

### *Over The Waves*

**H**ANDICAPPED during the fall semester by the lack of divers and during the spring semester by Captain Jack Keefe's ailing ear, the swimming team did well for itself. Tom Booras' natators completed their first season of actual intercollegiate competition with six wins and five losses.

Sweeping eight first places in eight events, the Terriers swept Brooklyn away with the waves, the point score being 42-26. Both Jack Farrell and Charlie Schaem won two events as well as swimming in the relay. Other winners for St. Francis were Jack Keefe, Leo Hirsch, Nat Ephraim, and George Polhemus.

A Terrier team composed of Johnnie Lynch, Schaem, and Farrell chased the strong N.Y.A.C. team home in the N.Y. State Championship 300 yd. Medley Relay a few days later. However, this draught of near triumph was short. Before the week was out, the mermen swallowed the wake of the Fordham fish. Farrell, Ephraim, and Schaem garnered eight points apiece; yet the Terrier point total was one digit short of victory. Were Price and Escales eligible to dive, the Rams would have joined the mourners' line.

The Fordham defeat tapped a spring of hard luck for the Gowanus mermen. C.C.N.Y. vanquished them on the following day. In spite of the coping of two firsts by Farrell and one by Keefe and a win by the relay, the Terriers were weak on seconds and thirds, and consequently lost 37-32. Howie Thompson broke into the scoring column as a member of the victorious foursome. The 440 yd. was a nip-and-tuck race, Bruno of City beating Schaem by an eyelash.



The jinx remained on the Butler St. campus. For again, letting the seconds and thirds slip, the natators captured four firsts and garnered only 32 points to N.Y.U.'s 39. Jack Farrell churned up water to win the 100 yd. freestyle; Jack Keefe, the 150 yd. backstroke; Charlie Schaem, the 220 breaststroke; Farrell, Thompson, Polhemus, and Ephraim, the relay.

However, the jinx took leave a week later, when the Terriers once more swept seven firsts from under Brooklyn to clinch the mythical Long Island crown. Both Schaem and Ephraim won double victories, Farrell and Keefe single victories. At this point the record stood: two won and three lost.

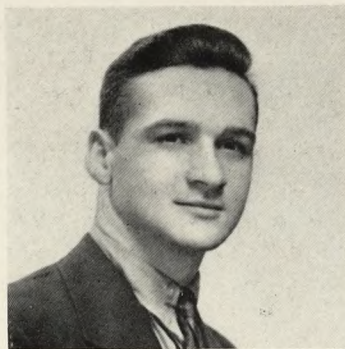
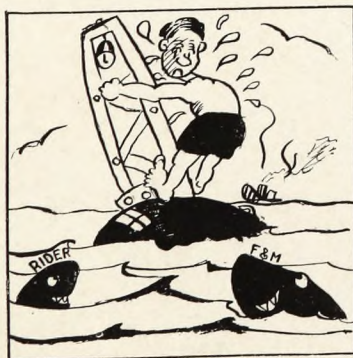
The wins and losses were evened up by a triumph over the undefeated Villanova tankmen in their own pool, 42-27. Price and Escales vindicated advanced notices by taking a first and second in the diving in their initial attempt in collegiate meets.

Next came Manhattan and a drubbing victory by Tom Booras' charges 39-29. St. Francis captured six firsts and lost the seventh on a technical error. The relay team set a new season mark in beating Manhattan.

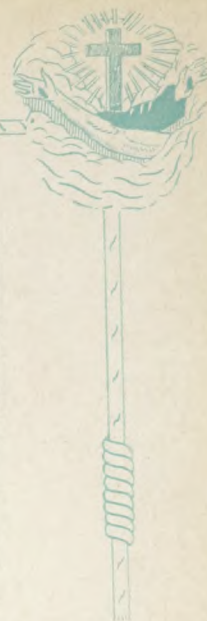
While the basketball team was nosing out the Rider quintet, the swimmers were not faring so well. After pressing the Trentonites in five events with little luck, the Terriers succumbed 42-27. Schaem was the lone Franciscan to place first.

The Delaware University and the Franklin and Marshall meets followed in swift order. The former, Delaware, floundered in the backwash of the Franciscan fish. Seven out of eight firsts for the Terriers helped to give them 43 points to the visitors 26 points. The latter, F. and M., was not so docile as Delaware. After the spray had settled down, the judges announced the score: F. and M., 46; St. Francis, 23. The relay and the 40 yd. freestyle, which Ephraim copped, were credited to the Franciscans.

The final meet of the season was anchored in the Butler St. harbor, when the Terrier mermen beat John Hopkins, 40-29. The relay which decided the meet found Farrell an entire ten yards in front at the finish. Ephraim started the 440 yd. freestyle overtaking the John Hopkins man in the fourth lap and going on to win by 12 yards. This the final meet of the campaign brought the record to six wins and five losses.



Jack Keefe, Capt.



At the close of the season major awards were voted by the Athletic Control Board to Farrell, Ephraim, Thompson, Schaem, Keefe, and Walter McArdle, manager; and minor awards to Price and Escales.