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Seek More Students To Give Blood Next Tuesday And Wed.

A final drive for blood donors will be made starting today and ending Saturday, it was announced Monday by William F. McMahon, president of the Student Congress. Registration has been running slightly below expectations so far, McMahon revealed. He urged P. C. students who have not signed to give blood to do so by the end of this week.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1 and 2, will be Blood Days on the P. C. campus. A Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will be set up in Harkins Auditorium from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Tuesday; from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Wednesday. Blood Donations received will be used for the wounded in Korea.

The entire process of giving blood takes about 45 minutes, with the time required for actually giving blood only five minutes.

According to army regulations any person between 17 and 59 may donate blood once every two months, with total donations not to exceed five times a year. Persons between 16 and 21, except those who are married or in military service, must have the consent of parents or guardians.

The blood drive is under the joint sponsorship of the Student Congress and the Cowl, with the cooperation of Colonel Roy P. Moss, college PMSAT.

Obtain Parking Lot For Jr. Prom-Goers

For the first time in the Junior Prom history of Providence College a parking lot will be provided at a 50 percent discount for those attending the prom. Stickers will be distributed with the purchase of every bid and the cars using the specially provided lot must have these stickers. The lot is situated very near the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel and has a large capacity.

The bids for the prom are going exceptionally well and the prom committee wishes to bring to the attention of the student body that there

Tomorrow (Thursday) at 1:00 o'clock in front of the Faculty Room there will be a formal meeting of the Junior Prom Committee at which a picture will be taken. All members must attend. Tie and coat are mandatory.

are only 13 days left to purchase bids. Although there are 30 actual days until the dance only 13 of these are selling days and therefore selling days for the bids.

The ballots for the prom queen are still available near the ticket booth of Harkins Hall. The Juniors are reminding that the escorts of the five winning candidates will receive complimentary bids. The money for the bids already purchased will be re-

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Placement Director Gives Hints On Job Possibilities

Mr. Maurice J. Timlin, placement director of the college, wishes to bring to the attention of those seniors interested in: Social Science, Personnel, Public Health, Food & Drugs, the fact that the State of Rhode Island is offering Civil Service examinations to

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Your Blood Is Needed

Whether or not you agree with the Government's policy, you must admit the fact that we are embroiled in a bloody conflict in Korea.

American soldiers are being killed, are being wounded, and are suffering injuries.

War has developed a long way since the American Revolution. Weapons have become more terrifyingly death-dealing.

Arms have enlarged. More men are killed and wounded.

Where formerly the only civilian population directly affected by conflict was that on whose ground the battles were being waged, now the whole home front is involved.

The home front is now a gigantic arsenal, providing for the needs of the fighting front. Arms, ammunition, supplies, medicines are manufactured thousands of miles behind the lines and sent to battle by the civilian population.

When soldiers and sailors were wounded at the battles of Saratoga, New Orleans, Vera Cruz, Gettysburg, Bull Run, San Juan Hill, their chances for survival were slim. As far as the science of war survival had progressed, it had not progressed far enough.

Now all that is changed. Medical science has advanced far enough in recent years to permit the survival of a tremendously large percentage of battle casualties. One aspect of that advance is the system of battlefield blood transfusions.

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PC To Be Host At Second M. E. Debate Tournament

The second Annual New England Debating Tournament, sponsored by the New England Region Forensic Commission, will be held at Providence College, Friday and Saturday.

Three Cash Prizes Offered By Campus OSP In Fund Raffle

A raffle offering three cash prizes will be conducted starting next week by the Campus Overseas Service Program committee of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Twenty-five dollars will be offered as a first prize, according to Joseph Andrews, '52, and Charles Schlegel, '51, co-chairmen of the committee. Second and third prizes will be of ten and fifteen dollars respectively, with an attractive prize for the student selling the greatest number of tickets.

The OSP fund drive, conducted annually by the Federation at Catholic colleges throughout the country, benefits destitute Catholic college and university students abroad by providing them with needed food, quarters, books, and medical attention. Over three-quarters of a million dollars has been raised nationally during the past four years.

To supplement in every way possible the funds needed for the raffle, a jar will be set up next to the cash register in the cafeteria to receive coffee change.

Chances for the \$25.00 will be 10c, three for 25c, and twelve, or one book, for \$1.00. The drawing is scheduled for April 30, just prior to the NFCCS regional contest, May 2, 3, 4.

Treasury Recording To Feature Glee Club

Songs of the Providence College Glee Club will be recorded for use on the U. S. Treasury Department radio program, Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., MusM., director of the club, disclosed early this week.

A representative of the Treasury Department will visit P. C. on Tuesday, April 1 to take the recordings, which will be broadcast over a local station May 26. On the same program, Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Dean of the college will speak on the importance of war bonds.

WHY ONLY 4 PAGES?
Because of technical difficulties at the printers, THE COWL had to be cut to four pages this week. And as a result of a smaller edition, the editors have had to eliminate many of the regular COWL features, such as: the musical columns, Letters to the Editor, From The Tower, as well as other feature stories. They will all be back next week.

Congress Plans Attack On PC Parking Problems

See "Why Parking Problem" Picture On Page 2

Beginning this week the Student Congress will establish a system designed to promote better parking conditions, especially in the lot, it was announced Monday by William F. McMahon, president.

For the first few days, at least, members of the Student Congress will direct traffic in the lot during the rush hours. Full cooperation of the student body is "absolutely necessary," McMahon said.

Basic rules to be followed in promoting better conditions, as enumerated by the Student Congress, are the following:

- (1) Follow the simple directions of the attendants.
 - (2) Park within the lines provided.
 - (3) During rush hours enter the parking lot in a single line, so that attendants may be able to place cars more easily.
 - (4) The lot is to be filled from the rear (that is, Hendricken Field) toward the front (Donnelly Drive).
- McMahon also expressed the wish that after the first few days the student will be able to follow this pattern without the necessity of direction by Student Congress members.

Table Preference Available For Ball

George Meehan, chairman of the Senior Commencement Ball, has disclosed that a seating arrangement for the event at the Sheraton-Biltmore has been worked out.

The plan calls for tables of various sizes to accommodate 3, 5, and 6 couples respectively, with preference going to those who complete their payments first. Couples who intend to go in groups should arrange to pay up their tickets together in order to sit together. Seniors who plan to attend. (Continued on Page 2)

Father Fallon Is Named Providence Club Advisor

The Rev. Thomas L. Fallon, O.P., has been named advisor of the Providence Club, the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president, announced Monday. Fr. Fallon, a member of the philosophy department, succeeds the Rev. Hugh Mallon, O.P. Fr. Mallon is at the present time temporarily serving as Dominican chaplain at Princeton University in place of the Rev. Quinlan F. Beckley, O.P., who is ill.

Begin Musical Rehearsals Soon

Casting for this year's musical is virtually completed, and a full rehearsal schedule will be launched very soon. The production, titled *Foiled Again*, subtitled *How a Callow Collegian Was Bullied by Evil Fate*, will have a cast of approximately 60, including a chorus of about twelve couples.

The musical is being directed by Thomas P. Kelly and is being staged by William F. McMahon. Musical direction is in charge of George Meehan, and Louis Murphy is in charge of dancing.

Foiled Again, it was announced by the directors, will be a musical satire on the old American melodramas. It concerns bribery in college football around the turn of the century.

This year's production by the Pyramid Players carries on the tradition established by the staging of such memorable productions as *Ready, Aim, Fire!*; *Prisoners Away!*; *The Student Council*; *Uncle Tom's Cabana*; *He and She*; and last year's *Guy's N' Y's*.

Doctor Says Motherhood Is Helpful To Marital Happiness

Dr. James J. Scanlon of the marriage bureau of the Providence Health Department in a capacity audience at the fourth session of the sixth annual Providence College Marriage Forum held last Sunday night in the auditorium of Albertus Magnus Hall that motherhood is conducive to marital happiness.

"A married woman who neglects her God-given rights of home-making and motherhood exposes herself to frustration, anxieties and nervous tensions, which are destructive of her inner happiness," he said.

Dr. Scanlon also pointed out that an understanding of the emotional and psychological differences between the sexes, rather than concise technical (Continued on Page 4)



Dr. James Scanlon

Congress President Praises Improved Committee Work

A marked improvement in the work of the Congress committees was noted by William McMahon, president of the Student Congress at the sixth meeting of that body, held last Thursday.

While noting the work of the committees, and in particular the action of the Ordinance Committee in clearing the bulletin boards, McMahon said that all members and not only the chairmen, should participate in their work.

A motion by Junior Representative Marshall that a suggestion box be placed in the corridor of Harkins for the greater participation of the students in the work of the Congress was discussed. It was finally decided that as soon as space was available such a facility would be installed.

Senior Representative Murphy asked for an investigation of the Woonsocket Club with a view of suspending it due to lack of activity. The proposal was referred to the legislative committees.

Murphy also reported that the special loan and federation committees had made progress. A memorandum is being prepared by the loan committees to show the administration the possibilities of establishing student loans on campus.

The bill of participation for the regional clubs has been accepted by the club presidents. Murphy stated, and is now being returned to the clubs for final approval.

1952 Alumni Loyalty Fund Drive Is Officially Opened

The 1952 Providence College Alumni Loyalty Fund Drive was officially opened last Thursday afternoon at a luncheon meeting of the Providence Alumni Terrestrial Club held in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. A check for the advance donation to the fund was presented to the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president, by Joseph L. Brown, Esq., chairman of the drive.

Prom . . .

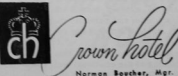
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funded. The prints are to be glossy if possible but they can have other type finish if a glossy type cannot be obtained. The deadline is Monday, April 21, at 1:00 o'clock. Entries will be brought down to a model agency on that date and the five winning candidates' pictures will be in the April 28 issue of the COWL.

Attention Dorm Students SMITH HILL SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY

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Explorers Wanted . . .

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Why A Parking Problem?



Major Reason For P. C. Parking Problem Is Cited

Why a Parking Problem? The above picture shows one of the major causes of the parking problem—cars improperly parked in the lot and taking up more space than necessary. A COWL reporter counted 18 such violations on Monday morning at 9:30. Yesterday morning at 8:45 the same reporter counted over 20 such violations. In addition there were, on both mornings, almost an equal number of minor violations which contribute added difficulties to getting in and out of the parking lot.

According to a reliable source, if the present Student Congress plan to relieve congestion in the lot (the plan is explained on page one) does not meet with the cooperation of the student body, cars which are parked poorly—as above, for example—will be tagged and subject to heavy fines.

Commencement . . .

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tend should have at least four dollars plus one per week and it would be advisable to have a minimum of five dollars deposited by Easter recess.

Students who have not as yet made their reservations are reminded that there are 428 seniors and only 300 tickets to be sold.

Placement . . .

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candidates of college level for after- June employment.

Those interested are urged to contact the placement director, or Division of Personnel, 245 State Office Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

If enough students request information, the Division of Personnel will send a representative to the college for interviews.

Tourney . . .

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of the Friars Club will act as hosts for the affair.

In charge of arrangements for the tournament are Joseph Quinton, chairman of the commission, and Joseph Mulhall, vice-chairman. President William McMahon, of the Student Congress, and Guy Gelfroy, campus NFCCS senior delegate are also cooperating in its staging.

Happin' Around With Happy

By Bob Fineran

This week I am forced to deviate from my regular type of column in lieu of answering a letter which I received in the mail box during the past week. The letter reads as follows: Comrade Editor,

"I'm pretty good this Cowl (I am liking red decorations at Christmas), but recently is appearing agitator in person of Hugh Fineranovich. It makes insinuations, this Hopy, that Rossians did not evant some of world's greatest evantions, when everyone is knowing Rossians evanted everything. It asking this Hopy to stoping please—is making Uncle Joe feeling very disturbed.

Signed:

Tovارش Georgel Simonovich

Is this a threat? Am I a marked man? Must I now be accompanied by a body guard wherever I go? Are the Communists after me?"

If the answers to these last questions are affirmative Mr. Simonovich, I must tell you that you have not struck fear in me. I am going to continue my crusade against Communism at all costs. I am prepared to take on you or anybody who wishes to contradict my principles, even Uncle Joe. I do not wish to impress people who I am gilded with the so-called "potent pen," but I shall resort to such means if the occasion deems it necessary. In closing I would like to bring to your attention the phrase used in the new motion picture, "Deadline."—"They can get me, but they can't get a whole newspaper."

Dorm Club To Present Variety Show In Lounge

Richard Fritz, social chairman for the Carolan Club, will direct a Variety Show that is to be held in the Student Lounge of Harkins Hall on April 3. The skits and tricks will be presented by some of the dorm students for the entertainment of the campus residents. Admission free.

A quartet of musicians from the campus ROTC band will provide the background music for the program which will comprise a group of singers, dancers, instrumental soloists, harmony groups and comical skits.

A pessimist? A man who thinks everybody is as nasty as himself, and hates them for it. —Shaw.

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NFCCS Commission Announces Radio Script Contest

The National Radio Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students is conducting the Fourth Annual National Radio Script Contest from March 15 to May 15. The contest is sponsored by the Ave Maria Radio Hour under the Patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

A prize of one hundred dollars is being awarded for each script accepted by the Ave Maria Radio Hour.

All scripts submitted must be original, double-spaced in duplicate, 19 to 20 pages long so as to be suitable for a 30 minute dramatic show.

Other rules are as follows:

Story line: Must be suitable for radio, that is not too complex; the story must get going almost immediately. Characters and plot must be established almost immediately. There shall be suspense and expectation. A definite climax should be established as close to the end as possible.

Conflict: Should include a definite point of opposing factors.

Contrast: A variety of characters, situations and locale.

Pace: Voices should be different in type and rhythm. Chance pace to add actor's narration and dialogue.

Dialogue: Speech should be true to characters depicted.

Music: Scripts should be designed so that Bridges will fit evenly throughout the program as music is a definite relief to the vocal portion.

Sound: Script writers should be familiar with sound effects and their application to audience illusion.

Listen: To the Ave Maria program for three shows. It is carried on 500 stations a week. That should give a feel for the program type.

Substance: Should be true to life, but not preachy.

Characterization: Real people, interesting people.

Motivation: Should be true to character type.

Moral: Should be there, on the side of goodness and sound principle, but not preachy.

All entries should be forwarded to: Ave Maria Contest, National Radio Commission, St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md.

More complete information is posted on the Student Congress Bulletin Board in the rotunda.

GIVES TALK ON P. C. FORUM

The history and development of the Providence College Marriage Forum was discussed by the Rev. William R. Clark, O. P., head of the college's sociology department, at a Family Life panel meeting yesterday. The session was part of the 20th annual meeting of the National Catholic Family Life Conference, which is being held this week in Columbus, Ohio.

The small courtier's sweetest life, the greatest ennoble it. —Bovee

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Three PC Students Represent College At Council Meeting

Failure to hold a quorum prevented action on the revised regional constitution of the New England Region NFCCS, at the council meeting held at St. Anselm's, Manchester, New Hampshire, last weekend.

Representing Providence College at the weekend meeting were Robert Ellison, chairman of entertainment for the regional congress, Joseph Quinton, regional forensic commission chairman, and Charles Seligman, campus OSF co-chairman.

Mr. Quinton, appointed parliamentarian for the meeting, and the other P. C. delegates led the fight from the floor to have several sections of the new constitution changed. In particular they sought to broaden the representation on the regional council by allowing commission chairman to vote. Action on this measure was halted when the lack of a quorum was discovered.

Evaluation of commissions by Catherine Cahill, regional vice president, the Forensic Commission, held by Providence College, as poor. It was noted, however, that activity of the commission had improved since their last council meeting.

A recommendation was passed at the council that the communications commission, the Radio and Forensic) be removed from their present sites unless the work done by them improves by the end of the year.

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Baseball Squad Begins Hendrick Practice

Although the elements are still conspiring against Hal Martin's baseball hopefuls, the representatives-to-be of the Black and White on the diamond have rounded themselves into fine shape after a week of hard work on the cluttered surface of Hendrick Field. The outdoor running track, which has dominated a good part of the playing surface these past few months, should be out of harm's way today. In lieu of a better locale, the squad had been laboring on the parade grounds behind Donnelly Hall this week, but they should be able to return to Hendrick this afternoon.

Old Man Weather has been absolutely hostile since the team began their outdoor sessions. They've been working under miserable conditions, but they're still managed to sweat off a little weight, and now they're ready to get down to the game's finer points.

Now if March would come forth with more of May's sunshine and less of April's showers, things would really start to move.

Fr. Donovan was the bearer of an interesting, last-minute development. He brought Mr. Martin some pitching tips from the immortal Ed Walsh, former White Sox great. "Big Ed" was one of the game's most fabulous twirlers, winning 171 games over a career of almost fifty years old. The Meriden, Conn. resident, now 71 years old, once pitched fifty-two games for Charley Conroy's old Chicago representatives, winning forty of them. Those were the days before the sore arm was invented, the spittal, emery ball, and shine ball were banned, and pitchers like Mr. Walsh labored for \$2,800 a year. Fr. Donovan said that when Ed asked for a raise following his phenomenal season, Conroy "blew his top." Those were the old days.

Could be the Friar coach will pick up some valuable ideas from the suggestions of a vaunting race, but meanwhile he's got an eye on his opening game less than a month off. Although the ground is in good shape, the atmosphere of the pitchers hasn't been able to put their arms to any real test, but it's a fine mound corps that Hal will be tutoring this spring and the boys should be ready when Bates takes down from the north woods for the opener April 24. The Bobcats will bring a couple of real "breath" artists among themselves. Both Quimby and McAlliff have fast balls that don't pale by comparison to Bill Mullins' rather blurred offerings.

So things look bright for the nine. Given an assist from the weather, Mr. Martin has a chance to stand his veteran squad among the tops in New England. But it won't be a path strewn with roses. Some of the best teams in this section do the schedule, and success against such an aggregation would be indeed noteworthy.

MEETING TODAY

There will be an important meeting of the Senior S.K. Committee today at 1:00 p.m. in Room 219.

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Corden	21	107	5.1
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Drury	8	36	4.5
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Friars Away—PC Hockey Dates Back To Jan. 1927

By Jim Marshall

Spring may be almost here but it is not too late to give a few words of praise to P. C.'s informal pucksters who have just finished the season in a tie for first place in the Rhode Island Amateur Hockey Association. For the splendid success of this year's hockey team a word of praise is due to the Friars pucters and to the Rev. Herman D. Scheider, O.P., whose tireless efforts contributed much to the team's success.

To some of you this season meant the inauguration of hockey at P. C. but actually hockey at this Dominican institution dates back to the late 20's. The first game played by a Providence College six took place at the Springfield Arena on January 6, 1927 when the Friars defeated a Springfield College squad by the score of 3-2.

One of the reasons for the formation of the pucksters back in 1927 was the fact that a new indoor skating arena had been built by the city of Providence and subsequent with its building there was developed a great enthusiasm by the student body for an "ice team."

However, the sport had to be discontinued after the '27 season because of the expense of maintaining the sport and the difficulties encountered in carrying out a college schedule. But attempts were made during the '30's when Dr. Daniel O'Neil perhaps P. C.'s most popular professor and a friend of many of the Friars' top athletes backed an amateur organization for several seasons.

During the war many thoughts about a hockey team were completely forgotten by the college, but after the war the clamor for a hockey team increased to such an extent that some of the students took it upon themselves to form a makeshift independent squad. The team, playing in the best of practical manner, was held at Springfield College but even for three periods but they succumbed in the last few minutes of play by a 3 to 2 count.

But enough of this reminiscing and now a little praise for our present pucksters.

When the squad was formed this fall no one realized the tremendous success that the team would attain. For in defeat the squad displayed a sportsman like quality that could not be overlooked. The qualities that the squad possessed are best exemplified by a letter that Fr. Schneider received from Cadet Reaves who escorted the team on their trip to West Point. Parts of the letter reads as follows: "I have enjoyed several exciting athletic teams during the past few years at West Point and it is my firm opinion that the hockey team from Providence College was the outstanding group that I have dealt with."

Not only did Cadet Reaves exalt the team for its conduct but he also went on to state that the P. C.ers possessed a team, "That stack up well in ability."

I heartily agree with Cadet Reaves. The squad found themselves up against terrific odds when the season began. Most of the players hadn't had on a pair of skates since their childhood days; that in some cases measured three years, but nevertheless the team won eight, tied two and lost two in league competition.

We can only speculate what the team would have done had the boys been playing hockey since they left high school, but even with their high risk time they displayed a team of which P. C. can be proud.

Whether this hockey team will continue to grow and expand into a varsity sport next year is only a question that will answer but on the occasion of this past season they have the material and spirit to "stack up" against any of the college teams in the country.

Friar Pucksters



Pictured above are the Providence College informal hockey squad which compiled a record of 8 wins, 2 losses, and 2 ties in the R.I.A.A. this season. Front row, left to right: Edgar Wholey, Bill Charland, Bob Pettit, Howie McGuire, Andy Farrell, and Dave White. Back row: Coach Lou Cimlini, Len Kierman, Jim Ferry, Jim Whaley, Harry Daigle, Tom McAleer, John Patrie, George Dushame, Joe McAleer, Bill Scardon, Ed Penarski, and the Rev. Herman Scheider, O.P.

Trophies To Be Given To Pugilist Winners

By Martin Sandler

Preparations are being completed for the Annual All-College Boxing Bouts, which will be held on April 4, at 8 p. m. in Harkins Hall.

There will be from eight to twelve bouts ranging from the 110 lb. to 220 lb. class. Pete Louth's, coach of boxing, and a member of the Rhode Island Boxing Commission, will referee the bouts. Trophies will be awarded the winners and medals will be awarded the losers.

A squad of approximately thirty men has been doing roadwork, sparring, bag punching and calisthenics in preparation for the matches. Mr. Louth's said that he is well pleased with the progress of the fighters. He also stated that he hopes to have members of the R. I. Boxing Commission on hand, in order to judge and time the fights.

Among those who have been working out are: R. Louth, D. Walsh, J. McMullen, R. Lancaster, J. Mallan, B. Harte, J. Marum, R. McAllister, J. Gannon, A. Dagla, D. Farrell, J. Dubois, G. Hanrahan, V. Callahan, W. Hennigan, J. Ebersty, P. Lapolla, I. Brady, T. Ferris, E. Hagan, and J. Flynn.

Complete pairings for the bouts will be announced in next week's Cowl. Tickets for the "smoker" may be purchased for fifty cents at the Athletic Office or from any member of the Monogram Club. It is urged that students purchase their tickets before the fight, since the price of the duets will be 75c if they are purchased the night of the "smoker."

After having lost to Donnelly Hall, the Friarhouse Five was ripe for the kill and the task fell to the Aquinas Friars. However, the torrid pace set by Ollie Barker, Jack Tagastino, and Jack Curran was just too much for the Friars. Red Reid's twenty points were high for the losers while Foley's eighteen points paced the winners.

The All Star Game between the winners of the playoffs and the Dorm All Star Club will be held on either Wednesday or Thursday night depending upon when the playoffs are over.

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PC to Play Host to Two N.E.C. Education Meetings

Host colleges for the spring sectional meetings of the National Catholic Education Association, which will be held on Saturday, April 26, were announced by the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president of P. C. and chairman of the New England unit of the N.C.E.A.

They are: Providence College, mathematics and natural science; Boston College, education; Holy Cross, history and government; Newton College of the Sacred Heart, English and classics; Fairfield University, social sciences; and Emmanuel, philosophy and theology.

The chairmen for the P. C. meetings will be the Rev. Luke McKerny, O.P., mathematics and the Rev. Walter Hackett, O.P., natural sciences.

Marriage . . .

(Continued from Page 1) sex knowledge, is a requisite for conjugal happiness. "Despite what the currently popular manuals on marriage say, an intimate and detailed knowledge of anatomy and function is not a pre-requisite to a happy union."

He declared that because of their very nature there are physical, psychic and emotional differences between the man and the woman, each has a distinct function.

"The woman is necessarily taken up with a welter of physical details, she is concerned with practical, everyday decisions, the management of house and home, and emotions, therefore, occupy a greater portion of her thinking.

"The man, conversely, tends toward idealism, toward a philosophical and speculative approach to life—with less concern for feeling than for abstraction. In struggling for a living for his family, he competes in a world of men and ideas.

"Learn these subtle and profound differences between you, and the lessons will repay you in bonus dividends of happiness," he told the young couples.

Dr. Scanlon also told the gathering that they should not unnecessarily worry about the transmission of maladies through heredity. "If both a man and his wife are healthy individuals, there is every reason to expect that their children will be healthy."

"Questions of your health," he added, "should receive frank discussion during your courtship." An excellent



opportunity for this, he declared, is a pre-marital examination.

"Go to your physician with the intention of sitting down with him in the office, discussing with him your medical problems, allowing him to record an adequate medical history for both of you, and if necessary submitting to a routine medical checkup."

The final lecture in the series will be given next Sunday evening at 7:30 in the auditorium of Albertus Magnus Hall by the Rev. William R. Clark, O.P., Moderator of the forum. He will discuss "License and Loyalty."

The Blackstone Valley Club will meet next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at St. Mary's Auditorium, Pawtucket.

The Bookshelf: Critics Call "Terrace In The Sun" Product Of Poor English Novelist

By Henry Griffin

English writer, Cecil Roberts' latest novel *Terrace In The Sun*, which was published last winter, is, by actual count, his nineteenth effort in that genre, so I can say with the utmost reverence that it shows its age rather poorly. The plot and characterization are stereotyped, the sentiment is mawkish, and the dialogue seldom goes beyond the Agatha Christie level, yet (and in all fairness I must admit this) at very infrequent intervals, through some inexplicable alchemy, the book does manage to rise to a state of mediocrity.

The story revolves about the problems of a certain Stephen May, who we are informed by the author, is a great painter. When we first meet him, he is on the verge of committing suicide, the result of a series of circumstances which should not happen even to a member of the Royal Academy, to which post, by the way, his British creator inevitably appoints him. In chronological order these circumstances are: (1) his socialite wife forsakes both him and the artistic milieu for bigger and better things in the person of Sir John Golborne, a wealthy knight of the Garter (unfortunately we never meet this individual); (2) his curly headed son joins the RAF, leaps into a Spitfire, and is promptly knocked off by the Jerries, and (3)

he develops a nasty case of arthritis, which, of course, means that he is finished as a painter. As he may well imagine, such an awesome combination of catastrophes might easily cause manic depressive tendencies in the most dot-headed of the Britishers, not to mention a sensitive genre like Stephen.

Luckily, however, for both Stephen and Roberts' book, the plot of self-destruction is foiled when the man upstairs boss him to the punch by blowing out his brains. No reason is given for this person's demise, but it proves to be a neat *deus ex machina* for keeping the hero alive and preventing the novel from becoming a short story. Stephen reflects with characteristic English sobriety that two suicides in the same building and on the same day just wouldn't be proper, consequently he postpones the whole thing for an indefinite period. In addition, he runs across the manuscript of an autobiographical novel he had written some years ago but had never published, and taking up

this time, he and we begin to read his life's history, which takes up the rest of the book. From this point *Terrace In The Sun* begins to become a trifle unrealistic.

The story of Stephen May's life is nothing if not epic. Not only is he hardy with the brushes, and the banding of Continental society, but he is also a lover of enviable repute, a bon vivant of the first order and a financially solvent artist. In other words, he couldn't possibly exist. The places which Roberts permits his hero to frequent would put even Burtie Holmes to shame. Monte Carlo, Tangiers, Venice, Calcutta, Paris, Rome, Constantinople—all of these cities have at one time or another been graced with the presence of Stephen May. The man is omniscient!

I imagine that you have been in a state of high nervous tension, wondering whether Stephen will finally do away with his exalted self. Fear not, for his old time zest returns in the final chapter. He decides that, even though he has suffered a few setbacks, life is definitely worth the effort, and so we leave him, he is dusting off his old palette, preparatory to resuming his career. Mr. Roberts had neglected to explain how he can paint with hands racked with arthritis, but we shouldn't quibble over minor points.

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