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Tryouts for Debating Team, December 13

PRIMARY ELECTION SYSTEM ARGUED

At Debating Society

"Resolved: That the Primary System of Nomination to office should be abolished," was the subject of contention in the Philopedian Society last week. Eoone Rettig and Frank Schroer upheld the Affirmative side of the question, while the Negative was defended by Robert J. Willmes and Arthur Schultz.

The Affirmative ushered in its arguments by stating that the primary system of nomination makes "the man seek the office and not the office the man," an objectionable condition. The debaters of that side then marshalled statements to prove that the caucus system is better than the direct primary, and that by it, the power of political machines is lessened. The Negative, initiating its case with, "The direct primary system is a trusty servant of the people," argued that this method is more democratic and gives the power of nomination as well as the power of election, directly to the people. For its splendid presentation of its case, the Negative was given the winning decision by John McAnew, William Nolan, and Edmund Doyle, the Judges.

The Critic, Edward J. McGrath, commended the speeches of Messrs. Willmes and Schroer as being well planned, and in good order and named Mr. Schroer as the most animated and the best speaker of the day.

Following the debate, Father Walsh announced that the Debating Team preliminaries will be held at the meeting of the Society, on December 13. In these trials, the Philopedian Society as a whole, is to have one vote in choosing the members of the team. Whether or not our foreign debts should be cancelled, is to be the subject of the tryouts.

ST. XAVIER BASKETBALL AND BOXING SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL

- Jan. 1—Circleville, at Circleville.
 - Jan. 5—L. B. Harrison, at Cincinnati.
 - Jan. 7-8—Pending.
 - Jan. 11—Loyola, at Cincinnati.
 - Jan. 19—Y. M. C. A., at Cincinnati.
 - Jan. 22—St. Louis University, at Cincinnati.
 - Jan. 28—Kenyon College, at Cincinnati.
 - Feb. 4—Washington University, at St. Louis.
 - Feb. 5—St. Louis University, at St. Louis.
 - Feb. 10—Wilmington College, at Wilmington.
 - Feb. 12—Wilmington College, at Cincinnati.
 - Feb. 16—Loyola, at Chicago.
 - Feb. 17—St. Viators, at Burbannais, Illinois.
 - Feb. 19—Marshall College, at Cincinnati.
 - Feb. 23—L. B. Harrison, at Cincinnati.
 - Feb. 26—Pending.
- Games pending with Transylvania, Georgetown, Centre College and Davis Elkins.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Classes suspended.
- Dec. 9—Junior Mass in Library Chapel, at 8:30 a. m.
- Dec. 10—Senior Mass in Library Chapel, at 8:30 a. m. Senior Sodality meets in Library Chapel, at 11:30 a. m.
- Dec. 13—Freshman Mass in Library Chapel, at 8:30 a. m. Junior Sodality meets in Library Chapel after mass. Masque Society meets in Room 10 at noon. Philopedian Society meets in Room 10, at 1:35 p. m.
- Dec. 14—Sophomore Mass in Library Chapel, at 8:30 a. m. Student Council meets in Room 108, at 12:20 p. m. Glee Club meets in Recreation Building, at 7:30 p. m. Dante Club Lecture, at 4:00 p. m., at Memorial Hall, Seventh and Sycamore streets.
- Dec. 16—Intra Semester Examinations begin.

ATTENTION!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All students who are members of the Knights of Columbus are asked to attend a meeting, to be held Friday noon, in Recreation Hall, under the auspices of the K. of C. Club.

An informal meeting held last Friday was attended by F. Wulfange, W. Hartlage, K. Kirschner, C. Specht, F. Hartman, P. Eures, W. Russel, N. Zoller, G. Holbrook and J. Lampe, President of the K. of C. Club.

Mr. T. J. O'Connor has been made faculty director of the Knights.

CONVENTION

Of Ohio College Newspaper Editors Was Successful

December 3 and 4, the editors of sixteen Ohio college newspapers gathered at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, to discuss the various problems that daily confront the ordinary editor of a college newspaper. All the delegates were thankful to the authorities in charge of the convention for the fine treatment received at Ohio University, and for the efficient manner in which the meeting was conducted. The chief accomplishment of this convention was the establishment of an intercollegiate news service similar to that of the ordinary daily papers of today. The benefactors of this service will be members of the Ohio College Newspaper Association only.

The following colleges of Ohio are members of the association and were represented at the convention: Ohio University, Athens, by William Smiley; Akron University by Sherril Leonard and Jerome Taylor; Muskingham University by Ralph Garman; Oberlin University by Ernest H. Fisk; St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, by C. R. Steinbicker; Ohio Wesleyan University by Charles J. Farren; Heidelberg University by Harlin Walter; Wittenberg University by Floyd Barger; Mt. Union University by Clarence Hoiles; Toledo University by Fay Riehley; Otterbein University by Wayne Harsha; Columbus University by Haru Harms; Capital University by Adrian Pfeiffer; Ohio Northern University by Ralph Snyder; and Kent State College by Margaret Hayes.

Sherril Leonard of Akron University was re-elected president of the organization; Floyd Barger of Wittenberg was elected vice president; Charles Farren of Ohio Wesleyan was elected secretary, and Wayne Harsha of Otterbein was elected treasurer. At the close of the convention it was decided to meet next April at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Plans For Future of Xavier Athletics Discussed at Banquet



OTTO WENZEL

LECTURES

On Psychology

There was much eloquent and fluent talk in the Senior class room, last Tuesday. Mr. Edward Brink, Jr., regaled his audience with the "Story of Evolution," while Mr. John Blom discoursed on "Free-will."

Mr. Brink is to be highly commended for his efforts. Pointedly and easily he indicated how evolution has not made good the ground it aims to stand on. His reputation of evolutionary argumentation was convincing. His treatment of evolution was as fresh as a September breeze, and kept his eager audience alert with interest.

Mr. John Blom put a maximum volume of thought into a minimum number of words. He paid unwonted heed to an elegant selection of words and to a simple and graceful structure in the upbuilding of his speech. Always to the point, brief, profound, comprehensive this discourse showed signally how fast and fine a grasp the speaker possesses of his own correct thoughts on the triple freedom of the human will. Bis repetita placebit.

Dinner Was Well Attended

OTTO WENZEL NAMED CAPTAIN FOR 1927

Beatty, Schmidt and Kelly Placed on Legion of Honor

Wednesday evening, December 2, at about 7:00 p. m., friends, alumni and students of St. Xavier College assembled 260 strong, at the Maketewah Country Club, to pay honor to the greatest Musketeer football team that ever existed.

Mr. Walter Schmidt, '04, was the toastmaster. Mr. Schmidt stated that St. Xavier has completed, without a doubt, the most successful football season in the history of the institution. "The Musketeers are now coming into their own," said Mr. Schmidt, "and our hopes for the future are for still greater achievements."

It was announced at the banquet that two new members have been added to the athletic council, Mr. Jack Devaney and Mr. J. D. Cloud. It was also announced that athletic relations have been opened with the following colleges and universities: Vanderbilt University, St. Louis University and Washington University of St. Louis, Mo., Boston College, Oglethorpe College, Michigan State University, Washington and Lee University, Kentucky State University and Centre College of Kentucky, Notre Dame University, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

Following these announcements, letters were awarded to the following football men: Rapp, Wenzel, Beatty, Kelly, Burns, Algieier, Daugherty, Cline, Janszen, Tehun, Schmidt, Schiebert, Cain and Burger. In the selection which followed the naming of the letter men, Otto Wenzel was chosen captain for the 1927 football season.

John C. Thompson, '10, the speaker of the evening named this year's entries on the Musketeer legion of Honor. "The task of selecting an entry on the Legion was most difficult," said Mr. Thompson; "thus the selection for 1926, while not creating any precedent, could not be limited to a single entry." Continuing, Mr. Thompson announced that this year, Paul Beatty, Marc Schmidt and Joseph Kelly would be added.

Mr. Herbert Rapp, the retiring captain then received a little token from the coaching staff, and he reciprocated by tendering a small token of appreciation from the squad of '26 to the assistant coaches, John Noppenberger and Jerry Jones.

Speakers of the evening included Walter Schmidt, Coach Joe Meyer, John Noppenberger, Herbert Rapp, Otto Wenzel, Paul Beatty, Marc Schmidt, Joseph Kelly, John C. Thompson, Rev. Hubert F. Brockman, S. J., Joseph Nolan and Buck Greene.

Golden-footballs were presented by John Noppenberger to the following graduating letter men: Herbert Rapp, Paul Beatty, Joseph Kelly, Marc Schmidt, Paul Geiger, Carl Steinbicker and student manager, James Curran.

"Xavier's New Seismograph Will Be World Advertisement For Cincinnati," says Director

By Rev. James S. Macelwane, S. J.

(Continued from last week)
Father Macelwane concluded last week's article with a description of the last quake in this vicinity. "It seems to have been stronger in the valley of the Ohio than in the adjoining uplands. Many families living on the elevated ridges of Kentucky, not more than 20 miles from the river, slept during the shock; which can not be said, perhaps, of any family in town."

His account is of more than ordinary interest for another reason. In describing the severe shock of January 23, 1812, which did nearly as much damage to Missouri as the one

1927 BOXING

- Notre Dame, January 15, at South Bend, Indiana.
- West Point, January 29, at West Point, N. Y.
- Notre Dame, February 18, at Cincinnati.
- Washington-Lee, February 28, at Cincinnati.

of December 16th, he seems to refer to something like a seismograph for he says:

"About 9 o'clock a. m. a great number of strong undulations occurred in quick succession. They continued four or five minutes, having two or three distinct exacerbations during that time. An instrument constructed on the principle of that used in Naples, at the time of the memorable Calabrian earthquake, marked the direction of the undulations from south-southeast to north-northwest. This earthquake was nearly equal to that which commenced the series of the 16th ultimo."

This instrument was probably a simple pendulum for we know that Jared Brooks in Louisville, Kentucky, constructed at this same time a number of pendulums of different lengths to detect the horizontal vibrations and a number of springs to show the motion in a vertical direction. Brooks was thus able to detect and record a number of earthquakes which were

not otherwise felt in Louisville. His observations were published in a book entitled "Sketches of Louisville and its Environs" by Henry McMurtre in 1819. Brooks recorded one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four shocks between December 16, 1811 and March 15, 1812. How many of these were felt in Cincinnati we do not know.

One thing is quite clear. The historical record shows that the people of Cincinnati may feel earthquakes.

What is an earthquake? An earthquake is sudden shaking of the surface of the earth under the influence of elastic waves produced by fracture and re-adjustment of rock masses. We know something of a fair number of destructive earthquakes and we know very much about one in particular. The earthquake which wreaked havoc in San Francisco and the surrounding parts of California in 1906 has been studied in great detail. Soon

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FEARS

It is seldom that the American mind will condone tears from a man. They are not in the category of masculine emotions. When a man is glad, he smiles; angry, he swears; sorrowful, he is silent. When a woman is overcome with any emotion, almost invariably, she cries. Men of other nations, too, find relief in tears. But for the American, tears are taboo—usually. There are occasions, however, when even the strong will of brave men cannot force back this flood of emotion. And on such occasions, we honor the man for the depth of his feeling.

Last Wednesday evening, there occurred just such an occasion. The great L of Maketowah's dining room was silent in expectation. Mr. Thompson gravely announced the names of Schmidt, Kelly and Beatty, men destined for the immortals. The Legion of Honor. The three came forward singly to receive their tokens amid the cheers of their comrades in arms. A hush fell, and each in turn faced the assembly, started to speak, choked up and then hurried to his seat, followed by the plaudits of the crowd. There were tears in their eyes. They had cried.

And we honor them for this uncontrollable show of emotion. We, too, felt a catch in our throats, as we witnessed the fervor of their joy.

We realize that this huskiness of voice, this mistiness of sight evince the true man, the man, brave, strong and yet deep in his appreciation of the tremendous honor accorded him; the true Musketeer. And through the ringing of our cheers, there is the acclamation and the admonition, "Carry on." E. J. M.

COLLEGE MOVIES

Have you seen the "Quarterback," "A Minute to Play," etc.? So have we, and they absolutely do not appeal; in fact, they are the poorest representation of what really goes on about a college campus, at least one like St. Xavier's, that we ever did see. Perhaps all the blather connected with film production has killed the real college spirit; the hero is there and a few, a very few college characters are there; the old home team has a big game and wins by a hair. Of course, the general public might like that sort of thing, but, we believe college men should have something to say where they are generally concerned. We were really surprised to find that we play football, star on the big team, spend a lot of time courting the campus queen and finally get married before the sophomore year has opened. But pictures will have it that way.

Now such pictures as these are the very things that put the college man and woman of today in the questionable position he or she occupies. We are generally looked upon as the fashion plate of the norm of morality, and in general, the criterion of all that is delicately wild, by the ordinary young man or woman, who does not attend college. The youth of today (referring chiefly to college students) we are told by the great living moralists, is rotten. Moving pictures, we believe are almost wholly responsible for such statements; we might advise that both movie directors and moralists verify their facts before making another collegiate picture or venturing another collegiate opinion.

"Why, it is really shocking," quoth our co-ed, "the way we live, the way we love, the way we dress and the way we dance—in the movies."

SEISMOGRAPH HAS CIVIC VALUE

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after the earthquake a commission was appointed by the governor but was refused recognition and support by the state legislature. The Commission went on with its work nevertheless and its report was published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington in three volumes and an atlas. This was the beginning of a movement for the scientific study of earthquakes and their causes on the Pacific coast. In 1921 a program was inaugurated for a cooperative investigating of earthquakes in Central and southern California in which the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, the United States Geological Survey, the United States Navy, the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the Seismological Society of America and the Universities of the State are taking part. Such splendid results has come of this study that the attitude of the people of California toward the study of earthquakes is changing radically. In 1906 the business men of San Francisco opposed every movement which would give publicity to the fact that earthquakes occurred at all in California. This had been a traditional attitude. A report was written on the earthquake of 1868 but the business men succeeded in persuading the editor to delay publication and place it in the national archives in Washington. A later search revealed the astounding fact that the manuscript had totally disappeared from the archives. The same business interests placed such obstacles in the way of the investigators in 1906 as to make their work extremely difficult. In fact one business man was so insistent that there had been no earthquake but only a fire that a well-known seismologist relieves his feelings by writing him a postcard each year on the 18th of April reminding him that it is the anniversary of "that great fire which shook down San Francisco." Now the business men of San Francisco have just raised money through the Chamber of Commerce to place four seismographic stations in the neighborhood of the city for the purpose of studying their local earth-

quakes. So much has the attitude changed. The net result of the efforts that have been made is a knowledge of the principle danger zones, the general distribution of earthquake risk, a map showing the faults and indicating which are active and a considerable body of reports on individual earthquakes, the relation of earthquakes to public utilities and to architecture and engineering and a public interest that was illustrated in the call of the Chamber of Commerce of Santa Barbara for expert advice before rebuilding the city.

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More is known about California than about any other part of our country in this regard. Last spring Professor Bailey Willis received a letter from a lady in New England who had heard vaguely of these seismological studies and of the fact that Professor Willis was President of the Seismological Society of America and was in the neighborhood of Santa Barbara when the earthquake occurred. The letter read somewhat like this.

Dear Sir:

"I have heard that you foretold the Santa Barbara earthquake and went down there to experience it. Now I am thinking of sending my daughters to San Francisco this sum-

mer. Please tell me whether they will be safe."

Professor Willis answered:

Dear Madam:

"On account of the careful studies that have been made in this region I think I can assure you that your daughters will be perfectly safe in San Francisco this summer. I regret to say that I can not give you the same assurance with regard to New England."

What Professor Willis implied in regard to our lack of knowledge in New England would be equally true of the Mississippi Valley if not more so. What do we know about our area? We know this that there have been destructive earthquakes in the past, that small shocks are occurring in the present, but we do not know whether there is danger of the recurrence of another series of destructive earthquakes such as those of 1811 and 1812. We do not know whether the small shocks that are occurring are an indication of accumulating strain in the earth's crust. We have no systematic data on which to base a judgment as to whether there is such danger as would make precautions advisable or not. No systematic account of earthquakes has

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ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICIAL HEALTH RECORD OF SCHOOL

Last year a health bureau, with Dr. Wm. Emerson, of Boston, at its head, was established as a regular feature at the high school. All the students in the school were weighed, those underweight examined for defects, and a nutrition class started for them. The nutrition class assembled once a week, health talks were given by various noted doctors and each student in the class was prescribed a definite schedule of eating, sleeping, and exercise. This class made amazing progress last year, several students being built up from a dangerous condition to a healthy, normal weight. It is probable that this class will again be started up this year.

Miss Schultheis and Dr. Greninger have charge of the health bureau this year, and so far have been busy nearly every day. Most of the work concerns the underweight boys, as there are very few seriously overweight. However, every student is given a physical examination and defects are referred to the family physician. Persons seldom, if ever, reach their proper weight if they are hampered by a serious defect, or hindered by bad habits. That is why the health department insists so strongly on the correction of physical deficiencies and the overcoming of such retarding habits as hasty eating, lack of exercise, and little sleep.

Here is an example of a student who benefitted by last year's nutrition class. This shows the wonderful work being done by the bureau.

September, 1925, a student enrolled for first year high school work, age 14 years 9 months.

At that time his height was 70 inches, weight 127 1/4 lbs.; correct weight for height, 147 lbs.

In June, 1926, his height was 71 1/4 inches, weight 157 lbs.; correct weight for height, 153 1/4 lbs.

In September, 1926, his height was 71 1/2 inches, weight 164 1/4 lbs.; correct weight for height, 154 1/4 lbs.

In one year this student grew 1 1/2 inches and gained 37 1/4 lbs.

When he enrolled at the high school in September, 1925, he was found to be 10 1/4 lbs. or 14% underweight for his height.

When he returned in September, 1926, he was found to be 10 lbs. or 6% overweight for his height. He is in splendid condition for athletics. We encourage the boys to get their weight from 10 to 20 lbs. above normal if they wish to take part in athletics. It has been proven if an athlete is above normal weight he can hold it without losing too much weight in the games, and has more endurance.

In September, 1925, 289 boys were found to be underweight for their height. In this group were boys from 7 to 40 lbs. underweight. Sixty-four of these boys reached normal weight and 49 boys borderline weight.

Some very good gains made are:

| | |
|-------------|--------|
| 37 1/4 lbs. | 1 boy |
| 28 1/4 lbs. | 1 boy |
| 27 lbs. | 2 boys |
| 26 lbs. | 1 boy |
| 25 1/2 lbs. | 1 boy |
| 24 lbs. | 2 boys |
| 23 1/2 lbs. | 3 boys |
| 22 1/2 lbs. | 4 boys |
| 21 1/2 lbs. | 5 boys |
| 20 lbs. | 6 boys |

Below is the official weight chart for this year:

| Grade | Number Weighed | Overweight (20% and more) | | Normal (10-20% over) | | Borderline (1-5% under) | | Underweight (7% and more under) | | Slightly Underweight (1-5%) | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| FIRST YEAR HIGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-A | 82 | 1 | 3% | 5 | 19% | 10 | 31% | 11 | 34% | 4 | 13% |
| 1-B | 82 | 1 | 3% | 0 | 28% | 4 | 19% | 15 | 47% | 1 | 3% |
| 1-C | 30 | 0 | 0% | 6 | 20% | 5 | 17% | 17 | 56% | 2 | 7% |
| 1-D | 39 | 0 | 0% | 11 | 37% | 6 | 22% | 11 | 37% | 1 | 3% |
| 1-E | 23 | 2 | 9% | 0 | 0% | 13 | 39% | 14 | 48% | 1 | 3% |
| 1-F | 30 | 1 | 3% | 11 | 37% | 4 | 13% | 14 | 47% | 0 | 0% |
| 1-G | 34 | 1 | 3% | 11 | 31% | 10 | 30% | 10 | 30% | 2 | 6% |
| | 126 | 6 | 3% | 57 | 28% | 54 | 24% | 92 | 41% | 11 | 6% |
| SECOND YEAR HIGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2-A | 28 | 0 | 0% | 7 | 25% | 8 | 21% | 14 | 50% | 1 | 4% |
| 2-B | 29 | 0 | 0% | 5 | 17% | 5 | 17% | 18 | 62% | 1 | 4% |
| 2-C | 27 | 1 | 4% | 8 | 30% | 6 | 22% | 11 | 40% | 1 | 4% |
| 2-D | 28 | 0 | 0% | 7 | 25% | 7 | 25% | 14 | 48% | 1 | 4% |
| 2-E | 26 | 1 | 4% | 10 | 38% | 4 | 15% | 11 | 42% | 0 | 0% |
| 2-F | 24 | 1 | 4% | 3 | 13% | 1 | 4% | 16 | 67% | 4 | 17% |
| | 162 | 3 | 2% | 40 | 34% | 29 | 18% | 82 | 51% | 8 | 6% |
| THIRD YEAR HIGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-A | 25 | 1 | 4% | 0 | 24% | 10 | 40% | 7 | 28% | 1 | 4% |
| 3-B | 23 | 1 | 4% | 2 | 9% | 0 | 22% | 15 | 65% | 0 | 0% |
| 3-C | 26 | 0 | 0% | 5 | 20% | 8 | 31% | 0 | 35% | 0 | 0% |
| 3-D | 21 | 0 | 0% | 5 | 24% | 7 | 33% | 8 | 38% | 1 | 5% |
| | 95 | 2 | 2% | 21 | 22% | 31 | 33% | 39 | 42% | 2 | 2% |
| FOURTH YEAR HIGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4-A | 21 | 0 | 0% | 7 | 33% | 0 | 43% | 5 | 24% | 0 | 0% |
| 4-B | 23 | 0 | 0% | 5 | 47% | 0 | 41% | 1 | 18% | 0 | 0% |
| 4-C | 28 | 0 | 0% | 10 | 34% | 10 | 34% | 0 | 81% | 0 | 0% |
| 4-D | 24 | 1 | 4% | 6 | 21% | 10 | 42% | 8 | 33% | 0 | 0% |
| | 96 | 1 | 1% | 31 | 32% | 20 | 21% | 24 | 25% | 0 | 0% |
| Totals | 573 | 12 | 2% | 149 | 26% | 152 | 27% | 279 | 42% | 21 | 4% |

Sometime, Somewhere,

Shb:
I have heard why Marie went home. Her hand was getting shook so much that Ferd was afraid it would get strong enough to knock him down in the first round. Marie went. You know the slogan of Roumania is: "Her master's voice." Remember "Where there's a will, there's a way," particularly if the will amounts to about fifty thousand dollars.

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SEVENTY OUT FOR CAGE TEAM

VISIT-A-DAY CLUB

Last September the Visit-a-Day Club was again started. This club has no meetings, no lengthy conferences of any sort and provides for a visit a day and weekly Communion. The Club has a large membership role, including almost every boy in the school. Having no director or prefect, it remains with the pupil to live up to the rules and the amount of students kneeling in the chapel every noon, speaks well for the members. The boys that joined the club have no doubt found that this club with its small sacrifices is a different kind than they have ever joined before. The little time spent with the Prisoner of Love will be repaid a thousand times, and the graces received will smooth out the ruts in the road of life.

PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS

The new dramatists who are taking part in the coming play are succeeding very well, and promise to become very good actors. Mr. Edward Roth, who is conducting the play, is very well satisfied thus far. It is his aim to use Juniors this year as much as possible, and thereby have a foundation for next year. This play will be held on the morning of December 24th for the student body, and all are assured a good time. The cast will be announced soon.

ORCHESTRA MAKES HIT IN FIRST APPEARANCE

What had been predicted of the orchestra a few weeks ago, became a fact after its remarkable performance, at the presentation of "The Rivals." The performance of the musicians was very impressive and the many who heard it expressed the desire of another opportunity of hearing it. This success is due to the untiring efforts of the musicians, and the director, who have unflinchingly worked for months.

This week the orchestra and its library was moved into a private studio in the school. It has been augmented by a new violinist, and a new cornetist.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT CHAPEL ASSEMBLY

The patronal feast of St. Francis Xavier, which occurs December 3, was commemorated at the chapel service of last week. On that occasion, the Mass was offered in honor of the Saint, and Rev. Hubert P. Brockman, S. J., President, preached the panegyric. Friday, November 26, was a holiday in anticipation of the feast.

In his sermon Father Brockman spoke of the life of St. Xavier, and of those virtues which have made him one of the Church's greatest missionary saints, and an ideal patron for Catholic colleges and universities.

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JUNIOR SODALITY

On Monday, November 29, the students chapel was the scene of a very important meeting of the Junior Sodality. Father Walsh, our moderator, announced that the formal admission of new members will take place next week. The candidates almost entirely Freshmen, will recite their Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother, on Tuesday, December 7, the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Besides making this announcement, Father Walsh also delivered a short talk with regard to the purpose and departments of the Sodality, and the unusual graces derived therefrom. He prophesied that attending the meetings hereafter will require great will-power and sacrifice, with inter-annual basketball games holding the spotlight during the noon recess, but concluded that the reward would overbalance the effort.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Wednesday, December 8, we celebrate one of the most solemn feasts of the Church, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The fact that the day is a holyday of obligation emphasizes most forcibly the position of the Church on the Immaculate Conception. It has ever been the belief and tradition that the Virgin Mother, was conceived without the stain of original sin; and in 1854, when certain church men questioned this principle, the Pope settled the question, and at the same time made it a matter of faith, by declaring that the Blessed Virgin was born unstained. We, as Catholics accept this, and should make this day one of special devotion, so that it will stand as a tacit protest against the disrespectful modern trend to discredit the Immaculate Conception.

WOULD I?

Rich men have yachts,
And fine motors too,
Rich men have easy times,
And servants more than a few.

I lead but a simple life,
I have no name or fame,
I have little ease or luxury,
And to honors I lay no claim.

But would I trade my simple fare
For rich man's groaning board?
Would I trade my shekels few
For the rich man's glittering hoard?

Would I exchange my broken flivver
For his motors (if I could)?
Would I give up my simple pleasures?
YOU BET YOUR BOOTS I WOULD!



SPIRIT MARKS TRYOUTS

Latest reports from the financial papers show that Wall street has not yet recovered from the terrible tobacco slump, which it experienced last week. The slump was due to the strict ban on tobacco laid down by Coach Savage to the seventy aspirants for the basketball positions. However, the market will probably now resume its former strength, as the greater majority of the boys have been rejected.

The coach has selected about twenty men, of whom probably fifteen will represent St. Xavier on the court this winter. There are two letter men on the team, Cap't. Bobby Sack and Bob Egbers; six other fourth year boys, Vic. Newport, Sls. Grause, Irish Foley, Jack Hesselbrock, Puttman and Westermann; while the other fourteen are under-graduates. They are: Tenfelde, Desmond, Mainers, Scott, Steinkamp, Funke, MacKenna, Moellering, Mercurio, Lynch, Haran, Budde, Silver and Landen-vitach.

CLASS TEAMS

The basketball season has begun, and is now in full sway. There are two games every noon, the first beginning promptly at 12:20 p. m. Each class has a team representing them, and these play during the noon recess.

The first games were played Thursday, December 2, between 3-A and 3-B, which was a tie, and between 4-A and 4-B, which 4-A won. Inter-class rivalry is keen at these noon-time games, and some very good contests are played. The class standings will be posted in this sheet each week.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INAUGURATED

In order to increase the membership of the Senior Sodality, a drive for new members has been inaugurated. The membership committee is made up of the consultants of the various classes, and is headed by Vic. Nicopote. That they have been doing their work well, is evident from the large attendance at last Wednesday's meeting, and it is expected that through their efforts, even more will attend the next meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon, during the last period, there will be the enrollment of all new members of the sodality. This enrollment will be for both the Junior and Senior Sodalities. Father Walsh, the director of the Junior Sodality, will briefly explain the purposes of the Sodality, and after the impressive services, which will probably include singing and a talk by the moderators, the candidates will make their acts of consecration to the Blessed Virgin, and will become full members of her sodality. Then at the meeting of the Senior Sodality, on Wednesday, December 15, all members will renew their act of consecration. All students in third and fourth years are requested to be present at this meeting to honor the Virgin Mother of God, and to beg her assistance in their studies.

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| FRESHMEN | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Number weighed and measured | 135 | 100% | | | |
| Overweight (more than 20% over) | 6 | 5% | | | |
| Normal weight (average to 20%) | 62 | 46% | | | |
| Borderline (less than 7% under) | 31 | 23% | | | |
| Underweight (more than 7% under) | 34 | | | | |
| Seriously underweight (21% and more under) | 2 | | | | |
| SOPHOMORES | | | | | |
| Number weighed and measured | 74 | 100% | | | |
| Overweight (more than 20% over) | 6 | 5% | | | |
| Normal weight (average to 20%) | 24 | 46% | | | |
| Borderline (less than 7% underweight) | 20 | 27% | | | |
| Underweight (more than 7% under) | 14 | | | | |
| Seriously underweight (more than 21% under) | 1 | | | | |
| JUNIORS | | | | | |
| Number weighed and measured | 51 | 100% | | | |
| Overweight (more than 20% over) | 2 | 4% | | | |
| Normal weight (average to 20%) | 32 | 63% | | | |
| Underweight (more than 7% under) | 7 | 13% | | | |
| Borderline (less than 7% under) | 10 | 20% | | | |
| Seriously underweight (21% and more under) | 0 | | | | |
| SENIORS | | | | | |
| Number weighed and measured | 32 | 100% | | | |
| Overweight | 2 | 6% | | | |
| Normal weight | 11 | 35% | | | |
| Borderline | 8 | 25% | | | |
| Underweight | 11 | 35% | | | |
| Seriously underweight | 0 | | | | |
| Year | Number Weighed | Overweight (20% and more) | Normal (0 to 20% over) | Borderline (1 to 6% under) | Underweight (7% or more under) |
| Seniors | 32 | 2 6% | 11 35% | 8 24% | 11 35% |
| Juniors | 51 | 2 4% | 32 63% | 10 20% | 7 13% |
| Sophomores | 74 | 5 6% | 34 45% | 20 27% | 15 22% |
| Freshmen | 135 | 6 4% | 62 46% | 31 23% | 36 27% |
| | 292 | 15 5% | 139 47% | 69 23% | 69 23% |

SEISMOGRAPH

In Jesuit Association

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been kept as far as I know since the days of Drake and the New Madrid earthquakes. We should not be able to answer scientifically were we asked what precautions would be advisable. The new seismographic station at St. Xavier's will help us to remedy this unfortunate situation. The equipment of the new station will be the very best obtainable. It will consist of six seismographs. An earthquake movement is so complicated, so varied in the length of vibration and in direction in space that it is necessary to split the motion into component parts, north and south, east and west and up and down. A separate seismograph is needed for each of these. Besides when an earthquake comes from a great distance it shakes the earth very slowly, while a local shock is usually rapid in its vibration. The same seismograph will not record both of these well. If it is designed for local earthquakes it should have a short

THEATRE

Movement Inaugurated by Catholics

Alumni and students at Catholic Universities are asked to become interested in the Catholic Theatre Movement, under the direction of the foremost dramatic critics in the country. His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes is Honorary President of the movement.

It is the purpose of those interested to determine, and maintain the Catholic standpoint with regard to the theatre. Its activities to be directed towards developing the conscience and sentiment of the Catholics in their patronage to the theatre.

In each number of its bulletin, a list of approved plays is published, and many of those objectionable are pointed out. At present many of the attractions on the New York stage are tainted with indecent, or profane passages, which make them poor if not really offensive entertainment.

The Catholic Theatre Movement does not aim at destruction, however,

period of its own and if it is intended for distant earthquakes it should have a long time of vibration when left to itself. All of these requirements will be amply supplied in the equipment of the new station in Cincinnati. (Continued next week.)

but at ideals, which "will create a desire for what is pure, inspiring and joyful in the silent and spoken drama." The "White List" of desirable productions on the stage and in the movies is not intended to foster attendance of the theatre, but to direct such attendance in an appropriate manner.

Those desiring further information or who wish to subscribe to the Bulletin should address their communications to the Catholic Theatre Movement, 460 Madison Ave., New York City.

VISITORS

Right Rev. Edward Hoban, of Chicago, recently visited his nephew, Edward Hoban, at Eiet Hall. While in the city the Bishop was a guest at Hinkle Hall.

Rev. Edward Morgan, S. J., Professor of Chemistry, on leave, at St. Xavier, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Cincinnati. Father Morgan is doing graduate work at Ohio State University.

Rev. P. F. Cusick, S. J., President of Canasius College of Buffalo, stopped at Hinkle Hall, while visiting in this section of the country, prior to attending the consecration of Rt. Rev. T. Reverman, of Louisville as Bishop of Superior.

Rev. A. Rhode, S. J., President of Campion, Prairie du Chien, Wis., and Rev. A. Wand, S. J., of John Carroll University, Cleveland, also were recent callers in Cincinnati.



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