



## THE VOICE

Amidst the confusion of the newly adjusted students last October, the first issue of the Voice appeared. From a rather slow beginning, the student publication gathered journalistic momentum with each succeeding issue, and so attained the standards of a respected collegiate newspaper. Rising above difficulties, chief among which was that almost the entire staff was new, the Voice having been suspended during the war, the college paper appeared regularly throughout the year. The Editor, John Lynch, and his assistants, Joe Healey and Jim Cusack, carefully planned each issue, hoping that every succeeding edition would be even better than the last. The large staff aided in having each edition out in time by fulfilling their assignments promptly. "Smiling" Joe Healey, besides being associate editor, contributed to "The World Today", "Jesting" Jim Cusack edited the sports section, and kept the students informed on the latest news in the field of sports with his column "Ridin' The Pines". The one who saw all in "Disa and Data" was Bill McGrath, business manager, who portrayed the antics of the students. Owing to the large enrollment of veterans, a new feature, "The Veteran's Corner", under the pen of Charlie Silva was added to provide information for the vets of St. Francis. "The Third Degree", with its rather pointed questions, and various answers provided some humor on the fourth page. Bill Fitzgerald's religious column informed the students of their religious duties, while "In Retrospect" by Joe Gaetano delved into the archives of the Voice, telling of past occurrences at St. Francis College. Every publication date, Jim Brennan, the circulation manager, could be seen in the Voice



office busily engaged in sending copies out to those who were on the mailing list. As the saying goes, every body wants to get into the act, and everyone on the staff did.

Friday was the deadline—a hectic day for the staff as well as the editorial Board. The editor would be banging his head if an article was missing; the other members were busy finishing up articles. Yes, on those days the Voice office showed great signs of industrious labor. When the dust had settled, papers stopped flying, and writing ceased, the articles were stuffed into an envelope and sent to press. Making up the “dummy” came another day, and proof-reading yet another day. By such a process the paper appeared regularly. With all the hard work, headaches, and worries, there was manifested a truly friendly spirit among the members of the staff, and at the end of the year, the staff can say that the satisfaction received from writing was well worth the effort put into the student publication of our College.

The year, '46-'47, in one of the past editorials of the paper, was entitled “THE YEAR”. Certainly it has lived up to that name. There was a host of College news, and the Voice tried to cover everything in the best possible manner. Above all, the Voice tried to serve the interests of the students, for the editors always kept it in mind that this was and is the medium of student opinion and thought and also a means of influencing students on intercollegiate affairs. The editors and staff tried to enkindle and fan the spirit that we, here in St. Francis, call Franciscan Spirit.

