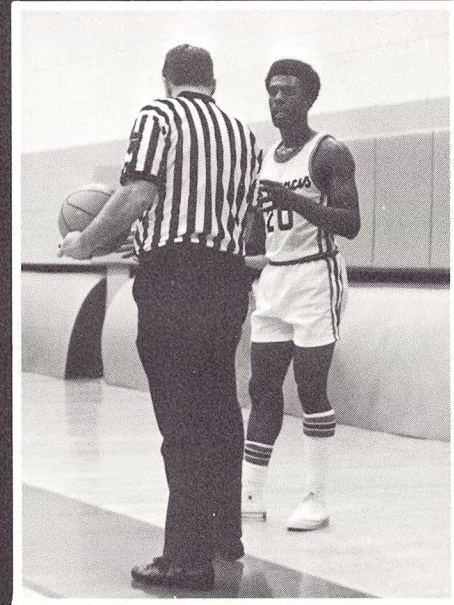
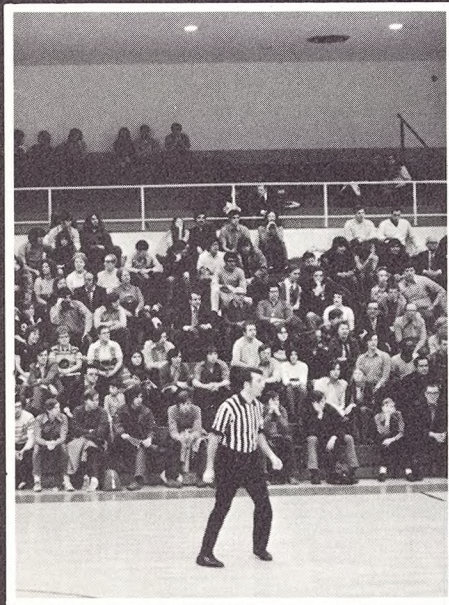
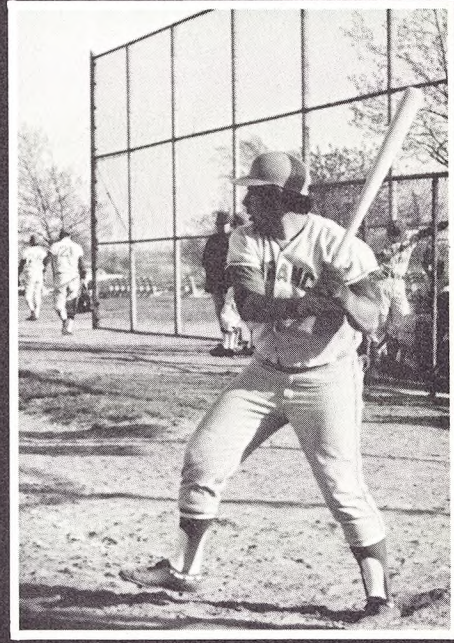


Amid all the bowls, games and tournaments that permeate any particular year in the sports world, we must remind ourselves that there is more to life; more to think about; and more to look forward to than Super Bowl or the World Series. I suppose that the jock mentality is a tough one to shake but it isn't impossible. There must be something wrong with spending 18 (not including pre-season) Sundays in a row, in front of a television set, watching grown men pound each other on the head. If they did it on the street they'd be arrested. It is important to remember that sports and games are only a part of our lives. It seems to me that the older we become the smaller the part that these games play should become. As we grow older other responsibilities force us to give up many of our athletic endeavors. If football games begin to take precedence over family, friends, jobs or studies, we should look at ourselves and ask about our priorities. What is important to me?

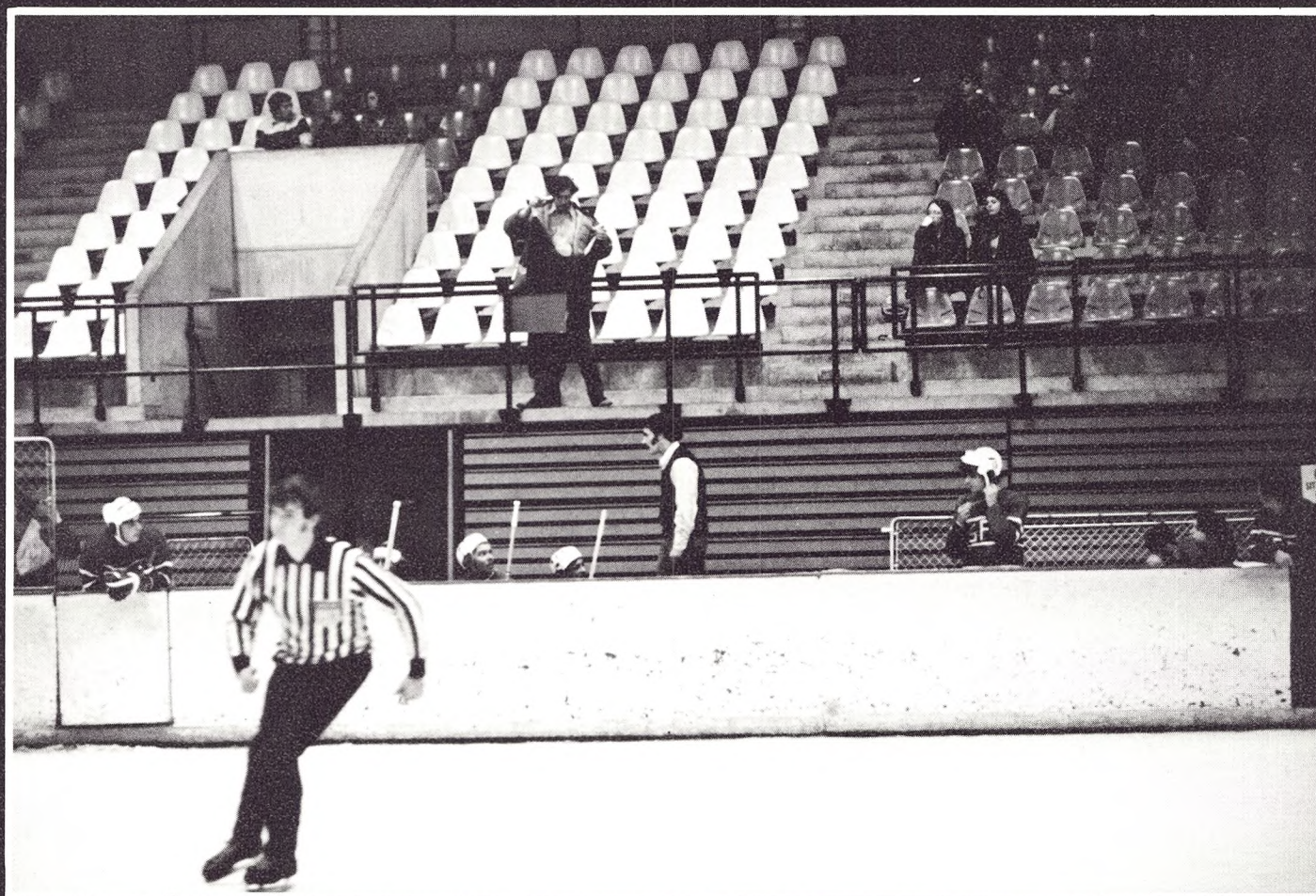
A lot of people say that sports are a means of escape. That's true, but in too many instances we escape to the sports world and forget to come back. Things will always go well if we don't venture past the last few pages of the *Daily News*. All we would have to worry about would be whether or not a particular player's torn ligaments had healed well enough for him to play at peak efficiency. If our team doesn't make out too well, there is always next year. It may sound far fetched but I'd bet that for many people it is truer than they'd like to admit. I'm not saying that sports and games should not be part of our lives. I am only questioning the size and importance of that part. I enjoy participating in and watching various sports, but I try to remember that when you come right down to it they are just not the most important things.

Chronicled here on the following pages are some of those fleeting moments in a single year of sports at St. Francis College, frozen for all time the youth and spirit that only comes once in our lives. Play ball!!

— Arthur Raimo, Sports Editor THE VOICE



Ice Hockey



Though the St. Francis Icemen did not draw the crowds that some of the other teams managed during the season they were not the less undaunted. They did not turn in their best season this year. The President of our club hockey team, Nicholas D'Onghia summarized this years team as young and largely inexperienced, but good team players eager to learn. Though the team did not win as many games as expected, coupled with the loss of a number of veteran seniors, the outlook for the team is good. This has been a year of building for the team, but with the team spirit, energy and desire exhibited by the newcomers for the organization, it is a sure bet to find St. Francis at the top of the league next year.

