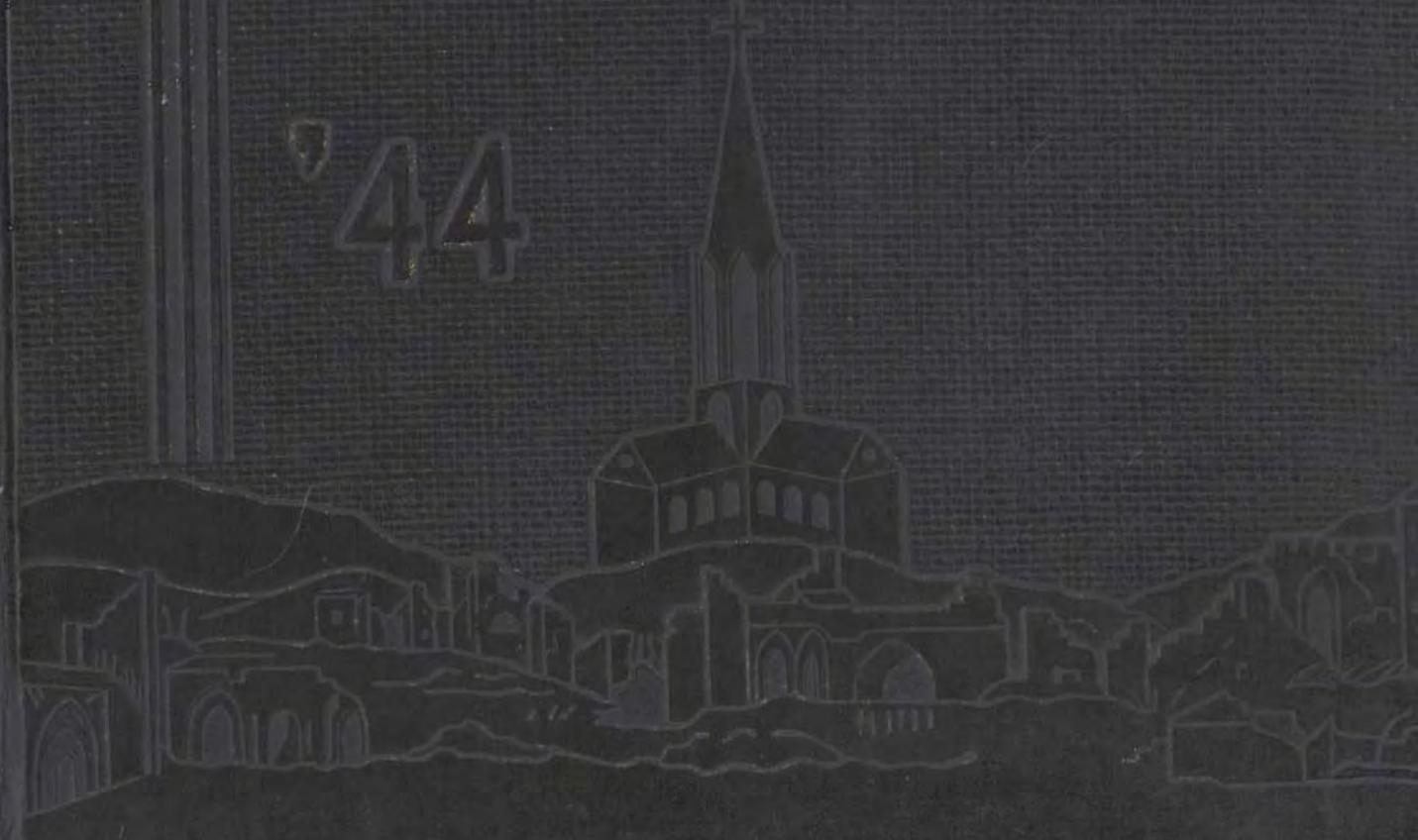




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CORPUS CHRISTI
COLLEGE ACADEMY

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Fareward

THIS VOLUME is a pen and camera story of our Alma Mater for the year 1943-44. It attempts to record the events and the activities of the sixteenth year, the greatest in the history of the school.

As the material for the book unfolded itself before the staff, events crowded fast. The choice of what to use did not become easy, because the main current of the school year was fed by numerous tributaries of student and school activity. Three things, however, towered importantly, and they have been stressed in the course of the book: The religious, the scholastic, and the military. The religious, which after all forms the warp and woof of the entire school fabric, is portrayed in the cover; the scholastic is stressed with a special section; and the military, appearing for the first time, is emphasized by frequent reference in picture and story.

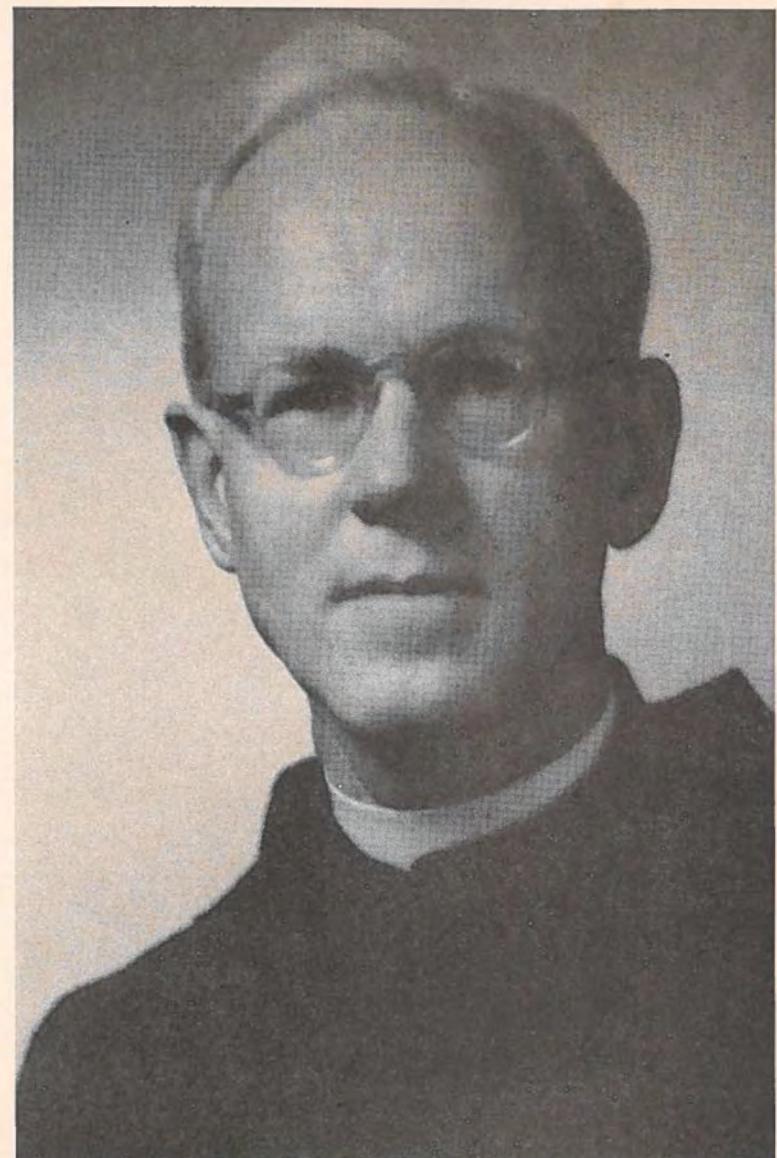
This does not mean that other events and other interests were not considered important. On the contrary, they have contributed potently to campus life, and deserve more emphasis than it was possible to give to them. But the stress has been placed on the three things which make this scholastic session different from those of preceding years.

It was, in fine, an abundant year, during which students gave without restraint. It is the hope of the staff and of the senior class that the limitations of the book shall not have given too imperfect a picture, but that it is sufficiently pronounced to give competent articulation to all the phases of school life during a good year.

To

FATHER VINCENT ORTH, O. S. B.

*W*HO FOR over twenty-five years has been a scholarly inspiration to the youth of the Southwest; who as a thorough and conscientious teacher has instilled a willingness to learn into his many students; who with his pleasant religious bearing has reflected credit on God's Holy Priesthood, thereby winning for it the respect of students and thereby contributing toward the making of men with a respect for religion . . . In brief, to a good religious, a good scholar, and a good teacher the Class of 1944 gratefully and appreciatively dedicates this Volume of LA PALOMA.

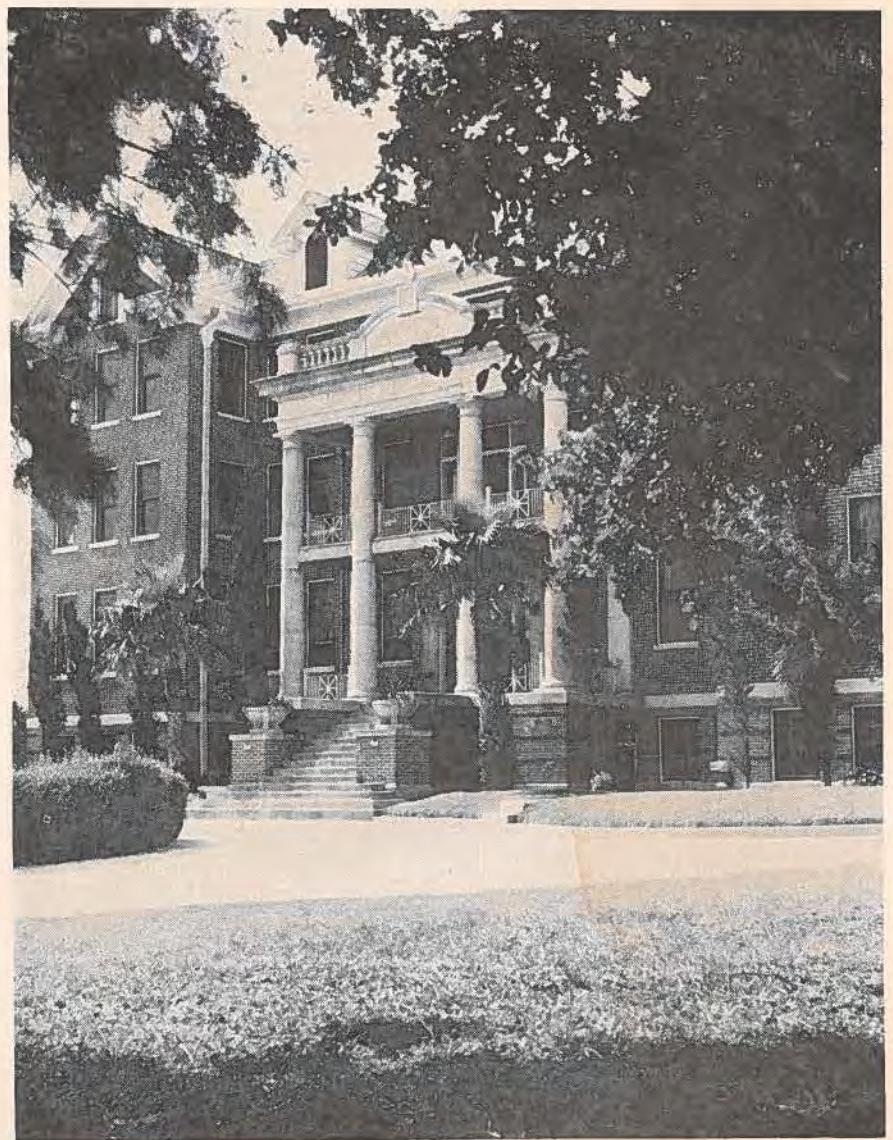


THE REVEREND VINCENT ORTH, O. S. B.

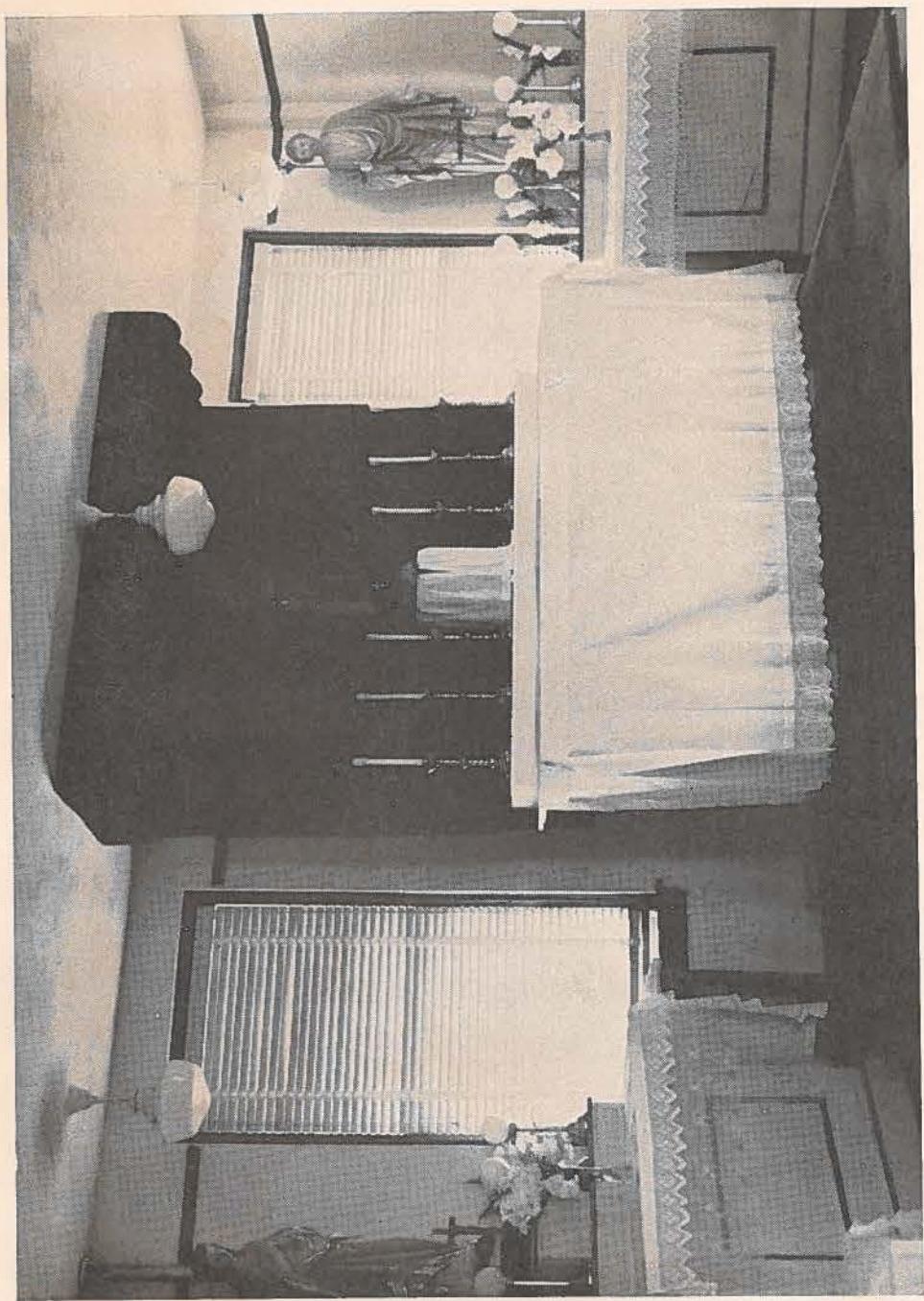
Religion; Latin, 1, 2; Trigonometry; Solid Geometry;
Pre-flight Aeronautics; Mechanical Drawing

ADMINISTRATION

*Campus Views
Faculty*



Through a Sylvan Screen to the Four Pillars . . .



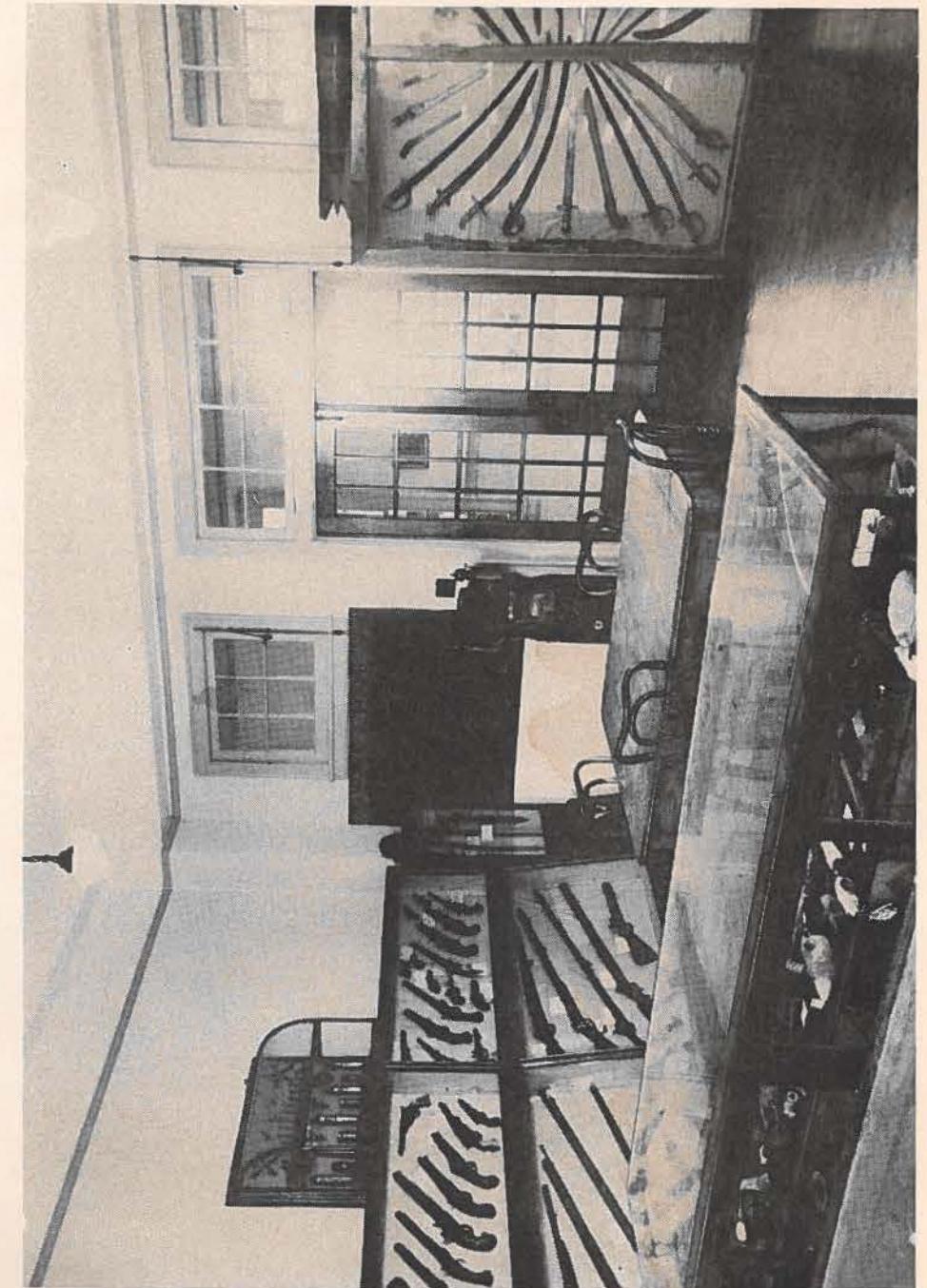
The Chapel . . . God With Us! Eucharistic Home!



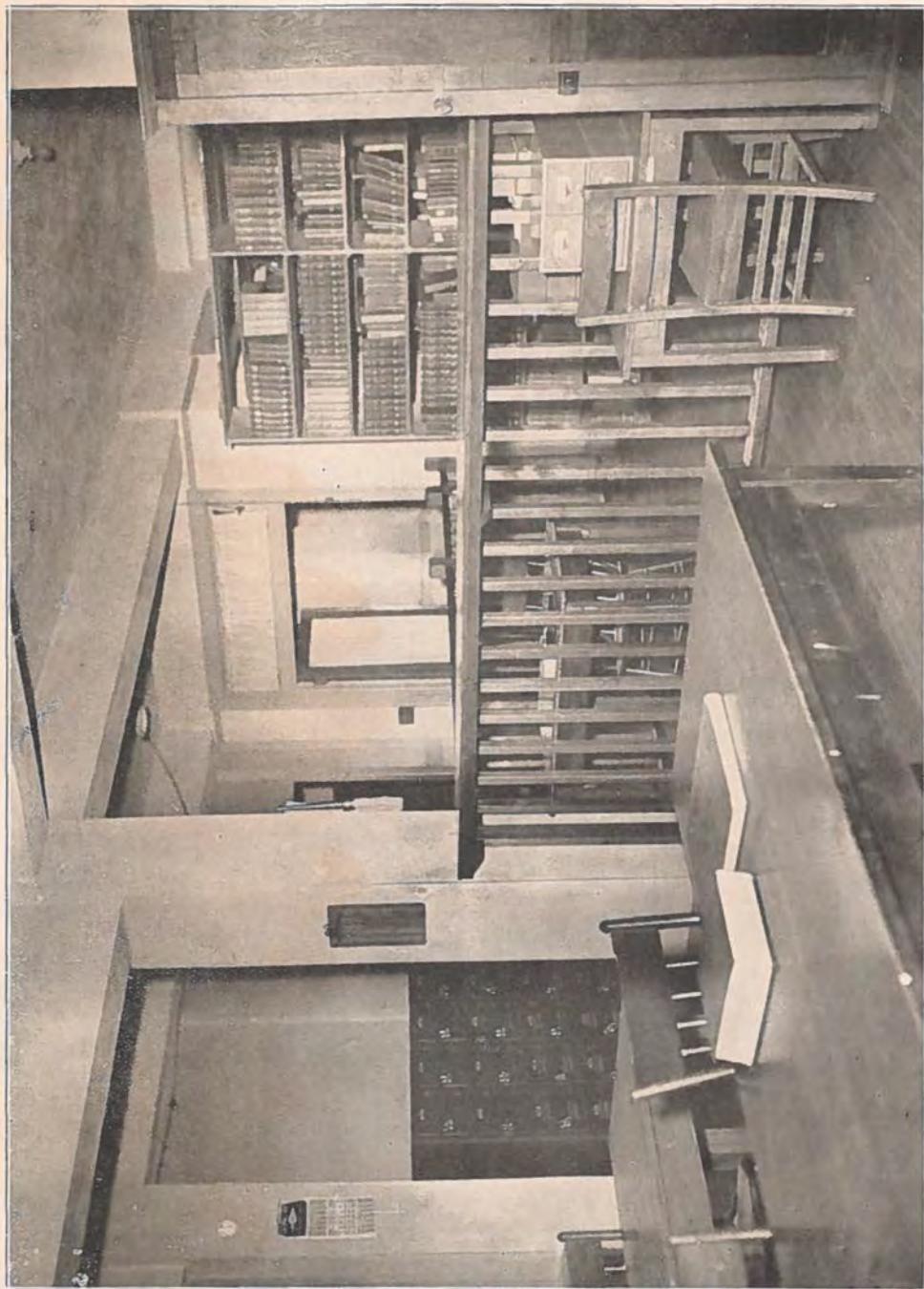
A Splash of Shade and Sun on Campus Path . . .



Old Glory 'Mid Semi-Tropic Splendor . . .



The Dunn Museum



The Library . . . Treasured Embodiment of the Mind's Best



THE MOST REVEREND EMMANUEL B. LEDVINA, D. D., LL. D.
Bishop Ordinary of Corpus Christi

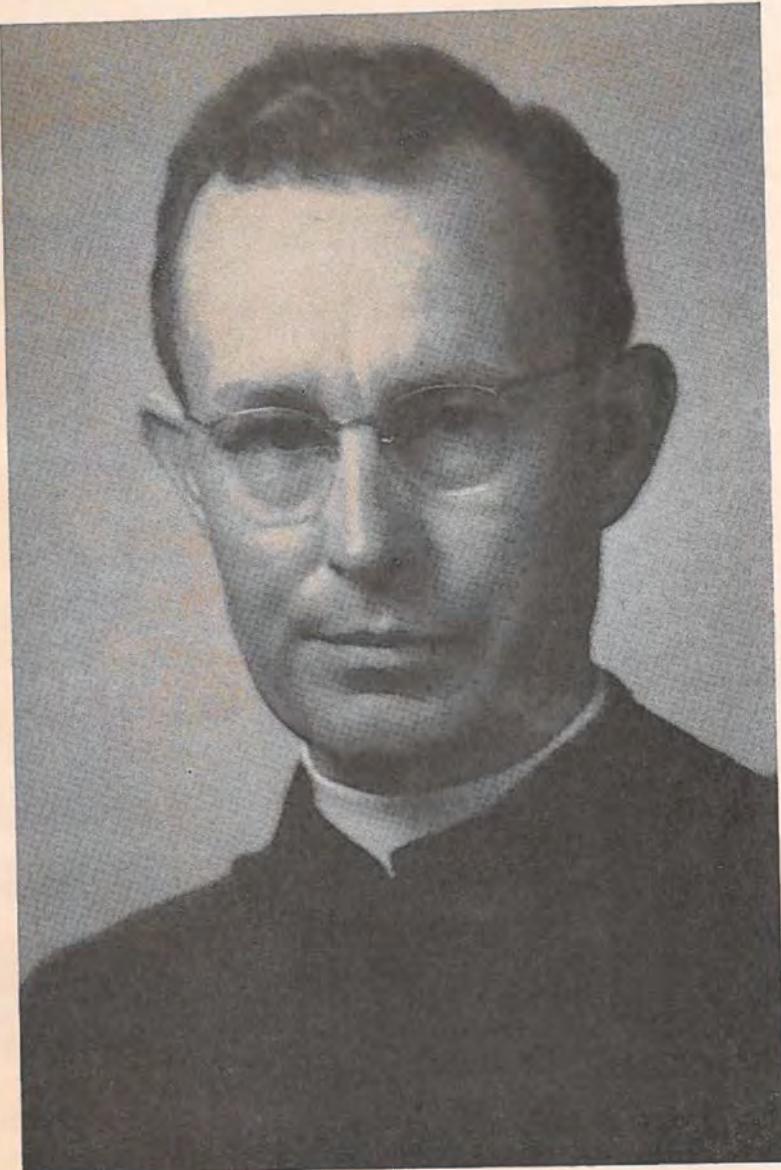
The staff is again happy to welcome to the pages of **LA PALOMA** His Excellency, Bishop Ledvina, as a tribute to his long, productive years of tireless labor in the supreme cause of God and Mother Church. The class of '44 hails His Excellency as the greatest gift to the Diocese of Corpus Christi. To the College-Academy Bishop Ledvina is more than a gift—To the school he is a Father, to whom we the students filially do reverence.



THE RIGHT REVEREND PAUL M. NAHLEN, O. S. B.
Abbot of New Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, Ark.
President Emeritus of the Corpus Christi College-Academy



THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN J. LANNON, PH., LL. D.
Rector, Corpus Christi Cathedral



THE VERY REVEREND JOSEPH P. FUHRMANN, O. S. B., PH. D.
President and Superintendent
Sociology, Civics, Algebra

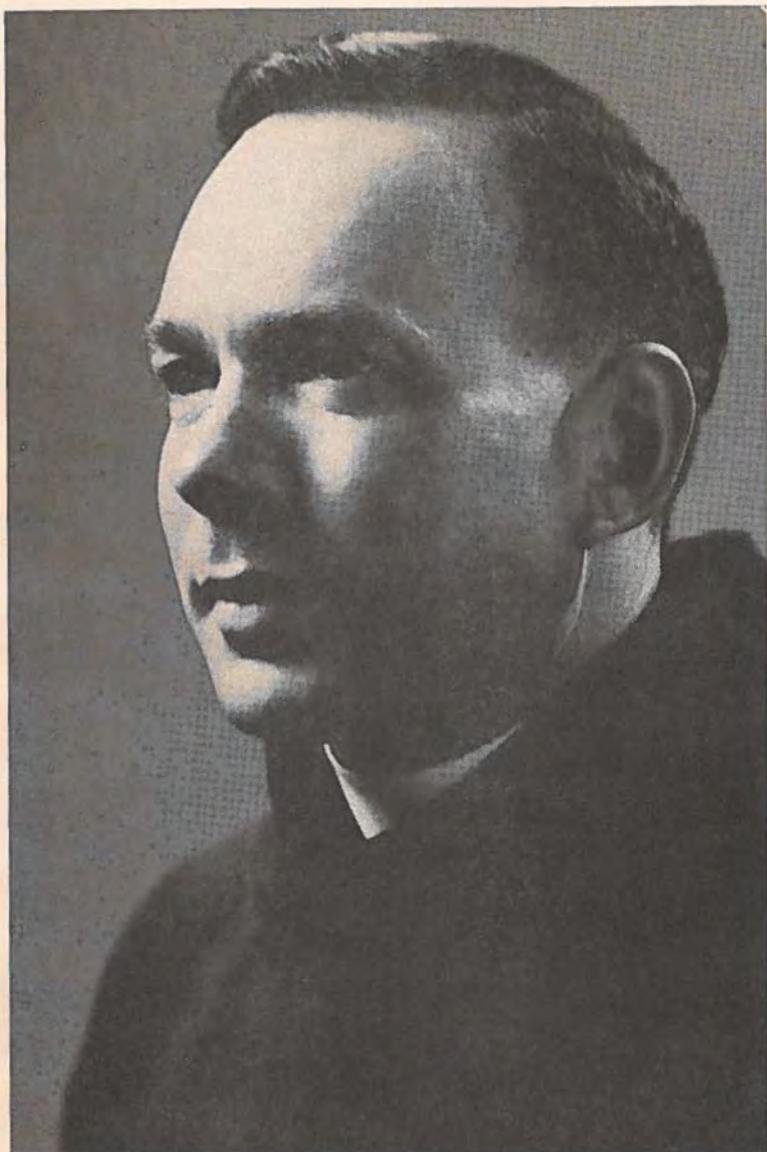
A SILVER JUBILEE

March the ninth of this year marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father Joseph's entrance into the Benedictine Order. A large part of this time, in fact, over half of it, he has spent at the College-Academy, occupying the two highest positions in the school, namely those of director of studies and of president.

In his quiet and unassuming way he has gone about his duties and his work calmly and thoroughly. Faithfully he has carried out the Benedictine ideal of work and pray—working to achieve and praying to insure God's blessing.

Because of his sympathetic understanding of boys and of young men, he enjoys the confidence of the students. Because of his judgment and of his vision, he has been able to steer the College-Academy over a course that experience and foresight dictated as wise and justified.

His work as an educator and as an official has the impress of twenty-five years of success. May what he has contributed in the past be an assurance of further achievements to come; may he be given yet many more years at the school in order to give outlet to his talents and his genius.



THE REVEREND ALBERT M. SCHREIBER, O. S. B.

Director of Studies and Principal

Religion; English, 1, 2, 4; Spanish 1, 2; Faculty Adviser of
Yearbook; Moderator of Catholic Action Cell



THE REVEREND AUGUSTINE LINBECK, O. S. B.
Moderator of Sophomore Sodality, B. V. M.

Supervisor of Boy Scout Activities
General Science, Biology, Typewriting
Supervised Study



THE REVEREND ALCUIN KUBIS, O. S. B.

Director of Physical Education and Coach
Jr. High School Geography, Penmanship,
Health, Education

CLASSES



THE REVEREND MATTHEW WIEDERKEHR, O. S. B.
Religion, Jr. High School Mathematics, General
Mathematics, Algebra 1, Plane Geometry

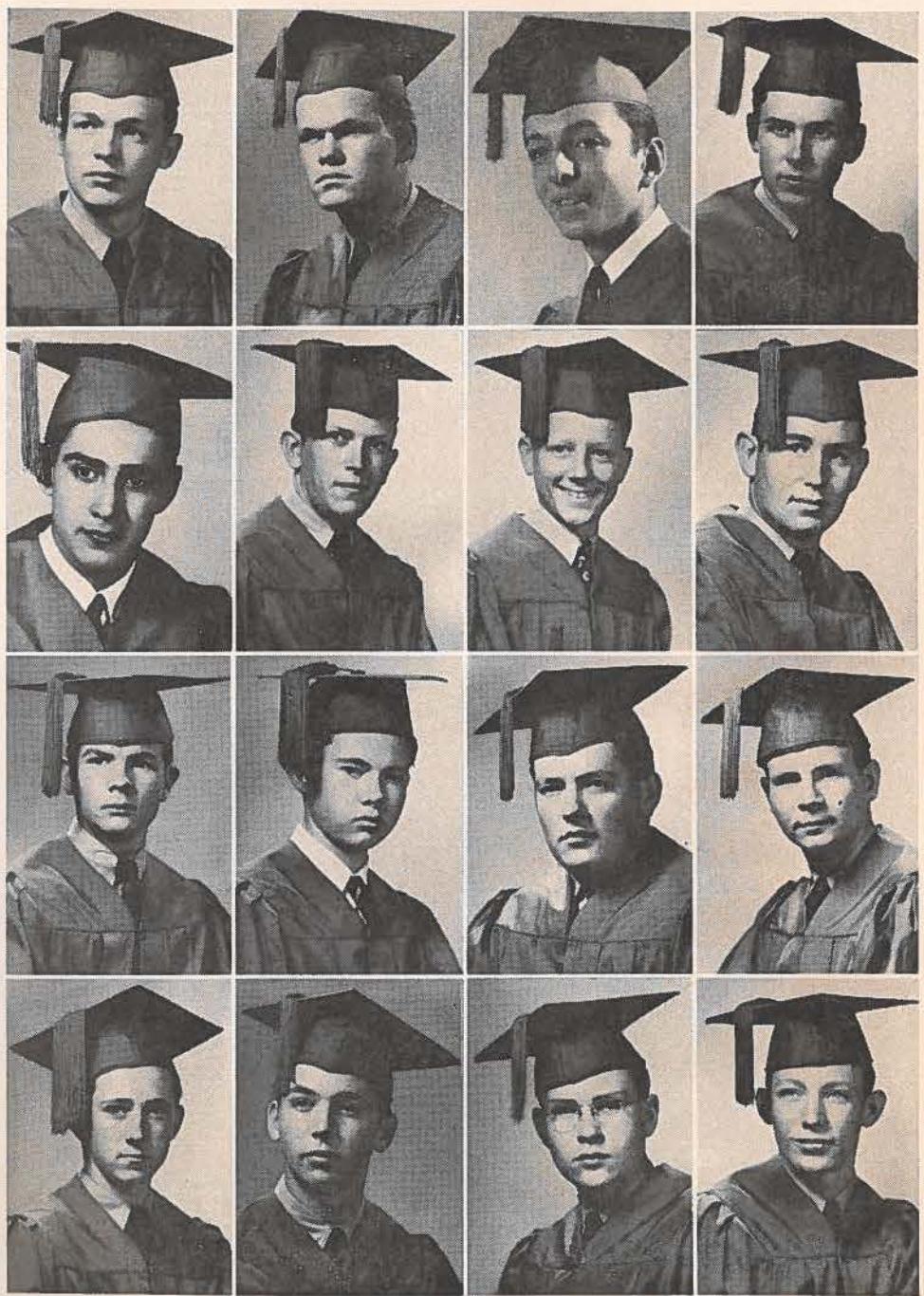


THE REVEREND ALFRED HOENIG, O. S. B.
Prefect of Discipline
Moderator of Freshman Sodality, B. V. M.
Religion, Jr. High School English and Civics
Junior Business Training



THE REVEREND HAROLD HEIMAN, O. S. B.
Assistant Director of Physical Education and
Ass't Coach, Assistant Counsellor of Board-
ing Students, Moderator of Junior Sodalities,
B. V. M.; Religion and Bible History, Junior
and Senior U. S. History, Jr. High School
English, Supervised Study

Seniors





H. GRADY MCRAE
Valedictorian

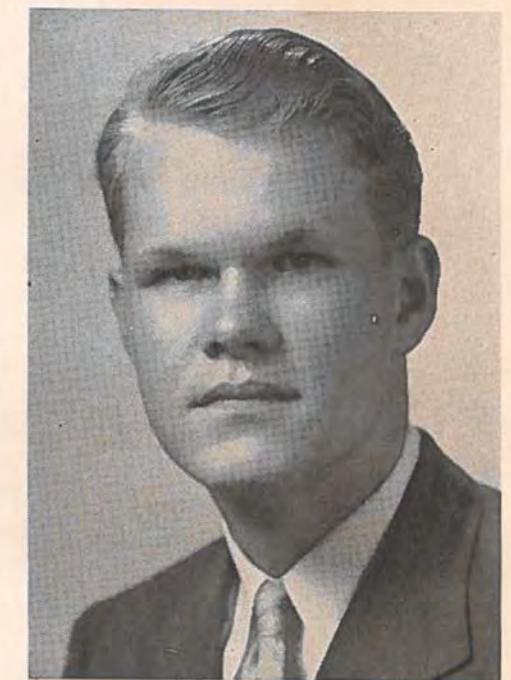


W. DAWSON BOONE
Salutatorian



JOHN N. ARMSTRONG, JR.
"Johnny"

John N. Armstrong, Jr., was born in Waco, July 11, 1926. For his grammar school education he attended Robert E. Lee school, Dallas, Central Grade school, Lake Charles, La., the Wynn Seale junior high school, Corpus Christi. All four of his high school years were spent at the College-Academy, beginning during the fall semester of 1941. While in the latter school, he was vice-president of his class during the sophomore and junior years. He was president during his senior term. After the introduction of military training he became the first major of the Corps. He took an active part in athletics. He lettered in football in '42 and '43, and was captain of the team in the last year of his high school career. He was also active in basketball and lettered in '42, '43, and '44. He was captain of the '43 squad. His aim in life is to become a petroleum engineer. If and when his country calls, he hopes to be assigned to the Army Engineering Corps.



PAUL EDWARD BAIMBRIDGE, JR.

"Spot"

Paul Baimbridge was born in Luling, Texas, April 21, 1927. When six years old, he commenced school in Victoria, Texas. After two years he moved to Houston, where he attended the Cooley School. From there he went to Shreveport, La., where he went to the Barrett School. Coming to Corpus Christi after one year, he attended Menger and Wynn Seale schools, transferring to the Corpus Christi College-Academy in 1940, in his sophomore year. He lettered in football in '43, playing center for the Cavaliers. He was active in the Military Corps, becoming a second lieutenant. His service preference is the Navy Air Corps, and hopes to become a commercial pilot after the war.



W. DAWSON BOONE

"Houston"

W. Dawson Boone was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., on August 3, 1926. When yet quite young he left with his parents for San Antonio and six years later for Corpus Christi. His primary and grammar school studies were made at the Incarnate Word Academy. In 1939 he came to the College-Academy under the Benedictine Fathers. Although he was never one for athletics, he was by no means an inactive class member. He was president of his class two years and served on school publications, *The Pilgrim*, and the yearbook in 1944. He served one year as secretary of the B. V. M. Sodality and was president of the Catholic Action Cell in 1943-44. He was a first lieutenant in the Military Corps. His aim in life is to go to college and eventually become a business executive.



PEDRO GONZALEZ

"Chalkey"

Before Pedro could write his biography for this issue of the yearbook, he received his call to the colors. Consequently, his simple matter-of-fact telling of his life story is missed. He has been a popular student at the College-Academy during his entire high school career, being particularly valuable in sports, specifically, football and basketball. He won honors in all sports, was active in the band and on the publications, was company commander with the rank of captain at the time when he was called to the Merchant Marine.



CONLEY H. CADDEL

"Cee-Ach"

Conley Caddel was born April 29, 1927, in Beaumont. He began school at the Tulosso School near Corpus Christi. He transferred to Crossley Grammar school after a year and a half, and then to Fairview school. Later he attended the Incarnate Word Academy, where he remained for two years, enrolling in the College-Academy in 1939. He has been a member of the Cavalier football teams in '42 and '43. He served on the '44 yearbook staff. His service preference is the Army. When the war is over with, he wants to become a rancher.

JAMES H. HATCH

"Blame"

James Hatch was born October 29, 1925, in Corpus Christi. He began his education at the Fairview Grammar school in Corpus Christi until September 1925 when he transferred to the Incarnate Word Academy where he wrestled with books for four years. In 1939 he enrolled at the College-Academy. After four quiet years, James found himself captain of the Model T's, intramural softball league. He is a second lieutenant in the Military Corps. With Uncle Sam hot on his trail, he expresses a preference for the Navy. After this confusion is over with, he hopes to settle down on a quiet and peaceful ranch.





THEODORE C. ISENSEE

"Woody"

Ted Isensee was born in Clarkwood, Texas, September 14, 1926. His first school was at Clarkwood, and he studied there until his junior year in high school, when he was at Calallen. He came to the College-Academy in his senior year. He was active in the Military Corps and in the Band, reaching the rank of sergeant. He intends to join the Coast Guard before he approaches draft age. When he gets out of the service he wants to settle down on a farm.



THOMAS ELTON McDONNEL.

"Mac"

Elton McDonnel was born in Woodsboro, Texas, on September 25, 1926. He commenced his school in 1934 in the Bonnie View Public School. In his senior year he came to the Corpus Christi College-Academy. His service preference is the Army and his vocation in life is the wide open spaces—ranching.



ROBERT EARL KOENIG

"Ingleside"

Robert Earl Koenig was born in San Antonio, January 27, 1927. After a few years he moved to Ingleside. There he lived and played on the beaches until reaching six when he started to school in Ingleside, where he also attended high school until his senior year. He came to the College-Academy in 1943. He lettered in football and basketball, during this year; became a second lieutenant in the Military Corps, and was active in the Catholic Action Cell. He will be graduated when seventeen, and intends to enter the Navy Air Corps before being drafted.

H. GRADY MCRAE

"Rebel"

Henry Grady McRae, Jr., was born in the boom town of Burk Burnett, Texas, on June 5, 1927. When four, he moved to Old London, Rusk County. In '33, he moved to near Kilgore where he started school at the Eastview school. The last half of the second year of school was spent in a private school in Kilgore. Back to the public schools he went for his third and fourth grades, at Campus Ward. In the summer of '37 he moved to Corpus Christi, spending the next two years at the Incarnate Word Academy, and then entering the College-Academy in 1939. He was vice-president of his class in '33-34, secretary-treasurer in '40-41. He served on the publications staff of the College-Academy in '41 and '42; spent four years in the band from '40-'43. He was class medalist in '40, '41, '42, '43. In his senior year he was assistant editor of the yearbook, second lieutenant and commanding officer of the band company. He plans to study medicine, and prefers the Army.





ROBERT C. PRICE

"Bob"

Robert Price was born July 25, 1928 at Cisco, Texas. He started school at the age of six at St. Gerard's School, San Antonio. In 1936 he went to Pettus, Texas public school, changing in 1938 to the Tuloso-Midway school near Corpus Christi. In '39 he transferred to the Taft school, coming to the College-Academy in 1940. While there he did not participate in sports except in spring football training one year. He attained the rank of second lieutenant in the Military Corps. His service preference is the Merchant Marine, and his avocation in life is to become a chemical engineer.

PATRICK H. RAMSEY, JR.

"Senator"

Pat Ramsey was born July 24, 1927 in San Antonio. It was a bright Sunday morning and very few people knew that something great had happened. He lived in the place of his birth until he was four, when he moved to Corpus Christi. Commencing at five, he went to the Incarnate Word Academy grade school until the seventh grade. In due time he enrolled in the Corpus Christi College-Academy, where he has been during his entire high school career, with the exception of a period of six weeks at St. Joseph's, Brownsville. He is a first lieutenant in the Military Corps. He played football this year, and is secretary of the Catholic Action Cell. He is only sixteen years old, and is one of the youngest boys in the class. Up until last year he wanted to get out of school; now he would like to go to school forever. His service preference is the Marine Corps, the school of his choice, A. & M., and aim in life is to become an electrical engineer.



LEONARD JAMES ROBAR

"Crow Head"

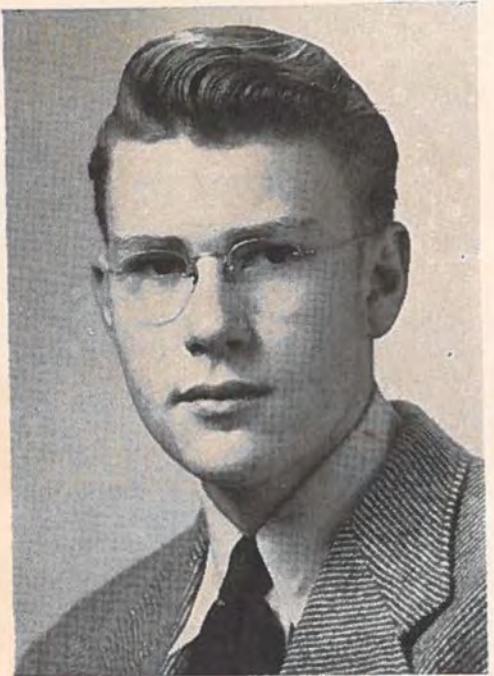
Leonard James Robar was born August 20, 1927, in Lennox, Los Angeles County, Calif., where he lived three years before moving to Oklahoma City. In July, 1931, he moved to East Texas, after living in Oklahoma City for only three months. In September, 1933, he went to Louise, Texas, where he commenced school. It was in Henderson, Texas, where he spent two years. He attended the famous London school for a very short period after which his family moved to Clarkwood, Texas, just in time to escape the explosion at the East Texas school. After attending the Clarkwood school for a term and a half, he transferred to the Violet school. During the sixth grade year he was enrolled at the Incarnate Word Academy, from where he came to the College-Academy. He was a second lieutenant in the Corps at the latter school. His service preference is the Army Air Corps, due to his interest in airplanes, which in turn came as a result of his work with model airplanes.

CHARLES AUDREY ROBERTSON

"Lil' Audrey"

On the 13th day of the month of July, Charles Audrey Robertson was born. He was born and reared in Robstown, and in the vicinity of Corpus Christi. He spent six years of his school life in Robstown, and the remaining years in Corpus Christi. His last four years were spent in the College-Academy, where he entered in 1940. Robertson belonged to the band, was secretary-treasurer of the sophomore and junior classes, and vice-president of the senior class. He is a company commander in the Military Corps and holds the rank of captain. He lettered as guard in football on the '43 squad. His ambition is to finish Texas A. & M. College with a degree in engineering. His service preference is the U. S. Army Engineering Corps.





EDGAR H. STEWARD

"Ed"

Edgar Steward was born in Lamar, Colorado, August 8, 1926. He attended South Central school there, later David Hirsch school in Corpus Christi, and Sam Marcos Academy. Then he came back to Corpus Christi — to Wynn Seale — and to the College-Academy for his high school. Since coming to the latter school, he has been secretary and treasurer of the senior class. He was a captain in the Military Corps, and hopes to continue his military work by following a career in the U. S. Merchant Marine.



FRED T. TATE

"Boogie"

Fred Tom Tate was born February 21, 1927, on the King Ranch, where he has lived ever since. His early childhood was spent at the La Tordilla Ranch. His mother taught him until the fourth grade, when he entered Raymondville public school, fourteen miles from his ranch home. When his father was promoted to foreman of the Norias section (the largest division of the King Ranch), he moved to Norias again, where he was again taught by his mother from the fifth through the eighth grades. Fred's freshman year was spent at Raymondville. When Tate reached the age of fourteen, he went to Schreiner Institute. He completed his second and third years of high school there, and then enrolled at the College-Academy. He served on the yearbook staff of '44. After being graduated, Tate wants to join the Navy. As for the rest of his life, he has not yet decided.

(Absent—U. S. Navy—Stanford R. Alger)

Juniors

Sophomores

Freshman

Sub-Freshman

Minims



CLASS OF 1945

Top Row:

Patrick Cass, John A. Ferris, Estevan Rodriguez, Frank Gamez

Bottom Row:

Robert Garza, Alfonso Gomez, Wm. Richard Loessberg
Nicolas Ortiz

(Absent: Donald Halepeska)



CLASS OF 1946

Top Row:

David Baimbridge, Edward Curran, Ray Dunn, Jos. Ermis,
Thos. Ford

Middle Row:

Walter Franks, William Ganem, Manuel Garcia, Wm.
Gilleland, Ernest Glover

Lower Row:

Sidney Glover, John Golla, Harry Grim, George Hatch



CLASS OF 1946

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Roy May, Troy May, Walton McCarthy, Patrick McDonough,
Daniel Meaney

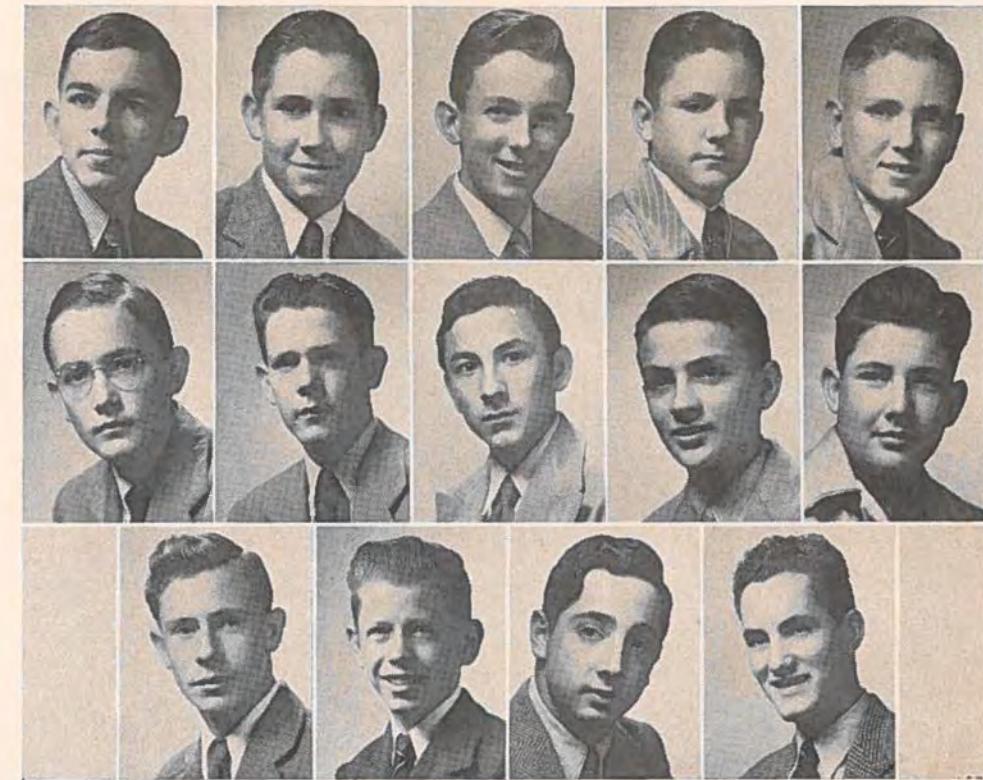
Middle Row:

Ramon Orta, Joseph Petru, J D. Phillips, Harry Plomarity,
Wm. Radeker

Lower Row:

Gilbert Schanen, John L. Sullivan, Edmund Terrell,
James Youngman

(Absent: Alonzo Benevidez, Wm. Muttera)



CLASS OF 1947

Harry Stuth	President
Claude Allen	Vice-President
Roy King	Secretary
Daniel Kureska	Treasurer

Top Row:

Henry Adams, Claude Allen, Daniel Boone, John Bruce,
Edward Bundick

Middle Row:

Kenneth Gabriel, John Gallagher, Fred Garcia, Patrick Hamm,
Paul Haney

Lower Row:

Robert Hatch, Charles Hayek, Louis Joseph, Roy King



CLASS OF 1947

Upper Row:

Louis Kocurek, Daniel Kureska, Roderick Magsam,
Thos. McArdle, Celso Moreno

Middle Row:

Joseph Orsak, Jack Phillips, Gene Rogers, Harry Stuth,
Henry Wade

Lower Row:

Zelik Waranch, Robert Watzlavick, Lynn Wendell, James Wood

(Absent: Martin O'Shea)



CLASS OF 1948

OFFICERS: Emil Polasek, president, Jerome Whelan, vice-president,
Robert Bluntzer, secretary; Peter Golla, treasurer
Tow Row: Kenneth Baker, Jos. Bluntzer, Wayne Elliott, Arthur Farr, Richard Fry
Second Row: Peter Golla, Manuel Gonzalez, Harold Greenleaf, Thos. Hamm, Richard Hatch,
Jerry Jurach
Middle Row: Daniel Kubala, Edward Lewis, Lawrence Lippincott, Russell McCaleb, Jerry
McCarthy
Fourth Row: Robert Polansky, Wm. Richardson, Thos. Schroeder, Luke Sheppard, T. Sigler,
I. M. Singer
Last Row: Ruben Solis, James Thompson, August Uehlinger, Emil Valenta, Marvin
Watzlavick, Jerome Whelan
(Absent: Claude McCarty, Jack Gregory, Wm. Gawlik, Emil Polasek)

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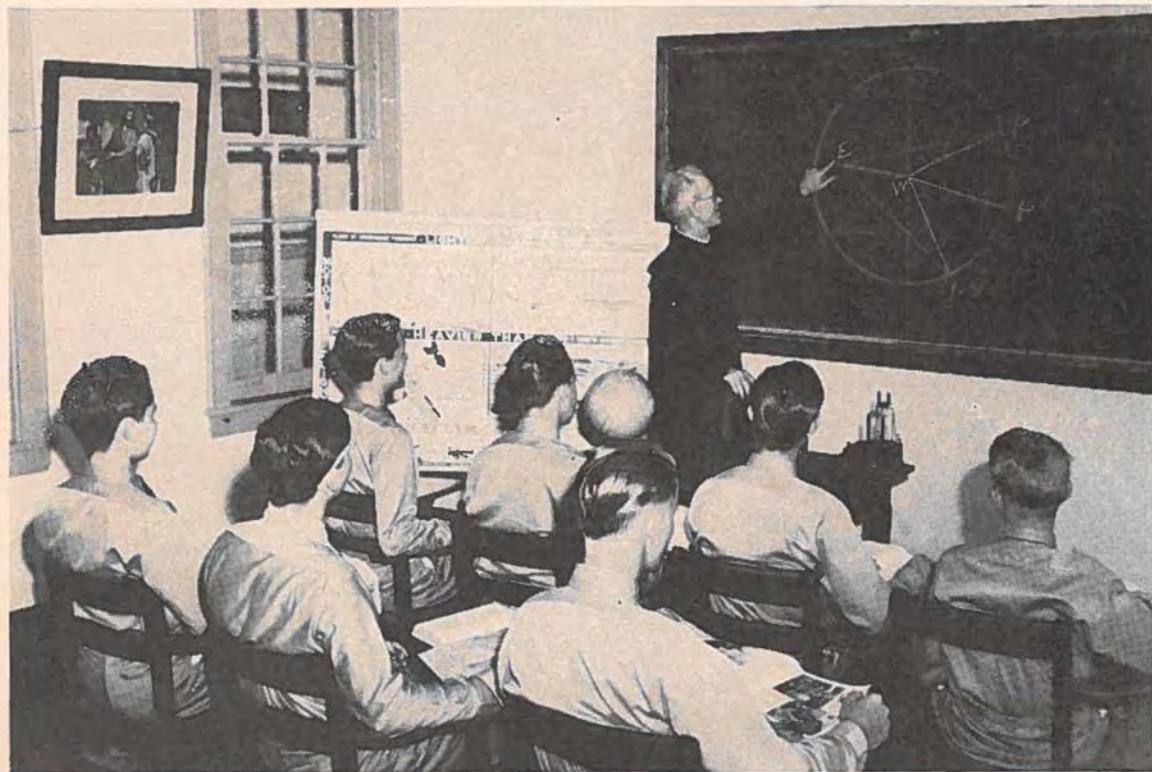
OFFICERS: Pat Hrissikopoulos, president; Jack Wade, vice-pres.; Chas. Hiers, sec'y-treas.
Top Row: Sam Armstrong, John Ross Baker, Jos. Calvin, Robert Curran, Louis Doerr,
Alfred Elter
Second Row: Albert Emmert, William Fagan, Rhudolph Fowler, Stanley Frick, Ruben Garcia
Middle Row: Able Gonzalez, Charles Hiers, Pat Hrissikopoulos, Adolph Kaler, Jos. Kirchmeyer
Fourth Row: Rudolph Kocurek, Billy Roy Mabry, Jerry Peake, Jack Pond, Ralph Solitto
Last Row: Eddie Stewart, Thos. Swantner, Jack Wade, Ernest Wendland, John Wright
Roger Gabriel

(Absent: Edward Bailey, Donald McCarty, Samuel Rabalais,
Richard Roberson, Toby Shelton, Theo. Coffey)

Classes in Action

SENIOR POLL

EDGAR STEWARD	"TALE OF TWO CITIES"
... Most likely to succeed	... Favorite novel
JOHN ARMSTRONG	MARK TWAIN
... Most Typical College-Academy man	... Favorite author
JOHN ARMSTRONG	"LIFE" and "READER'S DIGEST"
... Most popular	... Favorite magazines
GRADY McRAE	JAMES CAGNEY
... Most Scholarly	... Favorite actor
PEDRO GANZALEZ	GREER GARSON
... Best athlete	... Favorite actress
HARRY PLOMARTY (sophomore)	HARRY JAMES'
... Best dressed	... Favorite orchestra
PAT RAMSEY	KAY KAISER'S
... Best class politician	... Favorite radio program
AUDREY ROBERTSON	BING CROSBY
... Most original	... Favorite radio singer
JOHN ARMSTRONG	FOOTBALL
... Most active	... Best sport to play
DAWSON BOONE	FOOTBALL
... Best speaker	... Best sport to watch
AUDREY ROBERTSON	MILK
... Wittiest	... Favorite drink
JAMES HATCH	FRIED CHICKEN
... Least appreciated	... Favorite food
CONLEY CADDEL	FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
... Poorest drag with faculty	... Outstanding U. S. figure
DAWSON BOONE	GENERAL EISENHOWER
... Biggest drag with faculty	... Outstanding world figure
JUNIOR-SENIOR PICNIC	MILITARY CORPS
... Favorite tradition	... Favorite organization at C. C. C.-A.
"CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE"	COMPLETE MILITARY SCHOOL AND TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE
... Favorite poem	... Innovations I would like to see at C. C. C.-A.
"THE FIGHTING SIXTY-NINTH"	TEXAS A. & M.
... Favorite movie	... Favorite men's college



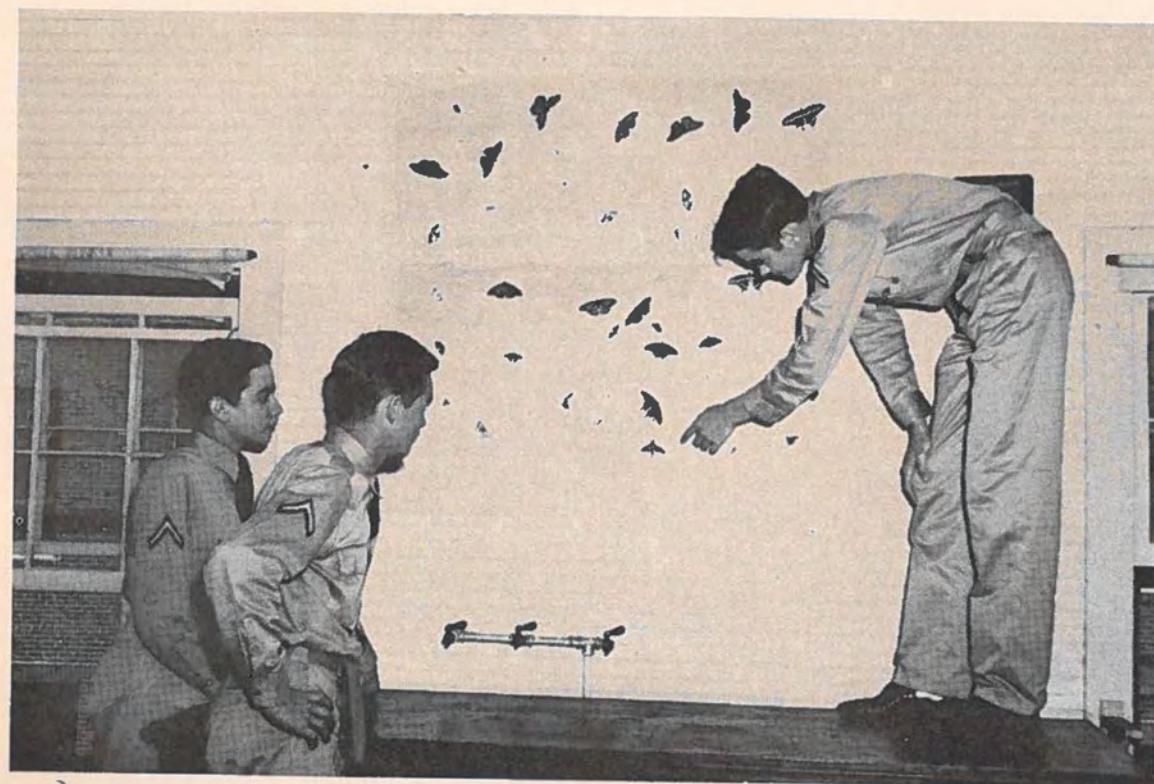
A Demonstration in Pre-Flight Aeronautics

The College-Academy was one of the first schools in the state to introduce a course in pre-flight aeronautics and as a result of the course, a relatively large number of graduates have been accepted by the Army Air Corps. Handicapped at first by lack of equipment, the school this year was fortunate in having been able to install a laboratory of essential apparatus, a valuable gift from the John Dunn Family. This was later augmented by the acquisition of the O-52 Curtiss-Wright plane.

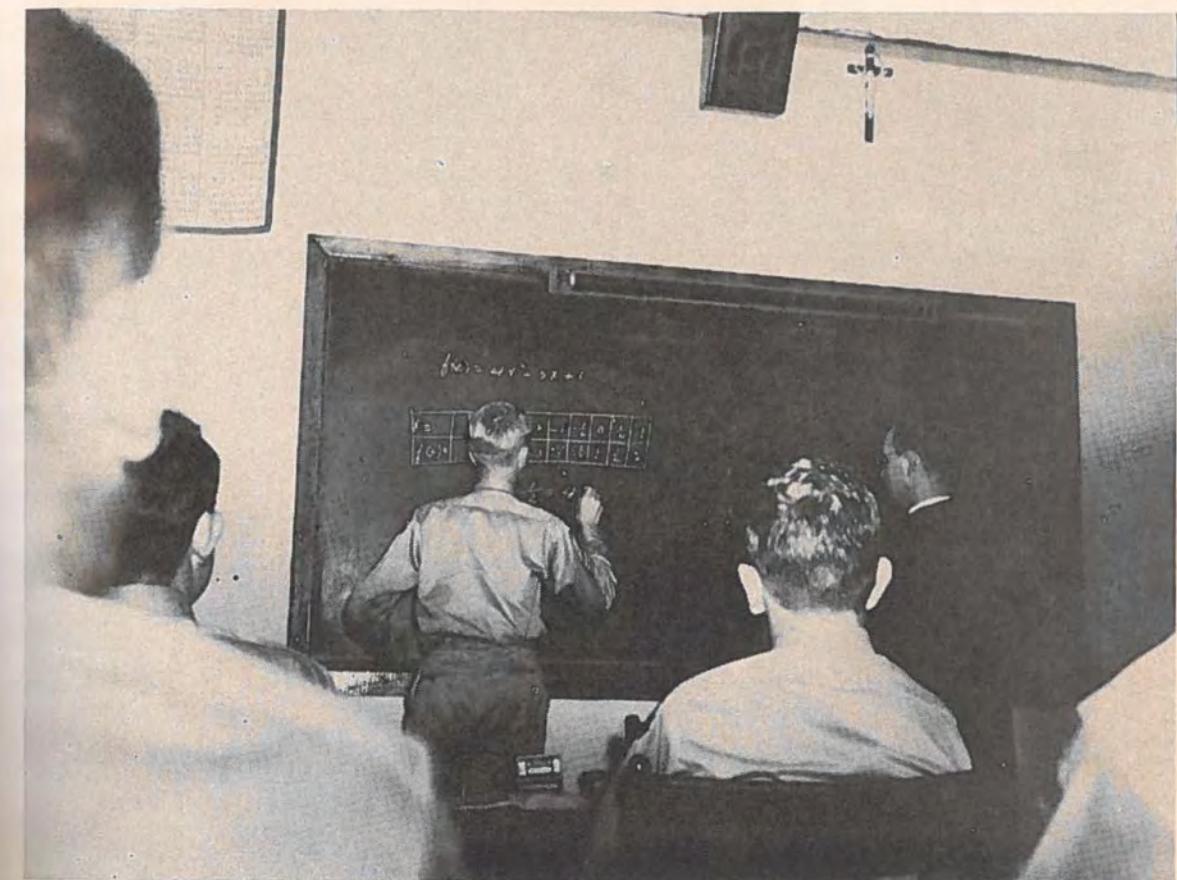


Mechanical Drawing Class in Session

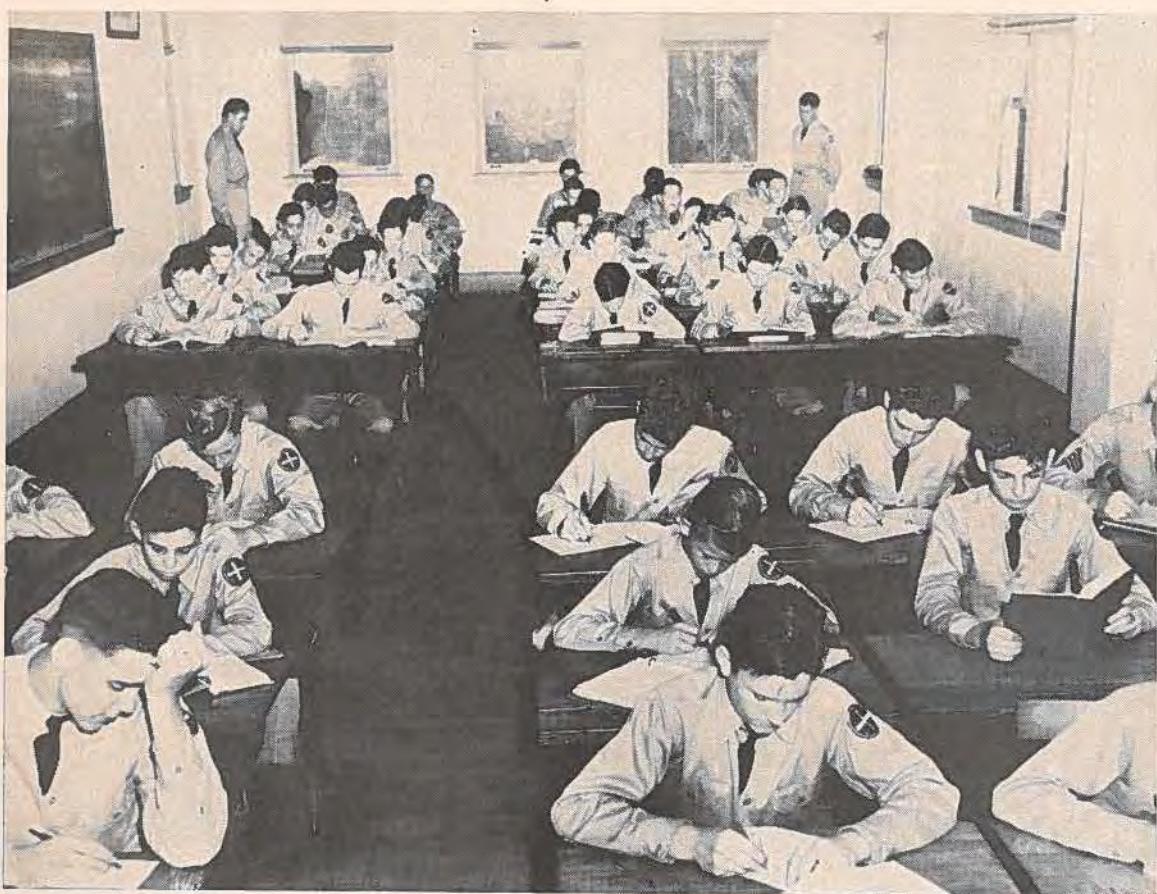
In order to meet the insistent demand for mechanical drawing, the school offered this course during the current year for the first time. The class has been highly restricted, which, no doubt, accounts for an excellent exhibit presented to the State Department of Education. This agency had no hesitation in accrediting the subject, which forms a valuable addition to the industrial arts curriculum of the school.



Inspecting Butterflies in Biology



Boardwork in Higher Math



A Study Hall is a Student's Workshop



Seniors at Class Attention



Student Plus Blackboard Plus Mathematics Equals Good Teaching



Some Seventh Grade Minims at the End of a Day's Work



A Bit of Business in the Classroom

Campus and Events



The Rt. Reverend Paul M. Nahlen, O. S. B.

The Very Rev. Joseph P. Fuhrmann, O. S. B. Mr. John N. Stewart

It occurs each year—unfortunately too infrequent—but the annual visit of Abbot Paul is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. And while the visit to Father Abbot's "second home" is a true homecoming for him, it is equally true that his visit is a homecoming to the students of one whom they revere and cherish.

The picture above was taken during a military review when Abbott Paul received his first glimpse of the newly-formed organization. His warm and repeated encomiums for this addition to the school is an encouragement to those participating.



"RUFF 'N TUFF"

In order to make aeronautics more readily accessible to the pre-flight classes, a Curtiss-Wright O-52 was released by the Army Air Corps for use of the school. It was the first acquisition of its kind in South Texas schools. Fully equipped with all radio apparatus and armament, the plane has been studied not only by the aeronautics class, but by all other avid airplane enthusiasts as well. This includes not only the students at the school, but eager-eyed youngsters for miles around and from the city as well.



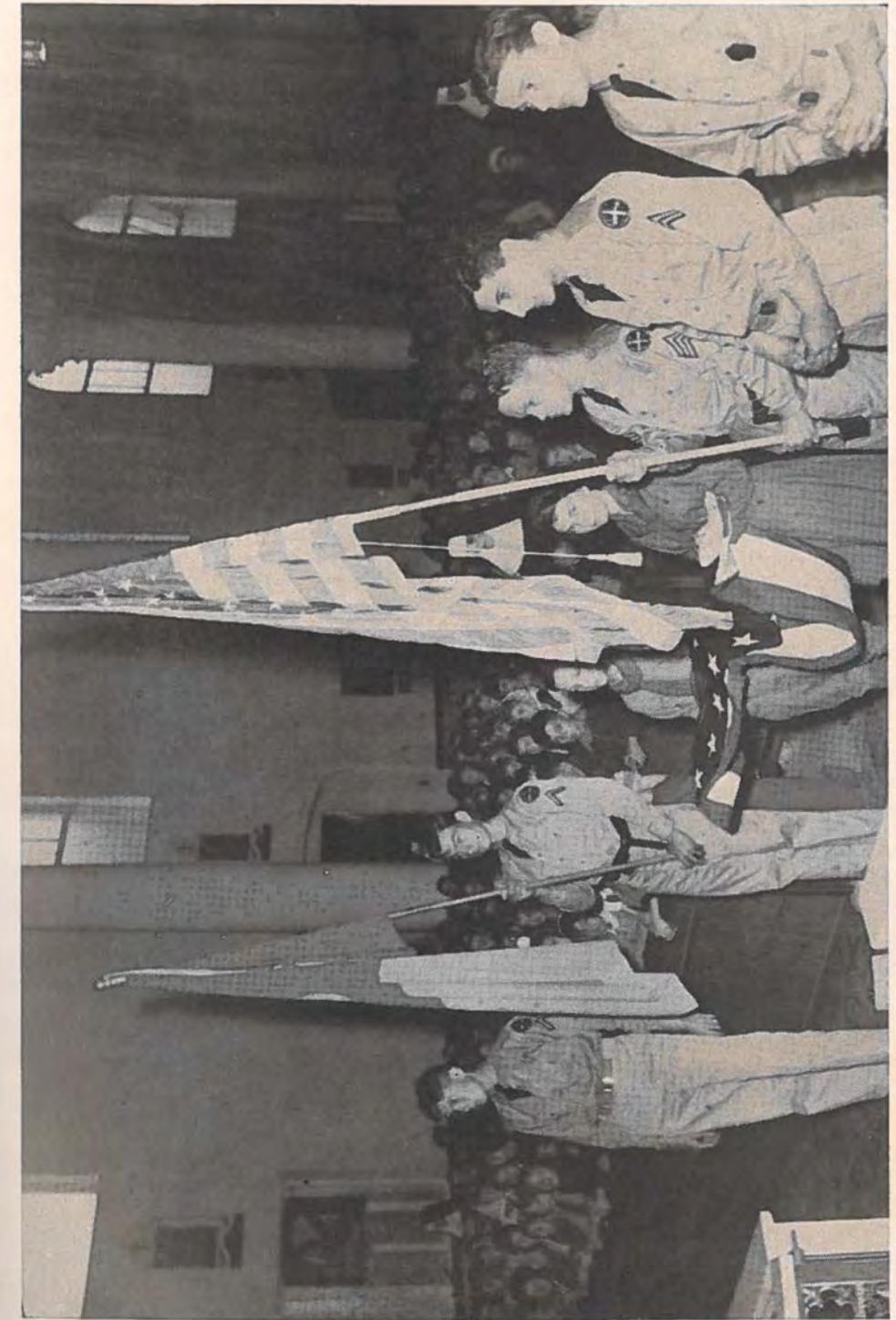
Two Flight Enthusiasts Rehearsing in Ground School



Rehearsal and Relaxation



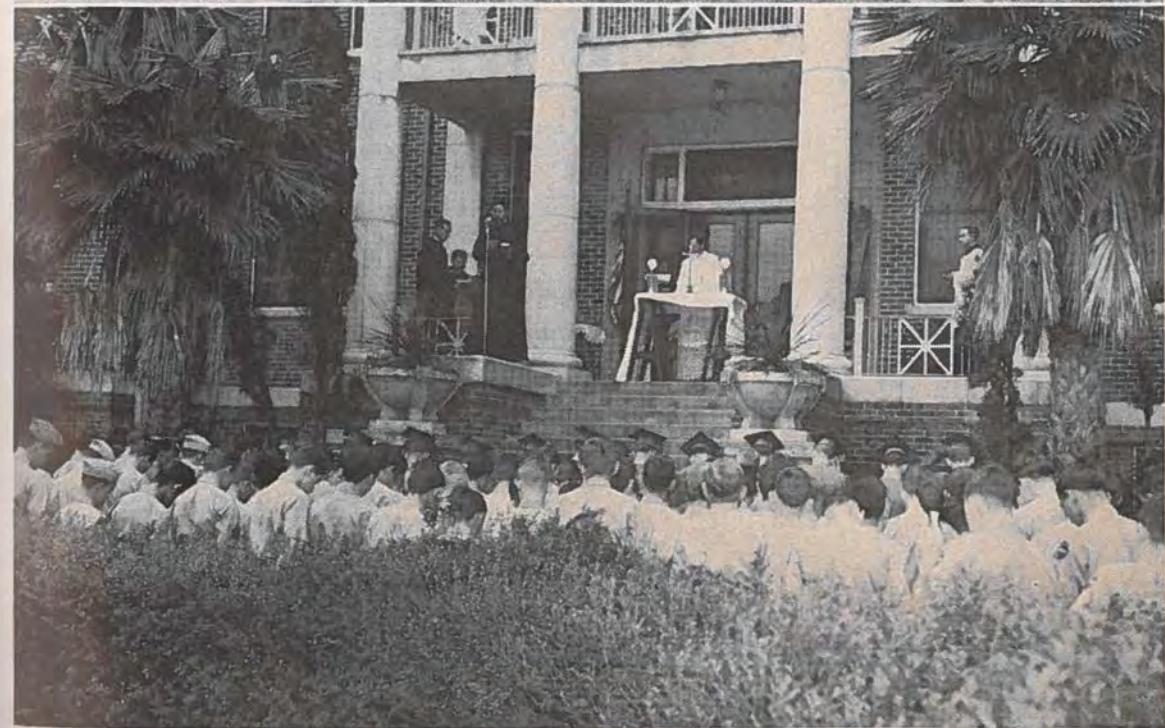
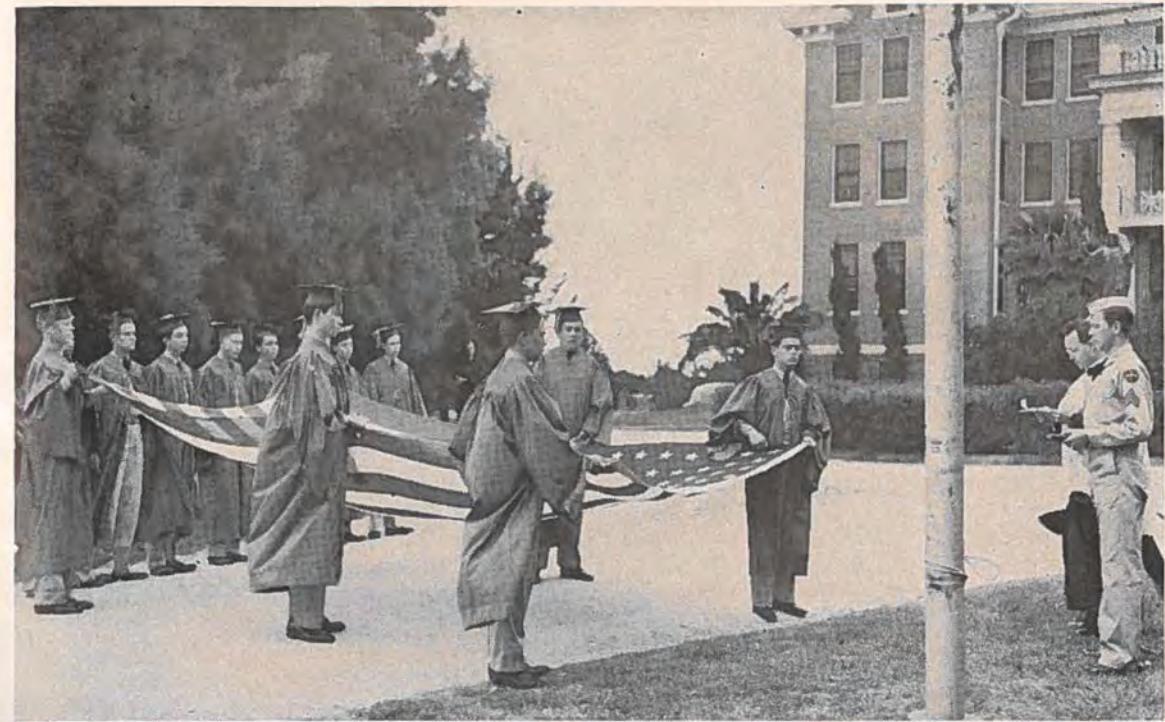
A Meeting of Races and Nationalities and Schools on
Pearl Harbor Day



God's Blessing on the Colors



CATHOLIC ACTION IN ACTION
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GREAT MOMENTS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (First Semester)

Opening of School, September 8

Faculty authorities were worried when the program clock in the president's office counted the first call to the new school year. The reason was not far to seek. Classes were filled, and requests for admission kept the telephone in a continuous ringing, and the mail was cluttered, too. With 162 students registered, the largest student body of fifteen years greeted instructors when classes began. But there was a compensation: Even though over a hundred students had to be turned away, the school did finally reach its capacity, a dream that had been dreamed for many years. Despite the faculty worries, there was a great deal of satisfaction for having at last reached a goal.

Formation of Military Corps, September 9

Somewhat nervous but determined to take what was in the offing, the large student group sprawled all over the south campus when Father Joseph, president of the school, opened a general assembly after class hours, and Father Albert introduced his old student, John N. Stewart, as commandant of the Military Corps. Impressing his hearers as a task-master, the instructor in military tactics left no doubt in the minds of the students that he was determined to make the military carry a lion's share of the school burdens, and that it was not to be an organization for weaklings. And in a few deft strokes, the military idea became a working part of the school.

First Military Review, Columbus Day

After about a month of drilling, preparations, conferences, and instructions, the Corps was ready for its first appearance before parents and friends of students and school. A masterful review that elicited many compliments of bystanders was staged, which, incidentally was one of the largest groups to find their way to the school in recent years. The effect was in some measure electrifying to the cadets themselves. The colors proudly announced the full formation of the Corps, and the awarding of first commissions indicated that the "boot camp" stages had been satisfactorily passed. The day was historical.

Navy Day Parade

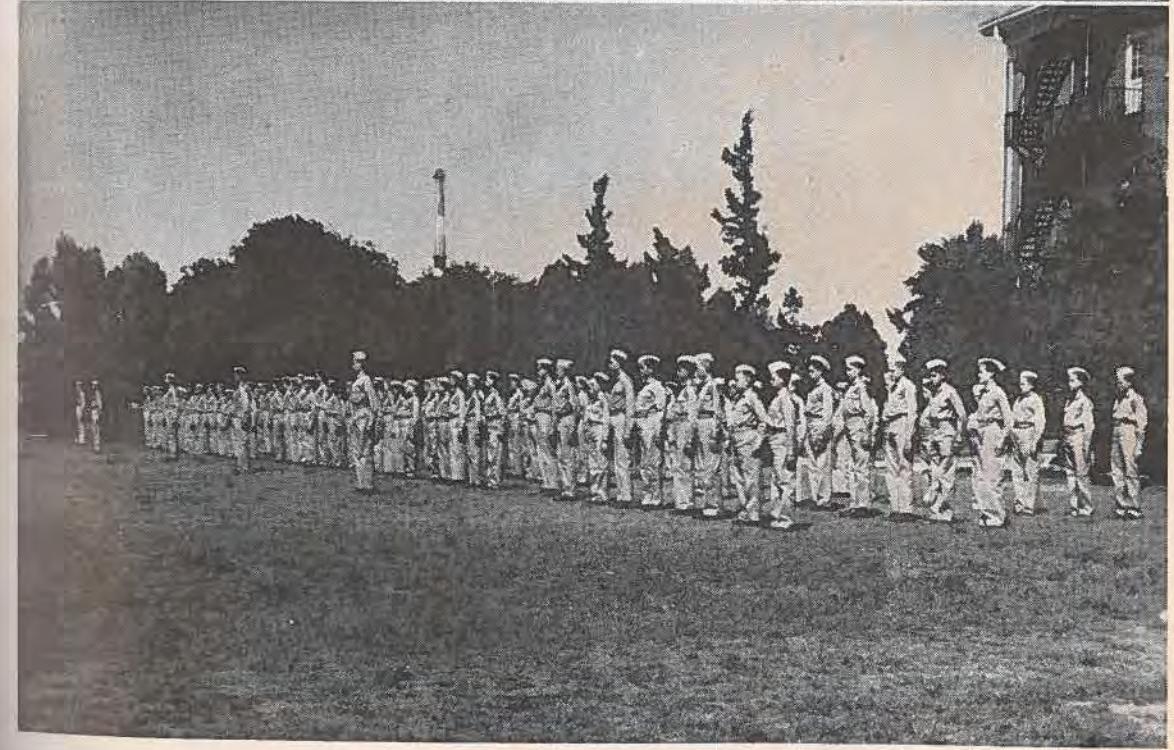
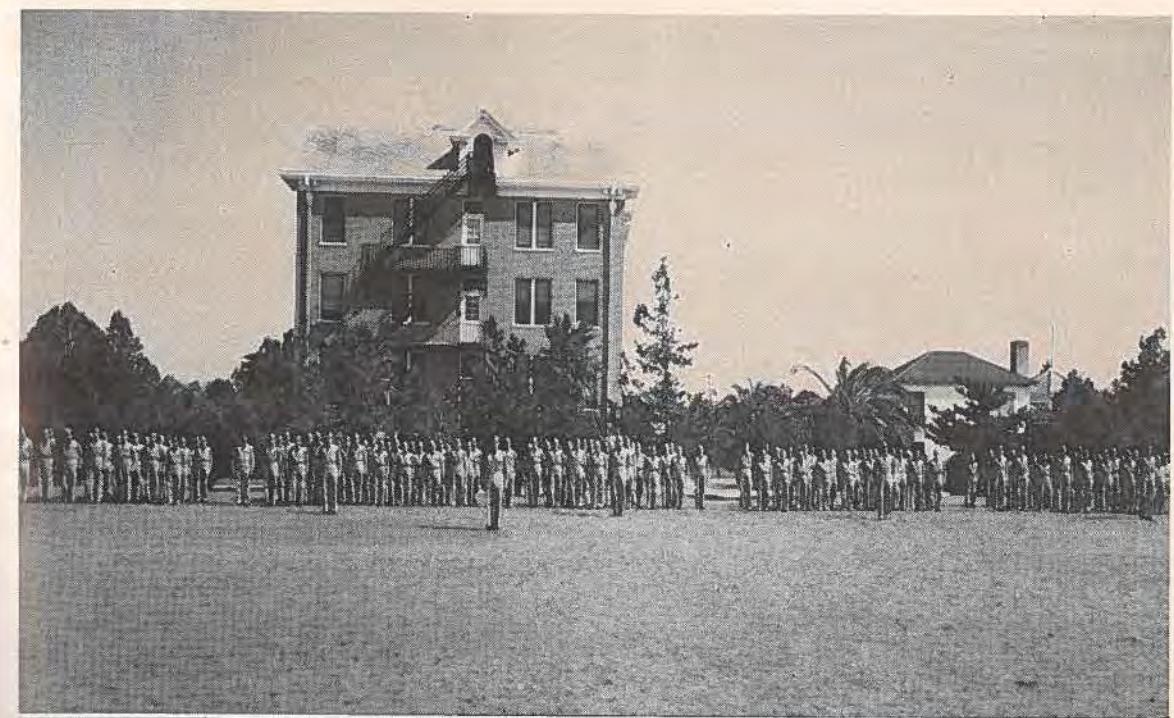
The second red-letter day for the Corps was not long a-coming. For with a scant month intervening between Columbus Day and Navy Day, the cadets had little time to polish off their technique, but it was enough to be pronounced ready by Commandant Stewart for the first public demonstration before all Corpus Christi on Navy Day. The Corps participated in the long parade through the city and elicited the praise of thousands with its fast-acquired precision . . . at least precise enough for the brief span of its training.

Pearl Harbor Celebration

Something unusual in the way of school observances was brought to Corpus Christi on Pearl Harbor Day, when all Catholic schools participated in a mass attendance at Divine Services at the Cathedral on December 7. Present were, in addition to the Military Corps, the Incarnate Word Academy, Sacred Heart School, and Holy Cross. It was a Christian fusion of races and colors and nationalities. Monsignor Lannon said the Mass, during which there was congregational singing by the more than one thousand students in attendance. Hundreds went to Holy Communion. Father Joseph blessed the colors of the College-Academy and of the Incarnate Word Academy, and Father Albert delivered the sermon, choosing as his subject, "Inter-racial Justice is Christian".

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The Battalion Front



MR. JOHN N. STEWART, B. S.
Commandant of Military Corps;
Instructor in Military Training

Commandant John N. Stewart

There is an indescribable thrill that comes to a school when one of its own graduates comes back to fill a position on the teaching staff, and to give, so to say, of the things that were given to him during the time he himself trod the well-worn corridors of his Alma Mater and absorbed the lectures and demonstrations of classroom instructors.

John N. Stewart, by accepting the work of instructing in military training, has given what any loyal alumnus might give, only he gave in a more intense degree. He brought to his school not only the sterling influence of his personality, the impartiality of a good leader, but also the enthusiasm and the courage of a pioneer. That he should have shown enthusiasm for his work was expected; that he should have been courageous was likewise anticipated. But the extent of his courage was more than expected. This is obvious from a scant view of the conditions under which he assumed his work. It was, to begin with, a first experience for him, and that is no easy prospect to face, not even for a genius. Had it been a smaller group with which he was dealing it might not have been staggering. Had it been, let us say, a school of seventy-five students—the size with which he was familiar in '35 when he was graduated—it might have been an ordinary task. He was familiar with such a College-Academy. But an institution twice as large as that was something new, and something on which he had not counted.

In addition to all that, the system which he wished to introduce and which he wanted to become a part of the general scheme of things was so radically different from anything to which the students had been accustomed in school. This meant a readjustment for the student group as a whole, and a severe readjustment for many individually. Mr. Stewart's task demanded an appreciation of this fact, and an understanding of this problem without emotion but with firmness, without wavering but with impartiality. He remained true to his course. He was big enough to adjust himself and his plans when good judgment dictated. He could and did this without a sacrifice of principle.

This demanded courage of a peculiar caliber. He had it to give and he gave it. He had it because he is the typical College-Academy man; he gave it in a superb degree because the typical College-Academy man is taught to give, and give unselfishly. For that Commandant John N. Stewart has been acclaimed by the cadets and the cadet officers; for that he has merited their respect and their appreciation.



CADET MAJOR JOHN N. ARMSTRONG, JR.

THE MILITARY CORPS

Probably the most important and far-reaching addition to the school in a number of years was the introduction of military training during the 1943-44 session. The idea to organize a military corps began to take shape during the late summer months, although the germ had been lying inactive in the plans of some faculty members since about 1938.

According to the pattern cut out by the school and put into execution by Mr. John N. Stewart, alumnus of the school, class of '35, the organization was to open to all students, although affiliations was the organization was to be open to all students, although affiliation was to be given a place in the daily schedule of the curriculum. Accordingly, four days out of the week were allotted to it.

When the call for members was issued on the second day of school, every student with the exception of five had answered it. This was quite revealing, since in the early discussions with the parents and in the announcement of the commandant, a rugged and serious pro-



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Military Corps (Con.)

gram had been promised. But more than that: Students had been informed that the introduction of military discipline and military courtesy would become a part of the school's system. Particularly would this be the case for boarding students, whose off-school hours would be regulated by the military.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
Company A and Band



Captain Edgar Steward



First Lieutenant Pat Ramsey



Second Lieutenant
Robert Price



Second Lieutenant
Robert Koenig



Second Lieutenant
Grady McRae

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
Company B



Captain Audrey Robertson



First Lieutenant Dawson Boone



Second Lieutenant
James Hatch



Second Lieutenant
Paul Baimbridge



Second Lieutenant
James Robar

Previous to the opening of school, five seniors—John Armstrong, Grady McRae, Pedro Gonzales, Edgar Steward, and Dawson Boone—had been handpicked and had been undergoing rigorous preliminary training. A local firm had been engaged to supply the khaki uniform, one that was simple and serviceable. The task that confronted John Stewart, the commandant, was anything but easy, for the difficulties of instructing one-hundred and fifty students with very little help—and that insufficiently trained—can scarcely be comprehended. This became all the more complicated due to the fact that the maintaining of the initial enthusiasm was extremely important for the future development of the military idea.

But as weeks wore on and the cadets became conscious of the value of the training they were receiving, their interest grew instead of diminishing. And then when they realized that they were sufficiently drilled to present the battalion in a formal review to parents and friends on Columbus Day, the stability of the Corps was assured. This first demonstration at such an early date convinced them of progress, and the large number of spectators, both parents and friends, gave an encouragement to the commandant and to the Corps that readily helped its subsequent growth. On this day, too, the first commissions were awarded, namely those of second lieutenant, to John Armstrong, Edgar Steward, and Dawson Boone.

Approximately six weeks later the Corps appeared in the Navy Day parade and demonstration in the city, and the excellent showing made on this occasion and the general favorable comment from the mile-long lines of spectators was all that was needed to fasten the Military Corps to the College-Academy as an integral part of the system.

With the rapid-fire course of events that took place, the school felt that the Corps deserved the privilege of full equipment. A campaign for funds was staged in which students and parents contributed liberally, and one large donation from a very interested friend of the school proved sufficient to purchase the best training rifle available.

The training for that part of the year following the beginning of the second semester consisted for the greater part of exercises in the manual of arms, general infantry drill, elaborations of military courtesy and discipline, and strategy and tactics. To give practical demonstration of the latter, a full half-day maneuver was held in early spring, during which Company B emerged the winner.

As the Corps stands at the end of the school year, it is fully equipped, fundamentally prepared for further work, and soundly placed in the school. Problems of discipline are handled through the Corps by the officers themselves of which there is a full complement according to Army regulations.

Students who have left the school to enter one of the armed services have already experienced the value of the training. And the school generally has benefitted immensely.



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Front Row—

Sergeants Nicolas Ortiz, Frank Gamez, Jack Gallagher, Sidney Glover, William Ganem, J. D. Phillips

Middle Row—

Sergeants Ted Isensee, George Hatch, James E. Wood, Daniel Kureska, Joseph Petru, David Baimbridge.

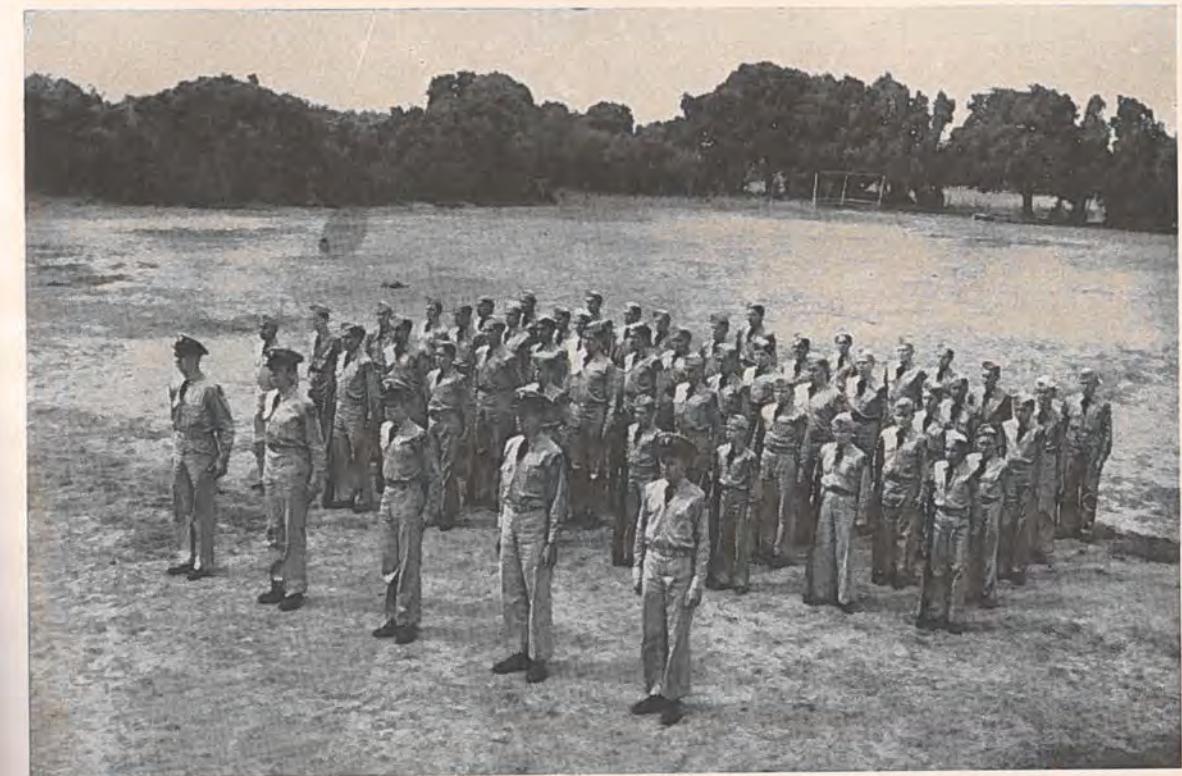
Last Row—

Corporals Claude Allan, Paul Haney, Harry Stuth, Louis Kocurek, Roderick Magsam, Walton McCarthy, John Golla.



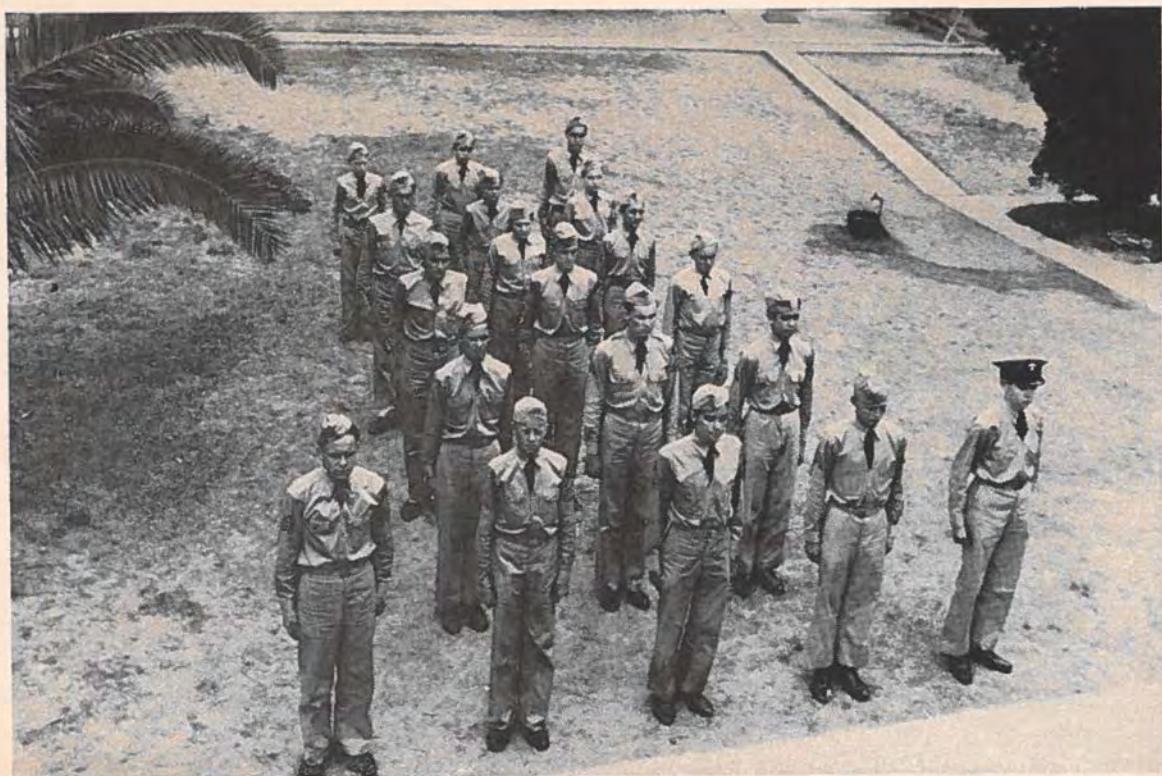
COMPANY A

Company Commander Captain Edgar Steward
 Second in Command First Lieutenant Pat Ramsey
 Second Lieutenants — Robert Price, Robert Koenig
 First Sergeant — Nicolas Ortiz
 Sergeants — William Ganem, Joseph Petru, J. D. Phillips, Louis Kocurek
 Corporals — Walton McCarthy, Gilbert Schanen, Claude McCarty
 Privates First Class — Edward Louis, Michael Meaney, Willie Gawlik, Jerry McCarthy, Fred Garcia, Stanley Frick
 Privates — Pat Hrissikopolous, Troy May, Wm. Muttera, Estevan Rodriguez, Robert Watzlavick, James Youngman, Gene Rogers, Wayne Elliott, Roy May, Jack Phillips, Samuel Rabalis, Henry Adams, Jack Gregory, Conley Caddel, Peter Golla, Marvin Watzlavick, Joseph Bluntzer, Pat Calvin, Tommy Swantner, Henry Wade, Daniel Kubala, Emil Valenta, Richard Roberson, Zelik Waranch, Jerry Whelan, Emil Polasek, Luke Sheppard, Richard Hatch, Ruben Solis, Jerry Jurach, Fred Tate, Ralph Solitto, Charles Hiers, Adolf Kaler, Eddie Stewart, Ernest Wendland, James Thompson, John Ross Baker, Jerry Peake, Robert Polansky, Edward Bundick, Joseph Kirchmeyer, Thomas Schroeder, Alfred Elter.



COMPANY B

Company Commander Captain Audrey Robertson
 Second in Command First Lieutenant Dawson Boone
 Second Lieutenants — James Robar, Paul Baimbridge, James Hatch
 First Sergeant — Frank Gamez
 Sergeants — Ramon Orta, George Hatch, Alfonso Gomez
 Corporals — Roderick Magsam, Paul Haney, Claude Allen
 Privates First Class — Louis Joseph, Edmund Terrell, Manuel Garcia, August Uehlinger, Albert Emmert, Louis Doerr, Jack Pond, Lawrence Lippincott, Thomas Hamm
 Privates — Roy King, Celso Moreno, William Hamm, Wm. Gilleland, John Bruce, Elton McDonnel, Joseph Orsak, Lynn Wendell, Thomas McArdle, Robert Garza, Robert Curran, Donald Halepska, Wm. Richardson, T. Sigler, Ray Dunn, Robert Hatch, Pat McDonough, Isaac Singer, Thomas Ford, Martin O'Shea, Edward Bailey, Arthur Farr, William Fagan, Jack Wade, John Wright, Toby Shelton, Billy Roy Mabry, Charles Hayek, Sammy Armstrong, Harold Greenleaf, Able Gonzalez, Rudolph Kocurek, Kenneth Baker.



BAND COMPANY

Company Commander Second Lieutenant H. Grady McRae

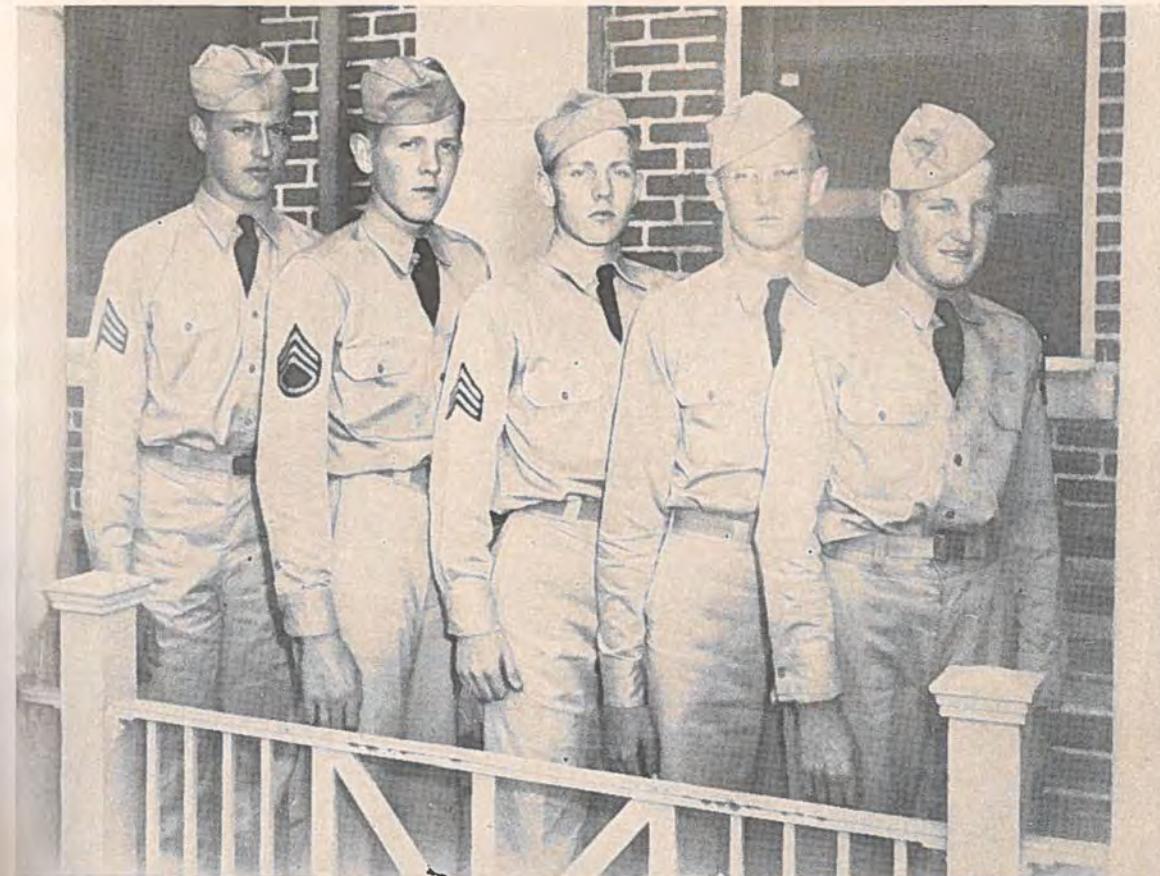
Staff Sergeant — Sidney Glover

Sergeants — Ten Isensee, David Baimbridge

Corporals — Harry Stuth, Patrick Cass, John Golla

Privates First Class — John Ferris, Ernest Glover, Walter Franks,
Harry Plomarity, Harry Grim, Daniel Boone, Russell McCaleb,
Wm. Loessberg

Privates — Richard Fry, Robert Bluntzer, Larry Sullivan, Rhudolph
Fowler, Edward Curran



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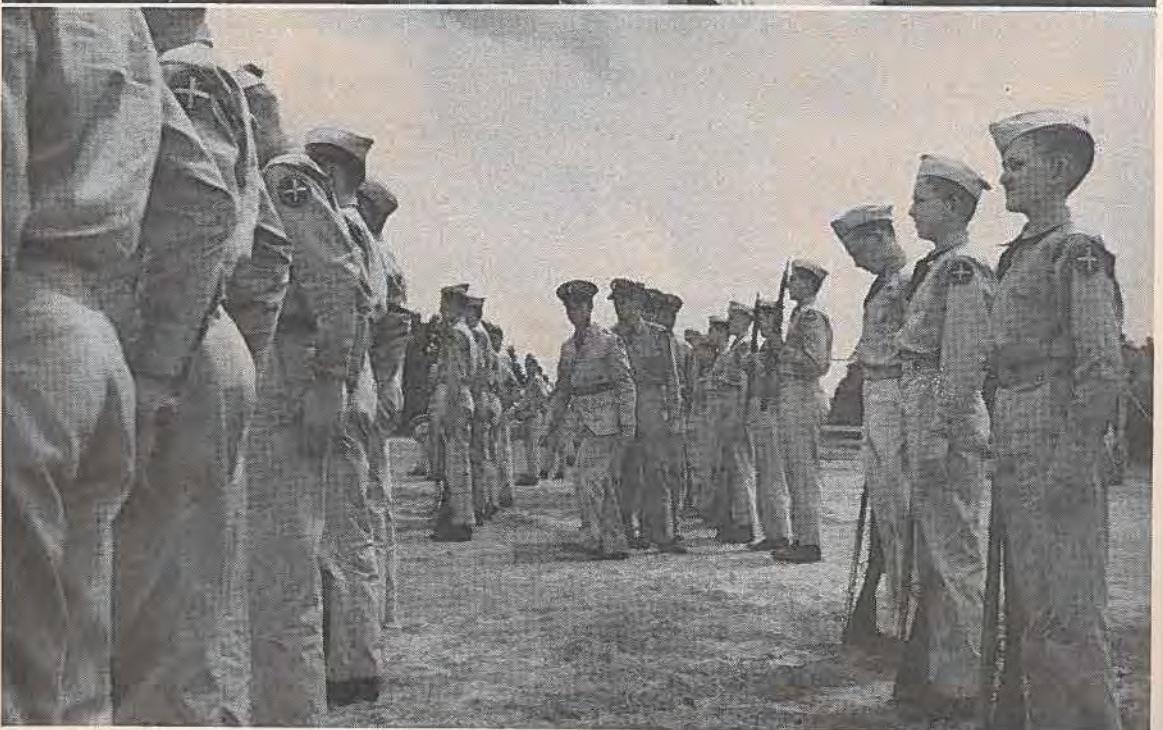
Staff Sergeant Jack Gallagher

Company A

Sergeant James E. Wood
Private William T. Radeker

Company B

Sergeant Dan Kureska
Private Jos. Ermis



Two Phases of Military Inspection



It is Inspection Day and Formal Review

ORGANIZATIONS

GREAT MOMENTS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (Second Semester)

Cavalier Football Banquet

One hundred and twelve people crowded into the College-Academy dining hall on February 27 for the annual football banquet, a custom resumed after several years intermission. Letters and awards were given the players, gifts to the coaches, encomiums were heaped on players and coaches alike, and everybody was happy. Lieutenant Bisrak, USNR, gave the principal address, while Thomas E. Quigley, erstwhile director of athletics at the College-Academy, was the master of ceremonies. Dignitaries present included His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bishop Ledvina and the Right Rev. Monsignor Lannon.

Father Joseph and a Silver Jubilee

By far the most outstanding event of the year was the silver jubilee of profession of Father Joseph, observed on March. The occasion was honored by the presence of Right Rev. Father Abbot Paul M. Nahlen, O. S. B., of New Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, Ark., founder and former president of the school. Preceding the day proper, the Corps performed in a special review, during which Father Paul addressed the assembled cadets. A gold watch to the Very Rev. President from the students. On the ninth—the day itself—a dinner at the school attended by local clergymen, headed by Bishop Ledvina. A gift—a gold chalice—from the ex-students, from friends of Father Joseph—a beautiful sixteenth century masterpiece with a still more beautiful history. Father Paul remained a few days, visiting, and admiring the work of the school, and in particular of the Corps.

St. Benedict's Day

March 21 is traditional Cap and Gown Day. This year was no exception. The seniors in academic dress, the Military Corps in uniform. Presentation of the flag by the seniors, John Armstrong speaking. Father Joseph blesses the new flag, speaks appropriately. Then a field mass from the front portico. Father Augustine the celebrant. Father Adams, chaplain, Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, giving the sermon, and Father Harold directly the community mass. It was the Sacred Liturgy carried out liturgically and well. Then a military review, during which basketball letters were awarded. Dinner at noon for local clergy, and the day free thereafter.

Junior-Senior Picnic

The small junior class showed to good advantage, the seniors were pleased, and everyone was happy on May 9. There was doubt whether or not the small group of 45 students could muster the momentum necessary to give the annual affair—but they did and nobly so. Welder Park, Sinton, was the scene, with the Nueces River at Calallen thrown in for a swim. A big day and a good day.

May Day

No year is complete without May Day. The seventeenth was it. Parents and friends and students in uniform. Field Mass, military review, battalion competition for the trophy, athletic events, luncheon in the open air, and more field events.

Baccalaureate Sunday

The beginning of the end, May 21, and baccalaureate services jointly with the Incarnate Word Academy, at the Corpus Christi Cathedral during the eleven o'clock Mass. Father Burke of St. Thomas High School, Houston, speaks.

Commencement Day

It was the end on May 24 at the Cathedral Auditorium. Seventeen graduates made the grade, fully prepared, it is hoped, to make the grade that rises before them: Some in the service, others to the colleges and universities. Diplomas, medals, trophies, premiums . . . and applause . . . and regrets . . . as the last strains of "Auld Lang Syne" separates students for the summer, and graduates for a while . . . and perhaps . . . for . . . well, who knows?

La Paloma

Catholic Action Cell

Sophomore Sodality

Freshman Sodality

Junior Sodality

Air Scouts

Band



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RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The unprecedented large enrollment of the year which brought with it a large Catholic student population brought new problems to the religious organizations, heretofore maintained according to traditional concepts. The limitations of room made it necessary to break up the usual junior and senior sodality groups into still smaller organizations. Accordingly, each class was organized into its own group, each with its own officers and moderator, and each with a program calculated to fit the particular interests of the class. Thus there came into existence five distinct religious organizations instead of the usual two.

Occasionally, the entire school collaborated on school-wide and city-wide activities. There was no formal council consisting of representatives of each group, although, informally, the moderators of each sodality functioned as a unit to provide a clearing house for them all, thus giving somewhat of a general direction to the whole.

There was a lively spirit of cooperation between the various groups which came to the fore monthly on the First Friday when the morning schedule was remodelled to fit the introduction of special religious exercises for all Catholic students. But not only in the spiritual phases of the year's program did the groups correlate their efforts, but in social activities and in some particular group activity as well.

The organization of the senior class went out on a distinctly new course. Instead of functioning as a B. V. M. Sodality group, as did the others, it, together with a sprinkling of eleventh grade students, was organized into a Catholic Action Cell, patterned according to the Jocist idea, and modified to meet the peculiar condition of the environment and of the temper of the students. The Cell served to indoctrinate its members with the idea of the necessity of personal sanctification—as did the other groups also—but its activity was focussed to a great extend upon their environment from which it drew the greater number of its weekly projects.

For a new method of operation, the program showed many advantages. The possibility of developing greater leadership was immediately evident. The opportunity for a larger number of the students to participate more actively in the work of their particular organization fostered a greater amount of interest than might otherwise have been possible. Consequently, the students with their moderators feel that the venture was very worthwhile, and that from the findings of this year's work there will come forth a well-integrated program for the future that will have a telling effect with commensurate results for campus and school as the years go by. It was pioneer work, but it was well done.



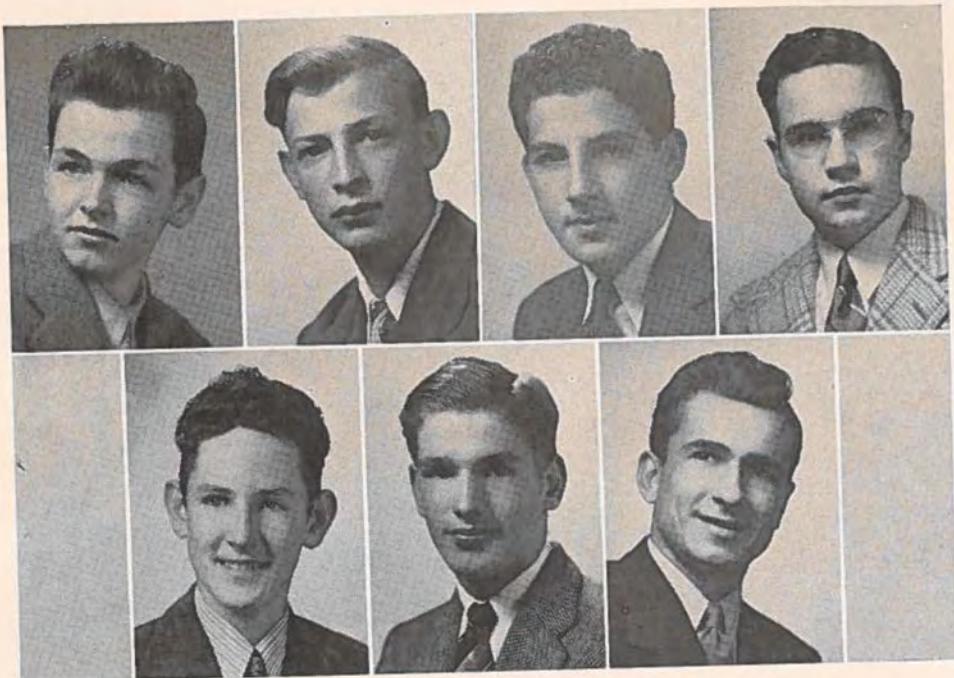
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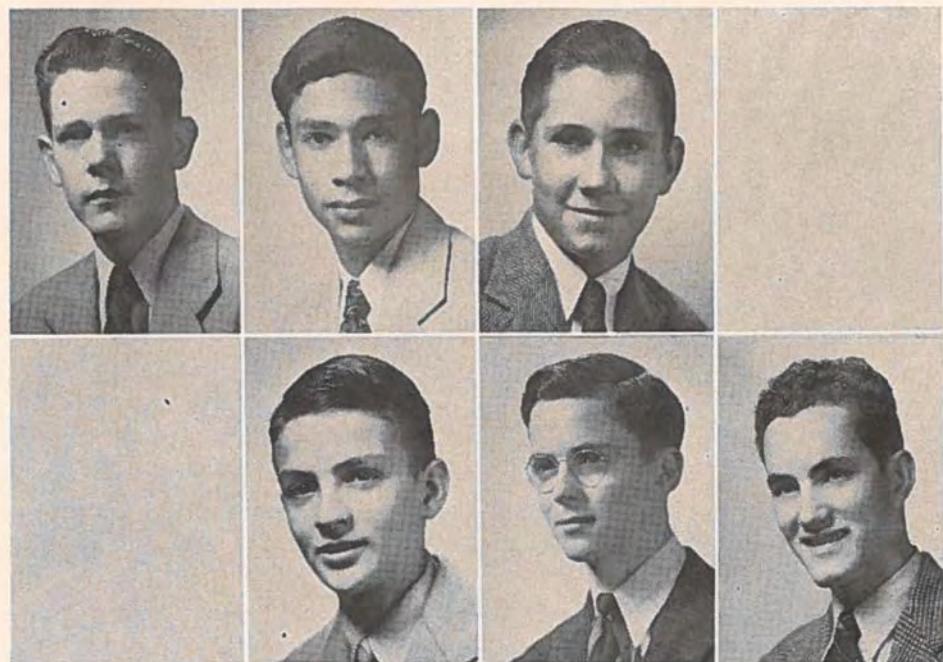
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Sodality of the B. V. M., Tenth Grade

Michael Meaney	Prefect
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William Ganem	Secretary
Walter H. Franks	Treasurer
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Edward Curran	Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee
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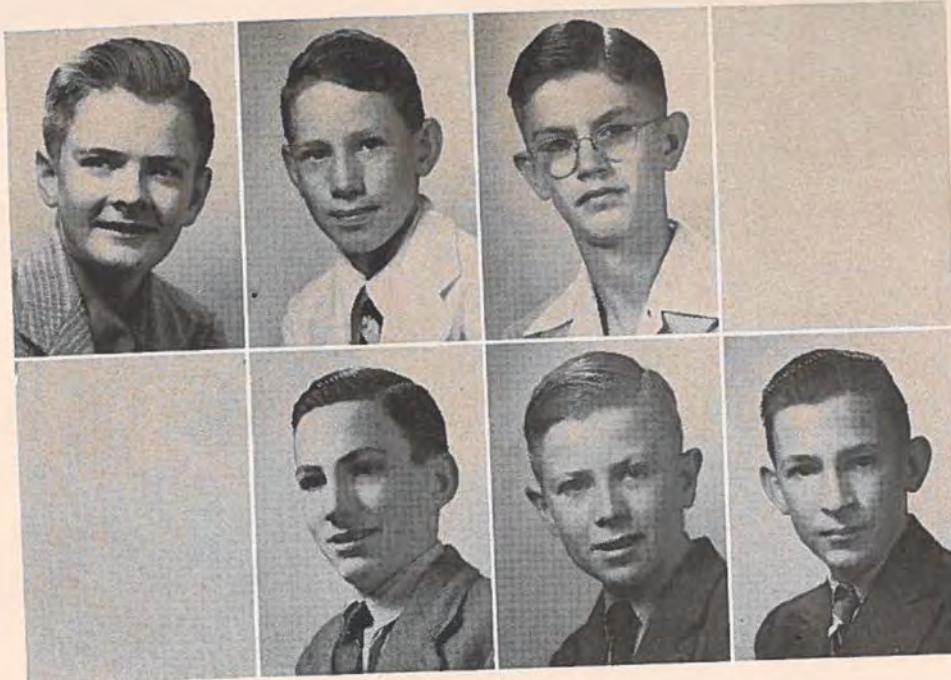
The Rev. Augustine Linbeck, O. S. B., Moderator



Sodality of the B. V. M., Ninth Grade

John Gallagher	Prefect
Celso Moreno	Vice-Prefect
Claude Allen	Secretary
William Hamm	Treasurer
Harry Stuth	Chairman, Our Lady's Committee
Roy King	Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee

The Rev. Alfred Hoenig, O. S. B., Moderator



Sodality of the B. V. M., 7th and 8th Grades

Robert Bluntzer	Prefect
Richard Fry	Vice-Prefect
Thomas Hamm	Secretary
Jerome Whelan	Treasurer
Richard Hatch	Chairman, Our Lady's Committee
Peter Golla	Chairman, Catholic Truth Committee
The Rev. Harold Heiman, O. S. B., Moderator	



SQUADRON ONE, AIR SCOUTS

Sponsored by the Corpus Christi College-Academy

Standing—

Rev. Augustine Linbeck, O. S. B., Squadron Leader, John A. Ferris, Communications Scribe, Roy King, John A. Golla, Assistant Squadron Pilot, George Hatch, Louis Joseph, Rev. Harold Heiman, O. S. B., Assistant Squadron Leader

Seated—

Thomas Ford, James L. Robar, Squadron Pilot, Walton McCarthy

Air Scouts Squadron One, organized and chartered in April, is the first of its kind in the Gulf Coast Council, B. S. of A. It is sponsored by the school with the following committeemen: Very Rev. Joseph P. Fuhrmann, O. S. B., chairman; the Rev. Vincent Orth, O. S. B., the Rev. Albert M. Schreiber, O. S. B., Mr. John A. Stewart.

THE BAND

David Baimbridge	President
John Golla	Vice-President
John L. Sullivan	Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Alfred Hoenig, O. S. B.	Director

Due to the introduction of military training, the policies of the band necessarily had to undergo some changes over previous years. Where in previous years it was mainly a concert organization, it this year became a military organization offering its services to the military unit; where in other years recruits could affiliate with the organization comparatively soon after learning the rudiments of their instrument, this year none but those already comparatively proficient were taken into the ranks.

All of this necessitated the policy of maintaining two music groups, the senior and the junior bands. The former was in constant demand for military reviews, and its music reflected this demand. The repertoire consisted for the greater part of marches suitable for the Corps. There was, however, some work for concert performances with the result that by next year the band will be in a position to play indoors and outdoors with equal facility. By that time, also, the large number of younger members shall have been sufficiently prepared to become a part of the senior band.

Those constituting the junior or beginner group are the following: Robert Curran, tenor; Charles Hiers, Thos. McArdle, Jack Gallagher, Robert Kureska, Albert Emmert, John Wright, cornets; Louis Doerr, clarinet; Paul Haney and Wm. Richardson, bass drums.



THE MILITARY BAND

Personnel

Cornets: Sidney Glover, Harry Stuth, Ernest Glover, Theodore Isensee

Clarinets: John Farris, Richard Loessberg, Robert Bluntzer, Rhudolph Fowler

Altos: Walter Franks, Daniel Boone; *Baritone:* John Golla

Glockenspiel: Harry Plomarity; *Bass:* David Baimbridge;

Drums: Harry Grim, John L. Sullivan, Richard Fry, Edward Curran

Flute: Patrick Cass; *Drum Major:* Russell McCaleb

THE CENTURY CLUB

A project during the year that deserves inclusion in the yearbook was the fund raising campaign, conducted by the senior class during April. All students, almost to a man, were active in the drive. Those who deserve special mention are three first place winners, William Richardson, John N. Armstrong, Jr., and Ernest Wendland.

Joining them for outstanding work are the following who will be immortalized here, after a fashion, by becoming members of the "Century Club", which means that they sold over one hundred tickets in the campaign. The full membership of the mythical club are the following:

Wm. Richardson
John Armstrong
Ernest Wendland
Dawson Boone
Pat McDonough
Billy Roy Mabry
Claude Allen
Harry Grim

Distinguishing themselves in a lesser degree, but nonetheless worthy of mention are these:

Alfred Elter, Fred Garcia, Pat Hrissikopoulos, Harry McCarty, Michael Meaney, Jack Pond, Jerry Peake, Jerry Whelan, Robert Watzlavick, Louis Doerr, John Golla, J. D. Phillips, Wayne Elliott, Harry Stuth, Roy King, Jack Wade, John Wright, Billy Fagan, Wm. Ganem.

Cavalier Football

Cavalier Basketball

Cavalier Softball

Intra-Mural Basketball

Intra-Mural Softball



The Reverend Alcuin Kubis, O.S.B.
Coach and Director of Athletics



The Reverend Harold Heiman, O.S.B.
Ass't Coach and Ass't Director
of Athletics

ATHLETICS—A GENERAL REVIEW

The 1943-44 athletic season is noteworthy in a number of respects. Principal among these is full-fledged emphasis upon intra-mural play. Bolstered by the experience of the previous two years, Father Alcuin Kubis, O.S.B., director of athletics and Father Harold Heiman, O.S.B., the assistant, spared no efforts in developing this most important phase of physical education during the season just closed. With the larger registration, the possibilities immediately became evident, namely, that the more thorough the training of the underclassmen, the more promising the athletics would become as the years rolled by. But this was not the only consideration; there was one that outranged them all. It was the working out of the theory that all students deserved an equal share of the professional services of the coaches. Thus the stress was on the principle that all students participate in some form of athletics and physical training.

The year was further marked by the very excellent development of basketball, a sport that had not received too much emphasis during the athletic history of the school. And here again, intra-mural games in the class leagues were a decided step forward. The enthusiasm for this sport was easily reflected in the spirited attendance of the students generally at the home games played by the Cavaliers in the city league, in which the Cavaliers were officially champions.

Softball, too, came in for a good share of attention, with a good and representative school team, playing some of the best talent the city had to offer, with a few games with nearby schools thrown in for additional good measure.

All of this does not indicate that football was slighted. The game drew a large number of squadmen, and the result of the game won showed the careful drill and training given to it by the coaches.

All in all, it was a very successful year, athletically, and the efforts of the coaches were well placed. This is indicated, not only by the response from students and players themselves, but also from the applause, so to say, given both teams and coaches by the outside, which is always a measuring stick of ability and interest. The large and well-attended football banquet, held on February 27, in the school dining hall, was loud testimony to that. And just by way of digression, for the moment, the dinner was the largest ever held at the school. It was on this occasion, particularly, that the deserts of the coaches, Father Alcuin and Father Harold, were eminently recognized, and justly so. They have been on the job day in and day out and have contributed in a large way toward the maintaining of student morale and out-of-school interest.

FOOTBALL

Squad Members: John Armstrong, Jr. (Captain), Henry Adams, Claude Allen, Paul Bainbridge, Conley Cadel, Edward Curran, William Ganem, Robert Garza, Frank Gamez, John Golla, Alfonso Gomez, Pedro Gonzalez, William Hamm, William Hutchings, Robert Koenig, William Needham, Joseph Orsak, Ramon Orta, Nicolas Ortiz, Jack Phillips, Patrick Ramsey, Billy Richardson, Gene Rogers, Audrey Robertson, Edgar Steward, Harry Stuth, John L. Sullivan, August Uehlinger, Robert Watzlavick, Dan Kureska, Manager.

The Games

Cavaliers-Rockport Tigers

The season's football opener, September 17, sent the Cavaliers against the Rockport Tigers on the latter team's home field. The offensive power of the team rolled onward without serious opposition, as the score, 33-6 in favor of the Cavaliers indicated. The Maroon-and-Gold crew opened the scoring in the first quarter with Gomez and Beck carrying the ball to the Pirate 10-yard line, where Beck took it over. Other touchdowns were scored in the second frame by Gomez; Beck again in the third; Needham and Gamez in the fourth. Rockport's lone score came in the second quarter when Fullback Roberts crossed over to paydirt.

Cavaliers-Robstown Cottonpickers

The Cavaliers racked up their second consecutive victory of the season when heads-up football on the part of Robert Koenig, tackle, blocked a Picker kick and covered it behind the goal for a touchdown. The Robstown team, however, came back in strength in the second half, driving to the eight-yard line just when the half ended. And again they threatened in the third, when Gomez, Cavalier back, attempting to kick from his own one-yard stripe, was low getting the boot away and had his kick blocked. The ball bounded from the end zone, giving the Pickers an automatic safety. The game was stubbornly fought on a muddy field, which slowed down the offensive strength of both teams. The defensive strength of the Cavaliers can be recognized by the fact that they were outnumbered in first downs to the number of one for the Cavaliers to eight for Robstown, but managed to hold their seven-point advantage secure. Final score: Cavaliers 7, Robstown 2.



Armstrong (c)

Gonzalez

Orta

Ganem



Cavalier Football Squad, 1943

Cavaliers—Sinton Pirates

The Cavaliers machine rolled on to its third victory of the season on October 1, when in a great defensive battle they found one opening and capitalizing on it defeated the Sinton Pirates 6-0. The big moment came in the third quarter when Gonzalez scooped up Dyer's fumble and dashed sixty yards, tossed a lateral to Golla, who went over for the marker. It was thrilling play and completely caught the Pirates by surprise. Spurred on by their trailing position, the Pirates threatened on three occasions when they were stopped by just as many stone-wall goal line stands, one of them within four yards of pay dirt. Sinton registered seven first downs for the Cavalier one. And even their powerful ground-gaining machine proved unequal to the defensive power of the Academy team.

Cavaliers—Taft Greyhounds

The difference between a touchdown and a touchdown and a conversion—just one point—tipped the scales in favor of the Taft Greyhounds and gave the Cavaliers their first defeat of the season, when they lost 6-7 at Taft. The two teams were evenly matched and the game went scoreless until the third quarter when Gamez, Cavalier, passed to Gonzalez who raced 70 yards for a touchdown. The attempt for the extra point was wide. The score remained unchanged until late in the final period. The Cavaliers, deep in their own territory, drew a 15-yard penalty which threw them on their own one. On the kick-out, Rippstein, Taft back, gathered in the ball and ran it back for the tally. The conversion was good for the winning point.

Cavaliers—Alice Coyotes

Two great defensive teams clashed on the Alice High school field on October 16, and the hard-charging lines of both teams and their stout defenses remained deadlocked in a scoreless tie. Nearest approaches to tallies came in the fading minutes of the game when the Cavaliers drove within 32 yards of the goal, but lost the ball on a fumble when the Coyotes began penetrating their opponents' line to slow the offensive runners. The final threat of the game occurred when the Alice team marched within 30 yards of the goal, and on the final play attempted a long pass. But the alert Cavalier defense was set for the interception on the ten when the game ended.



Baimbridge

Sullivan

Golla

Gomez

Cavaliers—Aransas Pass Panthers

The Cavaliers outplayed the Aransas Pass Panthers in their own den on October 22 when they handed their opponents a 19-14 drubbing in a hard offensive game. Beck, Ganem, and Ortiz stood out offensively for the visitors. Beck accounting for two touchdowns, Ortiz one, and Ganem contributing with his outstanding play. Womack, Panther back, accounted for the Aransas Pass' fourteen points. The yardage gained easily indicated the offensive strength of the Cavaliers which gained its full momentum after some weeks of sluggishness. They counted sixteen first downs to the Aransas Pass nine, and gained 289 yards from scrimmage to 80 by their opponents.

Cavaliers—Kingsville Brahmas

Scoring once in the second period and again in the third, the Kingsville Brahmas passed to victory twice at the expense of the Cavaliers on October 30 at Kingsville, to take the large end of a 14-0 score. With the ball on the Cavalier 38-yard stripe in the second quarter, Jarrett passed to Cage, with the ball being partially deflected by Golla, Cavalier back, the ball landed in Cage's arms on the 1-yard line from where he went across. In the third period, Carson passed to Nix for 27 yards to put the ball on the Cavalier 8. After bringing the pigskin to the 2, Carson carried across for the second tally. Both conversions were good. The game, however, was not as easily salved away as the score might indicate, since the defensive strength of the locals succeeded in holding the Brahmas to six first downs while they themselves garnered four.

Cavaliers—Taft Greyhounds

A healthy discontent in the Cavalier camp over the outcome of the first Taft game induced the coaches to ask for a return game with the Greyhounds, and the challenge cost the latter a defeat, 12-6. The first quarter was an even exchange with neither team being able to gain any decided advantage. However, soon after the opening of the second stanza, the Cavaliers drove from the Taft 30 on five plays to the one-yard line where Golla plunged over for the marker. In the same quarter, Taft tried a lateral on their own 15, but Ortiz, charging fast, managed an interception and raced over the goal for a second touchdown. Soon after the second half began, Gomez fumbled on the Cavalier 25, which was recovered by Taft on the Cavalier six. On the fourth down, Parrish for the Greyhounds carried from the four for the only Taft tally. So roundly outplayed were the opponents that the Cavaliers registered eleven first downs to three for the former and made 178 yards to 79 for the Greyhounds. The punting in this game, too, was decidedly in favor of the visitors.



Gamez

Orta

Needham

Kureska
(Mgr.)

Cavaliers—San Diego Vaqueros

Going out for big game, the Cavaliers took on the 38-B San Diego district champions and roundly outscored them 18-13 at San Diego for the locals' ninth game of the season. Finding themselves offensively for 14 first downs to their opponents' two, the Cavaliers netted 224 yards from scrimmage while limiting the Vaqueros to a scant 17. Ortiz was the leading scorer of the night, accounting for two while Beck registered the third. Both of the Vaquero tallies were scored by Delgado.

Cavaliers—Laredo Tigers

Travelling to Laredo for the final and tenth game, a charity affair, the Cavaliers bowed to the stronger Tigers, 39-0, in a game marked by a damped spirit as a result of a long and hard trip. However, the prowess of the Tigers is not to be minimized for they played a difficult offense effectively and succeeded in solving the Cavalier pass defense to advantage.

The season's summary stacks up as follows:

CAVALIER	OPPONENTS
36	Rockport 6
7	Robstown 2
6	Sinton 0
6	Taft 7
0	Alice 0
19	Aransas Pass 14
0	Kingsville 14
12	Taft 6
18	San Diego 13
0	Laredo 39
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Totals 104	101

LETTERMEN: John Armstrong, Pedro Gonzalez, Nicolas Ortiz, Wm. Ganem, Robert Koenig, Audrey Robertson, Robert Garza, Conley Caddel, Paul Bainbridge, John L. Sullivan, John Golla, Alfonso Gomez, Frank Gamez, Ramon Orta, W. A. Needham, Dan Kureska (Mgr.)



Koenig

Robertson

Garza

Caddel



CAVALIER BASKETBALL SQUAD, 1944
BASKETBALL

THE SQUAD: Pedro Gonzalez, captain, Nicolas Ortiz, Robert Koenig, John Armstrong, Frank Gamez, Alfonso Gomez, Harry Stuth, Edward Curran, Martin O'Shea, Harry Grim, Wm. Hutchings, John Ferris, Walton McCarthy.

The Season

With an nearly perfect season to its credit, the Cavalier basketball team placed the sport definitely on the list of major athletic activities at the school. And by entry into the city league, composed of the local high school and junior college together with teams from surrounding high schools, the school served notice that it must be reckoned with in future basketball calculations.

The team met some of the best high school talent within a radius of a hundred miles, and the fact that it came out of a gruelling nineteen-game schedule with but three losses insured for it and for the school the respect of local and neighboring basketball teams.

Nor was the activity in this sport confined to a small group of first team men; a promising second team was active, although the opportunity was not available for too many games. As it was, the "B" team won three out of its five games, and might have gone to better heights had time and means allowed.

Nicolas Ortiz, led the group as high scorer with an average of 13.5 per game. He was trailed by Robert Koenig with a 12.4 average. But all contributed well to the general average of games won.

In the city league, sponsored locally, the Cavaliers barely missed the coveted championship, having been nosed out in the final stages of league play by Ingleside High school to whom the championship eventually went. Nevertheless they did deserve and are city champions.

Father Alcuin Kubis, O. S. B., basketball coach, deserves especial credit for his work in this sport. It easily ranks as his best game, attested to by the results of the season.

The games:

CAVALIERS	OPPONENTS
50	Wynn Seale Jr. High 18
19	Aransas Pass 29
28	Sinton 20
29	Y. M. C. A. Spartans 23
28	Sundeen 22
66	C. C. Firemen 41
38	Calallen 17
48	C. C. Firemen 44
35	Gregory 6
30	Ingleside 51
36	Sinton 33
34	Taft 24
51	C. C. Junior College 21
48	Taft 26
31	St. Joseph's Academy (Laredo) 41
63	C. C. High School B 29

LETTERMEN: Pedro Gonzalez (captain), Nicolas Ortiz, Robert Koenig, John Armstrong, Wm. Ganem, Harry Stuth, Alfonso Gomez, Frank Gamez.



Basketball Lettermen, 1944



Cavalier Softball Team, 1944

SOFTBALL

A season of softball brought its short period of compensation as the Cavalier squad of twelve members hung up a record of eight games won with a lone defeat. Tardy in being organized because of the limitations imposed upon the team by spring football practice, nevertheless, Father Aleuin succeeded in welding a good working aggregation in a very brief time.

Unable to enter the city leagues due to the uncertainties of keeping a team together during the summer months, during which the league will operate, it was nonetheless possible to find a brief schedule with representative teams. Some of these boasted of players far beyond amateur standing, but this did not place too severe a restriction on the Cavalier group.

Bill Ganem and Alonso Benevides tied for first place batting honors with .390 apiece. They were closely followed by Robert Garza with .383, and Nicolas Ortiz with .375. John Golla recorded an average of .343. John Armstrong .312, and Robert Koenig .304.

Nicolas Ortiz, who was chosen captain of the team, is credited with four wins in four starts as pitcher, while Robert Garza, the second pitcher, has also four wins in his column to one defeat, the first game of the year.

The full membership of the team is as follows:

Ortiz and Garza, pitchers
 Gamez, catcher
 Meaney, first base
 M. Garcia, second base
 Gomez, shortstop
 Orta, third base
 Golla, Armstrong, Koenig, Ganem, Curran, Benevides, outfielders
 Able Gonzalez, bat boy.

The games:

CAVALIERS	OPPONENTS
8	C. C. Firemen 10
13	Sundeen 7
3	C. C. Smelting Co. 2
7	Sundeen 0
18	C. C. Smelting Co. 10
7	C. C. Jr. College 3
6	C. C. Firemen 1
9	Southern Alkali 4
21	Sundeen 5

INTRA-MURALS

Basketball

If active participation counts for anything, then the full massing of students for the winter basketball league would indicate that league play is what they want. For, never before have the noon periods been so fully alive to what was going on on the campus athletically as during the first months after the Christmas holidays—and in the spring months during the softball season.

The school was sectionized into two divisions, senior and junior, the first with six teams and the latter with eight. Concurrent schedules were run off with the "Cadillacs" and the "Plymouths," captained by Harry Stuth and Henry Wade, respectively, the co-winners in the senior league. Each of the two teams won five and lost one. This would not indicate, however, that the winners were top-heavy favorites. On the contrary, no matter who won, the games were always hotly contested.

In the junior league, the "Bears" with Dan Kubala as captain, lead the league with eight won and one loss. Second place went to the "Tigers", Peter Golla, captain, and the third and final place was occupied by the "Broncs" under the captaincy of August Uehlinger. Second place winners won seven and lost two, and the third place team won five and lost three. The standings of this group indicates even more strongly the interest in this intra-mural sport.

The league rosters follows

Senior League

CaCdilacs	Plymouths	Buicks	Dodges	Fords	Chevries
Stuth (c)	Golla, J. (c)	Wade, H. (c)	Hayek (c)	Hatch, R. (c)	King (c)
Curran, E.	Koenig	Ganem	Gamez	Ortiz	Ramsey
Sullivan	Rogers	Watzlavick, R.	Garcia, M.	Garza	Kocurek, L.
Ferris	Orsak	Orta	Hatch, G.	Young	Benevidez
McCarthy W.	Glover S.	Boone, Dan	Gilleland	Allen	May, T.
McArdle	Magsam	Haney	O'Shea	Phillips	May, R.
Joseph	Waranch	Bundick	Wood	Howard	Adams

Junior League

Cats	Broncs	Deers	Kangaroos
McCarthy, J. (c)	Uehlinger (c)	Watzlavick, M. (c)	Whelan (c)
Valenta	Guajardo	Sheppard	Gregory
Elter	Hatch, R.	Polansky	Wendland
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Mustangs	Tigers	Bears	Lions
Bluntzer, R. (c)	Golla, P. (c)	Kubala (c)	Lewis (c)
McCarty, C.	Elliott	Richardson	Gonzalez, A.
Rabalais	Pond	Wade	Jurach
Bailey	Swantner	Roberson	Farr
Calvin	Armstrong, M.	Fagan	Thompson
Fowler	Hutchings	Polasek	Doerr
Emmert	Baker, K.	McCarty, H.	Kirchmeyer
	Curran, R.	Singer	

Out of this group, an all-junior team was selected as follows:

Watzlavick, center
Golla, P., forward
Kubala, forward
Richardson, guard
Hutchings, guard

Coaches: Fathers Alcuin and Harold

SOFTBALL

As the fortunes of other intra-mural teams rose, so softball was no exception. Again the familiar senior and junior organizations or leagues were called into being, and again the greater part of the student body was given an opportunity to participate.

The senior league, consisting of four teams, and the junior, likewise of four aggregations, commenced a schedule the moment spring football training came to an end. The play-off is still in progress as the sports sections of the yearbook go to press, and will until the climax is reached by May Day, set for May 17.

The standings at the moment of this writing gives the "La Salle's" the edge in the senior league with eight wins and three losses. In the same division, the "Fords" are inching their way to the top with but one game behind the league leaders. Then follow the remaining two teams, the "Pontiacs" and the "Model T's", in that order.

In the junior league, also consisting of four teams, the "Sheiks" have a comfortable lead with ten won and one lost. Second placers are the "Sissies", with eight wins and one loss. The "Bums" are in third place, and the "Loafers" are living up true to their name by resting in the cellar.

It is impossible to predict the outcome of the league at this time, and the winners of the team trophies, annually awarded on commencement day, are still uncertain. But the final play-off may see interesting fireworks before the umpire calls a halt to the leagues' activity and to the athletic season of the year.

The captains of the two league teams follow:

Senior league: Fords	Junior league: Sissies
Garza, captain	P. Golla, captain
Pontiacs—Ganem, captain	Bums—Kubala, captain
LaSalles—Ortiz, captain	Sheiks—Polasek, captain
Model T's—Hatch, captain	Loafers—Richardson, captain

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