

AFTER EIGHTY YEARS...

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE has engaged itself in one of the most diversified programs of activities paralleled by those of few other like institutions. Considering its comparative size, the home of Franciscan learning has yielded perhaps a far more fruitful social life than is available amidst the fuss and bustle of its larger contemporaries. The abundant culture that has emanated from here has been generously derived from a spirit of truth and forwardness that has been liberally blended into the very thoughts and lives of its former and present students.

In the lengthy period of eighty years many activities found their way into the inconsistent curricula of an ever-changing student body. Among the more popular organized operations were the time-honored sessions of the upperclassmen in which were poured forth streams of eloquence in respective presentations of philosophic dissertation. Here undoubtedly was the foundation of manhood, the very right of exercising self-opinion and, more so perhaps, self-justification. Organized clubs and societies similarly knitted groups into a fine fabric of scholarly cultivation, their membership often stimulated by the presence of celebrated guests and artists invited to reveal some fine pearl of wisdom from their oft replenished coffers of knowledge. Perhaps one of the most interesting and entertaining activities which drew popular acclaim from the students and their friends was the annual production of the Dramatic Club. Hairbreath Harry's and Hamlet's shared the same applause of enthusiasm when the Red and Blue troupers engaged in their yearly versions of amateurish histrionics.

Today numerous clubs and groups absorb the extra-scholastic endeavours of the versatile student body. The arts are strongly represented, while science students display their badge of speciality in the realm of the test tubes and microscopes. Numerous other aggregations, including two fraternities, represent the major concerns and hobbies of the varying student mind.

All groups are centralized under the head of the Student Council, established six years ago with ultra-streamlined provisions and plans of action. The Council has functioned efficiently and in a truly representative manner, paving the way for better understanding and harmony between administration and students.