



the spanish club

To instill a deeper understanding of the Spanish language and literature, and to study the many valuable contributions made by the Spanish people, the Spanish Club of St. Francis was organized this February as an important addition to the modern language field at the College. With Mr. Anthony Mattola as Moderator, the new organization quickly embarked on a most active program. On April 10, the Club was represented in the Pan American Day Celebration at St. John's University. At this fiesta the Club presented an exhibit on the many cultural aspects of Mexico and also staged a lively interpretation of the famous "Mexican Hat Dance." The organization continued its program of varied activities by participating in the colorful "Fiesta de la Lengua Espanola," an annual celebration held every April 23, for the purpose of stimulating a more complete increase in all phases of Spanish culture, through a closer unification of the Spanish clubs in America.

At the inaugural meeting of the Spanish Club,

Frank Palminteri was elected first president. His aims were close co-operation with other Spanish clubs and with Spanish societies in the United States. Other aims include the encouragement of the study of Spanish at St. Francis; the reception and entertainment of distinguished Hispanic visitors; the establishment of a select library of Spanish and Portuguese volumes; and the inauguration of a series of literary and musical "Veladas." The Club is an affiliate of the Casa Hispanica of Columbia University, the official Hispanic Institute in the United States.

To stimulate further interest in Spanish on the part of the students, the Club organized a Spanish-English newspaper, "El Toro," in which the members contributed articles on Spanish literature, music, and art. Under the editorship of Kevin Mul-lany, the publication enabled students studying Spanish to become more familiar with the wide cultural background of Spanish.

international relations club

Keeping pace with the increasing registration in the College, the International Relations Club hit an all time peak membership of two hundred this semester. However, numbers alone are not a true indication of the strength or activity of any organization; it is only by the interests and programs they have developed that a Club may be judged a failure or success.

The I. R. C. opened its seventh year under the extremely competent guidance of Brother Finbarr, O.S.F. Operating on the same basis as in previous semesters, that of active student participation in the discussions and open forums, the Board sought to create interest in current events. This past year the subject of Russia has been the topic of many meetings. Not only the aspects of atheistic Communism as it exists in the Soviet Union today, but the foreign and economic policies as well were debated. From time to time one or two of the

distinguished lecturers from the History Department were asked to speak before the members upon subjects relative to the general one, Russia.

At the meeting of the new term, a letter of censure was composed and sent to the Book-of-the-Month Club in protest of their selection of "Raintree Country" for January's novel. Protesting the book as Catholics and historians, the members voiced their opposition in no uncertain terms.

The first non-academic endeavor was the Club's annual social on April 8, under the chairmanship of Jerry Fiorenza. Then on May 6, the first Communion Breakfast in the Club's history was held successfully; this affair under Ed Parry's guidance. As a fitting end to a most ambitious and successful year the Club sponsored a dance, another first, under the leadership of Tom Heath. It was so well attended and enjoyed that the Executive Board has recommended that it be an annual social affair.

