

# YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS



Father Berrigan as he lectured to a packed Room 706 on the hope of poverty and peace in the Church.

In this period between the death of God and the birth of Man, the values of Christianity have not been thrown to the wind—rather, concerned laymen have finally begun to try to examine the values which have lain dormant for nearly two thousand years of Christianity. A basic uniqueness in Christianity is the doctrine of the Incarnation, a shattering of the cleavage between God and creation. A sense of failure and despair is growing since religion has failed to be incarnate with the world. Because of this failure, the nations of the world continue to melt their plowshares into swords.

The Y.C.S. has tried this year to come to an awareness of what it means to be young, to be a Christian, and to be a student. The meanings of these words are of prime importance to us, since they form an ideogrammatical picture of what we at

St. Francis are, hope to be, or pretend to be. We admit that we have failed to find an answer and probably never shall.

They've only started partial explorations at the most. They have come to an awareness that the Mystical Body of Christ is not a robot and that each part of the Body is alive with its own awareness. And perhaps their further activities will gradually pull the Mystical Body from its present seige of epilepsy.

The highlight of Y.C.S. activities this year was the appearance of Father Berrigan, S.J., speaking on "Poverty and Peace." Besides being just two virtues listed in the catechism, poverty and peace are more importantly a new avenue for incarnating Christ in the world.



# FRANCISCAN



Mr. Clifford contemplates Marty Taschdjian's remarks as Bob Jones, Ted Timmins, and Jim Palmer display varying degrees of interest.

The 1967 Franciscan Staff, like the 1967 automobile, made its first appearance in 1966. When the new auto makes its appearance, it has its picture taken; when the new staff makes its appearance, it takes pictures. Even before the previous staff clears out it seems that good old Room 500 (home of the Red Baron, Batman, various folk festivals and athletic events) has become an extension of Lorstan Studios complete with lights, camera, photographer and confusion. The Seniors soon-to-be come trooping dutifully through, filling out forms, posing and complaining. This is only the beginning of a long list of assignments which the staff must complete to enable you, dear reader, to hold the book you are now holding.

Simply attempting to list such items as photography, artwork, write-ups, layouts, advertising, scheduling conferences with photographers and printers, does not begin to tell of the enormous amount of individual effort expended by the members of the staff. Like most other college activities

the only rewards garnered by the Franciscan Staff are the satisfaction of a job well-done and the hope that many will respond with pleasure at the result and appreciation for the effort.

As with any successful organization there will be found a successful leader, so too with the 1967 *Franciscan*. If any one person is to be singled out as the guiding force and spirit of this book, it is James Palmer, the Editor-in-Chief. With quiet determination and remarkable equanimity he assumed control of this publication and pointed the way for the rest of the staff. Through his example of hard work and good humor in the face of many frustrations, he made it a privilege to have had a part in creating this book.

This copy is not designed as a quick, capsule history of the work accomplished in Room 500 this year. If any staff member has trouble recalling that effort, let him leaf through the other pages of the 1967 *Franciscan*—and be proud.