

## KNOX NATATORS WIN SWIM MEET

Debaters Win  
Five; Lose Three  
Two Non-Decision

The Bergin Debating Society of St. Viator college triumphed over their time honored rivals, Marquette University, in a dual debate in Milwaukee, March 11th and in Bourbonnais, March 12th.

At Milwaukee the affirmative side of the disarmament question was upheld by the St. Viator team consisting of Lloyd Warner, Bernard Mulvaney and John Stafford. The Judges' decision was gained by a vote of 2 to 1.

The affirmative presented an admirably well developed case based upon present day conditions and in consonance with the universal demand for peace evidenced in the past. In theory the case would stand criticism by the most analytic mind.

At Bourbonnais the negative side of the question was upheld by Charles Murphy and Raymond Boysen. The opposition presented a case that could not stand the facts of present times and the negative were not long in realizing this point. They presented such insuperable difficulties to offset the ideal plan launched by the affirmative that, before the debate ended it appeared that total disarmament was one glorious myth that not only would reduce itself to an absurdity in practice but would be absolutely subversive of progress and civilization.

The speakers were at ease on the platform and presented their speeches with a studied carelessness and suavity that would charm the heart of aspirants to forensic proficiency.

The critic judge, Leon McCarthy of Illinois University, found among the many faults he unearthed some very noticeable faults in the delivery of the aforesaid debaters, and he presented these weaknesses in a humorous and unconventional manner that won the amusement of the audience. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the decision and, especially, the remarks offered by McCarthy concerning the debate.

**Non-Decision at St. Thomas.**  
After defeating Marquette in Milwaukee, the affirmative team went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where St. Thomas College was met the next night in a listless and most uninteresting non-decision debate. St. Thomas College took the National Championship in the 1st Pi Kappa Delta Tournament two years ago, but showed little signs of having a championship team this year. There is only one man left of their track team that debated here last year, Ir Freeman. The Viator debaters at St. Paul presented their usual affirmative plan with a few last minute changes as is their custom. The St. Thomas team contented themselves with considering a couple of the provisions of the plan, and cheerfully mentioning after the debate that such plan was suicidal to any team. They too informed our team how it could have won the debate but since there had been no decision anyway, it mattered not. While in Minneapolis, the Viator debaters were the guests of Miss Lillian Warner, the sister of Lloyd Warner. Public expression of gratitude is hereby made.

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Clancy, '22, Dalrymple,  
'27 Report to Camps

John W. (Bud) Clancy, '22, St. Viator's only Big League protegee is again in the White Sox lineup, battling with his friend the playboy of the fistie ring and baseball diamond, Charles Arthur Shires, for the right to hold down the first base position for Manager Bush. The outcome of the friendly rivalry between the two very competent young men is a matter of great conjecture this season. With Charles, the Great, necessarily stripped of that engaging personality that kept him so prominently before the public eye during the past year, the question of his being shorn of much of his recognized efficiency by the enforced quietus is under consideration. With apologies to the admirable Mr. Shires, we do hope that the Gods of fortune will allow 'Bud' to justify our estimation of him and permit him to cover the initial sack just a bit oftener than his opponent for the berth.

Jimmy Dalrymple, '27, former popular Viator athlete, an ex-President of the St. Viator College Club has joined the Baltimore Orioles at their spring training camp. His jump from New Haven, Conn. ball club in the Eastern League to Baltimore in the International League is a distinct step towards the majors where Jimmy will eventually land. While his work at bat is not yet above improvement he has so far managed to rank near the top in his fielding and base running average. We are not above predicting the former Viator diamond star will give a classic demonstration to the followers of the International League as to how the territory near the shortstop's position should be taken care of.

Friend of College  
Made Monsignor

Father Maguire, President of St. Viator College and Father Philips, Principal of the High School Department, attended the ceremony at Pana, Illinois at which Father J. P. Moroney was invested with the robes of a Monsignor. As Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Pana, Monsignor Moroney has won the admiration and good will of his people and has proven himself worthy of the honor conferred on him. As his many friends throughout the state unite in congratulating him it is only proper that The Viatorian be the organ of an institution he has long encouraged should offer him the congratulations his work and character command.

Spalding Places Third  
In Loyola Tournament

Spalding, winner of the Illinois Catholic Tournament held in the Viator gym, took down third place in the national meet held at Loyola. The Peoria quintet lost to Jasper, Indiana, in a sensational overtime battle that featured the play of the semi-final round. They secured sufficient revenge at the expense of The Bishop England crew of South Carolina whom they defeated 27-17. Peters, center and most valuable player in the St. Viator tourney was picked on the Allstar team. Although but a Sophomore this youngster has ably filled the vacancy left by the graduation of the mighty Voegelé.

Boxing Show Held  
Last Saturday Eve  
Much Interest Aroused

The first boxing card of the year was staged last Friday night in the gym. Three high school bouts and six college frays were staged. The card was run off smoothly and afforded a welcome diversion to the large crowd in attendance.

The first fight between O'Brien, the Marsile Mauler and Dangerous Dan Madden ended abruptly in the third round when O'Brien's opening punch came up from the floor to Mayo Madden.

The second affair also ended in less than schedule when Jerry Peeler out fought and outpointed by Pfeiffer, decided that discretion was the better part of valor and lay down and took the count.

Delaney took the decision from Lambert to end the high school rounds.

In the first college fray, Gritz Donahue and Ed Custer fought to a draw. It seems that Ed got a sheet with holes in it and so took the opportunity to square the grudge. Gritz on the other hand was not adverse to giving out seconds, so between the two they licked the platter clean.

O'Malley took a very close decision from Spud McGuire in the next affair. Both boys tried hard and kept the crowd amused.

Gibbons looked good in the early fighting of the following fray, but Puff Romary came back strong in the third round to gain a draw. The decision was popular.

Furlong, terror of the Second took the verdict from Mackey in a slow bout. Al gained an early lead on points and was satisfied to rest on his advantage while Phil showed no desire to wrest it from him.

The best bout of the evening came next on the card when Hart Bassana tangled with Unc Woods. Both men came out fighting and never slowed up. Although Woods was twice down for counts in the first round, he forced the fight all the time. Having gained some respect for each other in the first round, the boys took it a bit easier in the second. The third round was very fast however. Both men were down several times but always came back strong. Both were looking good at the bell despite the punishment each had taken. The draw decision as about as good a guess as any.

In the windup, Pernicious Verosky, pride of the third corridor discovered a long lost friend in Battling Joe Weber and as a consequence of his fervent renewal of friendship, lost the decision thru Cupid. Pernicious Pete did a lot of boxing and Weber did a little fighting so Boob Lyard untangled his feet from the table and handed him the verdict.

It is planned to promote another card Saturday night on which will appear such notorious bad men as Mucles Lukin, Terrible Tommy Ahern.

College Club To  
Present Play

The College Club having selected its play, the corridors are sounding with the practicing of the would-be ticsplains. Especially from the aspiring Freshmen of the third corridor are such noises as are purported to convey 'voice off stage' and other equally important parts forthcoming. The vehicle for the expectant stardom of many of the fighting men of Viator is Austen Strong's 'Three Wise Fools'—a play of known merit. It concerns the troubles of three old bachelors who have the daughter of a former sweetheart thrust upon their care. To cloud further a situation which as any married man knows, is complicated enough, the author has thrown in a few nice convicts and an attempted murder. Those gentlemen who have demonstrated their will power by the continued possession of their tonsils or some other equally astounding feat are expected to try out for the bachelor parts. The play contains but a single female character, the identity of whom is the cause for anxiety in some quarters. No scarcity of the bold, brave dashing type is anticipated although in spite of the fact that the school is predominately Irish, the absence of flat feet tends to make the selection of a suitable policeman difficult. Father Williams, who is conducting tryouts is expected to solve these problems satisfactorily in the near future. The Club hopes to produce the play two nights, using different casts each night to enable more men to participate. It is to be presented as soon after the Easter vacation as possible.

Late Walter Eckersall  
Former Viator Coach

It is not generally known that the late Walter Eckersall at one time coached football at St. Viator College. After finishing school at the University of Chicago, Eckersall accepted the position as coach here and held it for several years. Since that time he has been a constant friend of Viator, occasionally visiting the College and officiating at grid games. Hence St. Viator College joins with the sport world and Eckersall's great host of friends, generally mourning the death of this famous scribe and athlete. The funeral took place last week from Holy Cross Church, Chicago.

St. Viator Summer  
School Contemplated

Another new development is planned for St. Viator College, a Summer Course. Questionnaires are now being distributed among the available prospects in the surrounding counties in effort to determine whether there is sufficient demand for a Summer School here to warrant its inauguration. This course will be especially designed to enable teachers to attain additional college training and to meet the requirements for advanced certificates at a minimum cost. The degrees and certificates of St. Viator College are fully recognized by the State Department of Education. If the project appears feasible, announcement will be made subsequently of the various courses offered.

Four Conference  
Records Smashed

## Viator Places Fourth

A quintet of determined tanksters from Knox College of Galesburg captured the annual I. I. A. C. swimming meet, which was held here on Saturday, March 22nd, by scoring in every event and by collecting 34 points in a very closely contested aquatic affair. Wesleyan, last year's champs, placed second with 30 points and provided much of the excitement by lowering three conference records. Augustana placed third in the final standing with 13 points while Rube Hickox's mermen were fourth with 9 points. Millikin took fifth place with 6 points while Macomb Normal was sixth with 5 points. Eureka College and State Normal were tied for seventh place with 2 points apiece.

The Viatorians placed in four out of the five events in which they were entered, collecting two third places and three fourth places. In the 100 yard free style Viator finished third and fourth. The entire Irish squad composed of Flynn, Furlong, O'Connor, and Vaillencourt, gave a very good account of themselves and consumed quite a bit of energy in fighting the angry waves. Furlong and Vaillencourt, because of their hardy constitutions, bore the brunt of the local attack and received an assortment of medals for their efforts.

Withey of Wesleyan, Bull of Knox, Wells of Macomb, and Hankins of Millikin were the star performers in the meet. Much credit is also due to the numerous swimmers who fought desperately for their alma maters. Wells of Macomb, who won the 50 yard free style event in '26, established a new conference record of 27.2 in the preliminaries for the same event.

Much interest was shown in the fancy diving contests of both the afternoon and evening sessions. Hankins of Millikin, winner of the fancy diving contest with an average of 79.05, received a big ovation from the fans every time that he completed one of the eight required dives. Annette Kellerman in all her glory had not the technique of this boy.

Coach E. J. Manley, of the University of Illinois acted as referee, starter and judge in all the events. His able assistants handled their jobs very nicely. Mr. Allen Nolan of the High School faculty acted as clerk and announcer of the meet.

Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, C. S. V., President of St. Viator College, an ardent swimmer, fan, presented the awards after the final event of the evening and requested that the 1931 meet be held here.

About 400 followers of tank events showed their approval of the various events by vigorous outbursts of cheering and applause. Many remarks were passed upon the excellent sportsmanship displayed and upon the good will between the swimmers of the opposing teams.

## Summary

200 yard relay—Knox, 1st (Beardsley, Bull, Cule, Davis). Augustana, 2nd. Wesleyan, 3rd. St. Viator, 4th. Time—1:54.

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## Correction

In the last issue of The Viatorian, the photograph marked "St. Viator Academy Basketball Team" should have been designated "St. Viator College Basketball Team."



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## NOT SO BAD.

St. Viator College basketball team finished third this year in the Little Nineteen Conference. The local team played one of the toughest schedules in the conference, and besides placing well in the final standings, succeeded in blasting the hopes for the championship of a couple of its more formidable rivals. The differences were so slight in the ratings of the three schools finishing at the top of the conference, that if our players had not had an off night in the De Kalb game, and had not lost the Macomb game, Viator would easily have been at the top of the Little Nineteen.

## IN PRAISE OF THE AUDIENCE

For the last few weeks the students of St. Viator College have been glutted with debates. In spite of this the excellent attendance at all of the debates excepting possibly one calls for a word of commendation in favor of the student body. Viator debaters have traveled extensively on different debating tours and report that the attendance at St. Viator College is better than at any other place they have been, with the exception of St. Xavier's of Cincinnati, where attendance is compulsory on some one class each time.

There may indeed always be room for a few more at the debates here, but the College Club Rooms are never empty—nor even nearly so—on a debate night. Whereas, at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota, Viator debaters have appeared before a time-keeper and eight Minnesota relatives of one of the Viator team, and at Union College, Schenectady, New York, one of our teams encountered an audience composed of the three judges, two coaches, chairman and time-keeper. It was thought here for a time this year that a critic judge was the chief attraction and someone suggested that he be secured everytime, admission charged, and a new building put up with the proceeds in a few years. But subsequent attendance has shown that the students will come without an added drawing card. There is but one more home debate on the schedule, that with Southwestern University of Los Angeles, California, April 15. It is hoped the attendance that night will be the best of the year.

## FOR THE DEFENSE

In an editorial prompted by the establishment of some new college paper the Catholic Daily Tribune of Debuque, Iowa, only Catholic daily newspaper in the English language, criticizes Catholic collegiate publications thusly: "We have in mind publications that are issued by Catholic institutions. Some of them are almost as colorless in viewpoint as public high school papers. This should not be. It is merely another indication of Catholics aping the neutral viewpoint."

First of all let us understand clearly why the writer of this indictment criticizes Catholic student publications. It is because he says we are "almost as colorless in viewpoint as public high school papers." We will understand by a "colorless viewpoint" one neither Catholic, Protestant or Pagan—in his own words—a neutral position in regard to religion and morality; obviously this is the writer's meaning. The best way to answer this criticism is by pointing out what is and what is not the correct policy of a Catholic Collegiate publication, and then by showing that these publications are not colorless merely because they do not wave a white and gold flag in the eyes of the world.

The purposes of a Catholic College paper may be many, but one of its policies must always be the presentation, before some little part of the world, of the reality and vitality of Catholic Culture.

## Alumni Notes.

Several students and alumni attended the marriage of their genial old friend John Herbert on St. Patrick's Day. The bride, Miss Elizabeth Hudson, is from Urbana.

A letter from Dr. W. A. Lemire of Escanaba, Michigan, who was known in the old days as 'Coal Oil Bill', informs us that his professional experience and proficiency have placed him in charge of the Medical Department of the Michigan State Board of Registration.

Whilst in Cincinnati, the Viator debaters visited Beryl Martin, Acad. '25, who is making his philosophical studies in the Passionist Monastery there. Beryl was, as is expected, much taken up with his work, and well satisfied with the religious life. His name in religion is Confrater Ledger.

Peoria papers claim that the talk Father Thomas E. Shea gave the American Business Club on St. Patrick's Day was remarkably appropriate. The speaker, who is better known as the Chancellor of the Peoria Diocese, pointed out how men like St. Patrick have been responsible for the ideals and success of business, and how indebted we are to them for their influence.

A few days ago John Hogan, '13, paid us a brief visit and told of his work. He is affiliated with the Scientific Foods Corporation, located at 180 Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Father Roland French, formerly assistant at St. Mary's Church in Aurora, has been appointed pastor of St. Peter's Church at South Beloit, Illinois.

James Dalrymple, former varsity short-stop, has signed up with Baltimore and is now in training.

John Duffy, '23, is now manager of the Alexander Lumber Company at Waynesville, Illinois.

Father Moisan, C. S. V., of the Viatorian Mission Band is preaching a week's mission at Bradley, Illinois. Last week Father A. Rinella, C. S. V., conducted a mission at Martinton, Illinois.

In the report of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, there appears a paper by the Rev. Charles A. Hart on "America's Response to the Encyclical 'Aeterni Patris' ". The article bespeaks a wide acquaintance with American Neoscholastic thinkers and their works, and gives a very intelligible understanding of the influence of the Thomists on present day thought.

Rev. Father James V. Rheams, C. S. V., Master of Novices, and Brother

To be widely beneficial, a Catholic paper emanating from a Catholic college, or let us venture to say, published anywhere else, must have some kind of appeal for those outside of the Church who have a title to some kind of intelligence. In order to be read by this larger public, the paper must not be what I in no offensive way call blatantly Catholic; it must contain a little something other than serial lives of the saints, synopses of sermons, column after column of papal encyclicals, and, let us say, a continued catalogue of the mothers of Catholic war veterans. A College paper should contain a minimum of strictly esoteric Catholic news, and content itself with publishing articles that will be read by everyone and that will at the same time subtly broadcast some of the eternal wisdom of Truth. If a Catholic college paper does this it will be a force in the scholastic world today.

What is the "color" of our Catholic College journals today? It can be fairly said that they are certainly not colorless merely because they are not pietistic. On the other hand, we defy anyone to point out an instance where a Catholic College paper has been, in recent years at least, immoral or even unmoral, has caused the Catholic Church to be less thought of or has brought the slightest amount of disgrace on the cause of the Catholic College. The Viatorian receives a very large number of these publications in exchanges, and has never found in any of them anything offensive, or what is oprobiously called "colorless".

## Campus Briefs.

In one of the most spectacular "Broom Swinging Contests" between "Big" Al Furlong and "Dynamite" Hamilton, plenty of form was shown by both contestants; however Dynamite Hamilton with his speed, and shifty arms and eyes made two out of three possible flights of stairs—the crowd was estimated at ninety-nine, but due to a fast moving gallery no accurate account was had.

Our big "Gentle Jim" Hayden in English Poets the other day said "Tithonus" by Tennyson is very historical—The Prof. congratulated "Jim" and said, "That's just it, Mr. Hayden, the poem is known for its oratorical passages."

The funny part of this is that Jim didn't even blush when complimented.

"Ed" Weber wins the gold medal for the most original answer in a classroom.

Prof: Now Mr. Weber, tell the class what you have seen since our last Logic class.

Weber: Well—er—I saw the swimming meet!

"Joe Burly" Logan wishes to announce in this column, that he intends to re-arrange his former schedule for the benefit of the second corridor. It seems that Joe is the only possessor of the Chicago Evening American, and it contains in its columns, the much sought-after "Intelligence Test." In order to accommodate the huge crowds, with some resemblance of order, Joe is going to establish three-hour periods throughout the day. Thanks "Burly."

Mr. Peter L. N. Christman is begging the student body to come to his assistance. His afternoon siestas have been

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## OBITUARY

We extend our sympathy to Kenneth Clothier, prominent member of the Junior Class, upon the death of his grandmother.

To Edmund O'Neil we also extend our sympathy upon the death of his grandfather, Mr. McCormick of Philo, Illinois.

We extend our sympathy to Edward Gannan of the High School Class of 1925, on the recent death of his father, Mr. Denn's Gannan of Springfield, Illinois.

Francis Kotnour, C. S. V., of St. Viator College, were in Chamberlain, South Dakota last week, making arrangements for the removal of the furnishings of the Novitiate, formerly located there, to the new House near Le-mont, Illinois.

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## THE LIBRARY

We have a piece of good fortune that we would like to share with our friends. The library has been entered on the list of those to receive the books donated by the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace. We owe this privilege to the fact that in our debating team we have a club that answers the requirements of the Carnegie endowment, namely, the presence of an 'International Relations Club'. The books and pamphlets donated for 1930 are:

The Government of Japan—Kitazawa  
Japan in the League of Nations—M. Matsushita  
The Pacific Area—George H. Blakeslee.

The Law of Nations—J. L. Brierly  
New Governments of Central Europe—Malbone W. Graham Jr.

Where the East Begins—Hamilton Fish Armstrong  
Social Psychology of International Conduct—G. M. Stratton

World Peace Foundation—The United States and the World Court—Philip C. Jessup.

The American Foundation—The United States and the World Court  
International Conciliation No. 255—Observations on Present Day Russia—Paul Monroe

International Conciliation No. 256—The First Ten Years of the League of Nations—Arthur Sweetser

It is understood that these are to be the property of the Bergin Debating Society, and for this reason they will be kept all together in the Reference Room, and will not be subject to the usual library regulations. However, the Club is willing to share their good fortune with any student interested in the books.

Besides giving us books and pamphlets the Endowment sends a lecturer to each club once a year. These are very real benefits, for which everybody concerned will feel grateful.

Another thing that we know you will be glad to hear is that commencing Monday, April 7th, we are going to open the Reference Room for two hours a day to the students and faculty. This will be from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

If you want to do reference work with the periodicals, or simply desire a quiet place to work on a theme for a couple of hours in the afternoon, you will want to take advantage of this room.

Something else you may be interested in is the exhibit contest the assistants in the library are conducting. Every two weeks a group of two display an original exhibit on some subject connected with the books in the library. Each group will have an opportunity to make two displays and the best exhibit will be awarded by a prize of a two and a half dollar gold piece. The present exhibit on the board was contributed by Mary Taylor and Leonard DeDario. We hope you have taken the time to look at the rare Shakespearean prints on display in the library. The next exhibit will be the work of Walter Keckich and Lucille Putz and will be shown April 4th. We have heard many rumors concerning their plans and our expectations are great.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

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rudely interrupted by a very vicious-looking bull dog—The funny part of this is that Pete is afraid to molest the dog—We say why not let the poor dog get some sleep.

Mooney, Gibbons, and Ed Hunt are looking for knowledge. If anybody finds it running around, please be kind enough to wrap it up and send it to O. D. to this trio of energetic Freshmen.

At the last meeting of the College Club, the question of having a play

## DEBATERS WIN FIVE LOSE THREE

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### Wesleyan Takes Close Debate

Bernard Mulvaney and John Stafford returned from the trip north barely in time to meet with Charles Murphy, the affirmative team from Illinois Wesleyan University here March 14. Both Mr. Mulvaney and Mr. Stafford appeared a little muddled headed at times and seemed not to sure which side of the question they were debating. So versatility may have its drawbacks for it is difficult to debate affirmative one night and negative the next. Mr. Leon McCarty of the University of Illinois was again the critic judge for this debate. Although he was somewhat milder than at the preceding debate he was cleverly amusing none the less. The debate was won by Wesleyan by the very close score of 85 to 86. There was a fine crowd at this debate. Why? Ask Mr. Boyesen the publicity man.

### Negative Team Defeats Mt. Morris

Saturday evening March 15 the negative debating team of St. Viator college defeated the affirmative team of Mt. Morris college at Mt. Morris in an other Illinois conference debate. The men making the trip to Mt. Morris were Charles R. Murphy, Bernard G. Mulvaney and John W. Stafford. The Mt. Morris debaters were Mr. Schiedley, Mr. Schindelfelt and Mr. Masterson. The critic judge of the debate was professor Rassweiler, coach of debate at Belmont College. The chairman was Professor Forrest Veller, debate coach at Mt. Morris college.

### Audience Responsive.

A very appreciative and responsive audience was present, from which the debaters were able to draw frequent laughter and applause. The Viator debaters seemed to be a little oppressed with a sense of superiority and were very much at home on the platform. It was then skill in 'putting over' their arguments in a telling way that finally won the debate for them. For it was the opinion of the critic judge that both teams were equal in both constructive work and rebuttal. However, the local debaters managed to obtain a grade of 90 out of a possible 95 in the debate as against a grade of 85 given to Mt. Morris. The division of points to show relative strength was closer 2 points being given to Mt. Morris and 3 to St. Viator. The Bergin Debating Society of St. Viator college wishes to thank in a very special manner Alphonse Baron of Kankakee who very kindly drove the debaters to Mt. Morris and back in his car.

### Standing In Conference

The Mt. Morris contest is the second Illinois conference debate the St. Viator

was debated, and the Affirmative won the decision. The play will be the comedy 'Three Wise Fools'. The Viatorian is pleased that Dramatics are again to appear on our beloved campus.

One of our most promising '32' graduates 'Eddie' O'Neil really fooled one of our English Professors when he asked to give a character sketch in a book report. After a few words spent on some of the characters he came to a stand still—and the Prof. tried to help him out by saying, 'what do you think of little Mary and her development?'—Will she developed into a pretty nice kid? What would you have done? Send your solution to this question to Campus Brief Editor.

After such a spring blizzard, the College Boys have all lost weight. Why? Too much sleep and less food makes College Boys lazy and then—How about it Ham? 'Squat' what do you say about it?

'Spud' McGuire has announced his intentions of running for 'dog catcher'. Lots of luck George, and we assure you that we will get you a suitable wagon to haul them around in.

team has won. But with Bradley for feinting their debate scheduled for March 28 because of much sickness on their negative team the St. Viator wins amount to three, with two losses. In case of a tie of any kind in debates won the winner of the championship cup will be determined by the percentages obtained in the debates and here St. Viator has secured a grade of 92 against North Central and 90 against Mt. Morris.

### Spit Even With St. Xavier

Tuesday evening March 18, the traditional debate with St. Xavier College of Cincinnati, Ohio took place in the Club Rooms. The Viatorians were represented by Burke Monahan, appearing for his first time in an intercollegiate debate, Lloyd Wayne, debating here for the first time this season, and Bernard Mulvaney. The home team defended the affirmative of the disarmament question. The Judge, Mr. Ford McCoy, Professor of Extensore Speech and Debate at Northwestern University was very favorably impressed with the substitute for armaments offered by our debaters, and principally on the basis of this plan gave the decision to St. Viator College. Mr. McCoy liked our plan so well that he said he was telegraphing it to the team he had coached which was then entered in the National Tournament being held in Kansas.

After the debate here with St. Xavier, Ralph Hoover, Charles Murphy, and John Stafford, gentlemen of the negative, entrained for Cincinnati, where the following evening they met an affirmative team of St. Xavier on their local floor. It seemed that away from home we didn't fare so well against St. Xavier, for a critic judge from the University of Cincinnati saw fit to give the decision to the local school. It must be admitted that the Viatorians were not nearly as good as is customary, but even at that there was said to have been a lot of undue weight attached by the judge to the finely oratorical last rebuttal of Mr. Doyle of St. Xavier. The Cincinnati team presented a new form of affirmative case which the Viatorians had of course studied but which they didn't answer as fully as might have been. The entertainment given to the team while in Cincinnati was as is always the case there of the highest order. In this debate another Viator man, Ralph Hoover, made his initial appearance as a varsity debater.

### Dual Meet With Dayton

On the night of March 20th there were two debates with the University of Dayton of Dayton, Ohio. The negative team that met St. Xavier there went to Dayton the next day, and annexed another loss to that of the night before. So occasionally speaking the barnstorming trip through Ohio this year seemed pretty much a flop. At Dayton the Viatorians met a new kind of affirmative case, there wasn't any. Enclosed is a clipping from the Dayton Journal of the day after summarizing after a fashion the six constructive speeches.

First Levi first speaker of the affirmative defined the terms of the resolution. Parth Snyder second affirmative speaker held that complete disarmament would prevent further war. He viewed peace and disarmament as synonymous terms. He said if war were abolished arbitration would be established. He laid the failures of arbitration at the door of armament.

George Iwashita president of the Dayton university debating team spoke of the thirty million dollars required to build our modern dreadnaughts and the five billion dollars spent last year by all the nations of the world on armament declaring the saving of this expenditure would mean the difference between poverty and prosperity to many nations.

Ralph Hoover as first negative speaker charged complete disarmament

would mean only secret preparation for war.

Charles Murphy Negative speaker, contended that security only can be maintained by force of arms.

J. W. Stafford closed the argument for St. Viator by asserting that armaments are necessary, since many cases that arise between nations are not subject to arbitration. He said armament was necessary to us as a nation since American prosperity is dependent on commerce with foreign nations and this only can be protected by a navy.

Three lawyers gave the decision voting 2 to 1 in favor of Dayton. The Chairman of the Debate a former Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was of the consoling opinion that St. Viator College had won.

The same evening at Doubannas the trio Monahan, Wayne, Mulvaney put over their plan again with much force, winning another affirmative victory. The judge again was Mr. McCoy, and it is generally conceded that the discussion he gave of the speeches after the debate was about as penetrating and thorough as any ever heard here. He offered valuable suggestions to all the debaters, victors as well as the Dayton boys.

### Rotary Debate March 27th

Perhaps the most enjoyable debate of the whole season was that put on before the Kankakee Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon, March 27th by two teams from St. Viator College. An affirmative team made up of Lloyd Wayne and John Stafford met the two debating seniors, Bernard Mulvaney and Raymond Royson. Mr. Murphy, too well known in Kankakee to debate acted as chairman. The debate was characterized by an overflow of humor from the time Mr. Mulvaney found the audience by quite innocently making some reference to some noble experiment. There was only one thing wrong however Mr. Royson had received strict directions not to pun. Consequently his style was a little cramped. The Bergin Debating Society takes this opportunity of thanking officially the Rotary Club for their kindness in entertaining these two teams.

### St. Louis Here March 28th

Friday night March 28th, a last minute debate was held with St. Louis University at Notre Dame Convent, Bourbonnais. Bernard Mulvaney and John Stafford appeared for St. Viator. It was Mr. Mulvaney's last debate and he received a quite glowing writeup in the Kankakee papers, that sounded more like a funeral sermon than anything else. The local papers refuse permission to copy this writeup or The Viatorian would show its readers how Mr. Mulvaney is regarded as a debater. Just think only one loss in two years. The St. Louis affair by the way was no decision and therefore listless. However the students at the Convent regarded the debate as an event and the efforts the debaters made in regarding themselves in their tuxedos and pouring forth their learned eloquence were much appreciated. The debate was also significant in that it was the first time St. Louis University have ever met in debate. The desire has been expressed that the teams meet again next year so probably Missouri will have been added next year to the states invaded by Viator debaters.

### Two More Debates

There are but two more debates on the Viatorian schedule. Next Tuesday April 8th Mr. Wayne, Mr. Royson and Mr. Stafford will tell the inhabitants of Wheaton Illinois all about how the world could be saved by the Viator affirmative plan when Wheaton College is met there. Then a week later April 16th Mr. Royson and Mr. Stafford will close the season and their own debating careers as well when they debate here against Southwestern University of Los Angeles, California. The local team will uphold the affirmative the judge will be Professor Sandford of the University of Illinois.

## Father Lord Announces Sodality Conference Plans

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Another Convention ahead and we are all set to make it the greatest thus far.

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So you've just got to be there this year. We wouldn't think it a Convention without you school high on the list.

Out of your experience with the former Conventions, no doubt you have developed ideas about what you think conventions in general should be like. Would you mind sending us those suggestions? We'd like a lot to have them. They'd be valuable to us.

I can tell you among other things that this Convention will have:

1 College and High School groups meeting separately after the first general meeting.

2 A Resolutions Committee which will bring up definite and clear cut propositions for discussion.

The first will mean an opportunity for the individual groups to discuss things of interest to them.

The second will eliminate dry reports on 'what our Sodality has been doing' and will prevent anything like competitive bragging.

But what else would you suggest? We are keen to have your help in making this literally the biggest and best Student Convention to date.

Devotedly yours in Christ  
DANIEL A. LORD S. J.

## Toohill, '27, Now With Chicago Tribune

John Toohill former St. Viator student has accepted a position as the sport writer for the Chicago Tribune. He will take up his new duties about April 1st. For the past few years Mr. Toohill has been sporting Editor of the Springfield Daily Register, but his new position gives him many more opportunities for advancement. He is to be congratulated for obtaining this position for it is seldom that a man so young breaks into the Sports Department of the Tribune.

Johnny, as he is known down state was graduated with the class of 1927. He was Editor of The Viatorian and prominent in all campus activities. After leaving St. Viator he secured a position on the staff of the Daily Bulletin of Bloomington. A year later Toohill became the Sporting Editor of the Register in Springfield. His work here attracted much attention and he will be missed in the Capital City. Johnny's many friends wish him success in his new venture.

## FRESHMEN INVITED TO ISSUE NUMBER OF THE VIATORIAN

The staff of the Viatorian has invited the Freshman Class to issue a special number of the paper. The invitation has been accepted and as soon as the necessary organization and preparations have been made the Class will present their issue. Several freshmen are at present on the regular staff of The Viatorian and with the other journalistic talent rumor says is latent in the Class of 1933 the issue should be of considerable merit. Mr. Middleton and Mr. Hoover are in charge of the effort.

## NOVICES MOVE TO NEW HOME

Thursday April 3 the Novices, who have been living at St. Bernard Hall, moved with their Master Rev. James V. Rheams, C. S. V. former President of the College, to their new home near Lemont, Illinois.



# VIATORIANA



From the looks of the calendar, we've just had a March. So it's proper to introduce our 'Spring Poetry'. The first is the work of an old alumni, and is entitled:

## "JUST A LITTLE RAVIN"

Once upon a midnight dreary, when I pondered, weak and weary,  
O'er a magazine entrancing, I had purchased at the store,  
As I burned the midnight candle, as I read a tale of scandal,  
Someone gently shook the handle which operates my door.  
When I opened it, there entered my old friend from twenty-four,  
Simply he and nothing more

He produced two cubes with dots on, which (as Sherlock said to Watson),  
Should be ivory, (but are not, son), and he rolled them on the floor

So, while midnight bells are tolling, we gently started rolling, rolling  
Fearful of the perfect strolling as he'd often strolled before,  
And he worried, as we gambled, for we couldn't hear him snore  
Merely that and nothing more

Grief evolved from apprehension, it were well herein to mention,  
For we fell into a panic at a sound without the door.  
For the perfect there was tapping—nay a stronger term was rapping

Entered he and started slapping as he'd never slapped before  
And the chorus, sung by battered me, and friend from twenty-four,  
Is—like the raven's—Nevermore

Puzzle No. 2 of our puzzle contest is as follows:—There was a beggar who had a brother. The beggar died. But the beggar's brother never had a brother. How can you explain it?

We'll have to discontinue putting answers under the President's door. Leave them out in the corridor—or anywhere else you can think of—we're not particular. Those in Roy Hall can slip them under the door of old room 311

Leon says, "If a debater refuses to gesticulate or walk around in his dress-suit—you can be sure he's 'rent' it"

What's all this talk about the 'Hidden wealth of the U. S.?'  
Oh! That's the old question of Income Taxes.

Sometimes I doubt whether James really loves me  
But why should he make you an exception?

After all, fellows, there's nothing like a fallen angel cake

It's not the questions that bother me, fellows. It's the answers

Did you hear the latest—no! what? they are building a new "mental reservation" near Kankakee.

Lost and Found  
Will the lad that left a kid-glove in the chapel please put the other one there—cause I need a pair

Say, what killed Pompey—Some kind of an eruption, I guess.

Geometrical Demonstration  
Prof—Now watch the board fellows, and I'll go through it again

Personally, I think my wife's voice is unearthly  
What was that, John?  
I was just saying that your voice is heavenly

Extract from the ambitious student's diary  
When I contemplate the marvelous advances of electricity—I tell you it makes me think—It's wonderful what electricity can do

Grandpa! did you ever have hair like snow—yes, my child—then who shoveled it off?

Here's another natty question. What would you do if you saw a horse in your bathtub?  
That's easy enough. Just pull out the plug

So we conclude with the pathetic story of the boy who wanted to see his dear dad on his birthday—but hadn't enough cents to go home

## Evanow Ivanitch

That august character read the note quickly and whistled in admiration. There was art in it alright. She was skilled at repartee. "I say there," began Ivan, "you're a friend of the family aren't you? What do you say to an introduction?"

"We'll have a little breakfast first," rejoined Quincey, and he purposely hailed a famous Greek waiter. Just tell him what you want, and I'll introduce you later. As the man of Greece exacted approached you could tell he was from some part of Turkey. He pulled out his 'fare bill' cleared his throat and spoke in pure Greek. "What you wan keed huh?"

The guests and the waitresses were laughing in anticipation of poor Ivan's answer. Little did they realize that he had learned Greek in three weeks. With consummate unconcern Ivan looked away toward the window and replied, "I'll take a rostabif sangwich strom berry pie and zoup plees."

You can imagine the astonishment that overspread the faces of the guests. They had hardly expected such a clever handling of language upon the part of this young man. Even the waitresses nodded in approval and they seemed anxious to make the acquaintance of this singular and erudite young man.

De Quincey took advantage of the dramatic moment and asked Miss O Day over to their table. She and Aurora Boring Alice had been preparing to leave but they condescended to come over for a moment.

"Meet Mr. Evanow Dmitri Ivantitch," began De Quincey. "He's come all the way over from Russia just to see America, thrash!"

And I've heard America curse in stead added Ivan in the way of a pleasantry. I greatly admire your poetry, Mr. Ivantitch. "said the 'Child' opening up the conversation for the visiting team. You publish your poetry no doubt don't you?"

"Yes," said Ivan. "Perhaps you have read some of it. I always write under the pseudonym of Smith."

Smith continued Dawn, "the name sounds familiar."

Listen here now, you're not trying to kid me are you? I'm not a fool yet you know."

"No but pretty near one," countered 'the child' maliciously.

"Well in that case," rejoined Ivan, "I'll just step aside."

Really you're extremely clever, Mr. Ivantitch. I suppose they are skilled in repartee over in Russia. I suppose you could put that in verse for me couldn't you?

"I can try anyway," said Ivan and he immediately put the words in poetry. Dawn O Day picked up the verse and read,

"I'm not a fool as yet," he cried  
But pretty near one," she replied  
And he as quick at repartee  
At once returned, "Oh pardon me,  
If that's the case I'll step aside."

"Really that's too much for one day," she added. "I'll have to be leaving now." "Yes," agreed Boring Alice. "we'll have to be going. I suppose you boys will insist on taking us home won't you?"

"Sure will," said Ivan. "I'll take Miss O Day home, which one will you take Quincey?"

"Me? Oh! Guess I'll take the other one home then."

That was very nice of you both," said Dawn. "but there is our car waiting outside now. I told James not to bother with the car but he seems to have forgotten again. Chauffeurs are so abominable. Mr. Ivantitch, well say good bye now and shall look forward to seeing you again."

## CHAPTER VII THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BAKED APPLE

Any casual reader who may have chanced to read the preceding chapters

of this narrative especially during the last few months in which Ivan has been hanging around the Child's restaurant will no doubt have been struck by a notable discrepancy in his character. On the one hand we have heard him speaking derisively of the emotions of the human heart, ridiculing the tender path and assuming a cynical attitude toward all life in general. And on the other hand (he has been wearing an engagement ring) no but we find him deliberately involving himself in an indiscriminate flirtation with a restaurant waitress—with an absolutely total stranger whom he doesn't know from Adam and whom we hope, he will never see again. Now obviously such anomalous conduct is deserving of reprehension and censure. No sane and sensible man can hope to vindicate himself upon violating the fundamental rules of gentlemanly conduct. So that we naturally ask our selves the question—What kind of man can he possibly be who so flagrantly flouts the mandates of correct society?—By what principal can he be led—Is he after all no different from the common run of men, a mere dilettante a social virtuoso or still worse in insufferable Beau Brummel—who considers himself irresponsible to the demands of social order. It would certainly seem so. And yet we must not be too precipitate in our censure of the youth. Let us first take cognizance of the circumstances and weigh the evidence—Has he not after all been subjected to a profound transformation—a sort of spiritual metamorphosis, in which he has been suddenly whisked away from the past and cast headlong in the swirling vortex of American industrial life. Has he not been transformed from the primitive life of the rugged steppes to the vertiginous convolutions of an irresponsible and chaotic civilization which thinks only in terms of efficiency and machine power. Such an abrupt transition will scarcely be borne with impunity. Take any impressionable youth, obliterate from his mind every vestige of the past and confront him suddenly with the bewildering opportunities of a money-mad, materialistic minded machine age—and a psychological upheaval will be inevitable. The craze for wealth, the lust for power, the frenzy of speed and efficiency, the flamboyance of an intangible literature and a slippery elusive diction, the morbid perversion of cubism impressionism futurism and vorticism, the insincerity and sophistication of a hedonistic society and last but not least the indefinable fierceness of a savage syncope and wailing primitive music—all these we say combined to take Evan Ivan out of his natural element and to render himself susceptible to the enticements of intrigue, mystery and romance.

We can safely say it was not always thus. On the contrary Ivan is famed for his stoical imperturbable temperament. In Muscovite society he was recognized as the very embodiment of character and moral power. For almost a decade he had reigned as the crowning ambition of social grand dames, nouveau riche and aspiring debutantes. And it was this significant fact that had made Ivan wall himself in by an impervious armour of moral principles. He had regulated his life according to a code which once fixed, was unalterable. Any individual chancing to examine his diary would be struck by the sublimity and wisdom of his principles. Reading casually through this book we come upon such gems as—I will never kiss a girl when she isn't looking—I e when she isn't good looking—or again we hit upon a staid aphorism such as—If you don't want your heart stolen, young man, then steel it—His whole system however, might be summed up in his fundamental dictum. Do Right and Fear No Man. Don't Write and Fear No Woman. Such severity in principles would give one the impression that Ivan was an absolute mystic a pure

transcendentalist who had no connections with the mundane affairs of the earth. Such however was not the case. Ivan, on the contrary believed in enjoying the amenities of life. No one would accuse him of being an irredeemable barbarian. At the Moscow University, for example, he had regularly lectured to a class of coeds on the subject of 'The Art of Speaking'. I had even coached their bridge tournaments—holding hands just as well as any of them. But it was evident to that Ivan's heart was not in the game. He was whole heartedly given up to studies. The quest for truth, a beauty took precedence over all other ambitions. Success, honor, reputation nothing to him—he flouted them. Thrice he had won the amateur tennis title of Russia. Four times he had conquered the 182 Balke Billiards. Not man could stand his old socks in public circles, and when on exhibition he had overwhelmingly defeated the veteran Tennis Champion of France. He passed off this great honor with a casual remark—After all fellows it was only a love game anyway. It is a tradition in Moscow that Ivan could not beat at Love games. So it was natural that both town and University should idolize him.

But now let us turn the literary lights back on the 'Child's' restaurant where this same imperturbable genius of the clay court sits in languorous inactivity. As he listens apathetically to the sonorous strains of 'The Girl I Love is a Girl That Only Moots Could Love'—It is evident that change has come over him. A hectic flush suffuses his face and his eyes dilate with the piercing turbulence of gamblers. It is three months since he came into the restaurant—and hasn't eaten yet. Let us listen to his conversation. "Do you know Quincey," he begins, "I've a mind to eat something." Not a bad idea answered Quincey we might as well do that anything else." Well you do the ordering. I'm tired of hauling waitresses like a child. "If you insist, says Quincey and then he ingeniously extricates his red handkerchief and waves it a few times in the air. The head waiter himself responds this time. As he approaches it is evident that the man of Greek extraction—from some part of the Turkey. Without so much noticing Ivan he draws up before the table and addresses his guest. "What you wankeed Huh?", he says in pure Greek.

A gentle ripple of laughter suffused itself over the faces of the guests as the waitresses cry out in delight they joyfully anticipate the confusion into which poor Ivan will be plunged as he endeavors to answer the waiter. Little do they realize that Ivan has had a three months course in Greek for the White Front Restaurant Co. Without giving the people the slightest suspicion that he has heard the question Ivan slouches down in his chair, surveys the ceiling with consummate concern and then breaks forth into vigorous— "I'll take a rostabif sangwich stromberry pie 'n zoup keeds."

The faces of the guests register amazement, the waitresses smile one another in admiration, and the peevish head waiter nods ingratiatingly towards Ivan as he humbly takes down the order. Thank Heavens, Ivan is going to eat something at last.

This singular feat has made a terrible impression. Miss Dawn O Day and Aurora Boring Alice who had been dining up as if to get, but now show unmistakable desire to meet the young man. They soon catch Quincey's and at a nod from him come over the table.

Good afternoon Mr. Perrin, says Alice. You are getting to be a regular stranger around here aren't you?"

I'm getting to be a regular something or other says Quincey. But want you to meet a new friend of mine.

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## Hopes of Irish for a Championship Nine

The cycle of sports has turned once again to baseball and hopes of an outstanding team at St. Viator are high. St. Viator has an enviable record in this sport. Year after year teams turned out by the Bourbonnais institution have finished high in the standings of the Little Nineteen Conference. In the past years Viator has held a goodly number of championships in this sport, and this year the hope of the Irish for another championship looks good although the team is still in the first stage of practice. Outside practice has not yet been held due to the condition of the weather. However, the spacious gymnasium is the scene of diamond activities during the bad weather. Every afternoon the battery men take their usual workouts, and judging from the way the Irish pitchers have been cutting loose, they will be in fine shape as soon as conditions permit the first outdoor practice. If the sun keeps beating down on the now covered diamond for the next few days, as it has been outdoor practice will probably begin the early part of the week.

Viator has usually had a great pitching staff and this year will be no exception. "Bill" Todd, the "Chicago Red Head," will be back again this year. Todd was the ace of the pitching staff last year and he looks forward to an even better season this year. Phil Mackey, a husky right hander from Galesburg, looks like he will win several games this year. Frank Cassidy and Mooney two freshmen also look good in their workouts. Tom Ahearn last year's regular pitcher will be back again to receive the fast ones of the pitching staff. "Pete" Christman former Quincy College star also looks good as a catcher. Al Taylor, a freshman, completes the staff of catching aspirants.

Among the infielders we have Evard, star second baseman of last year and Comary, who played a great game at third, are back again. Weber, O'Malley, McGuire, Woods, Bassano, Culkus, Laffey and Clothier are promising aspirants for the infield positions. "Al" Furlong and "Bill" Hamilton are the only two veteran outfielders on the squad. Pombert, Shea, Morrissey, Carr, Carney, Gibbons and Hunt are the promising new men for the outfield positions.

## Viatorian Selection of All-Opponent Cage Five

Smith, Millikin F.  
Meehan, Wesleyan F.  
McQueen, Bradley G. C. (C)  
Mason, Bradley G.  
Rhea, Wesleyan G.

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## Two Viator Men on Bradley All-Opponents

Byron Evard, Captain of Viator's 1930 hardwood quintet and Francis Cassidy, flashy floss guard, drew berths on the first and second squads respectively of Bradley's all opponent teams. Both of the local players were selected by "The Bradley Tech" student newspaper for their play against Bradley during the season just past.

### First Team

Meehan, Wesleyan—Forward  
Evard, St. Viator—Forward  
Beedles, Macomb—Center  
Wasilewski, Eureka—Guard  
Harper, U. of I.—Guard

### Second Team

Hildreth, U. of Iowa—Forward  
Holmes, Millikin—Forward  
Block, Knox—Center  
Cassidy, St. Viator—Guard  
Baker, Wesleyan—Guard

## Baseball Schedule

April 22 Illinois College T  
April 26 Millikin T  
May 1 Elmhurst H  
May 3 Wheaton H  
May 5 Millikin H  
May 7 De Kalb H  
May 10 Wesleyan H  
May 12 Bradley T  
May 15 Elmhurst T  
May 23 Wesleyan T  
May 31 Bradley H

## FOUR CONFERENCE RECORDS SMASHED

100 yard breast-stroke—Gordon Augustana 1st Ketchum Wesleyan, 2nd Beardsley Knox 3rd Harris, Millikin 4th Time—1:31.6

50 yard free style—Wells Macomb 1st Bull Knox 2nd Lucey, Wesleyan 3rd Reagan, Eureka 4th Time—27.6 (Wells established new conference record of 27.2 in the preliminaries)

220-yard free style—Marshall Wesleyan 1st Carle, Knox, 2nd, Vallen court Viator 3rd Reagan Eureka, 4th Time—2:59.2 (New conference record old record 3:03)

100 yard back stroke—Withey Wesleyan 1st Beardsley Knox, 2nd Larson Augustana 3rd West, Augustana 4th Time—1:22.2 (New conference record old record 1:35)

100 yard free style—Bull Knox 1st Lucey Wesleyan 2nd Furlong Viator 3rd Vallen court Viator 4th Time—1:05.4 (New conference record old record 1:06)

Fancy diving—Hankins Millikin, 1st 79.05 points Beardsley Knox 2nd Mooney State Normal 3rd Davis Knox 4th

150 yard medley race—Wesleyan 1st (Withey Ketchum Lucey) Knox 2nd Augustana 3rd Viator 4th Time—1:46 (New conference record old record 1:51)

## Viatorian All-Senior League Quintet

Hunt, J. F.  
Culkus, F.  
Monohan, C.  
Carroll, G.  
Logan, G.

## The Inquiring Reporter

### QUESTION

What do you think of the recently proposed plan for the organization of a new athletic conference to be known as "The Big Six" and to include such teams as Wesleyan, Millikin, Bradley, Lombard, St. Viator and Augustana?

Kenneth Clothier, '31

It is my opinion that such a movement would be a great boon to athletics in Illinois. As the conference now stands there is no chance of each team playing every other one in the league consequently many disputes arise concerning the championship. The six proposed members of the new conference are the leaders of the "Little 19" and if in a class by themselves, would provide class competition more rivalry, and play better brand of ball.

Gill Middleton, '33

The plan proposed by the editors of the student publications at Bradley Wesleyan for the organization of a new athletic conference is worthy of serious consideration on the part of the athletic boards of the schools involved as it looms as a possible solution for the present unequal situation in the "Little Nineteen." The original purpose of banding all the smaller colleges and universities of Illinois into one athletic conference has outlived its usefulness, as some five or six teams are always among the leaders in the various sports sponsored by the conference. In the present state of affairs the weaker teams of the Conference are seriously (Continued on Page 6)

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handicapped by the super-competition; and, the stronger teams suffer financial loss because of lack of interest in games with teams of the weaker types. Athletic competition in Illinois would be keener if the present conference was to be split into three divisions, (1) for the strong teams, (2) the weak teams, and (3) the Normal teams. I list the Normal teams in a separate division because those teams cannot present a strong front on account of the continual addition and withdrawal of students, occasioned by the curricula of the state teachers' institution. Surely, the breaking away from the parent conference and the forming of the Big Six, would not be harmful to the teams involved, as many evils would be eliminated.

J. Logan, '31.

I am heartily in favor of such a proposal. In the first place, if this plan succeeds, it will mean that the conference will be much easier to manage. It will be a great aid in the various branches of sports. At the present time it is an extremely difficult task to award the championship to any team in the Little Nineteen because of the inability of each team to play every school in the conference. It is folly to expect a football team to meet every team in the conference as it now stands. A team is able to play only ten other teams in the conference at the most. In order to pick a real champion in a conference it is almost necessary for each team to meet every other team in that conference.

C. Julian Romary, '32.

After seeing the futility of the Little Nineteen Conference to award undisputed championships in the various branches of sports, it is my expressed belief that a new conference be formed. It should consist of six of the outstanding colleges in the presence conference, with the possible addition of two more teams in order to promote a keener spirit competition. As it is now there is no set rule governing the number of conference games that must be played, in order that a team may win the championship. Thus a team of apparently low caliber may select a schedule made up entirely of the weaker teams in the conference and annex the championship in comparatively easy style. The six colleges mentioned without a doubt, represent the outstanding teams in the conference and they would do well to sever relations with the unwieldy "Little 19" and organize a conference of their own.

## EVANOW IVANITSCH

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Mr. Evanow Dmitri Ivanitsch, in person. He has come all the way from mysterious Russia just to see America thirst."

You should never have brought him into this vicinity then, says Dawn, especially not so near to the Sherman House."

Listen here, counters Quincey, don't you be telling stories out of school. Ivan is a man that respects the Prohibition law.

Do you really, Mr. Ivanitsch. From my impression of Russia I didn't think they had any law."

Oh they have laws alright, only no one seems to know what they are

They recognize everything except property, religion, and personal rights. But listen here, aren't you girls going to have something to eat?"

Oh dear no, says Dawn, we never eat—here you know.

"Well then let's go somewhere else. There's no law against that is there. How about that Sherman House you were—"

At this point Quincey interrupted Ivan's big hearted suggestion with a kick under the table. "You know, he says, I simply can't go to these places with an orchestral din. They get on my nerves. Now take that College Inn for example. The other night I took a cousin of mine there—Well Mary just had a little lamb, and I had a bottle or two of root-beer—and what do you think the bill was. I tell you it made me stagger (the bill of course) And even then it was only the cover charge."

Ivan, however, was determined to be big-hearted. "Honestly Quincey, he began, money means nothing to me. If I can't spend it I simply don't want it. That's the way I look at it anyway. If the girls want some dinner then let them have it."

"Don't be foolish boys, says Dawn, you go ahead with your breakfast. Why here comes the waiter right now with your order."

"Yes," says Alice, "we would much prefer to hear you talk about Russia. Are there any more great geniuses there like Tolstoy and Dostolevsky?"

"Not since I left," replied Ivan, "but there are a lot of second rate writers."

"You know," said Dawn, that poetic note you wrote me was very clever. Do you ever write for publication?"

"Yes, at times. I usually write under the pseudonym of Smith."

"Smith!" said Dawn laughingly. Let me think. — Smith—the name certainly sounds familiar."

"Perhaps you have seen the name on cough-drops, suggested Ivan maliciously."

"Yes that's it. Really Mr. Ivanitsch, you are too fearfully clever for us. There's no telling when you are kidding us."

Well, I'll admit I'm not as dense as I look," said Ivan. (He felt he was making a great hit—the old rascal) "As the exiled court jester once said, 'I'm not a fool yet you know.'"

"But pretty near one," said Dawn, banteringly.

"Oh if that's the case, then I'll step aside."

"Honestly Mr. Ivanitsch, you are im-

possible. What chance has a poor working girl in a conversation with you. I suppose you'll be putting that in verse for us next."

"You never can tell what will happen when a Russian steps out West," said Ivan.

"What do you think of this for an improvisation:"

"I'm not a fool as yet," he cried.

"But pretty near one," she replied.

"And he as quick at repartee, At once returned, 'Oh! Pardon me, If that's the case I'll step aside.'"

The young ladies smiled in amusement. Now just for that, you'll have to take us home."

"We certainly will," said Ivan, we're certainly bears for punishment. First this stromberry pie, and now an "L" of a ride home. What do you say Quincey if we take the Wrigley girls (they're always after meals) home."

It's all O K with me, agreed Quincey.

"I'll take Miss Dawn O'Day, said Ivan, which one are you going to take?"

"Me, said Quincey, Oh! Guess I'll take the other one then."

At this particular moment, a big powerful looking Dusenberg crept up in front of the restaurant and began honking its horn.

"Oh dear me, said Dawn, there's that young Vanderbilt boy again. Now isn't that the limit. I completely forgot him, didn't you Alice? Well I guess there is nothing else to be done. We'll have to say good-bye to you boys. Don't go near the Sherman House, now, Mr. Ivanitsch and be sure to take good care of Mr. Quincey, won't you."

Once more the boys were left alone at their table. "You know, said Quincey, guess I'll eat something. What do you say to a baked apple. After all, Ivan, there is nothing like a baked apple."

Yeah! you're right Quincey. There is nothing like a baked apple."

So they both ordered hamburger.

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