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Eight Cathedral Students Win Regents Scholarships

Cathedral Runner-Up in M.I.T.

Second Successful Year in Basketball Tournament Matt Murray Makes All Star Team

This was Cathedral's second year in the Marist Invitational Tournament. Like last year, the Prep finished second in this Christmas holiday classic. The tournament is run and directed by the Marist Brothers. Reverend Brother Paul Ambrose F.M.S., Assistant General of the Marist Brothers was the moderator of this eighth annual M.I.T. The tournament, which was held at Mt. St. Michael's Memorial Gym; this year proved to be most exciting and dramatic due to the fine caliber of the teams. Such schools as Bishop Dubois, Marist, St. Mary's, Hayes, Molloy and others added to the fierce competition. The tournament started on December 26th and ran for four consecutive days ending December 29th.

Cathedral opened up against Our Lady of Lourdes from Poughkeepsie on the night of December 27th. The Prep was well prepared for this game. Both teams started off with a two one two zone. Cathedral's zone proved more beneficial than Lourdes, owing to a slightly taller team and the effective shooting of Matt Murray. Right from the first tap Cathedral had control of both boards. This was due to the work of Tom Finucane, John Pape, and Ed Peters. Scoring wise the game was nip and tuck for the first quarter. But in the second quarter, the Prep outscored Lourdes 20-8. The buzzer ending the first half had Cathedral leading Lourdes 35-22.

The second half started with both teams holding to their two one two zones. For the entire quarter neither team budged and Cathedral increased its lead by only one point.

The fourth quarter proved almost disastrous for the Prep. Lourdes tightened its defense with a full court press. The Prep began to play erratically by throwing away passes and taking bad shots. To make things worse, one of the game's chief rebounders, John Pape, fouled out. Just in time though the team pulled together and squeaked out a 57-53 victory. Credit is also due to Matt Murray who poured in 27 points to become leading scorer for both teams.

The following night, a jubilant Cathedral squad took on St. Mary's of Manhasset, L. I. All were versed on the St. Mary team by the able scouting and coaching of Fr. Griffin. Similar to the previous night both teams set up a two one two defense. Once again Cathedral's defense proved superior for the first half. True to form Tom Finucane, Ed Peters, and John Pape again controlled the rebounding off both baskets. At the conclusion of the first half, the Prep boasted a ten point lead with a score of 23-13.

Cathedral opened the third quarter with two quick baskets only to be countered by six straight points by St. Mary's. Cathedral could gain no more ground and by the end of the third quarter had lost one point of their ten point edge.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Ed Peters committed his fifth personal foul and was forced to leave the game. During one of St. Mary's hot streaks, the Prep's lead was cut to two. Then, with three minutes remaining, John Pape and Matt Murray teamed up for eight points to pull out a 45-41 victory. Top scorers for Cathedral were Matt Murray and John Pape with 17 and 12 points respectively.

Cathedral entered the finals of the tournament the next night December 28th. The squad was at a distinct disadvantage. This was the third consecutive night of full-force playing for the Prep force and one could easily detect a sense of fatigue among the players. The team's opponent, "Marist," had obtained a "bye" and had to play only one other game. Not to be discouraged, the Prep took the floor with the determination to win.

A slightly taller Marist team played a man to man defense. Cathedral started once again with its two one two zone. It was a game hard and well fought by both sides. For the entire first half, neither team was able to establish a substantial lead. Cathedral's team was controlled by

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Cathedral Enters the C.F.L.

Recently, under the direction of Monsignor Kovach, Cathedral became a member of the Catholic Forensic League of Greater New York. The purpose of the League, as stated in its Constitution, is "... through participation in interscholastic contests in debate and public speaking, in the various forms of discussion and community service, and in the dramatic arts, to prepare Catholic high school students to become articulate and apostolic Americans." Cathedral joins a huge number of other Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese in membership in the C. F. L.

There are a number of speech tournaments during the year to which each school sends representatives to compete in debate, original oratory, extempore speech, oratorical interpretation and dramatic interpretation. The number of entrants and entries are defined in the Constitution of the League.

The first tournament entered by Cathedral took place on Saturday, January 28, at The Academy of the Resurrection, Rye, New York.

The contests were judged in three rounds of eliminations with the remaining contestants as finalists. Each contestant delivers his presentation three times. The results of the Cathedral team in these rounds were:

I. Original Oratory			
	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3
R. Wertis	3rd	2nd	5th
J. Nisa	2nd	7th	3rd
II. Extempore Speech			
P. Dinter	5th	5th	5th
R. Smith	4th	3rd	2nd
III. Dramatic Interpretation			
	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3
D. Lenihan-P. McGovern	4th	3rd	6th
D. Norman-P. Brennan	4th	3rd	2nd

Considering the many disadvantages which our contestants had to overcome and especially that this was their first appearance in the League, their results are highly commendable. They are the product of a mere week of preparation with the coaching of two members of the College Department, both of whom were members of the League while attending other High Schools. Most of the other entrants would have had at least two and usually three or four years of oratorical training. Therefore the results are very good.

The congratulations of **The Cathedralite** are extended to Monsignor Kovach, the moderator; Messrs. Lawlor and Ranaghan of the College, the coaches; and the members of the Forensic League. Your work is a credit to yourselves, to Cathedral and to the training you have received during your studies here.



Students carol on day of Gaudeamus

WINTER CHIMES APPEARS IN BEST LITERARY TRADITION OF COLLEGE

In the tradition of excellence which has guided senior classes since 1909, Robert Ryan and his staff have produced a *Chimes* which has at least equalled the best of that which has gone before. Subjects as diversified as the spiritual struggles of Gerard Manley Hopkins, noted Jesuit-poet; the curse which haunted the life of Eugene O'Neill, one of America's great playwrights; and the nature of the soul of Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, are presented with a taste and quality which leave us suspended in expectation of what is to follow in future issues.

Robert Ryan, in addition to his duties as editor, has made two literary contributions, both in fields requiring no mean talent: poetry and humor. In "Horatian Vocation," he has admirably rendered into perfect iambic pentameter the introductory ode of Horace; while in "After Beowulf—What?" he has presented a delightful spoof on "the great work of Anglo-Saxon poetry."

Through an intelligent interpretation of the seven "terrible sonnets" of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Francis Oveis has given us a brief, yet soul-searching study of the spiritual torments suffered by this great English Jesuit. In "Send My Roots Rain," however, while examining the "intense spiritual crisis" undergone by the famous priest-poet, Mr. Oveis does not commit the folly of presuming that Hopkins' life as a Jesuit was always one of "spiritual disconsolation," for as he points out, "Hopkins never despaired, he never 'fundamentally' doubted, he never questioned God's goodness or mercy. He died sure of his goal, convinced of his victory. . . ." Mr. Oveis also pointed out the paradox of the acceptance of Hopkins by "this faithless generation, as one of its own." Yet at the same time he states that "the difference between Hopkins, who was a just man brought closer to God through suffering, and the moderns, who reject Him, is the difference between the saved and the damned."

This article is a concise and well-written account of a man who was truly an "alter Christus."

One of the most able and certainly the most tragic of American playwrights, Eugene O'Neill, was from the moment of his conception marked with the "curse of the misbegotten." The sordid tale of the rise and fall of this great literary figure is the subject of what would seem to be the finest of the fine articles published in this initial issue of the *Chimes*. With "an understanding of the works of Eugene O'Neill" as his goal, James C. Maloney unrolls, one by one, the events which were to make O'Neill the piteous figure he was. From his early childhood, spent with his drug addicted mother, to his death late in 1953, Eugene Gladstone O'Neill was "a victim of his own hopeless, confused, and tragic dream."

"Faithful and Prudent Steward" by Peter Toms is an appraisal of the life and work of John Hughes, first Archbishop of New York. A man of great spirituality, "he was," in the words of Archbishop McCloskey, "from the beginning until the end, clearly and plainly an instrument in the hands of God."

"Petya—The Man and His Work" by Kevin Ranaghan is a perceptive delineation of the character of Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, "the greatest Russian composer of all time." Mr. Ranaghan refers to Tchaikovsky's music as "the last stand of Romanticism." He goes on to say that although Tchaikovsky could not bring himself to accept the dogma of any one particular church, he was, nevertheless, a deeply spiritual man whose spirituality pervaded his every composition.

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Eight Others Have Been Listed as Alternates

On February 11, 1961, eight members of the Senior Class of the High School Division, by virtue of their superior achievement in examinations given last fall, were awarded four year college scholarships by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The amount of the scholarship varies, depending on the financial need of the winners, each of whom must attend a New York State college to be eligible for these benefits.

The winners of the scholarships are: Charles Butler, Paul LeBlanc, John Monfasani, Daniel O'Connell, Edward O'Hanlon, Editor of **The Cathedralite**, Michael O'Hara, Joseph Sexton, and Richard Wertis, President of the Senior Class. Eight other members of the class have been listed as alternates who may be awarded scholarships if a sufficient number of winners lose or give up their scholarships.

The Cathedralite, joins the Faculty and student body in congratulating these men on the honor they have brought both to themselves and to the College.

Fr. Myles Bourke, Biblical Scholar, Addresses Upper Classes of the House

On February 14, 1961, the members of the Junior and Senior years of the High School Division and the Freshman and Sophomore years of the College had the privilege of attending a lecture on "the Biblical Foundations of the Liturgy" delivered by the Reverend Myles M. Bourke S.T.D., renowned Biblical scholar and Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

The lecture was sponsored by the Cathedral College Liturgical Society. Fr. Bourke was introduced by Kevin Ranaghan, President of the Liturgical Society. Fr. Thomas F. Murphy, Moderator of the Society, and Paul Martin, Vice-President, attended on the stage. Many members of the Faculty were also present in the auditorium.

Fr. Bourke stressed the necessity of an understanding of the Biblical foundation of the doctrine of the Mass.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Msgr. Kovach thanked Fr. Bourke for honoring Cathedral with his presence and inspiring us with his lecture. Monsignor expressed the hope that this lecture would be the first in a series of lectures and activities which would help us, as seminarians, to grasp a more complete understanding of and interest in the liturgy.

A Christmas Carol

Avengeful laughter resounded through the newly-renovated halls of Cathedral College. The occasion for the merriment was the pre-Christmas presentation of *A Christmas Carol* by the class of '61. The adaptation of the play from the book of Charles Dickens which heralded the forthcoming joys of Christmas was well executed under the astute guidance of Father Maurice Carroll.

The production suffered its perennial faults due to the inadequate seating arrangement in the assembly hall and to the lack of proper lighting and audio facilities. This seems to be the only failure in regard to stage management and this was offset by the fine scenery which graced the stage. This is illustrated especially in Act II, scene II when the ghosts of Christmas appear and reveal to Scrooge (as depicted by James C. Maloney) his past, present and future; an effect which led one to believe that the characters were enveloped in a dreamy haze was created in the production by use of a scrim. I might add that the props such as the gravestone, fireplace and brass irons of Scrooge's room in Act II were true to life. Credit is also due to sixth year for the variety and excellence of the mid-nineteenth century costumes which were incorporated in the "take-off."

The story adapted by William Mason and the lyrics written by Francis Oveis accompanied by the immortal music of Gilbert and Sullivan dealt with a small portion of the original Christmas Carol, yet the portion adapted from Dickens is integrated quite well with the mimicking of the Cathedral professors.

In regard to the individual performances, one must give sixth year much credit for the portrayals of their "profs" who for six years have kept them on a busy schedule and did not relent for the time-consuming preparations and rehearsals. Special acclaim must go to Daniel Mahoney who portrayed Father Byrne and imitated the mannerisms of Fr. Byrne to perfection, even to the smoking of his cigarette and his akimbo stance. And if we consider Dan Mahoney's stellar performance, we must also mention the caricatures performed by Messrs. Healy, Oveis and Ranaghan in their roles as Thomas Moley, Christmas Present and the new headmaster. Unfortunately we are unable to list the entire "Dramatis Personae" but congratulations are indeed extended to all.

The senior men of the College Department, having now set new standards of excellence for those who are to follow, are truly deserving of the praise which Msgr. Kovach bestowed upon them, "The greatest 'Gaudeamus' I have ever seen." We wholeheartedly agree with the sentiments of Msgr. Kovach and I believe his statement echoes the feelings of the entire student body.

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Editorial

School Spirit

In issue No. 1 of this year's edition of *The Cathedralite*, much space was devoted to "the manifestation of school spirit by attendance at our basketball games." This, indeed, may appear strange and inexplicable to many of our readers. Cathedral has long been proud of the many fine teams which have so often achieved city-wide recognition and esteem. In the past, Cathedral never dared to fail its teams. There was always a large raucous and indomitable horde of rooters at every game, a fact which will be vouched for, on request, by Fr. Griffin and by other members of the Faculty, many of whom played on Cathedral's teams.

Today Cathedral has a dedicated and effective team to carry its name to the oft-tried courts of Cardinal Hayes, Dubois, Regis, Fordham, Iona and many other areas of basketball competition. Under the able coaching of Fr. Griffin the Prep has a 6-11 record and a Second Place trophy in the highly competitive Marist Invitational Tournament. It is difficult to explain how a school with such a comparatively small enrollment has produced over the years teams of better than average caliber. It is even more difficult to explain how the students of this school fail to appear at these basketball games. Many of us claim devotion to our studies as an excuse for not attending. This, in itself, may be valid; but the time which the members of the teams spend practicing surpasses by far the time we spend attending the games. Although it is superfluous to say that the teams are hoping and even asking for our support, nevertheless *The Cathedralite* feels that we have a duty to remember our teams, our classmates and Cathedral.

Literary Talent Within the School

It has often been said by many friendly critics of the student body's literary abilities that some of their numerous writings are suitable for and warrant publication. In the first edition there were a number of essays, reviews and poetic works written by some members of the student body. Two freshmen, believe it or not, under the amicable provocation of their English teacher, wrote poems and happily attained well-merited success. This is a credit, not so much to Cathedral, under whose influence they have spent such a short time, but rather to their grammar schools and to themselves. We, of *The Cathedralite*, aim for material worthy of the genuine talent within the school. Therefore, the student body is requested, if not admonished, to submit any type of literary work which they feel would be a credit to Cathedral.

Subscriptions

In the last issue, a plea was made for subscriptions. With every good wish and fond recollections, a number of the alumni did respond to our call and thereby demonstrated their devotion to and interest in Cathedral. Gratefully, we trust this and future issues of *The Cathedralite* will please them but also that our circulation will increase as each issue leaves the press. Therefore, we suggest that this issue or, as you will, the first issue be circulated among those who, you feel, might appreciate *The Cathedralite* and the school which it represents.

"Letters to the Editor"

Since these first two issues have exacted a great deal of toil and patience from those who have worked on them, and from those who have listened to those who have worked on them, we hope that the reaction to these issues will be favorable but most of all fair. In the next issue, we hope to print a "Letters to the Editor" column. We trust that the student body, priests and lay alumni will expedite any recommendations or criticisms which they feel might improve our work or meet their expectations.

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By DOMINICK J. LAGONEGRO

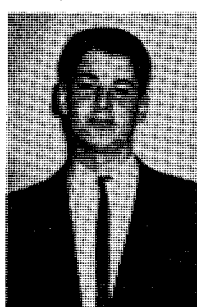
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The Question

What do you like about Cathedral College's remodeled library?

The Answers

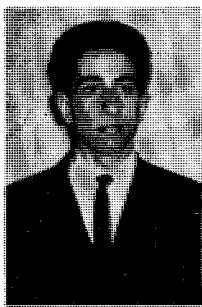
Philip Marino 1-D:



I like the catwalk which is better than the ladders which were very dangerous. Also, the catwalk will enable students to obtain books much more easily. The improved lighting will help the student while he is reading. The new furniture is also very nice.

Alfred Marconi 2-A:

The redecorated library, I am sure, will afford great advantage to the boys who are interested in acquiring more knowledge. Besides this, the library is a symbol of the good heartedness of the Cardinal and all the clergy and laymen in their contributions to the boys of Cathedral.



William Bishop 3-B:

The library affords more room for study and the books are easier to obtain because of the removal of the ladders and their replacement by the catwalk. As soon as the cataloging is completed, it will be easier to find books which will also be a great improvement for both research and study.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By GERARD FOX

It is at this time that we of *The Cathedralite* would like to congratulate Cathedral Varsity for their terrific victory at the Marist Tournament. Although the team failed to defeat Marist High School in the finals, it still managed to capture second place, defeating Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Mary's of Manhasset. All the members of the team received individual trophies and Matt "Golden Boy" Murray made the All-Star team. Keep up the good work!

If all the gossip is true, Harvey Stephens is planning to erect a monument to Eleanor Roosevelt on Staten Island. As all the people on Staten Island can very well testify, Harvey is a man with his own opinion on every subject, who wishes to convey them to others. Harvey, that well-known correspondent to the "letter to the editor" column of the *Staten Island Advance* recently wrote an answer to a letter that had been written by a Kennedy hater. In this masterpiece, Harvey wrote as an old grandmother with five sons, all of whom had fought in World War II. In all, it was a beautiful defense of J.F.K. News flash! Richie Novak is looking in the *New York Times*' "Help Wanted Ads" for a summer job as a hog caller on a ranch in the Midwest. Good luck Rich . . . That "Temple of Patience," Doctor Krystyna Zbieranska returned to Cathedral College after the Christmas Holidays only on the condition that plate glass doors be installed to protect her from the invading hordes of roving Cathedralites. . . . Last week Fr. Carroll ferociously threw a lively student out of the 3rd year French class and scribbled something that was thought to be the student's name on the jug slip. Further investigation disclosed a neat pencil drawing of Monsieur Vincent and his family. You see, Father plans to enter the art contest sponsored by the French newspaper, "France-Amerique." Students will hereafter be requested to illustrate their "homework" . . . Fr. Murphy confronted a culprit with his blank "true and false" test paper. "What is the meaning of this?" asked Father. "Is it true that you can't make a final decision about anything?" "Well, yes and no . . ." School was in session just a few weeks, when by some strange twist of fate 1B's door was cleanly torn from its hinges. This had far reaching effects especially on the pockets of 1B and 1C . . . Several people can testify to the accuracy of the junior astronauts of first year. Often during the last month of school, their feather-weight crafts have streamed down towards their destinations . . . As all have heard, the 4th year classroom has been changed to Room 502. This has been brought about by Fr. Rea who complained that the walking area in 501 was much too small . . . *The Cathedralite* would like, at this time, to add its congratulations to those already expressed by 4th year in the form of two gala parties for Fr. Carroll and Fr. Rea upon the recent celebration of their birthdays . . . A new color has been added to the halls of Cathedral. The entire library ceiling has been painted sky blue to add to that "outdoor feeling" when the boilers fail to function properly . . . First year has many football fans. Their beautiful forward pass out a third story window has been proof of this . . . The cafeteria has not always been what it should have been. And more than once Fr. Griffin has relied on a certain three letter word, jug . . . When is someone going to explain to the freshmen once and for all, what the bunsen burners are really used for. They are definitely not for toasting marshmallows . . . The following are parts of conversations of people known to all of us: to Dick Nixon from Fr. Potter; "Nice guys always finish last." . . . to Attorney-General Robert Kennedy from Fr. Griffin; "No, the Marist Tournament was not fixed" . . . to those who listened to the singing of the Christmas carols; "Yes, Fr. Mayoral was really singing Spanish." . . . To Third year from Fr. Murphy; "Yes, this test did count!"

Special Notice: Since the desks were sanded during the Christmas vacation to remove all excess etchings, Demonic Hieroglyphics will no longer be taught in conjunction with Fr. Darby's history course. All "barrbarians" take heed. . . . Teachers are now cautious as they enter the 1st year classrooms. Several times teachers have come into the class only to be greeted by booby-trapped desks or the like . . . It might be noted here that the Goldwater stronghold in the rear of 4th year, led by Mike O'Hara, has completely fallen apart . . . The freshman track team has scored victory after victory over other high schools. This proves beyond a doubt that all Freshmen aren't bad . . . Is it true that John Duffell was fired from the Freedomland Restaurant because he broke a total of 369 cups and saucers in less than a week. John is still complaining that they never really gave him a chance to show what he could actually do . . . During the election, Fr. Cohalan came out with by far the most surprising statement, "I am a registered Democrat;" but he refused to say when he last voted that way. (He didn't want to reveal his real age). . . . Fr. Mayoral has been looking rather suspiciously at everyone; he's still trying to find out who broke up his Halloween Party . . . It has been rumored that there is a battle raging between Mr. and Mrs. Liturgical Society (Mike O'Hara and Vinny McGee) over who should succeed Kevin Ranaghan as head of the Society.

Legal Notice: One Fr. James Byrne is filing a legal suit against one Daniel Mahoney, for a much too vivid portrayal of the former in a vicious exposé called the "Gaudeamus" . . . Fr. Rea, a Taft Republican, claims that Taft would have defeated Stevenson if nominated. Even the ultra-conservative Michael J. O'Hara disagrees with Father, but Father always resorts to his famous old line, "I lived through that period! . . . The mystery concerning the missing Freshman has finally been solved. He was eaten by two other Freshmen waiting on line for lunch in the cafeteria . . . Vinny McGee supported J.F.K. and the "New Frontier" in the past election and therefore we all know whom Fr. Rea supported . . . Who is "Big O?"

Inside the Ford House

By HARVEY STEPHENS

The solemnity of Advent, enhanced this year at the Bishop Ford Residence by the beauty of the liturgy with its symbolic decor and the chant of its psalms, gave way to the festive celebration of Christmas accompanied by merry carolling and the Ford House's traditional candle-light banquet.

Msgr. Kovach, first to speak at the gala event, echoed the sentiments of all assembled in thanking the efficient kitchen staff for providing such a worthy repast, and in extending congratulations to our procurator, Fr. Gartland, for graciously furnishing the candles. The few anecdotes next related by Msgr. McMahon, which were benevolently received in the true spirit of Christmas, failed to obscure the rich seasonal message he then imparted to all. The dinner culminated with Fr. Gartland's expressing dismay at being regarded as "House Beadle," an intuitive judgment completely unfounded if not totally unconfirmed; and with some nostalgic remarks from Fr. Wilkinson, lamenting the untimely collapse of his ceiling. Assuredly the "high water mark" of the succeeding celebration was heralded by the appearance of Santa Claus, portrayed by Kenneth Jadoff, and clad in a "Rip Van Winkle" costume, an obvious blunder which placed Frank Pugl'ese's position of "social director" in immediate jeopardy and momentarily frightened the disillusioned freshmen.

The Ford House was honored recently to receive visits from Sisters Jacinta and Aquin, Dominican nuns from the Diocese of Brooklyn, the former an aunt of Terry Knealing. Father John Drew, a Cathedral alumnus and a Maryknoll missionary, on a recent visit gave an interesting talk on the Church in the Orient today.

Pleasure, interest, necessity, or curiosity will forever draw colorful personalities over the time honored threshold of the Bishop Ford Residence. In its gallery of the welcomed, the Ford House is proud to rank the celebrated Kevin Ranaghan. The "silver nightingale," as he is familiarly known, met with "Czar Peter II" Malet, "father-general" of the Ford House and Lenny O'Connor, occasional "group" associate in a pre-"Gaudeamus" huddle. Before departing, Ranaghan, not only a renowned songstress and "forensic" chieftain but also "commander-in-chief" of Cathedral's liturgical corps, mildly reprimanded Paul Martin and Michael O'Hara (whose distress over the outcome of the late presidential election has been soothed only by an occasional poignant article in "National Review"), for endeavouring to exclude Ed Kenney and Kenneth Jadoff from the Christmas carolling and thus failing to exhibit that inner patience and endurance so necessary for a liturgist. In an exemplary overture he attempted to lead the two vagabond voices in song and concluded with a promise of future instructions.

Eagle Scout conservationist Paul LeBlanc, who may wholeheartedly embrace Fr. Cohalan's political philosophy but who shall never share his negative attitude towards pigeons, meets regularly with Edward Morrison and Leonard O'Connor to discuss the top-secret business of the mysterious "Order of the Arrow." Edmund "Tex" Guertin, used comic-book dealer, enjoys a flourishing stamp trade with Neil Dousharm and John Vigilante, contestants for control of the unruly freshmen "horde" whose iron power in the Ford House is now endangered by an organized resistance of the exasperated upper classmen led by Ed Kenney and Michael O'Hara. The astonishment of the new "Quasimodo" of the House bell, Thomas "Buck" Rodgers, at seeing Timothy Dorsey on the premises was calmed upon being informed that the recent article on Timmy in *The Cathedralite* was not eulogy but merely a rather weighty tribute to a basketball star on crutches.

Cathedral's Alumni

By CARL LOCATELLI

Dr. William Hughes Mulligan is the present dean of Fordham Law School. He is a distinguished alumnus of the College who studied in the high school department from 1931 to 1935. Realizing that he did not have a vocation to the priesthood, he left Cathedral and continued his studies at Fordham College and Fordham Law School. On January 24, 1961 *The Cathedralite* was granted the following interview by Dr. Mulligan.



Q. In your opinion, what aspect of the training you received at Cathedral is the most valuable?

A. Well, I have said this many times, and I believe it, that the best educational experience I ever had was at Cathedral College, because it had the best faculty that I can imagine. Some of them who come to mind offhand are the following: for Latin we had Fathers Waterson, McDonald, and Haughney; for History, Fathers Monaghan, Fitzgerald, and Furlong; for English, Father Hartigan; for Algebra, Father Lambe; and for Greek, Father Cahill and Chippy New. The tremendous advantage was that we had to work and, at the point of high school age, I can't think of anything more important than intellectual discipline and first rate teaching. And that's what I had at Cathedral. When I went to Fordham College, I was in a class of twenty-seven men: thirteen from Regis and thirteen from Fordham Prep. I was the only other man because Cathedral was the only other school that taught Greek. In my opinion I was way ahead of the boys from Regis and Fordham for I won second prize in the class in competition with them.

Cathedral's training was a very rigorous one. It developed great habits of study which were very important in college and very helpful for law, and it also developed tremendous spirit which, judging by the first issue of the revived *Cathedralite*, you still have.

Aside from the cultural and spiritual values that Cathedral College had, to me its most vital asset was that we were expected to work and we did work. I recall in history Father Monaghan had a system of making us read fifty or sixty pages for each assignment and then digest it and boil it down to three or four pages. This is essentially the experience you need in law school,—the ability to read, digest, and comprehend. I think it was a great school in the real scholarly tradition!

Q. During your four years of high school at Cathedral what were your favorite subjects?

A. I would say that was a matter of liking the teacher more than the subject. For some strange reason I liked Latin and Greek. I didn't like Math too much and, likewise, Chemistry, although we had to take it. I would say that I got the most out of the courses that were tough, such as Latin and Greek. The faculty was absolutely topflight. I have no way of comparing it now.

Q. In what extra-curricular activities did you take part?

A. Well, I was class treasurer for four years and sports columnist for *The Cathedralite*, which was a more modest publication than what you now have. It was about four pages. It had a sports column, news of each class, and short stories. We thought it was all right, but your first issue has more pictures and is a more lively publication than what we had.

In addition to the activities of the dramatic and debating societies, participation in which was more or less limited to the College Department, great stress as I have already said, was placed on athletics. I was manager of athletics and I had the unique experience of taking out pitchers, starting basketball teams, and taking men out of games, an experience which I think was quite an unusual one at that age. We didn't have a basketball court, so we used to practice in those days at St. Ann's on Gunhill Road. No matter where the boys lived we would all get on a subway and go all the way to Gunhill Road. I didn't play, but I was the manager and arranged the schedule. We played twenty-six games: we won thirteen and lost thirteen. We lost to All-Hallow's by one point, 13-12, with two overtimes, which would give an idea of the difference in the game today and in those days. And so, I participated in all the fine activities we had.

Q. What particular incident occurs to you as you think of your days at Cathedral?

A. In those days the main contact that we had between the public was through its athletic program. Since we were so rigidly disciplined, more rigidly I'd say than most schools, and since we attended school on Saturday, a factor which cut us off from the usual intercourse we would have with our classmates from grammar school, we more or less made friendships at the College which were very binding and very lasting. Therefore, the major way you could indicate to the rest of the world what you were doing was through athletics. In those days we took a very avid interest in what the College and Prep were doing. We used to play on Wednesday nights at Holy Spirit in the Bronx and we got out a good percentage of the student body. We had an excellent team and representation. They were great teams and great days!

We used to play Brooklyn Cathedral which was a great competition. In 1935 we played them for the first time in many years. They were a natural enemy. We brought practically the entire school with us for that game. The College had its one big game a year with Manhattan College and, of course, we'd go up and usually get *shellacked*.

Q. Would you comment on the influence of the lay alumni in the world today?

A. Well, last year we graduated Malachy Thomas Mahon, who was a graduate of Manhattan College and attended Cathedral from September 1945 to June 1948. He is the first Fordham Law School Graduate to become appointed Law Secretary to a United States Supreme Court Justice. He is currently secretary to Justice Clark who as of today wrote the majority opinion in the obscenity case which decided that a state has the right to censor movies before they are viewed by the public. So even though a man from Cathedral discovers that he does not have a vocation to the priesthood he can still exercise an influence as a layman.

Q. As a distinguished alumnus of Cathedral what words of advice would you have to offer to its present-day students?

A. I would hesitate to give spiritual advice but I would say that no matter what they do as priests, or if they decide they don't have a vocation, or if Cathedral or the seminary decides they don't have a vocation, the intellectual opportunities at Cathedral were and presumably still are great. I would say that there's ever a greater need for people with your vocation. Whether you persist at it or not is immaterial. The big thing is that so long as you recognize your prime obligation; so long as you realize that there is a God; that God gave us a natural law; that all law has a basis of truth; that there are certain things that are eternally true; and that this is a philosophy to live by; so long as you recognize these great facts which Cathedral drew home to us in a thousand different ways, you cannot fail to live successful lives. We have to have people who are well-trained and who are disciplined in mind and in heart and where can we get them except in a Catholic high school and where should we get them more than in Cathedral College? We are in a desperate battle, not only with Communism, but also with the people in this country who believe that truth is relative, as the secularists do. We need all the strength we can get. We need talent. We need brains. We need energy and devotion and dedication. We shouldn't have people who are devoted to the philosophy of the fast dollar. So young men at Cathedral are obviously not impressed with that philosophy. They're impressed with the primary idea of saving their own souls and even if they leave the College, they still obviously will follow this idea, and will also possess the influence of Cathedral in popular thought,—a benefit to the Church.

Book Review

THE EDGE OF TOMORROW

On January 18 America and the entire world lost a champion who cannot be easily replaced, a champion of democracy. Dr. Thomas A. Dooley died a premature death at the age of thirty-four; he who had relieved suffering and averted disease and death from so many desperate people who were about to fall prey to the devouring monster of communism.

Most of us are familiar with Dr. Dooley's postwar mission to Vietnam; *The Edge of Tomorrow* is the account of his incredible mission to Laos. He and his companions left a comfortable life in their homeland to travel almost half-way around the world, there to be welcomed by poverty, ignorance, disease, and death. What motivated these men to sacrifice all? One of Dr. Dooley's assistants went to the very heart of it when he said: "Aw, hell, sir, we just want to do what we can for people who ain't got it so good."

When Dr. Dooley arrived in the Kingdom of Laos he was not greeted royally. The Minister of Health, who was the only doctor by American standards in a country of two million, suspected Dr. Dooley and questioned the motives for his mission. Finally, after he was satisfied that the doctor was neither an American spy nor a Jesuit in disguise, he agreed to let Dr. Dooley establish an outpost in Vang Vieng. He had only the medical and surgical supplies that had been donated to him by American companies and a little money which was soon exhausted, but he had an inexhaustible supply of faith and courage.

"We kept telling ourselves that these people are our brothers. As free men, we must remember that we have a duty to them." What Dr. Dooley encountered at Vang Vieng and later at Nam Tha, a settlement on the very brink of Red China, is beyond the imagination of an American. Diseases which he had only read about in medical texts were real and thriving among the Laotians; what was most lamentable was the ignorance of the people and the neglect of their welfare both of which fostered what Dr. Dooley was fighting. But these people were willing and eager to learn, they were not happy in their ignorance. At last Dr. Dooley instilled in them the fundamentals of hygiene and proper nutrition.

His work did not terminate at that point, for his work was the expression of what he wanted to achieve. He wanted to put democracy into action—not by mere words but by positive action. He has shown that the word democracy will be an empty sound to the peoples of the free world who are in the twilight of the ugly shadow of communism, unless America and the other more fortunate nations are willing to give up a few of their comforts, and go out to prove to the rest of the world that there is a vast difference between democracy and communism, between freedom and slavery.

Did Dr. Thomas A. Dooley succeed, or was his mission a fruitless one? A boy whom Dr. Dooley had saved from an almost certain death said: "I like the Americans a lot." At this very moment the people of Laos are fighting to preserve the freedom that they "like a lot."

The Edge of Tomorrow is a dynamic account of the heroism and self sacrifice that is too uncommon in an age that needs it most. There is a striking parallel in the charity of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley and the charity toward his fellow men that the future priest must cultivate in his daily life, a charity that must be unselfish and expect no earthly recompense. We enthusiastically recommend *The Edge of Tomorrow* as an inspiring account of what charity can accomplish.

Richard L. Wertis

THE EDGE OF TOMORROW

By THOMAS A. DOOLEY, M.D.

208 pages.

Farrar, Straus, and Cudahy.

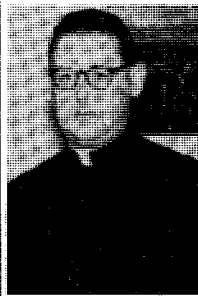
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Yet as good as this edition was, there was not enough. In a College Department which is the largest in recent years, it would seem that there must be a great deal of untapped talent from which substantial contributions for future edi-

Faculty Spotlight

By JOHN DUFFELL

Father Maurice E. Carroll was born in Astoria, Long Island in 1930. In 1944, after being graduated from St. Margaret Mary's Grammar School in the Bronx, he entered the College where in sixth year he was chosen to be Editor of the "Chimes." During his term as editor, the "Chimes" illustrations were the best it ever had.



After being graduated from the College, he went on to St. Joseph's Seminary where after two years, he was chosen as a representative

of the Archdiocese of New York at the American College in Louvain, Belgium, which had been closed for 13 years since the start of World War II.

The American College, established at Louvain in 1857, is a part of the oldest university in Belgium, the Catholic University of Louvain, which was founded first at Malines in 1425 and transferred to Louvain two years later. Today, it is an intellectual influence throughout Belgium, and the members of its Board of Faculties fill the highest places in public life.

After ordination on July 1, 1956, Father returned to the States and was immediately assigned to St. Teresa's Parish on Staten Island. At the same time, His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman appointed Father Carroll to the Faculty of Cathedral College as a member of the language department. On August 14th, 1956 after only two and a half weeks on Staten Island, Father Carroll was assigned to take up residence at Annunciation Rectory in Morningside Heights in Manhattan.

While at Louvain, Father Carroll obtained a Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degree. Besides teaching at the College, Father is currently attending Fordham University and will receive his Master of Arts Degree in Romance Languages, this year. Shortly thereafter, he will start writing his Ph.D. dissertation on Emile Montégut, a nineteenth century critic.

In March of 1959, His Eminence, the Cardinal, had Father Carroll sent as his personal representative to a luncheon offered by the City of New York to President Charles de Gaulle, President of the Republic and the French Community, on the occasion of his visit to the United States.

In January of 1960, Father Carroll was appointed by the rector, Monsignor Kovach, to act in conjunction with him as moderator of the Dramatic Society. In speaking of the Dramatic Society, Father says that he intends to present at least two productions a year other than the *Gaudeamus*.

It is interesting to note that Father Carroll is a member in good standing of the Alliance Française and the Modern Language Association.

Father Carroll, a very loyal supporter of Cathedral's basketball team, has definite suggestions on one of the most recent matters discussed in the Cathedralite's "Inquiring Photographer" column; namely the attendance at the basketball games. Father feels that although there was a change in schedule occasioned by the opening of the Ford House, there is no reason for the present lack of attendance. Father also feels that more should be done to publicize the games both with posters and with verbal announcements, by the Athletic Managers of each class who should not only be men who know how to handle a basketball but also know how to arouse the interest of their classmates in the games by intelligent propaganda. The athletic managers of each class should meet with the publicity manager of the team at least once a week to coordinate their information.

We wish Father Carroll success both in his quest for higher learning and in the work he has begun with the Dramatic Society.

Cathedral Runner-Up in M.I.T.

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its able backcourt men, Jim Daly and Pat Dunne with assistance from John Monfasani. The first half ended with Marist leading 28-25.

The third and fourth quarters were like a nightmare for the Prep. A tired defense could not control the taller Marist squad, and most of Cathedral's outside shots fell short. The boards for the most were dominated by Marist. In the second half, the Prep was outscored by 22 points. The final score at the buzzer was Marist 70 and Cathedral 45. High scorers for Cathedral were Tom Finucane and Matt Murray with twelve points each.

For Cathedral this tournament was a greater success than anticipated. Many thought that Cathedral would not get past the semi-finals. In spite of our ultimate defeat, the tournament was enjoyed by all. Congratulations must be extended to Fr. Griffin for the superb job of coaching he did for the three days.

Along with four other boys from St. Mary's, Our Lady of Lourdes, Marist, and Bishop Dubois High Schools, Matt Murray upheld Cathedral's honor by making the M.I.T. All Star Team. He was the most deserving of the five to receive this honor. He played in more games than any one of the other members of the team and had the highest single game with 27 points. Matt was also the high scorer for Cathedral in each of the three games with a nineteen point overall average for the tournament. Cathedral, in congratulating Matt, hopes that he will do well in the remaining season.

tions might be drawn. Perhaps we shall soon see a selection of articles more representative of the College Department.

Congratulations are again ex-

tended to Mr. Ryan and his staff in the hope that their future issues will be, if possible, even more of a credit both to themselves and to the College than this, their first.

SPORTS EVENTS

By PAUL J. LEBLANC

JV WINS!

Hope springs eternal in the human breast and on Jan. 24, hope sprouted into fact—the JV won! This event is made more startling, and even more joyful in that it was the first game won by that team in nearly two years of existence.

The game was against Salesian and was played in Cardinal Hayes gym. Salesian got off to a fast start and led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 12-6. But the JV stepped on the gas and closed the gap to one point at halftime. The touch-and-go third quarter saw O'Connell get hot on jump shots from the corner and ended with the JV one point ahead.

In the last quarter Salesian faltered while the JV consistently kept grinding out points. The final score was 58-47.

High scorer was O'Connell with 22. This is the highest individual point total for a JV player this year and the only score to break 20. Next was Viscovich with 15. Other scorers were Portley and Keane with 6; McGovern, 5; and Thieke and O'Malley with 2.

And lest this truly historic event pass by without due recognition having been accorded its every facet, a complete list of the persons present from Cathedral follows: Portley, Keane, McGovern, O'Connell, O'Malley, Sullivan, Thieke, and Viscovich were the players; Fr. Griffin, coach; John O'Keefe, manager and timekeeper; Paul LeBlanc, scorekeeper; Ed Kenney and Tom Finucane rooters.

FRESHMEN REPLAY "TRAGEDY AT REGIS"

Regis, which has a nasty habit of treating Cathedral teams unkindly, made sport of our freshmen by romping over them 61-21. Our hapless heroes were led by Bailey with 10 points and Manning who weighed in with 7.

The plot of the tragedy was essentially the same as the one encountered by both the Varsity and the JV. There were a bunch of slick-passing, Jesuit-trained brains who were as proficient on the court as in the classroom, and then the hundreds (or was it thousands—no matter, they outnumbered us) of rooters who had a peculiar affection for some stuffed bird (quite inferior to bell-ringing!)—but enough of this, on to more pleasant tales, such as—

DUBOIS

—which was more to our liking than Regis! The freshmen tore into Dubois with a gusto that would make an Iroquois blush. Dubois committed costly fouls against Bailey who connected for 8 points from the free-throw line to add to his 14 point total. Mike Griffin contributed 7 points and some valuable rebounding. Jim Griffin connected with jump shots from the corner for a total of 6 points. Other scorers were Manning and Thieke with 5; Flynn with 4, and Zarro with 1.

Concerning the score, the freshmen led consistently. An 8 point lead at the end of the first quarter was whittled to a 22-17 lead at half-time. This score was nearly doubled when the game ended with Cathedral leading 42-32.

The next day, our freshmen cagers smashed Brooklyn Cathedral by 24 points. New York led all the way with three players scoring in double figures. Leading the romp were Manning with 14 points, Jim Griffin with 13, and Mike Griffin with 11.

The game developed into a yawn (a rather pleasant yawn, I dare say) as our freshmen's guided missiles rarely missed the mark.

Other scorers were Schlossberg with 7; Maher, 6; Flynn, 5; Bell, 4; and Zarro, 2. The final score was New York 62, and Brooklyn 38.

On Jan. 4, the freshmen squeaked out their third straight victory. This time their victims were St. Raymond's of the Bronx. St. Raymond's had the height and this made the difference in the first half.

After a listless first half, Cathedral switched to a zone defense and slashed an eight point deficit down to one point.

Cathedral finally came to life in the fourth quarter and surged ahead to a ten point lead. The most telling factor in our 37-33 victory was Mike Griffin's rebounding. In addition to his rebounding, Mike also contributed the team high of 12 points. Other scorers were Jim Griffin with 9; Manning, 8; Maher, 4; Flynn and Thieke, 2.

On Jan. 21, the freshmen played Immaculata's JV. In the first half, the score was close, but then Immaculata pulled away. The final score was 49-37.

High scorer was Mike Griffin with 10, followed by Jim Griffin with 9, and Manning with 7.

On Jan. 25, the freshmen played host to Regis. Having suffered a 40 point defeat at the hands of the same team six weeks before, the freshmen were out for blood—and nearly got it.

At the half, Regis was leading by 10 points and looked like a sure winner. But the motto of the freshmen that day was, "Never say die," and at the end of the third quarter they had cut the Regis lead to 37-31. In the fourth quarter, Bailey, and both Griffins were playing like a house afire and they finally caught Regis with 30 seconds left play. Then strong defensive playing held the 45-45 tie until the fourth quarter ended.

In the three minute overtime period, the freshmen lost 51-49 to the same team which just six weeks before had beaten them by 40 points. Quite an improvement.

Those members of the freshmen team whose names failed to be published in the last issue are as follows: Mike Griffin, James Reidy, J. Finn of 1D, James McKiernan, Charles Ollivierre, and Bill McCoy, Manager.

JV LOSES 9 MORE; NIPPED IN 3

If there was ever a team that was dead set in its ways, it's the JV. As this issue goes to press, the JV has compiled a losing streak of 13 games. This remarkable performance can be matched only by the (late) Washington Senators, the New York Rangers, and the New York Knickerbockers (I guess New York is a baseball town!).

On Dec. 9, the JV had the misfortune to play Tolentine. In the thirty-two minutes of play, they managed to register only 14 points—compared to the 60 for Tolentine. The high scorer was O'Connell with 5, followed by Viscovich with 4, Keane with 3, and Portley with 2.

Five days later, the JV played Brooklyn Cathedral. New York Cathedral led all the way—until the last three seconds, when with the score tied, a pass from Portley to Keane was intercepted by a Brooklyn defender who dribbled down court and laid up the winning basket just as the final buzzer sounded! The final score was 36-34 in a game that ended just a few seconds too soon.

The scoring was led by Viscovich who collected 17 points. Liszanekie was next with 8; O'Connell, 5; Portley and Keane, 2.

Two days later, on Dec. 16, the JV was nipped again, but this time by only one point. St. Agnes was the victor—the score was 47-46. Liszanekie was high scorer with 17, Viscovich had 16, and McGovern's sets accounted for 8.

Dec. 22 saw the JV lose its eighth straight in Iona's gym in New Rochelle. The high scorer for the second game in a row was Liszanekie with 8. O'Connell and Viscovich collected 6 each to total the team score to 20. Iona had 44.

On Jan. 4, the JV met Yeshiva at Cardinal Hayes. It was an exciting, well-matched, hard-fought game from start to finish. Keane got most of his 13 points by dropping in sets from the outside; Viscovich worked under the basket, was hit often and got 5 of his 11 points from the foul line; Liszanekie was driving in from the side for 10 points; and Sullivan dropped in the other 5.

Father Byrne coached the second half. The JV was in the lead, until 3:47 of the third quarter when Yeshiva tied the score at 29-29. When the fourth quarter started, both teams had 31 points. Yeshiva went ahead and with one minute left, and ahead by 3 points, attempted to freeze the ball. Yeshiva might very well have done so except that Keane stole the ball and chopped the deficit to one point. Yeshiva tried to get the basket back; missed the shot. Cathedral has the ball. With typical Cathedral luck (i.e. in basketball) Liszanekie's jump shot slid around the rim and rolled out of the basket as the final buzzer sealed the 40-39 loss.

SPORT SHORTS: P. E. has already been extended into Third Year as was said to be in the planning stage last issue—is Fourth Year next? . . . Tim Dorsey, who broke his ankle on Dec. 4, has moved into the Ford House to make it possible to attend classes daily . . . Fourth Year has a soccer team looking for some competition—if interested, see Tom Finucane . . . No athletic manager reported any sports activities—either business is slow or they're snowbound!

VARSITY SPORTS

By MATTHEW J. MURRAY

Cathedral entered its third week of this year's basketball season on December 16. Behind the Prep was a string of five straight losses. Slightly depressed, the team was eager for a taste of victory. The team's appetite was appeased when it took on St. Agnes in an official league game. Cathedral took the floor minus one of its regular five, Tom Finucane. Despite his loss and a slow start, the team managed to maintain a one point margin at the half. With victory in reach Cathedral entered the second half prepared to increase its lead. And that it did! Aided by Ed Peters' and Matt Murray's 16 points the Prep captured a 56-47 victory.

On December 22, a still hot Cathedral took on Iona at the visitor's gym. From the way the Prep played the first half, one wondered how the team ever won the previous game. At the half time buzzer the score had Iona in possession of a comfortable 15 point lead. Inspired by the stirring plea of Fr. Griffin to pull ourselves together, the Prep started the third quarter, a new team. Slowly but surely Cathedral lessened the gap in the score. By the middle of the fourth quarter, the score was tied. Two desperate time outs by Iona were of no avail. For Cathedral, led by Pat Dunne, Ed Peters and Tom Finucane, who all scored in double figures, had nosed out Iona 50-49.

Cathedral's first game after the Marist tournament was on January 4th against Yeshiva. After two minutes of play, John Pape came down from a rebound and twisted his ankle. It was bad enough to keep him out of action for the next three games. The Yeshiva game got back under way after order was restored. The score rocked back and forth for the entire half. At the intermission the score was tied. The second half saw a sloppy Cathedral endeavor to gain a few points. Their erratic ball playing caused them to drop the game. Yeshiva won. Tom Finucane

The following week Cathedral took on St. Simon Stock at their court. It was a toughly fought game in cramped quarters. Unable to shoot from the outside because of a low ceiling, the Prep was forced to drive. A well set up three two zone by Stock prevented Cathedral from doing too much scoring. Stock however, accustomed to the court, had easily rolled up a 16 point lead by the half. At the start of the second half, both teams had zones set up. Cathedral tried to penetrate Stock's defense but was unable to gain much ground. So the fourth quarter came and when the team began to click they found it too late. High scorer for both teams, but in a losing effort, was Matt Murray with 30.

Three days later the Prep travelled up to play Manhattan. A taller Manhattan team controlled both boards. After the first quarter, it looked like it was going to be a tight game. The teams matched each other point for point throughout the second quarter until finally Manhattan managed to take a small lead.

From the beginning of the second half, the Jaspers took control of the game. Through consistent shooting and good rebounding Manhattan began to increase its lead. At the end of the game the score told the story, Manhattan 68 Cathedral 43. Top man for the game was Ed Peters hitting for 18.

A week later Cathedral moved over to play Tolentine. This game was the Prep's worst of the season. Nothing seemed to turn out right. For the whole game the team's shooting was poor, its rebounding worse. Tolentine's good defense held the Prep to 32 points for the entire game. This was the first time this year that Cathedral scored fewer than 40 points in a game. As second high scorer, Pat Dunne with 12 points was the only player to give all he had. Dunn, the team's spark-plug, tried to bring it together but had no cooperation. The final score was Tolentine 55 Cathedral 32.

Cathedral returned home on January 24th to play host to Salesian. Still hungry for a victory, the Prep was determined to take this one. After the first half, things look bad. A better Cathedral team was losing at the half time buzzer. Enflamed by a still greater desire to win this game, the team marched back on the floor. No doubt about it, Cathedral was going to win. The third quarter provided the Prep with the time to catch up to Salesian. This was accomplished; the pull ahead was difficult. With two minutes to play, Ed Peters put in two baskets to tie the score. No sooner done, than on a stolen ball Salesian pulled ahead by two points. With twenty seconds remaining, Cathedral endeavored to get a god shot off. With four seconds left Matt Murray bombed a twenty foot jump shot to tie the the score.

The three minute overtime was short. Daly, Dunne and Peters each tallied two points which enabled the Prep to win 69-67. An excellent game was played by Ed Peters who has greatly improved in his last six or seven games. Ed was top man with 20 points.

On January 27th, Cathedral played St. Agnes at Cardinal Hayes. Cathedral, in a fast moving and action packed game, trounced St. Agnes 76-42. There was no contest from the beginning to the end. Every member of the team played, and what is more, scored. Jim Daly, Tom Finucane, Pat Dunne, and Ed Peters all scored in double figures. Ed Peters shot a fantastic 8 for 11 from the floor in the first half, and wound up top man for Cathedral with 21 points.

Student Personalities

By ALFRED DELIA

Richard Lawrence Wertis

Richard L. Wertis, President of Fourth Year, was born Sept. 2, 1943 in Yonkers. He attended St. Denis elementary school in that city.

From their early years in Cathedral, Richie's classmates have gradually become impressed by his superior intelligence, his quiet application, his friendly manner and his unaffected modesty. Perhaps his modesty is the reason they took so long to find out what a good president he'd make. However, when they did find out, he was elected twice.

As a President, Richie has always been fair, firm when necessary while constantly guarding the interests of the class. If for nothing else, the present fourth year class has Richie to thank for the innumerable quiz postponements he has engineered. The wonderful thing about this is that he has taken on an interest that isn't naturally his, thereby demonstrating his altruistic sense of duty.

Moving to a purely external view of achievement, we might say that Richie participated last year in the Third-Fourth year Debate, and, although his side lost by a small margin, he delivered a rousing fact-packed rebuttal. He is presently in the Forensic League, a city-wide speaking society of which Cathedral is a new member.

Richie's other interests include fishing, hunting, clarinet-playing and baseball (he's a great catcher).

Surely, the best way to describe Richie Wertis is that he is a young man who has no need for self-assertion in order to be popular and respected.



Joseph Philip Nisa

Joseph P. Nisa, the elder of two boys, was born in the Bronx on December 1, 1944. He received his elementary education at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Bronx.

Well known throughout the school, Joe has engaged in public speaking since the eighth grade. A school team of which he was a member won the first prize trophy in an elocution contest sponsored by the Marist Brothers. In our own elocution contests, he placed second in his freshman year and came into his own as a sophomore when he won the contest by a stirring recitation of the "Lesson of Dachau."

In his three years at Cathedral, he has been elected president of his class three times and this year has also been elected the President of debates in his class.

Joe's activities do not terminate at the intellectual border of human interest but also extend into the boundaries of physical endeavor. He played on the Freshman and JV basketball teams in his first two years. And with backing from his schoolmates, he has been trying to establish a class football team.

If we analyze what has been said, we can see that Joe has the startling ability to be simultaneously outstanding in a number of time-consuming pursuits.

Thomas Patrick Flynn

On June 24, 1946 during the immediate aftermath of the Second World War, Torpedoman First Class, Thomas Flynn, stationed at the submarine base in New London, Connecticut, became the father of a baby boy. Later known among his classmates at Cathedral as "Mighty Mouse," Thomas P. Flynn, on his arrival, was not a new experience for his father, who was used to handling high explosives. Tom now lives with his mother, father and younger sister in Yonkers, N. Y., where he went to St. Joseph Grade School.

A versatile little dynamo, Tom is known among students and teachers alike for his enthusiasm, self-determination and accomplishment.

Besides being on the freshman basketball team, he numbers most sports among his extra-curricular activities.

Concerning his schoolwork, it can be said that Tom has all it takes to be a good student. During class recitations, he speaks in a good clear voice, thus taking the first step up the arduous path to his first sermon. In addition, his grades show him to be a hard working boy with a zeal to do well.

Tom is a small, vigorous and intelligent boy who has won the friendship and respect of his companions and all who have come into contact with him.

