

CISCA DRAMA TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 3-4

Poll On Current Events Conducted By College Club

On March 22 a student poll on questions of current interest was conducted under the direction of College Club President Francis Sanhuber. From the interested reception accorded the vote it was evident that considerable thought and discussion were provoked.

There were four questions, two of which pertained to international affairs and two which related to events at home.

A question which asked whether the United States should act with Great Britain and France to curb Germany's apparently imperialistic ambitions was answered decidedly in the negative. It was found that 185 students opposed such action, while 62 believed the proposal to be feasible.

"Are you in sympathy with the present armament program of the United States?" showed that 166 were in favor of such an increase while 81 opposed increased armaments.

An answer possible reactionary but just as possibly wise was received to the query, "Are you in favor of having Roosevelt run for a third term?" Results disclosed that 118 would approve such a proposal but 133 apparently believed this

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Racketeers To Meet Wesleyan on April Second

Inaugurating the current tennis season with a game against Illinois Wesleyan on the home courts on April 2, our tennis stars are preparing for a strenuous schedule which will include such formidable opponents as Armour Institute, Chicago Normal College, Wilson Junior College, St. Bede, Joliet Junior College, Wheaton College, Valparaiso University and Illinois Normal College.

John Dovorany and Jack Nelan will undoubtedly make up one of the doubles teams that Brother Peckham intends to start. Since it is so early in the season, the regulars have not been determined as yet. Among those competing for positions are: John Driscoll, Dan McCarthy, William McCue, Jack O'Connor and Thomas Trenkle.

Brother Cyril Peckham, C. S. V., coach of the tennis squad has decided to enter the Little Nineteen Tournament late in May if the team wins enough of its preliminary matches.

Wranglers Placed 4th In Tourney

After attaining forensic heights in the qualifying rounds of the Illinois State Intercollegiate Tournament held on March 25 and 26, the St. Viator Debaters finished in fourth place because of defeats suffered by the affirmative team.

Wheaton College retained their championship laurels from last year, winning first place, while DeKalb and Augustana finished in second and third places respectively.

The end of the qualifying round found St. Viator College one point behind the forensically formidable Wheaton Wranglers, 43-42. These ratings were based on argument and presentation.

Affirmative Team Loses Two

In the closing round of the tournament, the negative team, composed of Brother Donald Foley, C. S. V., and Brother Martin McLaughlin, C. S. V., won both of their debates, but the affirmative team, composed of Thomas Trenkle, '41, and Daniel Ward, '40, lost both of their debates.

Spring Practice

The Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, C. S. V., coach of the debate team is already laying plans for next year's debate team. He will have a series of practice debates for the benefit of those members who will return next year. Since Dan Ward, manager of the debate team, will enter law school next year.

Monogram Hop Set for April 23

"Tweet" Hogan has been selected to furnish the music for the Monogram Dance which will be held in the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on the evening of April 23. Committees have been appointed by the Rev. Francis Harbauer, C. S. V., Athletic Director of the College, to take care of the sale of tickets, and to insure the happiness of every person who attends the dance.

One of the unusual features of the dance will be a souvenir program containing a short history of the College, along with a record of the Athletic teams of the College and some interesting Alumni Notes.

LECTURER



THOMAS TEMPLE

The Honorable Thomas Temple Hoyne, Comptroller of U. S. customs of the port of Chicago and former financial editor of the Chicago Herald and Examiner, will address the members of the International Relations Club tonight at 8 o'clock in the Seminar room of the College Library. "Our Economic Relations Abroad and at Home" is the subject which Mr. Hoyne has selected. Since he is one of the outstanding authorities in the field of money today, the lecture should prove very interesting and instructive to the members of the club.

Continuing his custom of previous years, the Rev. J. E. Williams, C. S. V., Moderator of the I. R. C. has invited the residents of Kankakee, Bourbonnais, Manteno and other neighboring villages to attend the meeting.

College Band Will Sponsor Dance Apr. 30

The College Band, under the very able leadership of Brother George Carson, C. S. V., will sponsor a dance in the college gymnasium on the evening of April 30. The very nominal sum of 50c per person will be charged for admission to the dance.

Plans are being laid by Brother Carson to make the affair one of the most gala social events of the year. He is soliciting the support of every organization on the campus to cooperate with him in this undertaking, so even at this early date there is every indication that the affair will be a financial as well as a social success.

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"Masterful Monk" Is Third Annual Cisca Production

Wagner Act Discussed Over WCFL

The National Labor Relations Board, which was set up according to the provisions of the Wagner Act, was the subject of an interesting WCFL-radio discussion on March 12 between students of North Central College of Naperville, Illinois, and St. Viator College. In this discussion, which was one in the series of radio debates and discussions broadcast over WCFL each Saturday afternoon at 5:00, the functions and record of the Board were treated. Reasons for the objections of Labor to the Board were considered and suggestions were made whereby the Board could be improved.

The St. Viator debaters who participated in this discussion were Lawrence Roemer, '35, and Francis Nolan, '40.

The following Saturday, March 19, Lake Forest College of Lake Forest, Illinois, and St. Viator met in a debate on the forensically venerable but ever interesting subject, Resolved, That trial by jury be abolished. Wilbur Mayo, '40 and Thomas Trenkle, '41, representing St. Viator on the affirmative side of the question, urged that the present jury system be abolished in favor of a system less vulnerable to mere emotional appeal. It is interesting to note that such proposals have been made in the past with increasing frequency with considerable evidence for their adoption.

Mr. Roy Leaves College After 40 Years Stay

Mr. John B. Roy, of Bourbonnais, Illinois, who has served the College faithfully for the past forty years, has retired from active duty and will live with his sister in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Roy was known by every one at the College, students as well as faculty members, and in his lengthy stay here, has endeared himself to the hearts of all. The members of the faculty and student body unite in wishing Mr. Roy many happy and pleasant days at the home of his sister.

The St. Viator Chapter of Cisca will present "The Masterful Monk", its third annual dramatic production, in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sunday and Monday evenings, April 3 and 4 at 8 o'clock.

The story centers around a romance between "Beauty Dethier", who will be portrayed by Miss Mary Anthony, '39, and "Basil Esterton," which character will be played by Francis X. Nolan, '40. Daniel Ward '40, will take the part of "Julian Verers", the villain in the play, while Larry Roemer, '39, will be "Brother Anselm."

Tickets on Sale

Brother McCue, C. S. V., in charge of the committee on tickets announces that tickets are on sale in the Treasurer's office, the Hattenburg Pharmacy, the Leonard Smith Store for Men, or they may be procured from any member of the cast. General admission seats are priced at 25c, while the reserved seats are 40c.

Characters in Order of Their Appearance

Butler—Thomas Ashe
Basil Esterton—Francis X. Nolan.
Eric Esterton—Alfred Lambeau.
Lady Esterton—Mary Margaret Bursch.
Maid—Yvonne Rivard.
Major Brandreth—Richard J. Powers.
"Beauty" Dethier—Mary Anthony.
Mrs. Sands Woodford—Marion Hanson.
Julian Verers—Daniel Ward.
Brother Anselm—Lawrence Roemer.
Lord Esterton—Eugene Edward Gould.
Brother Martin McLaughlin, C. S. V., will direct the play.

Attention! Fr. Maguire

Of all the modern phenomena, the most monstrous and ominous, the most manifestly rotten with disease, the most grimly prophetic of destruction, the most clearly and unmistakably overshadowed by the wrath of heaven, the most near to madness and moral chaos, the most vivid with devilry and despair, is the practice of having to listen to loud music while eating a meal in a restaurant.

—G. K. Chesterton.

Pastmaster
Marion, W. S.

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Marion, W. S.

Doctor Joseph Lemuel Taboodie

By Schmidt and Sandquist

Popular demand necessitates a further glimpse into the life of Dr. Joe Taboodie, Ph. D., N. Y. A. In giving an adequate survey of a man's life it is necessary to look at his family. Joe came from a family tree of really fine timber. Joe's father was killed in the famous Stalunas disaster of 1911 when the Royal Palace bar fell on him after he had offered to buy one for the house.

His uncle was considered meaner than our present hero, "Mean Man" Goblob, but most of "Lefty's" adherents hotly deny every word of it. Proof of Goblob's superiority—He bit a dog to death last week in Springfield.

Joe's late lamented brother, Beepo Taboodie, organized the W. W. W. Union (We won't work) and died of hunger in 1929. Joe always claimed that it was a moral victory for Beepo.

Getting back to Joe we notice certain traces of his ancestor's in-

fluence. After playing the organ in the college chapel for five years, Joe was asked to desist by Mr. Powers, after blowing out three pipes on his arrangement of "Tiger Rag."

The Mohammedans had nothing on Joe. On the death of every pint, Joe faced the East for five minutes, kept silence, and then bought another pint.

Taboodie's famous syllogism was acclaimed by philosophers from every leading university in the world. The syllogism: "You go to war and get shot."

"I go to the Royal Palace and get shot."

"Therefore, war is an unnecessary means to an end."

(The career of Taboodie will be discussed at some length in the next issue of the VIATORIAN. If anyone has any information about the accomplishments of Joe, please communicate with us IMMEDIATELY. V. S., H. S.)

Abra Ka Dabra

By T. ASHE

First oyster (in a stew): "Where are we?"

Second ditto (disgusted): "At a dorm supper."

First oyster: "Why do you suppose they became so extravagant and got two of us?"

Over in the infirmary:
What's my temperature, Doc?
Doc: Hundred and three.
Champ: What's the world's record?

Daffynations

Rabies—Jewish priests.
Hun—What lovers call each other.
Tee—Half a giggle.
Cistern—Female for brethren.
Acrimony—Sometimes called holy, another name for marriage.
Esquimaux—God's frozen people.
Horrors—Latin poet.

House for rent by widow newly painted and renovated with every modern improvement; brick front and handsome stoop.

Who was it that said that communism is: "Sophistical synthesis of seven pseudo-sciences".

The auto's front tire was cut to the bone.
The driver found himself far from a phone.
All thoughts of walking he

promptly did drop,
He just flung his thumb and said,
"Now Schmoz Kap Pop."

John: "I have always wondered where all the Smiths came from, till I came to Chicago."

Bill: "Now do you know?"

John: "Yes, on the way to work this morning, I saw the Smith Manufacturing Company."

They all laughed when I put iodine on my pay-check. They didn't know I had a cut in it.

Famous last lines:
Some joke. Eh!

Poll on Current Events; by C. C.

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might establish a dangerous precedent.

In view of the hue and cry surrounding the Tennessee Valley Authority a question that asked whether the project was worthwhile received an answer which was in some respects surprising. Of the 247 votes cast 143 deemed the TVA worthwhile, while 104 considered the establishment of the project to be

Ward Says:

All too frequently in the course of human activities are interested observers confronted with contradictions of a most startling nature. Take this for example. Men considered individually are bound by the laws of the community and nation in which they live. These same men, considered not individually but in the aggregate, constitute the nation. Yet by what law is the nation bound in its relations with other nations? If one is to judge by history, and I think not unfair the ground of judgement, it can be concluded that there is no such law. Rather international anarchy exists; political pragmatism makes circumstances and "national expediency" the criterion of right. Why? Law is based on justice and reason. Law is binding on the individual; why not on the nation if the ground of law is the same in both instances? Physical laws apply to the mass as well as the smallest particle. Why not law among men?

Yes, man has erected an imposing edifice of civilization—his mind has delved into the secrets of the universe, from the atom to the star; the marvels of material civilization stand as proof of his genius. And this thing man has law. What kind of law that permits a Japan to steal a China, an Italy to ravage an Ethiopia, a Hitler to end an Austria.

Law?
Anarchy!

unwise.

Fr. Maguire Comments

When interviewed on the poll Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, Head of the Commerce Department, said that the results reflected, with a single exception, the usual conservative attitude of collegians. He remarked, "The only vote that indicated progressive thought was the one in reference to the TVA."

Comment of Fr. Hutton

The Rev. Paul Hutton, C. S. V., Professor of Economics, was a little more caustic in his comment upon the results of the poll. He stated that "The reasons given for the answers betrayed a woeful lack of knowledge of the questions, and a regrettable want of consideration upon the part of the student body."

In spite of this, Francis Sanhuber, President of the College Club will conduct a similar vote in the near future because of the interest displayed by the students.

The Rev. Dr. E. V. Cardinal attended a meeting of the Presidents of Illinois Colleges at Wheaton on Friday, March 18.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE

As The Best Means of Communicating Catholic Thought

By Francis Prev

Which of the modern languages is best adapted for the communication of Catholic thought is a question with much room for controversy. However, let us try to penetrate to the heart of this matter. We must first of all recognize the fact that language is the medium for the communication of all thought, and that thought necessarily precedes language. Neither can exist, from an informative point of view, without the other. They are, by their very nature, interdependent and as such, each bear heavy influence upon the other. We would deduce from this that that race which possessed the greatest Catholic thinkers possesses the greatest Catholic language.

Now we have two individuals each claiming that his particular language is best suited for the communication of Catholic thought and each bases his claim on the fact that his language was employed by the greatest Catholic thinkers. An abundance of concrete proof is offered by each disputant to uphold his claim that his choice of Catholic thinkers is far superior to that of the other's. Both persons have different conceptions of GREATNESS and as an inevitable result they fail to agree. We can readily see that nothing in the way of conclusiveness can be reached in this manner, and that it is merely a matter of personal opinion as to whether one person is greater than another. Taken from this point of view, neither disputant would be able to convince the other of an opposite opinion in regard to the greatness of a particular person.

Since we cannot arrive at our end in the above mentioned method, we must now look to the heavy influence that language has upon thought. That this influence IS exercised no one will doubt. Our history tells us that Gaul (now France) was conquered by Julius Caesar only a short time before Christ saved the spirit of mankind. In a short time Gaul became a highly civilized country under the influence of the Romans who infused into the Language of the Gauls much of the Latin language. Later when the Catholic missionaries began to pour into this country, the Gauls were found in an extremely receptive mood. They took hold of the Catholic teachings and put into them their own primitive ardor which was the beginning of Catholic philosophy thought in France. This thought was expressed through the medium of words which took on a

certain specific connotation never again to be duplicated. These newly originated words which were especially adapted for the expression of Catholic thought, were passed on from generation to generation gathering momentum and taking on additional Catholic meanings until at last the peak was reached in the well-known renaissance period.

During this period French Catholic thought was at its highest and led the world of Catholicism in a determined manner. At this critical time, the minds of men were extremely receptive and it did not take much to sway their thoughts to some other channel. The Catholic leaders in France consequently found it difficult, during this period of reaction, to keep the sheep within the fold. And in order to do this it was necessary for the Catholic leaders to employ words which would present, in the best manner possible, Catholic thought. This straining to the utmost of the Renaissance Catholic thinkers in France resulted in the natural formation of a language in which was instilled a multitudinous number of words, expressions and phrases especially picked out for the communication of the Catholic concept. It is plain to see that Catholicism triumphed during this trying period, but it is still plainer to see how firmly it has maintained its grip on the French people. We do not think it too much to say that Catholic success in France, under adverse conditions such as had been displayed during the Renaissance and since the early advent of Catholicism, can in a large measure be attributed to the convenient character of the French language.

It is a fact that a large majority of human knowledge has been acquired through human strife. So it is with the French language—a large majority of Catholic meaning has been added to it because of the above-mentioned strife. Since it is evident that the French language actually took on this meaning and that it succeeded in its purpose, we conclude that the French language is best suited for the communication of Catholic thought now, and in the immediate future.

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College Debating

By Dan Ward

Being properly aware of my forensic shortcomings it is usually with considerable trepidation that I venture into things controversial. However, after viewing the last edition of the VIATORIAN a feeling of mingled indignation and wrath has prompted me to throw caution where it belongs and to rehabilitate for debating its proper place within the realm of campus activities. Considering Mr. Roemer's unwarranted attack on the "spellers" I was tempted to point out that his diatribe against debating contained two misspelled words. However, such mention would turn itself against me in view of my argument that good spellers are too often those who occupy themselves with the lesser details of knowledge. And too, I felt the urge to take proceedings against Mr. Roemer for perverting my last editorial by the use of my full name after the article rather than the customary initials. Not that I feel any shame at possessing the names of two of Eire's greatest sons, no, heaven forbid, but rather, that their usage tended to render unduly facetious what was intended to be a serious article. However, such trivial concerns are beside the point of this article, viz. to re-establish the position of debating in the popular mind.

Now, to begin let me say that Mr. Roemer's invective is marked by an excess of the vitriolic and an unhappy faculty for invention for detail. It displays no remarkable newness of presentation and any pretense to truth and logical order can only proceed from the rhetorical

inventions of a too earnest critic.

The gist of Mr. Roemer's argument seems to be that there is but one subject for debate the entire year and that this fact keeps a student body, thirsting for things of interest, from attending debates. You see, he explains, the topic gets stale and no one will attend. Overlooking the fact that very few attend even the first debate of the year before the subject has a chance to get stale, let me say that apparently Mr. Roemer is laboring under a serious misconception as to the purpose of debating. It is not, as one might infer from his article, to amuse, entertain, or even to interest an audience, should fortune favor a debate with one. Debaters desire to interest but that certainly is hardly their primary end. If one may be excused for falling into a logical error of definition we may say that the end of debating is to develop forensic or argumentative abilities—to enable one to apprehend arguments and meet them, to teach one to recognize and weigh evidence and understand what constitutes arguments in a rational discussion. That is the primary purpose of debating. In order to achieve this purpose it is apparent that complete mastery of the subject is required. Mastery of a subject of debate is certainly not a matter of days but requires long and intensive study. At the present time the debating society has two subjects a year for debate. To demand more than this is to ask the physically impossible. If the skeptical doubt, let them do more. Of course, Mr. Roemer's article applies

not to debating at St. Viator's but rather to all intercollegiate debating, for no college of which I know prepares more than two principal subjects for the year's debating activities. Too, he conveniently overlooks the important fact that from December to May there is a different subject debated or discussed every Saturday in the St. Viator radio series broadcast over WCFL.

In brief then, this is the first argument against Mr. Roemer. To master completely additional subjects for debate is physically impossible. Not to master subjects for debate is bound to result in a failure to attain the end of debating. Therefore, it would be unwise to increase the number of subjects for debate.

And then too, it can be seen that various subjects of a controversial nature differ widely in their abilities to provide proper material for debate. In order to debate properly some of the subjects he suggests it would be necessary to abstract them so much that their "popular" appeal would be considerably vitiated. So perhaps, debating subjects as the advisability of "Hell Week" would not be feasible after all.

Also, with whom would we debate these subjects that Mr. Roemer suggests, for to find opponents it would be necessary to revolutionize intercollegiate debating. Possibly, Mr. Roemer has in mind to develop intramural debating on campus topics. If so, and it may be a laudatory venture, why does he castigate intercollegiate debating as it exists here at college?

Let us now look at some of Mr. Roemer's inventive adornments that are sprinkled throughout his diatribe. He says, for example, that students are lured to debates by the "frenzied exhortations of the debate manager" and by "the entreaties and solicitations of the debate coach". Now Mr. Roemer is entirely too kind to the manager of debate. As manager of debate I must confess that I have lacked the energy and zeal to go out into the campus byways and "enfrenziedly exhort" students to attend debates. And the debate coach, Father Maguire, is far too busy and has eminently more worthwhile things to do than to entreat students to sit through intercollegiate wrangles. And then too, can anyone who knows Father Maguire visualize him "entreating" students to come? Too, Mr. Roemer complains of "canned" speeches. In refutation to this and for the edification of the naive may I say that the most important element of debating, the rebuttals, cannot be memorized for the simple reason that one doesn't know what constructive arguments the opposition are going to advance. Also, I feel sure that if Father Maguire could get his debaters to know their material so well as to have it considered "canned" he would fall prone before the gods of debating, crying of miracles.

Even Mr. Roemer's unusual imagination must have suffered severe strain when he wrote that "multitudinous invectives have been hurled at the student body for their disinterest in things intellectual" and

Essay Contest

By F. Sanhuber

Oratorical speakers have openly prosecuted it; courageous writers have brazenly condemned it. Still, the annual English Essay supposedly remains justly and beneficially an established precedent at St. Viator College.

The purpose of the essay contest, as far as the writer can discern, is to instill in the members of the student-body, for whom competing is obligatory, an interest as well as a knowledge of leading current events. For this reason topics of world, local, and individual interest are usually chosen. Originality in point of view and development is insisted upon, plagiarism being rigorously condemned or tabooed.

The essay which at times involves almost cut-throat competition among the various writers is evidence of its prestige. It affords an ample means of self-expression in that it permits the individual the opportunity of expressing his own unrestricted views. It is of worth educationally in that it practically compels a perusal of periodicals as well as newspapers. Actual research too often enters into the issue which heightens or raises the educational value.

However much good as might be said and written concerning the contest there is one thing with which the writer and divers others are not in accordance with. It is this: The subjects to be written about too many times do not offer a wide enough variety and further, are frequently of mediocre interest as compared to subjects which could be chosen. It was stated earlier in this dissertation, if it may be called such, that topics of "world, local, and individual interest were usually chosen." However, this statement demands modification when we realize or take into account that the essay contest is open to and compulsory for the members of the Senior College only. For senior college students who are enrolled in English courses further restricts the field. Now, when a college man is taking an English course in his junior or senior year he is either majoring or minoring in that subject. Whatever he is doing he is interested in the field or else he would not be taking an English course. If this be the case and in the majority it is; it is only just that some topic associated with the field of literature be advanced for consideration in the contest. Again, if a man is concerned primarily with the English department it naturally follows in the majority of instances that his best views and opinions lie in this particular field. Therefore, why not give the fellow who has to write the essay the opportunity of being in his element? But, enough said!

May this little treatise serve as a suggestion to whomever it may concern and may the writers of the future be gifted or bestowed with more freedom as regards choice of topic. May their range of choice exceed that of this year in which the topics "A Catholic Looks at Communism" and "A Catholic Looks at Fascism"—though both very fine topics—hardly enter into the scope of literature or in the field of an English student, and certainly do not present a great deal of variety. We do not feel justified.

You will probably say that education tends to develop and should develop the "full and ready man." At present however, the writer will not treat this issue because he has already taken up too much of your valuable time and has perhaps slighted you, simultaneously. If the former, and especially the latter be true, do forgive me.

A Black Eye for Taboodie

"Come in . . . Why Joe, where'd you get the 'mouse'?"

His shiner is a beaut.

"Aw skip it, Father. Lefty Gobb and I were standing in front of the United yesterday, just kinda kiddin' some of the girls walking by.

"One of 'em stopped and stood in front of the show window, waiting for a street car, I guess. Naturally-like I ambles over and begins to kid her, very friendly-like, ya know. I've seen her a lot. Skinny Dugan was inside buying a paper. Then, all of a sudden—Bingo! I caught one right in the eye. All the bozo said was, 'This is MY gal, Romeo.'"

"So—?"

"Gobb wanted to go after him. But we didn't."

"That bozo, as you call him, was too easy on you, Taboodie. That's just what I wanted to talk to you about. There has been a complaint made against you drugstore cowboys. You come from a good home, don't you? Well why don't you show some of your good bringing up?"

"I don't mean any insult to the girls. And most of them don't mind."

"They don't! I suppose the Coca-Cola Sallys from the wrong end of town don't mind it. But they're your type, Taboodie, cheap."

"I'm wondering when you'll ever get over your highschoolitis. Right now you're a misfit. But I suppose there is bound to be a few such cases in any college. You've given a black eye to nearly 300 students here, and it's almost poetic justice that now you should get one yourself."

"Any old heel can stand in front of a drug store and wave at the girls passing by. Any heel can date a cheap girl—just as any moron can guffaw in the dark at a suggestive movie."

"Why do you always ride me? . . . Next time I come in here I'll bring my saddle."

"Can't take it, eh, cowboy? . . ."

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that "the whole educational system in America is brought before the bar of reason and found wanting." Of course, all this is news to me and comes in the form of a revelation. If true, as manager of debate, I feel horribly offended at not being introduced to all the activities of the debating society. However, maybe two good topics for discussion (not for debate) could be taken from these last two quotations.

And this, savage reader, is the end of a little episode. In it you will find the case, rather cursory, I admit, for debating. Blame lack of space for my failure to treat more adequately the purposes of debating and the requisites for debate topics. Likewise for my not considering all the fruits of Mr. Roemer's imagination. Permit me to hope that this little article has engendered within your breasts the determination to be to debaters, "to their virtues very kind and to their faults a little blind."

NOTE—After reading the above rebuttal, my cheeks become suffused with a red color (like that of the rose) because I now realize my complete and utter ineptitude at the art of hurling caustic invectives. I hereby relinquish any notoriety I might have gained as a user of the "excessively vitriolic." In the next issue of the VIATORIAN, I will endeavor to point out to you the fact that there are also two sides to the above article.—L. R.)

Jockeys
vs.
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Tonight
in
The Gym

Basketball Shots

By Bob Burmeister

Spring is here. Basketball men have put up their gym shoes, and have donned the shoulderpads for spring football practice or have dug out the old ball and glove from the trunk.

Spring football practice has started in earnest with fifty boys answering the call of Coach Lou Zarza. Coach Zarza says, "Football players are made in the spring." This means that the Irish gridgers are in for six weeks of intensive drill. Several new faces are to be seen in football uniforms this spring. Among them are Dave Frey, Bill Lawless, Emmett Back, Sweeney, Flynn, Hayes and Bloom.

The Badminton tourney, sponsored by Fr. Cardinal will soon be in swing. Joe Malloy, '40, copped the title last year, by defeating Fr. Cardinal in a very interesting series.

The 1938 edition of the Green Wave football team, is going to play all their games, with the possible exception of the DeKalb game, on foreign ground.

Intra-mural softball will probably be introduced on the campus after the Easter vacation period. This sport has gained much popularity on the campus, and this year promises to be a record year.

Did you know that . . . the highest paid player in baseball today is Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees, who receives \$39,000 for his labor . . . That Babe Ruth received \$80,000 for one season of baseball . . . That Viator baseball teams have played and defeated major league nines . . . That Fr. Harbauer coached the Irish baseball teams during the 1934-35-36 seasons during which the Irish teams won 13 and lost 6 . . . That Fr. Harbauer succeeded Fr. Kelly as coach . . . That John L. Sullivan was not declared winner of the first heavyweight fight under the Marquis Queensbury rules until two days after the bout. He defeated Dominick McCaffrey at Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 29, 1885.

For the seventh consecutive year, the C. Y. O. boxing team won the Chicago Golden Glove tournament team title. Three of the eight champions wear the Green and White colors of the C. Y. O.

Walter Eckersall All-American quarter back in 1907 was the first football coach at St. Viator College.

Did you know that Max Marek, a former Viator student, won the National A. A. U. light-heavyweight championship title at Boston, Mass., in 1933. He turned professional and made quite a name for himself in fistie circles.

On October 1, 1932, DePaul's Blue Demons downed the Irish in a hard fought football game in Chicago by a 13 to 6 score. Bernard, freshman fullback, raced 95 yards with the kickoff for Viator's only score.

Famous Last Lines: Spring is here!

"B" League All-Star Team

By Vince Murphy

Player Team
Mulvaney—Hot Shots, f.
McGrath—Bums, f.
Nuccio—Fascists, f.
Ulrich—Fascists, c.
Bimmerle—Bums, g.
Driscoll—Hot Shots, g.

Second Team

Heaton—Crows, f.
Tortorelli—Fascists, f.
Lawless—Hot Shots, c.
Burmeister—Bums, g.
Murphy—Hot Shots, g.
Honorable mention—Allen Clark, Mudders; Carroll Halpin, Mudders; Mike Burke.

With the close of the "B" league basketball season, the VIATORIAN presents the all-star selection, based on choices of the five team captains and the writer.

Johnny Ulrich, center of the Fascists, polled the highest number of votes, counting 15 points. He was the first team selection of five of the six voters. Three points were given for first place selections with the second team choices receiving one point for each vote.

John Mulvaney, Hot Shots forward, received 14 points to rank second to Ulrich in total points. Pat Bimmerle of the title winning Bums and Neil Driscoll of the Hot Shots were the choices for the guard positions. Each received 13 points. Joe McGrath of the Bums and Phil Nuccio of the Fascists tied for the other forward job with 11 votes apiece.

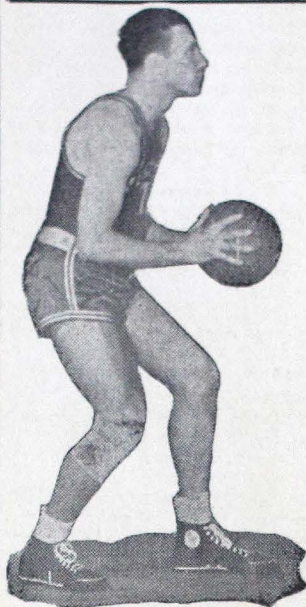
Bill Lawless received six points, three as a center and three as a guard, but was placed at the center job on the second team because of his superior height. Jack Heaton was the ranking forward on the second team with 6 points. "Cous" Tortorelli garnered 5 points to take the other forward berth. Bob Burmeister, captain of the champions, and Don Murphy, leader of the Hot Shots each got four votes for the second team guard spots. Honorable mention went to Allen Clark and Carroll Halpin of the Mudders, and Mike Burke of the Crows. Each totaled three points.

Burmeister's Bums closed the season with a perfect record of eight wins and no losses when they dropped Murphy's Hot Shots in a defensive battle 9-4. Bimmerle's five points made him top scorer for the winners, while Tom Hayes was the only one to score a basket for the Hot Shots. The defeat dropped Murphy's outfit to third place, one half game behind the Fascists.

Jack Shanley's Crows took over fourth place and Jerry McLaughlin's Mudders were firmly entrenched in the cellar. The last two mentioned teams, although failing to win many games, stuck by their guns throughout the season and refused to forfeit any games, which is a fine indication of the calibre of sportsmanship displayed in the league. The league enjoyed a very successful season and plans are being made to make the noon-hour games even a bigger success next year.

Did you know that Father Maguire was quite a swimmer in his day?

'JAY' BURKE



'JAY' BURKE

Pictured above is one of the outstanding Viator basketball stars of the past four seasons. His sterling play this year won him recognition as one of the best defensive players in the conference.

Irish Cagers are Honored by Wesleyan

By Harold Sandquist

Bud Monahan, star center, and Red McElligott, flashy forward were signally honored by being chosen on the All-Opponents team selected recently by the Illinois Wesleyan cagers. That this is no small honor is shown by the fact that Monahan was rated over such stars as Dar Hutchins, Bradley's All-American center; Broadway, the Carbondale ace; and the DePaul standout, Bob Tollstam.

McElligott also rated tops over some really stellar players. The Titans gave him preference over such such men as Max Parsons, leading conference scorer in the Little Nineteen who hails from Carbondale Teachers; Bob Neu, one of DePaul's best; and Shields of Temple University who is reckoned as one of the finest players in the East. Both men are only juniors and will be the nucleus of the 1938-39 edition of the Green Wave cagers.

Straub, Blazeovich Co-Captains

Frank Straub and Danny Blazeovich were elected co-captains of the basketball season at a recent meeting of the squad. Both men starred on the basketball floor for the past four years.

NOTICE—The Chem. Lab basketball team, composed of Joe McGrath, Tony Sacco, Eddie O'Connor, Bob Brinkotter, Bill Sagstetter, and coached by Fr. Hoffman, are seeking games with any team on the campus with the exception of Burm's Bums.

Gridgers Begin Spring Practice

By Dave Barry

With the first signs of nice weather Coach Lou Zarza issued the call for Viator gridmen to report for spring practice. Among the fifty odd candidates were 18 lettermen and twelve reserves from last year's strong squad. These, along with twenty potential gridgers, responded the first day, March 14.

The hardest task confronting Coach Zarza is the replacing of Danny Blazeovich and Captain Bill Walsh, the only two graduating lettermen. Dan was an all-conference end selection for the past two seasons, being the spark plug of the team and doing all the kicking. Bill, although hampered by a leg injury, will always be remembered for his sparkling exhibition in the last game of the 1937 season against Columbia College. Both Danny and Bill are assisting Zarza during the spring sessions.

Offsetting the loss of Walsh and Blaz, Zarza has Luke Gleason, sensational pass throwing halfback, who also received all-conference recognition, and Babe Claeys, who has been shifted from tackle to left end. Tall and rangy, Babe should develop into a fine offensive end.

Many changes have been made to strengthen the reserve backfield material. Don Faber, a fullback, has been converted into a halfback; Al Haworth, a halfback last fall, has been shifted to fullback; Adrian Lessard, miniature guard for two seasons, and Roy Dusenbury, another fullback, have both been shifted to halfback jobs.

Line Coach Joe Saia has six regulars and ten reserves with which to develop a strong line. With the shifting of Claeys to an end post, Fritz Kunz, freshman letter winner, seems to be the first choice for the right tackle position. John Clarey, Viator heavyweight champ, should give Kunz a battle for the tackle job. "Zeke" Zelencik, a 200-pound freshman, will hold the other tackle berth as he did last year.

Bob Schumacher and George Cusack, regular guards last year, are back at their old positions. John Morenc has the inside track for the pivot spot and Bob Bates will see a lot of action at right end. Among the linemen from last year who will give the regulars a battle for the starting positions are Paul Cashman, Bob Brinkotter, Sulo Siekkinen and Ed O'Connor, ends; John Clarey, Tony Dohney and Bob Burmeister, tackles; "Izzy" Radosevich, Jack Stoltze, Bill Morrissey and Marty Dougherty, guards; and Shirley Norris, center.

The backfield will shape up with Tony Sacco at the signal caller's

AMERICAN FLAG

"When I look at the flag it seems to me as if the white stripes were stripes of parchment upon which are written the rights of man, and the red stripes the streams of blood by which those rights have been made good. Then in the little blue firmament in the corner have swung out the stars of the States of the American Union. So it is, as it were, a sort of floating character that has come down to us from Runnymede, when men said: "We will not have masters; we will be a people, and we will seek our own liberty."—As quoted in the Catholic Digest.

More About the Great Taboodie

By George Bresnan

A long and dark secret in the life of Joe Taboodie has just been revealed by none other than "Rodney" McElligott himself. "Rodney" claims and says he has authentic proof that Joe is "The Voice of Experience" and "Bottle" on Phil Baker's program. Joe says that Durkin's "Skinny" Dugan gave him the idea of benefiting the public by giving dulcet words of fatherly advice over the air daily — listen to him.

It is rumored about the campus that Joe will deliver a brilliant and enlightening oration at the Monogram Dance. He will deliver the speech from the chancellors of the "Cameo Room". It will take place about 2:30 (if we are able to locate Joe at that time). His subject matter will include the notorious and imitable George Bliss, the pugilist Tommy Byrnes and many other celebrities connected with the college. We hope that Joe does not make his speech too long and we also hope that he has an effective rebuttal to meet the flying bottles and plates that may possibly greet his speech.

Bro. Carson has asked Joe when he returns to the college (if he does,) if he will kindly lead the band on marching occasions because Joe has had considerable experience while preping at every one of the high schools recognized by the North Central association (including the C. Y. O. Band).

Fr. Cardinal recently announced that he will name the drive surrounding his tennis courts "Taboodie Drive." When Joe learned of this, he was deeply touched and laughed with joy. Quoting Joe, "Laugh, I thought I'd die." Joe maintains that if he is not physically present, he is forever here in "spirit."

Dr. Taboodie suggested that the students of the college revive "the old corn-cob habit". Joe uttered this with a deep sigh: "Ah, the renaissance of the corn-cob; a man's smoke."

While Joe was attending college he gained renowned prominence as a chemist. He spent more time in the chem lab than Joe McGrath does. Joe discovered a new potent and powerful explosive which is seven times more powerful and dangerous than nitro glycerine. The compound was named "Taboodieite", after Joe of course. We are happy to note that the occupants of room 318 are emulating Joe—they have taken to the "corn-cob", THE ONLY KIND OF A SMOKE FOR REAL MEN. Lets all join the fun. Wisers will have them on sale in the store in the near future.

spot; Gleason and Rex Flach at the halfbacks, and the redoubtable Bob Lenahan at fullback. "Chet" Benben and Faber, quarterbacks; Dusenbury and Lessard, halfbacks, and Haworth at fullback, are expected to give the "regs" a real fight for their positions. Pat Bimmerle, junior fullback who was expected to see a lot of service as a relief man, has given up football upon the advice of his physician, and his loss will materially handicap the coaching staff.

FOO

By F. Sanhuber

As your fantastic expounder of Foo sat in front of his typewriter and gazed intently into the "Beryl-stone", calling on the imbecilic spirits of the Beryl and on his perverted Muse for inspiration a recurring flash of green appeared. No doubt you think me mad, and say it was the wall of the room I was looking at. Oh well, we won't argue the point. At any rate here is the result of the "inspiration".

The green was symbolic of the past Saint Patrick's Day and since that day was still foremost in my mind and presumably in the minds of others at the time of the writing, the writer, acting under the deeply significant and poignant influence of the Muse and the Beryl audaciously went about amassing and tabulating the opinions and convictions of conspicuous and outstanding persons, at least on that day, in regard to St. Patrick's Day.

The Result of the Survey Follows:

"The true meaning of Saint Patrick's Day is being rapidly lost sight of. The day has become one of commercialized whoopee. It has developed into a 'League of Nations' Festival."

—John O'Byrne

"Without malice to any of the divers nationalities represented here at Viator may I point out that they owe their March 17 free-day and good time to the Irish, God bless 'em. And, too, let me advance a remarkable proof that God loves the Irish: there's so many of them alive the morning of March 18."

—Dan Ward

"A day of rest on which all true Irishmen are called upon to celebrate. This most eventful day is a highlight for all the sons of Erin as well as countless others."

—"Rodney" McElligott

"Twenty-four jubilant hours have passed. Black, white, Germans, Poles and Republicans were greeted with the sparkling melodies of Irish folk music. In the true spirit of Christian brotherhood the Viator minority, added their meager resources to the object of glorification of the O'Briens and the Sarsfields. A duo of this minority says, 'hats off to Saint Patrick and resolved that we have bigger, better, and brighter 'Pat's Days' in the future. St. Pat's day should be celebrated at least once each week."

—Schmidt and Gershke

"Saint Patrick's Day comes but once a year and with it—How's come Sandy, you're not Irish?"

—Ed O'Connor

"Even when I become old and gray, and Father Time has left his indelible impression upon me, I will ever cherish the sweet memories of that glorious March 17, 1938. I was particularly impressed by the fact that all nationalities united to pay tribute to one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of saints."

—Larry Roemer.

"It was a swell afternoon, wasn't it 'Needle'. The Irish certainly are serious when it comes to celebrating the feast of Saint Patrick, 'Deutschland uber alles!'"

Ed Dilger.

"Saint Patrick's Day should come more often. What seems to be the trouble with the German's Saint Boniface or the Pole's Saint Stanislaus?"

—Eugene Larkin.

"Saint Patrick's Day has develop-

May be!

By Father J. E. Surprenant

Did you see this one? The press has been carrying this petition from sixty-one bishops of the Methodist and Protestant Episcopal churches in thirty-six states.

"To the Catholic Clergy of the United States, greetings.

"We, the undersigned, members of the clergy of Protestant churches in America, most earnestly appeal to you, in the name of the Christianity we all avow, to bring the might of your influence to bear on Gen. Francisco Franco in order to persuade him and his Nazi and Fascist allies to cease the hideous bombing of cities that, like Barcelona, a predominantly Catholic city, are by every rule of war civilian and non-combatant.

"We are sure that you, as men of God and followers of our most compassionate Savior, do not share the expressed view of a man who, claiming to be your spokesman, says, with a callousness incredible in one of his calling, that 'the day of the non-combatant has vanished.' "We are equally certain that you do not agree with the public statement of a once-loved editor that cities 'will not in any war be respected.'"

"There is no reason nor logic, whether military or humane, why you should. American army strategists announced a month ago that in the event of war American military airplanes will not bomb civilian populations.

"Not, they add, for humanitarian reasons, but because the game 'is not worth the candle.' If that be true, and in the face of such authority there can be no argument, the hideous treatment to which Barcelona has recently been subjected is not only inhuman, barbarous, and in violation of all existing rules of civilized warfare, but it has not even the excuse of being strategically useful.

"Under these circumstances we call on you as Americans and as Christians to disavow any tacit approval of these appalling tactics which our own army has foresworn. "We believe that you see as clearly as we do that, regardless of any possible merits of General Franco's position in the first instance the war which began as a military up-

ed into nothing more than another New Year's Eve affair. The Irish in particular have lost the true sentiment of the day and have helped not a little in making the occasion just another excuse for the American population to get drunk."

—Sandquist and Murphy.

"Sandy, I don't know. I really haven't anything to say—in fact, I don't remember."

—Marian Hanson.

"I saw you guys. That's all I have to say."

—Owen Cooke.

"It's just a day of rest for me. I don't go out to honor and celebrate. I repeat, it is merely a day of rest for me."

—Mary Mitchell.

"Saint Patrick's Day worries me so much. I had an awfully nice time though. Did you?"

—Mary Anthony.

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rising and a purely Spanish struggle is showing itself with ever increasing clarity to be an integral part of a general program of conquest in which, on other points, the Nazi-Fascists have not hesitated to attack the Catholic Church and Christianity itself.

"We realize that the Catholic hierarchy in this country has, for reasons which seem good to it, chosen to defend the Franco cause. It is for this very reason, knowing that word from you would carry weight and force, that we call upon you to act."

Comment

Of course, the Catholic hierarchy has been very busy collecting funds for the victims of war in Spain irrespective of which side they happen to be on, but our Protestant brethren refuse to help because they would thereby fail to support their pet charity, the Russian Reds in Barcelona. This has been interpreted as a defense of Franco.

Ellery Sedgwick of "The Atlantic Monthly" made a personal tour of Spain and wrote his experiences. Because they did not favor the "Loyalists", these experiences are made the basis of our Protestant Bishops for a veiled threat to a "once-loved editor". As long as Sedgwick favored the other side, he was free, but when he used his freedom to tell the truth, beware!

It is hard to see how Barcelona is merely a "civilian and non-combatant" city, when it contains 150 military objectives, troops, barracks, ammunition factories, etc. Moreover, what have the civilians done with all the warnings that Franco dropped them from planes to leave the city? Why did they not take advantage of his delaying to close certain highways that these civilians and non-combatants might make good their escape from a war area?

It is peculiar for Churchmen, who saw fit to say nothing against the violation of the principles of Christ by the "Loyalists" when they were murdering one million Catholic citizens and 18,000 priests, and burning, sacking and profaning 40,000 churches, to turn suddenly to the American army for authority as to the right and wrong of warfare. If Christ could not be accepted as an authority, why should the American army officers?

But, it happens that our Chief Bishop, Pope Pius XI, has decided to plead the principles of Christ between warring factions. He has sent a message asking Franco to desist from bombing any place which is wholly civilian. We trust that his example of disinterested charity will be a model for our Protestant Bishops and brethren!

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Heavyweight Loss Due to Quarterly Examinations

Students of St. Viator College paid for their cramming in the last examinations with a loss of 540 pounds in weight, it is estimated by the Bureau of Education Surveys, New York City.

The Bureau arrived at the figure by multiplying an average of two pounds weight loss reported by a representative group of 90 per cent of St. Viator College students who engage in intensive study before and during examination periods.

According to the Bureau, professors and textbooks are as much to blame for cramming as the students themselves. Too often the instructor does not provide his class with a sufficiently clear overview of the entire course, or does not review the course in outline from time to time, with the result that the student becomes hopelessly involved in a mass of facts and ideas, and resorts to cramming as a final, desperate measure. SOMETIMES THE INSTRUCTOR IS TO BLAME for not couching lectures in terms understandable to the average student, and frequently the textbook lacks continuity and organization, or presents the course in too ponderous and technical a manner for the average student's comprehension. This is particularly true of the 52 per cent of all students who, ac-

cording to Dr. John Black Johnson, retired dean of the University of Minnesota College of Science, Literature and the Arts, can never become "successful students". Students in this group would never pass at all but for the use of college outlines or other supplementary aids to study.

A Black Eye for Taboodie

(Continued from Page Three)

Listen I know what a wonderful lady your mother is. And if you ever expect to marry a woman as good as she, you'll have to begin today to develop self-respect.

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(Adapted from the Religious Bulletin of the University of Notre Dame.)

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College Band Will Sponsor Dance Apr. 30

(Continued from Page One)

The "Swing" for the evening will be furnished by an "All-Star" orchestra, augmented by members of the College Band. At the present time it is the intention of the director to turn the gym into a "night club" for the evening. He is already securing talent to furnish the entertainment.

Word comes to us of the illness of Father Daniel Sullivan of Ottawa. The students and faculty are praying for his rapid recovery.

Essay Contest Is Announced

The titles for entries in the annual essay contest have been announced—A Catholic Looks at Communism, and A Catholic Looks at Fascism. All junior and senior students are required to choose one of these topics and submit an essay of not more than 2500 words. As in previous years any Junior College student, who desires to enter may also submit an essay.

CARD PARTY IS SUCCESSFUL

The card party held on March 13 in Joliet, Illinois, was the most successful affair of its kind held this year. The success of the party is due to the efforts of Mrs. Boyle and the mothers of students living in the vicinity of Joliet.

Important

Notice To Creditors

I, Francis X. Nolan, have received the expected appropriations from Washington, and under the bankruptcy laws of the State of Illinois, and Kankakee County, I am prepared to pay off 50 per cent of my debts. Creditors please file claims immediately in room 322. I will pay off the other 50 per cent when the next appropriation comes through, (in the near future, I hope.)

The latest returns intimate that the pride and joy of Morris, Ill., Ted Mack, is holding a strong lead for the M. M. O. C. position (Meanest Man On Campus to the illiterates). Ted gathered more votes the other night when he was caught cheating himself at solitaire.

How to Study

You have asked me how you must study to acquire the treasure of knowledge. My advice to you is based upon this principle: that you must go through the rivulets and do not try at once to come to the sea, because we must necessarily go to the more difficult through the less difficult. This, then, is my advice to you:

Be slow to speak; love purity of conscience; pray often; love to be in your room; be kind to everyone; do not inquire into the affairs of others; do not be too familiar with anyone, because too great familiarity breeds contempt and gives occasion for leaving off study; do not be interested in the sayings and doings of people of the world; avoid all needless running about; imitate the

saints and the just; remember every good thing you hear and do not consider who says it; understand what you read and labor to fill the storehouse of the mind; do not inquire into things above you. If you follow this advice you will be able to obtain what you desire.—St. Thomas Aquinas.

The first baseball game played by a Viator team was on June 8, 1883 Ill. Wesleyan at Bloomington. The Irish took a 9 to 4 beating.

Fred Coda, a former student here visited the school last week. We are happy to hear that the orchestra in his charge is an outstanding success.

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