



THE FRANCISCAN

How and why THE 1947 FRANCISCAN was ever published can be aptly termed twin "64 dollar" questions. It is doubtful if even the famed Answer Man is able to find the answers to these queries. Only a thorough analysis of all the conditions which surrounded the publication of the College Year Book, after a lapse of four years, can yield the answer.

Early in October, the Senior Class convened at one of its regular bi-monthly meetings, and discussed the question that had been privately talked of for weeks—"Should we publish a year book this year?" Much was said both for and against the proposal, and the Class was quite evenly divided in its opinion. After lengthy discussion and deliberation, it was finally decided that we would take a chance. Accordingly, the proper contacts were made with the cover manufacturer and the publisher, and things were under way.

Desiring to have both halves of the class equally represented on the Staff, co-Editors—Ed "Knocky" Johnson and Don Metz—and co-Business Managers—Ed Fleming and Charlie Reisert—were chosen. Frank Costello was chosen to be the Sports Editor, and Jack Quinn assumed the position of Photographic Editor. In turn, each member of the Class was given a definite job to do, and, although no specific titles were attached to these tasks, each man became an integral part of the machine.

The Editorial Staff spent many long hours editing and proof-reading copy for the book, while the members of the Business Staff stuffed the mails and kept the telephone wires hot in their effort to secure ads. The Photographic Department had its own headaches, what with devising a suitable schedule for taking pictures and then seeing that it was carried out efficiently. Nor was the task

of the Sports Editor all milk and honey, for, what had originated as a one sport program, soon developed into a three sport one, thereby just tripling the work necessary. To us who had favored the publication of THE FRANCISCAN from the beginning it was very gratifying to witness the manner in which all, even those who had at first opposed the plan, chipped in and carried out assignments cheerfully and efficiently. Without such unity of action the task would have been even more difficult than it was.

Lest we forget, the entire Staff wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to all those who in any way cooperated with us in our undertaking, especially those under classmen who responded to our wishes so unhesitatingly. Our sincerest wish is that they, too, shall be greeted with an equal amount of cooperation when this task falls to them in years to come.

Here, then, are the answers to the questions. Why?—because we truly felt that the college year, especially for the Senior Class, would not have been complete without a Year Book. Despite the difficulties which were posed, we were determined to publish THE 1947 FRANCISCAN. The answer is sheer determination. How?—through the unfailing efforts of the Staff, plus the cooperation of the entire Senior Class and many under classmen. Although we were entirely devoid of all literary talent, we pooled our resources, in the true Franciscan manner, evened off the rough edges, and so produced THE 1947 FRANCISCAN. The answer, then, is wholehearted support and cooperation.

