



COLLEGE BOWL WINS



It all began on a clear, cold day in February when Jim Flynn called and asked if I were sitting down. The news was that we were to be on the College Bowl on June 6th.

My first impulse was to deny any responsibility for the impending tragedy and make a clean get-away. But Jim and Brother Henry asked me to help out and second thoughts indicated it might be fun.

The immediate job was to get a team and an elimination test seemed a good idea. Roughly ninety students tried out on such profundities as name the two moons of Mars and the college for which Hank Luisetti played basketball (I don't think anyone got that last one right).

Many good students tried for the team and helped us in ways they will probably never realize. The entire student body joined in a wide open quiz session which helped to shape and sharpen the team which was to represent St. Francis.

On D-Day plus twenty-one years we faced Rhode Island and Ed MacDonald nailed the opening ques-

tion. This was a feat he was to repeat next week against West Texas State. We won the Rhode Island game in the first half where we ran up a hundred point lead largely on the amazing speed and range of Mike O'Donnell's answers. He would win the M.V.P. award for that show. In the second half some key answers by John Donovan, always steady and dependable, helped us hold on to our dwindling lead as Rhode Island, a good team of very fine people, closed fast.

On June 13th it was Texas State and in our team pool I picked us for 400 points. At half-time we were ahead 95 to 90 and when they took the first question in the second half for a five point lead my pool pick seemed a bit hollow. Then Bill Black, the captain of the team, swung into action. His most notable contribution as captain in the previous week had been to change a correct answer and cost us a few points. He more than made up for it by taking toss-up after toss-up as we won going away. And, appropriately enough, he won the pool.

After some dignified celebration the task of re-