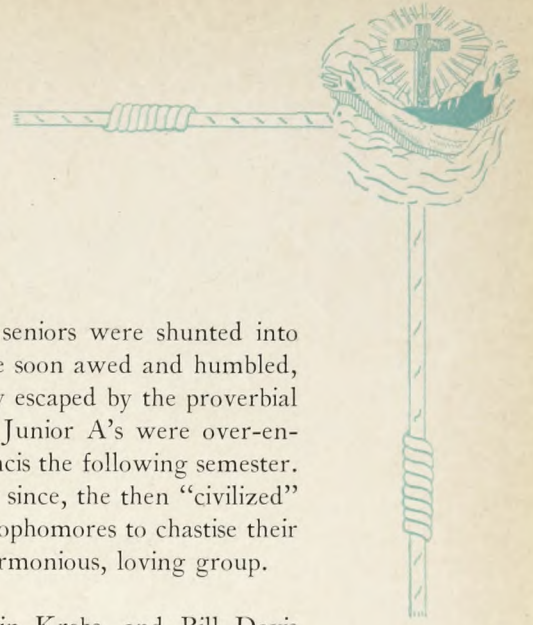


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N EARLY three years ago a group of cocky prep-school seniors were shunted into the bewildering activity that is college life. They were soon awed and humbled, and became in time the jouncing class of '39. Although they escaped by the proverbial "hair's breadth" from the travail of initiation, the present Junior A's were over-enthusiastic when initiation ceremonies were revived in St. Francis the following semester. With a pleasant audacity which has characterized them ever since, the then "civilized" Freshmen plunged right in and cheerfully aided the feeble Sophomores to chastise their neophyte brethren. Ever since the class of '39 has been a harmonious, loving group.

Denis O'Brien, Eugene Kerley, Harry Zimmer, Martin Krebs, and Bill Davis answered Father Holland's call for a Catechetical Committee. John Baiardi, John Cronin, Jim Donnelly, John Esau, Joe DiGabriele, Joe Tanahey, Frank Kenny, Robert Sammon, Frank Steers, and Austin Murphy were on the staff of the initial issue of the *Voice*.

"Good News," the college play, took the boards in April and a new actor was discovered. Ed Buckley won the hearts of all as "Pooch." A Junior class member, Austin Murphy, became the secretary of the Intercollegiate Catholic Literary Conference. Dan Buckley gained renown as the first student to receive a late-slip under the new rules. Puleo's reputation as a smashing basketball player began to grow at the expense of Ziminski's mid-section. Al Lenowicz broke into the daily papers as a basketball player who could take care of himself; and not long afterward for setting up a new foul-shooting record. Les Wegner became famous overnight as an energetic organizer of the tennis team. Joe Goettisheim introduced *Prep* magazine to St. Francis and persuaded some of his colleagues to write for it. Jim Donnelly came back from the Student Government Conference at City College with a host of new ideas and the ready Juniors went political, sponsoring a program of reform for the Student Council. In order to insure the Junior Prom a success, Dan Buckley proposed a new idea. The class treasury would buy the bids. This enterprise met with instant approval. The Juniors to top off their activity in behalf of St. Francis were responsible for the incorporation of a unit of the Catholic Association for International Peace in the college, the International Relations Club. Dan Buckley and Austin Murphy were the organizers of the club.

The class of '39 can look with deserved pride on its energetic participation in social, governmental, athletic, and intellectual affairs, and in particular in inter-collegiate affairs.

The scholastic achievement of the class of '39 is graphically illustrated by the acceptance into the Duns Scotus Honor Society of John Cronin, Austin Murphy and James Donnelly; and by the fact that the last mentioned successfully entered the finals of the oratorical contest.