



## GLEE CLUB

Generally conceded to be the most active extra-curricular activity in the college, the Glee Club this year certainly has lived up to its past tradition. Its numerous informal concerts at the various nurses training centers and collegiate institutions throughout the metropolitan area have the advantage of combining the social with the aesthetic. For this reason the club has always enjoyed an immense popularity.

This is not, however, the chief value of the Glee Club. The appreciation of all that is fine in music, both classical and popular, which it instills in its members is an essential part of any college education. The ear and sight training which the members received under the capable direction of Mrs. Marie MacDonald, shall stay with them long after they have forgotten their Ovid or their chemical formulas.

There is no substitute for the spirit of fellowship which song and melody engenders. What better way is there in the college in promoting that true Franciscan spirit — the spirit of brotherly love?

The new numbers which were added to the Glee Club's repertoire this year included such delightfully tuneful pieces as, "Begin the Beguine", "Army Air Corps Song", "Little Nest of Heavenly Blue", "Bendemeer's Song", and "Stout Hearted Men."

Although our ranks had been depleted rather heavily by graduation and enlistments at the beginning of the year, the yearlings from the freshman ranks responded enthusiastically. Through the tireless efforts of Mrs. MacDonald, Brother Pascal and Brother Camillus the club again achieved a high peak of perfection.

## Debate

"Debating" as a word and as an idea is synonymous with college life. It is undoubtedly one of the oldest and most respected of collegiate activities. The monastic schools of the Middle Ages considered debating and argumentation so important in the clarification of philosophic problems, that they raised this form of disputation to the status of a method of instruction.

Today, a program of debating serves two purposes. First it is intended as an intellectual activity, and second, as a means of social contact with students of various colleges.

The Debating Society has always occupied a hallowed place at St. Francis. Each year it has obtained membership in the Intercollegiate Debating League and has always maintained a high standing in it.



## International Relations Club

During this chaotic year, the History Club has become more active than ever before. Its tremendous increase in membership has been largely due to the spirit and enthusiasm with which the students have viewed the war.

The Club has come to the front in the war effort with its "Victory Program," which has added two important features to the usual lectures and inter-collegiate conferences. Inspired by Brother Finbarr and Brother Christopher the History Club led St. Francis College in a mass donation of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank. The War Bonds which were purchased were presented to the Dean who will buy books for the library when the bonds have reached maturity. These activities typify the true Franciscan Spirit.

