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Class Of 49 Matriculates During Week

Much Larger Percentage of New Students Enrolled Out of Maryland

To date forty nine men have registered in the Freshman Class with the upper classes retaining nearly the same enrollment as last year. This number is slightly less than the total Freshman registration at the beginning of last year.

An unusually high percentage of the new class is from other States.

The new class is divided into eight sections for Greek and into seven Mathematics sections. The Freshmen will have laboratory in four sections and there will be three seminar groups.

The mathematics and language tutorials will meet five days a week in the mornings, and seminars will be conducted on Monday and Thursday evenings. The laboratory sections will be the only ones to have afternoon meetings.

A list and the addresses of the newly enrolled men follows:

- Abbott, Alexander Scott, Oconomowoc, Wis.
- Andrews, Martin, Lake View, N. Y.
- Baltzell, Ralph Levi, Union Bridge, Md.
- Beach, David Jerome, Chevy Chase, Md.
- Blaker, Carl Benjamin, Masons Center, N. Y.
- Bourjaily, Monte Ferris, Jr., Berryville, Va.
- Brimhall, McKeen Eccles, Washington, D. C.
- Brown, David Tucker, Jr., Alexandria, Va.
- Buchanan, Douglas, Annapolis, Md.
- Cooley, Walter Lawson, Aberdeen, Md.
- Crandell, Norman Thomas, Baltimore, Md.
- Dubinsky, Harvey, Hartford, Conn.
- Eckhart, Alan Dale, Winnetka, Ill.
- Evans, Francis Thomas, Jr., West Springfield, N. H.

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MESSAGE TO FRESHMEN

St. John's College welcomes the Class of 1943 with all its heart. We hope you will never forget the central purpose that brought you here, the purpose that makes of this college a comradeship, and not a mere aggregation of individuals. We hope you will come to see that purpose with increasing clarity. We hope, in addition, that you bring among you many talents to add to the common resources of the community: that your class will supply us with good musicians, good journalists, good athletes, good actors.

You will find here to aid you with your immediate problem of adjustment, an administration sympathetic with that problem, a faculty prepared to meet fully the obligations proper to teachers, upper-classmen able and willing to guide.

This community can teach you much, if you are ready to learn. It is willing to learn from you whatever you have worth teaching.

STRINGFELLOW BARR,
President.

Dr. J. Weisskopf Takes Position as College Physician TO TEACH

Dr. Joseph Weisskopf, an outstanding figure in medicine and social welfare, has been recently appointed College Physician at St. John's. The newly-arrived physician, who has been in this country only since October eighteenth, left Czechoslovakia on the last day of the German occupation of Sudetenland, until that time being the Head Director of the Czech Civilian Aircraft Defense.

In coming to St. John's, Dr. Weisskopf will, in addition to his duties as College Physician, be active in developing the scientific side of the New Program. Eventually he will take a place in the scientific division of the curriculum.

Also, Dr. Weisskopf will assist the Athletic Department in developing the newly-instituted athletic policy of the college.

As Head Director of the Civilian Aircraft Defense in Czechoslovakia, Dr. Weisskopf was in charge of seeing that the population was able to act quickly and on a minute's notice in finding shelter in air-raid cellars and hideouts, and also to be fluent in the manipulation of gas masks and other air-raid equipment. He supervised the people

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Meeting Called To Discuss Student Government Plans

W. A. Carter, President of the Student Council has appointed S. A. Archie, '40; W. Matz, '40; T. L. Hill, '41, and T. Parran, '42, to an "emergency board," which will study ways and means in reconstruction of the Council from its present deteriorated condition. The first meeting of the board will be called in the near future.

Last year, near the close of the session, the Student Council realizing the change in the status of the fraternities and the adoption of a different housing plan that would come this year, de-

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Sophomore Rules On Hazing 'Rats' Given to Frosh TO SHOOT CANNON

At a meeting of the Freshman Class, called by the Sophomores on the second floor of Woodward Hall, a number of restrictions were presented that the new class would have to observe for a period of approximately two weeks.

These restrictions were very mild, compared to the "rat rules" which have been issued in past years. The new rules were designed to do nothing more than to preserve a number of very sacred and old traditions at St. John's, the only things demanded of Freshmen, being to refrain using the "sacred" diagonal and center walks, and wearing of name-cards. Frosh will "run the cannon" in the customary manner, but will not be forced to buy "rat caps."

The rules were presented by T. B. Campbell, speaking in behalf of the Sophomores, who decided on them in a class meeting Tuesday night.

Elaborate Concert Program Sponsored By S.J.C. Music Club SEVEN CONCERTS

During the coming year the St. John's Music Club is sponsoring a series of seven concerts by distinguished singers and instrumentalists the first program scheduled for sometime in the middle of November.

The artists that will appear in the programs include the Philharmonic String Quartet, Suzanna Bloch, interpreter of the older music for the voice, the lute, the recorder and other ancient instruments, Bernardo Segall, pianist, the De Rozke Symphonic Ensemble, the Pope Pius XI Choir, Yella Pessl, harpsichordist, and Natalie Bodanya, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Accompanying the concerts will be a series of musically illustrated lectures by Dr. Herbert Schwartz, head of the Music Department.

Season tickets that will admit St. John's students and faculty members to the concerts and Mr. Schwartz's lectures can be purchased for three dollars.

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Formal Opening of College Declared By President Barr IN GREAT HALL

The formal opening of the college took place Wednesday afternoon in the Great Hall after a procession of the faculty and student body from Woodward Hall, where they assembled.

Before the ceremony, instructions were given by Mr. Keiffer concerning the order of procession and seating arrangement.

After filing into the Great Hall, the students and faculty remained standing while President Barr formally declared the college in session. Following this the Rev. Coale asked the invocation. The assembly was then seated.

The President warned the students and faculty in a short speech on the greatly increased over the past. He could preside and vote at meetings and act as single representative of the student body.

Three elections a year for councilmen in the houses would serve to keep

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Freshman Smoker in McDowell Basement Held Tuesday Night

A Freshmen Smoker was held in the large social room of McDowell basement at seven-thirty Tuesday evening, with W. A. Carter, '41, President of the Student Council, presiding.

The head men in several of the campus activities and E. F. Lathrop, Athletic Director, were asked to say a few words about their organizations.

P. R. Comegys, '41, made a brief talk about the King William Players, the dramatic society; gave a few of the plans of the group for the coming year and invited the new students to try out for parts in the first play.

V. M. Padgett, '41, editor of the Collegian, spoke a few minutes, giving a short description of the paper and telling of several vacancies in the staff he would be glad to see occupied by Freshmen.

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Extensive Renovation Takes Place In Campus Dorms During Summer

Lower Floor Of Pinkney For Activities

Floor Set Aside For Student Organization, Conference and Alumni Rooms

Three campus activities, King William Players, Collegian and Rat-Tat, have been provided with offices and meeting rooms on the first floor of the recently renovated Pinkney Hall. Besides the student function rooms, there is an alumni social room, a language and a mathematics conference office.

The dramatic society, King William Players, will occupy a large room on the end of the building towards the gymnasium, which before had been divided by a partition and used for the collection office and a mimeographing room. This will afford the Players with a permanent meeting place and it will be large enough to have a small stage in it, so that rehearsals may take place there too. The dramatic society will probably also be given a room on the fourth floor of the same building for storing its property and equipment.

The Collegian will have its office adjoining that of the King William Players in front of the building. This room will have in it filing cabinets, a typewriter and other newspaper equipment. All meetings of the staff and

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Miss Alexander Takes Post of College Dietician

SUCCEEDS MISS SMITH

Succeeding Miss Georgia Mae Smith, who severed her connections with the college last June, Miss Marian E. Alexander, formerly with Columbia Hospital in Washington, D. C., has taken the position of Dietician of St. John's College. In addition to her duties in the dining hall, she has supervision of the dormitories and the coffee shop.

For the present the new dietician plans to manage the Commons very much in the same manner that it was done during last year. Cafeteria breakfast will be served in the mornings from eight to ten o'clock, with lunch at one o'clock and dinner at six. Meals will be served on Sunday at the same times with the exception that breakfast will be from nine to ten instead. There will be no training tables, since athletes will no longer be required to keep training.

Although she plans to continue serving meals at the regular times, Miss Alexander wishes the students to know that she is open for suggestions that might better suit their convenience.

Miss Alexander took her undergraduate training at MacDonald College, Magill University, in Montreal, Canada, later studying dietetics at Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City. After finishing her course in dietetics, she spent a few months at Carbondale Hospital, near Scranton, Pennsylvania, where she gained her first experience, and from then until coming to St. John's she was at Columbia Hospital,

New Housing Plan Put Into Effect At Start Of This Year

Stone, Chase, Paca and Carroll Names of Upperclass Dorm Units

With the opening of the present school year the administration put into effect the housing system that was drafted and announced last May. Under the new system the senior dormitory will be the Stone House, formerly occupied by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

The junior dormitory, formerly Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity House, will be known as the Chase House. It immediately adjoins the senior house.

The sophomores are housed in Paca and Carroll Houses, which were last year occupied by the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

The upper floors of Randall Hall and the second and third floors of Pinkney Hall will again, as in the past, accommodate the Freshman Class.

Each dormitory has undergone numerous modifications and alterations during the summer months. In the dormitory section of Pinkney Hall, all rooms and halls have been replastered and painted. This year, for the first time, the students residing in this building have a social room of their own. The new room, located on the second floor on the end of the building

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J. W. Wright S.J.C. Treasurer Since July 1 WILL TEACH

Mr. John W. Wright was recently made Treasurer and Business Manager of the college, taking office on July first. He succeeds James Martin, who held that position most of last year.

Besides his position in the business management of the school, Mr. Wright will teach a course in economics in the Old Program. He is assuming this extra capacity in order to get an insight into the academic side of the college and because of his personal interest in economics.

Mr. Wright graduated from Amherst College in 1933, after studying liberal arts, with a particular attention to economics.

After graduation he spent three years as an accountant and assistant to the general manager in the Home Owners Loan Corporation in Washington, D. C.

Following this he accepted a position in the Real Estate, Mortgage and Trust Department of the First National Bank of Bridgeport, Connecticut, which he held for one year. During the last two years he was again at Amherst, but this time as head of the fraternity business management of the college. This is an organization of alumni and undergraduate fraternity members, acting in cooperation with the administration, and is responsible for handling the business affairs of the 13 Amherst College fraternities.

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WELCOME CLASS OF '43

To the Freshman Class, the *Collegian*, in behalf of the upperclassmen and faculty wishes to extend a sincere and hearty welcome.

We know that in coming here you were not attracted by a "halo" of glamour and "fast collegiate life," because St. John's would probably be the last place to look for it. You must have come with the hope of finding a place where important things occupy an important role and incidental things incidental roles. It is because we believe this that we are genuinely glad to have you with us, and we feel that you will be more than a credit to our community.

The older students who are engaged in the various extra-curricular activities must most keenly recognize this, and that in you, they can find new members that will be an asset to their organizations.

Again, welcome Class of '43.

AFTER TWO YEARS

When the administration matriculated here two years ago it brought with it what was by many considered the most "revolutionary" pack of ideas that were ever turned loose on a college campus, and often since, the moves that it has made have been classed just as "revolutionary." The fact is that the actions of the administration have been revolutionary and the members of the administration would be probably the first to admit it, but, unfortunately, carried in the word is a great number of connotations, all having a somewhat shady aspect, such as unsound, wrong, bad, and even Communistic and dictatorial. It is the fundamental meaning "change" that the administration would accept, but it was the darker aspects of the word that were usually meant when critics of the administration and its program applied the word to them.

The first bombshell that was thrown into the general order of things was the introduction of the New Program into an American college. But the administration came to St. John's with a realization of the increasing need of American youth to be able to face squarely its problem in a chaotic and disjointed world. It saw that a rigid practise of the liberal arts was one of the few, if not the only way, this could be achieved. To state simply, the practise of liberal arts is a means of attaining intellectual and moral enlightenment.

It was this intellectual and moral enlightenment that the administration was prepared to give St. John's.

The St. John's students having been oriented to this goal, it was necessary to make conditions for achieving it as suitable as possible. Therefore, other changes, or "revolutions," had to take place.

Possibly, the most-discussed of these changes was the abolishment of intercollegiate athletics. This occurred not because the administration didn't approve of athletics, or didn't recognize their benefits, because this year an elaborate system of intramural sports has been instituted.

However, the members of the administration did disapprove of the manner in which intercollegiate sports were generally conducted in American colleges in recent years where very often the student had a keener interest in the football team than in his scholastic curriculum. At the same time an athletic system was devised in which a larger number of students would take an active interest, but yet one that would be compatible with the fundamental aim of the college.

The fraternity question presented a problem somewhat similar to that of the former athletic policy. It was not the fraternity itself that the administration couldn't approve, but it was the state that they had fallen into that made them an unsuitable condition in pursuing the fundamental aim of intellectual and moral enlightenment. The fraternities themselves still exist on the campus but are no longer with separate houses, because it was through them that the unsuitable condition came to exist. Very likely the fraternities will again have the status they had before, but it will be when they have shown that the renewed status will no longer be conflicting with the guiding star of the college.

Corner Of Heaven

We have so often pounded our this column in the past that we thought nothing could possibly be more permanent more secure than this weekly jaunt through a bit of Paradise Events which have occurred since the first of the month however, instill genuine doubt in our mind as to the timeliness of our site which once upon a time betokened a noble passion and a certain complacency of mind. Thus we feel that this first issue should be greeted with a new appellation perhaps Corner of Purgatory in accordance with the world's condition today. When the U. S. enters the conflict we may effect a further change, proceeding to an even lower theological level. At that point we will pack our typewriter off to the front and you will hear further from us there. The lark still bravely singing, as it were.

The travesty across the seas has as yet had no tangible influence upon the serene life at St. John's founded 1696 except that the morning headlines interfere with our enjoyment of the breakfast coffee. Which in the past has been a highly problematical experience anyway. The b'hoys have made successful contact with several places along the West Road have discovered that the local gendarmerie is lax as ever, and that interior decoration profits thereby.

The renewal of old acquaintances is a very pleasant diversion, although it has developed that there is a good deal of red tape attached to the pursuit of the animal desires. One of the swankier local pubs uncovers all the

hitherto secret angles of one's life before one is permitted to scream for the flowing bowl. It's a fair exchange you supply a short paragraph autobiography plus the monetary wherewithal and you in turn are supplied with that which will enable your future autobiographies to strike a lower moral note. The procedure is remarkably similar to that employed when applying for Student Aid.

We beg your forgiveness if this column rhetorically parallels those of the New Yorker. It happens that our subscribed copies accumulated astonishingly over the summer, growing in weekly fits and starts, so that the collection which greeted our arrival here was quite ponderous. Having relieved the College postoffice of its burden, we assumed the role of drudge and are at present well-saturated with the New Yorker's idiom. However you must bear with us for we have little intention of adopting the policy of that journal which is entranced with the idea of delicately slumming its way through literature. Having got this off our chest we are going out to climb a tree as penitent sinners should.

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Although the stewedents are quickly adjusting their respective selves to the old environment, things are not completely normal to date. Everyone literally exudes quantities of cigarettes, and no one as yet has been reduced to depending on his credit for various and sundry luxuries. When there isn't a butt within a radius of a hundred yards then the St. John's atmosphere has been completely absorbed. When Jim da Greek curses you on the street for non payment of debt, then the ternal undergraduate condition once more comes into its own.

Tiffin Tattle

For the benefit of the new members to our little community, the Tiffin Room is the little abode across the hall from the Coffee Shoppe. Most of the doings of the campus are centered herein. The little walls have big ears and it is so easy to be overheard. If this is a warning, don't be surprised to hear your choice remark presented in a somewhat twisted manner.

During the sophomore meeting the prize remark came from one of the Southern Shore delegates. The question under discussion was to the effect of enforcing the Rat Rules in the direction of the use of the Diagonal Walk by the Freshmen. Some of the b'hoys disented and were squelched with the Central and Diagonal Walks are used by the professors and things like that!

At one point it looked as if the meeting would be turned into a seminar of the first water. Each remark had to be clearly defended, and if no objections were forthcoming, the speaker looked perturbed. How we love to defend our pet peeves.

The room saw more activity the night of the Freshman Smoker than at any time since the spring began. The meeting was presided over by that prince of good fellows, the President of the Student Council. When certain people entered the Social Room via the Tiffin entrance, he was seen to suppress a wild desire to laugh outright. Some people are a disturbing influence!

The group en masse filed into the Bookstore after the cigarettes and punch were distributed and the Little-Mother-to-all-the-Student-Body held court. The old slogan was borne out: "Charm does it every time." Mrs. L. just can't help being popular.

Rumor has it the radio and record ings will not be placed in the usual place between the windows, but will be moved to a newer and brighter spot. Maybe the purchasing of the twenty-five new recordings last spring boosted the record sale to its present high. A survey shows that more sales are now in order than at any time during the pre radio days. For a long time there were not enough sold to warrant shops except in the larger communities. Now it would almost pay some enterprising St. Johnie to open his own store.

Now And Here

The plague that is eating away government throughout the world has not passed by such small morsels as student government and has even napped at the crumb of undergraduate legislation and self rule that has existed at St. John's. This week the President of the Student Council announced in restrained desperation that he was calling together an "Emergency Council" to work with him on setting up some form of Council for the year, and that he hoped to be able to announce within a few days that from its chaotic, almost non-existent state, a Council will emerge that can take over student government at this college.

Perhaps by now that "Emergency Council" has reached some kind of working plan. But whether it has or not, it is being here suggested that the Council as well as other people to whom these matters make a difference take into consideration the following proposals that have been evolved after some acquaintance with this college its government and political theory. Specifically, these proposals for the beginning of some kind of valuable student government here are:

- I. No Constitution
- II. Representation based on dormitory residence which now coincides with class groupings, one councilman from each of the four houses and one from each of the two dormitories
- III. Student Council President to be picked by the Council
- IV. Representatives to be elected three times a year in line with the academic year

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Review Of Reviews

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year—yes, that's just the way we all feel about it. As you know, we are here for the express purpose of reading the Hundred Great Books. It does seem a lot, doesn't it? But don't worry. Do not ask why you should not worry, just don't.

Perhaps it might be helpful if we gave you a brief resume of some of the highlights in the Great Book horizon.

Order is an important element in discussing anything. The reading list is no exception. So as not to be bound up in convention, we shall ignore convention and mix our books up thoroughly.

The first book that we will review briefly, from that peer of the authors, Aristotle comes the choice little bit bearing the title of Prior Analytics. Since this book may come to play an important part in your every day life, the determining factor rests in your ability to mill through many complications. The most complicated are the figures which must be memorized. The learning of many feminine names is a handy aid committing to memory the figures. In this way the elusive figures can smack you in the puss merely by your associative powers, not however recommended for the emotionally unstable. Nevertheless, it is a handy book to have around if only to collect dust on your bookshelf. If difficulties are encountered, just run to anyone of the instructors having that mad gleam in his eye and he will be glad to confuse you further.

One of the mysteries of the second year reading list is a volume called "Burnt Njal." No one seems quite to know how to pronounce the title or for that matter, how it ever got on the list at all. Apparently it snuck in all by itself, somewhat like the depressions of the past. It is a delightful tale of life in the far north, and is recommended to aspiring young lawyers. This may be far-fetched, but seeming

ly the author did not think so. When you look up at the sky you see all sorts of things. No one knows how the things we see really are, it is simply appearances. For light on these matters there is "Copernicus" and "Ptolemy" which serve as appearance-savers.

At this point, since you are now somewhat familiar with a few of the titles it might be well to say a few words on the reading of the contents. Reading and how to read, is one of our visiting lecturer's dearest subjects. But then, of course, he will probably tell us all about that over and over during the winter, so we shall leave that for him.

The best tried and true method of covering the ground in the Great Books is this: First, how much time do you have? Second, do you think you will like the subject matter? Third, what movie is playing at the theatres? After carefully answering these questions to your own satisfaction, get out the book and find a chair. When a knock comes to your door, ignore it, unless it has the promise of a bull-session you can't afford to miss. Learning new stories to spring on the gang back home is important also. Next, always count the pages you have to cover before your reading commences. This will save the wear and tear on your nervous system and also determine if any of the pages in the assignment remain uncut. With the number of pages in mind, check with the clock and see exactly how many minutes can be devoted to this task. Divide the number of pages into the number of minutes, and there you have it. Simple!

Always bear in mind that a reading course is just that. Then there can be confusion as to what should be done with those extra minutes before dinner. Then too, some of the students have almost developed perfection in reading while asleep. At least some of us try.

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With the opening of college, St. John's pursues a strictly intramural athletic program. This policy, along with the cancellation of inter-collegiate sports, was announced late last fall and has been the subject of much controversy ever since.

The administration, in explaining this program, novel in modern American colleges points out, first of all, what it considers to be the fundamental aim of collegiate sports of any kind: to enable the students as a whole to build sound and healthy bodies, rather than to see that the college is well represented on sports pages of the daily newspapers. Therefore it becomes the policy of the college to offer athletics in a manner which will encourage students in general to participate, rather than a favored few men who happen to be outstanding.

Such a system of intramurals removes large expenditures for subsidizing, along with numbers of other expenses that go with large-scale inter-collegiate competition. This money, in the opinion of the administration, would be spent to better advantage if all of the students were to receive definite benefit.

The system that will go into operation immediately is arranged so that the student may take part in both individual and team sports within the college. The teams will be composed of members of the various dormitory units, as many from each unit as it organizes. Participation in any sport will not be compulsory, except where prescribed by the college physician.

The athletic program will be directed and supervised by Tutor Edward F. Lathrop, who will have four student assistants. Students who take part in the athletic direction are men of proven athletic and scholastic ability.

The duties of the athletic staff will be: One, to instruct all students who wish instruction, two, to distribute and collect equipment belonging to the college, three, to give corrective exercises to those students for whom they have been prescribed by the college physician, and, four, to referee and supervise all games.

The tutor and the assistants will be in the gymnasium or on the athletic field during the "Athletic Period," which will be from three to five o'clock each afternoon. The "Athletic Period" is to be an integral part of the college curriculum and planned to avoid conflict with classes. The gymnasium will be open at all times of the day, including week-ends, for those who may desire to use it.

Sports to be played under the intramural system will fall into two groups,

those for teams and those for individuals. Team sports for the fall will be touch football, soccer, softball, volleyball, for the winter, basketball, volleyball, and for spring, swimming, track, softball and lacrosse. Individual sports will be tennis, horseshoes, sailing for fall, boxing, handball, squash, badminton for winter, tennis, sailing, badminton for spring.

Although this group of sports is expected to be used for the coming year, additions or other changes may be made when it is thought advisable. The student body is urged to make suggestions in reference to such changes.

All the sports and contests will be governed by the official intercollegiate or amateur rules, with the exception of a few provisions made by the Athletic Department.

The organization of teams will be on the basis of dormitory units. The two freshman dormitories will have two and three teams, respectively; the sophomore dormitory will have one team and the junior and senior dormitory will have one team. Members of the faculty will be encouraged to join the various teams, either in an advisory or playing capacity. Each team will have a manager, who shall be in charge of organizing the team and of keeping its members informed of contests.

Medals will be given to the winning teams and individuals in the various sports. Also a plaque will be awarded to the outstanding individual and to the outstanding team at the end of the year. These will be determined by means of a point system.

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in practice of regular air raid drills and blackouts.

At the same time he held this important public post he was Councillor of his native city, Brunn, capital of Moravia. In 1936 he was a delegate of Czechoslovakia to the International Peace Conference in Brussels.

As a figure in the medical field, Dr. Weisskopf has filled many important positions in his own city, as well as abroad, the outstanding of which being in 1932 when he was General Secretary and Organizer of the Fifth International World Congress on Social Hygiene, in which participated many prominent men of twenty nations.

He has also been very active as a professor, lecturer and medical journalist. For many years he was Assistant Professor of Social Medicine in the Medical Faculty of Masaryk University in Brunn. The doctor held a professorship at Pedagogical Academy in the same city and was a lecturer at Comenius People's University.

At the same time he gave many popular and scientific lectures on Social Hygiene, Tuberculosis, Alcoholism, Cancer Care of Children and the Youth, in public institutions and health education societies, besides regular radio talks.

As a journalist he edited several medical periodicals, besides contributing heavily to many other Czech publications. Also to his credit is a number of larger publications, which cover a great scope in medicine and social welfare.

The new physician is greatly enthused by the St. John's program, and has taken a particular interest to the works of Galen, whom he considers one of the greatest men in medical science. What he considers the paramount feature of this college's educational system is its teaching men to think for themselves and with a free mind. He attaches such great importance to this because he feels that today freedom is standing in greatest peril.

The new College Physician is taking his residence, with his wife and two daughters, in the Infirmary.

Miss Hopkins is working under him in the capacity she filled last year as College Nurse.

SMOKER

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Short descriptions of the Glee Club and Coffee Shop were given by E. J. Heinmuller, '42.

The Athletic Director, E. F. Lathrop, explained in a brief manner the new athletic system, telling of the team arrangements, awards given, and other important facts of the program.

S. A. Archie, '40, head of the Boat Club and assistant to the Athletic Director, spoke for a short time on the club and enjoined any member of the college to come down to the Boat House any afternoon for instructions in sailing.

C. N. Forbes, '40, told the new members the purpose and a few other acts of the Student Employment Bureau.

In concluding, W. A. Carter gave a few comments on the Student Council, explaining the defunct condition of the Council at present and the steps he intended to take in order to remedy it.

After the talks the group moved into the Coffee Shop to enjoy a few minutes' conversation and free refreshments and cigarettes that were served by Miss Alexander and the Coffee Shop waiters.

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CLUB ACTIVITY

The greater interest of the student body last year in cultural subjects expressed itself in the organization of numerous clubs of an academic nature. The groups that were organized last year were the Music, Science, Law and Theology Clubs. Although the Music and Science Clubs existed previously in different form, their present status was given through a reorganization which greatly broadened its interests.

The formation of these activities offers many opportunities to a student who has special interests which he wishes to cultivate or further develop. The clubs have officers who are selected from among the students as well as a faculty adviser. Each club decides how often it wishes to meet, which in the past has usually been once in two weeks.

The outstanding activity of this kind is the Music Club. This functions as governing body or central committee for a number of different musical enterprises.

The largest and most popular of those activities emanating from the Music Club is the Glee Club. This particular club had existed for a number of years as an independent and individual organization until last year when it was integrated into the general music program of the College. It has become the custom of the Glee Club to give a number of concerts a year, both here at St. John's and at other colleges.

A second sub-division of the Music Club is the Music Discussion Group which is conducted along the lines of a seminar. Dr. Herbert Schwartz, head of the Music Department, conducts the discussions which are frequently accompanied by music recordings appropriate to the discussion.

The Instrumental Ensemble is another interesting activity under the same central club. By special invitation several townspeople have been playing in the ensemble because it was found that there were hardly enough instrumentalists on the campus to give this group the desired size.

Another branch in the same general scheme of the Music Club, though of a slightly different character, is piano instruction. Any student who wishes to study piano may arrange to have private lessons under Mr. Schwartz.

Although participation in any of the various musical activities is open to the student body without cost, the Music Club has made the rule that anyone who does wish to take part in one or more of the musical groups must sign a pledge that he will attend all the meetings for a term, which is a third of the College session, or be subject to a fine unless he is able to give an excuse which is deemed adequate by the director of the particular group.

The three other clubs, namely, Science, Law, and Theology, often feature in their meetings lectures by in-

Chase Victors In First Intra- Mural Contest

Paca Team Is Defeated By
Count of 21-14 in Initial
Softball Game

The 1939 Intramural season opened on Thursday with the Chase House team defeating the Paca House team in softball 21-14.

Both outfits showed the effects of a hard summer, but the winners surprisingly enough made the most efforts.

Both starting pitchers, Page Ball of Chase and Bill Ruhl weathered the storm of base hits and were still tossing them up at the finish. Ruhl fanned more batters, but was touched for more hits than his opponent. Ball was the victim of sloppy fielding. He augmented his twirling with three hits, including a home run, triple and double.

'Foxy' Stallings was the sparkplug of the Chase attack. His three hits were only singles, but each one drove in important runs. Paca jumped off to a 4-1 lead in the first, and an 8-3 lead in the third. Chase scored three times in the next, with Stallings accounting for two markers. Paca scored three times in this inning to take a five run lead again, but Chase battled back to score seven runs to take the lead 13-11. This onslaught was led by McDowell's and Ball's homers and capped by Stallings' bingle, which sent Chase into the lead. At this point, Ruhl, who had pitched fine ball and had clouted a homer, began to tire badly. Paca slammed back with three runs to again take the lead 14-13, but that only delayed the end. Chase scored eight (8) times to settle the issue. Stallings again drove in the run that put the winners on top. This inning was featured by McDowell's second circuit clout and additional ones by Captain Garis and Francis Williams.

Paca had enough by that time. Umpire Lathrop awarding the bout to Chase by a technical K. O. The teams lined up as follows: Chase—McDowell, 3b; Hill, ss; Garis, 2b; Ball, p; Clark, 1b; Wayne and Cabbage, c; Lord, lf; Stallings, rf; Williams, cf; Paca—Campbell, cf; Heinmuller, c; Poppiti, 3b; Hoffman, lf; Ruhl, p; Jacobsen, ss; Parran, rf; Everett, 1b.

Interesting speakers outside the college and faculty members.

The faculty advisers for the four societies are: Mr. H. T. Schwartz for the Music Club, Mr. G. H. McFarlan for the Science Club, Mr. J. S. Martin for the Law Club, and Mr. G. G. Leckie for the Theology Club.

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— in —
"They Shall Have Music"

September 24 - 25

BETTY GRABLE
and JACKIE COOGAN

— in —
"MILLION DOLLAR LEGS"

September 26 - 30

BETTE DAVIS and MIRIAM HOPKINS

— in —
"OLD MAID"

REPUBLIC

..... Theatre

Saturday, September 23
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— in —
"THE KID FROM TEXAS"

September 24 - 26

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Interior Changes In Humphreys Made During Summer

MORE ROOMS

Humphreys Hall which has undergone an extensive interior renovation during the summer months, will now accommodate all laboratory courses offered by the college. The Biology and Psychology Departments, which last year held their classes in the building on the corner of King George street and College Avenue, are now afforded rooms on the second floor of Humphreys.

The large hall, formerly on the third floor, has been divided into several smaller rooms which will be used for New Program "lab" experiments and lectures. The alterations on this floor provide a physics "lab" and a drafting room, which will be used by the upper classes and the Freshmen, respectively. Adjacent to these rooms are two smaller ones, in which class recitations and lectures will be heard. This arrangement was designed to eliminate the confusion which occurs when a lecture is being given at the same time laboratory assistants are setting up equipment for an experiment. Mr. M. L. Midgette and Mr. R. S. Alleman, tutors in the scientific division of the St. John's Program, will have their offices in the upper story of the building.

Other improvements in Humphreys include the repainting of the halls and most of the rooms and a new ceiling in the basement.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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vided to vote themselves out of office and call for the election of only a Council president for the coming year, who would attempt to reorganize the student government in the light of the changed conditions.

After the meeting of the "emergency board" in a few days, the plans that have been formulated will be submitted to popular vote of the student body.

According to Carter, the aim of the committee will be to arrive at a system of government which will serve to unify the student body into a harmonious group. He believes that the failure of student government in the past is due directly to the fact that the Council was a large and cumbersome group, with no aim in view except the interests of the individual members and the organizations which they represented.

ACTIVITY ROOMS

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other business of the paper will take place there.

Across the hall from the Collegian office will be an office for the *Rat-Tat*, the St. John's year-book. This room will also be furnished with the general equipment for the organization.

The Alumni Room, which is located at the other end of the hall, has been recently remodeled with panel walls, besides having its ceiling replastered and floors painted. It will be given the appropriate atmosphere by having the walls decorated with the plaques of many of the past graduating classes.

The two conference rooms will make it more convenient for both student and instructor to discuss whatever problems they may wish.

CONCERTS

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The townspeople can enjoy the concert series by becoming members of the Music Club, and they may obtain admission in this club by paying annual dues of five dollars. For outsiders, membership in the Music Club gives, in addition to the concerts, admission to the series of music lectures, access to the college library of musical recordings and phonograph room at appointed times, participation in choral and ensemble societies at the college, and a subscription to the *COLLEGIAN*, in which will appear reviews of the concerts by Dr. Schwartz as well as other news of the Music Club's activities.

HOUSING

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near College Avenue, will be furnished with rugs and comfortable chairs.

The first floors of the upperclass men's dormitories, which were previously fraternity houses, have been greatly altered in converting several of the numerous social rooms into private rooms. However, each dormitory unit is given one common social room and a game room. These social rooms have been fitted with attractive furniture, rugs, and drapes. The walls are nicely decorated with pictures.

Game rooms in each of the housing units are equipped with billiard and ping-pong tables, which will provide means of recreation for the students.

Each unit has a student dormitory manager, whose duty it is to see that facilities, such as light, heat and water, are functioning properly and to report any damage or destruction of college property that might occur.

NOW AND HERE

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WHY NO CONSTITUTION

Apart from ideal considerations, local history has prompted these recommendations. Throughout its past existence the students duly elected governing body, when not acting on such important matters as coats and ties in the dining hall, has concerned itself solely with its own dignity, function and constitution. Lacking solid possession of any one of the three, it has fretted itself steadily into a decline now dimmed by its near disappearance. It seems quite possible that the absence of a constitution will remove the necessity for these considerations and allow the Council to turn to matters that should occupy its time.

Without a constitution the Council will need to define its function, not by statements, but by considered action and judgments. It is doubtful if the position and operations of a working organism such as this one should be or could be precisely defined. Apart from the possibility that putting letters around it kills the very act it is performing, there is the genius fact that its situation should be too changing, complex and delicate to be adequately stated.

This would force the Council to find its function by undertaking jobs that present themselves. If the job is done, then it is within the province of the Council. There need be no asking college authorities for a statement of its own authority for this should best be determined empirically. Its place it should find itself and then it will be a genuine place.

Obviously its first lines will be as legislature, tribunal, and conference. Here again it may make its own precedents and select its own traditions. And finally if it finds that it cannot act nor reach decisions, then it must be admitted that it is solely because there exists no function for it.

Overlooking that doubtful premise, it is still reasonable that this elasticity of form best meets the present transition period. It could also be further argued that a system built on common law and the times' temper will outlast a system based on the kind of constitution we see written by past student councils.

BEST REPRESENTATION

The proposal for representation seems the least debatable. With housing as it is, representatives from the houses would be voted out on the basis of population, class, and houses. They then could serve as executive officers for house and class as well as members of the council governing the student body. This would be most apt since it would remove the nauseating spectacle of class officers as we have seen them, whose only duty was to have a separate picture in the year book. Instead of practicing the old custom of enough offices to go around, the students should have as few and as good men as they can get to act for them. This method of representation might solve these several problems quite neatly.

This representative probably should not be the same man who acts as college manager for the dormitory, because his main job will be to act solely as a student representative; but there could well be times when the same man could fill both jobs.

As for the number of men per unit it is not unlikely that time will bring an increased upper class representation and even some vote extension for special club interests like the *COLLEGIAN*, King William Players, or fraternities; right now it must be recognized that freshmen are so numerous as to deserve larger numbers of councilmen than ordinarily granted.

TWO PROPOSALS ENGLISH

The last two proposals, while adaptations of English custom, are intended to give a more forceful voice to the council's actions and to avoid difficulties of the past. First, the council should pick the president—either from its own membership or not—which would then make his responsibility to the council as its executive officer

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NEW STUDENTS

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Fearnow, Glenn Allen, Williamsport, Md.

Fleming, Daniel Bernard, Baltimore, Md.

Fries, Ernest Christopher, Jr., Oakley, Md.

Grubb, Edward Hanson, San Francisco, Calif.

Hart, William Truman, Fairport, N. Y.

Hedeman, John Louis, Baltimore, Md.

Hildebrand, John Wilbur, Washington, D. C.

Hoover, John Frank, Ossining, N. Y.

Hunter, Robert, Mobile, Ala.

Jackson, Peter Huntington, Fletcher, N. C.

Kellogg-Smith, Ogden, Worthington, Chestertown, Md.

Kramer, Edward, Montclair, N. J.

Lefell, Claude Spencer, Jr., Woodbine, Md.

Lewis, John Fulton, Arnold, Md.

Luptcomb, Norman Winn, Montclair, N. Y.

Maidat, Harold Joseph, Yonkers, N. Y.

Mairata, Luis Alberto, Iquitos, Peru.

Mallon, Richard Taylor, Washington, D. C.

Mason, Francis Scarlett, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

Novak, Richard August, Baltimore, Md.

Perlman, Milton, Memphis, Tenn.

Preston, Henry Clay, Jr., Towson, Md.

Rock, John Plandome, N. Y.

Roth, Leo Carl, Moline, Ill.

Runyon, Thomas Mercein, Los Angeles, Calif.

Silhavy, Joseph John, Jr., Wauseon, Ohio.

Slatosky, Alex Leonard, Bethlehem, Pa.

Spencer, Richard Bennett, Jr., Baltimore, Md.

Sterling, Robert Lee, Crisfield, Md.

Stern, Herbert Willard, Philadelphia, Pa.

Thompson, Ollie Hammond, Jr., Hurlock, Md.

Thompson, Robert Stearns, Scarborough, N. Y.

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