called off due to the icy condition of roads.

### Degrees . . .

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cited the need of an institution catering to all people to help alleviate the economic factor in child bearing.

The spiritual segment of the program was fulfilled by Benediction and the renewal of marriage vows in Aquinas Chapel followed by a buffet-supper in the candle-lit dining hall served by the culinary experts of the kitchen staff.

The entertainment program conducted by Bernard Healey, Student Congress president, included songs by Everett Morrison, tenor, accompanied by Charles Duggan; a short skit by William McMahon, Joseph Quinton, George Meehan, and James Marshall, of the Pyramid Players; piano solos by Mortimer Sullivan; and selections by the Glee Club under the direction of the Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., with a solo by Lucien Olivier.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT

Senior class officers, on behalf of their classmates, presented the Rev. Lloyd Mahler, O.P., moderator, with a Christmas gift, a monogrammed leather suitcase.

## ROTC . . .

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entire two year basic course which precedes the advanced course.

The advanced course consists of five hours of instruction a week, sixty-four weeks over a two year term.

In order to qualify for a commission in the Organized Reserves or in the Armed Forces, applicants must agree to complete the advanced course for two uninterrupted years and to attend the required six weeks summer course.

Each student receives an Army uniform and pay at the rate of a private. Veterans also receive their additional G.I. allowances.

At the successful completion of the advanced course the students are appointed second lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps. They may then be called for a minimum of two years in peace time and an indefinite period in war time.

Deferments are not unconditionally given to ROTC students, according to Major Thomas M. Nial, military consultant of the Providence Journal. Rather, he stated recently, it is a competitive affair and only certain "selected" ones are deferred. In the freshman and sophomore years only about half get the nod. In the junior and senior years, which constitute the advanced ROTC program, all the selected students—approximately one-third—are usually deferred, providing they maintain necessary standards, both academic and military.

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