

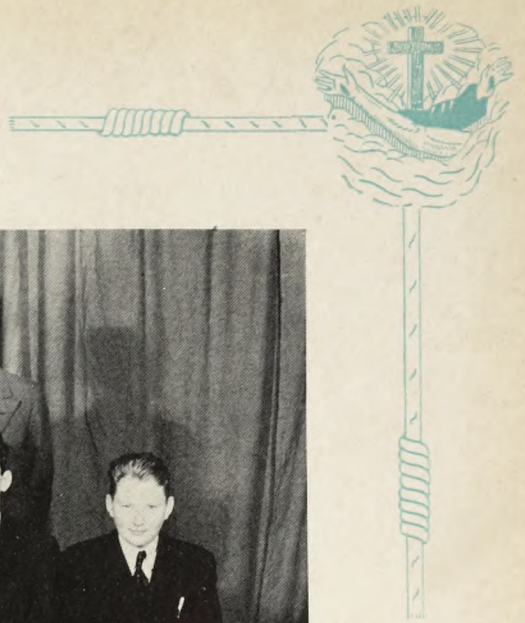
Wielding The Racquet

TENNIS entered the realm of recognized sports at St. Francis College in the fall semester of 1935 through the diligent efforts of Dr. Anthony Palermo, supported by the student body.

One of the first acts of the Tennis Club was to elect George McFadden manager, and to engage Dr. Palermo as coach. A net was stretched across the gym floor which temporarily served as a tennis court. This was used by Kelly, Esau, Walsh, Ahearn, and Sciacchitano, second string men, who vied for the coveted chance to play in the armory once a week with the regulars, McFadden, Dishman, Lynch, and Wegner. The first break came when Dr. Palermo induced Brother Richard and Brother Jerome to bring the matter before the Athletic Control Board. The proposal to give tennis school recognition was passed and the team was permitted to have regular practice sessions in the 14th Regiment Armory.

Lynch, Dishman, McFadden, and Wegner were chosen to represent the Terriers in the Eastern Collegiate Tennis Tournament. In the singles Dick Dishman defeated Kruse of Fordham in a bitter, baseline duel, 6-3, but bowed to Masterson of L. I. U. 6-4, 6-0. The doubles found McFadden and Wegner losing to Masterson and Gerhold of L. I. U. Shortly afterwards, Lynch and Dishman dropped a decision to Thompson and Wilson of Virginia. This disappointment had its salve, for it gave them some much needed experience.

In February, 1937, the team secured the services of two more first string men, John "Red" Corrigan and Michael Cafarella, a freshman who had occupied the Number One man spot on Manuel H. S. Tennis Team. At this time another change took place; Dr. Palermo was succeeded as coach by Dr. Cioffari, under whose tutelage the team completed a successful season against Fordham, L. I. U., Manhattan, St. John's, and Brooklyn.



Down the Home Stretch

FOR the first time, this season St. Francis donned track shoes. The team held its first practice early in the fall under the tutelage of Bill Miles, who had coached the prep team for several years. It entered a number of meets and topped off the season this month by competing in the Penn Relays. The nucleus around which Coach Miles formed his squad included Phil Sheehan, relay star, Joseph Donahue, quarter miler, Edward Henvy, 220 yard flash, and Thomas O'Donnell, quarter miler, all formerly from Bishop Loughlin. Also on the team were Edward McKaba and Joe Felder, with Paul Carroll as manager.

In one of the meets, the N. Y. A. C. at the Garden, a freshman relay team composed of Donahue, Sheehan, Henvy, and O'Donnell placed third in the mile-relay, in which a new record was set by the winners. With this good start under its spikes, the team pointed for the Penn Relays. Coach Miles said that he would not be disappointed if his runners did not place at Philadelphia, but he expected them to give a good account of themselves. Rather it was his purpose to build a formidable squad for the future by concentrating on the tutoring of Freshman and Sophomore aspirants. He admitted that he had some very good material, and desired a small squad to work with, so as to form a strong nucleus for the future. However, it is his opinion that the Penn Relays will introduce his sprinters to actual intercollegiate competition, and as far as affording experience is concerned, they will stand the team in good stead. The St. Francis College track team bids fair to make itself well known and respected in metropolitan track circles in the future.