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LEADING OFF . . .

The Nineteen Hundred and Forty-eight yearbook is a fire edition. It notes the occurrence of a major disaster—one that will become historically important because it will be the point from which many future events will be counted. For in years to come, the expressions “before the fire” and “after the fire” will frequently remind of the swift and unexpected tragedy of the afternoon of January 28.

The work of rehabilitation, which was accomplished in approximately four months, brought with it the necessity of numerous adjustments. An emergency schedule of two shifts of school work a day and cramped living quarters left an impression on the functioning of the school. Particularly did extra-curricular activities, normally the core of interest of the school, have to suffer by reason of curtailment, and in some cases, complete abandonment.

But school did go on without little interruption; rehabilitation did go on with earnestness and dispatch; the spirit of the students was maintained with cheerfulness and industry. In brief, there was all-around adjustment.

This issue of LA PALOMA will in some measure reflect these conditions.

But more than that. The activity following the fire does demonstrate the almost inevitable reaction so typical of Benedictine institutions. It is the one that is associated with the famous Monte Cassino, the cradle of the Order, which has repeatedly resurrected itself after any disaster; it is the one expressed in the motto of the famous Italian abbey, *Succisa Virescit*, which means, “even though cut down, it flourishes anew.”

This is literally true of the College-Academy. For, even though crippled by a serious blow, it has in four months risen again—better, greater.

The senior class of 1948 hopes that it has pictured these facts in their true perspective in giving to the world this volume of LA PALOMA.

IN DEDICATION

To the thousands of good people of Corpus Christi and to the countless numbers over the state who were thoughtful at the time of the January 28 fire;

In sincere appreciation for their help and encouragement and forbearance during the period of rehabilitation;

With a prayerful petition to God that He may reward where human effort is inadequate; in brief,

To all—those personally known to faculty and students as well as to the hundreds of others unknown—this issue of LA PALOMA is appreciatively dedicated by the Seniors of 1948, the students of the school, and the faculty.



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

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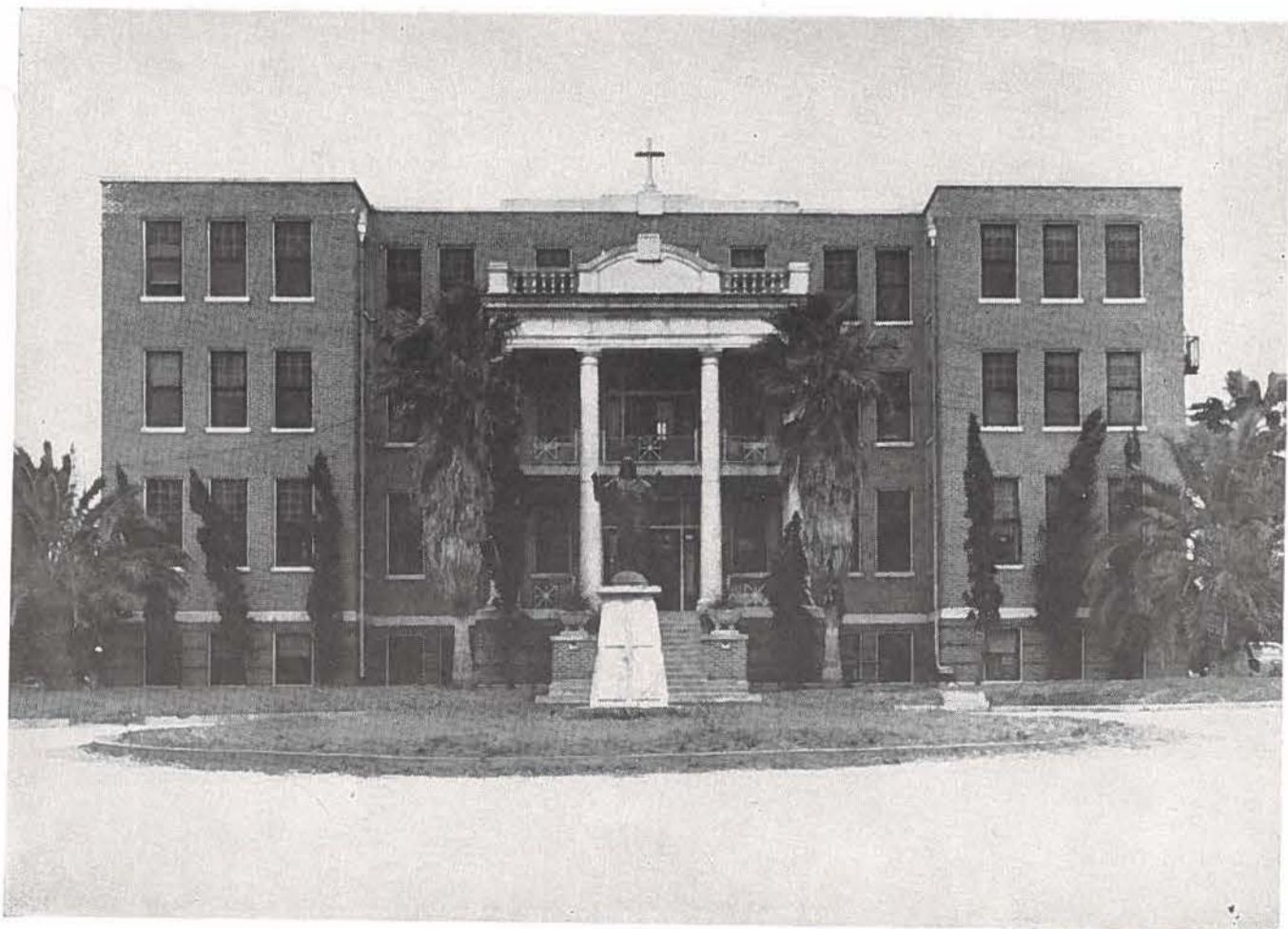
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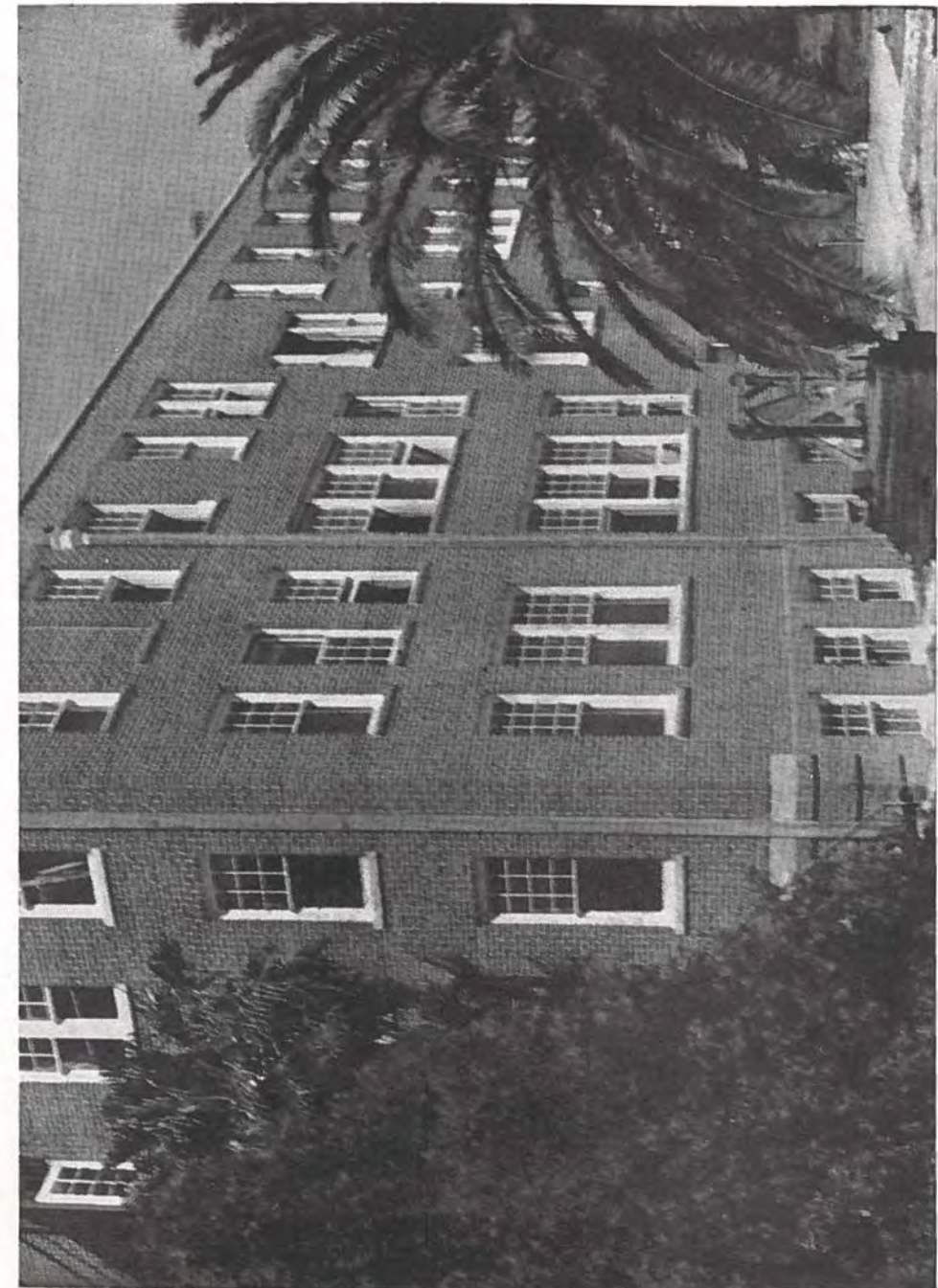
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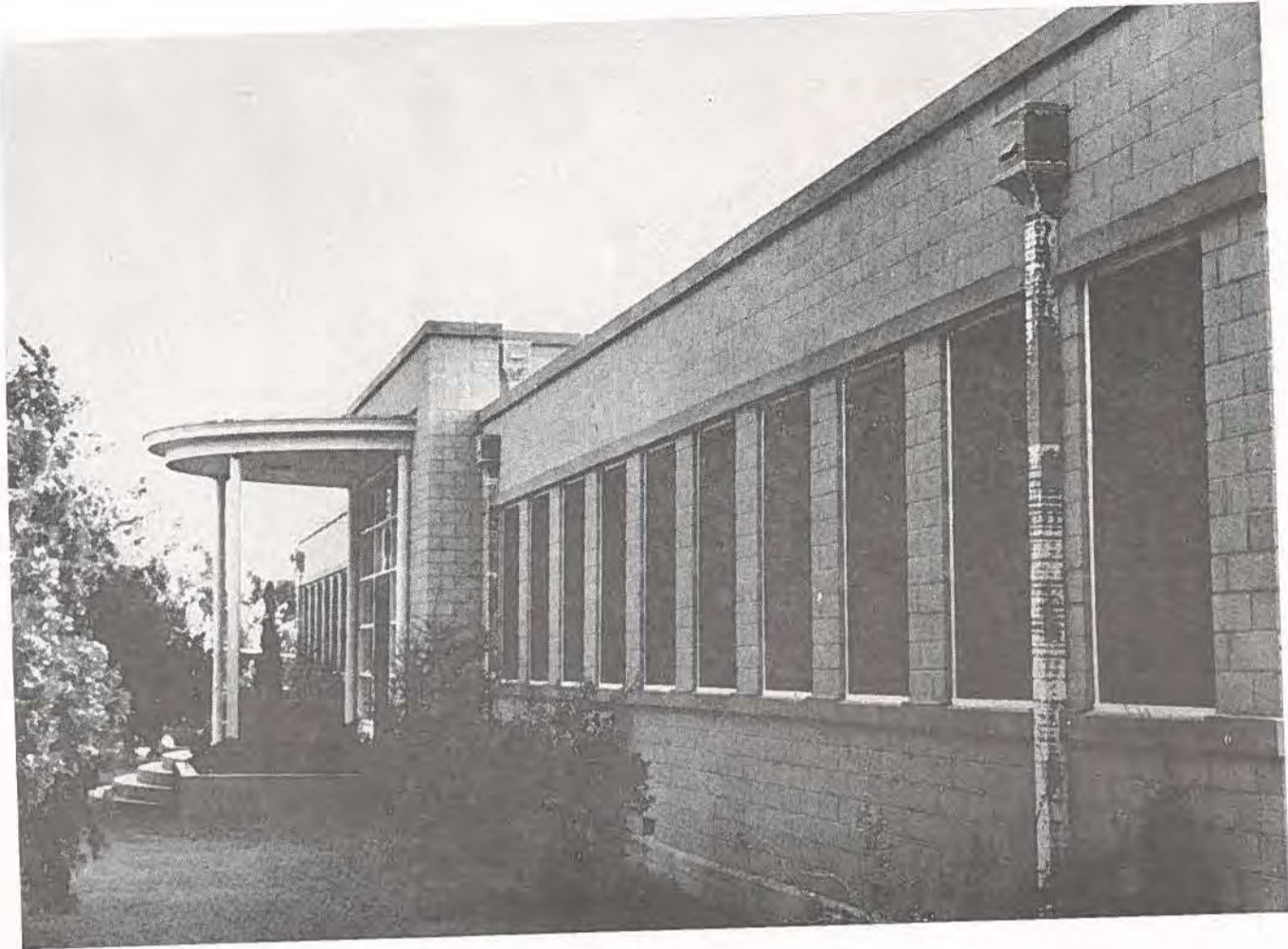
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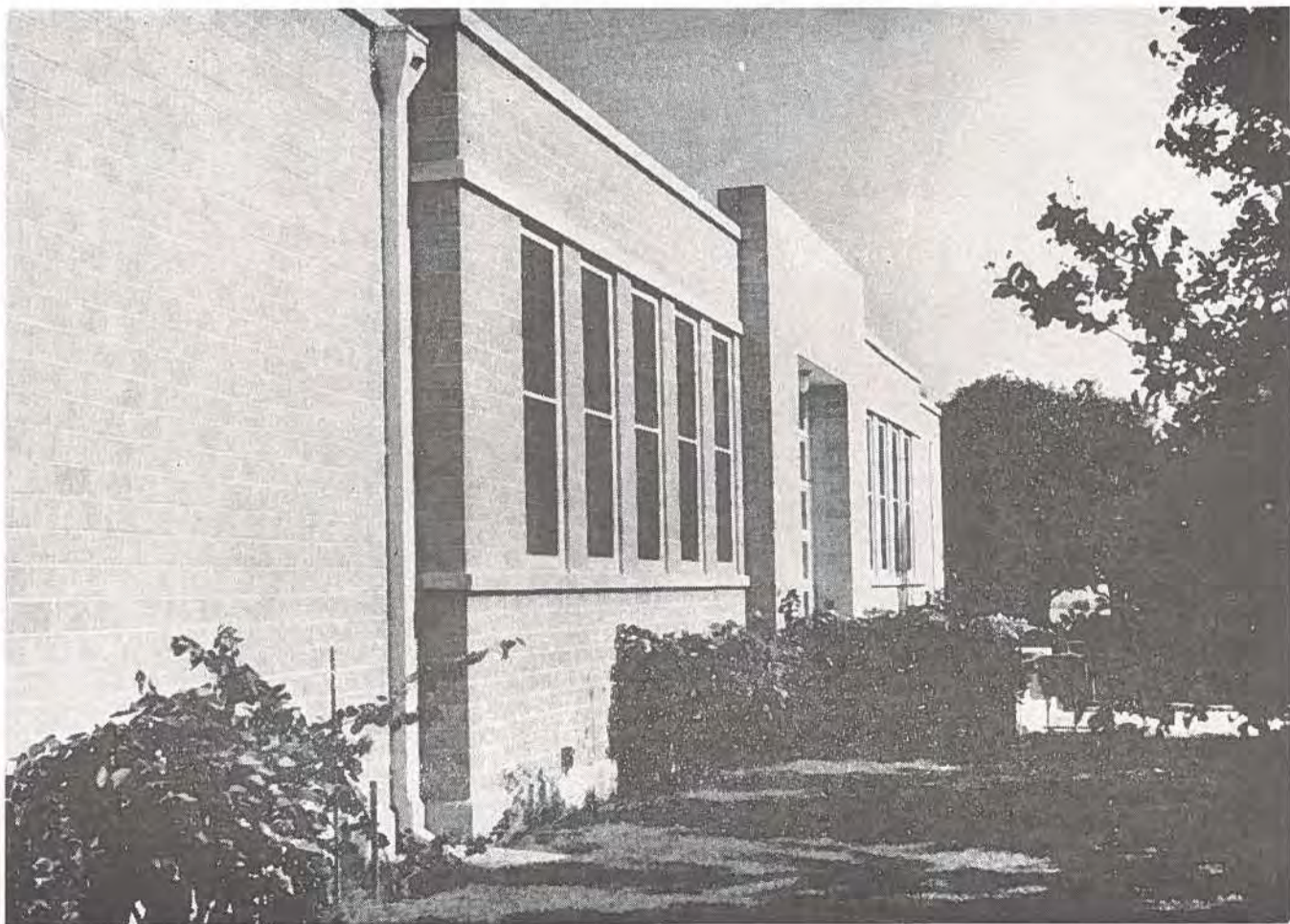
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U. S. History; Moderator of 8th Grade
Sodality; Leader of Air Scout Squadron



MAIN BUILDING FROM THE SOUTH . . . With the New Look



ST. BENEDICT HALL . . . *Boarders' Residence*



ST. SCHOLASTICA HALL . . . *Science Building*



ST. PLACID HALL . . . *Assembly Hall and Temporary Chapel*



ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE . . . *First Unit of Gymnasium*



The First Stages of the January 28 Fire



The Last Stages of the January 28 Fire

Half-Day College-Academy Classes To Begin Monday

Inadequate Water Supply Cited; Fire Loss High

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Classes at Corpus Christi College-Academy, where the main building was seriously damaged by fire Wednesday, will be resumed on a half-day schedule Monday, Father Joseph Fuhrmann, president, said last night.

The classes will meet in the undamaged science building. Students of the seventh and eighth grades will attend class in the morning and high school students will go to class in the afternoons, Father Joseph said.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1948

First Three Floors Damaged Extensively

Fire, believed to have originated near a kitchen flue about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, razed the fifth floor of the Corpus Christi College - Academy administration building, gutted the fourth floor and extensively damaged the first three floors.

No one was injured. A few minutes before the fire broke out all classes had been dismissed for the day.

Firemen, fighting in sub-freezing weather and with what fire officials said was an inadequate water supply, took more than an hour and half to bring the blaze under control.

The Rev. Joseph Fuhrmann, president of the academy, said that classes will not be held today for the institution's 200 students.

Damage Not Estimated
Father Fuhrmann did not estimate damage to the building, erected in 1927 and 1928 at a cost of \$100,000. He said he believed

that the fire originated behind a flue on the fifth floor.

A band room and instrument storage room were located on the fifth floor. Classrooms, living quarters and a library were housed on the fourth floor. Other floors were used as living quarters for 15 instructors and as classrooms for all grades from the seventh through the twelfth, Father Albert Schreiber, principal, said.

Fire department equipment arrived at the school, on Shell Road outside the city limits, within a few minutes after the fire broke out. Chief John Carlisle said, the firemen were unable to cope with it because the water system to the school was only a four-inch line and could not furnish pressure enough to send out a strong water stream.

Carlisle had lines run from the zinc plant across the highway but the distance was so great that relay pumpers could not build up

water pressure to the building.

Within a few minutes the flames had swept through the fifth floor and had reached the fourth floor. Only heavy concrete flooring between the fourth and lower floors kept the building from being destroyed.

After 30 minutes, Carlisle ordered all his men off the roof, which began to collapse a short time later.

The fire department had more equipment at the scene than has been used in months at one time but firemen had to stand by almost helplessly as the water pressure would send one strong jet into the spreading flames then subside into little more than a trickle.

Discovers Fire
Valente Alegria, sophomore student who discovered the blaze, said the fire evidently started in the band room on the fifth floor.

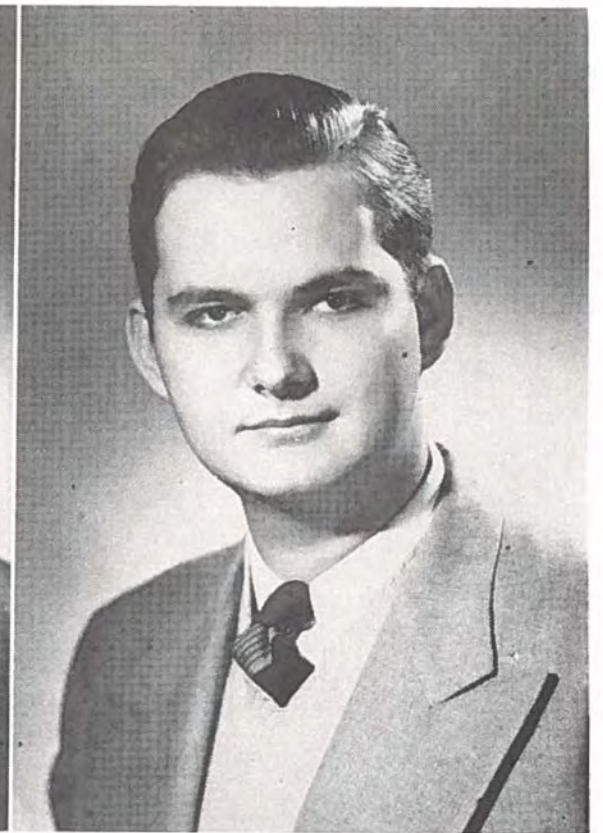
Alegria said smoke was pouring from the band room so heavily that he could not enter the room. His cries aroused Father Matthew, an instructor in his nearby quarters, who attempted to quench the blaze with a fire hose he pulled up the stairs from the library. The hose broke before he could send a stream of water into the dense smoke.

This Year's Class





WALTER E. DEYTON
Spruce Pine, N. C.



JOHN ROSS BAKER
Corpus Christi, Texas

HONOR STUDENTS



THE SENIOR CLASS

Front Row:

JOSE R. AVELAR, LAWRENCE LIPPINCOTT, JOSEPH T. BLUNTZER,
AUGUST F. UEHLINGER, ROLAND SCHAAL

Second Row:

CLIFTON COOKENBOO, SYLVESTER HOELSCHER, RICHARD HATCH,
ROBERT V. POLANSKY, MILTON R. MEYER

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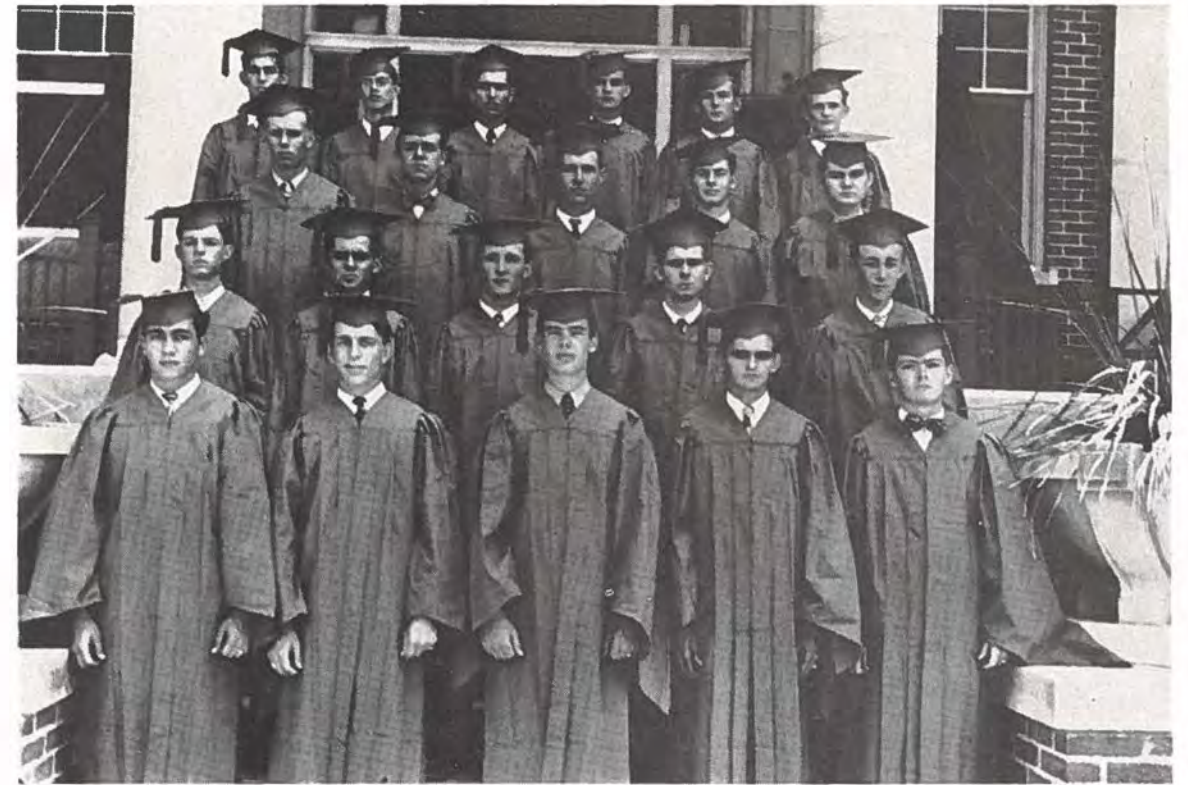
JAMES C. ARNOLD, J. LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, JOHN W. GYNES,
HAROLD A. SCHLATHER, HUGO J. GOLD

Fourth Row:

WALTER E. DEYTON, PAUL W. McCOWN, J. JEROME WHELAN,
DANIEL J. KUBALA

Last Row:

JAMES F. FLYNN, PETER J. GOLLA, ALVIN H. LONG



THE SENIOR CLASS

Front Row:

JOHN HACKETT, MARVIN H. WATZLAVICK, HAROLD GREENLEAF,
EMIL J. POLASEK, ROBERT D. BLUNTZER

Second Row:

LUKE F. SHEPPARD, EMIL C. VALENTA, PAUL J. FELKER,
T JOHN SIGLER, JOHN B. CHESHIR

Third Row:

CHARLES M. HIERS, JON P. EK, EDWARD SCHWIRTlich,
JOHN C. JOHNSON, JOHN R. BAKER

Last Row:

CHARLES J. WHELAN, C. THOMAS HAMM, RUBEN SOLIS,
BOBBY A. GUDE, WAYNE F. ELLIOTT, JOS. CHAS. STEELE

(Absent: JOHN L. SABLATURA, RUSSELL H. McCALEB)



LAWRENCE E. LIPPINCOTT
Corpus Christi



WAYNE F. ELLIOTT
Corpus Christi

The opening of the 1947-48 school term on September 1 was of more than usual importance and notice. It meant the beginning of the twentieth scholastic term—and twenty years constitute an important life span. Lawrence Lippincott, truly representative of the '48 senior class, was the first to head the long list of forty-five seniors, the largest in senior class history. He was closely followed by Wayne Elliott. Both of these seniors were beginning to round out six years of study and work at the College-Academy; both of them were active in football and in the Catholic Action organizations, vital phases of out-of-class programs. It is rather significant in telling about the senior class, that the '48 group was as large as the entire student body in September, 1928, the year the school opened its doors.



PAUL J. FELKER
Marshfield, Wisconsin



AUGUST F. UEHLINGER
Corpus Christi

The athletic season for the Cavaliers began some weeks before the opening of classes. A large squad reported for pre-school practice in order to be ready for the Freer game, the first of the year. Paul Felker, a returning letterman, was the season's first casualty which kept him on the sidelines for a large part of the season. The same happened to August Uehlinger, another veteran, before the season was over with. The Cavaliers have been consistently admired for their sports down through the years. Students who once wore Cavalier insignia have received wide acclaim. Felker and Uehlinger have representatively carried their share of the sports burdens in addition to being active in many other campus organizations, which include music, class activities, and religious clubs.



JOHN B. CHESHIR
Beeville



EMIL C. VALENTA
Corpus Christi

An annual senior project through the two decades of the school's existence has been the publication of "La Paloma," which has come out uninterruptedly since the beginning, with the exception of two or three years during what is now called the "depression." John B. Chesshir was appointed editor of this year's edition. One of the principals of his staff of nine assistants was Emil Valenta, advertising manager. In this year's book, as in those previously published, the staff has attempted to give both a pictorial and a word picture of the highlights of the school year, and to set down for future historians the faces and names of the students that make up the school roll. Chesshir and Valenta, all-around students, were forced to work under difficulties because of the fire, but they were determined not to break the succession of books.



BOBBY A. GUDE
Corpus Christi



PETER J. GOLLA
Corpus Christi

Two occurrences of more than passing importance during the year are indicative of the recognition the College-Academy enjoys the country over. Bobby Gude was one of the three members chosen to represent the senior class in the annual Pepsi-Cola scholarship contests. Following this contest, Peter Golla became the only Corpus Christi high school senior to be admitted to the qualifying tests for scholarships offered by A. & M. College of Texas. Both students have been class leaders during their high school careers. They have been active in athletics and music, and have helped to foster the popularity of the organizations to which they belonged, resulting in public acknowledgement and invitations to appear in charity performances and civic exhibitions. Richard Hatch and Paul Felker were also in the Pepsi-Cola contest.



RICHARD HATCH
Corpus Christi



J. JEROME WHELAN
Corpus Christi

The College-Academy has among its graduates many students who are exercising dependable leadership in civic and political life. In most cases, this development began back in the high school years with their election to class and organizational positions. The '48 Seniors gave their position of highest trust to Richard Hatch, who comes from a family that has given a large number of students to the school. Jerome Whelan was elected to the position of treasurer. Both of these had important assignments during the year. Hatch delivered the annual Cap and Gown Day address on the Feast of St. Benedict; Whelan was occupied frequently during the year with the various fund raising campaigns, notably the school's community chest drive participation. Other officers were Paul Felker, vice-president, and Peter Golla, secretary.



JOHN ROSS BAKER
Corpus Christi



CHARLES MARK HIERS
Corpus Christi

It has been the policy of the school to permit students to meet the challenge of their own ability. It is, consequently, possible to complete high school work in fewer than the usual four years. John Baker and Charles Hiers of the '48 class belong to the latter select few. Already early in the year, at the end of the first six-weeks grading period, it became evident that they would be among the scholastic leaders of their class, as they had consistently been in their previous two years of high school work. In the case of Baker, his promise was emphasized in his winning the coveted honor of class salutatorian. Both were likewise members of the "Pilgrim" staff, semi-monthly school publication which suspended its appearance after the fire. In addition, Hiers was secretary of one of the Catholic Action cells, while Baker's musical interest as a critic made him much in demand in music circles of the city.



HAROLD A. SCHLATHER
Beeville



JOHN L. SABLATURA
Agua Dulce

Since the beginning of the school, music has been one of the foremost campus activities. The history of the band has been up and down, due, in part, to the lack of a musical staff. But three years ago, music began its way back, and the 1948 Cavalier band was probably the best in the school's history. Harold Schlather and John Sablatura, band veterans, contributed to this resurgence in no small way. Their interest and that of the fifteen or more other members of the organization produced a band that may set an all-time high point for years to come. This accounts for the band's continuance on borrowed instruments after the fire had destroyed all instruments. The two seniors mentioned are glowing examples of the advantages of boarding students who have the opportunity of using much of their campus leisure time by devoting it to music.



JOSEPH CHARLES STEELE
Kingsville



CHARLES JOSEPH WHELAN
Kerrville

The College-Academy was founded not only for the young men of high school age living in Corpus Christi, but for those in South Texas as well. That this was a wise choice on the part of the founders is evident from the fact that the College-Academy is one of the few boarding schools for high school students under Catholic auspices still left in Texas. The enrollment in this department of the school has never been much over forty students, but it has rather consistently been a group of selected young men. Joe Steele and Charles Whelan were two seniors among the '48 boarders who contributed much toward making them one "large and happy family group." This was due to their good influence and their acceptance of responsibility with which seniors are usually charged. There would be no dissenting vote in a roll call naming Steele and Whelan two top-notch boarders.



EDWARD SCHWIRTLICH
Violet



SYLVESTER HOELSCHER
Violet

Recent years have seen more and more students from neighboring towns and cities commuting to school. Particularly has this been true of the boys who have completed their tenth grade work in the Violet Public school. Records indicate that since the beginning of the College-Academy hardly a year has passed without one or the other student having been registered at the school. Edward Schwirtlich and Sylvester Hoelscher are two seniors of the class of '48 who have kept up this tradition of long standing. Both Schwirtlich and Hoelscher have been active in class and extra-curricular work. In addition, their knowledge of rural life has more than once been a contribution to class discussions in social studies. Graduates such as these two will be able to exert more than ordinary influence in their home communities.



PAUL W. McCOWN
San Patricio



JON P. EK
Corpus Christi

The College-Academy is probably different from any other high school in South Texas in that its membership of students is composed of people from all parts of South Texas in particular and from all parts of the country in general. And due to the fact that its student body is relatively small in comparison with city public high schools, the experiences of students from many other geographical places have been pooled in the training of class and in school. Paul McCown and Jon Ek are fairly representative of this fact. McCown comes from San Patricio, a name closely associated with Texas history. Ek, now living in Corpus Christi, has seen a large part of North and South America through travel. Add to that the fact that the class of '48 numbers representatives from thirteen different cities, and the cosmopolitan character of this year's class is evident.



JOSE R. AVELAR
Kingsville



HUGO J. GOLD
Violet

One of the prized possessions of the Benedictine Order has always been a love of the Church's Plain Chant, and schools under the auspices of the Order have rather consistently fostered the study of liturgical music in their institutions. This not merely as an additional accomplishment of the students, but more specifically to make possible a greater solemnity of divine services. Jose Avelar and Hugo Gold, both boarding students, were members of this year's choir which they bolstered by reason of their musical experience in previous years. The music department counted two such choirs, one composed of members of the seventh and eighth grades, and the other numbering boarding students. Avelar and Gold were generally interested in music, which brought them in as members of the band.



WALTER E. DEYTON
Spruce Pine, N. C.



JOHN C. JOHNSON
Corpus Christi

The recent war did things to the American population, and institutions situated near service centers felt the influx of people from other parts of the country in many ways. The College-Academy and Corpus Christi were no exception to this fact, and the largeness of this year's senior class can in some measure be attributed to this. Walter Deyton and John Johnson, both from North Carolina originally, met for the first time in Corpus Christi when their parents became associated with the war effort. In fact, they met at the College-Academy as members of the same class and were graduated together. Deyton was an all-around honor student and athlete and his mark in the school will stand for many years. Johnson, an outstanding young sailor of the city, was closely identified with the present yearbook and in the religious organizations of the school.



DANIEL J. KUBALA
Corpus Christi



MARVIN H. WATZLAVICK
Corpus Christi

There are many ingredients that go into a well-rounded education, not the least of which is sports, both intra-mural and interscholastic. The College-Academy has always been known for its lively participation in these from junior high school on through to completion of the senior year. Products—and good ones—of this system are Daniel Kubala and Marvin Watzlavick, who have been outstanding in the school's three major sports of football, basketball, and baseball since their pre-high school days. Kubala, who comes from a family of noted athletes, was this year's triple sport threat. Working closely with him was Watzlavick whose letters over the years are more than the ordinary. Both of these seniors rounded out their school interests with participation in other forms of school activities which their small spare time could warrant.



JAMES F. FLYNN
Seguin



CLIFTON COOKENBOO
Houston

Time was when the Catholic boarding schools combed the state for students to fill their boarding facilities. But in the last decade or so, many towns of the state have built their own Catholic high schools with the result that boarding high schools were generally abandoned. A further result was that there came to be a greater co-operation between the schools, indicated by the fact that the day schools pointed out the good Catholic boarding schools to such of their students who wished to leave home. St. Thomas of Houston furnished this year's senior class with two of its members, James Flynn and Clifton Cookenboo, both of whom were at one time enrolled in the Houston school. Flynn, with a flair for the artistic, was assigned to the yearbook staff and to Catholic Action work. Cookenboo busied himself with athletics, both interscholastic and intra-mural, to fill out his off-study time.



T. JOHN SIGLER
Corpus Christi



RUSSELL H. McCALEB
Fort Worth

Over the years, more than the average percentage of College-Academy graduates have gone on to college. Probably the fact that the school inculcates a love for learning is the best reason that can be assigned for this fact. The membership of the '48 class will prove no exception to this tradition. One of the first to be thinking in terms of a future career was T. Sigler, whose present ambition is to follow courses in medicine at Baylor University. Another is Russell McCaleb, a mid-term graduate, who is already active on the Texas Tech campus at Lubbock. Both Sigler and McCaleb commenced their work at the College-Academy, but interrupted their stay for a year or two, and then came back to take their final courses here. McCaleb was the school's representative in the leader's section of the Incarnate Word Academy pep squad.



HAROLD K. GREENLEAF
Corpus Christi



EMIL J. POLASEK
Corpus Christi

An important task of every Catholic school is the fostering of religious societies and organizations. The College-Academy begins to interest the students in these as far back as the seventh grade when they are enrolled in the Sodality. Early in their stay at the school they learn to become conscious of Catholic activities, and projects are given them to increase their interest and hold it until they reach the last two years of school. Here they are introduced to the cell technique by affiliation with Catholic Action cell work. Harold Greenleaf and Emil Polasek have both been trained through the years in these programs. They were both leaders of their respective cell groups during their senior year. Aside from this work, Greenleaf was football minded and was a member of the squad; Polasek was a class leader at various times during his high school years.



ROBERT D. BLUNTZER
Corpus Christi



RUBEN SOLIS
Corpus Christi

The College-Academy has always been identified with Catholic organizations on a state-wide basis. The school has likewise tried to give an appreciation of the glorious Catholic history of Texas, a fact that makes the state unique among the forty-eight. The carry-over of these two policies into the school are exemplified in the activities of Robert Bluntzer and Ruben Solis, both of whom enlisted in Knights of Columbus work during the year. Bluntzer was first-place winner in a Texas Catholic Historical Essay contest sponsored by the Corpus Christi Assembly, K. of C. Add to that his work in Catholic Action, Air Scouts, music, and literary projects, and the result is a very complete school program. Solis became a member of the K. of C. during the year, and is probably the first student to have done so while attending the College-Academy. He was also active in Catholic Action.



ALVIN H. LONG
Corpus Christi



JOHN W. GUYNES
Corpus Christi

Good contacts with students of other schools are important, in the opinion of both faculty and students. Foremost on the list of schools with which the College-Academy has frequent contact is the Incarnate Word Academy, whose pep squad gives support from the stands during the football season. Climaxing a season of good relations, the College-Academy annually invites the Academy and its sixth grade boys to the field day, held in May. Two seniors who were prominent in the events of the Field Day this year were Alvin Long and John Guynes. Long became interested in the school only this year through the efforts of an alumnus, while Guynes has been on the class roll for four years. Both were members of the '48 football squad, and were generally active in campus affairs.



LUKE F. SHEPPARD
Corpus Christi



C. THOMAS HAMM
Corpus Christi

Social activities which bring the entire class together or give the members occasion for wholesome recreation are on the calendar of the school from time to time during the year. The school approves a reasonable amount of planned recreation, whether sponsored by any one of the school organizations such as the Sodality, Air scouts, or the Boosters Club, or by the parents themselves. An example of the latter kind was a party given by the parents of Luke Sheppard, complimenting the 1948 graduates. Present as a class member was Thomas Hamm together with the other seniors of the year. Sheppard, a senior with a penchant for sailing, was a member of the 1948 football squad and took part in the usual senior activities. Hamm, capable student in the upper quarter of his class, was also identified with the production of the current "La Paloma" and in the Catholic Action cells.



MILTON R. MEYER
Kingsville



JAMES C. ARNOLD
Corpus Christi

No opportunity is overlooked to find ways and means of satisfying the legitimate wants of the students at a good school. The normal thing for high school students is to participate in athletics, but this is frequently impossible for one or another reason. The College-Academy has recognized this by the enlistment of student managers for the school's teams. Two of this year's seniors have been active here. They are Milton Meyer and James Arnold. The latter was in charge previous to his senior year, but passed on the work to the former when the chance offered itself for playing with the teams. Arnold was also active on his own initiative in soliciting advertising for the yearbook, although not a member of the staff. Meyer's other interests were in the religious societies that are usually open to seniors.



JOSEPH T. BLUNTZER
Corpus Christi



ROBERT V. POLANSKY
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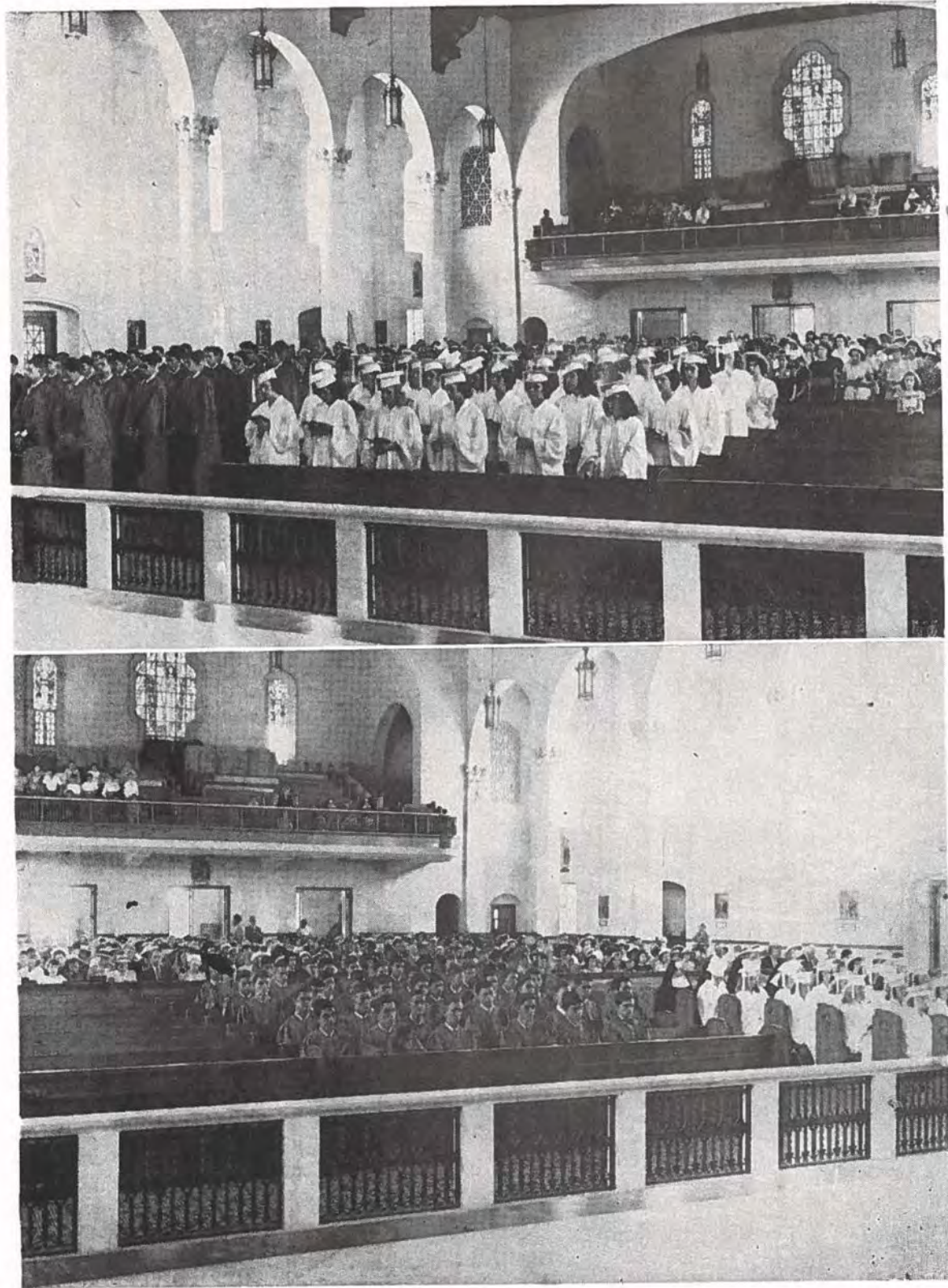
An important event of the year's end and another example of the spirit of solidarity existing between the two Catholic high schools of the city is the baccalaureate high mass held on the last Sunday before commencement jointly with the Incarnate Word Academy in the Corpus Christi Cathedral. Leading the academic procession this year were Joseph Bluntzer and Robert Polansky, who were completing six years of school work at the College-Academy. Besides leading the class into the cathedral, they also led the way to the communion railing for the corporate Communion of the seniors of the schools, the final religious act of the year. Both Bluntzer and Polansky have been popular members of this year's class and were intimately associated with whatever was class duty and privilege.

ROLAND SCHAAL
St. Paul, Minn.

JOHN C. HACKETT
Manila, P. I.

J. LAWRENCE SULLIVAN
Corpus Christi

The trend today in many of the public high schools of the country is toward offering a long list of courses, many of them fundamental and basic, but many others serving only practical or utilitarian purposes. The curriculum at the College-Academy is designed to offer in addition to other considerations, such basic training that students coming from other parts of the country will find little difficulty, as a rule, in fitting themselves into a schedule, no matter what their previous schooling might have been. Typical of this fact is the one that saw Roland Schaal come from a public high school in St. Paul, and John Hackett from the Catholic Ateneo of Manila, P. I., and find a schedule that permitted them to complete and fill in the required work of the senior year. Moreover, Larry Sullivan, the only ex-GI of the senior class, fully conscious of what his lifework was to be, was likewise able to choose courses that would give him final preparation for advanced work on a college level on the road to life's ambition. Schaal and Hackett were enrolled at mid-term, while Sullivan came to complete his senior year's work which had been interrupted when he entered the armed services several years previously. On top of being able to adjust their class work, the three were also able to fit in with the general scheme of campus activities.



Tomorrow's Classes

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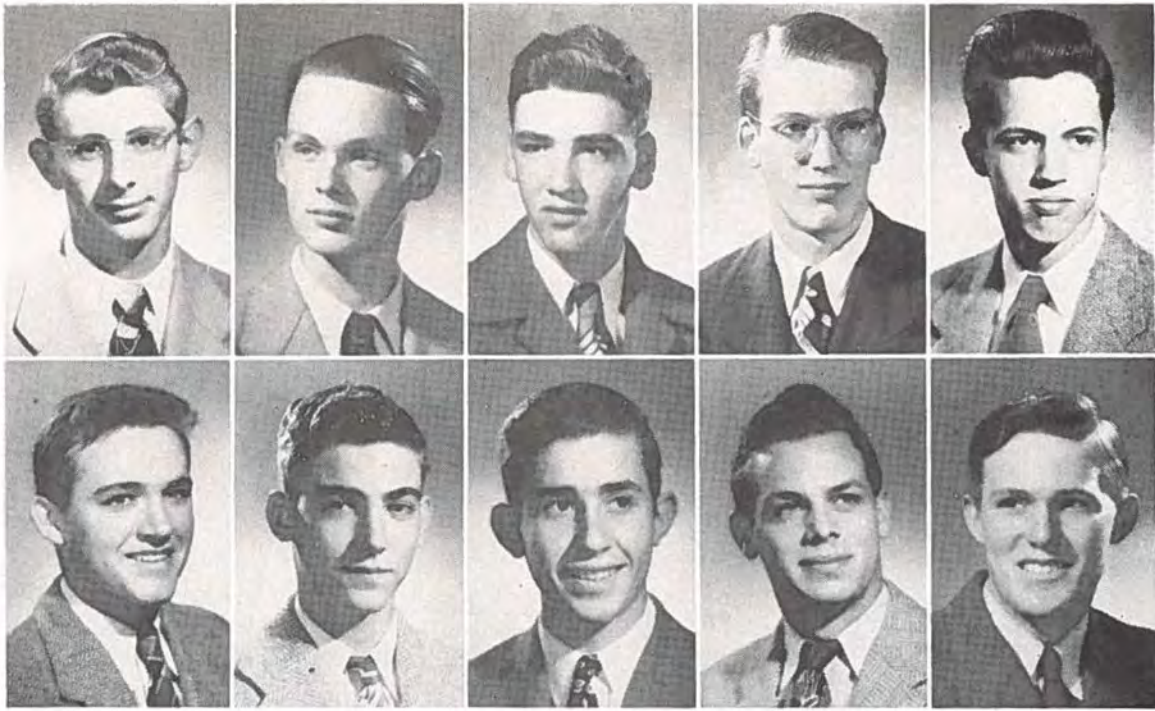
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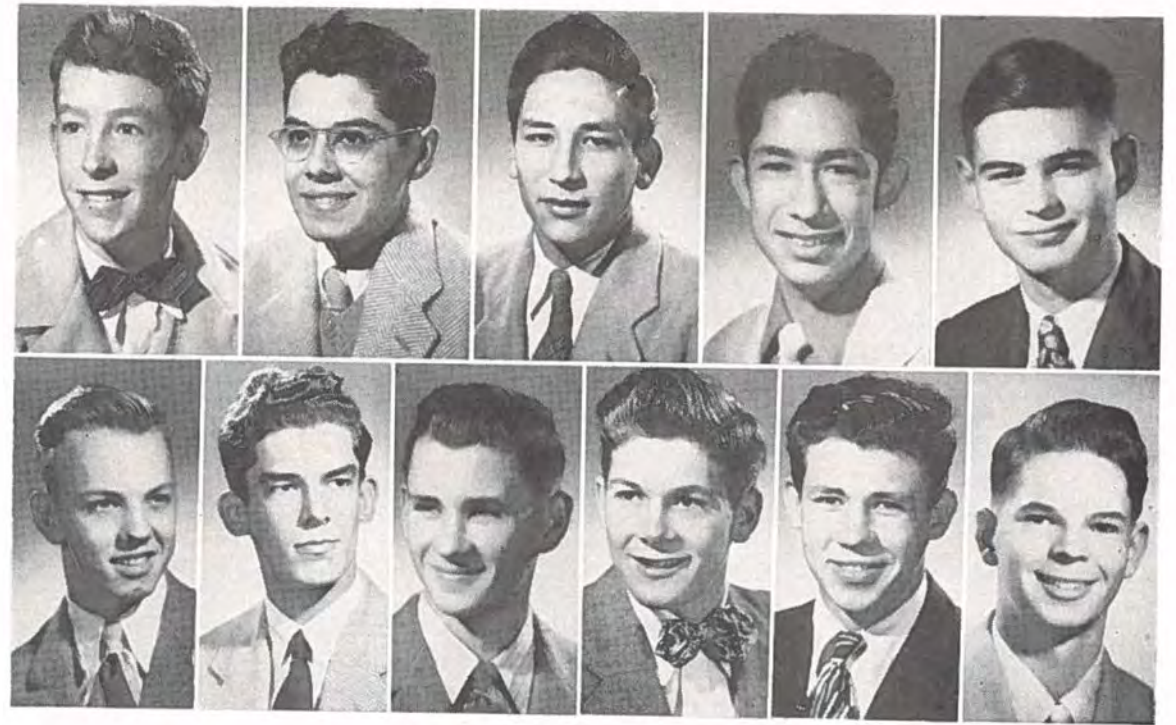
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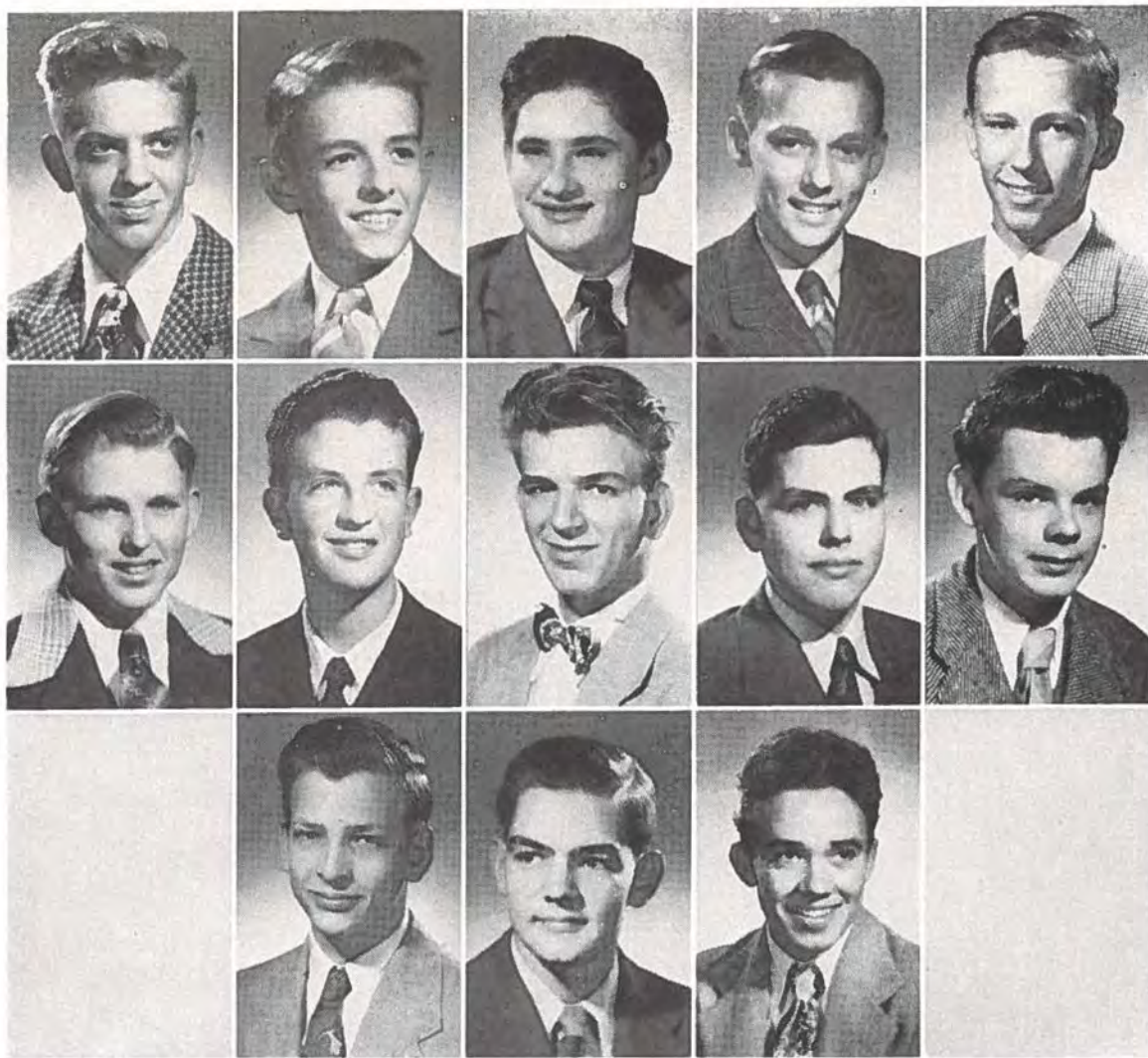
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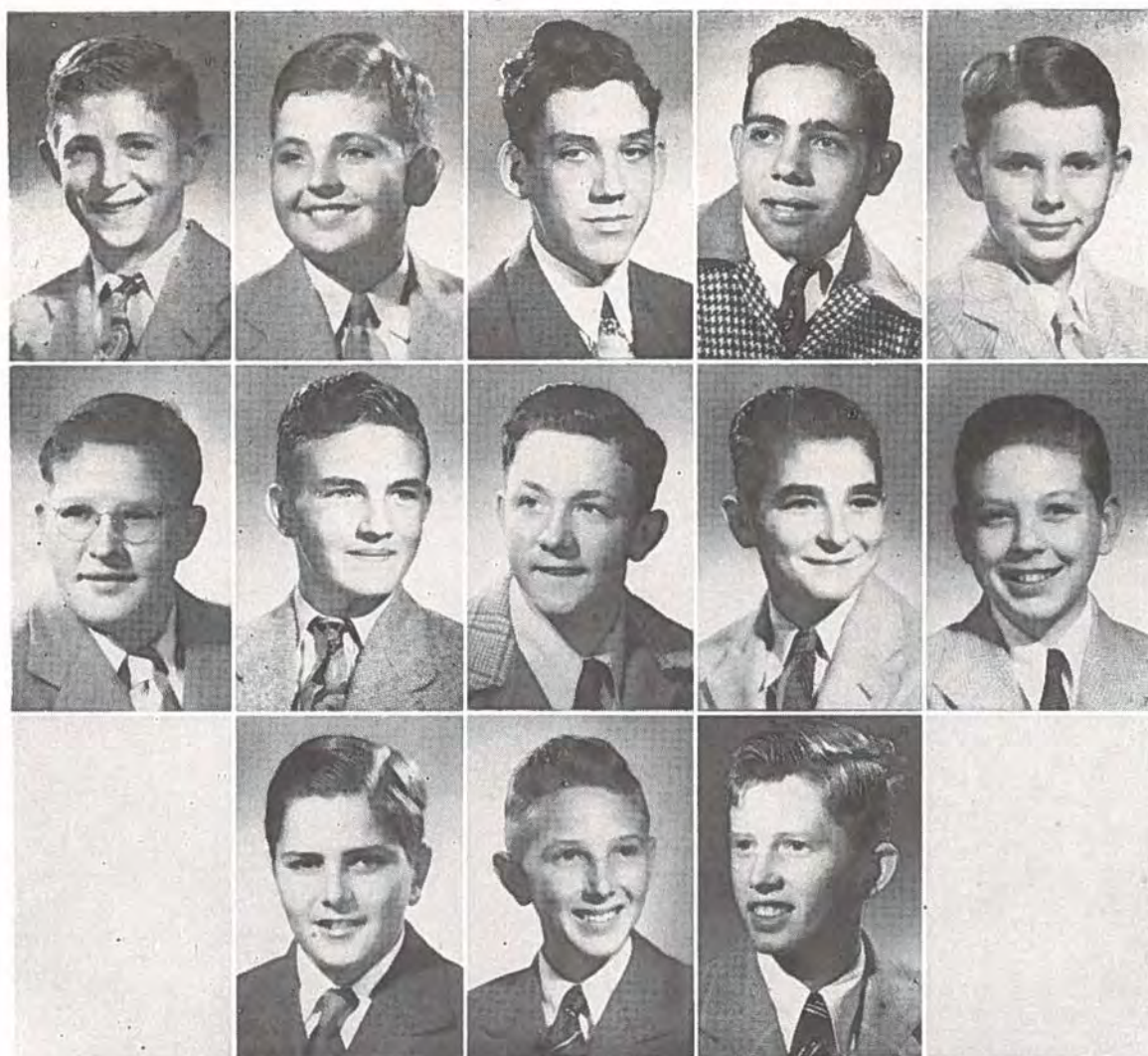
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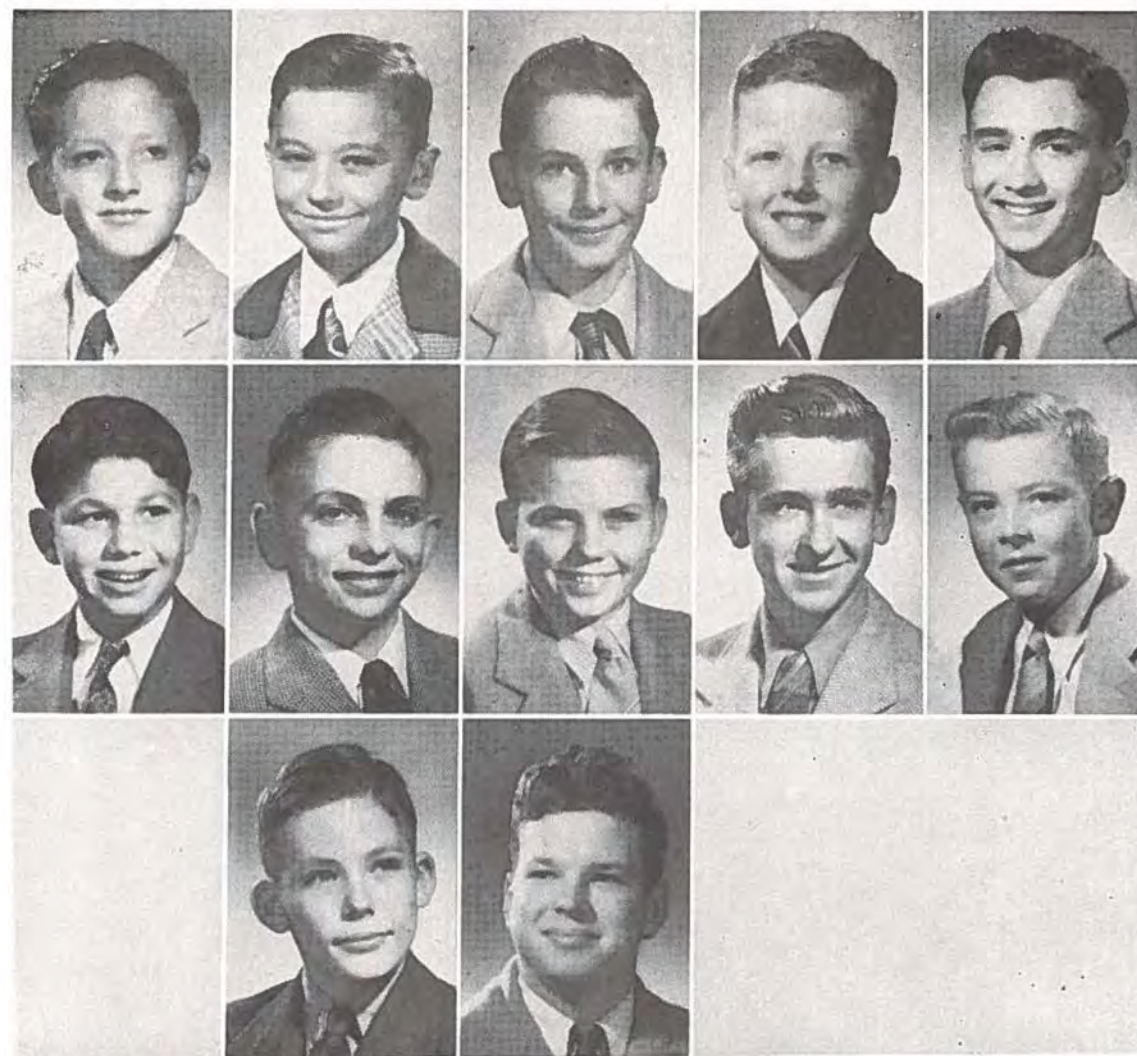
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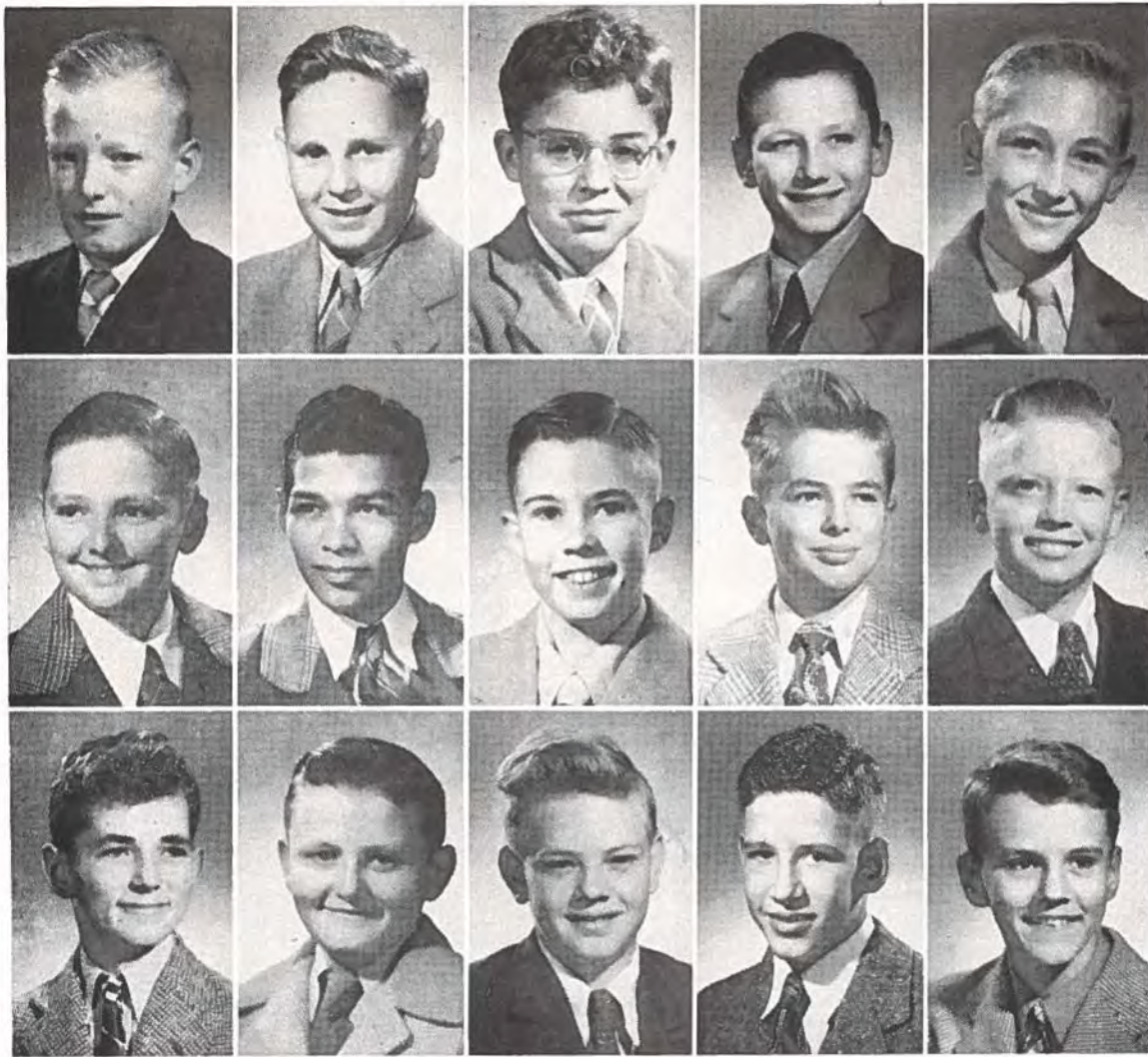
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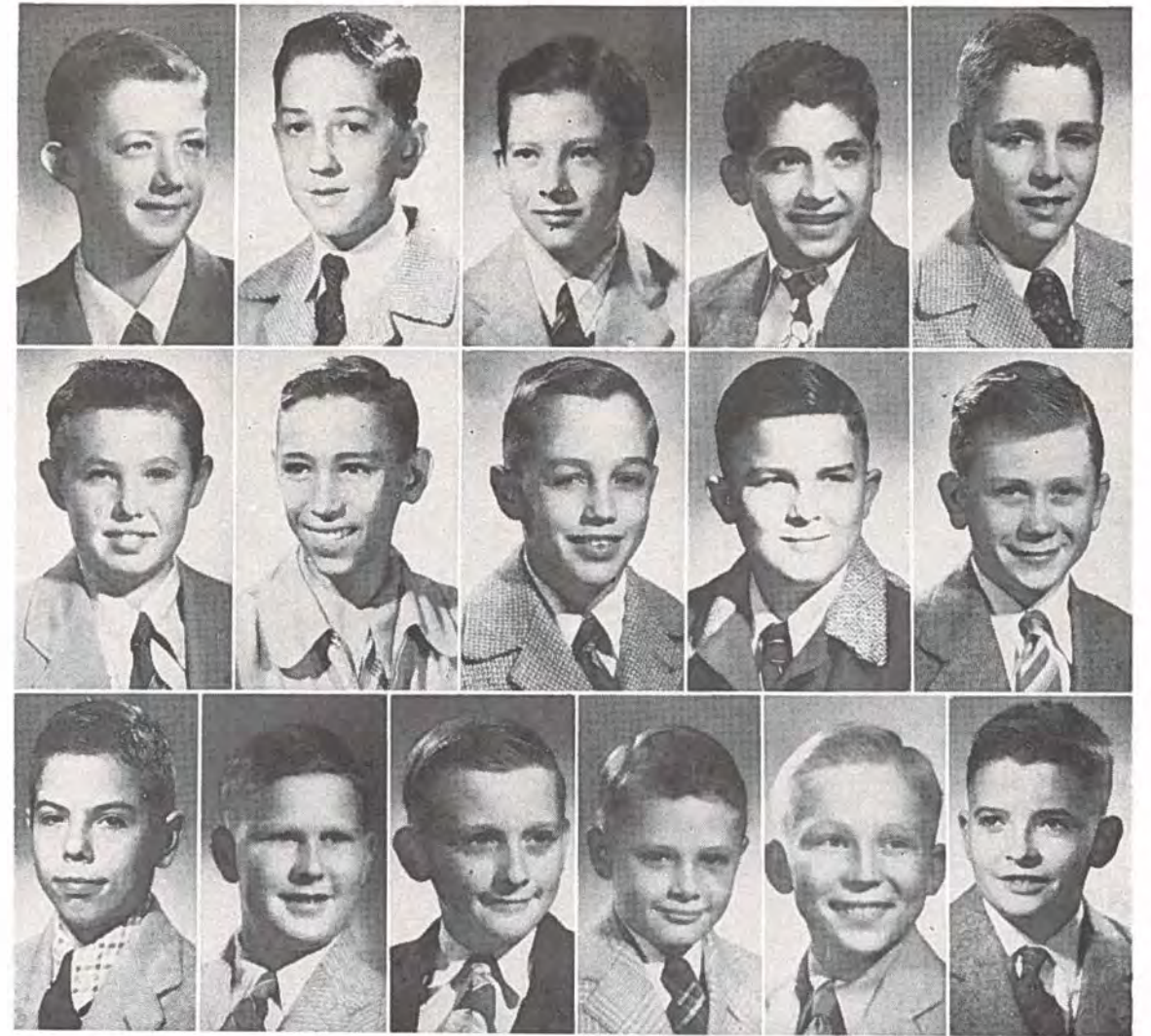
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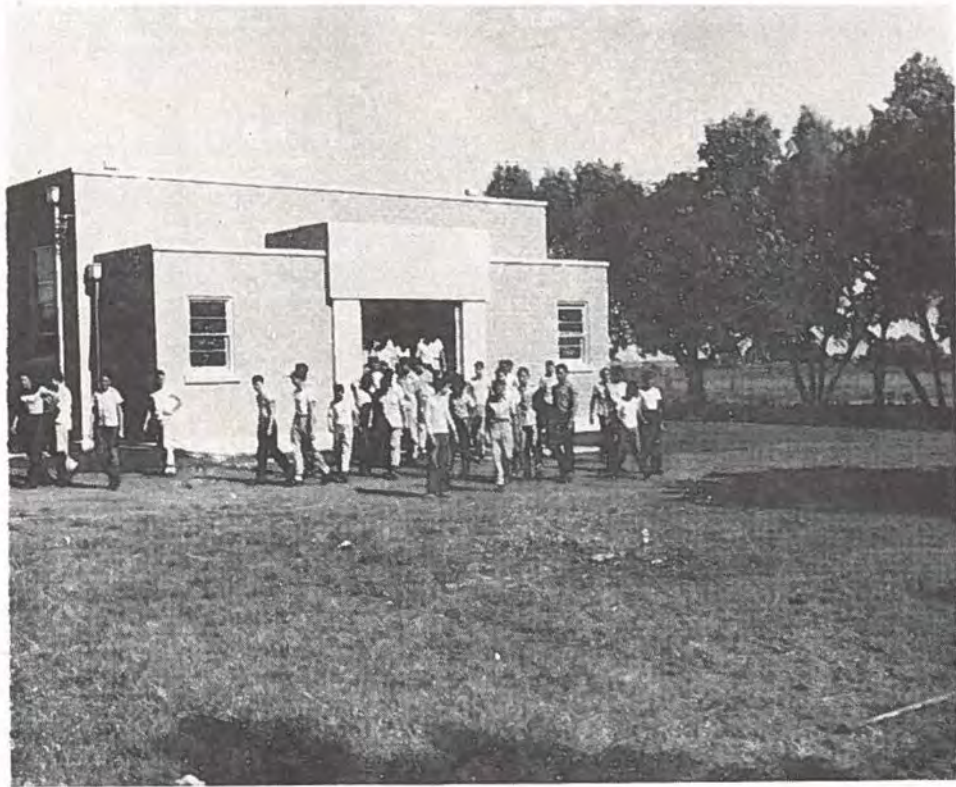
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After the Student Convocation on the
First Day of School, September 3, 1947
Students leaving St. Placid Hall

Campus Organizations

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CATHOLIC ACTION CELLS

The school year saw a more formal study of the procedures and techniques of Catholic Action as carried out in other Catholic high schools of the country. When the formal organization was effected after six weeks of this investigation, seven cells were formed. Periodic meetings of the entire group were held with Paul Felker as general chairman of the council and Robert Bluntzer the secretary. Catholic students from both the eleventh and the twelfth grade were enrolled in the work. The January fire put an end to the year's activities, but the coming on senior class shall have been sufficiently indoctrinated to continue the work in the next year. Father Albert was in general charge.



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PAUL FELKER.....*Leader*

JAMES FLYNN.....*Secretary*

Members:

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HUGO GOLD
RICHARD MITCHELL
JOHN SABLATURA
HAROLD SCHLATHER
JOE C. STEELE



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CELL

ROBERT BLUNTZER.....*Leader*

JERRY WHELAN.....*Secretary*

Members:

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JOS. BLUNTZER
WAYNE ELLIOTT
ALBERT EMMERT
BOBBY GUDE
RUDY DURAN
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RICHARD HATCH.....*Leader*

JOSE R. AVELAR.....*Secretary*

Members:

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ALFRED ELTER.....*Secretary*

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- THOMAS HAMM
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- OSCAR ACUNA
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TENTH GRADE SODALITY

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- JOSEPH ANDERSON *Vice-Prefect*
- JOHN KENNEDY *Secretary-Treasurer*
- JAMES BOONE *Our Lady's Committee*
- DAMIAN GOLLA *Eucharistic Committee*
- FATHER AUGUSTINE *Moderator*



NINTH GRADE SODALITY

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- JOHNNIE ELLIFF *Secretary-Treasurer*
- JOHN CAREW *Sergeant-at-arms*
- FATHER AMBROSE *Moderator*

EIGHTH GRADE SODALITY

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- GARY BUCKLEY *Vice-Prefect*
- HARRY MASKEY *Secretary*
- DONALD ROSSI *Treasurer*
- FATHER HAROLD *Moderator*





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- ARTHUR KALER *Vice-Prefect*
- PAT ROACH *Treasurer*
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THE CAVALIER BAND

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Director

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 JOHN STOEERNER

The Cavalier band of 1947-48 has the distinctions of being, first of all, the largest band in the school's history, and secondly, the best. This latter is amazing since the work of the organization was interrupted for a full three months when the fire destroyed all school instruments as well as many of the horns owned by the members themselves. The interest of the members, however, would not be denied. Father Alfred, who has done an extraordinary task in building up the various sections into a working unit, was able to procure new instruments for those who had lost theirs, and to secure borrowed equipment from a local instrument dealer to replace the remainder of the needed musical tools.

So well had the members absorbed their previous training that the band was prepared to appear at all the school programs during the last month of the year, and to finish with an achieving climax on the night of commencement.

Eight members will be lost to the organization in the coming year, and the rehabilitation will be difficult. But there will be replacements due to the interest generated by this year's performance of the band; and so, a continuance of the record made in 1947-48 will become a challenge to the incoming band.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR

FATHER AMBROSE BRANZ, O.S.B. Director

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 LESLIE DELANEY
 ANTON DIETZ
 HICKS ELLIFF
 JAMES FISHER
 PAUL MARTINEAU
 ROBERT MUTTERA
 HENRY RIVERS
 CARROLL SPAHN

CHARLES WEBB
 JAMES WHEELER
 CRAIG WHITNEY
 ROBERT WHITEHURST
 JAMES MANSHEIM
 LAWRENCE BERGER
 NICK POULOS
 JOHN STOEBNER
 FRANK WHITEHURST

The Junior Choir consisted of members of the seventh and eighth grades. Father Ambrose, the director, has done an out of the ordinary job in training the young group to deliver Gregorian Plain Chant in a manner well worthy of divine services. But the choir was able to go further. It appeared on several other occasions during the year with programs to fit the occasion. Notable in this connection was the very good Christmas repertory given at assembly on the afternoon on which the holiday season began. A choir member, James Wheeler, directed the group.



THE SENIOR CHOIR

FATHER AMBROSE BRANZ, O.S.B. Director

MEMBERS

J. P. LUBY
 JOHN ORTUETA
 GEORGE TILL
 PAT DERIEG
 LOUIS DOERR
 J. RAY AVELAR
 JOHN CHESHIR

PAUL FELKER
 JAMES FLYNN
 RUSSELL McCALEB
 JOHN SABLATURA
 HAROLD SCHLATHER
 J. CHARLES STEELE
 GILBERTO TOVAR

The Senior Choir was composed exclusively of students from the boarding department. It was primarily organized to take care of solemn services in the chapel at a time when the day students were not able to be present. In addition, the group joined the Junior Choir somewhat in the manner of a massed choir effect on the occasions of greater importance during the school year, and thereby formed a thirty-four voice group. Members from both groups will be returning during the coming year, and with the experience of this year, much can be expected during the coming session of school.



Robert Bluntzer Receiving Eagle Scout Award from His Mother

THE AIR SCOUT SQUADRON

FATHER HAROLD HEIMAN, O.S.B. *Leader*
 FATHER AUGUSTINE LINBECK, O.S.B. *Ass't Leader*
 MR. JOE SALEM *Ass't Leader*

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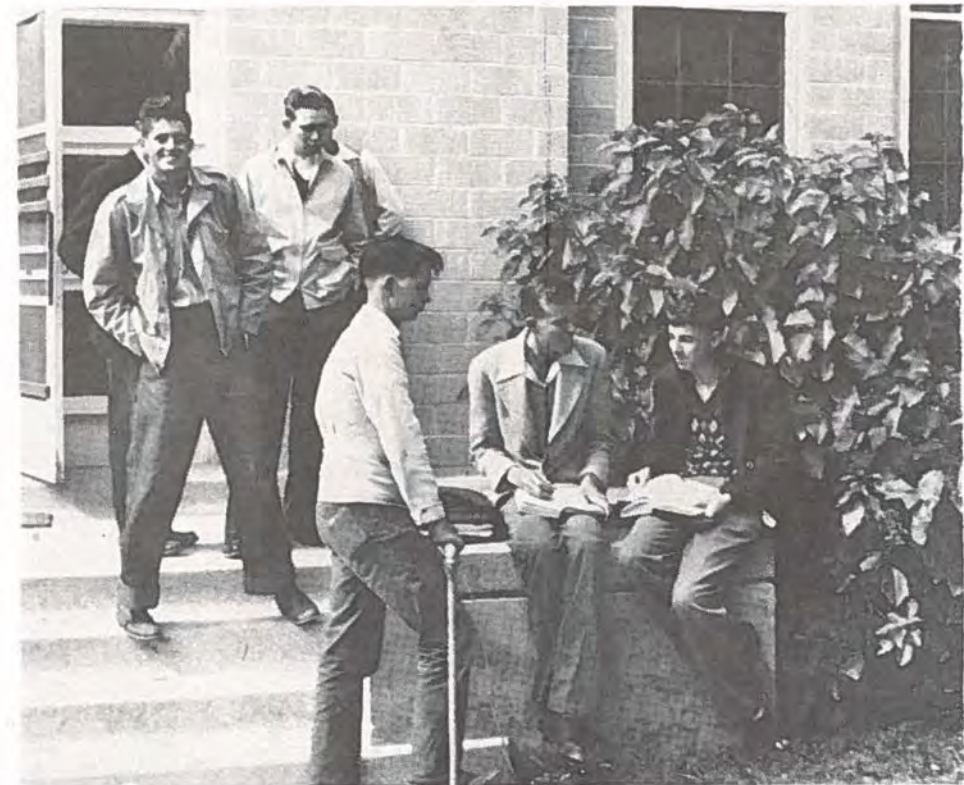
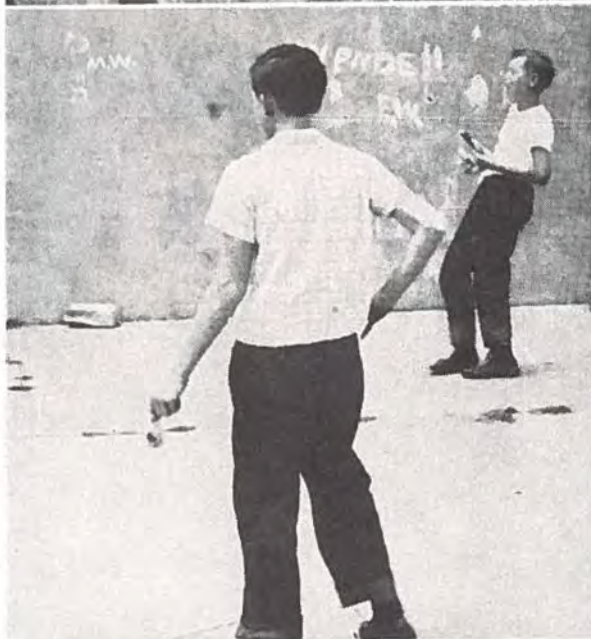
Air Scout Squadron 1, one of the favorite organizations sponsored by the school, continued its concentrated activity of the previous years. The foremost conquest during the school term was the record the group made at the sectional encampment held in San Antonio in the spring of the year. The squadron won a Class A rating, a coveted reward for any senior scouting group, and particularly so in this case since competition was more than ordinarily severe. The squadron was entered in thirteen events from which it emerged with six first prizes. The group was credited with first prizes in the canoe race, obstacle race, in axmanship, rope climbing, model plane flying, and skeet shooting.

The squadron, under the immediate direction of Father Harold, who for years has brought the organization to top-flight recognition, is sponsored by the school. The committeemen are Father Joseph, Father Albert, Father Vincent, and Joe Salem. The squadron counsellors are Jack Veters, Harry Clark, Joe Salem.

The interest in this recognized unit has been so great that a number of members who were associated with it during their school days are still active. Such are Bobby Hatch, Roderick Magsam, Harry Stuth, and Fred Tadlock.

Campus Life

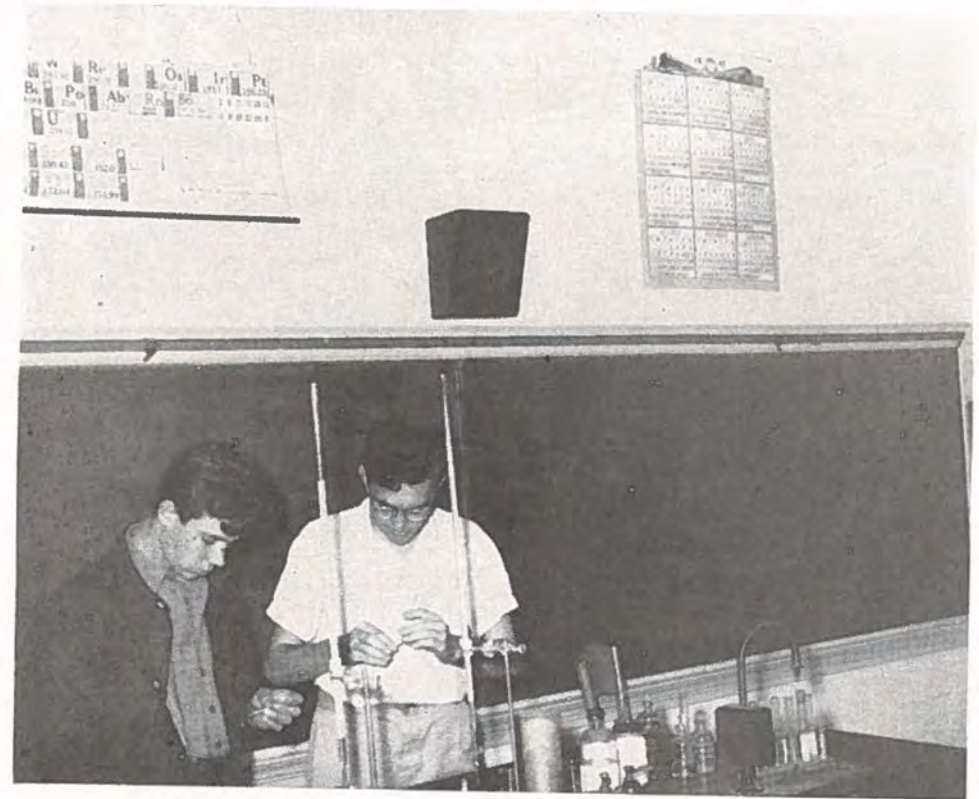
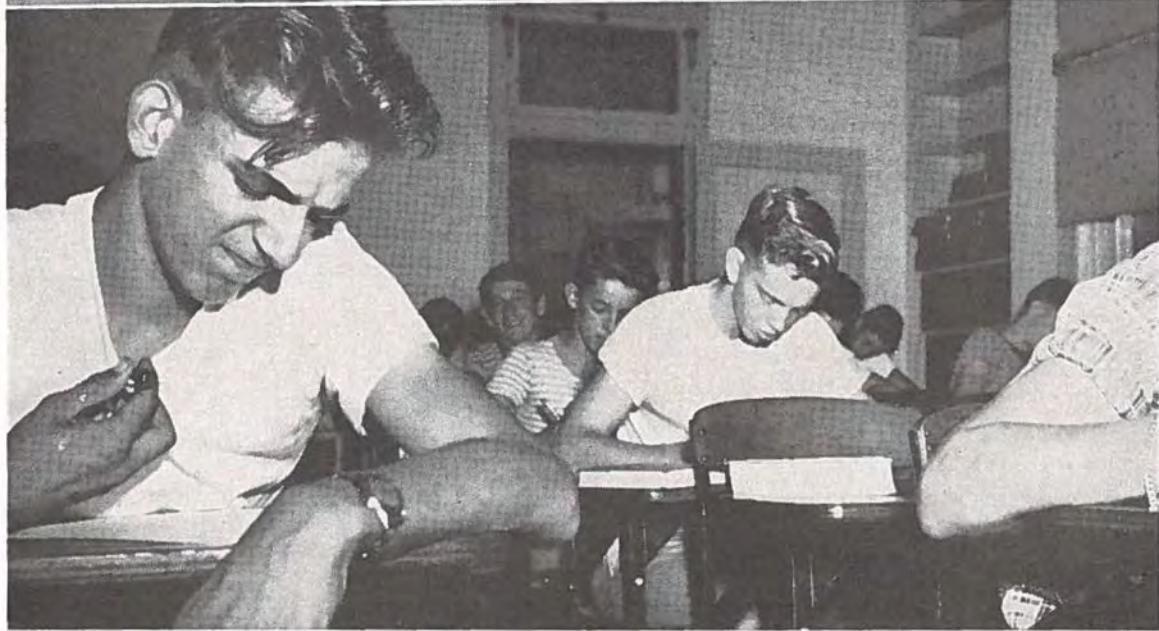




A Breathing Spell at Recess in Front of the Science Hall

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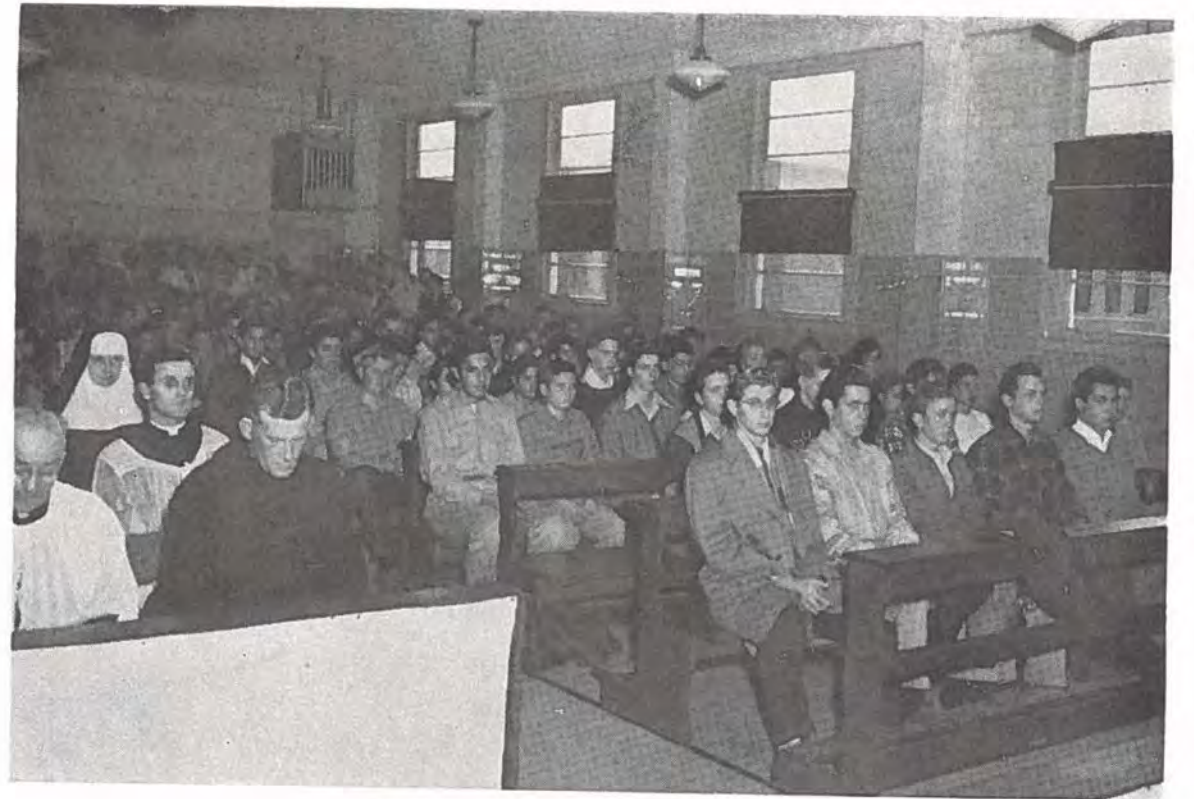
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Incarinate Word Academy Turns out for Starlight Rally

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An Incarnate Word Academy Pep Squad Leader Urging Action

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MARCELLA WATZLAVICK, LORRAINE KARCHER,
FRANCES REUMUTH and EDNA MAE JURACH



PHYLLIS MEGERLE, Homecoming Queen
And her Attendants

BEATRICE ROACH

PAT WRAY

PAT MEGERLE

EVELYN ROACH



The Queen and her Court

BEATRICE ROACH

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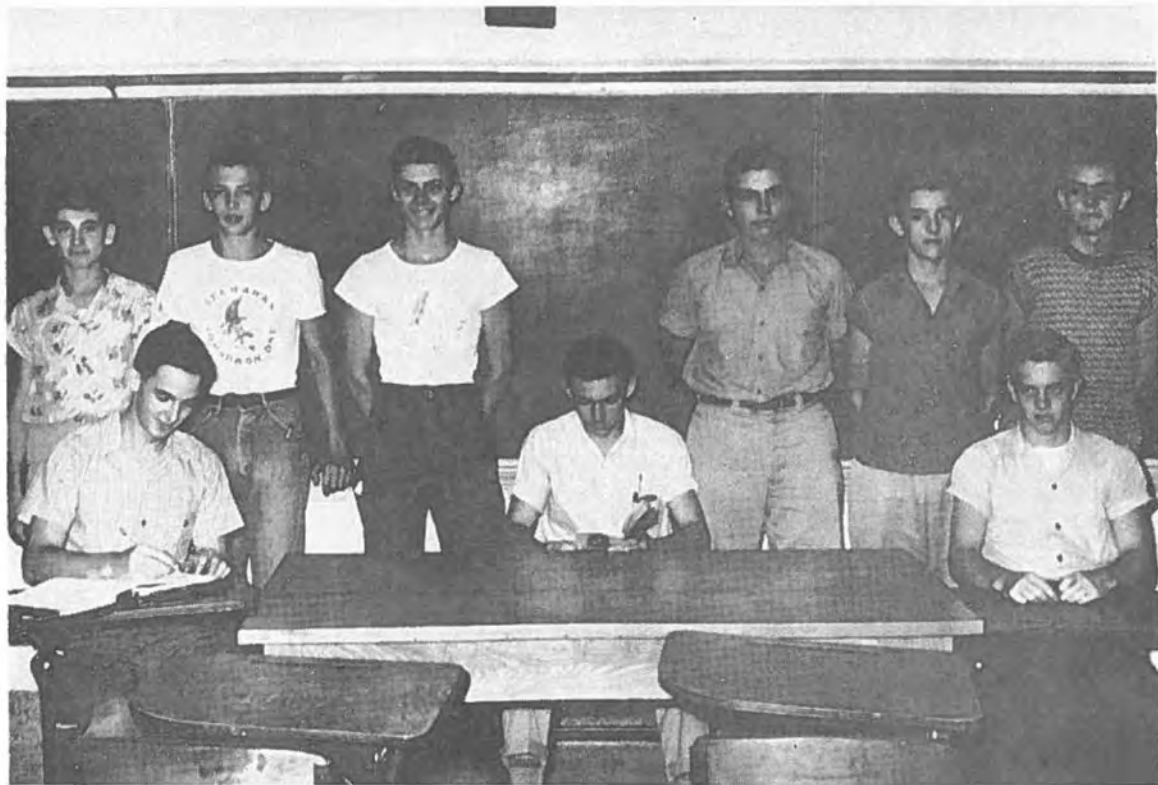
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Special Guests at the Thanksgiving Day Game

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Sponsored by Incarnate Word Academy Sodality



Tenth Grade Sodality Officers' Committee in Action

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Bishop Ledvina Honors Our Lady of Fatima
with

Bishop Garriga in the Background

at

Corpus Christi Cathedral's Mammoth Celebration
during the Visit of the
"Pilgrim Virgin"



Father Alfred Leading a Boarder Game at the
Traditional Boarders' Christmas Party—
Chesshir was "It," together with J. P. Luby



A Typical Scene from St. Benedict's Hall at a
Moment when there's Leisure Time to Get Together



Father Abbot Paul Recounting Some of His Experiences of a European Trip, and making an Appeal for the Suffering of Germany—January, 1948



Father Breen, of the Dominican Fathers, during a Moment's Rest, after a Retreat Conference—

Athletic Sports

Football

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THE REV. ALCUIN KUBIS, O.S.B.
Coach

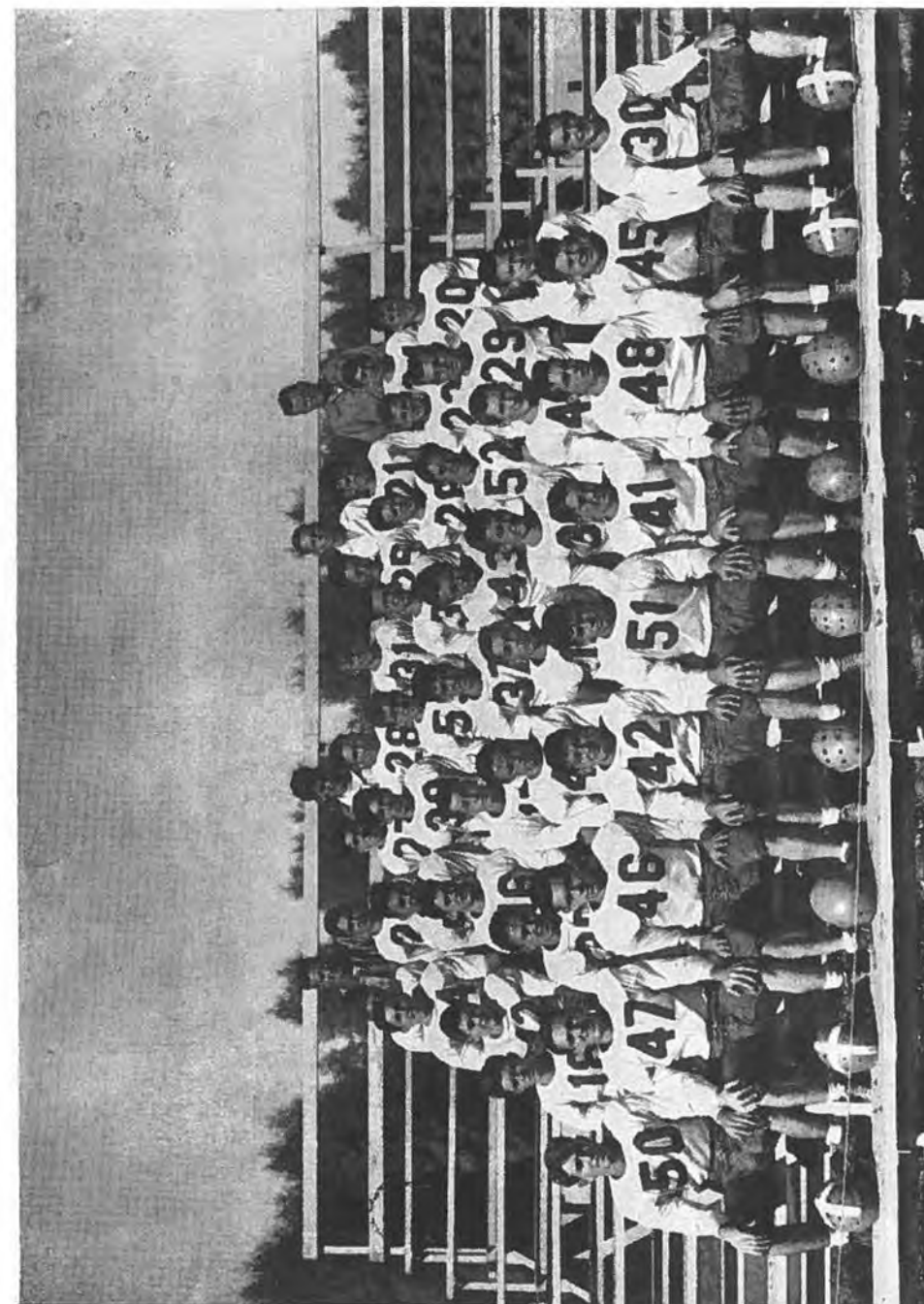


THE REV. HAROLD HEIMAN, O.S.B.
Assistant Coach

LOOKING BACK OVER THE FOOTBALL SEASON

There are many ways to determine the success or lack of it in an athletic season. Many factors enter into such a calculation. Teams speak of moral victories, based no doubt, on one of the ten commandments of sport which says, "Honor the game thou playest, for he who playeth the game straight and hard, wins even when he loses." Moreover, the determining of a successful season might be based on the number of games won or lost, or simply won. But no matter what method might be used to set a value on the '48 season, the Cavaliers of the year were a successful group.

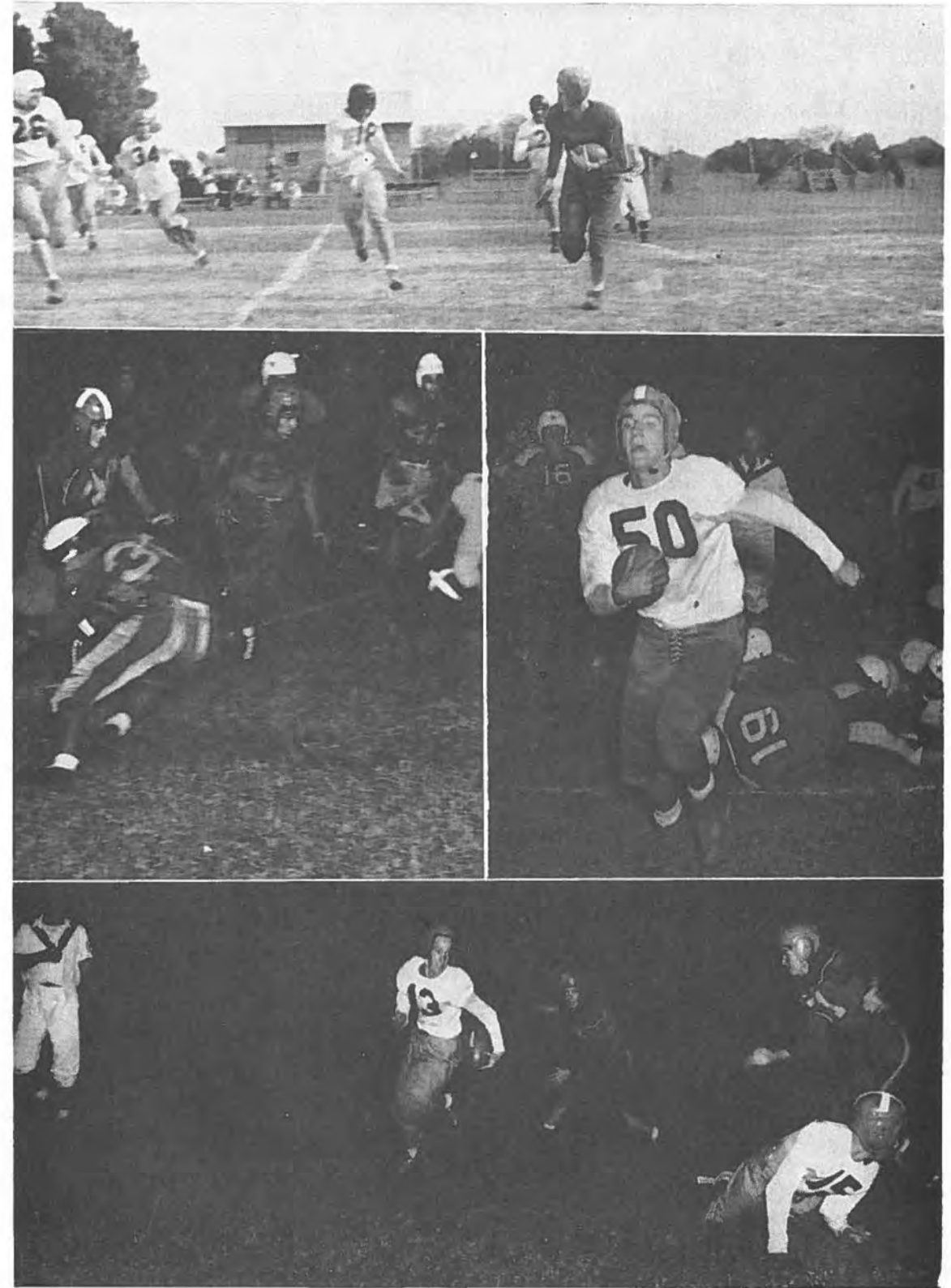
The records show six won, one tie, and two lost, and that spells a good schedule. This record was set by the coaches, Father Alcuin and Father Harold, under difficulties that are not too easily understood. The usual fret of coaches—injuries—can, and in the case of the '47 season, did strike at times and in places where they mattered most. But despite these, and the usual trouble of whipping material into shape in a school that does not have too great a reserve available, there is outstanding evidence of work well done by both coaches and players. A scanning of the list of games reveals that the Cavaliers fought a schedule of battles that included encounters with schools which should have been at all odds far superior to the locals. But the scores tell a different story. In brief, it can be said that the Cavaliers played a good schedule well, and in the case of some of the games, reached out above their own class, and in so doing showed a superiority that cannot be denied by anyone. Good and bright laurels, therefore, to the players and to Father Alcuin and Father Harold.



The 1947 Football Squad

The Squad:

Peter Golla (Captain), Dan Kubala, August Uehlinger, Jerry Whelan, Alfred Elter, Marvin Watzlavick, Edwin Kureska, Sam Rabalais, Ernest Wendland, John Ulcak, Oscar Acuna, Lawrence Lippincott, Jos. Sullivan, Damian Gollā, Jack Wade, William Fagan, J. P. Luby, Harold Greenleaf, Claude McCarty, Luke Sheppard, Leroy Kelly, Rudy Duran, Melvin O'Docharty, Robert Dougherty, Benny Valenta, Jack Mulvihill, Jno. Ortueta, Pablo Suess, Victor Vatzlavick, William Pallotti, Norman Netek, George Meyer, Jos. Anderson, Ted Johnson, Gene Fulton, Louis Doerr, Floyd Bailey, John Downs, John Guynes, Richard Rowland, Paul Felker, Alvin Long, Walter Deyton, Alfred Ganem, John Scecina. Milton Meyer and Richard Mitchell were managers.



Action on the Field of Action

THE SEASON

CAVALIERS VS. FREER

With both teams facing the tension of the opening game of the season, the Cavaliers and the Freer Buckaroos fought to a rugged 6-6 tie at Freer. The game was but one play old when disaster struck. Felker, Cavalier tackle, was injured and lost to the team for practically the entire season. But the game went on, with the visitors being denied scores twice in the opening quarter when they worked the ball to the one-yard line, only to be thrown back by penalties. Midway in the second, Uehlinger, back, succeeded in completing a 15-yard pass to Watzlavick, to score. A terrific defensive game followed as the Bucs succeeded in stopping the Cavalier offense. However, in the fourth quarter, the Buckaroos started their own offense. Commencing on their 45, line smashes with Delfino Laredo on the power end, succeeded in rolling back the Cavalier defense. The Bucs scored, and with both conversions of the two teams wide, the game ended 6-6.

CAVALIERS VS. BENAVIDES

A passing attack that clicked, and blocked punts—both Cavalier offensive measures—held the Benavides Eagles scoreless on their own ground, 31-0. The visitors stepped into high gear in the first quarter as Kubala recovered a blocked Eagle punt on the 35, and Watzlavick took it over on three tries. A Benavides kick in the second frame from behind their own goal line went awry, and the Old Gold and Maroon took it over on the 20. Peter Golla ambled around right end, cut back, and shook off his tacklers and crossed standing up for the second tally. Just before the half ended, another Eagle kick was blocked, and this time Uehlinger passed to Kubala for the score. The fourth Cavalier score came in the third quarter as the visitors' line showed up effectively and rolled on to the Eagles' 21. Uehlinger again connected with a pass, and Jerry Whelan scored. The last score was also the result of a pass, Uehlinger to Kubala. The passer added the extra point.



CAVALIERS VS. BEEVILLE

For the third time of the season, the Maroon and Old Gold team invaded foreign soil, this time against the Beeville Trojans, traditional arch-rivals of the Cavaliers. But the Trojans, remembering last year's game, were not to be denied this time. The Cavaliers took an early lead in the first quarter when the Beeville kick-off trickled only three yards to the 43. Peter Golla raced twenty yards in a couple of power plays and moved on to the four. From here Joe Sullivan smashed over for the counter. But the glory of leading was short-lived as the Trojans returned from the half-time period with a completely rejuvenated spirit and scored three quick touchdowns on passes, with Hutchins, Moore, and Smith doing the open offensive work behind a smoothly functioning line. Score, 19-6.

CAVALIERS VS. TAFT

It was Kubala day in Taft as the Cavaliers held the strong Greyhounds scoreless, 18-0. Behind a perfectly functioning line, Kubala snared a pass for the first touchdown and then snared another to set up the stage for the second counter. It all started when Uehlinger pounded the Greyhound line in the second quarter, uncorked the good pass as Kubala scored. Peter Golla crashed over the line for the second touchdown. The third counter came in the third quarter as Lippincott connected with Kubala for 27 yards. It was the Cavaliers' big day.



CAVALIERS VS. PORT ARTHUR (ST. JAMES)

The sixth game of their season took the Cavaliers on a four hundred mile trek to Port Arthur's St. James High School team, one that had been trouncing everything in its way the country over. The experience of the East Texas team proved to be too much of a match for the Cavaliers. The game started well, but once the Port Arthur juggernaut decided to roll, nothing was able to stop it, particularly such outstanding players as Steele and LeBlanc, the scoring cogs of the St. James machine. The score: 26-0 in favor of Port Arthur.

CAVALIERS VS. SUNDEEN

Back on familiar ground, after their trek to East Texas, the Cavaliers met the Sundeen Eagles in Buccaneer stadium in an Elks Club sponsored benefit game on October 23. The locals were playing their second game with only three days of rest. They rushed over a touchdown early in the opening quarter as Peter Golla found his way. They scored again shortly thereafter when Golla another time crashed over. Long added the extra point. Late in the second period, Golla did it again, as his line was co-ordinating perfectly. But the race continued into the third quarter as Lippincott passed to Whelan for a touchdown that was good for 71 yards. Then came the Eagles' time. They recovered a fumbled punt on the 31 and Bailey fired a pass to Swearingen who scored. Later, Dan Bailey blasted through the Cavalier line to score from the 14. The Cavaliers scored twice more before the fracas ended, and finished the game on the long end of a 38-12 win.

CAVALIERS VS. SAN ANTONIO (CENTRAL CATHOLIC)

Remembering last year's hair-breadth loss to the Buttons of the Alamo City, the Cavaliers were determined to even matters with the visitors for the College-Academy Homecoming game in Buccaneer stadium.

Preceding the game, Miss Phyllis Megerle of the Incarnate Word Academy was officially crowned Queen of the Homecoming by Father Joseph, after she had been escorted to the sidelines throne by Peter Golla, captain for the night.

The initial Academy score came on a pass from Lippincott to Whelan and was good for 25 yards and a touchdown, which was followed by Long's good try for point. A half dozen plays later, after Kureska had returned a Button punt eight yards to his own 47, and two running plays had carried the ball to the Central 47, another pass play paid off. Early in the second period after an exchange of punts, the Cavaliers turned loose Peter Golla for a third. In the second half, after an exchange of punts and runs by Kureska and Watzlavick, the fourth score was added. Lippincott concluded the Cavalier touchdown march by scoring from the nine. With substitutions galore, the Buttons began to display offensive strength. A pass, Gittinger to Witten, and a plunge netted a score. Gittinger converted. Again it was the same touchdown twins who gave the Buttons another counter. Final scores for both teams came in quick order. Golla hit pay dirt with a thirty yard run, and Alnoch, substitute Button, added his team's third. The game was remarkable for decisive Cavalier strength and line play. Score: 39-19, Cavaliers.



Mexico City YMCA Spitfires

CAVALIERS VS. BUCCANEER B

A Cavalier early lead was too much for the Buccaneer B team when the two local foes met in Buccaneer Stadium in the first home stand of the year for the College-Academy. The initial Cavalier touchdown came with two minutes left to play in the first quarter, and was the result of a 63-yard advance, followed by Peter Golla's scoring from the one. Alvin Long converted. Early in the second stanza the Cavaliers counted again, this time when Lawrence Lippincott, from his 40, passed to Kubala, who sped over from the 10. And with seconds left to play in the first half, the Maroon and Gold partially blocked Becker's punt and took possession on the Buc 20. Watzlavick passed to Golla for the first down on the five and then the latter powered through tackle for the score. But the Bucs came back in the second half of the third period when power plays brought them to the Cavalier 13. A pass, Garrett to Weber, connected, but it bounced from his arm as a Cavalier attempted to bat it to the ground, only to have it re-snatched by Weber for a score. Garrett rammed the line for the extra point. The second Buc score came early in the fourth quarter as the result of a Cavalier fumble, pounced upon by a Buccaneer. Farmer grabbed a long aerial on the 10 and struggled over the goal. Toward the end of the game, the Cavaliers added another to take a convincing victory from the Bucs, 25-13.



CAPTAIN PETER GOLLA

CAVALIERS VS. MEXICO CITY (YMCA)

Playing their second international game in the history of the school, the Cavaliers brought down the 1947 curtain by taking a hard-fought game from the Mexico City YMCA Spitfires in a thrilling Thanksgiving Day game in Buccaneer Stadium. The game was stubbornly contested by a lightening offensive and a steady defense. The game was sponsored by the Corpus Christi Elks Club for their charity fund. The Cavaliers drew first blood when Sullivan, Golla, and Watzlavick maneuvered the ball to score. But toward the close of the third period, the "Spitfires" defense went into defensive action on the Cavaliers' 29, where a fumble proved costly. As the last period opened, Martinez, a Spitfire back, took a fourth down pass from Sanchez for a first down deep in Cavalier territory. Ortiz hammered the line to the 14, and Martinez connected with another pass to the 10, from where Garcia scored. The kick-off after touchdown, with the score knotted, was the signal for fast Cavalier strategy. Peter Golla, in the waning minutes of the game, snatched a Maroon and Old Gold heave on his 12 and raced 88 yards to tip the score at 13-6.

LETTERMEN:

Peter Golla, August Uehlinger, Paul Felker, Daniel Kubala, Alfred Elter, Floyd Bailey, Sam Rabalais, Marvin Watzlavick, Ernest Wendland, Edwin Kureska, Jos. Sullivan, Ted Johnson, Damian Golla, Lawrence Lippincott, Gene Fulton, John Ulcak, Oscar Acuna, Alfred Ganem, Walter Deyton, Alvin Long, John Guynes, Luke Sheppard. Milton Meyer received a manager's letter.



Annual Cavalier Football Banquet



DAN KUBALA (Captain)

BASKETBALL

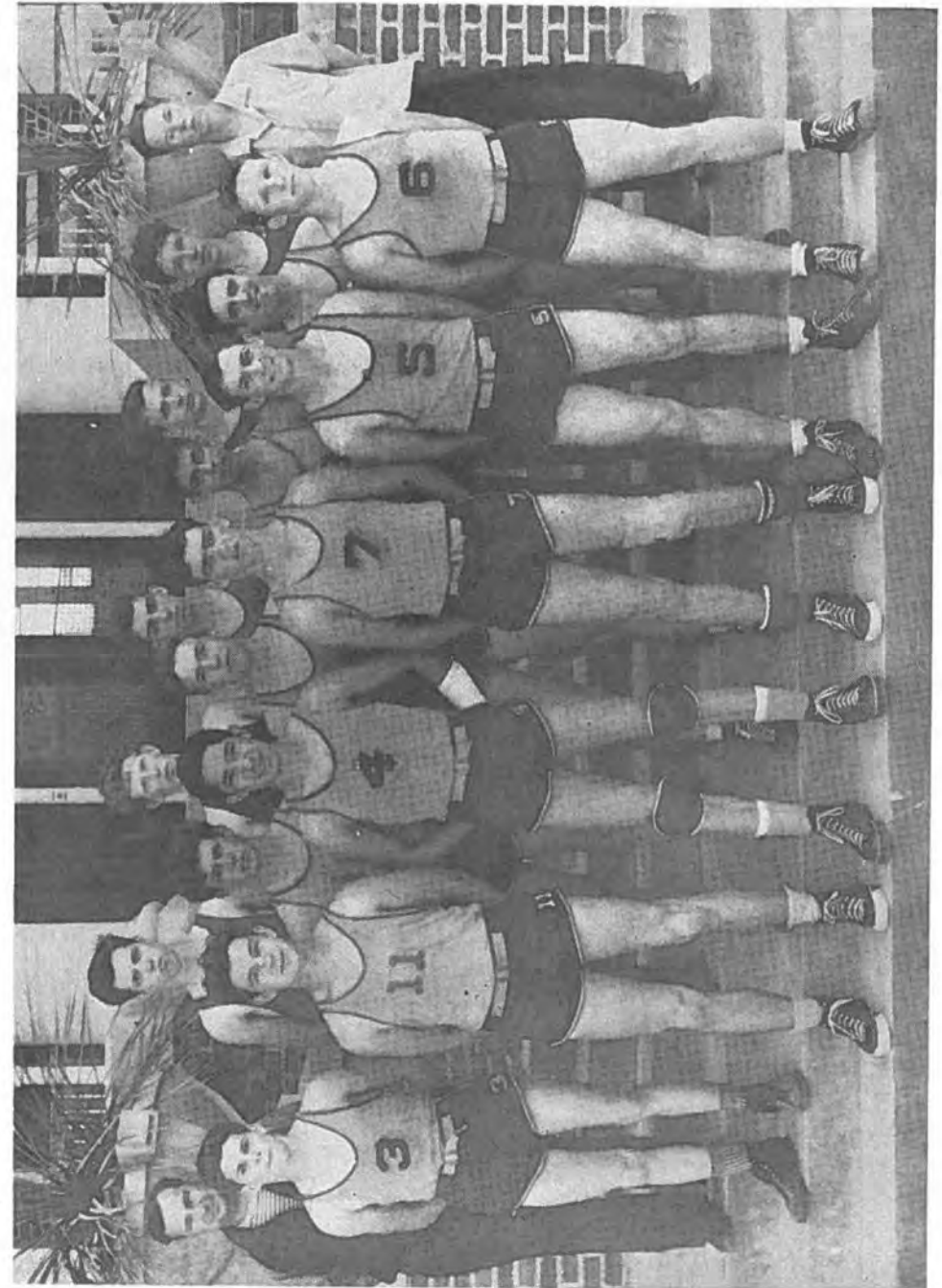
The '47 basketball season brings to the record books the most gruelling schedule in the school's history. This fact together with the loss of a number of top-flight players of previous years did have some bearing on the season's results. Add to this the fact that South Texas is becoming increasingly more basketball conscious due to the great amount of consolidation of schools over the area, and one gets an idea what Father Alcuin, the coach, had to face when beginning the hoop season.

A glance at the records in the coach's office will reveal five wins with nine losses for the first team, and these were losses to some of the best in the southern part of Texas. The second team, also engaged in a big schedule for the purpose of developing new and better talent for years to come, has a record of three wins and seven losses in a ten-game schedule.

The teams were also entered in two South Texas tournaments—the Sinton and the Beeville invitation affairs. In the first, the Cavaliers had difficulty in getting started and were defeated in the first round. But the Beeville tournament was a different story, the Cavaliers remaining in the game to the last, only to be defeated toward the end of the game, thus winning the runner-up trophy.

Dan Kubala, the captain of the team, was easily the best on the squad, and he is in great measure responsible for the success of the team. "As Kubala goes, so goes the team," was the measuring stick of the season.

All in all, Father Alcuin and the Cavaliers exhibited a great measure of courage to go through with the schedule in face of the opposition they had to meet. It was a typical example of not so much winning—however desirable—but of the love of the game, that will make this team great.



Basketball Squad



THE SEASON

FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM		
Cavaliers	Opponents		Cavaliers	Opponents	
26	Aransas Pass	34	18	Aransas Pass	27
33	Benavides	19	32	Benavides	13
35	Sundeen	37	9	Flour Bluff	17
32	San Benito	42	22	San Diego	26
44	Aransas Pass	48	30	Beeville	36
38	Taft	34	40	Taft	30
26	Victoria	34	20	St. Joseph, Laredo	46
26	Flour Bluff	21	39	St. Joseph, Laredo	42
29	San Diego	33	29	Wynn Seale	15
36	Cuero	33	37	Sundeen	37
35	Beeville	43			
46	Navy	54			
30	St. Joseph, Laredo	37			
28	St. Joseph, Laredo	19			

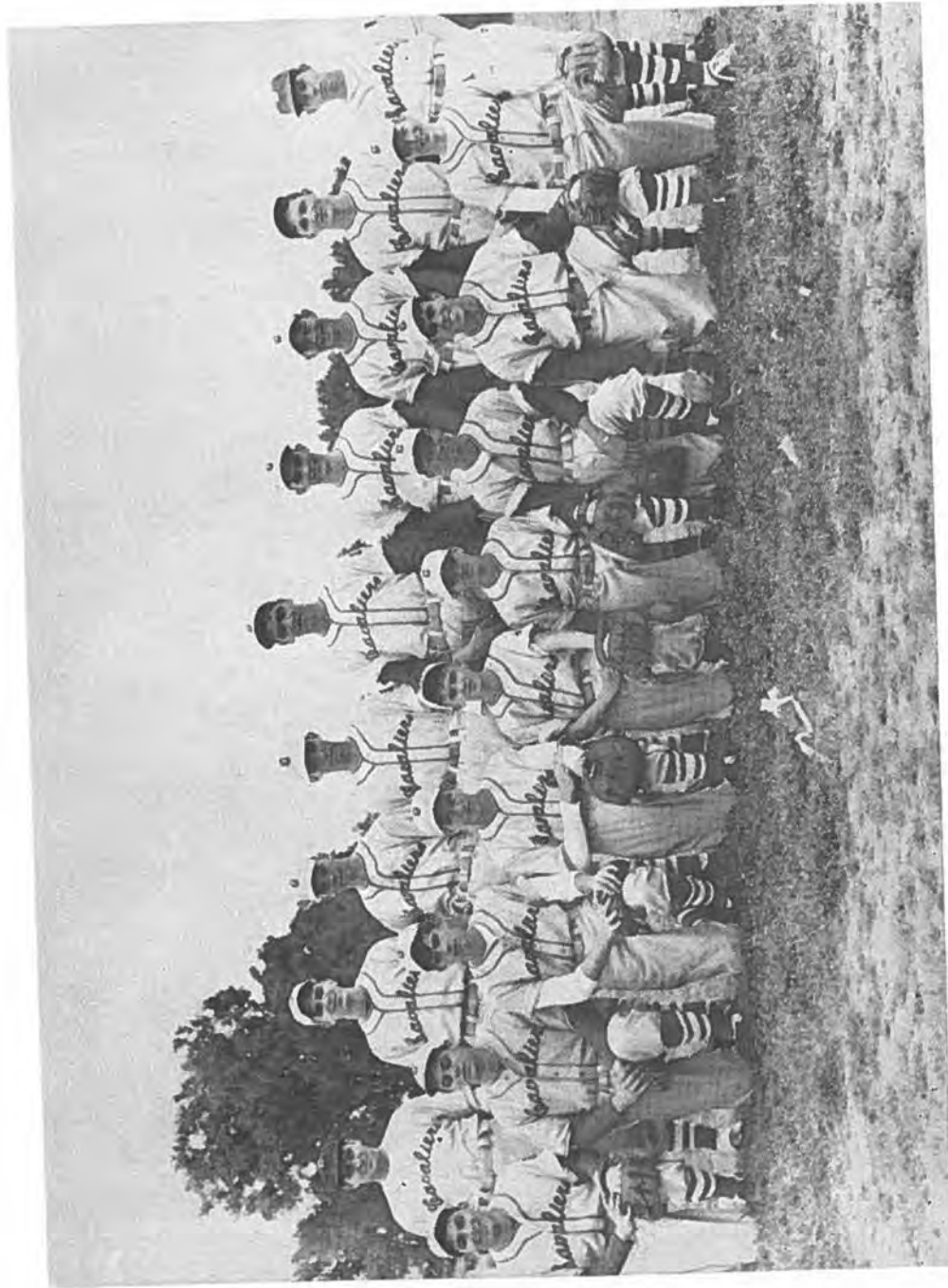
Lettermen:

Kubala (captain), Felker, P. Golla, Bailey, Gonzalez, G. R., D. Golla, Uehlinger, Deyton, M. Meyer, mgr.

Squadmen:

Wade, Wendland, J. Rivers, Doerr, Kelly, G. Meyer, Elter, Ganem, Arnold, Ulcak.





Cavalier Baseball Squad

BASEBALL

Baseball this year came into its own as the spring game supreme, and Father Alcuin and the Cavaliers lost no time to get in on the swing of things. Many years have passed since baseball received interscholastic recognition in Texas, and the interest taken by the schools of South Texas is evidence that this sport still rates high among the favorite pastimes. Practically every school in the area fielded a team, and the difficulty for getting games was reduced to a minimum.

The Cavaliers found themselves after a little unsteadiness in the opening games, and were considered out of the ordinary contenders as the weeks progressed. In a seventeen game schedule, they won nine and lost eight, for an average of well over the five hundred percent mark.

Paul Felker was elected captain of the team at a meeting of the squad at the end of the year. Fourteen letters were awarded for the season's participation, as follows: Felker, Klepac, Kelly, Sullivan, P. Golla, Doerr, Acuna, Kubala, Uehlinger, Fulton, Cox, Long, Runte, Wade and M. Meyer, manager.

The other members of the squad included Elter, Wendland, Schlather, Bailey, Arnold.

The games were as follows:

Opponents	Cavaliers	Batteries
16 Ex-Cavaliers, Booster Club	4	Fulton, Cox and Kubala
6 Robstown	5	Fulton and Kubala
6 Buccaneer B	2	Cox and Kubala
5 Robstown	12	Fulton and Kubala
5 San Diego	4	Doerr, Fulton, Cox and Kubala
2 Benavides	5	Cox and Kubala
7 Benavides	11	Fulton and Kubala
7 Buccaneer B	4	Cox, Fulton and Kubala
5 Taylor Refining	9	Fulton, Acuna and Kubala
9 San Diego	8	Fulton and Kubala
9 Taylor Refining	16	Cox and Kubala
6 Mathis	7	Cox and Kubala
3 Robstown	6	Fulton and Kubala
5 Taylor Refining	1	Acuna and Kubala
4 Robstown	8	Cox, Fulton and Kubala
10 Sinton	9	Fulton and Kubala
1 Buccaneer B	3	Kubala and Wendland

INTRA-MURAL FOOTBALL

The usual interest in intra-murals was evident during the year. However, only football could receive attention this year. Basketball and baseball had to be abandoned because of the difficulties of the half-day schedule.

In the junior football league, the Giants, coached by Rabalais and Ulcak, won first place. Then in the order named came the Packers, Whelan and Kureska, coaches; Orioles, L. Sullivan and Wendland, coaches; Cardinals, Elter and Wade, coaches; and the Bears, Golla and Uehlinger, coaches.

Following are the teams and the members:



GIANTS — *Champions*

Mulvihill (c), Carew, Runte, Cox, Novak, Dougherty, Soliz, O., Maskey, Andrews, Janota, L., Galan, Steward, Harney, J., Rich, Johnson, G., Gravett, Speck, Whitehurst.



PACKERS

Secina (c), Gillies, Elliff, Pearson, Tovar, Garcia, A., Dunn, Gaffney, Basaldu, Dorsey, Greenleaf, M., Garcia, M., Wallace, Whelan, J. E., Wheeler, Rivers, Staley, McCaleb.



ORIOLES

Klepac (c), Sness, Hatch, J., Pomponio, Robertson, Wokaty, Stone, Liedecke, Harney, C., Kelly, Whitney, Boone, M., Roach, Crosby, Mansheim, Orta, Baas, Kaler, J.



CARDINALS

Anderson (c), Cantu, Vatzlavick, Ortueta, O'Brien, O'Docharty, Poulos, Berger, Trice, Garcia, Murphy, Kaler, A. McShane, Hardeman, Carter, Humphrey, Webb, Janota.



BEARS

Netek (c), Pallotti, Duran, Demmer, Elkish, Pruitt, Buckley, Diegel, L., Delahoussaye, Muttera, Eliff, Delaney, Dix, Maskey, J., Budd, Quigley, Dietz, Gutierrez.

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