THE VOICE

September of 1942 saw the VOICE "scooped". As a matter of fact, it was more than "scooped", it was "cleaned out". Graduation and call to arms had left only five members of last year's staff, a cold, heat-rationed office, ten faded pictures, two boxes of old "cuts", three empty glasses, and half an aspirin. The VOICE had gone to war before anyone had thought of hoarding.

But despite the war, priorities, and curtailed enrollments, budgets, advertisements, and activities, the five horsemen left behind decided to carry on. Townsend Sausville, last year's "Up from Gowanus" kid was assigned to the editor's post. Tom Haggerty, who last year alternated between extension courses in chemistry and the Features Department was named Associate Editor, while Arthur Lochhead, became Sports Editor, Rudolf Hormuth, News Editor, and Xavier Mussachia, business manager. Paper and aspirins were purchased, the lease on the library's typewriter, and glue were renewed, and the staff was set to go to press.

The first call for new members met with a gratifying response. Over twenty new recruits crowded the office and were met by the Editors delighted smile. When he found that they were mostly freshmen he stopped smiling and wearily began to outline his hopes and policies. The News Editor explained the mechanics of a news story, trial assignments were made and a temporary staff picked. No one was happy — everyone was worried.

The VOICE office, however, now became a busy place. It was flooded with ream on ream of paper. Copy, cartoons, pictures, poems, short stories, news items, publicity releases — and would be writers crowded the stronghold of the unhappy five. The freshmen learned the hard way, but they learned well. After endless revision and rewrites, some semblance of articles and features could be distinguished. Two weeks later, this hopeless maze gave birth to a "dummy."

The presses rolled, and the first issue was a surprise to everyone. A new streamlined heading announced the advent of a new regime. A screaming headline scooped the election of Artie Lochhead as the new president of the Student Council. Indeed, the issue seemed to have everything from pictures, cartoons, and features to advertisements from Tony's grocery store. The freshmen had done well, but the Editors had lost most of their hair.

The VOICE now really found itself. In the abolition of the freshman basket-ball rule, the visit of the joint Army-Navy Board, the student blood donation and other activities, the staff found an abundance of news material. Combined with the sport news and the three columns, "Strictly from Hunger," "I Cover St. Francis" and "Frosh Dirt," the venture could now definitely be marked "successful."



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