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COLLEGE HONORS SENATOR FROM MONTANA

MARCO MILLIONS TO BE PRODUCED

**Decide to go Ahead with
Plans for Production of
Play. Cast Will Be
Announced Later**

After some short period of doubt, it has finally been decided to produce the Eugene O'Neill play, "Marco Millions" as had originally been intended. The doubt was caused by the difficulty experienced by the original cast of the play in passing its semester examinations. It has been decreed by the Office of the Dean of Studies that the characters must have at least a C average with not more than one grade D or less. Upon checking up, it was found that the ruling would not materially affect the cast as it was originally chosen and it was decided to continue with the work along the original lines.

The College has been receiving considerable aid from the New York Theatre Guild, which organization first produced the play, and is planning on making the production the most brilliant ever achieved at St. Viator. The play calls for lavish settings and extravagant scenes and will require considerable stage technique as well as exceptional histrionic ability to produce.

The cast will be made known in a few days, and work by the new staff will begin immediately. Great care is being taken by Mr. Ley, director of the undertaking, to secure as competent a cast as possible. The parts of the play are very exacting and will demand faithful characterization in order to secure the success of the venture, the realization of which fact is causing the sponsors of "Marco Millions" to be painstaking in their procedure.

Northern Colleges In New Ball League

The latest addition to the frills of the Little Nineteen Athletic Conference is a Northern Illinois Baseball League composed of five member Colleges of the Little Nineteen which are situated in the Northern part of the State.

Wheaton, North Central, Elmhurst, Lake Forest, and Mount Morris are the colleges which have decided to break away from the old Conference during their baseball season. The smaller league will serve to cut down expenses and create keener competition. The formation of the smaller league is also expected to make for greater interest in the sport in the schools involved and attract undergraduate prospects in greater numbers.

If you contemplate a serious accident, call Art Bulfin, who attended the Academy in 1923-'26. Art is now an employee of the Aetna Insurance Company, and will be pleased to insure you against the doctor's wrath.

Forty Hours Closes

The Forty Hours Devotion was held here at the College last week, on February 26, 27, and 28. There was a large attendance at all the exercises and a goodly number made visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Before the annual devotion began, Father Maguire had urged all the students to receive Holy Communion daily and his request was filled almost without exception. The altar was beautifully decorated by the seminarians from St. Bernard's, who also furnished the music for the various services. Many of the students have commented favorably upon the Devotion this year and some of the older ones have affirmed that they believe much good was accomplished among the student body by it.

STATE TOURNEY IN TWO WEEKS

**Athletic Board of St.
Viator Getting Ready
To Handle Catholic
High School Meet**

The Athletic Board of St. Viator is busy preparing for the annual Illinois State Catholic High School Tournament to be held in the Viator gym on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of March. It is expected that sixteen teams will be entered in the meet, with the most representative squads of the State invited to attend.

The class of basketball displayed in the State Meets at Viator is always above average. Last year's winner, Spaulding Institute of Peoria, gained third place in the National tournament held under the auspices of Loyola University in Chicago. Spaulding also defeated Peoria Manual, last year's Illinois State Public School Champions, and won from many of the strongest teams in this section.

Trinity Looks Good.

Trinity High School of Bloomington looms as the favorite in this year's meet. The Trinity lads won the Tourney in 1928 and were the runners-up to Spaulding in both 1929 and 1930. They have lost but one game to date and have already defeated Spaulding, their outstanding competitors for the title.

The winner of the meet will be entered in the National Tournament to be held in Chicago on March 20, 21, and 22 under the sponsorship of Loyola University.

St. Viator, undertaking the most difficult schedule of any team in the Conference, will end its season on next Tuesday night when the Irish play a return match with Elmhurst on the Bourbonnais floor. After leading the race into the final stretch, the Irish encountered trouble in the forms of Millikin, Normal, and Bradley and have a record of eleven wins and three defeats to show for their season to date. Two victories over DePaul University of Chicago bring the Irish total of wins for the year to thirteen.

FATHER MAGUIRE SPEAKS THROUGH STATION WCFL

Is Giving Lecture Series

Very Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, C. S. V., President of St. Viator College, gave the first of his series of talks at Station WCFL in Chicago a week ago yesterday. Father Maguire has been requested to speak every Sunday afternoon for three months on the general subject of "Labor and Economics Problems." He is well qualified to speak upon this most difficult topic as he has specialized in Economics all during his career as a teacher and nationally known orator. On several occasions he has been called to assist Labor in the solving of various problems, and has acquired no small degree of prominence by his success. Last October he spoke before the national meeting of the American Federation of Labor at Boston, where he was listed on the same program with such men as Secretary Davis of the United States Department of Labor, and President Greene of the American Federation of Labor. Father Maguire's speech on this occasion was printed in one of the earlier editions of the Viatorian.

His talk a week ago yesterday lasted from 3:30 to 4:00 P. M., and it is known that the successive speeches will be of the same duration of time. Many who have been advised by The New World of his being on WCFL's program have tuned in upon his address and report them to be most interesting.

Father Maguire is also giving a series of Lenten lectures at St. Viator's Church in Chicago on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, where he is attracting large crowds.

Many go to Bloomington

One of our correspondents who attended the game with Illinois Wesleyan at Bloomington a week ago Saturday stated that the crowd gathered outside Holy Trinity Church there after one of the Masses resembled the large group in front of the local Chapel on Sunday morning, because of the large number of Viator students who stayed over after the victory. It is estimated that there were less than forty students who remained here. The campus during those two days looked as bare as it does during the summer vacation. Because of the winning team this year, many students are in attendance at the away from home games.

As we sit here in our lonely cell we notice that an almost unearthly silence pervades the atmosphere. Why is it? Ah, we remember! The tennis champion of the corridor has hid himself to the "Windy City" to watch "Big Bill" Tilden in action.

Clayton Dooley, H. S. '23, knows his groceries around West Chicago, where he is helping his father operate a store and market.

St. Viator Confers Degree Upon U. S. Senator Thomas J. Walsh

**Noted Catholic Statesman Recipient of Honorary
Doctor of Common Laws Degree from College.
Senator Wires His Acceptance and May
Deliver Commencement Address**

The Executive Board of St. Viator College today announced that an honorary Doctor of Common Laws degree has been conferred upon Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana. The degree was tendered Senator Walsh last week, and the Statesman immediately accepted the honor.

Senator Walsh also stated that if the press of official business in Washington would permit, he would be present on June ninth to receive his degree and address the graduating class at the sixty-third annual commencement of St. Viator College.

SUBJECTS GIVEN FOR TWO CONTESTS

**Office of Dean of Studies
Announces Topics for
Essay and Oratorical
Contests**

The subjects for the essay and oratorical contests have been announced by the office of the Rev. T. J. Lynch, Dean of Studies, and the entrants are already preparing their material.

The subjects for both the essay and oratorical contests will be the same this year. The contestants will discuss "Ghandi and the Freedom of India." They will be allowed to build their essays or speeches about any phase of the subject which most interests them.

Open to All.

Both contests are open to all College students. The essay contests is compulsory for all students enrolled in English classes. The minimum requirement for the essay contest is thirty-five hundred words, and the papers are to be handed to the instructors not later than May tenth.

The oratorical contest is open to all but is compulsory for all students of public speaking. There is no limit placed on the time of the speeches, and the finals will be held on May eighth.

The contests are expected to attract a large number of participants this year due to the timeliness of the subject and the controversy over its solution.

OBITUARY

The old timers of St. Viator College will be grieved to learn of the death of Florence E. McAuliffe, which occurred at his home in Chicago on February 13. The funeral was held from the late residence at 4149 Jackson Blvd., to St. Paul Church, Valparaiso, Indiana where High Mass was celebrated at 10:30 on Monday, February 16. Interment was in St. Paul Cemetery. Mr. McAuliffe attended the College in 1881.

Has Had Brilliant Career.

The Senator is one of the most brilliant and outstanding of modern American statesmen. He was born in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, June 12th, 1859. He was educated in the public schools and took his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1884. He taught school for a while, becoming principal of the Sturgeon, Wis., High School. Late in 1884, he left the field of education and began to practice law with his brother, Henry, at Redfield, South Dakota.

He moved to Helena, Montana, in 1890 and became a member of the law firm of Walsh, Nolan and Scallon, which combination endured until 1925 when the firm was reorganized under the name of Walsh, Scallon and Wine.

He was the Democratic candidate for Congress in 1906. He was five times a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and was a member of the sub-committee on platform at each meeting. He was the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate in 1910, became Senator in 1913 and has served the state in that capacity ever since. He was the Chairman of the Democratic National Convention in 1924.

Senator Walsh is a member of the important Judiciary and Foreign Relations committees. He also holds posts on the Inter-oceanic Canals, Irrigation and Reclamation, Mines and Mining, and Public Lands and Surveys committees.

Father Bergin Gives Lenten Lectures

Rev. W. J. Bergin, C. S. V., Professor of Apologetics, is conducting a special series of Lenten lectures for the students this year each Wednesday evening. His two talks so far have proved to be very interesting and all are looking forward to the balance of his series. Father Bergin's experience with boys and his method of dealing with them has made him one of the most popular preachers at the College. Although at present he is kept very busy with his classes, his evening lectures have been more than well prepared and delivered.

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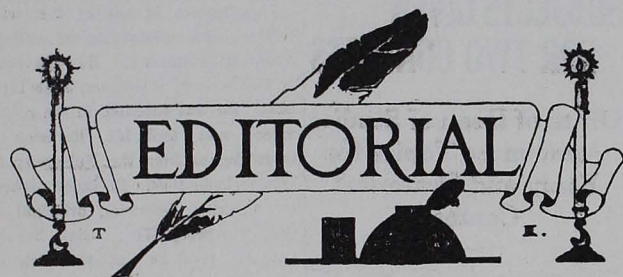
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Nothing!

It is very difficult to compose a suitable article for an unpurgated issue. This results from the fact that though it is quite logical to call a spade, a spade, and a heart, a heart, one could say many uncomplimentary things about a spade which ruins an otherwise ace high heart flush and vice versa.

The problem, thus, resolves itself into the necessity of saying it as nicely as possible. One might criticize the prohibition amendment, but what editorial writer in the nation has not vented his spite on the unoffending act, neglecting entirely to comment on the author of the imbecile legislation? A person, moreover, could utter endless innuendos against the policy of the present administration, but such seems worthless to me because since eighteen fifty, despite horrible columns directed against the fair lily growing in our midst, this flower, the Republican party, has prospered. Procreated by industry, it will be cared for and fostered by its parent. The evils of the present economic situation might be exploited by the writer, but the subject has been handled by more experienced men than he and, furthermore, at present he is incapable of giving to it the mastery handling bestowed by the Very Rev. J. W. R. Maguire. Still another phase, the crime wave which is surging over our fair land, might be favorably or unfavorably commented on, but to the wide-awake citizen the staccato reports of sub-machine guns and the blasts of sawed-off shot-guns speak. No editorial could compete, judging from past successes and failures, with the gun in the hands of the gunman.

Our attention next might be focused on the murder trial at Gary where five youths are being tried for attacking and killing Arlene Draves. But all of the newspapers in the country feature this type of article with all of the details enriched so that an avid public mind may be fed, and, I'm sure, the mentality of our college youths would not care to delve into the picturesque events surrounding the trial. Having said nothing, whether beautifully or otherwise, I know not, for the past few minutes, permit me to utter a word of warning to all college men. Beware of the entrancing smiles, the glamorous lights twinkling in blue, grey, or brown eyes, the Venus-like forms of fair co-eds, for when once the throne of reason is occupied by one of these, you will spend your days and nights as "idle as a painted ship upon a painted sea."

Editor's Comment

Well, we advertised this as an unpurgated edition, and offered to print everything which came to our desk. But we have had to back down on that promise for several good reasons. The first thing which shook our resolution was the influx of some perfectly rotten poetry from a number of gentlemen who should know better. In the first week, it would be only a moderate estimate to place the number of budding Shelley's and Keats at half the total enrollment of St. Viator College. We were deluged with poetry. Some of it wasn't so bad, but some was so terrible that we refused it on sight. The upshot of the whole thing was that we decided to eliminate poetry from the columns of the Viatorian forever.

And we thought we had read some pretty strong essays of criticism before in our life, too, but some of the things we met up with took our breath away. We refused the majority of those on the grounds of hasty action.

We hope that the Elm-Bark will forgive us for the following reprint, but it was too good to miss:

Woes of an Editor

There seems to be a superabundance of editorial material lately being devoted to the hardships of an editor. The editors in the other Little Nineteen colleges have no more to complain about than the Elm Bark editor.

If any student is journalistically inclined, let his highest aspiration be the position of a reporter. In any publication where offices are non-paying, the reporter rules. The editor must bow to him, must humor him, must treat him with kid gloves, lest the reporter becomes pouty and decides to leave the paper in the lurch on the day when all material should go to the printer.

Never covet the job of the managing editor; he is not only the fool of the reporter but must be the tool of the editor also.

Never aspire for editorship. It is a monotonous task writing editorials every week and knowing that very few students read them.

Never run for the office of editor. He must spend several long evenings and many daylight hours on each edition. If one word is misspelled, 220 students will notify him the next day but not more than two or three will ever say a word about the good parts.

The editor is the shock absorber between the students and the administration. The students clamor for a paper devoted to them and the higher powers demand that the paper should be of a type that could be used in their national publicity. No matter on which side the paper leans, the editor incurs the enmity of the other. If he chooses the middle way, he is condemned from both sides.

The editor is the goat of the students and faculty. If the editor refuses to run an article concerning a

certain faculty member, he is ridiculed for his timidity. If the article appears, he must endure a series of epithets and a boresome lecture from that faculty member.

Yet, if the present editor were no longer the editor and had the power to hold whatever office he preferred, he would again choose the office of editor.

GIBBONS LEADS BREEZE ARTISTS

Prominent Sophomore Pulling Away to Lead In Ancient Occupation And Freshmen Show Promise

Standings of Breeze Experts, Roy Hall.

1. William Gibbons
2. John Mehren
3. Patrick Michael Cleary
4. Joseph Francis Logan
5. James Peter Almeroth

Team: Lawrence Peter Christman and Edward Hunt. James Carney is in a class by himself.

The end of the first semester in Roy Hall finds William Gibbons successfully defending the title he won so hardly at the end of last season as First Breeze Expert of St. Viator College. He has been hard pressed throughout the season by a number of newcomers, including among their number one Whitey Mehren of the Freshman class who is showing considerable promise, and who even displaced the veteran Gibbons for a brief period at the beginning of the year. Gibbons rallied in the late weeks of the semester, however, and deluged the sinking Mehren with an overwhelming flood of impressive superlatives and original situations. He shows the effects of his former training on the corridors of Roy and has the advantage of experience over his youthful rival.

Cleary Starts New School.

Pat Cleary has won his way into the sacred circle with his new school of philosophy which is sweeping the Second Corridor with an irresistible force. His unusual handling of the subject matter has made his room one of the most popular on the corridor for the exponents of the newer school of Breeze, and he is rapidly rising to a commanding situation in the field.

Another Freshman Rates.

Hard-pressing Joe Logan of A. T. & T. fame, is James Peter Almeroth, champion of Chicago's Gold Coast. The Freshman has shown considerable promise in his most recent performances and is expected to challenge the Senior for fourth place in the near future.

Teamwork Exceptional.

The team of Hunt and Christman are leading their field by a large margin. The boys have both originality and variety, and draw their chief virtue from their exceptional powers of pantomime. The boys are sufficient unto themselves, mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive, as it were. It is believed that they are planning to complete their wonderful work by a mutual exchange of halos and harps in the near future.

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et humida circum
Caligat, nubem eripiam.—

Virgil Aen. II 604

That, in substance, has been the promise of our esteemed President as regards the present unemployment situation, ever since his nomination to office.—May I remind you, dear reader, that this is not a task to be undertaken by one man or by one man's committees! It is a task to be undertaken by the nation, working in unison toward the definite goal of stabilizing business and thus assuring the country of the best possible "unemployment insurance"—no unemployment!

Unemployment insurance!—Now there's something—Ladies and gentlemen, "unemployment insurance" as practiced by some of the great American industries, is a farce. Ostensibly, it is a plan whereby all the workers can be assured of at least some funds, all of the time.—The workers, unthinkingly believe this policy a god-send and regard their concerns as fine, paternal institutions, with the employee's best interest at heart.—The gracious old father smiles a sardonic smile at these thoughtless children of his, and well he might!

The Capitalist has resorted to a system I shall call the "hire 'em fire 'em" system, which tends to offset the burden of unemployment insurance. Becoming more specific, I will present, a case in Chicago, where one of the nation's largest electrical concerns thrives. There, as many as two thousand employees at a time are laid off and kept idle for two weeks or a month and then hired back at a salary ten to fifty cents per hour lower than the original. This system only tends to widen the gap between Capitalism and Organized Labor. The Laborites are striving mightily to establish the working class on a stabilized salary basis while the Capitalists are forcing the wage scales of the working classes down. The latter take no cognizance of the fact that the cost of living is at the same time remaining stationary, or very nearly so. The worker's buying power is therefore reduced and further unemployment results. Thus, a "vicious circle" of unemployment has for an indirect cause at least, "unemployment insurance"!

The Capitalist presents a very different argument in which he states that "unemployment insurance" breaks into an already existing "vicious circle," through providing the worker with a lowered but nevertheless, apparent purchasing power. Need I point out that the vulnerable spot in that argument lies in the conceding of the fact that the worker is provided with a lowered buying power? The effect of this system although taking a longer time to become apparent is exactly the same

as the effect of a total lack of buying power among the working classes. Its ultimate end is unemployment.

To thinking persons, unemployment does not present, at the present moment, the problem that it's prolongation shall present. For, the working classes, upon realizing themselves not outwitted merely in the sense of "having put one over" on them; but entirely helpless and without power to cope with the Capitalists, shall turn ready and vengeful ears to the "Song of the Reds" and take up arms in a frenzied revolt to gain the Liberty their forefathers earned in much the same manner!—In closing I wish to say that I have not the audacity to pretend to be capable of even suggesting a remedy, for, as I have said, the task is one for the nation as a whole. But I do take the liberty of warning you, dear readers, that the success of even so capable a machine as this great nation, is contingent upon Immediate Action!

—J. Hugh Burns.

Third Corridor

Oh, woe is me, woe is me! Ye Ed. is calling for the dirt about the third corridor and my mind (?) is blank. And I don't get any sympathy either. Callahan, buried knee-deep in cherry pie, is grinning at me like a cat. He's got his "Double Dribbles" all in, doggone it!

Have "Slip" Madigan tell you about his adventures in the wilds of Bloomington. What was that affair about a window or something?

Everybody and all three of his brothers were down at old Wesleyan to see the Viatorians take the Methodists for the second time.

Fellows who live in Bloomington were very popular last week.

Jim Gallahue, "the Freshmen's Choice," has recently acquired a wooden hammer which is making itself very obnoxious to most of the gentlemen in the third corridor. Listening to it pound on all doors about 6:45 on a cold winter's morning is enough to give almost anyone the D. T's.

Had pretty good luck bumming to Bloomington last Saturday. Rode to Dwight with a tombstone manufacturer, from there to Chenoa with a Wisconsin undertaker on a holiday, and lastly to Bloomington with a florist. Would you call that a coincidence or something, I ask you?

Bill Dwyer is complaining. He says it's getting so now that when the fellows even see him coming they say, "Nope, I haven't got any."

Don't see no money around.

We present another cast of the play, "Marco Millions." We are assured that this one will be final. Semester examinations are five months away.

Baseball Season Near

With the invasion of the campus by the balmy spring breezes, the minds of the resident young men are turning lightly to thoughts of baseball. With but one man gone from last year's outfit and an untouched supply of Freshmen prospects, St. Viator's hopes for a successful season are high.

Bucky Dahman's troubles are expected to center largely about the securing of a good pitching staff.

Frosh Prospect



One of the most promising of this year's crop of Freshmen basketballers is Ken Westray, former Clinton High captain and star. Westray first broke into the spot-light at Viator when he made his letter at half-back on the football team. He came to the school with considerable reputation as a basketball player and proved his worth on the hardwood in the early games of the season. He has been used regularly as a replacement at forward.

ST. VIATOR LOSES TO STATE NORMAL

Irish Drop From Lead in Little Nineteen by Loss At Teacher's School

Meeting their second loss in as many evenings, the Irish were dropped from their position at the top of the Little Nineteen by an embattled Teachers team from Illinois State Normal University.

After losing to Millikin on Tuesday evening, St. Viator moved to Normal on Wednesday night to drop their second consecutive game by a score of 24-15. The game gave Viator and Normal an even break for the year and put Normal on the top of the Little Nineteen.

Normal Takes Lead.

Following the example set by Millikin on the preceding evening, Normal got away to a quick lead in the first few minutes of play. They were playing careful ball, and were obviously out to take the Irish into camp by a convincing margin. St. Viator, still off its stride, was unable to get going, and the Teachers held a 16-8 advantage at the half.

St. Viator staged a momentary comeback in the second half, but the Teachers soon took command of the situation again and gained a substantial lead which they held until the end of the game.

Goff of Normal was very much on his game, and thrilled the fans by a number of one-handed shots from difficult angles. The whole Normal team showed their customary flashy offensive featuring their famous one-handers.

Announce Officials

According to an announcement made last week by James Flynn, Executive Secretary of the State Catholic Tournament, the officials of this year's meet will be Fred Young of Bloomington, Howard V. Millard of Decatur, and Milton Groark of Chicago.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

With the basketball season drawing to an end, the student body takes this opportunity to give the squad a big cheer, and the congratulations of the entire student body is extended to the coach for producing a very good team.

Now that the Lenten season is here, the Senior class have really begun hard and intensive work with the purpose of rating high honors, and also to do some Lenten penance.

According to all, Joe Hoog is considered the most studious Senior in College. Every day one can find Joe in the rear of the library, surrounded by books—and we know there is some other attraction.

The Hoosier Bowling Club of Romary and Cleary, Christman and Logan, are really developing into steady two hundred bowlers. Either combination will gladly play any challenging couple as long as expenses are paid by the challengers.

The Senior League is almost over. All the good teams have been defeated and the punk teams are riding the crest. However, Carney's "Chuckers" are extending a challenge to play the winners of the Senior League.

"Spick and Span" Logan and his misogynistic roommate, "Abhoo" have a new plaything. It is really the latest thing for travelling.

By the way, the fellows are dusting and oiling their gloves and turning trunks upside down looking for some balls—perhaps spring might be here after all.

An application has been made for a set of gold, old-fashioned box car swinging doors for 215 in order to help such bullets as Laffey, Hunt, Meany, Hamilton, etc., etc., to enter without so much effort.

Hog Calling Contest—March 7
See Squat Christman for particulars.

Fellow Students: What do you think of a man who claims to be a real Viator man and who invites certain individuals to spend the night with him and purposely avoids the meeting place? The offended parties expect an apology and if it is not given, the name of the guilty one will be published in the next issue.

Ed Hunt, silver-voiced troubador, will give a series of moaning selections this coming week end if the weather permits. Bill Kane, the strumming banjo player, will be the accompanist. Much will be expected—not much will be given.

The "halo of romance" never hovers over a bald-headed man. See "Puff" for more details.

Good news for the radio fans. Another osculating radio set has been installed on the campus. According to Detectives Toohill and Gibbons, the set is located in Room 204. A bombing party is being organized by Pat Cleary for the extermination of the room and contents.

"Hack" Tucker has been appointed leader of commercialism. Beware of the scientists, "Hack"!

Chief Logan and his gang have been hauling beds for over a week. A big time is expected during the tournament—especially much sleeping.

A very picturesque sight is watching "Cowboy" Hunt drive the old white mare and the "Gillipy" around the campus. We believe the boy has a future as a rag man.

Nominations for the campus "Gigolo" will be turned in to "Fat" Carroll. Elections will be held on May 15. Get your nominations in!

In Little 19 Camps

This week saw the end of the road for eight Little Nineteen teams. Carbondale, Normal, Shurtleff, Macomb, Monmouth, Millikin, Illinois Wesleyan, and North Central have all concluded their 1930-31 schedule and are preparing for track and baseball.

State Normal concluded their very successful season against Illinois Wesleyan on Tuesday night, annexing their twelfth Conference win with the lone defeat administered them by St. Viator to stand against them.

We are anticipating a large snicker from our friends on the Augustana Observer. We have it coming, anyhow.

This certainly has been a great year in the Little Nineteen. We are unable to remember a time when there were so many outstanding outfits contending for the title. North Central, State Normal, and St. Viator were all unusual teams and worthy winners of the championship in almost any other year. While we do not know much about Monmouth and Macomb, we are assured that those schools had exceptional quintets. And while we are at it, Millikin, Bradley, Wesleyan and DeKalb were nobody's fools as basketball teams. The first three mentioned broken even with St. Viator, while Millikin, the giant killer, also held a season's draw with North Central. DeKalb lost their first game to Viator by three points, forced the Irish into an overtime in the second encounter, and lost to North Central by a lone point, 13-12.

The most significant feature of the season just passed to our notion was the proof of the fact that the Little Nineteen is too large to be of any use. Neither St. Viator, State Normal, or Monmouth met North Central, and Macomb was almost likewise unknown among the teams on the eastern part of the circuit. The top-notch outfits spent their spare time killing each other off, and only a super-team could have waded through the year without a loss. St. Viator attempted to kill off all the giants and cracked under the strain in the last week of play. State Normal met almost as many strong teams as Viator and played truly great ball to come through with only one loss. The strength of North Central was never tested. True, the Naperville crew lost to Millikin on the Decatur floor, but most sport writers discount anything that happens there. Macomb lost to North Central, but since the strength of the latter was never sufficiently tested, the powers of the Westerners will remain unknown. Monmouth's lone claim to the title lay in their ability to win twice from Wesleyan. They lost the first game, and the second didn't count. Rivalry was intense, and the teams were kept at fever heat from the start to the finish of the season. Games were won and lost that will be the subject of dispute until baseball crowds the basketball fans off the bench. Taken all in all, it was a highly unsatisfactory season despite—or rather, because of the number of exceptional teams engaged in competition.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Standings for 10 Rounds

	W.	L.	Pct.	T.S.
Delineators	9	1	.900	132
Chuckers	7	3	.700	152
White Mules	7	3	.700	102
Hungry Five	6	4	.600	105
Ponies	6	4	.600	96
Goldbrickers	6	4	.600	87
Delinquents	5	5	.500	103
Monks	5	5	.500	86
Dreadnaughts	4	6	.400	115
Huskies	4	6	.400	70
Flyers	3	7	.300	100
Vanities	3	7	.300	94
Chislers	3	7	.300	93
Nightmares	2	8	.200	90



From somewhere this came. We don't know where, we found it on our desk and we feel that it belongs here:-

"In a recent public speaking class, a certain Freshman boy in endeavoring, through a five-minute speech, to persuade a fond father that St. Viator was the place for his son, casually remarked, 'Another reason why it is a good college is the fact that there are no girls attending.'"

For his particular benefit and for all equally unobservant, we, the co-eds, wish to inform those concerned that, should they perchance, meet any of us in their classes, we hope that their surprise will not overbalance their ability to concentrate during the coming semester.

A Co-ed.

"Who brought you here?"

"Two policemen."

"Drunk, I suppose."

"Yes, both of them."

As the Sociology book defines betrothal—"The first step in the marriage tragedy."

"Remember, son, beauty is only skin deep."

"That's all right, I'm no cannibal."

OUR WEEKLY POME

Tragedy

A nickle

A coke

No nickle

Broke

Pat: "How'd it go?"

Puff: "I made three baskets."

Chris (waking up): "Why didn't you bring 'em up to the room?"

The latest test—CAN SHE BAKE A LEMON PIE?

After taking innumerable years of religion, we are still convinced that the most important step towards attaining eternal life is the act of dying.

"D'y' know how the rats get in here?"

"Naw."

"Yeh, that's right."

We wish to contradict a pernicious rumor that has been making the rounds of Roy Hall. Ken Clothier did NOT get his wavy hair by sleeping on a waffle iron while young.

Any time you get tired of the refectory grub we know where you can get a chicken dinner for fifteen cents.

At the feed store.

"Boy, she really goes for me!"

A colored woman consulted the village lawyer.

"Ah wants to divorce mah husband," she said.

"What's the trouble?" asked the lawyer.

"That nigger's done gone and got religion, and we ain't seen chicken on de table foh two months."

"Well," said the visitor to the little son of the famous motorist, "and how are you getting on at school?"

"Fine," said the little chap. "I'm now learning words of five cylinders."

BIG BLUE TAKES IRISH INTO CAMP

St. Viator Suffers First Defeat of Season at the Hands of Millikin on Decatur Floor

The Big Blue team of James Millikin University called a halt to the victorious march of the Fightin' Irish of St. Viator on the evening of February 17, by handing the Saints a 34-18 drubbing for the first loss of the year. It was most distinctly Millikin's night, and it is doubtful if any team in the middle-west could have beaten the Blue that evening.

St. Viator led the game for the only time when Captain Ken Clothier sank a free throw in the first minute of play. Millikin came out with a rush and held an 11-1 lead before the Irish could get their bearings. Instead of decreasing the Millikin lead, each passing moment added to it, and the Blue boys popped them in from every angle. The score at the half stood 23-8 in Millikin's favor, and the Irish had little hope of ever overcoming them.

Second Half Like First.

The second half was a repetition of the first on a minor scale. The Blue played rings around the Irish, and St. Viator never had a chance at the lead. The game was the first victory for Millikin over St. Viator since 1929 when the Blue won an overtime game from the Irish on the Decatur floor.

The game broke the Viator run of twelve consecutive wins for the year and "set the boys up" for the Normal game on the following evening.

Smith High Point Man.

The famed Smitty, mighty mite of the Millikin team whom the Little Nineteen knows so well, gained ample revenge for the way in which first game of the year by registering Clothier held him in check in the eleven points for high honors. France of Millikin made nine points in the last half for second high. Al Furlong dropped in two baskets and four free throws to lead the Irish scoring with eight points. The game was featured by considerable fouling, fourteen of Millikin's points and twelve of the Irish total being registered via the gift route.

ST. VIATOR (18)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Romary, f.	0	3	3	3
Laffey, f.	0	0	1	0
Westray, f.	0	0	1	0
Hayes, f.	1	4	3	6
Furlong, c.	2	4	1	8
Clothier, g. (C.)	0	1	3	1
Swartz, g.	0	0	1	0
Karr, g.	0	0	0	0
Cassidy, g.	0	0	4	0

Totals.....3 12 17 18

MILLIKIN (34)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Smith, f.	3	5	2	11
Holmes, f.	1	1	2	3
Russell, f.	0	0	0	0
Merkelback, c. (C.)	1	2	4	4
Steinhauer, c.	0	0	0	0
Wood, g.	2	2	4	6
Miller, g.	0	0	3	0
France, g.	3	3	0	9
Musso, g.	0	1	4	1

Totals.....10 14 19 34

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North Central's truly great team also ended its season this week, trimming Wheaton College on Saturday night to end the year with a record of eleven wins and one loss. Their lone defeat was suffered at the hands of Millikin on the latter's home floor.

Millikin is to have a new gymnasium, we are told, for next year. That will be welcome news to this year's consolation club of North Central, Illinois Wesleyan, Bradley and St. Viator, all of whom were defeated on the famous—or infamous—cracker-box floor.

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IRISH FALTER IN THE FINAL WEEK OF PLAY

IRISH COME BACK AGAINST WESLEYAN

Titans Fall Before Rush Of Rejuvenated Viator Team; Is Win Number Thirteen

After going off form for two games and losing to Millikin and Normal, the Green Wave of St. Viator turned in a tidal wave against Illinois Wesleyan and engulfed the Titans by a 30-22 count. The victory was the thirteenth on the present season and marked the second time that Wesleyan has lost to Viator this year.

The Wesleyan gym, like the Viator house on the occasion of the previous meeting of the teams, was packed to the ceiling for the fray. The greater majority of the Viator students emigrated to Bloomington for the game, and the Irish were not lacking in ardent supporters.

Viator Takes Early Lead.

St. Viator grabbed an early lead in the first minutes of play and held the advantage at the half. The score at the end of the first period stood at 15-11 in favor of the Irish.

Clothier dropped in a long one to open the second half, but Wesleyan got hot and tied the count at 17 all. The Viator fans began to have visions of the Wesleyan game of a year ago when a fighting Titan quintet completely outplayed in the first half, returned to whip the Irish in the final minutes of play. This year's story was to be different, however, and the Saints set to work to reestablish their lead.

Captain Ken Clothier was banished from the game on personal fouls and was replaced by Ty Schwartz. The Freshman played ball like a veteran and clung to the mighty Meehan with all the adhesiveness of the proverbial leech.

Three Men Out.

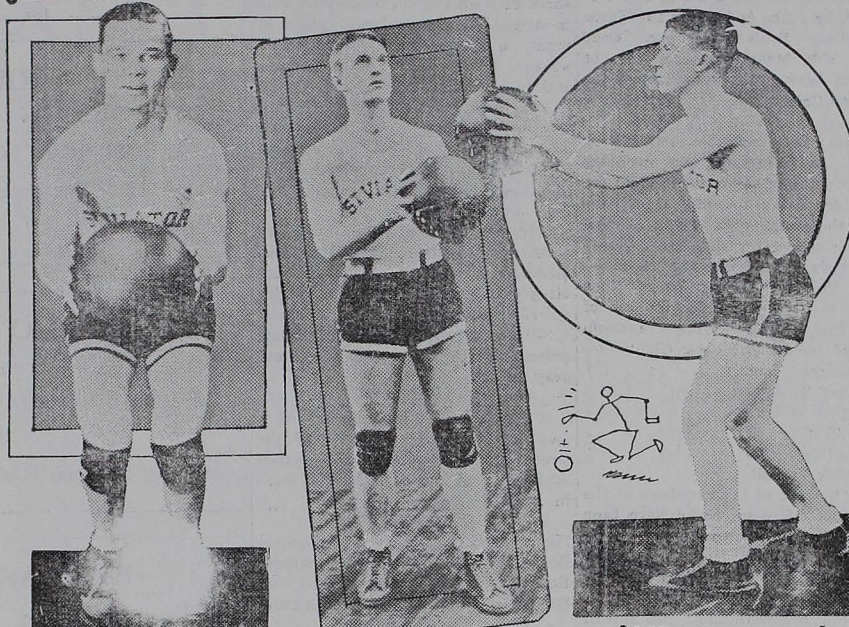
Not long after Clothier departed, Romary and Karr followed via the same route and were replaced by Westray and Murgatroyd. Two quick baskets by Murgatroyd and one by Schwartz gave the Irish an almost insurmountable lead. With the score standing at 26-21 in their favor, the Viatorians began to take things easy, but the Titans made things so hot for them that they were forced to go to work on the basket. Wesleyan scored on a free throw while Viator was converting two tosses from the field to leave the final score at 30-22.

Game Was Fast.

The game was characterized by all the good basketball that traditionally attends the meeting of the two teams. Although three men were sent from the fray on personal fouls, their errors were due more to eagerness than to rough play. Both teams were keyed to a high pitch, the game meaning a chance at the title for St. Viator while a victory would have shed considerable glory on the Titan quintet.

Romary was high point man for the Irish. He dropped in two field goals and six free throws for a total of ten points. Al Furlong made three baskets good for six points. Meehan, Wesleyan ace, counted three times from the field and a like manner from the free throw line for a total of nine points. The Wesleyan quintet was considerably handicapped by the absence of Munday from the line-up, and a game leg kept him from doing much when he did break in. Callins,

Irish Scoring Threats



PUFF ROMARY-FORWARD

AL FURLONG-CENTER

PETE LAFFEY FORWARD

When the Fighting Irish of St. Viator take the floor it is these three men whom the enemy must watch, for they are the main scoring cogs in Coach Dahman's powerful team. Puff Romary possesses one of the keenest long-shot eyes in the Little Nineteen, while Furlong is a specialist on pop-in shots from the rebound. Laffey first broke into fame as an All-Catholic forward at the Loyola Tournament in Chicago in 1929 and won his letter in college basketball with St. Viator last year.

Watch For It!



It gives the Viatorian great pleasure to announce a new series of articles by that brilliant and gifted author, Joseph Francis Logan. Mr. Logan's latest work, "The Private Life of a Daredevil," or "Ab-hoo Weber as I Knew Him" will appear in this paper in the near future.

Ever since the sensational return of Mr. Weber, the reading public of St. Viator College has clamored for this series. Mr. Logan will reveal what Mr. Weber eats, how long he sleeps, and whence this craving for rapid transit which has overtaken him. Get your requests for extra copies in early!

"Don't forget the tournament!"

as well as Meehan, was outstanding for the Titans.

The box score:

ST. VIATOR (30)	FG	FT	TP
Romary, f.	2	6	10
Westray, f.	0	0	0
Laffey, f.	1	2	4
Furlong, c.	3	0	6
Murgatroyd, g.	2	0	4
Karr, g.	0	1	1
Schwartz, g.	1	0	2
Clothier, g.	1	1	3
Totals	10	10	30

ILL. WESLEYAN (22)	FG	FT	TP
Munday, f.	0	3	3
Leach, f.	1	1	3
Bodman, f.	0	1	1
Grafouliere, f.	0	0	0
Meehan, c.	3	3	9
Callans, g.	2	0	4
Brooks, g.	0	0	0
Mercer, g.	1	0	2
Totals	7	8	22

ST. VIATOR LOSES TO HILLTOPPERS

Bradley Gains Revenge For Early Season Loss On Viator Floor by Handing Irish 26-13 Defeat

Evening up for an overtime loss sustained at the hands of the Fighting Irish earlier in the year, Bradley trimmed St. Viator on Tuesday night by the convincing score of 26-13. Bradley gained an early lead and held the advantage throughout the game.

The Hilltoppers lost no time in getting to work, and dropped in a couple of field goals before the Irish were well organized. St. Viator made one, but Bradley counted again to hold their lead. Both teams began to play cautious defensive ball, and the first half was featured by the guarding. At the end of the period, Bradley held the advantage over St. Viator by a 9-6 score.

Romary made one to open the second half and bring St. Viator within a point of the Bradley total, but the Hilltoppers immediately took the game in hand and proceeded to salt it away. Bradley drew steadily away from Viator and doubled the Irish score before the end of the game.

Puff Romary was high point man for St. Viator. He made four field goals, accounting for all the Irish scoring from the field. The remainder of the team worked well, but showed the effects of the long grind they have undergone and were unable to get started under the stress of the Bradley attack.

Bradley, with its new center, was a much improved team over the quintet which lost to Viator earlier in the season.

Double Dribbles

Just a few more rounds and the curtain will ring down on the 1931 edition of the traditional Senior League. When the end comes, what then, I will put away my pen. And the "Viatorian" will go on without me.

Bill, Cedric, "Minonk Express," Gib, or whatever you may wish to address this flaxen-haired youth of pugilism by, deserves to again come into the limelight. Bill has taken his green squad of basketeers and developed one of the greatest teams ever to appear on the local hardwood. They lead the Senior League at the present date and seem to be travelling at such a terrific pace that the flag is almost certain to be waving from the door of 210 in March.

Activities in the league were practically at a standstill during the last week or so. "Fat" Carroll, president and "Grand Old Man of Basketball" in the League, led most of the personnel of the contesting teams to Bloomington, Normal, and Peoria where they viewed games of Little Nineteen importance.

"Earl" left his "Vanities" on their own resources recently and they were severely censured by Mooney's "Huskers."

"Monk" Oldham and his "Monks" are still in there fighting. "Monk" believes that he will win by the "Dickinson Rating System."

No over-emphasis here. Ed Hunt would rather forfeit than proselytize. If other leaders were to follow his example—well, poor Joe Logan would be confined to his own team.

And so saying we will lay down our pen, just as the tents who fold their Arabs and softly steal away.

BRADLEY WRECKS LAST HOPES OF ST. VIATOR FANS

The Green Wave Drops Three of Last Four Games to Fall From Perch Atop Little Nineteen to Far Lower Rung

Entering the final stretch with a record of ten games won in Little Nineteen competition and favorites to cop the title, the big Green Wave of St. Viator struck a sand-bar in the form of several young gentlemen from Millikin, Normal and Bradley, who also play basketball, and tamed down to a ripple. The Irish, forced at top speed throughout the whole season, found the strain of meeting four outstanding quintets within eight days' time too much for them and dropped three of the four games.

The first indication of a crack came in the Millikin game. The Big Blue, playing on their home floor and seeking revenge, started the game with a bang and grabbed a lead that St. Viator could never hope to overcome. It is doubtful if any team in the country could have beaten Millikin that night, so "hot" were the Blue forwards and so efficient the guards.

Normal Is Next.

After some dispute concerning officials, St. Viator moved to Normal on the following evening and were again defeated. The Red Birds saw a Conference title in the offing could they hurdle this barrier, and put all they had into the game. The Irish were obviously tired and worn by the strain of the season, and were plainly in no condition to play on a dance floor. Normal won the game by a 24-15 count and superseded the Irish as the favorites for the title.

St. Viator Comes Back.

In the second of the season's "big games" with Illinois Wesleyan, the lads from Bourbonnais staged a brief come-back, and flashing a bit of their mid-season form, defeated the Titans for the second time this season by a 30-22 count. The fact that a Wesleyan game is just a bit more than just another contest, may have had some effect on arousing the Irish from their weariness.

Then Came Bradley.

Then the fourth of the big games of the week found St. Viator up against Bradley on the Hilltoppers' own floor. The combination of Bradley, foreign court, and heavy schedule proved too much for the Irish and they succumbed by a 26-13 score for their third defeat of the season. The loss virtually eliminated Viator from any consideration in the percentage standings of the Little Nineteen, although their Dickinson rating should be high.

It seems that every time we attempt to pull a wise-crack about some team, said team steps out and ruins the joke. The latest example is Wheaton. We calmly assured Shurtleff that the Pioneers would never be on the bottom of the Conference as long as Wheaton was left in the Little Nineteen, and lo and behold, ye Wheatonites step out and win a game. And lookit who they beat. DeKalb! One thing about Wheaton, when they start to play basketball, they pick a man sized outfit to play it against.

SCHEDULE FOR DEBATE RELEASED

Other Meets Pending. Practice Goes On; Much Interest

According to the schedule released Saturday by the Manager of Debate, St. Viator will participate in six Conference debates during the coming season, three of which will be held on the campus. At present there is a possibility of two sets of dual debates being arranged with two Catholic colleges in Ohio, but nothing definite has yet been done with either of these two schools. It is hoped, however, that one of the two local teams will be able to take a short trip into the Ohio river valley this year, as has been done in years past. The Manager of Rev. Lowney's debate hopefuls says that on account of the present economic depression (which is blamed for everything) very few forensic teams are on the road, while some schools have even withdrawn from the field for this year. No doubt Viator's light schedule can be based on this condition. However, the debaters will have their hands full because of the loss of all their experienced men via the graduation route. Then too, it was learned last week that neither Mr. Charles Murphy nor Mr. Burke Monahan will be able to compete this season on account of various other duties.

More Practice Meets.

The second and third practice debates have been held on the last two Thursdays at the Debaters' headquarters in Marsile Hall, at which times both sides literally devastated each other to no avail because of the draw decision of the judges. Both sides have accused the referees of everything from accepting bribes to prejudice, but their complaints have had little effect. As a consequence, both teams are completing arrangements to swamp each other with much new data in order that a decision may be reached.

No Regulars Selected Yet.

A spectator at these practice sessions would easily convince himself that he was sitting in Congress listening to a discussion between Senator Wagner and Senator Borah because of the interest among the debaters in competing for places on the regular squads. The Coach wisely refuses to give any advance information as to the lineups of the affirmative and negative teams, but it is thought that he will at least appoint members of the teams tentatively by the time the next issue of this publication goes to press. The five Freshmen candidates have been showing a marked degree of improvement during the past two weeks and it now appears that some of them will get their first taste of the lecture platform this season.

1931 Schedule.

Thursday, March 12—Bradley negative, here.

Friday, March 13—Wesleyan affirmative, there.

Friday, March 20—Mt. Morris affirmative, here.

Tuesday, March 24—Illinois Normal negative, there.

Friday, March 27—Wheaton negative, there.

Saturday, March 28—North Central affirmative, here.

Now that the subjects for the oratorical and essay contests are out, we predict a great bit of burning of the famed midnight oil. About May seventh and eighth.

Library Notes

To Mrs. Mascarino, an alumnus of St. Viator with the Class of '27, and the College Librarian for the past four years, we extend our sincere wishes for every happiness and success in the new work she is about to undertake. She is leaving for Texas where new fields await her. Good luck, Mrs. Mascarino; we will be glad to hear from you through the Library Column.

Have you joined the Rental Book Club? It is seeking new members and as many of them as possible; for the larger the enrollment of the Club, the more books it will be possible to secure for their use. Moreover, it is the privilege of the members to suggest any books they desire to be bought for the use of the Club. The following are members of the Rental Book Club:

Monsignor Legris
Father T. Lynch
Brother Walsh
Dr. Ellis
Irvin Matthews
Patrick Farrell

For the use of the members of the Club, the following books have been obtained: The Edwardians by V. Sackville-West. Wolsey by Hilaire Belloc, and Field of Honor by Donn Byrne.

Of "The Edwardians" we submit the following reviews:

"The Edwardians" is a minute survey of high society during the period indicated by the title. It is, however, a good deal more than that. There is, for example, a distinction about the writing which prevents the minuteness from ever becoming tedious. And then, above all, with a sustained irony which is the more merciless for being slightly disguised. The book forms a variation on the familiar theme of the hollowness of pomp and rank. Sat. Review.

"The Edwardians" is of undoubted excellence from two points of view. First, it is a magnificent portrait of a class and an era. Secondly, it is remarkable for its excellent prose style. It is keen, clear, and vigorous, a style suggesting sinewy strength. Its sparkle is maintained, and does not merely flash in occasional antithetical sentences. Springfield Republican.

The following reviews have been given Wolsey by Hilaire Belloc:

"Wolsey" is Mr. Belloc at his best. No Englishman living is better able to expound a difficult subject; he makes even cannon law seem interesting. That fondness for archaic turns of speech which mars his style is not out of place in a historical biography. He has all the qualities of a great writer except humility. Books.

"Mr. Belloc dramatizes the story with his accustomed vigor and is careful to explain the background of European politics against which the play is set. But one could wish that he were less of the propagandist and more of the historian." Spectator.

Concerning Donn Byrne's "Field of Honor" we quote the following:

"The lilt of Donn Byrne when writing Irish scenery or Irish people is ever recurrent in the book. Sometimes it almost equals Synge. Perhaps Donn Byrne never wrote a finer

thing than "Field of Honor" and his farewell has been one of beautiful imagery, understanding, characterization, and a noble idealism." Boston Transcript.

"The slender story is little more than an excuse for a series of more or less detached scenes of the period, always effectively and sometimes superbly drawn. Whatever one may think of its historical angle, the book is a big, even a splendid piece of work, a fitting swan song for an author whose death is a genuine loss to English letters." N. Y. Times.

It is interesting to note in regard to this book that it was the favorite of the numbers of Byrd's expedition. So much in demand was it that ten additional copies were secured.

"Mr. Barrie was asked whether some of his work did better than others. 'I suppose they are not all great successes, are they?' inquired the fellow diner.

"Oh, no," said Sir James, "some peter out altogether, others pan out very well."

A Freshman in the library of a certain college in search of the poem, "Abou Ben Adhem," asked confidently at the desk for "A Boob in Arden."

"Books are keys to wisdom's treasure; Books are gates to lands of pleasure; Books are pathways that upward lead, Books are friends, Come, let us read."

Senior Squadman



Pete Christman came to St. Viator from Quincy Junior College last year. He made the baseball team and alternated with Tommy Ahern behind the bat. He went out for football this year and made his letter at guard. He was captain of Quincy's basketball team and has shown considerable promise at Viator. Pete is Senior. He is a graduate of Catholic Central of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

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