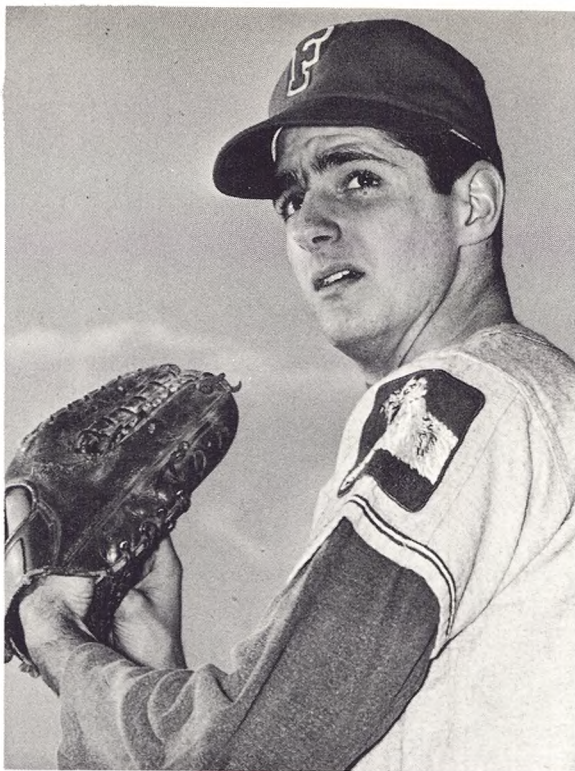




Tony Alvarez, *third base*



Paul DeLoca, *pitcher*



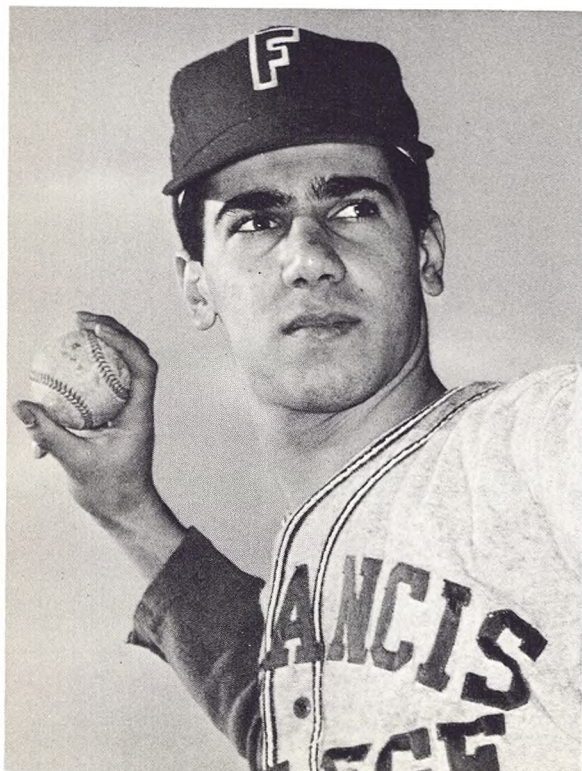
Jim Dassori, *pitcher*

## First MECCA Title for Terriers

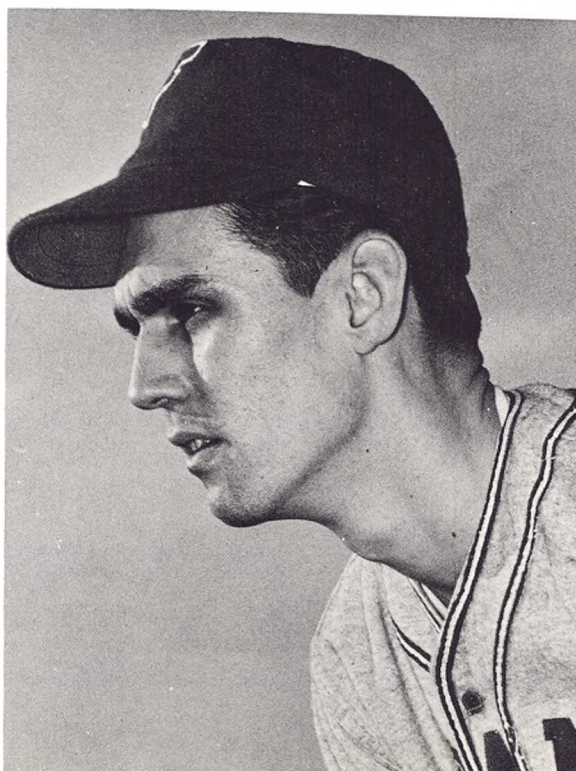
FOR many years, until last season, the baseball men were consistent cellar-dwellers of their league. In light of successive championships by the basketball and water polo teams, merely clinching last place again would indeed have been disappointing. But to the joy of all, they took their first Middle Eastern Collegiate Tournament in the Fall of 1963.

Armed with members of an undefeated freshman squad, and veterans from last year including ten sophomores, the short Fall season began with a dismal 5-1 loss to St. John's. Four Terrier errors allowed 4 unearned runs. Tony Alvarez and Louis Mannarino combined for the only Terrier marker.

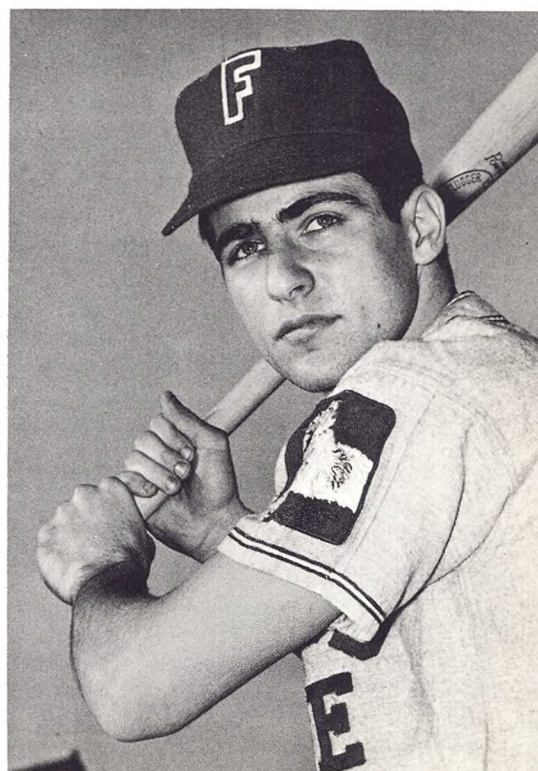
Then began a string of wins. Pace lost to them 9-8 as Bob Corsano knocked a two run homer, Lou Mannarino a triple, and Tony Alvarez a double in an eleven hit barrage. Ed Cremin was winning pitcher with some fine relief by Jim Dassori. Then, using four pitchers, the squad beat St. Peter's 5-4. Ryan, Cremin, Dassori, and Roach all went to the mound. The next two wins clinched the MECCA championship held at Iona College, last year's winner.



Bob Corsano, *short stop*



Pete Roach, *pitcher*



Jack Crispi, *outfielder*

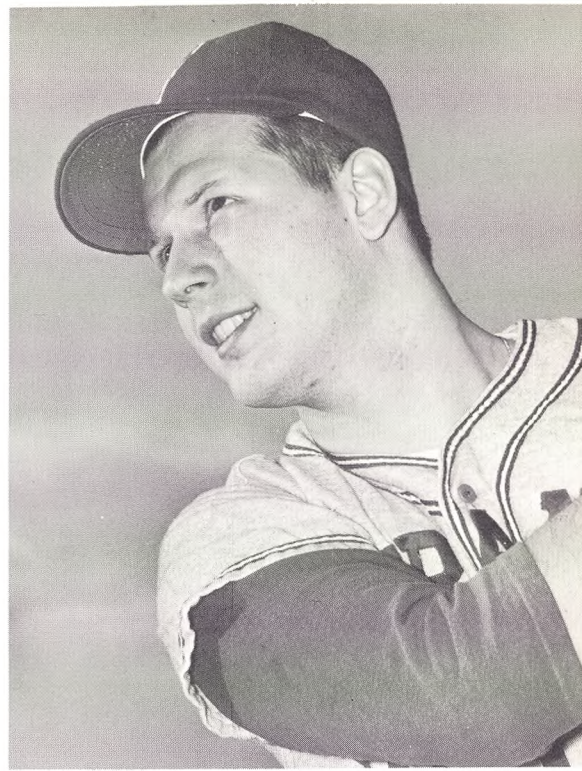




Nick McAuley, *pitcher*



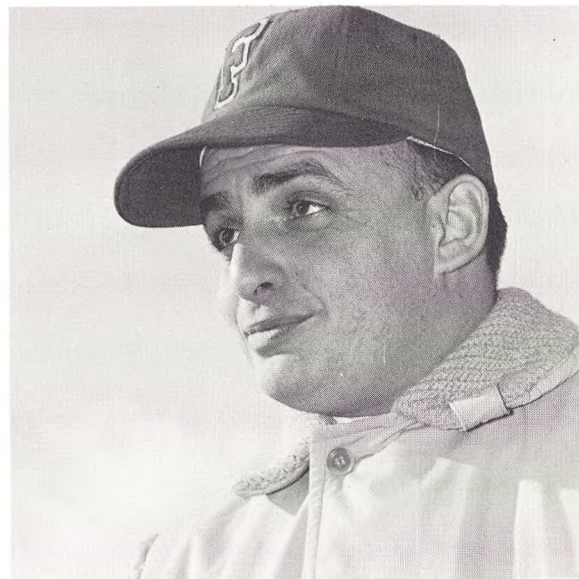
John Riddel, *pitcher*



Bill Ligouri, *catcher*

In the first game against Siena, the confident Terriers collected 12 runs on thirteen hits to Siena's 4 runs on 6 hits. Pete Roach was the winning pitcher. On offense the bats of Crispi, Mannarino, and Corsano together banded out 8 hits and scored 8 runs. Finally St. Francis faced St. Peter's who had just beaten Iona 9-2. The Terriers came through with their fourth straight win of the season to beat the Peacocks 6-2 on 10 hits. John Lessard delivered a fine clutch hit to drive in two runs and put St. Francis ahead. Billy Ryan pitched well giving his team the tournament championship. Thus the fall season ended with a 4 and 1 record.

In sum, the season proved that the young players could handle varsity chores. Their youth will no doubt be an asset for several seasons to come. As the *Franciscan* goes to press, the baseball team began practice sessions for competition in the tough Knickerbocker Conference. Once again they will have to face L.I.U.; they have never yet lost that Conference's title.



Mr. Peter Fazio, *coach*



Lou Mannerino, *second base*



Bill Ryan, *pitcher*



Pat Gilberto, *first base*