

## track and field—cross country

With the appointment of Bill McGuire to the post of Athletic Director, the track team was left without a coach. This situation was soon remedied when Jack Brown was chosen for the position. Jack is no stranger in track circles, for among his prodigies he lists Gene Venzke, well known for his feats of the past decade.

The roster of the track squad included hold-overs from last year's team and a superb group of freshman performers. The Terriers went into action with high hopes, certain that this season would prove more successful than last. The season opened on October 4, 1947, with the trouncing of Iona College 40-15. The Varsity team running with the same men as last season, toured the  $4\frac{1}{4}$  mile course in 26.28 minutes, with McGuire, Kenny, Murphy, Urso and Clark finishing in that order.

The following week the St. John's harriers, capitalizing on foot injuries to three of the Terrier team, Bucaro, Clark and McGuire, defeated the Red and Blue 31-24. Coranaldi and Cassidy of the "Indians" crossed the line in the first and second spots, closely followed by McGuire and Murphy of St. Francis.

October 18 found the Terriers once again pursuing their winning ways by beating the Kings Point men 35-20. Last season the Point-men won by a close margin and they were out to make it two in a row. However, Charley Kenny, newly elected Captain of the team, led all the way and broke the tape in 30:35, a few yards ahead of Murphy—30:55.

Brooklyn College barely eked out a win over the Terriers when Paul Urso was stricken with a stitch barely a half mile from the finish. Relinquishing 3rd spot to McGuire and 4th spot to Kenny, Paul finished 6th, but the damage was done. The St. Francis squad lost 28-27.

Running against Manhattan as a tune-up for the Metropolitan Collegiate Championships, the Terriers took a predicted beating. The bright spot of the contest was Murphy's 30:03 and McGuire's 30:06, who finished 4th and 5th respectively, the fastest time for both men of the entire season.

On Election Day the Terriers splashed their way to 6th place in the Metropolitan Collegiates. The first man for St. Francis to finish was Walt Murphy who finished in 25th spot (30:37), McGuire,







Kenny, Heath, Clark and Covek followed him in the 27, 30, 31, 35, 36 spots respectively.

The Varsity had a 2 and 3 record, not spectacular but compared with their 0 and 4 record of last season, a great improvement was made. With the entire Varsity Squad and both Frosh teams moving up, St. Francis will be a power to be reckoned with in the seasons to come.

St. Francis, for the first time had a Freshman team which really toed the mark, and by their ability finished the season without losing a dual meet. They faced such strong and impressive teams as Iona, St. Johns, Seton Hall, Fordham and Manhattan. The Manhattan meet was the clincher of the undefeated season for they edged out the Jaspers by one point. The following Saturday, Manhattan found revenge by winning the Metropolitan Championship one point ahead of St. Francis. Jack McCarthy paced our second team to fourth place in the Junior Metropolitan Championship at Victory Field.

