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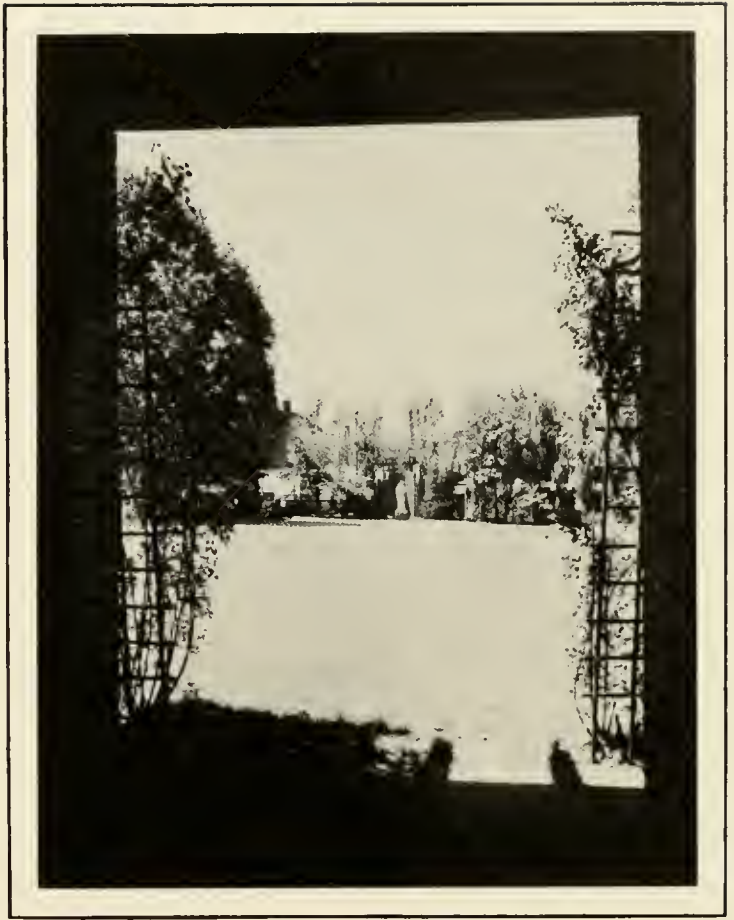
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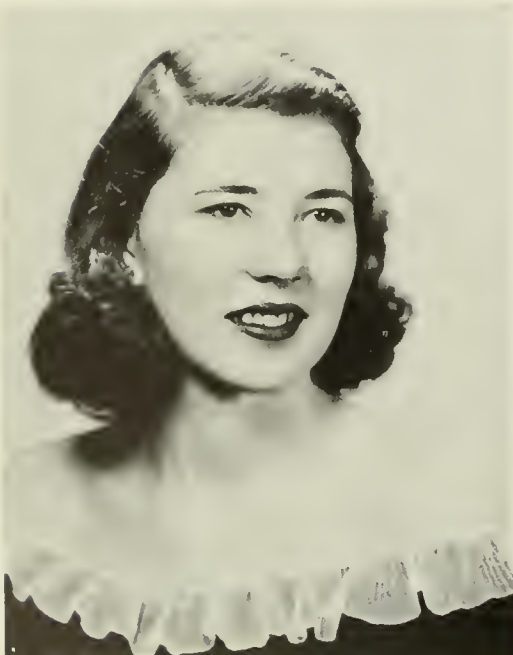
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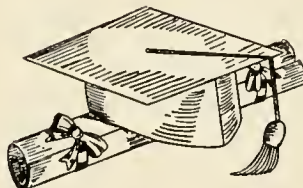
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When, in 1945, we made our first and rather timid entrance into St. Joseph's. It didn't take us long to adapt ourselves, though. We pretended not to hear the remarks (*sotto voce*, of course) of upperclassmen who never ceased to marvel at the ravenous appetites we displayed daily in the Red Room and our unceasing devotion to Fontbonne Hall (known affectionately as the "Rec"). Life was just one big, happy affair then, even with such woes as the bewildering cut system and the overwhelming lab odors. On the credit side of the ledger we had that wonderful invention, the Junior Sister, who cheerfully steered us to such enigmatic places as the L.T. and the B.L. and even took us to dinner and the theater. What more could a happy Freshman ask?

Our early enthusiasm carried us over into Sophomore year, but now we were plagued by thoughts of major and minor cards, language comprehensives, and initiation into mysterious P.E 9 (a catalogue pseudonym for Modern Dancing). Election of class officers was one of the highlights for us and post-



ballating time saw Rita Paolucci installed as class president with Betty Denver as vice-president and Pat Nicholson and Jean Harms, secretary and treasurer, respectively, assisting them. Our choice for councillor was Mary Farrell, a capable addition to a capable staff. Perhaps the nicest thing we remember about this, our second year at St. Joseph's, was our feeling of being "at home." To prove it, we continually poured our wealth of knowledge into the ears of every eager Freshman we chanced to meet.

With the advent of Junior Year, there came even more pleasant memories. We passed through the "no gloves" stage, so that all subway passengers could be blinded by the glare of our newly acquired rings. Now, WE were the Junior Sisters and walking guide-books of some bewildered Freshmen. But all this was but a preliminary of things to come . . . things being the exciting Junior Banquet, held at the Park Central, under Mary Halihan's able chairmanship, the Junior-Senior Theater Party (which, incidentally, split into two factions—the Helen Hayes and Kit Cornell camps) and last, but certainly not least, the glorious Junior

Prom, run so capably by Mary McCarty. "Footprints," too, was ours this year, and Editor Phyllis De Giacomo and her able staff gave us a yearbook of which we're justly proud. Of course, we had our hardworking class officers doing their bit, too; Nora McNerney, president, Lillian LaBarbera, vice-president, Marilyn Dawling, secretary, Jane Christy, treasurer, and Ann Gillespie, councillor. The Juniors were also the backbone of the varsity. Witness such skilled players as Dot Hucke, Rita Paolucci, Joan Mulvaney and Nanny Sheehan.

Summer vacation suddenly closed in on us . . . that last summer vacation when EVERYONE was doing to do ALL her studying for the comprehensive . . . and no one did! And Fall brought our Senior Year. For us, the year was divided into two parts—B.C. and A.C. Who can forget the wild hysteria of December 3rd and the delightful calmness of December 5th? We managed to survive that day of days, though, and our thoughts turned to more pleasant things. Our own class was presided over by Mary Holihan, while Mary McCarty was elected to the U.A. presidency with Ann Gillespie as vice-president. All three girls did a magnificent job. Almost every student activity was

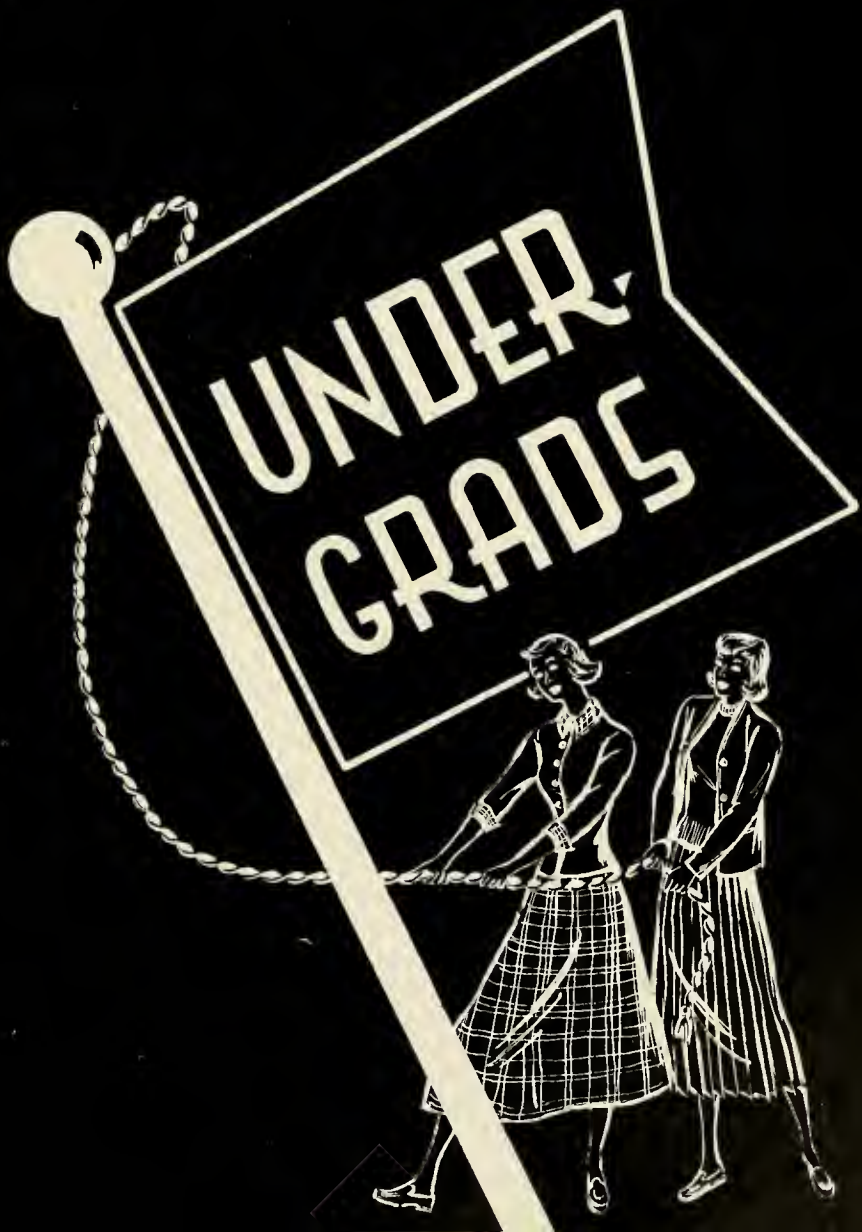




conducted by outstanding members of the Senior Class.

Events came thick and fast this year. A wonderful Parents' Day, under Mary Farrell's chairmanship, came first, with the induction of Dorothy Hucke, Gloria Sileo, Vivian Simes and Audrey Sorrento into Delta Epsilon Sigma. On the same day Jean Templeton's "Medieval Festival" entertainment received rave notices. Next came our last Christmas Party, run so successfully by Jo Perri, and, finally, that event to top all events—the Senior Ball. Chairman Betty Denver made our evening at Delmonico's a night to remember. With all these activities, we managed to squeeze in Mock Class Day, yearbook portraits and the inevitable hour quizzes.

We'd hardly caught our breath when the week of June 5th loomed suddenly on the horizon. First came Baccalaureate Sunday, followed by Formal Class Day, and, finally, the day for which we'd all waited, hoped and prayed—Commencement. But even as we reached our goal, we could not resist a glance backward, reliving again all the events of four fun-filled years. We thought gratefully of helpful parents, faculty and friends and knew suddenly that we would never forget.



Juniors . . .



It's nice to have your cake and eat it too. Ask any Junior. If it is ever possible to do so in college, Junior Year is the year. You are an upperclassman, with all its accompanying glory, without the awful awe of the comprehensive that plagues Seniors.

Profs worried about a peculiar habit of their Junior students; they needn't have. That constant rubbing of right hand on left cuff was not a nervous twitch, but merely "the buffing process," common to all wearing that new, prized possession, their Saint Joseph's ring. Must keep that stone shining!

The real Junior life began, of course, with Orientation Week, when we, full of the maternal spirit, claimed our Freshmen Sisters at the Junior Tea. Quite a wonderful feeling, taking someone under your wing. As we saw our freshmen looking up to us (figuratively only, they are growing them very tall these days) asking us every kind of question, we realized that to their minds we were practically out of school; we were acknowledged by them as authorities on life at Saint Joseph's.

And that first Junior Class meeting! We heard Angela Shillitan, president, call the meeting to order, saying that we had lots of work to do. We had to elect a chairman of Junior Week and of the Junior Prom. After Mary Jane McCarthy and Anne Churchill were elected to the respective posts, plans moved on furiously. There was the Junior Mass, when our prized rings were blessed, the Communion breakfast following it, the Junior Banquet and Theatre Party when we were entertained by our Senior friends, and the Junior Prom at which we played hostess. What a lovely social whirl!

As we Juniors glanced around we noticed our classmates were in the limelight in school activities. Looking back now, we find among our souvenirs an Oriental dance book, with a coolie announcing Charity Ball on its cover; and proudly recall that our classmate, Lillian Fox, was the gal who did an excellent job as chairman of that event.

After seeing *Nine Girls*, we realized that our Class was prominent in the Chapel Players, with Rose Lopapa, president of the group, Joan Whalen, vice-president of our Class, and Terry Duenzl and Joan Ryan taking part in it. Whenever N.F.C.C.S. was mentioned at Saint Joseph's this past year, Mary O'Dea's name was sure to be at the top of the list. And when the Varsity played, our own Helen Connell and Anne Donohue were covering the court.

Yes, it certainly was a wonderful year. Jam-packed with class activities, we also had an opportunity to do something for our "suffering brethren," the Seniors. We, more than any other class, understood their misery on that fatal comprehensive day, and prayed intensely for them. With *Footprints*, published by our Class, we hope to give them a happy send-off, and think it our best way to say "all the best of luck to you."





Sophomores . . .

Vivacious and versatile! That's the Class of '51.

We've invaded the stage, the basketball and volley ball courts, the Glee Club, and even mastered the acrobatics of Modern Dancing, with vitality and zest. The irrepressible Soph will be found in the first line of every activity. There's no subject under the sun which does not find an enthusiast in our ranks.

Scholastically we are just as versatile! English literature, Psychology, History, Child Study, Chemistry and Mathematics are only a few of the fields into which fearless Sophs have ventured. Naturally cheerful, our only audible sighs were heard when the Language Comprehensive rolled around. It came and went, leaving only slightly dampened spirits. "The memory lingers on."

Our Freshman days were spent in trying to get acquainted with the novelty of College life. Now that we have found ourselves, our personalities are beginning to assert themselves. At last, Saint Joseph's is becoming less of a symbol and more of a home.

Mary Kruse, our president, has what it takes to make us realize that we are an integral part of the College with an important place in student government. This awareness of our responsibilities has contributed to our social as well as our mental development. We flocked to Parents' Day in droves, eager to show the members of our families just what was occupying their daughters' interests from dawn 'til dusk five days a week. Both the entertainment and the refreshments went over with a bang. It was smooth sailing all the way from punch to cookies.

Honors are due to Joan McCarthy who took over the reins of Sophomore Class Day and handled the myriad details with ease. She succeeded in satisfying the dramatic taste of one hundred thirteen girls. And take it from us—that's no small feat.

Of course, we are not among the missing at the dances, either. We jitterbugged to our heart's content at the Hallowe'en dance. The Charity Ball saw us swirling to a Viennese Waltz with stars in our eyes, and that constant song in our hearts that never leaves a Soph.





Freshmen . . .

We were at sea, figuratively speaking—sailing the sea of a new experience—college life. Launched on our four year journey by a hearty welcome and thorough orientation, we nevertheless found it a bit rough at first. But like all new sailors, though a little green at first, we soon felt the newness and unfamiliarity of our position quickly wearing off. The Freshmen soon came more fully into the swing of things.

We looked around us. Established meeting places were soon discovered—the 'Rec,' "Red Room," Murken's, The College Drug and even the Green Room under the library. The library itself became a necessity to all good students. Then came two casualties among our ranks. Two of the girls were hospitalized when two autos failed to get out of their respective ways. But within a matter of weeks they were back again—safe and sound as before.

We investigated the activities here at the College. Our artists took up the task of informing you of coming events; our athletes represented us well on the various teams and the budding thespians found their places in the Dramatic Society. All in all the majority of the girls found some activity to keep them busy and more active in college life.

Soon we found ourselves electing girls to represent us on the various committees that serve as part of our student government. Our president, Joan O'Malley, took charge of class meetings and Dorothy Heinlein began hearing the appeals on the Attendance Committee.

Then exams told us that we were coming to the end of our first year here at Saint Joseph's. We have weathered the storms of the first part of our journey and now look forward to what lies ahead, hoping that the remaining three years will prove as happy as the first has been and, needless to say, as smooth sailing.



Undergraduate Officers



Mory Kruse, President of Sophomores



Angelo Shillitani, President of Juniors



Joan O'Malley, President of Freshmen



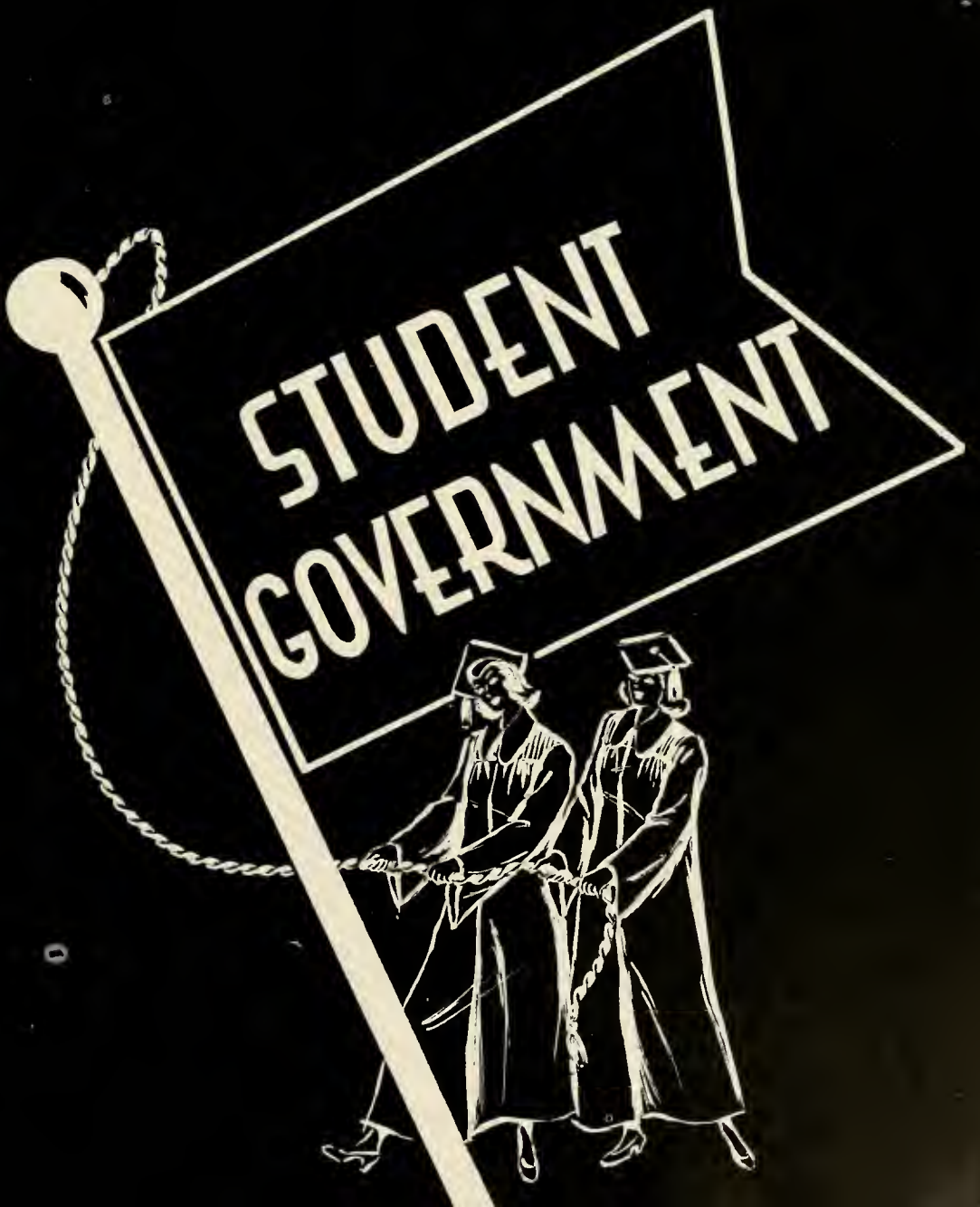
Regina McNeirney, Sophomore Councillor



Mary Loos, Junior Councillor



Mary Heslin, Freshman Councillor





The Council

"I'm the gal with the gavel and the little black book. What's my name?"

If we were to play such a guessing game at St. Joseph's the lucky winner would be some smart little gal who would answer, "Mary McCarty's your name." It's a miracle of understatement to say that Mary has a lot to do as president of the Undergraduate Association, and Monsignor Fitzgibbon is a helpful adviser as she discharges her duties.

Mary also conducts weekly meetings of the Council. Here's how the roster reads: Anne Gillespie, vice-president; secretary Mary Bennett, treasurer Stella MacNeil; the Senior Class officers, Mary Holihan, president; Marguerite Shaughnessy, councillor; the Junior Class officers, Angela Shillitani, president; councillor Mary Loos; the Sophomore Class officers, Mary Kruse, president; Regina McNierney, councillor; Helen Connell, A.A. chairman; Rose Lopapa, president of the Chapel Players; Estelle McGrath, Extra-Curricular Committee chairman and Phyllis Di Giacamo, chairman of the Glee Club. These girls, elected by the students to their respective posts, are charged with the responsibility of making democratic government at St. Joseph's really work.

The achievements of each year are very important, but the most important thing about the U.A. Council, is that it exists, that it has authority to fulfill the students' will as far as is possible in any educational institution. The ideal of self-government is therefore carried forth, and leaders are allowed to develop within the ranks of the students. Student government, as we know it at St. Joseph's is a preparation for active participation in life when school days are a memory, and we must, as educated Christians carry forth the ideals and ideas of real Catholicism into every phase of living.

The Examination Committee

The hurried call for more blue books and ink—the rush for exams at the last bell—the pleadings for just one minute more—all these are familiar sounds to the members of the Examination Committee; and yet the Committee's function is more than the delivering and collecting of tests. The belief that the student body should have some experience and responsibility in running their government while in school caused the faculty to inaugurate the honor system, ruled by the Examination Committee, in 1935. Previous to this date, the honor system was a privilege reserved to the upper classmen only.

But with the great privilege of the honor system and all it stands for comes the burden of seeing that its tenets are put into action. It is the Committee's duty to see that all accusations of fraud are tried and judged.



Extra-Curricular Committee

The important role of socialization for the individual is recognized by the College and it is the Extra-Curricular Committee that provides opportunities for social as well as physical development.

The Committee of twelve girls was headed this year by Estelle McGroth. Along with the regulation, inauguration and registration into the extra-curricular activities, the Committee has numerous other duties. They act as a pseudo-attendance committee by hearing appeals for absence from extra-curricular classes, retreats and General Assembly. They also arrange the G.A. seating plan and attendance records.



The Attendance Committee

In determining just what distinguishes Saint Joseph's from other colleges, surely the existence of the Attendance Committee would be cited as one of the most important differentiating factors. Mary Regulski, its chairman, stresses the fact that cutting is illegal, but when you have a valid reason for absenting yourself from class you should most certainly appeal, for in spite of the fact that you serve warning on the germs "to keep away for the rest of the semester" they may return. Being overcut is a silly way to lose points, so its best to play safe.

The Committee is composed of two girls from the September class and one from the February class of each year. Its officers: Mary Regulski, chairman and its secretary, Marguirite Trainor.





The Religion Committee

While St. Joseph's College feels a student's religion is her personal affair it also feels it is its duty as a Catholic college to present every opportunity to the students to make religion an important and integral part of their everyday living. In order to see that these opportunities were presented as a part of Student Government the Religion Committee was formed.

With Dolores Usischon as chairman, the group has had a successful year. The one hundred members meet every other Wednesday to discuss and arrange the various activities of the month. Few of us notice all the work that goes into performing the little jobs each day. The hourly prayers, assistance at Mass, Holy Hour, Nacturnals, First Friday Forums, all carry great responsibilities which the Committee quietly and efficiently performs, often unnoticed and unpraised.

While the Committee's chief duties are concerned with the religious aspects of social life, it has many obligations of the purely social order. Chief among these are the Charity Ball, the Bridge and Parents' Day Communion Breakfast and the group has again shown its ability by running these affairs smoothly and successfully. The many diverse activities it accomplishes show that the Committee is the exception that proves the rule "Jack of all trades, master of none."



Delta Epsilon Sigma

Delta Epsilon Sigma, a "potent influence in Catholic education," established under the leadership of Bishop Fitzgerald, is a fast growing organization of some twelve hundred members, with chapters in fifty-five Catholic colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Membership in this organization is based upon a discriminating intellect and a deep desire to make scholarship effective. Therefore, it is with pride that we refer to the Epsilon chapter—its officers, Sister Joseph Immaculate, president; Mary O'Keefe, secretary; and its new members, Dorothy Hucke, Gloria Silea, Vivian Simes and Audrey Sorrenta.

At national meetings held in the spring of each year, the organization discusses various aspects of the contemporary world. The subjects for 1948 and 1949 were Catholic Action and the inter-racial movement.



Student Speaks

"Our history is rather short. We were only organized in 1945, but I think we're a pretty useful group around the college. We call ourselves the 'Student Speaks' Club because that sums up our purpose. Our main aim is to develop Catholics with a real interest in the big issues of modern society, and with the ability to express themselves forcefully. By so doing, we hope to be able to defend the Church in the future when we are no longer within the comparatively sheltering walls of our college."

Anne Donohue, president of the Club, realized that this is a mighty big goal, but she is confident of achieving it because of the progress they have already made. With Father Leonard as their moderator, they have discussed and reached a clearer understanding of the relationship between Church and State, federal aid to education, and the truth about the Inquisition.



The Literary Society

"After over thirty years of activity, the society's tradition can hardly go unnoticed or uncultivated here at Saint Joseph's." So speaketh this year's chairman of the Literary Society, Joan Carbett. She explained further that it was not a Club for English majors only, but was open to any undergraduate sincerely interested in furthering her appreciation of literature.

At each meeting works are presented and criticized. Comments are frank; open discussion and debate, resulting from the varied reactions to the material read, broaden the member's literary viewpoints. Under the guiding hand of Sister Joseph Immaculate, the girls have been concentrating on twentieth century literature—prose, poetry, and short stories—not covered in class.

If a little crystal-gazing may be allowed, popularity seems to indicate that this Club will be around for another thirty years, ever imparting enjoyment and stimulation to its members.



The Social Service Club

"What do we do? Why, not very much. This year we're making rag dolls for underprivileged children, and cancer pads for patients in Rose Hawthorne Hospital. Oh yes, we have our usual yearly activity too; we have adopted several needy families from the local parish. We interviewed them and found out just what they need. Then we post the lists in the locker room for the Christmas baskets and packages. That's about all that's on our schedule."

Ask Marilyn Dowling, chairman of the Social Service Club, or anyone of its members, and that's the answer you'll receive; the typical attitude of people who are doing something for those in need: they are always quite sure "it's not much," because they realize there is so much more to be done.

Our thanks to this club, where the words, "love thy neighbor" are put into practice, and with gratifying results.



The International Relations Club

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye—the International Relations Club of Saint Joseph's College will hold its bi-monthly meeting in the "Rec" room; the topic for discussion will be "The United States and Future Aid to China"—all are welcome. Hear Ye, Hear Ye.

Although it may be hard to think of the I.R.C. as a child of the old Town Hall meeting of New England that is what it actually is. Informality is the keynote and all topics of common interest are discussed under the leadership of Alice Sloat. There are no actual preparations nor planned talks for each session but with the topic announced at the previous meeting each member tries to read current material so that she will be able to take an active part in the discussions.

These meetings may not solve any world problem nor may their decisions affect the events of the world but the coming together of ideas and people will be carried over into later life and may cause in some small way the understanding that will lead to security and peace.



The Glee Club

After a year of suspended operations, the Glee Club is back in business once more, giving promise of great things. This year, the organization was under the direction of Father D'Ecclesiis, whose ability made the weekly two hour practice a sparkling and interesting session. Preparation for the concert in April was begun early in November, so as to give more time for the learning and interpretation of the many numbers. The program featured compositions by Palestrina, William Schumann, Franz Lehár and Tschaiikowsky. Each selection presented an individual challenge to the girls, and, judging by the many compliments they received, they met that challenge and performed most ably.

The officers of the Glee Club for the year were Phyllis Di Giacomo, president, assisted by Mary Deloney, Secretary, and Gloria Lopez and Ann Spisti, librarians.





The Choir

For the past year, every Tuesday at Holy Hour, the Choir under the direction of Father d'Ecclesiis sang Vespers. On First Friday they added to the solemnity of the services by chanting the Missa Cantata. On other occasions such as Parents' Day, the Christmas Party and the Parents' Communion Breakfast they were on hand to make the event a success. During the activities of Commencement Week especially, they did an excellent job.

The group, this year under the chairmanship of Vivian Simes, has always worked under difficulties. A great deal of practice is required and it usually has to be squeezed in at odd moments. However the members of the Choir at St. Joseph's were willing to make the sacrifice and the results have been most rewarding.



The Art Club

Since 1935, Saint Joseph's Art Club has been a nest for fledgling artists—potential Picasso's, Rembrandt's and Da-Vinci's. Its chief aim is to bring to light any hidden or unrecognized talent through the medium of creative work.

In preceding years, great industry has marked the achievements of the organization—reports and exhibitions on great artists were given. Marionette shows were presented, lectures and tours were attended. Its members have successfully undertaken work in many media, under the capable leadership of Jane Christy, president of the club.

Miss Christy leads her fifteen fellow devotees in wielding their brushes for such worthy causes as the Christmas Jamboree, supplying posters for many events, aiding dramatic club presentations, and in general, giving a helping hand to all school activities.

The main event of the year was their annual exhibition in the Spring. "Chef-d'oeuvres" in watercolor, pastels, clay, and charcoal were exhibited.

Saint Joseph's may well be proud of their easel addicts.



The Varsity

For Marguerite Fenton, captain of the Varsity and the rest of the Saint Joseph's basketball team, "practice makes perfect" is the golden rule. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, for the past year they had one hour of regular earnest practice under the untiring direction of Miss Williams. However the girls did not limit themselves to this intensified routine but often practiced in their free hours. As a result, they developed a high degree of efficiency in shooting and passing. Their schedule gave them the opportunity to meet most of the colleges in the metropolitan area and in every game they upheld the glory of their Alma Mater. They showed a determination, a fighting spirit and a true sense of fair play and good sportsmanship that brought honor on the Gold and White.

The Cheer Leaders

One of the most cheerful sights at any S. J. C. basketball game is that of four girls dressed in yellow and white uniforms. Ask anyone of these cheer leaders about the fun they have and she will tell you that "we enjoy one of the most exciting activities in the school."

These girls, Dolores Usischo, Pot Henry, Evelyn Turck and Pat Kermath encourage their team by bursting forth with what St. Joseph's girls think are among the most original and spirited cheers they've heard. Since every class, in the Freshman year, chooses a girl for the cheering squad, the whole school feels well represented in their acclaim for the team. It is up to the Senior member, Dolores, to call rehearsals for the girls and to compose the new cheers.



The Athletic Association

"Fair play, moderation, and sportsmanship," the backbone of the A.A., is evidenced in the program of inter-class athletic competitions which arouse widespread enthusiasm throughout the school, and keen though friendly rivalry among the classes.

The tournaments which cover a wide variety of sports—volley ball, basketball, softball, badminton and ping-pong, terminate on Field Day, when final matches are played-off. Saint Joseph's goes "all out" on this occasion—cheering all day, and dancing all night at the A.A. Sports Hop, which is the culmination of the athletic year.

A great deal of this season's enjoyment would have been lacking if it hadn't been for the cooperation and concern of Miss Williams, coach, Helen Connell, president, Florence Mulvaney, secretary, Joan Williams, treasurer, and the four A.A. representatives.



The G. A. Committee

Of all the committee duties in the school, the G. A. committee's is undoubtedly the most entertaining. For it is their task to review the entertainment for G. A. programs and to criticize and make suggestions and ultimately to decide whether or not the show is presentable.

With Rita Paolucci as chairman this year we have had many delightful shows, evidencing a great deal of careful planning. In addition to the chairman there are three other girls on the Committee, one from each year. These four girls have the authority to accept or reject a program for G. A. without consulting the faculty.

And so we point to the G. A. committee as another evidence of our capability to make student government work in both organizational and critical functions.





The N. F. C. C. S.

It isn't hard to get our representatives, Mary O'Dea or Dorothy Beck, to start talking about the National Federation of Catholic College Students. They will begin by stressing that though they represent us, all of us are members of the organization. As such, the success or failure of the Federation depends on its success or failure in interesting the members.

Saint Joseph's has been active in various commissions, Press, Radio, Inter-American affairs and Student

Relief. The relief drive this year amounted to a donation of three hundred dollars and three cartons of clothes from Saint Joseph's. The active members of N.F.C.C.S. under the leadership of our delegates have stressed greater cooperation in student government and to that end gladly accepted the invitation to act as the ushering and serving committee during the tea in honor of Miss Douglass.

By cooperating with other Catholics and by increased interest and participation in student government, N.F.C.C.S. members hope to spread Catholic influence and to help those in need of their aid.

The Mercier Circle

The College's honor philosophy society, the Mercier Circle, meets once a month to discuss and exchange opinions on the problems of philosophy in the friendly and informal atmosphere of the Rec. Each month one of its members introduces the topic with a paper dealing with some aspect of the general subject for the year. This discussion is followed by a question and answer period.

This year under the able direction of its chairman, Phyllis Di Giacomo, the group discussed problems of philosophy in fields of study. The discussions included such topics-as existentialism as propounded by its chief exponent, Jean-Paul Sartre, and *Human Destiny* by le Comte du Noüy.

Unlike the other Clubs in the College, membership in Mercier extends to alumnae as well as undergraduates. Thus, it provides a link with collegiate life that would otherwise be dissolved at graduation.



Loria

Audrey Sorrento, editor of *Loria*, the college literary magazine took one breathless moment from her unusually difficult job to describe the completely revamped *Loria* of 48-49. "First, in order to insure greater efficiency, departments headed by members of the staff, have been formed to receive and criticize articles, fiction, poetry editorials, and illustrations. Also the format has been changed. There is a new cover too and the pages are now set up in columns.

"Two new features have been added—'Contemporary Scenes' which deals with happenings of interest around the college, and 'Whittlings' a humor column."

With these improvements and the able guidance of Father Diviney the members of *Loria* have continued the high achievements that have characterized their productions in the past.



The Chapel Players

December 10th and 11th found a lively audience eagerly anticipating the Chapel Players' initial production for '49. Houselights dim, footlights rise and the curtain slowly parts to reveal Act One of "Nine Girls".

During intermission, past traditions and successes are recalled. "Career Angel", "Seven Sisters", "Gos, Air and Earl", and the enchantingly different "Icebound" are discussed along with the splendid custom of putting the show "on the road" through presentation at the House of Good Shepherd once a year. A relatively new innovation has been the presentation of society keys after a three year membership.

As the audience settles back for the remaining act, one remembers the giant step forward taken by the society in planning last year's performance of "Antigone" for the outdoor campus theater. The closing curtain heralds a warm response, leaving no doubt that this year's play ranks with former hits. Father Diviney, moderator, Miss Regina Owens, coach, and Rose Lopopa, president of the group can take a well deserved bow.





The Mathematics Club

The Math club, now a firmly established organization at Saint Joseph, had some difficulty at first in being accepted but Chairmen Elfrieda Kost and Kay Walsh feel they have at last convinced the wary students that the discussions are both interesting and understandable. For a while it looked as though the club might not survive the storm that arose from linear Diophantine Equations but all is forgiven and forgotten.

The official topic for the past year has been recreational math and a number of explanations were shown. Yet the club did not limit itself to one subject, but treated all those interesting and helpful to its members. The topics listed sound involved but the material was paced so as to be enjoyed by both the freshman and the senior, and the club enjoyed a very interesting year.

The Biology Club

If a rumor has reached you to the effect that Saint Joseph's girls are joining the Polar Bear Swimming Club, don't believe it. True, some of our number have been at the local beaches this winter, but only to take a water count; just one of the projects of the newly organized Biology Club. Less hardy members are doing intensified work on the perennial frog; while a third group is "out for blood." No, they are not arch-fiends! their interest is in testing blood types and the diseases to which each type is susceptible.

Such a full schedule is indicative of the club's serious purpose: to further work in biology here at the college. Mary Rossmon and Anne Elliot serve respectively as President and Corresponding Secretary.



The Psychology Club

The Psychology Club is of very recent origin at the college. It was begun last year and now under the able direction of its moderator, Mr. Strassburger, and its chairman, Lillian La Barbera, it has achieved many notable results. According to its chairman, one of the most enlightening as well as the most provocative discussions was at a joint meeting of Mercier and the club, when the topic free will and reflexes was discussed.

Several of the members who are interested in the findings of other colleges have joined the Inter-Collegiate Psychology Association and have participated in many of its activities.

The club has proven by its success in projects and discussions to be an integral part of our extra-curricular life.

The Spanish Club

"Reunirse para hablar español"—"to meet to talk Spanish"—will be the reply given by any member of the Spanish Club when asked about its main purpose. Hispania, the official name of the club, functions under the guidance of its founder, Mrs. Raffali, the head of the Spanish department.

Throughout the year, informal teas were held once a month at which the members participated freely in Spanish conversation. Ellen Reddington and Ann Oliva capably assisted at these meetings in their respective roles of president and secretary. These officers will proudly give an account of the successful activities of the club. As one of their most memorable occasions, Hispania enjoyed a delightful dinner at a Spanish restaurant during the Christmas vacation.



The German Club

"The purpose of the German Club," says Dorothy Beck its president, "is to make its members better acquainted with the language, literature, history and customs of the German people." At its meetings on the first and third Mondays after General Assembly the members sing German songs and read the letters that the members have received from their German correspondents. Sometimes there is a "kaffee klatch" and often throughout the year, through the generosity of Miss Trunz, there is some kind of entertainment. Thus the members have seen a great many movies centering about different aspects of German life. The annual tea given for the members is the highlight of the club's activities and is always a huge success both socially and educationally.

The French Club

Learning how to play French parlor games such as "Tipoter" and "Monsieur et Madame" kept the members of the "Cercle Français" busy during the first meeting of the year. Every month the group, with Ruth Murtagh as president and Miss Mallia and Miss Jumelle, moderators, learned about and discussed various aspects of French life. Trips to French restaurants and French movies helped the members not only with the language but also established an actual contact for the girls with their subject matter.

Exhibitions and talks for the benefit of the members presented various interesting phases of French history and culture. As usual the tea provided a very pleasant social occasion for the members to use what they had learned about the language and customs and the annual luncheon brought the year's activities to a successful end.





The Child Study Club

The Child Study Club aims to give its members an increased knowledge of the child in all phases of his development. The topic considered by the group at its monthly meetings this year was the pre-school child. Among the aspects discussed were the effect of good health on wholesome activity in the pre-school, analysis of personality through art, and Christmas around the world in legend and song.

At various times the club under the direction of its president, Marian Richardson, and with the help and guidance of Sister Alice Francis, had prominent speakers come to address the members on topics concerned with the child. Of special value to the members and to the student body in general was the exhibit on children's books which was presented by the club.



The Social Science Club

All young ladies in this college interested in foreign or domestic affairs may express opinions at the Social Science Club. The topics may include Social Service, Political Science or Economics on the national or international scene.

Those interested in the Club, particularly Tonie Pena, the chairman for the past year, feel that in a modern society Economics, Foreign Affairs, and Social Service hit home when dealing with the high cost of living, universal military training, and Social Security and relief. The cry of the Social Science Club is always for active citizens who can express clearly opinions on all problems with the secure foundation of a Catholic education.



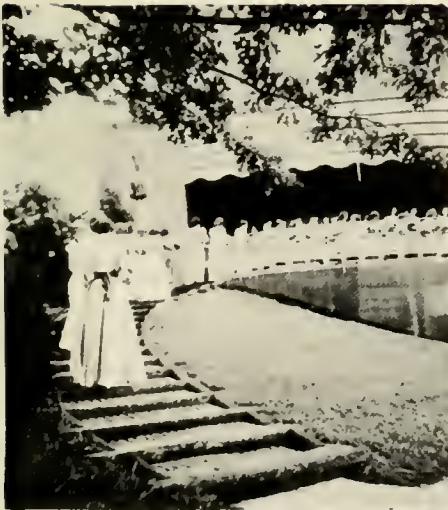
The Council of Debate

The nine girls gather and with a rap of the gavel—"Resolved That Franco Spain Be Admitted Into the United Nations"—the Council of Debate has opened another session with Marie Gambino and Daris Cunningham at the helm.

In order to give the students an opportunity to discuss current affairs and practice methods of public speaking, the Council was organized in 1945. Since then the club has advanced rapidly and this year a heavy schedule for inter-collegiate debates has been planned. When they are not giving outside debates the club members participate in forums among themselves. While the planning and deliverance of these debates take time and energy the girls feel it is well worth the effort. For it is helping them to fulfill the objectives of the college in forming "thinking and acting Catholic college women."













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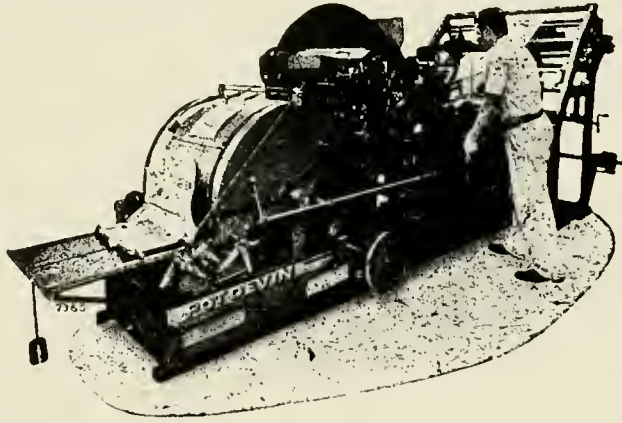
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