

ATHLETICS

THE IDEAL PRODUCT of the cycles of St. Francis is a complete man in all the aspects of his being . . . he is sound in body as he is in mind. The entire sports program at St. Francis is directed toward this goal. Each sport has its own specific purpose and develops its own particular skills, while all instill a sense of teamwork and fair play. To win is important, but not essential. The benefits derived from sports lie primarily in participation; triumph is secondary. The only possible danger that could exist in a collegiate sports program is that it might be permitted to interfere with intellectual endeavor, and here at St. Francis this possibility is carefully excluded. No athlete may participate in any interscholastic event unless he is a student in good scholastic standing. We point with pride to the excellent records of many of our finest athletes.

Each sport has its own cycle of training and competition, and the seasons are so arranged as to permit the student to join more than one of the interscholastic teams if he meets the qualifications of talent and desire. Since athletic prowess is not equally granted to all, a comprehensive intramural program provides an excellent outlet for those who might wish to compete on an interscholastic level but fail to meet the rigid standards of the varsity teams.

The soul of the Franciscan man must dwell in a fitting tabernacle, and it is the cycle of sports that adds this element of the whole man.





THE ATHLETIC CYCLE is symbolized by the curve of the pitch and the arc of the bat in a St. Francis diamond triumph.