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## VERKAMP TRY-OUTS POSTPONED

### Four Debate Squad Members To Enter Tournament

The date of the tryouts for the Verkamp Debate has been changed to March 10, according to Rev. Robert C. Hartnett, S. J., moderator of the Philopedian Society. The change was made necessary by the entrance of four men from the intercollegiate debating squad in the Great Lakes Speech Tournament at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. Xavier students who will enter the tournament, to be held March 7-8, are Al J. Menke, Frank W. Burke, John L. Meuthing, and Robert J. Heil. Entrants will be traveling lakeward on Thursday, March 6, the date originally set for the tryouts as announced last week.

The preliminaries will take place in Room 10 at 2:30 on Monday. Each contestant must present a five-minute argument on either this year's Pi Kappa Delta question (Hemisphere Union) or the proposal to annex to the city Cincinnati's outlying suburbs. Both questions have been discussed at previous meetings of the Philopedian Society. The question of annexation will form the proposition for the Verkamp Debate, scheduled to be held on April 4.

According to the terms of the prize-offering, the contestants for the debate must be members of the Philopedian Society.

"Departure from this year's intercollegiate question is due to four reasons," said Fr. Hartnett. "First, to prevent intercollegiate debaters from having the advantage over those students not on the squad; second, to introduce variety into the debating season; third, to bring the question nearer home—to make us 'Hamilton County minded', rather than merely Latin America minded; and fourth, to test the resourcefulness and ingenuity of the debaters.

"Handbooks on the intercollegiate debate topics," added the Philopedian moderator, "are becoming a serious evil. To gather materials on a question closer to our firesides a debater must show initiative and imagination. But every ounce of information he unearths will arouse interest, as touching us all very closely."

### CLEF CLUB FACES EXTENSIVE SCHEDULE

Frank J. Hoenemeyer, business manager of the Clef Club, announced last week that an extensive program is being arranged for the coming concert season. Hoenemeyer said that he expects to have new engagements in addition to the annual concerts given at various locations. The following engagements have been tentatively arranged, but no dates have as yet been set: Roger Bacon, Holy Cross High School, Latonia, Ky., Mt. Notre Dame Academy, Fenwick, Alms Hotel, Villa Madonna Academy, Ft. Mitchell, Ky., Our Lady of Cincinnati College, Mt. St. Joseph College, and Good Samaritan Hospital.

### NEW OFFICER

A new addition to the military staff was announced by Major Clinton S. Berrien, professor of military science and tactics, when he stated that First Lieutenant Robert F. Cissell will report for duty at Xavier, Friday, March 7.

Lieutenant Cissell graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering in 1936. He continued his studies at Notre Dame University for the next two years. The new officer comes from Cleveland, Ohio.

### Mission Raffles Show Financial Gain This Week

Reflecting the spirit of the students of Xavier, the Mission Raffle, now about to enter its third week, is gradually gaining momentum. This weekly event, which is taking the place this year of the Patna Derby, was initiated by Mr. Thomas M. Downing, S. J., to arouse a more active missionary spirit in the students.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased for ten cents from either the book-store or from one of the committeemen appointed by Mr. Downing. Upon the request of several students an unlimited number of chances are now being sold instead of the one hundred maximum previously planned. Drawings are held every Wednesday at 12:30 in Room 108, and the weekly prizes are on display in the bookstore.

## Reality Merges With Fiction When Masquers Rehearse

"All ready? Places. Curtain!"

The magic word of the theatre has been uttered. There is no sound of rippling velvet, nor glare of floodlights, but the ef-

## Philopedian To Banquet On March 23

### 100th Birthday Celebration To Be Held At Fenwick

Plans for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Philopedian Society, Xavier University's oldest campus organization, were announced this week by Irvin F. Beumer, president. The birthday of the century-old debating club will be commemorated by a banquet at the Fenwick on March 23, to which all members are invited.

A program of guest speakers will be compiled, with the possibility of having an intercollegiate debate as feature attraction.

Assisting Beumer on the arrangements committee are seniors Louis B. Jurgens, John F. King, and John E. Smith. A subsidiary committee composed of William R. Seidenfaden, Al J. Menke, and James A. Rentrop will serve as program assistants.

Beumer particularly stressed the fact that "all former members of the Philopedian are invited to attend the banquet." Alumni especially are urged to be present at the celebration.

Activities of the Philopedian each year include the Washington Oratorical Contest, the Verkamp Debate, the Intramural Debate Tournament, and weekly debates among members of the society.

### ANNUAL PHOTOS

Students who desire prints of the individual pictures which will appear in the 1941 Musketeer may purchase them at cost, announced annual editor Frank W. Bruke. Information as to the actual cost, and when sales may be negotiated will be announced at a later date.

Burke also stated that the cover design for the year book has been agreed upon by the staff. The cover will carry out the theme of the Musketeer, namely, Xavier's second century.

### 'News' Enters Seton Hall Press Survey

During the past week, the Xavier University News was entered in the Second Annual Catholic Intercollegiate Press Survey held under the auspices of the Department of Journalism of Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., from February 15 to March 15.

Last year the News received a "Best in America" group rating in the critical service. Editorials and sports stories were judged to be superior, columns and features excellent, and news stories above the average.

The News is entered in Group 2, which is composed of schools with enrollments of five hundred, and will be compared to college papers from all over the nation.

Serving on the Press Committee for the Survey are: Westbrook Pegler, feature columnist for the Scripps-Howard Newspapers; Robert L. Ripley, of "Believe It Or Not" fame; W. W. Chaplin, war correspondent for the International News Service; Daniel A. Lord, S. J., editor of the Queen's Work; John Kieran, sports writer of the New York Times and star of the radio program, "Information Please".

Also: Stan Lomax, sports editor of the Mutual Broadcasting System; Cholly Knickerbocker, society editor of the New York Journal-American; Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent of the New York Times; Burns Mantle, dramatic critic of the New York Daily News; Francis X. Talbot, S. J., editor of the magazine America; Charles H. Ridder, publisher of the Catholic News.

One hundred and fifty Catholic newspapers from colleges and universities throughout America are expected to submit copy in the survey which is held annually as Seton Hall's contribution to the Catholic intercollegiate press of the nation.

### FROSH RETREAT BEGINS OFF-CAMPUS MARCH 14

Forty-three Xavier freshmen will begin their annual retreat at the Milford Novitiate on Friday, March 14. This is the first time in the school's history that a sodality has sponsored an off-campus retreat.

Rev. Leo A. Hogue, S. J., former head of the Department of Religion at Xavier will conduct the spiritual exercises.

## GRADUATES TO ATTEND BREAKFAST

### Local Alumni To Cooperate In Jesuit Observance

It was learned this week through Edward P. Vonderhaar, director of public relations and alumni secretary of Xavier University, that plans are under way here for cooperation with Jesuit alumni in other cities in the nationwide observance on Sunday, March 23, by alumni of Jesuit colleges and universities of the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of the Society of Jesus. The celebration will consist of a general mass and communion to be followed by a breakfast.

The time and place of the celebration in Cincinnati as yet have not been selected, but the breakfast will coincide with an hour nationwide broadcast over the Mutual Network during which prominent Jesuit alumni will speak. Among the speakers will be the Hon. Herbert O'Connor, governor of Maryland and an alumnus of Loyola College of Baltimore and William O'Neil, president of the General Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron. O'Neil is an alumnus of Holy Cross College.

Vonderhaar stated that the celebrations in the state are under the general chairmanship of Rev. Daniel Cronin, S. J., dean of freshmen at John Carroll University, Cleveland, and that observances will be held in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and possibly Marietta, Ohio. James M. Sweeney, an alumnus of Xavier, is chairman of the affair in Columbus.

Although the date of the celebration is arbitrary, Vonderhaar said that an attempt was made to select a date as close as possible to March 25, which date marks the anniversary of the saying of the first mass in the United States by Rev. Andrew White, S. J., in 1634.

### Extra Tickets Available For Final Concert

Because of the interest shown towards the College Symphonic Series, additional tickets may be purchased for the second concert in the series, March 11, at 8:30 in Music Hall, said John E. Smith, chairman of the student committee in charge of the activity.

Students who were unable to attend the first concert on February 11, can obtain tickets from the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company, 121 E. Fourth Street. The price will be 75 cents and, as at the last concert, there will be no reserved seats.

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Eugene Goossens, and David Smith, a Conservatory of Music piano soloist, will present a varied and interesting program, promising another successful concert to all who are the least bit interested in good music.



Louis Feldhaus guides the magic of the Masque.

fect of that word "Curtain" is just the same.

The scene is no longer Room 31 and the occupants are no longer Goettke, Reusch, Kaske, Hengelbrock, and Shay. "Curtain" has transported them in spirit to Edinburgh in Scotland and changed them in character

from students to gentlemen of the cloth. You see, the Masque Society is busy rehearsing "Father Malachy's Miracle", and (in Shakespeare's words) "the play's the thing".

But until that night in April when Father Malachy comes to life on the stage of Wilson Auditorium, Masquers will rehearse in a world, half real, half imaginary. Reality merges with fiction in the strangest manner, and the effect is utterly incon-

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### ● a chance to look into the mirror—

STRANGE, isn't it, the way some of our modern writers attempt to excite the reader into a state of horror by depicting terrible battle scenes, or prophesying the collapse of nations? It is probably good practice in the art of graphic description, but what other purpose does it serve? Does the describing of the crumbling of nations, of the changing of maps, or of international destitution, blood-curdling though it may be, give us any inkling of the way out? True, some authors point to the solution, but each has a different method of changing the social world. Sometimes, you and I must calmly laugh up our sleeves.

Well can you ask, "If you're so smart, what IS the way out?" Naturally, that query would stump us, for it has stumped far too many much more learned men than we. But we can point out a few things that have been pointed out to us.

Some of our modern college students hold that the life of a college man should not be troubled by the sordid details of the happenings in the world, other than that there is a world, and the end is not yet come. Such an idea is, to say the very least, the attitude of one who doesn't care a snap of his fingers for morality in the state or in himself. The individual who carries the word 'PLEASURE' branded on his forehead, like the mark of Cain, is the type who will gradually cause his country to fall. He is the one toward whom propagandists direct their filth, and at whom all the new ideas of government without God are aimed. Here we strike the keynote.

These idle-minded collegians mentioned above form a good part of our flabby nation. They are the men of the future, the bulwarks-to-be of America. Naturally, the weakening of religion is directed at them, rather than at their fathers. We quote from an editorial written by former editor Louis B. Jurgens, in the NEWS of Oct. 23, 1940. "It was brought out that the American people have for many years prospered in every way except one. With characteristic irrepressible optimism Americans have, along with their America, grown larger, grown more powerful, grown more independent; and concomitant with this growth there has been the wider and wider spread of the belief **THAT WE DO NOT NEED GOD!** Mr. Citizen had utmost faith in his democracy, the 'most perfect' government in the world. God was more and more being drawn out of the picture. Collegians, in keeping with the trend, seemed to have three objectives in mind, making a living, improving their social standing, and having a good time."

"AND HAVING A GOOD TIME" . . . Fiddling while Rome burned, or laughing when your diamond ring dropped into the river, would be a better designation. Where was God? What had they done with Him? God had no place in such a worldly scheme; indeed, nothing has any place but individual conceit.

Well, then, what must we do? We at Xavier are modern college men. Are we weak and flabby? Thank God, no — that is, basically. We have had the benefit of Jesuit guidance. Yet, sometimes it seems that an ounce of weakness does crop out, and when it does, we shudder. Our faith in God is well founded. One thing is lacking. Sometimes we do not remember the one thing that is the means of rooting our hard won faith more deeply than ever—sacrifice. The road to sacrifice is difficult, but when accomplished will assist in undermining the foundationless principles of government that slip with the growth of false concepts.

To close, let us quote from a recent edition of another Jesuit college newspaper, the LOYOLAN; "We do not attempt to prophesy where we are going or whether we are drifting, but of one point we can be assured. **As long as Americans have the courage to stand up for their beliefs we will preserve the ideal that we hold.** It is only when we allow ourselves to be swept by sentiment and led by orators that we will desert the paths that we should traditionally tread."

## On The Ball

with Robert E. Rielly

A SOCIAL blitzkrieg hit this 101 year old institution the week end last. Pre-Lent levity was to be found on many firing fronts. First on the calendar was an O. L. C. dance which was definitely not on the Emily Postish side. John E. Smith, lately of this page, was among the missing, but it was still official and a gay old time was had by all. For an account of the C. S. M. C. "pahty" see Brother Hahn and prepare to dodge tears — his week end became a weep end. Inhibitions were left in psych books at the Theta Phi Awful old clothes brawl and the result was an affair really on the ball. Hayden Kelly had the situation well in hand despite some concentrated wolfing on the part of "Buster" Arata, le loup. Bud Farrell was conspicuous by his absence. Al Grogan had Elaine in tow most of the evening. Ray Pater (along with a sizeable majority) confined his activities to the southern end of the barn. Sunday found Lavelle, Burke, Quinlan, and about fifteen other mission-minded (?) individuals hitting the Delhi trail for the Mountain tea dance.

### HOT SHOTS:

"Handsome" Harry Uehlein finds himself between the devil, Betty, Maxine, and the deep blue sea . . . goodbye to Max "muscles" Foy who leaves for the "ahmy." It's not necessary to say good luck because little Maxie can take care of himself in any company . . . that's a feud a brewin between "Zeke" Vaughan and "big poison" Wanger over Mountie Mary . . . prexy Chalifoux is in the market for compacts . . . Jack Bender, formerly of the Class of '42, marched up the middle aisle last week and becomes one of the first '42ers to go off the deep end and . . . the latest triangle has Hank Gessing, Margie and Bill Dierker as principals . . . Tom O'Brien is also in the center of a three-sided figure . . . The grapevine reports that Jean permits long John Thumann to go out with the boys one night a month—lucky fellow . . . Ches Misbach is now in the heart breaker class. He was forced to go to Louisville before a recent dance to avoid turning down so many femmes—those desiring indorsements from Mr. M will kindly form a line to the rear . . . Jerry Helmers has a heart interest in Westwood and Soph Mueller is tom toming it for a Norwood lass.

## NO WEEKEND DATES FOR SENIORS!



"But Virginia! My thesis is due Monday!"  
"So are my library books."

—Joe Swivole

## QUID ERGO? . . . By Robert E. Kaske

WE really liked Si's speech in the Oratorical, even though he didn't come in first. His entire talk was the clearest statement we've heard yet — with some force — of our own views on the subject of "all-out aid to Britain." If the American people could part the veil of propaganda that shields from us so much of the truth, we might all turn sick at some of the disclosures.

Reading the Times-Star the other week, we saw that a downtrodden husband was suing for divorce because, it seems, his wife had made him sleep with her pet monkey for ten years. The judge's ruling was that any man worthy of the name would have kicked the monkey out of bed. Result: Divorce with alimony.

We didn't much mind when the most popular current songs became off-tune marches and anthems. We didn't care too much when all the prominent magazines began to be splattered with pictures of evil-looking guns and bombing planes. We

even bore it manfully when almost all the girls we know began to wear hideous little jeweled patriotic stickpins. But—oh, hapless wail of the innocent farce-loving mind! — when national defense invades half a dozen of our favorite comic strips, it's time to cry with good Macduff, "Oh, horror, horror, horror!"

Want to get a slant on the mentality of your friends? Try writing a column. It seems that no matter what you scribble off, someone will like it—and, most certainly, someone will not. If you give out ideas on poetry, the B. S.'s complain. You burlesque registration day, and the "thinkers" say you're shallow. If the scholars of the place like what you write, the majority lets out a groan; and if by some odd chance both classes approve, the Army probably doesn't. You can't be entirely right — but then again, you can't be entirely wrong. Anyway, it's fun classifying people by their reactions.

And if you like this goulashed accumulation, you're probably a moron.

## IN OTHER WORDS . . . . . By Larry Splain

A MAN who worries about his health will hardly be healthy; for his unwholesome anxiety will not end in the desired strength, but in physical weakness. Men and nations often overlook this quirk of nature.

Today the German and Italian peoples have developed a morbid, excessive, and unnatural anxiety about their future health and strength. Although anyone will acknowledge that they have succeeded in making their bodies sturdy and strong, most of us realize that they will never, as they claim, become a pure and indestructible race; for their spirit of hatred and pride will return to destroy them. As the scientist is destroyed by his own invention, the German people shall ultimately be weakened by their blundering, 'healthy', physical strength.

Yet now they believe that in this type of strength lies their salvation.

America, among other things, is a land of healthy opportunity; and especially a land of opportunity for health. But some Americans have forgotten that health is more than physical well-being; health means total well-being. Yet how can there be total well-being for those countless individuals who are caught in the consequential web of such unhealthy (more or less) developments as cities, air-conditioning, screaming newspaper headlines, alka seltzers, birth control, and double feature movies?

We are unhealthy in other ways. As a people we would not like to be accused of mysticism. Yet the lack of the fanciful and mysterious in our lives

is really our loss; mysticism is not harmful, but necessary and beneficial. G. K. Chesterton thought it of prime importance; he says that "as long as you have mysticism you have health."

Prayer is another healthy practice that has been widely neglected. That brilliant, modern scientist, Dr. Alexis Carrel, M. D., writing in Reader's Digest (March 1941), says that "the influence of prayer on the human body is as demonstrable as that of secreting glands. Its results can be measured in terms of increased physical buoyancy, greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina, and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships".

And so religious manifestations are really healthy manifestations, the sign of a healthy people.

## MUSKIES END BASKETBALL CARD AGAINST DETROIT

### Battle Promised In Final Game

The Musketeers wind up the 1941 cage season Saturday night against Detroit when the Titans come here with hopes of getting revenge for the 37-30 beating handed them in the Motor City a month ago by the Crowmen. That game was a typical Xavier-Detroit encounter with 21 fouls called on the Blue and 22 personals on the Titans.

Xavier high point man in that fray was Jerry Quinlan, who dropped in four buckets and three free throws, while operating from the pivot line. Since then the junior Chicagoan has spent most of his time in the circle and has performed much more effectively there than at his former guard position.

#### Mutryn May Start It

Taking his place at guard will be either Bob Mulligan or Chet Mutryn, with the latter probably getting the nod for the starting assignment. Mutryn has steadily improved since he joined the squad the night of the Ohio U. game and may develop into a very capable hoopster by the time the '42 cage season rolls around. Paired with him at guard will be Jim Vaughn, whose talent finally was uncovered after Moose Himmler had been declared ineligible.

Bert Robben and Bob Krueger will hold down the forward jobs. Robben, who is Xavier's candidate for any all-Ohio team, has already passed the two hundred mark and will be shooting at a 250 total for the year.

#### Lundgren Leads Detroit

Captain Hank Lundgren will lead the Titan squad against the Musketeers. Lundgren, the only senior on the squad, counted eight points against the Blue in the earlier encounter between the two clubs. He will start at guard with Johnny Piringer. Piringer, the most aggressive player on the squad, has a remarkable ability to get himself fouled. In the first game, he was donated seven free throws and made six of them count.

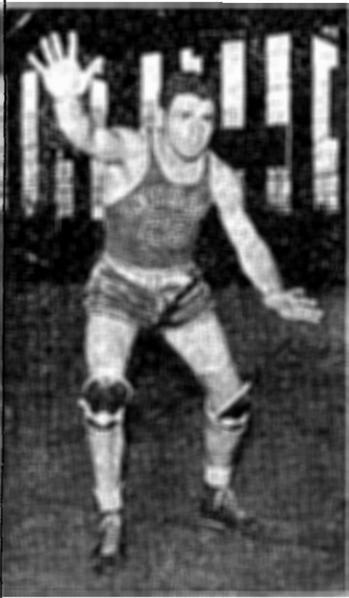
Joe Jarrett, sophomore pivot man whose outstanding ability is tricky, deceptive ball-handling replaces Bob Calihan in the Titan lineup. Calihan, who set a new scoring record for Detroit cagers during his three years of competition, was lost to the squad through graduation.

#### Brice From Loyola

At forwards will be junior Bob Brice and sophomore Art Stolkey. Brice is a former teammate of Jarrett at Loyola High School of Chicago, where he played against Musketeers Robben, Gates, Quinlan, Vaughn, and Tetens. Stolkey is a sophomore six-footer from Dearborn, Mich., where he starred with Holy Redeemer High.

In previous encounters between the two schools, the Musketeers have won six of ten starts. Last year the schools split, 31-36, and 46-41.

### Detroit Aces



Joe Jarrett, Titan forward, will start against the Blue.



Titan Bob Bruce will handle a forward assignment Saturday.

### Coonhunters In Tournay Finals Against Liners

The Coonhunters and Fogliners met in the I-M hoop tournay finals yesterday, but at press time the results were not known.

After playing off a tie for third place with the Nomads, the 'Hunters went on to the finals by defeating the Alley Rats, 29-10, last Thursday, and bowling over the Wonders the next day on an 18-12 count. Arata and Krekeler led the 'Hunters to their wins through their fine court play and offensive work.

#### 'Liners Beat Pros

The 'Liners worked their way to the playoff by defeating the Dormites Sunday morning and the I-M Pros Monday. In the Pro game, the Fogliners' fast break clicked, and the Pros tired early in the second half. Jack Vissman led the victors with 8 baskets and a free throw to score almost half of his team's total.

## I-M Notes

Entries for the volley ball competition must be submitted to a member of the I-M Board no later than Friday, March 7. There will be a Dorm and a Day division; play will start Tuesday, March 11. A team will forfeit each scheduled match after Mar. 11 until the entire 90c team entry fee is paid.

The volleyball championship will definitely be decided by an elimination tournament of the top teams in each league. The designated number of teams from each league to be entered in the tourney will be determined by the respective number of entries in each league, and will be announced at the opening of the competition.

Entry lists for the handball competition, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 17, will be posted on the bulletin board this week. There will be a dime entry fee per man and the winner will receive the Dr. Fay annual trophy.

### Kingpins Set New I-M Bowling Mark

In the first fourth-round match, Keller's Kingpins set a new I-M Bowling league record when they knocked over 780 pins. Included in the new record were several individual highs: Jacober, 188; Keller, 182; Rothering, 148; Welch, 123; and Heim, 139.

The league completed its third round last week with two new starters added to the list, Puttmann's Big Five, led by "Nick" Nicolai with a 170 average, and Rentrop's Flying Dutchmen, to bring the total membership to ten entries.

#### Kingpins Win Again

Among last week's results were Keller's Kingpins' defeat of Straw's club, 639-623, the Kampus Keglers' win over Hiltz' with a 566 total, the Bankers' 573 total which defeated Hemmer's Five, and the M. M. Maulers' loss to the Brungs' superior score of 626.

The present plan of the Board is to have each team play every other entrant. "At the end of the season," said Gene Ullrich, who is running the tournament, "the team with the best won-and-lost average will be crowned champion."

### Day League Hoop All-Stars Announced

The Day contingent of mural All-Stars is dominated by the four top finishers in the league. Forwards include Ed Sherron of the Nomads, 6 foot 2" push shot artist; Nicolai, flashy star of the crack Pro outfit; Hemmer, diminutive ace of the Breathless Wonders, and Jim Arata of the Coonhunters, high point man of the Day loop. The center post will be handled by Schmerge of the Pros, noted long shot, and Ruttie, the Wonders' defensive pivot. At the guards will be Kopp of the Pros, Hoenemeyer of the Nomads, Krekeler of the Coonhunters, and Helmers of the Crimson Wave.

## Parkway Patter from Ed Griffin

A very interesting "exchange" from the University of Cincinnati found its way into the News room this week, and some observant fellow clipped an editorial from that paper and tacked it up on the bulletin board. We think that said editorial would be of great interest to you students of Xavier. It will give you some idea of the esteem in which we are held over there.

It is impossible to reprint the column in full so we'll try to give you the jest of it. It is entitled "What's in It for Us" and deals with that prospective conference about which everyone is talking and thinking.

We quote, "Recently the University of Dayton News came out with a proposal to revive a conference with Dayton, Xavier, Cincinnati, Akron, Western Reserve, Toledo, and Butler. Undoubtedly such a conference would be beneficial to Dayton but the University of Cincinnati may as well be blunt. This conference or any other conference must justify itself to us. In other words, "What's in it for us?"

"The U. C. football team after many years of wandering in the wilderness is just about ready to emerge into the Promised Land of Football. After a very creditable showing this year, the football team is ready to take on the better teams. Will a conference that limits its members to perhaps two or three non-conference games a season allow the University to have the freedom of action necessary to schedule big teams? Obviously not. A conference, therefore, must justify itself by containing within it enough teams to give adequate opportunity for any member to attract large crowds to the games. U. C. should not be the "angel" of the conference who draws the crowds so that the other members can make expenses by playing here. In the conference proposed, only Western Reserve would have the drawing power necessary to insure the University sufficient return."

"U. C. does not oppose conferences per se. If it can be arranged that universities of comparable scholastic standing, enrollment and ability be united in a conference, then perhaps U. C. would be interested. Until this is arranged, however, we must continue to ask, "What's in it for us?"

Sports Editor's note: after this column was turned in, somebody came across an editorial in the Marshall Parthenon, from which we quote pertinent parts: "... Marshall will most certainly be accepted in one of two new six-team conferences which he (Harry Baujan of Dayton) is attempting to form in a new athletic alignment of colleges in this section of the country."

"Ever since the bust-up of the Buckeye Conference we have naturally wished to become a part of some similar organization. There have been those schools which, as Baujan said, have been "definitely against getting any conference which has Marshall as a member" but there are also those which are equally as interested in an association with Marshall.

"Be that as it may, the possibility of membership in a new conference is now becoming more and more a reality and a few weeks should tell the tale. Such membership is awaited as something desired and when it becomes a fact, as it most surely must, we will have gained that much more of a head start to better designed and better organized athletics in connection with and in relation to other schools."

At least, they admit the need for improvement.

## Pistoleers Lose To Hamilton In Close Match

BY ALEX McPHERSON

The Xavier pistol team journeyed to Hamilton last Wednesday, Feb. 26, to fire a shoulder-to-shoulder match with the more experienced Hamilton Rifle & Pistol Club. When the evening's competition was completed, it was discovered that the sharpshooters were slightly more accurate than the Xavier men, winning 1248-1224.

The Musketeer marksmen who fired the highest scores were frosh O'Neil and Germann who registered 259 and 252 points respectively out of a possible 300. Winterman took third honors by turning in a 248 target. The remaining sextet of Muskie pistoleers had more or less of an off night. Jim Dickerson, freshman trigger star who usually finishes high, had the worst night of his pistol shooting career when he shot a disheartening 185.

A return match is to be scheduled on a future date at the fieldhouse pistol range.

During the past week, the Muskies have been opposing the Universities of Santa Clara and Utah in postal match fire.

The 'X' gunmen have a none-too-impressive record but show great promise for an inexperienced squad. In postal competition, no wins have been rung up, but several of the country's outstanding pistol squads have been the Xavier opponents.

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## COUNCIL WILL REPAIR UNION HOUSE ALLEYS

At the suggestion of Rev. Owen J. Englum, S. J., moderator of the Student Council, the Council approved last week a proposal that a sum of twenty dollars be expended to make necessary repairs on the bowling alleys in the Student Union. It was brought to light that although the repairs are urgent, no fund is available for the work.

Although unanimously passing the suggestion, members of Council emphatically stated that their organization would provide for the repairs only for this one occasion and further stated that they had no intention of assuming the upkeep and management of the alleys. At present the alleys are under the supervision of the Prefect of Elet Hall, Rev. Edward J. Bracken, S. J.

Adoption of the constitutional changes and amendments recently suggested were shelved this week pending the sanction of the president of the university on the proposed changes.

## Dorm Champs Meet Day Titlists

Playing their second title game in two days, the Fogliners, Dorm titlists, meet the Wonders, who grabbed the Day League crown in the playoff for the school championship.

Jack Hemmer is expected to carry the burden for the Day League representatives as they attempt to stop the Liners victory streak, while the Liners will depend on a fast-breaking offense against the Wonders with Charley Lavelle, flashy guard leading the attack and Jack Vissman, providing the punch.

## Associated Collegiate Press Reports From New Mexico

Ready for a hard-luck story? It's about Lylene Garner, freshman at Eastern New Mexico college, Portales.

On the first day of school this year she fell upstairs at Women's hall and suffered minor bruises. Then she developed a recalcitrant appendix and had to have an operation. Shortly afterward, in what she calls a blue trance, she sat down on a hot radiator, arising therefrom with alacrity and some pain.

Next she was accidentally hit by a playful girl-friend and sported a black eye. Now Lylene has a broken nose, acquired when she walked into a door that should have been open and wasn't.

Small wonder that Lylene is a bit cynical these days.

Flagpoles are very short-lived on the campus of New Mexico State. The average age is about 12 years. Two were dethroned by playful bolts of lightning, a third by an equally playful March wind. The present pole will "come of age" two years hence, and students are beginning to wonder if the wind can again beat the lightning to the draw.

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## Bulletin Features Campus Activities

Just off the press, the annual Xavier "viewbook" has adopted a new form this year. Deviating from the usual pictorial magazine style to a folder, the publication contains pictures of the Xavier campus, activities of the school, and gives other information concerning the university. Not a small folder, the article reaches the large size of 22 by 32 inches when fully opened.

Prepared for the Publicity Department, the folder is aimed at acquainting prospective students and their parents with the university. Students desiring a copy of the "View-folder" may obtain one by calling at the Registrar's office.

## Auld Lang Syne

**Seven Years Ago This Week:** The Musketeers defeated Ohio Wesleyan 29-28 to win the state championship. Kenny Jordan played an outstanding game . . . Rev. Victor C. Stechschulte, S. J., recorded two earthquakes during the week.

**Nine Years Ago This Week:** Xavier defeated Wittenberg 26-21, to wind up the hardwood campaign with a record of thirteen wins and three defeats.

**Ten Years Ago This Week:** The Musketeers closed a successful basketball season with a 26-20 win over Denison College . . . Alvin E. Ostholtzoff won the Washington Oratorical Medal.

**Eleven Years Ago This Week:** The Dante Club presented the whole of Dante's "Divina Comedia." It was given by two students Grogan and Muckerheide . . . John H. Cook and William J. Wise answered Detroit University in a debate about Naval Disarmament over station WLW . . . Jerry Jones, a former Notre Dame football player under Rockne, resigned as Xavier line coach to take up business duties in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## Alumni Contribute Books To Library

Two alumni of Xavier have donated 600 volumes to the Library, according to an announcement this week by Albert J. Worst, librarian. Dr. Theodore Wenning, '04, has augmented the Library's collection of medical books with a recent gift of several hundred volumes. John E. Fitzpatrick, '15, has donated approximately one hundred volumes of world literature.

"Books of History, chiefly of Spain and Spanish America, and the Greek and Latin classics," stated Mr. Worst, "are being purchased with the \$400 fund which was recently presented to the Library by the Booklovers Association."

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## Incongruity Is Keynote At Rehearsal

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gruous. If you're inclined to doubt, drop in on a Masque rehearsal sometime and convince yourself.

You'll see John Goettke as an Irish priest with a thick brogue (and that's incongruous itself, if you know Goettke), dressed not in black, clerical robes but in a brilliant orange and blue jacket and sporting a number 99 on his sleeve. You'll see the dignified Canon Geoghegan (Hengelbrock to you) garbed in a red and black sports shirt.

You'll discover Director Feldhaus performing in a capacity never before suspected. At one moment his mellow tones will simulate the chanting of a church choir; at the next moment, Director Feldhaus will be performing in the stead of a swing band.

Not the least of the incongruities noticeable is that of stage setting. The Rev. Hamilton (Bob Kissel) enters the scene from an imaginary doorway formed by a gap between two of Xavier's one-armed torture chambers. No doubt you'll think you have a case for the psychopathic ward when you see Bob Reusch making passes in the air. But you'll be wrong. He's robbing for benediction, in pantomime.

The rest of the cast, Weigel, Deye, Beumer, Downing, Quinlan, Washer, Krekeler, Seidenfaden Rack, Centner, Burke, Clark, Smith, Schneider, and McClure lounge about the room, more or less in the manner of stage props, while waiting for their cues.

At the end of rehearsal, you'll admit its incongruous, but you'll also admit on that certain night in April, that incongruities bring results.

## Biology Club To Prepare Exhibit

At the regular meeting of the Biology Club this noon, President William C. Hugenberg proposed that the members prepare exhibits of their work of the past year for demonstration on Visitors' Day. The science juniors are to take special part in this demonstration by exhibiting specimens of their thesis work. The Biology Club exhibit has been one of the highlights of Xavier openhouse the last two years.

Preceding the proposal by Hugenberg were talks by Irwin R. Young, pre-medical junior, and Paul F. Siegel, science senior. Young, speaking on Vitamin B1, gave the second of a series of lectures on vitamins by members of the organization. Siegel spoke on the advance of ionization in dentistry.

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Editor, the News:

The committee, and of course Mr. Downing, the moderator, wishes to thank the News for their splendid editorial on the Mission Raffle. With the News and the student body behind us, we know that our late Holy Father's words, "Catholic Action Through Mission Action," will be ably carried out. We ask you to continue to implore the students not to spend their nickels on five-cent, exploding cigars, or their dimes on canned heat, but rather to lie in wait every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and get those raffle chances. Our slogan: "We do not baffle; we really give prizes at our raffle."

Thanking you again,  
**Len Kuehnle.**

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## XAVIER TO SEND TWO DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

As representatives of the Sodality at Xavier University, William J. White and David B. Kehler will travel to Chicago on March 23 to attend one of the nationwide Conferences of the Sodality of Our Lady.

All the meetings of the Conference will be conducted by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., editor of *The Queen's Work*, and he will give several short talks during the course of the meeting. In the discussions students and faculty members will be given the opportunity to present their problems and probable solutions.

The objective of the day will be the deepening of the college student's religious viewpoint and the focusing of attention on opportunities that lie at his disposal.

These conferences will also be conducted in Kansas City and Saint Louis, Baltimore, Washington, New York City, Boston, Buffalo, Omaha, Chicago, San Antonio and New Orleans.

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