

## Friar Debaters Will Take Part In Tournament

### To Engage in Inter-College Contest at Maine University

Four members of the Providence College Debating Union left for Orono, Maine, today to represent Providence College in an intercollegiate debating tournament sponsored by the University of Maine Debating Society. The debaters are Charles Cottam, '43; John F. O'Gara, '40; Daniel E. Geary, Jr., '40, and James R. McGowan, '41. They were accompanied by the Rev. A. P. Regan, O.P., faculty moderator of the Debating Union.

Other colleges represented at the tournament are Amherst, Williams, Bowdoin, Rhode Island College of Education, St. Patrick's of Ottawa, University of New Hampshire, Rhode Island State College and Colby. The question to be discussed is: "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads."

#### Experiment

The tournament is an experiment in intercollegiate debating methods in New England. Although debating tournaments are frequent among colleges of the South and the Middle West, single debates have been customary with institutions in this section of the country.

The debaters will be told just prior to the beginning of the debate what side they will defend. This method places emphasis on native speaking ability and a comprehensive knowledge of the subject on hand. It eliminates the practiced speech to a considerable extent.

Each college will be represented by two teams, both of which will engage in five debates. The debates will be judged by members of other teams. Grading of the competitors, however, will be done largely on an estimate formed by other judges prominent in public speaking departments of New England colleges and universities.

The tournament will begin tomorrow afternoon after a drawing of opposition by lots. A military ball will be held Friday, with escorts from the University.

The tournament will resume Saturday morning. In the evening a banquet will be held, with the awarding of trophies.

#### Other Debates

A debate with Connecticut State has been tentatively set for the evening of December 13, in Harkins Hall. The subject has not yet been fixed.

A debate with the University of Maine will also be held here on March 8 on the railroad question, Daniel E. Geary, Jr., '40, Secretary of the Providence College Debating Union has revealed.

Geary also announced that an invitation to debate has been received from Colby College. Geary said that the Debating Union's annual road trip will be deferred to spring.

## PHILOSOPHY CLUB PRESENTS CIRCLE

The Philosophy club of Providence College held a scholastic circle in Harkins Hall Tuesday evening, Daniel J. MacArthur, '40, president, welcomed the assembly and outlined the purpose of the club. Anthony R. Sasso, '40, read a paper on "The Value of Education." Violin selections were given by George Allman, '43.

A thesis entitled "The Senses Are the Criteria of Truth, was defended by Edward J. McCaffrey, '40, and the objector was Thomas Levesque, '40.

## FROSH NOMINATIONS

Nominations for freshman class officers will take place this morning in the auditorium at 11:30. The nominations will not be according to divisions as in the past but will be open to all. All members of the class are urged to attend this meeting. The elections will take place Thursday, December 14, in the auditorium.

## P. C. Magazine To Celebrate Anniversary

### December Issue of 'Alembic' to Feature Outstanding Stories

A special issue of the Alembic, Providence College student literary quarterly magazine, will be published this month commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the publication's foundation. Lionel J. Landry, '40, editor, said yesterday. The issue, which will bring to campus readers some of the best writing appearing in the review in its twenty years of existence, will consist solely of reprinted articles, essays, poems, short stories and narratives submitted by past contributors.

Among the selections chosen by the staff for the anniversary issue will appear "Franklin, A Self-made Man," an essay by Paul F. Skehan, '23, from the issue of December 1920. "The Holy Night," a poem by John P. Walsh, '24, from the same issue; "Jovial Embroidery," an essay by William G. Beaudro, '38, from the issue of January 1936; "Vox ex Umbria," a poem by E. Riley Hughes, '37, from the issue of December, 1936; "Winter," a poem, by John Houlihan, '40, from the same issue, also "Glimpses of Kilmer," an essay, by John F. O'Connell, '28, from the issue of November 1926; "A Barbarous Epic," a poem by James J. Lynch, '25, from the issue of February, 1923; "Christmas Bells," a poem, by John Lacroix, '33, from the issue of December, 1932; "Voltaire," an essay, by Anis Samaan, '27, from the issue of March, 1927; "Eroica," a short story by Robert C. Healey, '39, from the issue of November 1937; "On the

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## Bishop Honored



## Deceased Benefactors Are Honored By Students At Thanksgiving Mass

### Father Fitzgerald Lauds Late Bishop Matthew Harkins

At a solemn high mass held in Harkins Hall last Wednesday in honor of the deceased benefactors of the college, the entire Providence College student body heard the late Bishop Harkins praised by the Rev. Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O. P., vice-president of the college.

The mass of thanksgiving was celebrated by the Very Rev. John J. Dillon, O. P., president of the college, Father Dillon was assisted by the Rev. Frederick C. Hickey, O. P., deacon, and the Rev. William A. Sullivan, O. P., sub-deacon.

The Rev. Arthur H. Chandler, O. P., dean; the Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O. P., assistant dean, and the Rev. Daniel M. Gallier, O. P., registrar, were seated in the sanctuary.

Alcoytes for the mass were,

Charles Bree, '41, and William Kaufman, '43.

The Providence College choir under the direction of the Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O. P., provided music at the mass.

In pointing out the sacrifice that was necessary for the generosity of the dead benefactors, Father Fitzgerald said, "Let us recall that there must have been something of the spirit, something of the mind and the super-sensitive that impelled men to surrender the hard earned wealth that made the monument possible—the cement, the steel, and the framework are but another body to house and tabernacle the idea—the interest and the spirit that made this college."

General Communion was received by the entire student body during the mass after which breakfast was served in the cafeteria.

Classes were suspended for Thanksgiving recess following breakfast.

## Theatre Group Will Present Connell Play

### Tickets for 'Brother Orclid' Are Placed on Sale By Players

Tickets for "Brother Orclid," which will be presented in Harkins Hall December 16 and 17 by the Pyramid Players are now on sale, it was announced today by Joseph A. Wade, '40, production manager.

The tickets are priced at fifty cents each with a special student price of thirty-five cents per person.

"Brother Orclid," written by John Connell, is the major production of the Players for this semester. It is a tale of the adventures of a big-time gangster in a Floratine monastery. Rehearsals for the play have been in progress since the first of November.

Members of the cast are Thomas Farrell, '41; Joseph A. Wade, '40; Francis Stadnick, '43; John Antaya, '41; Edward Healy, '43; Joseph McLaughlin, '42; Ira Williams, '41; Charles J. McGovern, '41; Francis X. McCarthy, '41; Edward Dupras, '40, and Thomas McBrien, '41. It is expected that a dress rehearsal of the entire play will be held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 15.

John Gibbons, '41; Patrick Brannon, '41; Eaden Keith, '43; and Frank Gragnani, '40, are the members of the publicity staff.

#### Technicians

Technicians for the production will be James Gilligan, '40; Joseph Keough, '40; George Carroll, '40; Sal Guglielmo, '40; John O'Reilly, '40; Joseph O'Shea, '43; James Hattan, '43; Patrick Doyle, '43; Thomas Gilliland, '43; John Tramentoni, '43; Edward Donilon, '43; Samuel Turille, '43; James Curran, '43; and Dennis Izz, '43.

Ushers will be James Leo, '40; Stanley Esclonias, '40; Paul Sweeney, '40, and John Barnini, '40.

John M. Reynolds, '40, business manager for the production, said that tickets would continue on sale throughout the coming week. One ticket each will be allotted to students at the special thirty-five cent rate; tickets will cost fifty cents at the door.

## New England DES Group to Organize

### Faculty Members to Represent Providence College At Boston Meeting

The Rev. Arthur H. Chandler, O. P., dean, and the Rev. Daniel M. Gallier, O. P., registrar, of Providence College, will leave for Boston tomorrow, where plans for the formation of a New England division of Delta Epsilon Sigma, national Catholic honor society for men and women from Catholic colleges throughout the country, will be discussed at a meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association.

The honor society, plans for which were first drawn up in Washington last April, call for the establishment on Catholic college campuses of chapters of the DES with each chapter electing qualified students to membership. Although plans concerning the formation of the society will not be completed until late next spring, it is expected that Providence College will form a unit in the nationwide group of colleges which will become affiliated with it.

Father Gallier, who will represent Providence College with Father

## College Nickelodeon Shows Huge Profits in the Form of Slugs

By IRA T. WILLIAMS, JR., '41

The nickelodeon in the cafeteria is very profitable—yes indeed. But who profits most—the students or the management? That is the question.

The other day the money box was opened and lo and behold it contained the grand and magnificent total of \$1.55 in good, solid, American money and \$75 in slugs. Nickel slugs, dime slugs, quarter slugs, and some slugs with no economic value whatsoever, all tumbled into the lap of the astounded manager who mumbled prayers to all the saints in heaven.

The destruction of civilization is at hand once again. Just as economic and moral derangement weakened the Roman Empire centuries ago, just as the fall of Babylon was attributed to greed for financial power, so is the fall of the twentieth century world predicted. With such debauching of the morals of our present group of intelligentsia there is no other outlet possible except one of utter collapse and decay.

If allowed to continue in this vile

practice of putting slugs into nickelodeons and other machines, there will come a day when there will be no stopping of the flow of newly made slugs. Our mint will even cease to print money and will devote itself entirely to the coining of slugs. The art of goldfish swallowing will be a lost art among college students years hence. It will be replaced by "slugging machines."

Imagine the case when one walks into the new style 21st century restaurants with ten or eleven slugs and buys his dinner. Or suppose that our poker games are paid in slugs. What then? One good point brought up by the adherents to this defalcation is the fact that if a war should be declared all that would be necessary would be the melting of slugs for bullets. This is the same as having a bald-headed man comb his hair with a towel. There is no point to it.

In the not too distant future there will, in all probability, be a bank

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## Wedding Bells Ring For Coach Crotty

### Friar Basketball Mentor Married In Danbury, Connecticut, December 1

Head basketball coach and assistant football coach, Ed Crotty, was married last Friday morning to Gloria Maria Young of Danbury, Conn., at St. Joseph's Church, Danbury.

The Very Rev. John J. Dillon, O. P., President of Providence College, was the celebrant at the solemn high mass; Rev. Daniel M. Gallier, O. P., and the Rev. Edward H. Schmidt, O. P., were deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. Alcoytes were the Rev. Nicholas H. Serror, O. P., and the Rev. Dominic L. Ross, O. P.

The Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O. P., and the Rev. Edward I. Masterson were present in the sanctuary during the ceremony. Head football coach, Hugh Devore, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Crotty are expected back from their honeymoon today and plan to make their home in Providence.

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## THE DORM

The completion of the new residence hall exemplifies a termination and likewise an inception. First, it signifies the culmination of the actual construction work; and secondly, as we had rather think of it, it is the first achievement in an extensive building campaign. A campaign which might add three or more buildings to the College during the next few years.

It is the first major building campaign by the College in nearly a decade, and was undertaken at great financial expense. However, there has been much evidence attesting to the fact that it will be well worth the tremendous efforts which have been extended on its behalf.

The prestige of the College has already been greatly enhanced. We are no longer an institution with a solitary main building. And, although this may appear foolish, it is nevertheless true that the general public is incapable of believing that the physical size of a college need not affect its academic standing, and that a college of one building may have just as high a rating as one whose campus is cluttered with halls.

Aquinas Hall is not in reality a dormitory, but a most modern and up-to-date residence hall. In addition to the living quarters, it has a dining hall, a lounge, a recreational room in the basement, and a chapel.

This set up provides these students who are fortunate enough to reside on the campus with every possible opportunity to live a college life to its fullest. They have the chance to establish and foster friendships which will last for life. This was practically impossible as long as they were scattered all over the neighborhood. And experience has proved that true friendships can not be formed in the classrooms alone. In addition to the education of the will and the intellect, the social and cultural life of a student should not be neglected. The Catholic conception of higher education, in-

cludes as well as others, though to a lesser degree, this social aspect of a college education. At Providence, it has been and will continue to be accorded its proper position.

The proximity to the priests and the chapel should facilitate their daily attendance at Mass and frequent the reception of Holy Communion. These two practices in themselves, if lived up to, would more than contribute towards their share towards defraying the actual expenses for the chapel.

Providence College builds for the future.

## INCONSISTENCY

Fining a millionaire ten dollars and costs for murder in the first degree would indeed be ludicrous. And that is just how the "moral embargo" appears to us. Banning planes and aeronautical supplies from Russia at this time is about as sensible as trying to put the Atlantic Ocean in a two quart jar.

A "moral embargo" at this time is the same as closing the barn door after the horse has been stolen. The present administration in recognizing Russia back in 1933 should have taken into consideration the fundamental doctrines of Communism. There was a great deal of oppression against recognition at that time but greed for revenue from our foreign trade and the Soviets settled the issue.

Communism has not changed since our recognition of Russia. The Soviets are merely putting into practice those doctrines which in 1933 they were not powerful enough to effect. It was American aid which made the Reds the power that they are today.

The people of the United States must decide which course they are to follow in regard to the present conflicts. They must decide whether these subversive doctrines are to be suppressed and aid given to smaller nations or whether they wish to remain neutral and stay out of conflicts. If it be the latter then the United States must treat all nations without discrimination but if the purpose is to suppress these subversive doctrines and to aid helpless nations more stringent action than a "moral embargo" must be taken.

Air products are but a minor part of the strength of any warring nation. In order to aid Finland effectively it will be necessary to sever diplomatic and trade relations with the Russians. The Reds already have enough planes but they are in constant need of our machinery and our superior manufactured products. Worthwhile action by the United States combined with action of the Balkan nations is the only way to make Stalin think before acting.

The action of European nations against Russia will be utterly useless unless the United States adopts a policy which will be effective. A "moral embargo" at this time is the same as giving candy as a remedy for stomach ache. It portrays the idea that the United States is willing to take action which will not draw

## College Capers



## Collegians to Give Congressman Dies Warm Reception Upon Investigation

Congressman Martin Dies, the government's one-man crusade against all things un-American, has announced that he'll soon turn his prying eyes on U. S. colleges and universities— but he's going to get a warm reception.

Past activities of Mr. Dies' well-publicized committee have already discredited his work, the collegians maintain in editorials in the college press, but they nevertheless fear that his proposed investigation will, without cause, injure the nation's institutions of higher learning and hamper the accomplishment of their programs and the fulfillment of their duties.

The Ohio State University Lantern believes that "whatever Mr. Dies' avowed good intentions were, he has scuttled them with his scurrilous tactics. Mr. Dies smears names. He browbeats witnesses. He raids private correspondence. He does everything that is undemocratic and unpalatable to advocates of democracy. Not only would Mr. Dies be wasting the public's money (in investigating colleges), he would be making himself a public nuisance and menace."

The Amherst College Student attacked the coming investigation with these words: "It is one thing when the committee investigates members of the communist party for subversive activities, and another when it turns to education, the single greatest essential of democracy. Any injury to the freedom of education is striking at the life blood of democracy."

"Each student, whatever his sympathies, will be affected by any such investigation," says the University of Michigan Daily, "if not directly, then indirectly by witnessing the general suspension of his friends, or (if he be friendly) by the obfuscation and final obliteration of cultural progress here at the university."

The McPherson Spectator brought the possible results of the investigation home to its readers in this manner: "If the committee should investigate McPherson College, judging by previous methods, they probably would find that the history classes are using subversive propaganda when they study the Russian system of communism, the Italian corporate state, the German version of National So-

cialism, and the Japanese system of totalitarianism. And economics classes would be scored for discussing the possibility of a communistic economy, the abolition of the price system, the replacement of the capitalistic ideal with some better methods. The right of discussion and the right to freedom of speech and assembly are inherent and must be retained in a democracy. Any attempt at denying that right is in itself an un-American activity."

In an editorial letter to Mr. Dies, the University of Pittsburgh News hinted at a possible explanation of the congressman's move: "We realize that you (Mr. Dies) are a wholly disinterested researcher when you come to examine our colleges and universities. That of the 60 college journals we read, only one little school has commended you, while about 45 college papers have denounced your actions. Has, of course, nothing to do with your sudden determination to expose those hotbeds of radicalism, the American Institutions of higher learning. Come on, Mr. Dies, we're waiting." And so, as we said in the beginning, Mr. Dies is due to receive a warm welcome from the nation's collegians!

## AQUINO CLUB TO HOLD INITIATION CEREMONIES

The initiation committee of the Aquino Club at a meeting held last Tuesday formulated plans for the initiation of freshmen members of the club. The initiation will be held in the near future.

Members of the committee include: Ralph Paparella, John Lombardi, Joseph Bevilacqua, Salvatore Gueliello, Frank De Traglia, Nino Fabbrini, Thomas Di Luevas and Edmund Baldi, seniors; Donald Tramonti, John Pascone and Al Marchetti, Juniors; Edward Franco, Samuel Iorio, Frank Merciole and John Russillo, sophomores; Nicholas Golini and Mario Macaruso, freshmen.

## Seniors to Hold Annual 'Veritas' Dance

The senior class will hold its annual "Veritas" dance in Harkins Hall Friday evening, January 12. It was announced last Tuesday by Bernard T. White, President. The purpose of the dance will be to obtain financial support for the year-book.

The committee, headed by Frederick Smore, includes Joseph Buckley, Thomas Levesque, William

## Political Stage Is Taken Over By Students

### Governor Stark and Postmaster General Comment on Campaign

College students threw their hats in the ring last week, and took the center of the political stage. The opening meeting in Westminster College's student campaign was important enough to draw speeches from Governor Stark of Missouri and Postmaster General James Farley, and a coast-to-coast network from CBS.

The reason for the radio broadcast and the speeches from eminent political figures was that the occasion was important not only to Westminster, but to colleges throughout the country. Already many colleges have expressed an interest in Westminster's plan for making students more active politically, and a long range campaign has been outlined.

### Parties

Westminster College has inaugurated this fall a plan for dividing the undergraduate body into three political parties—Republican, Democratic, and Independent-Liberal. The parties are led by student chairmen, and hold, roughly, the political views that their names indicate. A series of debates are planned in the college gymnasium, each of which will be addressed by a guest speaker, prominent in politics.

Among the names of future speakers are listed Thomas Dewey, New York's District Attorney; Mayor La Guardia, of New York; Senator Arthur Vandenberg, and ex-President Hoover, all of whom have expressed approval of the scheme.

The final meeting, which will take place in the spring, will consist of party conventions, run with all the trimmings of real conventions, from banners to cigar smoke, and climaxed with each party's selection of its candidate for the presidency. Students from other colleges where similar plans are being worked out will attend Westminster's final convention.

Governor Stark made the trip to Fulton in person, and his remarks were heard by fifteen hundred people in the college gymnasium, in addition to the radio audience of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Postmaster Farley spoke from Washington, also over CBS, and his remarks were picked up inside the gymnasium, and carried over the public address system to the crowd.

### Governor Approves

Welcomed by the entire Westminster student body which escorted him from the Administration building to the gym, Governor Stark expressed himself in complete approval of the attempt to tighten the relationship between college students and the political life of their country. The governor said, in part:

"Too many of our young men and women—and too many older people—take the attitude that politics is beneath them; something sordid from which they would be, in some manner, contaminated.

"Service to a political party is service to the nation. It makes no difference which party you serve. Our democracy owes its existence to the two-party system—and the party in power will always need a strong opposition party to provide the system of checks and balances which is an integral part of our pattern for government."

Burns, John Sherlock and John Gallogly.

John M. Reynolds, business manager of the annual, will serve as chairman ex-officio. The class officers who will assist the committee in arrangements are: Bernard T. White, president; Joseph L. Byron, vice president; Donat L. Brochu, secretary, and Howard L. Irish, treasurer.

## Dorm is First Step in P. C. Building Plans

### Aquinas Hall Offers Complete Facilities for Resident Students

Aquinas Hall, Providence College's new \$500,000 residence hall, now occupied to capacity with 180 students and 11 members of the faculty, is the first step in a gradual physical expansion of the college, started December 16, 1938, following a drive for funds conducted by the college earlier that year.

The Hall is located on the northeast section of the campus adjacent to Guzman Hall. It is expected eventually to form the basis of a quadrangle of buildings to be added as the college expands.

As seen from the front the dormitory appears as an inverted U with a grass plaza and terrace leading to the front entrance in the center. The building is 300 feet long and 35 feet wide, with a wing on each end 35 feet by 55 feet. It is Gothic in design, conforming with the other buildings on the campus. It is four stories high and has a basement. The construction is of brick with limestone trimmings and a base of granite.

#### IS FIREPROOF

The entire building is fireproof, the floors of the three upper stories being constructed of asphalt and steel framework being used throughout. The hall contains a lounge, dining hall, chapel, private dining room, and kitchen as well as recreation rooms and bed rooms for the students.

The lounge, on the right of the main entrance, is 35 feet by 100 feet. Its walls are of paneled wood and there is a fireplace and bookcases along the walls. Four doors lead off the lounge into the terrace. The dining hall is on the left of the main entrance. It can accommodate 300 students.

The kitchen is in the left wing and behind it is the private dining hall for guests and special functions.

#### New Chapel

The chapel, replacing the one in Harkins Hall, is located in the right wing. It is 17 feet high and is placed below the actual first floor level. It contains eight side altars and a center main altar. There is a choir loft, two sacristies, and an altar boy's dressing room. A confessional room large enough for four confessionals is in the rear.

The basement has rooms for trunk storage, laundry-sorting, rooms for kitchen attendants, wash rooms, a small incinerator, a student recreation room and a boiler room. Two oil burning boilers and a two-pipe vacuum steam system heat the Hall.

On the three dormitory floors are 36 rooms for two students each. Every room has a wash basin, two beds, two desks, two chairs and a closet. On each floor there are four suites of rooms for the faculty members.

#### Automatic Elevator

Three fireproof stairwells connect all floors as well as an automatic elevator in the center of the building. All the walls are of plaster. The dining room floor is of rubber while the washrooms and the hallways are constructed in terrazzo. The windows are wood framework and completely weatherstripped.

Aquinas Hall is the first step in a gradual expansion which the college hopes to realize with the erection of a science building, an administration building, and an athletic field house.

Oreste Di Saia, prominent Rhode Island architect, designed the residence hall.

The Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O. P., is prefect at the hall and is assisted by the Rev. Aloysius B. Begley, O. P. The Rev. Nicholas H. Serror, O. P., is infirmarian.

## Aquinas Hall



## Completion of Aquinas Hall Culminates Twenty Years of Crowded P. C. History

### College Experienced Rapid Growth Following Founding

By LOUIS ROSEN, '42

The red brick walls of Providence College have not shown any ivy during the twenty years they have been standing. The mellow tradition which time builds up is lacking at the Smith Hill institution. Yet the roots of Providence College sink deeply into the past.

The tradition, if not the history of Providence College can be traced back to the foundation, the Order of Preachers by Saint Dominic Guzman in 1216, the same tradition that is symbolized by the University of Peru, the oldest institution of higher learning in the New World.

Actual plans for the creation of Providence College were promulgated on October 9, 1915, when the Most Reverend Matthew Harkins, D. D., founder and benefactor of the College, invited the Dominican Fathers of the Province of St. Joseph to found a new college and presented for that

purpose a tract of land and scholarships to the amount of ten thousand dollars. A year later the Very Reverend Albert Casey, O. P., S. T. L. r., president of Thomas Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, was assigned to supervise building plans for the opening of the new college.

The Providence College Charter Bill was introduced in January 18, 1917, and unanimously passed by the House of Representatives, and in the same week by the Senate of the State.

After the bill was signed by the Governor, making the College a corporation, and formal permission for the conduct of the College was given at the Sacred Congregation, Rome, Italy, by the Master General to the Dominican Fathers of the St. Joseph Province, Bishop Harkins inaugurated the drive for building funds, and the first meeting of the Providence College Corporation was held at his House, at which time the Bishop made a formal grant of land.

Construction of the College Hall, named for Bishop Harkins, was be-

### P. C. Chartered in 1917; Opened in 1918 With 75 Students

gun in the Spring of 1917, when the Providence College Founders Association was organized.

The Corporation set the formal opening of the College for Wednesday, September 25, 1918. A special meeting of the corporation in that month voted to place the college building and equipment at the disposal of the United States government for military and academic purposes, but the provision of the new plan were made unnecessary by the signing of the Armistice in November.

The celebration of Holy Mass September 18, 1919, by the Very Reverend Albert Casey, O. P., formally opened the College. The initial faculty was comprised of nine members, and the student body had seventy-five members.

In January, 1920, the first social event of the new College was held (Continued on Page 5)

## Diary of a Boarding Student

By Russ Muenzen, '42

7:15 a. m.

My overly efficient alarm clock is ringing in a new day. As I rise from my bed I can hear the sounds that mark the awakening of the great, sleepy dorm which, like the individuals it contains, awakens with a languor that bars description. As I wander out in the hall I can hear the sound of shuffling feet as fellow dormites glide between their rooms and the washroom. I meet several friends on the way and a sleepy good-morning is exchanged. Politeness reigns supreme at this hour. Back in the room I hurry to dress and hasten to join the flowing humanity that is going down the stairway into the dining room.

7:30 a. m.

Breakfast. A meal of comparative silence. Across the table from me there is a panorama of sleep creased faces. Food is asked for with a minimum of English and with the excep-

tion of the noise caused by the rattle of dishes there is very little to break the quietness of the room. As the meal draws to a close there is an almost general impatience to get out and light up the good of morning cigarette. Ah, the meal is over and now for the cigarette.

8 a. m.

I am back upstairs once more and begin to collect my books. Jim comes in to make the beds and we exchange a few pleasantries and with an ominous foreboding I join the ranks that four times a day marches to Harkins Hall. As we walk over in groups of three and four someone starts to ask me what classes I have and from force of habit I reply knowing full well that my interrogator is not in the least interested.

12:20 p. m.

Back to the dorm. As I climb the stairway I can hear brief snatches of conversation both behind and in front of me. The general topic is some

incident of the class-room day. I enter my room, toss my books on the bed, and hurry downstairs fully aware of the fact that I have ten minutes to wait for lunch. At the entrance to the dining room there is a group of about fifty fellows in a general "bull session" and as I look toward the kitchen I can see various heads poked into the doorway asking the cooks what the menu is. Soon the signal is given to enter and after grace we begin to eat (and can we eat!). At my table there are twelve fellows and all of us are talking at the same time on twelve different subjects but as soon as the food is put before us there is a silence born not of desire but of necessity!

1:00 p. m.

Lunch is over. As I climb the stairs I am struck by the complete change in the demeanor of the fellows. The sleepy faces of the morning have become animated and the humor that

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## College Road Slowly Passing Into Oblivion

### Tender Memories Will Always Be Retained By Former Residents

By Charles J. McGovern, '41

"The old order passeth, giveth way to the new."

Gone the days of Finnegan. Gone the days of Carney's, O'Briens, and the host of other boarding houses that gave shelter to Providence College students in the infant days of this institution. With the building of its first dormitory, Providence College has come of age in the physical sense of the word.

No longer will proctors patrol their appointed rounds at dusk, wending their way through College Road, down River Avenue, and up Pinehurst Avenue. Never again will students climb in the rear window by means of the trellis to evade the proctor.

#### Many Legends

Many and varied are the legends that arose during the days of College Road. There was the night that a prominent athlete raced down to Haskins, braving the wintry blasts clad only in his shorts, to pay off a bet.

Then there was the morning that the Finnegan A. C. awoke to find a City of Providence tool shed parked on the lawn. Deep secrecy still surrounds the episode of the tool shed, and it has never been discovered just how the shed was transported from River Avenue to Finnegan's lawn.

#### Kidnappers Felled

But the legends of College Road are not all humorous. There is at least one of them which shows the great devotion of the boarders. It happened one night in November, 1935. The crucial game with State was only a few days distant, and the campus was tense. Lookouts were posted, to signal the approach of any State students who had ambitions to be doggnappers, for the State ram had been kidnapped two days before. Then, up the drive roared a sedan with a State sticker on the windshield. The lookouts went into action. Bob Lucy raced from his room, and standing in the middle of the Road, holding up his pajama pants with one hand, and clutching his bugle with the other, he blasted out the call to arms. The College Roaders showed the stuff of which they were made. Forth from the houses they poured, and armed with baseball bats, skis, tennis rackets, and snowshoes, they went to do battle for Alma Mater in defense of Friar Boy. The First. The Providence men made their stand in front of Harkins Hall, and, using their weapons to good advantage, they repulsed the enemy, driving them back to State with bruised bodies. Then the Roaders rested on their victorious arms, for they had risen to glorious heights that night.

But the invaders from State had some small measure of success, for although they didn't get Friar Boy, they did take Charlie Gaffney back to Kingston with them, holding him as a hostage until the game.

They tell, too, about the night that a football player fell out the window while looking for his bedroom and when he came in at a late hour. Then there is the one about—but the stories are legend, and it would require a horde of researchers to compile all the facts, fables, and exploits of the former denizens of College Road.

The crowds at Geister's and D'Iorio's have been smaller this year. The all night sessions of the Taurus Club are a thing of the past. The long familiar sight of boarders hurrying up Eaton Street and River Avenue, and then the quick dash across the campus to make that 8:30 class will never more be seen. Never more will the garage dwellers on Quincy Street hop out of bed on a cold morning to prepare breakfast on a recalcitrant kerosene stove.

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**COLLEGE ROAD PASSING INTO OBLIVION**

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 College Road is deserted and silent. Twilight, the twilight betokening the end of an era settles over the street. It was a colorful and glorious era in the history of Providence College, but the era has ended with the opening of the new dorm. A new age has begun, which is to be an even greater chapter in the history of this college. The old order has passed, giving way to the new, and the gain is Providence's, for we have come of age.

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**Providence College  
Of the Future**

**P. C. Bids Well to Grow  
Phenomenally In  
Future**

By George Morris, '41  
 Although the University of California is currently considered as the most beautiful of American Universities, it will presently be obliged to look to its laurels unless it is amenable to running a poor second to that paragon of American Universities, Providence College. For, if P. C. continues its progress during the next twenty years at the rate it has expanded during the past twenty, our progeny (provided we marry early) will matriculate at the nation's most beautiful institution.

**Crystal Ball**  
 Not satisfied with the present capacity of the college, the administrators are considering further enlargement of educational facilities. As yet no report of the proposed edifice has been published so the crystal ball has been polished up for use. Peering into it we see . . .

What's this? The ball clears and we are treated to the spectacle of a victorious eleven emerging from the arcade of Providence Stadium (seating capacity, 70,000) fresh from a 47-0 triumph over the previously unscored-on Crusaders of Holy Cross. Shouldering their way through a cheering throng they force a path to the showers of the new gymnasium where a Rose Bowl invitation awaits them. They leave behind them an exuberant mob of students who slap backs and promise attendance at the Victory Dance, scheduled for that night in the main ballroom of reconstructed Harkins Hall. In the background, silhouetted against the deep purple sunset, a recently dedicated library looks down benevolently on the jostling crowds. Close by, slightly dwarfed by a modern classroom building, a faculty house overlooks a spruce sprinkled campus.

Hold on! What are all those girls doing over there by the gym? And now they are sauntering through the fauna and flora planted by John Donnelly, seemingly headed for an obscured building on the edge of the grounds. Can P. C. be co-educational? But the sun is dipping below the horizon and the vision becomes perceptibly cloudier. It is gradually waning until, at last it is indiscernable. I'm afraid we'll have to wait twenty years and see.

**DIARY OF A BOARDING  
STUDENT**

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 was absent in the morning is now flowing freely. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have no afternoon class begin to make plans for the afternoon. I have a class and look with envy as some of my fellow dormites depart for the movies. Others I know will go out and toss a football around and others will study, but I, with a sigh of regret, head for class. 5:45 p. m.

Time to wash up for supper and then down to the dining room once more. This meal is one of the liveliest

of the day both from a physical standpoint and from an oral viewpoint. 6:30 p. m.

The main bull sessions of the evening begin. As I walk down the corridors the "swinging" radios give the impression of one gigantic "jam" session.

8:30 p. m.  
 Time for study. I enter my room, open up a book, and begin a long hard struggle. My only consolation is the fact that everyone else is doing the same (N.B. I realize I am leaving room for argument). From now until eleven I pore over books for tomorrow's class.

Well, it is almost eleven and by the time I wash up and get ready for bed it will be time for "lights out." I hear the fateful steps in the corridor and jump into bed. Ah! Morpheus, O Morpheus!

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**COMPLETION OF AQUINAS HALL CULMINATES TWENTY YEARS OF CROWDED P. C. HISTORY**

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at the Narragansett Hotel, and in December the "Alembic" literary publication, was organized and distributed its first issue.

The Very Reverend William D. Noon, O. P., S. T. M., who formerly held the chair of Theology in the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, was named president of the College in October, 1921. The same year, a Debating Society and a Musical Club were inaugurated. The first football team of the College was organized and played an eight team schedule. Baseball and Basketball squads were already active.

An original musical comedy, "Nancy," was presented in Artie and in Providence in 1925. The following year, the musical organizations gave their first public concert and the dramatic society presented Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," in the Providence Opera House, as the "Pyramid Players," affiliated with the Little Theatre Movement.

The first appearance of the "Tie-Up," in November, 1927, marked the beginning of the first newspaper of the College. An Alumni Ball was held in December of that year.

The following year saw the organization of a College band, and seven academic degrees were awarded at the seventh annual commencement.

"Veritas" was published by the senior class for the first time.

The scholastic year 1936 was opened by the Very Reverend John J. Dillon, O. P., fourth president of the College. The first "Cowl," weekly publication, was issued coincidental with the Varsity Football game with R. I. State College. An International Relations Union was founded at the College as a unit of the Catholic Association for International Peace.

As early as Nov. 18, 1937, Father Dillon had announced a subscription drive for new buildings, which would include a \$350,000 dormitory, a science building, library, chapel and field house, funds to be raised by private subscription. Construction of the dormitory began in October last year.

Late in the last academic year, the Third Order of St. Dominic received 150 postulants at exercises closing a convocation of Third Order members. Graduation in June, when 167 received degrees, was the largest in the history of the college.

The reappointment of the Very Reverend John J. Dillon as President of the College was announced in September of this year.

This fall, P. C. opened its new \$500,000 dormitory and thus inaugurated a new era.

**Center of Attraction**



**Sports Situation Will Be Improved And Developed By New Dormitory**

By Charles W. McConnell, '40

With the opening of Aquinas Hall comes the realization of a long cherished hope and dream for all those interested in Providence College athletics. For they expect it will pave the way to a better future by eliminating many of the difficulties which the enforced separation of the players brought about. This off-campus separation often was the cause of a lack of unity which made potentially good teams look mediocre. And eating was always a problem. A few of the boys were fortunate enough to get a good steak on the day of a tough game, but most of them had to go along with the menu of their non-athletic, fellow-boarders; even to the extent that a lot of times the adjectives before "steak" and "game" were reversed. So that many a Friar aggregation was handicapped by some tackle, outfielder, or basketball forward trying to move around with too much "gravy and cream" rolling around inside, or on the other hand almost dropping in his tracks from malnutrition. And although they would probably not admit it at the time, prolonged "bull" sessions, which were very popular in the boarding houses, robbed many of the former P. C. athletes of a good deal of precious sleep.

Consequently, whenever a group of Dominican devotees got together and discussed the sport situation, the inevitable supposition would sooner or later be dragged out—"If we only had a dormitory the players could be kept in better condition, they would have a keener spirit, they . . .", and so on into the morning.

Now we have the dorm. As can be expected Aquinas Hall will not be a panacea for all Providence College athletic woes. Nor will Rose Bowl elevens and point-a-minute basketball teams automatically roll out of its confines. But the outlook is brighter and we can say with Uncle Henry, "It's only the beginning folks, only the beginning."

Two fundamental requisites for any successful team, anyone will agree, are spirit and true friendship, and again anyone will agree that there is no better way to develop these qualities than by communal life and daily association. Therefore, we anticipate an increase of spirit, of that deep-rooted desire to triumph over all odds, not only for the accruing personal satisfaction, but also for the greater glory of the College and classmates. Victory now will mean something more to P. C. teams than headlines in the morning newspaper, it will mean bringing home the bacon to Aquinas Hall, where the sweet strains of victory can be resung and celebrated in unison with classmates.

Those who hold the athletic future of Providence College close to their hearts are now watching and waiting, and the fulfillment of their fondest hopes rest within the power of the present residents of the Hall. Theirs

is the opportunity to hand together in a firm, fraternal union, and thereby form a strong nucleus for a new and greater Providence spirit, a spirit which will lead Friar teams to grander achievements in the years to come. Take up the challenge!

**EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT TO AID SMALL BUSINESSMEN**

Washington, D. C.—(ACP)—Education and government have embarked upon an extensive program to aid the small businessmen of the nation.

In a program announced here by the federal government's department of commerce, that department and state university school and bureau of business and research will work together in a voluntary cooperative program that will coordinate the existing services to business of these units.

A Norwegian shipping line has named one of its vessels "Tulane" in honor of the Tulane University.

Cinematographer Spencer Tracy will soon be awarded an honorary degree by his alma mater, Ripon College.

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## The Keyholer

By ED DUPRAS, '40

This week's edition of the Cowl as you perhaps have noticed by this time is concerned mostly with the new dorm so, bearing this in mind, we'll attempt to limit this week's coverage to the Rockmen.

We've been threatening for weeks to toss out another of those things we fondly call poems and now our threats are materializing. Read it and weep or do anything you please about it but for God's sake read it so we can get paid this week.

### The Beacon Atop the Rock

They's taken the Beacon from Beacon Hill and Boston's taking it hard.

Where the Lodges speak to the Cabots and the Cabots speak only to God.

There's a definite wave of repulsion, for now that the beacon's gone. How are the elite distinguished from the ordinary lower-class throng.

So they quickly dispatched a rider to carry their tale of woe; Up to the floor of the Senate did the harried messenger go.

He demanded an investigation by a committee of great renown. They must find that stolen beacon, be it in city, village or town.

Now the committee investigated as a good committee should. They looked all over New England; they even tried Lincoln Woods. But nary a trace of the beacon, not even a stray gleam of light. Could the good committee uncover; there wasn't a thing in sight.

The Senate came down to Providence, the city of seven hills. Where the Colonial fathers had founded a metropolis given to thrills.

And here they found the beacon, the object of all their search. Perched up atop Aquinas, like a belfry on a church.

It seems that the College fathers, knowing well the familiar name

Given by students to Aquinas, had decided it was a shame.

So they got the beacon from Boston, they took it out of hock.

They'd give the students reason to call the dorm "the Rock."

How it's set atop Aquinas, its gleams shine through the night

Like a jewel reflecting its setting; it rivals Point Jude in its might.

It guides the returning student as homeward he plods his way. After an exhausting round of classes to end a perfect day.

The burning light atop the hall reminds the lad of home; Of nights long dimmed by passing time when from his home he'd roam.

The family always left a light aglow to guide his erring feet

As from a night of revelry he returned to get some sleep.

Now Beantown folk can rest in peace, the beacon's safe at last;

It's found a pleasant job to do, a truly life-time task

In guiding the steps of college boys whom all the fates do mock

For having the pain and pleasure of living on the Rock.

### THE END!!!

Add to the list of unusual extracurricular activities that of many of the Rockmen who spend the time between supper and the 8:30 deadline in the cafeteria throwing nickels and

dimes into the nickelodeon. Of course there is really only one nickel thrown into the machine and the records keep acomin' without more money. It's all in the system. If you know the right boys they'll let you in on the secret of their success. For added details see Rudy Zebora or George Sullivan.

Orchids to Dennis Izzi, the Freshman artist for his swell sign for Brother Orchid. It's a good job. Put Brother Orchid on your must see list. It's one of the better productions the Pyramid Players have attempted since their beginnings. Full of laughs and surprises.

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## Hot Off The Fryer

BY F. X. McCarthy

**Regarding All-American Teams**  
Comes the first week of December, time for sports writers all over the countryside to crawl out on the proverbial limb once again to furnish the American sporting public with their long-thought-out and carefully-considered selections of the nation's outstanding football players for the season just concluded. A sturdy and courageous lot, these sports scribes. Show me another group of men in this broad land of ours—outside of Joe Louis's opponents—who are ever so willing to lead with their chins. Or maybe it's just their way of showing the authors of these various articles set forth from time to time condemning All-American teams that they don't give a hoot what anyone else thinks.

Nevertheless, my wholehearted sympathies are with them during these most trying of all times as they would be with anyone who keeps coming back for more punishment as it is meted out each year to the honorable sports scribes. But lest I be misunderstood on such a vital topic, I'll make clear right now my stand on the matter. I think all criticism of the selections unfair, yet I would not hold the "all-teams" up as being infallible. I simply accept them as a necessary evil and I would ask the American sporting fan to do likewise. After all, you ask for them; and I ask you, is it proper to bite the hand that feeds you?

The pickers of All-American teams are in pretty much the same as the Judges of a bathing beauty contest find themselves. While their choices directly concern the contestants themselves, it's the gallery that does the squawking. So you can easily see what a disheartening occupation sportswriting can become when the question of All-Americans is brought up. But what I started out to say was that the COWL will make no All-American selection this year.

### Ed Takes the Step

Congratulations to Coach Ed Crotty who embarked on his matrimonial career last Friday. The popular young mentor was married by the Very Reverend John J. Dillon, O. P., President of the College to a girl from his native nutmeg state. Ed is expected back from his honeymoon to resume his duties with the basketball squad.

### Press Box Splinters

If Coach Ed Leahy's Boston College Eagles are not the recipients of a post season invitation to represent this section in one of the "bowl" games there's bound to be plenty of ruckus raised around these parts by their ardent supporters. And they will have every reason to feel slighted for when a team can do as thorough a job as the Eagles did on the powerful Holy Cross Crusaders last Saturday, they rightfully deserve recognition as a sectional leader. They have been tabbed by the experts as the second best team defensively and the third best offensively in the country. And after all, competitors in the "bowl" games are supposed to be representative of the nation's best. Pittsburgh University has quite a novel idea for its mascot. One of its cheerleaders is dressed up for every game in a panther costume which consists of seven layers of deerskin and a leopard covering. The entire regalia weighs 40 pounds. Who says the football players do all the work?

### Blackstone Valley Club

The Blackstone Valley Club will hold a roller skating party next Wednesday evening at the Fairlawn Roller Skating Rink in Pawtucket. John J. Silva, '40, heads the committee arranging the affair. Admission will be \$30 a couple.

A special course for the college's maids and porters has been announced by Byrn Mawr College.

## Regular Drills For Hoopsters Are Resumed

### Enthusiasm of Squad at High Pitch; Team Loses One Regular

The Providence College varsity basketball squad will swing back into regular practice sessions tomorrow with the return of Coach Ed. Crotty from his honeymoon. Informal workouts have been held this week under the direction of Co-Captains Joe Kwasniewski and "Slip" Barnini.

With prospects for a successful season considerably brighter this year, the enthusiasm of the squad is at a high pitch. Only Capt. Elt Deuse is missing from the first five of last year. Together with the four returning regulars Coach Crotty has several other experienced men and also several outstanding members of last year's freshmen squad to work with. The fire and aggressiveness that these reserves and sophomores have shown has left the battle for starting positions wide open.

The four regulars from last year who are being hard pressed for their positions are Co-Captains Joe Kwasniewski and "Slip" Barnini, Bill Murphy, and Steve Fallon. Kwasniewski has been a regular for the past two years. He is one of the best marksmen on the squad but shines brightest on the defense. His defensive play has been brilliant and he has been responsible for checking many of the high-scoring players in New England. He will, in all probability, hold down either the center or one of the forward posts.

"Slip" Barnini, fiery gridiron star, and Bill Murphy, are slated to hold down the guard berths. Both Barnini and Murphy play the same type of game. Both are hard workers and the tougher the going gets, the better they like it. They are the backbone of the defense and yet are distinct offensive threats.

"Lefty" Fallon, the fourth member of the starting club last season, appears to be in for a great season. Steve will undoubtedly be the offensive star of the team this year. He has an eagle eye for the basket and his one-handed southpaw shots are remarkably consistent. Fallon is receiving plenty of competition but he should be at a forward post when the whistle blows for the Friars' opener with the Greyhounds of Assumption College on Jan. 6.

Pushing the regulars to the limit and battling for starting positions are Beryle Sacks, Jimmy Leo, Paul Sweeney, and Joe Juges. Leo and Sacks are the leading candidates for the other forward position. Both have good eyes for the basket with Sacks a bit more aggressive than his rival, Paul Sweeney and Joe Juges, the best ball handlers on the squad, are in line for considerable duty. Both are rangy and play a hard steady game.

Vin Nugent, diminutive Friar half-back, reported to the squad yesterday and may make his presence felt before long. Nugent, former All-R. I. forward from La Salle Academy, is an excellent dribbler and has had considerable experience in local amateur circles.

The squad shapes up as an excellent defensive team. However, before becoming a great team they will have to develop a scoring punch. Because of their defensive strength they should make the battle for the mythical State title an interesting one. Their rivals, R. I. State and Brown both are primed for good seasons and are loaded with excellent material. Mindful of last year's defeats at the hands of these two clubs, however, the Friars can be expected to perform creditably in these objective tussles.

The democrats have been invited to hold their 1940 convention in the famed football Rose Bowl stadium in California.

## Co-Captains



Co-Captains Joe Kwasniewski (left), of New Milford, Conn., and "Slip" Barnini of Pittsfield, Mass., pause during practice to talk over plans for the coming season. "Handsome" Joe will more than likely be moved over to the pivot post vacated by Elt Deuse. "Peppery Slip" is back again to halt the scoring aspirations of opposing forwards from his guard position.

## Intra-Mural Shots

By Harold Rich

Intra-mural basketball at Providence College, instituted as an organized system last year, will get under way next Monday and Tuesday evenings when eight class teams, comprising lightweight and heavyweight aggregations, inaugurate the 1939-40 championship race which will be contested over a two-month period.

Last year the intra-class activities proved very successful in spite of the fact that they were newly-organized. Not only did the various quintets perform very creditably, but the great amount of interest manifested by the students in the form of active competition enabled the director of the venture to realize the all-important reward that is resultant of success in such a type of sports program, namely, widespread student participation in athletics.

Attesting to the competitive spirit which pervaded the class squads are the many close contests which were staged. Incidentally, one of the most exciting climaxes ever witnessed in Harkins Hall was the championship playoff for the heavyweight diadem between the Sophomores and Juniors. The tilt, (a nip-and-tuck affair from start to finish, was decided after the regular playing time had expired, Jim Begley, brilliant Junior forward fouled in the act of shooting almost simultaneously with the sounding of the final whistle, stepped to the charity ribbon and broke up a 24-24 deadlock with the second of his two allotted tries.

Candidates aspiring to positions on their respective class fives were sent through preliminary drills at the practice sessions held during this week. Although short on wind and abundant in that sector of the abdomen which houses their vitals, the players displayed signs of mid-season form.

The mentors who will hold sway this season are "Slip" Barnini and Beryl Sacks, freshman lights and heavies, respectively; Jim Leo, sophomore lights; Joe Juges, sophomore heavies; Paul Sweeney, junior heavies; Joe Kwasniewski, junior lights; and Harry Speckman and Bill Murphy, senior lights and heavies, respectively.

"Slip" Barnini, of "we can't miss" fame, is "inventing his charges with that 'never say die' spirit. This year "Slip" has a fighting group of performers among whom are numbered the slow, immovable type, who shake the Fairbanks around the 200 mark, and another combination which possesses an abundance of speed and deception. Because of the prevailing setup, Barnini will introduce a little gridiron strategy in his court proceedings. The former quintet will start all the contests and will concentrate on defense with the intention of softening the opposition,

while the speedsters will be sent into the fray with instructions to hit the jackpot.

When asked for a statement as to his chances of victory, Barnini refused to comment, referring your correspondent to the team manager, Ernie Dupre.

Striking a high note of optimism, Dupre said, "After walking through our schedule, we expect an invitation to the Weed Bowl, somewhere in Iceland."

The junior heavies, who last year carried the sophomore banner to the top of the heap in the regular league schedule, appear to be likely repeaters in their division. The present juniors, who placed four men on the all-league teams last year, have a well-rounded quintet which comprises fine ball handlers, accurate shooters and the physical assets, speed and height. The third year men will probably open the campaign with Jim Clifford and "Sonny" Terrace at the forwards; ambling Amby Reynolds, center, and George Sarris and Rudy Zebora, guards.

The senior lights are expected to be up near the leaders in the lightweight division. The group, which won the pennant last year as members of the junior five, includes Bill Riley, Joe Lacey, and Tom Fitzpatrick, all intramural performers, and George Carroll, Jake Edmonds and Joe Lennon.

## Nickelodeon

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for slugs. No doubt some of more illustrious fraternal members will be president of such an institution. The story of a man who started with nothing and now owns a bank full of it. Bingos and bank nights at the local theatres will certainly flourish under this system. When we win, it will require an armored car to get the winnings home. Or we could call our little brother to bring down the wheelbarrow and help cart home the slugs. It might go so far in its popularity as to have a city named after it—Sluggville or Sluggtown. The uneducated would probably think it was a city where lived only prizefighters. The modern utopia is being born in the Providence College cafeteria.

Woe to the day that such a practice is universal. May it never come while we live on this earth, bad as it is. May the Almighty take in hand the straying children and lead them once more to the straight and narrow path.

The scholastic averages of Lafayette College students who come from public schools are higher than those who come from private schools.

Beloit College has abolished mid-semester examinations.

## Athletic Board Retains Entire Coaching Staff

### Devore, Crotty and Quirk Reappointed as Varsity Head Coaches

Renewal of the contracts of the Providence College athletic coaches was approved by the athletic council at their semi-annual meeting on Nov. 28, it was announced last Tuesday by the Very Rev. John J. Dillon, O. P., president of the college.

The reappointments include Football Coach Hugh J. Devore of West Orange, N. J.; Edward J. Crotty of Danbury, Conn., basketball coach, and Dr. Arthur L. Quirk of Providence, baseball mentor. Joseph A. Dulkie of Lowell, Mass., Anthony G. Pariseau of Attleboro, Mass., and Crotty will continue as assistants to Devore.

Devore, captain of the Notre Dame grid team in 1933 and an assistant to Jim Crowley for three years at Fordham, was appointed head coach in January 1938 on a two-year contract with an option for the third year.

Crotty came to Providence College as assistant to Devore shortly after the head grid mentor's appointment and last year was appointed head basketball coach. Dulkie also joined the football staff in 1938, and Pariseau, captain of the Friar eleven last year, was made freshman coach at the start of the campaign just past.

Dr. Quirk took over the position vacated by John J. Egan, major league star and scout, after the latter's resignation early in 1938. Since taking over the duties, the present Friar mentor has had two successful teams.

The Rev. Edward H. Schmidt, O. P., who has been acting director of athletics during the illness of the Rev. Robert G. Quinn, O. P., Friar athletic director, will continue in charge of the department until Father Quinn's return. Father Quinn is recuperating at the home of his parents in Boston following a six-weeks illness.

## Frosh Hoopsters Continue Practice

The Providence College freshman hoopsters have been going through their paces under the direction of Head Coach Ed Crotty during the past two weeks. Thus far the candidates have performed well in their preparatory drills and have shown signs of developing into a fine aggregation.

Leading in the quest for first string positions are Frank Mahoney of New York City; Ed Duges, Jackson Heights, N. Y.; Bob Reilly of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chet Zubeck of Adams, Mass., and Ed Roth of New Haven.

The remaining candidates include Ed Budnowski, Ben Audnick, Bill Kowowski, Joe Karshner, Bill Lee Johnny Dunn, Ed Zenobia and Ed Sterniac.

Benny Sudnik, a member of the 1938 Central Falls high five which was runner-up to Pawtucket high for the state championship, is also making a strong bid for a starting berth

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## Testimonial Dinner Tendered Student Who Won Degree Despite Illness

August W. Ricci, '39, Receives Praise and Commendation From Professors

August W. Ricci, '39, who fought undaunted through an attack of intestinal tuberculosis and continued to study for his Ph.D. degree even while recuperating in a state sanatorium at Wallum Lake, was honored by his former professors at a testimonial dinner in his honor at a Charles street restaurant last Tuesday evening.

The principal speakers of the evening were the Rev. Dominic L. Ross, O. P., professor of French, and the Rev. Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O. P., vice president of Providence College.

Entering P. C. in 1934, Ricci had completed three and a half of his four year course when he was stricken with the malady in the middle of his senior year. Sent to Gaylord Farms in Connecticut to recuperate, Ricci seemed on the road to recovery but suffered a relapse when he returned home.

During his recuperation at Wallum Lake, Ricci was tutored by the Rev. Paul C. Perrotta, O. P., professor of philosophy. After he passed his oral examination, the Very Reverend John J. Dillon, president of the college, presented him with his degree.

This psychological lift seemed to have a beneficial effect on Ricci and his health soon improved. Last summer he went to Boston where, after a new diagnosis was made, he was operated upon and a section of his intestine removed. He returned home after the operation and rap-

idly gained his former health and weight.

With the determination shown in this trying period of his life, Ricci can be well expected to follow his career, which is teaching, with great success.

## Honor Society

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Chandler at the Boston meeting, is a member of the national executive committee, the governing body of the DES.

The name DELTA EPSILON SIGMA was selected as representing the first letters of the Greek "Dei Epitattin Sophon," quoted from Aristotle by St. Thomas Aquinas in the latter's "Summa Contra Gentiles." The Latin translation, "Sapientis est ordinare," will be the motto of the society.

## DANCE PLANS COMPLETED BY NEW HAVEN CLUB

Plans for a dance to be held Dec. 27 at the Baybrook Inn, West Haven, Connecticut, by the New Haven Club, are completed, it was announced by Matthew Malencyk, '40, president of the club.

The committee in charge is made up of George Terrace, '41, chairman; Albert Carnevale, '42, John Flynn, '42, James Clifford, '41, and John of the committee are Matthew Reynolds, '41. Ex Officio members Malencyk, '40, Frank Flanagan, '41, vice president, Joseph Reynolds, '41,

## College Quarterly Marks 20th Year

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Art of Worry," an essay by Thomas J. O'Rielly, '35, from the issue of December 1932, and "World Beyond," a narrative by Charles E. Sweeney, '41, from the issue of May, 1938. One short story will represent the current staff: "Dance of the Years," by John T. Hayes, '40.

Founded 1920

The Alembic, instituted in December 1920, as established, according to an editorial appearing in a subsequent issue, "to give the budding literary genius an opportunity to express his thoughts and see how it all looked when set in cold, cruel type." Undergoing a series of changes during the first fifteen years of its life with regards to editorial policy format and literary content, the Alembic as both literary review and newspaper for Providence College students. With the founding of the Cowl, student newspaper, in 1935, the Alembic emerged as a purely literary publication, no longer obliged to carry campus news as well as student literary contributions.

Since this date, the Alembic, free to pursue its original plan to include only such matter as had direct literary interest, dropped its policy of covering student social, scholastic, and athletic activities. Again the format underwent a decided change, the Providence College colors of

secretary, and Charles Conlon, '40, treasurer.

As in previous years, the committee extends an invitation to the student body.

black and white being adopted for the cover design suggested by James E. MacDonald, B. A. I. D., late of the college drawing department. The Alembic has pursued the path outlined for it by its founders since that date with only minor changes in appearance.

## Literary Clinic

A notable addition to the Alembic's curriculum was the establishment two years ago of the Literary Clinic, a group composed of Alembic staff members who criticize aspiring writers' contributions and whose principal aim is to give constructive suggestions to all prospective writers.

Another innovation in the Alembic's activities has been the conducting of a special course in the technique of magazine editing given by staff members. The first of these lectures was given Tuesday with another to be given this afternoon. Students interested in the technical as well as the literary aspects of publishing a literary magazine attend the

lectures, which may become an annual affair.

"With student interest in the quarterly as keen as it has lately become, it is to be hoped that the Alembic will continue to make the literary progress which it has been making since its foundation," Laundry said. "The Alembic has grown with the college and will, we all hope, continue to expand and grow with the college."

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