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PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED FOR FOREMOST SOCIAL EVENT OF XAVIER'S ACTIVITIES

TWO ORCHESTRAS ARE ENGAGED TO ENTERTAIN GUESTS

"Peacock Alley" is Decorative Scheme for Dance.

COMMITTEE RESTS.

Junior Prom Crowd Expected to Number 500 Couples.

After more than a month of preliminary labor, preparations for the Junior Prom, major social event of St. Xavier's year, have been completed and the committee feels that it can now rest on its oars for a day or two prior to the final arrangements.

For the Prom, which will be held in the Grand ballroom of the Hotel Gibson, Friday evening, two orchestras have been engaged. From 8:00 to 12:30, Winstead's Orchestra from Louisville, Ky., will entertain the promenade and after midnight Ray Miller's Gibson Banding Orchestra will be on the platform.

The latter organization is known as an orchestra of great merit as it has been the attraction at the Gibson's Kentucky House during the entire season of its existence.

The decorative scheme for the dance will be a "Peacock Alley", while varied colored "spots" will be secured to add to the colorfulness of the occasion.

When the Grand March begins about midnight, it will be led by Miss Mary Jane Oates, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Oates, Madison Road, who is to be the partner of James L. Nolan, Senior Class president. The Prom is given in honor of the school.

Frank A. King, chairman of the Prom committee, has been assisted by William M. Glina, Morse J. Conroy, Thomas J. Hughes and Thomas Egan of the Junior Class, and Thomas D. Glina, II, and Frank Rooster of the Senior Class.

The committee expects that about five hundred couples will be entertained during the Prom. This is an increase over past years.

Admission at the door will be \$2.50 per couple, but students may secure tickets for themselves from the committee for \$5.00 up to Friday afternoon.

Patrons and patronesses for the affair include: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Albers, Mr. Henry B. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hunslo, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Fern, Mr. Frank A. Gancie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Orlove, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, Sr., Mrs. Mary Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wandrup, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Jackner, Mrs. Patrick F. Oeris.

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Walter Nispore and Mrs. Myra, upholding the affirmative of the proposition "That college students should be allowed to participate in only one major sport during the year," were awarded the judges' decision in the Freshman debate last week.

ANNUAL RETREAT TO BEGIN MONDAY A. M.

Pastor of Avondale Parish to Conduct Services.

The annual students' retreat in the Liberal Arts college will begin Monday morning at 9, it has been announced. Rev. James R. O'Neill, S. J., pastor of the Avondale Jesuit parish which holds the services in Bellarmine Chapel, will conduct the services.

The retreat consists of informal services, religious services, and private meditation. It will last three days and be concluded with general communion of the retreatants Thursday morning. Each day's exercises will be over about 2 p. m.

Father O'Neill has had wide experience in this work, having been a member of the Jesuit Home Mission Band. He spent one year in the Philippines as a scholastic and also taught at St. Xavier several years ago.

Lately he has engaged in parochial work, serving as pastor of St. Ignace and Sacred Heart churches in Chicago and also doing settlement work there. He conducted a retreat at Lorettin Academy, Chicago, last week.

Father O'Neill will be available for consultation by the students during the retreat and also during the year, as he will be in the city.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY BIDS ARE MAILED

Musketeer Invites Grads to In-sert Announcements.

Thomas H. Kelley, business manager of The Musketeer, 1928, St. Xavier College year book, reports that solicitation for insertions in the alumni directory of the annual publication have been sent out. All graduates of St. Xavier have been urged to insert the announcement of their present business or professional connections in the directory section of the year book.

The original "copy" for the publication was handed in by the various staff heads to the editor, Victor P. Staudt, Wednesday. The photographic work on the book is almost complete. It was said.

CLEF DANCE, FEB. 20, AT CINCINNATI CLUB

Welfare Heads Committee on Arrangements.

The date of the Clef Club dance has been changed to Monday evening, February 20, it was announced yesterday by Frank Wulfhange, chairman of the committee. The Clef Club of the Cincinnati Club has been reserved and a prominent dance orchestra is to furnish the music for the occasion.

In view of the affair being held but two days before Ash Wednesday, it will take on something of Mardi Gras spirit, it was said. The ballroom will be attractively decorated.

Other members of the committee are Robert Blaine and Charles Eisenhardt.

SOBRIETY CONFERENCE

Approximately two hundred and fifty students of local schools are expected to attend a general meeting of the Students' Spiritual Council at St. Xavier, February 11.

The conference is under the auspices of the college sodality. Rev. John P. Walsh, S. J., and William Damschell, sodality moderator and prefect, respectively, are in charge of the arrangements.

CALENDAR

No event conflicting with any of the following may be scheduled without official sanction. For open dates apply to the registrar, William Burns.

Today—Chapel, 8:30 A. M.
Clef Club rehearsal, Recreation Hall, 7:30 P. M.

Thursday—Junior Mass, 8:30 A. M.
Friday—Senior Mass, 8:30 A. M.
Senior sodality, 11:30 A. M.
Junior Prom, French Ballroom, Hotel Gibson, 9 P. M.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Annual retreat of obligation on all Catholic students.
Feb. 9—Basketball, St. Louis at St. Xavier.
Feb. 9 to 11—Intra-collegiate tests. First semester ends.
Feb. 15—Basketball, Loyola here.
Feb. 15—Elet Hall Minstrels.
Feb. 15—Basketball, Marshall here.
Feb. 15—Oratorical Contest in Lodge Reading Room. Obligatory on all students.
Feb. 20—Clef Club dance at Cincinnati Club.
Feb. 21—Basketball, U. of Detroit at Detroit.
Feb. 24—Basketball, St. Victor at Bountefaine.
Feb. 24—Debate, St. John here.
Feb. 25—Basketball, Loyola at Chicago.
March 1—Debate, Marquette at Marquette.
March 4—Debate, St. Victor at Bountefaine.
March 5—Debate, Loyola at Chicago.
March 14—Debate, St. John at Toledo (tentative).
March 15—Debate, John Carroll at Cleveland (tentative).
March 18—Debate, Western Reserve at Cleveland (tentative).
March 20—Debate, University of Cincinnati there (tentative).
April 10—Debate, Loyola here.

WINTER IN COLLEGE NEWS BUREAU GROUP

Convention to be Held Here April 17, 18, 19.

St. Xavier College now holds membership in the American Association of College News Bureaus, an organization of college and university publicity directors throughout the United States.

Earl J. Winter, institutional publicity director who represents St. Xavier in all public relations work, joined the association recently. The next convention of the association will be held in Cincinnati April 17, 18 and 19, according to the tentative dates announced. John C. DeCamp, director of public relations, University of Cincinnati, Miss Marie Dickson, secretary of the association and musical public relations counselor, and Winter will co-operate on local arrangements for the convention.

RUTHMAN-PRESSLER WEDDING YESTERDAY

St. Xavier Church is Scene of Nuptial Ceremony.

The marriage of Robert Ruthman and Miss Margaret Pressler was solemnized at St. Xavier church yesterday at 10:00 a. m. Mr. Ruthman graduated in '25, and Miss Pressler attended the University of Cincinnati.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Ruthman of Dayton, Rev. Hubert F. Broekman, S. J., St. Xavier president, was groom, Rev. Walter C. P., sub-deacon, and Rev. Algernon Fisher, E. J., master of ceremonies.

The main altar and church were decorated throughout with Easter lilies, while on the side altars were carnations.

Among the members of the bridal party were Murray Paddock, '26, and James L. Nolan, president of the Student Council at St. Xavier. The bride was attended by her sister, Virginia, a Trinity student.

The Chapel Catechesis sings in to-day.

USEFULNESS OF FIELD HOUSE PROVED BY INTRA-MURAL GAMES AND DEDICATION ARRANGEMENTS

XAVIER HOOPSTERS STOP CEDARVILLE

Final Count 40 to 13 in One-Sided Contest.

The St. Xavier hoopsters took their third decision in as many starts when they stopped the Blue and Gold eagles from Cedarville, 40 to 13, last Saturday evening, in the new St. Xavier Field House. From the opening whistle the Musketeers posted in a steady stream of baskets, the game being similar to the Centre contest of a week before, in so much as consideration was concerned.

"Chip" Cain accounted for 30 of the St. Xavier pointers, the remaining 30 being the result of the stellar work of Ray Leeds, Eddie Burns and Bob King. The passing of Chip Cain was the special feature of the game. They displayed fine and very effective floor play.

John Williams and Lou Arnsen saw service during the game, but did not have opportunities to check up workmen.

Leeds is Captain. Ray Leeds served as captain in the absence of Andy McGrath who wished to play. Leeds led the Musketeers to victory and the other players with a score back for some time, but it is expected that the rest will put him into shape again.

St. Xavier obtained the lead in the opening minutes of play, leading at the half 16 to 10, mainly because of the ineffective shooting of the Cedarville players.

The line-up:

St. Xavier	F. G.	P. T.	T. P.
Leeds, r-f	4	0	8
Cain, f	5	0	8
King, c	2	4	8
Burns, f	4	2	10
Sturman, f	0	0	0
Williams, f	0	0	0
Arnsen, c	0	0	0
Totals	17	6	40
Cedarville	F. G.	P. T.	T. P.
Magley, r	1	1	2
Adair, f	1	1	3
Smith, c	0	0	0
Allen, c	0	0	0
H. Jacobs, f	1	0	2
Gordon, f	0	2	3
K. Jacobs, f	0	0	0
Palmer, f	0	1	1
Barton, f	0	0	0
Totals	4	5	13

Referee—Marty Reddington.

ELET HALL STUDENTS FORM TRACK TEAM

Fore-runner of Varsity Squad in Spring.

Elet Hall students have formed a track team to be entered in various amateur meets in the city, athletic authorities at the college have announced. This team will be the fore-runner of the varsity track team which is to be presented for intercollegiate competition this spring.

The new field house plans call for one of the regulation indoor dirt tracks that will enable the varsity and dormitory track athletes to keep in prime condition during the cold months of the year.

BIRTHDAY

Tomorrow, February 2, is the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary Lodge, donor of the Lodge Reading Room in the library. Ad notes issued.

MARCH 7 DATE OF X-UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI TILT

Eight Teams Have Already Used Field House.

FINE CO-OPERATION.

Mark Schmidt is 'Judge Landis' of Undergrads.

By George Wister. The usefulness of the new St. Xavier Field House was twice proved during the last seven days. An intra-mural athletic program was put under way and it was announced that the University of Cincinnati would be the dedication game opponents of St. Xavier, Wednesday, March 7.

Inauguration of the intra-mural athletic program was brought about through the cooperation of Joseph A. Mayer, athletic director, Rev. Daniel M. O'Connell, S. J., dean, and the student Council, student representative body.

Mark A. Schmidt, an alumnae of the college and freshman football and basketball coach, has been appointed "Judge Landis" of intra-mural sports at St. Xavier.

Night basketball teams have already participated in the sport in the new field house, while it is anticipated that the program will be developed until at least 100 students from the Liberal Arts department are competing in some form of sport.

The athletic plant will include not only basketball but also handball, volleyball, tennis, track, as well as other sports just as soon as facilities are available.

Accord With Plan.

The development of intra-class rivalry in sports is in accordance with the plan for which the new \$225,000 field house was constructed. The athletic plant, recognized by authorities as one of the finest in this part of the country, was built with the needs of the entire student body in view. Every student at St. Xavier, if he so chooses, can derive some good from the new building.

The St. Xavier College Athletic Council has signified its willingness to foster intramural activities in the new field house. The facilities of the new building are available for the entire student body, when not used by the varsity teams.

Members of the varsity and freshman squads in basketball are excluded from participation in intra-mural basketball.

Father O'Connell told the Student Council that he would favor offering a trophy to the best team in an intra-mural league, if such a league could be formed. He also suggested that some students volunteer to referee the games.

Negotiations Completed.

Athletic Director Mayer and Albert Leibold, representing St. Xavier and Athletic Director George Babcock of the University of Cincinnati completed negotiations last Wednesday afternoon to have the Bearcat basketball team as the dedication attraction for the Musketeers' \$225,000 Field House.

It will be the first time since 1883 that representative athletic teams of the two institutions have met. In that year Student Army Training Corps football eleven, representative of the university and the college, played and the game resulted in a 12 to 8 victory for the University.

This basketball game, is not a significant gesture that a full schedule in all sports will be opened between the two institutions, but officials are rather confident that the game will create a more friendly feeling which should lead to complete relations between the two schools.

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MOTTO - TO SERVE XAVIER

From - College dances, during recent years, have acquired a notorious meaning and not without reason. They frequently become vehicles for the wildest expressions of 'flaming' youth. Thus affairs of the highest type become spoiled.

The authorities of St. Xavier, taking cognizance of this, have limited dances to a minimum each year. Students know that even these will be stopped, should anything unfortunate ever occur. Moreover any undergraduate misconduct will be dealt with severely.

Such deterrents, however, should be unnecessary and in the past have been. The Prom in itself is such a glorious function that it needs no such protection. The Xaverians and ladies who attend will, it is believed, make every effort to keep the Prom up to those of former years.

Proms are 'very remarkable' events in college life, events of refinement and loveliness, extravagant decorations, myriad colors, lingering melodies, happy youth. During after years they remain in memory, sacred to the joys which frequently pass with graduation.

Nevertheless, it has been thought well to recall that the reputation of St. Xavier will be on trial Friday night.

Laughter -

An esteemed contemporary passes out this bit of wisdom: "There is nothing in which people betray their character more than in what they find to laugh at." Ponder on it a moment.

Laughter is an especial faculty of rational beings. No animal laughs. Incidentally, laughter is one of the proofs of man's superiority over the animal kingdom. Man sees the point of a story, the humorous side of an action; animals never manifest this power, and consequently, it is concluded they are without it. How much fun they are missing!

But on the other hand, how much better off would some humans be, were they not able to understand the things which cause them to laugh. Daily and hourly they abuse this manifestation of their superiority over the brutes by being amused at trivial matters, or at the misfortune of their neighbor, or worse, at indecencies. Thus they show what appeals to them and to what their nature tends.

There is the other type of man who realizes the dignity of laughing and is cautious lest he abuse his gift. His laughter is not unkind, indecent, improper, or venial. And yet he need not go through life in melancholic fashion. He possesses that power of discretion which leads to happiness. His character needs no eulogy.

And briefly, one more point about laughter. The sound of a laugh is an index to the intelligence of a man. If it is a giggle, it betrays one easily amused; if raucous, it reveals one ill-bred; hearty, it discloses one of a large viewpoint; if hard, beware; if tinkling and bell-like, someone is dangerously close to love.

Exchange -

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - (OCNA) - Edgar H. Boeger, a senior in the Agricultural college of Ohio State University, was electrocuted when the power clippers with which he was working became short-circuited, sending 110 volt electric current through his body.

OHIO WHEELMAN - (OCNA) - For its second consecutive year, the glen club of Ohio Wheelman will make a European tour during the summer vacation. Six European countries will be visited.

Forty students will sail in the party that will leave June 26. It is being handled by the Miller Travel Service. Wheelman is the second Ohio college glen club to announce a European tour for the vacation of 1928. Miami completed plans several weeks ago.

ST. LOUIS - (OCNA) - Rev. William A. Sunday, in a recent address, says in part: "The modern girl is what she is because the worship of material things is at a fever heat. Her spirituality is nearly gone by the strife of materialism. She seems lost in vacant desires. She says and does things that ten years ago would have seemed immoral. Now they seem clever. She teeters on the edge of indecency. She states on this too. No notice can be taken to great things with a low standard of womanhood. The modern age girls and young men are intensely immoral, immoral without pressure of circumstance.

"The modern dances are disgusting. People who think that extreme styles of dress have no effect on morals are foolish. In fashion immoral women always have the 'yes' and 'no'." "The breakdown of the moral training of the young is directly traceable in many instances to the conditions in universities. The young can

always be led to their beliefs. The teachings of the materialists, the filthy candor of 'leading thinkers' is doing more to tear down the morals of boys and girls than can be restored in all the rebuilding of the next generation."

KENT STATE COLLEGE - (OCNA) - Edgar A. Guest, nationally known poet-lecturer, was the speaker at a recent program sponsored by Kent State College. He read his own poems.

ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - (OCNA) - Miss Marie Leonard, dean of women at the University of Illinois, and Maj. John L. Griffith, commander of Big Ten athletes, will conduct a Big Ten tour to the Olympic games and Europe.

The tour is being made up of students from the Big Ten schools. A representative student on each campus is in charge of the arrangements for the group.

OHIO UNIVERSITY - (OCNA) - Do college students cheat in examinations either from force of habit or from necessity? Norman Fenton, of Ohio University, recently attempted to find the answer to the question in an experiment and brought forth the startling revelation that sixty-three per cent of the class used "questionable" sources of information during the exam.

The guilty ones used crib notes, consulted their classmates or looked over the shoulder of the persons in front of them, according to Mr. Fenton. He found that when the instructor was in the room thirty-one per cent cheated, and when he was not in the room, thirty-nine per cent cheated. A connection was found between the honesty of the students and their work in class. Those with an A standing did not cheat at all, while thirty-three per cent of the students with B grades, eighty per cent with C grades, and seventy-five per cent of those who anticipated failing resorted to cheating.

ELF FIRES

By Will O' The Wisp.

It seems to Will O' The Wisp that the most picturesque, the most experienced, and the most widely traveled man on the St. Xavier faculty is none other than Father McCarty, professor of French. Not every one is acquainted with his long peregrinations and many do not appreciate him but that is because most are not fortunate enough to study French.

In his class-rooms Father Mac is a dynamo of energy, pouring on this one and that as he strides around, glancing over the confusion of his hapless disciples. "Charbonel," the French text, is indelible in his mind and he answers all questions by referring to its lessons by number.

"Oh-eh!" (ouch), "Duplic-cous" (carry up), "Chances on flesh" (get a gun) are his most used phrases. Another is "Ouvret la fenetre" (open the window). He believes that Americans and French have two things in common, they are both afraid of cold air and cold water.

About two weeks before the last exam Father McCarty began to look at Will O' The Wisp, shake his head dejectedly and say, "Save up, doc, save up." That is his warning that a conditioned exam is in the offing. By dint of hard work and perseverance, however, Will resolved to 'A'.

Here is his testimonial written in the most approved manner of the advertisements of the Duquesne School of French which regularly appear on the back cover of Will's favorite magazine:

"Father McCarty stood glowing over me as he handed me my exam paper. My fellow-students began to laugh aloud at my supposed predicament. I purposely kept up the tension by looking worried, stupid, crestfallen. After a few minutes I nonchalantly set out to write my answers

to the questions. Imagine Father McCarty's face from a light red of satisfaction to a crimson of surprise when he picked up my exam paper. It was well nigh perfect.

Father Mac is a familiar figure swinging down the boulevard before 8 each morning and returning about 8. What a picturesque! Hailing on the coldest day, (he is the original collegian) a knee length coat, a stout cane. Father Mac is it that little cane is to drive off a dog that has taken a dislike to Father McCarty's swinging gait. I don't believe it; Father Mac would brand a lion in his den.

It is useless to stop and other than a lift. But that is because he is at heart an artist and must have his feet planted firmly on the earth to feel the rumbling of its voice.

Father McCarty, you know, is chaplain at the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor on Florence Ave. Hence the morning walk.

If he were to write, what a story his life would make. There seems to be not a spot on the globe where he has not been. All European lands, Japan, China, and now America. He was locked in a boat as a roving gale (called the Red Sea in a fairy) he was a missionary to China for three years and he says he would return tomorrow if he could; he taught the Germans in France; he has had a thousand other experiences which would read like fiction.

In his thinking Father McCarty is guided by this world wide experience and by learning great in both kind and quantity. When he speaks his students know that they will hear a story especially worth while.

Only once in his life was he ill, and that for only one day. Hundreds of men would give fortunes if they could appear as well preserved as Father McCarty.

If Will O' The Wisp ever learns more of Father Mac, he will pass it on. Right now he is somewhat handicapped by his lack of conversational French. All he can do is answer "Oui, oui," "Non, non," or in case of doubt, "Yeh, yeh."

ALUMNI LECTURES TO BE CONTINUED

Executive Board Also Discuss Annual Banquet.

Plans for the annual alumni lecture course were discussed at the meeting of the executive committee of the Alumni Association, last Sunday. The meeting was attended by Rev. George H. Elmer, S. J., faculty moderator, and Gregor H. Moorhead, president of the association.

Tentative arrangements have been made with several prominent lecturers. Father Kirier announced. The dates of the lectures will be announced later.

Other activities of the alumni were also discussed and arrangements made for the annual alumni banquet. Additional members were recommended to the Alumni Board.

The officers of the Executive Committee are: Walter J. Hedley, Thomas P. Esger, Michael A. Heintzel, Leo V. DuBois and John Rolins.

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"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" TO BE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Tryouts Scheduled for Early Part of Next Week.

REHEARSALS SOON.

Play is Comedy of Modern Business World.

During the past week Mr. Edward C. Roth, director of the St. Xavier High Dramatic Club, announced that the leading presentation of the Club for this year is to be a three-act comedy drama, "Nothing But the Truth." This play is widely known to be an entertaining dramatic concoction.

Monday or Tuesday of next week tryouts will be held. Juniors and seniors are eligible and it is hoped that a large number will try out in order that the cast may be composed of the best possible dramatic talent.

Even those who apply the cast will be chosen and in a very few days intensive rehearsals will be under way in view of an early presentation.

As can be inferred from the title, the play deals with the subject of truth versus lies. This play, like its predecessors at St. Xavier High, is the combination of a story of young people and a story of the business world—a combination which has proved in the past to be very entertaining in the hands of the High School thespians.

In substance of the theme: truth versus lies—the play tells the story of a young business man who is addicted to the frequent telling of lies. His fiancée demands of him a promise that for a certain period of time he will not tell a lie.

Of course, he gives the promise. And within a few hours business complications arise to make it exceedingly difficult to adhere to his promise.

We hear that the one who plays the leading role in "Nothing But the Truth" is to be instructed to act natural.

BOON LEAGUE LULL

Due to examinations and retreat there is a two-week lull in Boon Basketball Activity, only one game—a 54-49 contest having been played. The next games will probably be staged this coming Monday.

The date of the next debate of the High School Debating Society is Feb. 13. The subject of one debate will probably be, "A Catholic for President."

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SCHUMANN

By John T. Anderson.

Robert Schumann, the son of a bookseller and author at Zwickau in Saxony, was born in 1810. In this environment he cultivated a taste for reading which was to distinguish his later years. Being a man of wide culture, the elder Schumann liberally fostered Robert's aptitude for music and the latter began instruction under the pedagogue teacher, Kuntze.

As a very early age Schumann organized an orchestra, played composition, and made a reputation for himself as a pianist.

Up to his fourteenth year he had had been virtuous, popular, and a leader amongst his companions. But suddenly a great change overcame him. He became reserved, dreamy, reticent. As we look at a picture of Schumann we are immediately attracted by the eyes. We behold open, large and brilliant; eyes continually staring before him; eyes which are blind to earthly scenes and see only the pleasant pictures of his fertile imagination.

Madher Opposes Career.

His mother was opposed to his choosing a musical career and persuaded him to study law. Robert went to Leipzig and later to Heidelberg, but more time was spent in the pursuit than of legal learning. He began theoretical studies assiduously under the sterling instructor, Wieck.

Schumann's fame spread about Heidelberg, and invitations to play at various cities followed. During the year 1839 he wrote a few short compositions, and then set out for a trip to Italy.

Returning to Leipzig in 1840, he again pursued studies under Wieck. Desiring to become a piano-virtuoso, he organized a system of finger gymnastics so that he might free the fourth finger. He began such a strenuous practice that he crippled his right hand. Schumann now foresaw the idea of becoming a concert pianist, and turned to com-

positions, studying under Dorn. Appears As Critic. In the year 1833 he first appeared as a critic, writing a very social article about Chopin.

Schumann and several other enthusiastic musicians formed a "Davidbunde" to wage war against philistinism in music. The organ of the society was a magazine called, "The New Journal for Music." Schumann wrote for it. He proclaimed the genius of Chopin; encouraged the people's admiration for Schubert and Mendelssohn, and aided Franz and Ode. However, he could not appreciate Wagner.

Schumann's "Erlang Symphonies" appeared in 1838 and the following year he presented two sonatas.

He courted the daughter of Wieck and, against parental opposition, they were finally married in 1840. During the years of his uncertainty regarding the result of his ardent love Schumann produced some of his best music.

When Mendelssohn founded the Conservatory of Leipzig, Schumann became one of the faculty.

From 1844 to 1858 Schumann resided at Dresden. The principal works of this period are "The Opus 84, Piano Concerto;" "O Major Symphony;" the opera "Genesive;" the "Manfred" music; and the scenes from Goethe's "Faust."

Became Melancholic.

Whilst at Dresden Schumann became susceptible to frequent attacks of melancholy, and these became more frequent when he removed to Düsseldorf. At the latter place, the sick composer wrote the "Rhenish Symphony" and the "D Minor Symphony." On February 21, 1844, he attempted suicide by jumping into the Rhine. He was rescued and sent to an asylum where he died July 29, 1856.

Schumann contributed a new style of music. Form became secondary to imagination, rather than a mold into which imagination must be poured. To understand his music properly one must conform to the man's mood. Schumann's mind was remarkably sensitive to impressions which penetrated themselves; and for these thoughts he strove to find musical expression. He was one of the most subjective of composers, and for this reason he was more successful with such forms as

UNDERCURRENT EVENTS SENIORS ELECT ANNUAL COMMITTEE

By John Kelly.

The examinations are over. They have, in fact, been over for some time but there is nothing like a pleasant (?) reminder. They ended last Friday at noon as everyone knows, or at least if they don't know, it's high time they found out.

The boys are, as a general rule, very fond of the examinations, or rather the end of them, as was demonstrated by the fact that they signed happily when the last chords of "The St. Louis Blues" were played. But as Shakespeare said:

"All the world's a school, And every man is a student, They have their exams and count 'em up."

The Rolfe-Royce manufacturers have announced a new type of beam-light. We realize that the students will be quite unamusing with excitement when they see this.

Tragic situation: I. M. Blynde, U. S. Marine, says he has not seen the world. The Supreme Court will take action.

Lincoln was shot. We're a little late in getting this announcement, but you know how sleepy a sleepy telegraph operator can be.

Nicaragua has been conquered. One of the Marines did it in a moment of playfulness. The Navy Department is quite angry. No war can be found and the generals simply will not consent to sitting around playing pinocle.

"Lied" and pieces of one movement.

Schubert and Schumann were direct opposites. The former would take any poem and set it to music; but Schumann would always hesitate to discern the literary merit before he attempted to compose a music score. Schumann's innumerable songs have always been a prime favorite, because they possess the two sterling qualities of the art song—literary worth and capable musicianship.

Work is to Get Year Back Under Way.

Recently individual class meetings were held in the respective senior divisions to discuss the subject of a year-back. It was agreed to form a committee to be composed of the presidents of the three fourth year classes, together with two elected members from each division who were to take care of the initiatory steps.

The results of the respective class meetings show that the committee is composed of President Paul Hilbert, Edward Braggemann and Louis Feldman of Fourth A; President Louis Kline, John Arion, and Alvin Oshelberg of Fourth B; and President Andy Schmidt, Art Steiner and Sidney Ryan of Fourth C.

The work of obtaining official permission for the publication of an Annual, as a successor to last year's "X-Ray" and the election of an editor-in-chief and a business manager will be the work of this committee.

S. S. C. NOTE

The S. S. C. calls attention to the fact that during the coming week several items of importance and interest will be printed on the Sodality Bulletin Board.

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So, This is Leap Year!

By BRIGGS

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CONSTITUTION TOPIC IN ORATORICAL TEST

Colleges of U. S. to Compete in Annual Meet.

The National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on the Constitution, which has been conducted for the past three years by the Better American Federation of California, will be continued this year, according to an announcement at contest headquarters, 1217 National Press Building, Washington.

The prizes will be the same as in previous years: first place, \$1,500; second, \$1,000; third, \$700; fourth, \$500; fifth, \$400; sixth, \$300; and seventh, \$200. The national finals will be held in Los Angeles on June 21.

Any bona fide undergraduate student in any university or college in the United States is eligible. The nations, which must not require more than ten minutes for delivery, must be on one of the following subjects: The Constitution, Washington and the Constitution, Hamilton and the Constitution, Jefferson and the Constitution, Marshall and the Constitution, Franklin and the Constitution, Madison and the Constitution, Webster and the Constitution, and Lincoln and the Constitution.

Seven Regions.

The nation is divided into seven regions for the purpose of the contest. The colleges in each region compete among themselves, generally by States, to determine the finalists for each region. The regional finalists compete in May to determine the one speaker from each region who is to have a place in the National finals.

Colleges may be enrolled in the contest by action of either a college official or a student. Entries close March 15 and the spokesman for each college must be designated by April 15.

The winner of 1927 was H. J. Oberholzer, North Carolina State Agricultural College; 1926 was won by Charles T. Murphy of Fordham University, and 1925 by E. Wight Bakke, Northwestern University.

For further information address contest headquarters as indicated above.

CHAPEL PREACHER SPEAKS OF FAITH

Also Tells of Purpose of the Index of Books.

"The quotation of Christ's Amen, amen, I say unto you, I have not found such Faith in Israel, delivered on the occasion of the centurion coming to Christ begging help for his servant, is particularly apt and appropriate to the present day," said Rev. Basil Redpenn, S.J., at Chapel assembly.

"Faith is a supernatural gift obtained and held by prayer. One should be careful of the occasions of difficulties against Faith," he continued. "For many shall come from the East and the West and shall be set down in the kingdom, but the children of the kingdom shall be cast into exterior darkness," quoted Christ on another occasion.

"The pagan did not have the advantages that we have, the laws, prophets, and revelations, still they had the greater Faith. We should be proud of it and pray for stronger Faith; for there is a tendency to stray away from it. The Church tests for the individual, not for herself.

"That is precisely the purpose of the Index. The Church fears that the books on the Index would be harmful to the Faith of the individual and consequently prohibits these certain books.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

The question debated at the regular meeting of the Philosophical Society, last week was, "Resolved: That compulsory liability automobile insurance should be adopted in the State of Ohio." The affirmative team was made up of Raymond Hilbert and William Wise, while the negative comprised Joseph Nizer and Albert Schmidt.

William Demarell, acting as critic, praised the efforts of the debaters as evidencing great preparation in their speeches, and chose Hilbert as best speaker of the day. The Judges, John Cook, Wirt Russell and William Haller awarded the decision to the affirmative.

NEW COURSES TO BE GIVEN NEXT HALF

Economics, Stenography, English Announced.

A course in typewriting is available to students during the second semester, and shorthand will also be given if there are a sufficient number interested. The courses will be given at the St. Xavier Parochial School, Sycamore street, Saturday mornings. No credit is allowed, but Rev. Daniel O'Connell, S.J., dean, called attention last week to the practical value of these branches.

Father O'Connell, also announced that a practical course in Economics will be taught during the second semester as a regular subject by Richard Verkamp. A course somewhat similar was given last year. Mr. Verkamp is a graduate of the School of Business Administration at Harvard. Economics will be given three times a week and credit will be allowed.

Modern American writers will be discussed in an English course of Joseph Meyers, English instructor, beginning with the next semester.

FIELD HOUSE

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Conference Members.

Both the university and the college are members of the Ohio Conference. The university schedules races of its athletic contests with members of the Buckeye Athletic Association, a league within the Conference consisting of six teams. St. Xavier officials expressed the hope that the gains with the Bearcats would result in the scheduling of athletic contests with other Ohio Conference teams.

Coach Meyer was unable to secure more than one conference game for the 1928 football season. St. Xavier will play Western Reserve in an early game of the season at Coopers Field. The dedication day game with the Bearcats

GLINES RUNNER-UP IN TENNIS SINGLES

Captain-Elect of Xavier Team Loses Two Sets.

William M. Glines, captain-elect of the 1928 St. Xavier tennis team and ranking player of the school, was runner-up in the singles events of the Cincinnati Inter-Tennis Championship conducted at the Freeman Avenue Armory during the past two weeks. Glines was defeated in the finals by the singles events by Larry Terman of the city. The scores were 5-1, 5-7, 5-6, 4-4, 6-3.

Glines and his partner, Earl Gordon, captured the doubles championship of the city.

Immediacy of Glines on the court during the winter months, together with his recent recuperation from an operation, were reasons why the Buckeye team's tennis captain did not show to best advantage in the singles events.

is the basketball's sole Ohio Conference basketball game.

Will Improve Status.

Prominent professional men in Greater Cincinnati as well as athletic authorities throughout the state proclaimed the opening of relations between the two schools as the thing necessary to re-establish the rather shaky status of Cincinnati inter-collegiate athletics.

It was pointed out that St. Louis University and Washington College, both in St. Louis; Western Reserve University and Case School of Cleveland as well as the University of Chicago and Northwestern University claim in all sports every season and holding detrimental to the community results.

It was co-incidental that the Xaverian News mentioned in its "Big Five" column two weeks ago that opening of athletic relations between the two institutions would be of value to the community as well as to the institutions themselves.

SIX SELECTED FOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

Six Others are Tied for Two Remaining Places.

Edward J. McCreith, Morse Conroy, James E. Gull, Wm. Demarell, Charles Eisenhardt and Anthony Deddens were the first six selected at the Oratorical semi-finals last Friday afternoon, Rev. Daniel M. O'Connell, S.J., dean, announced Monday.

Seventh and eighth places were tied by Ray E. Dabry, Victor Staudt, Edmund Doyle, Rob Savage, Milton Tobin and Edw. Haller. These are to compete again Friday, February 20. Their entire speeches will be heard.

The Oratorical Contest has been set for Sunday evening, February 18. Students have been reminded to make no other engagements for that evening as attendance is obligatory. The prize is the Washington gold medal, donated by the Alumni Association.

MINSTREL SHOW TO FEATURE DORM MEN

Speech to be Interlocutor at Performance.

Specialties for the Ellet Hall Minstrel, which is to be presented in Recreation Hall, the evening of February 18, include musical numbers by Joseph Petruncio; "master" by Edward T. Burns and Dan Tahan, with a monologue by John Kunschman.

Clarence Specht will serve as interlocutor for the show, while Edward T. Burns, Dan Tahan, Harold Botshery and Owen Mastan are the "mad men." Milton Tobin will give several "dog dances" during the show.


The chorus includes: Frank H. Wulltangs, Hugh Burke, John Cook, Robert Keeley, William Hartlage, Elmer LaFente, Caspar Miller, William Ralfe-man, David W. Snyder, William Hays, John Connor, and Robert Brown.

Clarence Specht and Edward T. Burns, liberal arts seniors, are the student directors of the production, while Rev. John J. Sullivan, S.J., resident director of Ellet Hall, is faculty supervisor.

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