

BASKETBALL

The 1946-47 Season

Following three very lean war years, the St. Francis Terriers entered upon their 1946-47 basketball season with high hopes. When the first call for candidates was posted early in October, some eighty fellows turned out. Coach Joe Brennan, after watching the boys work out a few times, narrowed this number down to what he considered the best in the school. Among those chosen to represent the school on the court were many members of last year's varsity and also many returning servicemen who had played varsity ball in previous years.

By the time the first whistle was about to blow, a starting quintet of Emil Mele, Steve Ferraro, Joe Dolan, Jack Zeitler, and Hal Grady had been selected. The only Senior on the team, and an ex-Marine officer, Steve Ferraro was elected to be the captain. The team's Garden schedule was comprised of the following: N. Y. U., Louisiana State, West Virginia, La Salle, and St. John's, the former three being rated among the nation's top quintets.

Rolling over their first two opponents by sizeable margins, the Friars entered the Eighth Avenue arena for their contest with the highly favored Violets. The Terriers proved to be "bees" for the Violets. At intermission time the score was deadlocked at 22-22, by virtue of Mele's long set shot just ten seconds before the buzzer. The Washington Heights boys rallied in the second half to down those pesty Terriers, but the latter showed that they were to be reckoned with.

