

# VOX



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## DR. NAGY TO GIVE CONCERT

Dr. Bela Nagy, internationally known as a concert pianist and chairman of the piano department at Boston University, and locally known as the father of Michael Nagy, will present a concert at Xavier on Tuesday afternoon, April 5. The program will follow the same format as last year's memorable presentation. Dr. Nagy will first give a recital consisting of works from both the classical repertory and modern Hungarian music by such composers as Bartok and Kodaly. He then will deliver a lecture, especially geared to the student body, on the music which he will have played and on contemporary music in general. Representatives of local schools, both public and private, have been invited, and any interested parents will also be welcome.

### \* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*

For those of you who haven't noticed, Vox has scrapped its grubby old image for a new style of printing and publishing. Probably the main advantage of this new format, besides its deceptive neatness, is that we can now use photographs to augment the effect of our already devious words. We therefore issue an appeal for any interesting, printable photos (such as baby pictures of your friends) which you could lend us for an issue. We also remind you to keep those letters pouring in. In the future, we hope to incorporate these new features into our format, while still maintaining the best of our former techniques. To put your minds at ease, we have it on good authority that the new machines are quite capable of handling the technique of writing in between the lines.

### \* AN EQUALLY

### IMPORTANT NOTICE \*

Vox is extremely pleased to announce that its operations have not been at all affected by the current newspaper strike in Boston. It will continue to publish its editions with the same regularity that it has maintained in the past.

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In America, the average cost to produce one line of type in a newspaper is \$1.03. It is for this reason that newspaper space should not be wasted on useless items.

Since you're not coming to us, we have decided that we should start coming to you. In order to make VOX become synonymous with the Voice Of Xavier, we are beginning a new feature, especially for student opinion. Each month, twenty five students from each class will be polled on a new subject, which might be anything from Vietnam to Batman, depending on what you suggest to us. In this way, we hope that we can arrive at a.....

## Student Consensus

Not because we are especially self-conscious, but because as a relatively new institution we are still trying to find our proper niche in the general scheme of activities around the school, VOX has decided to devote this first "Consensus" to a subject especially dear to its heart - namely VOX itself. We wanted to find out just how successful our approach has been.

Last fall, when we were trying to decide the format of the paper, there were many alternatives open to us. Guided by a year of experience, we also had the opportunity to judge the efforts of our peers in other schools from the newspapers they sent us from such places as Michigan, Ohio, and New York. Invariably, these journals with their glossy covers and myriad photos were quite pleasing to the eye - until it started to read. The content of many of these papers was nothing more than an antiseptic chronicle of the school's events and accomplishments, presented in such a way that, while offering the students nothing new, they would make excellent publicity for the school. We then decided that our chief purpose in VOX was not to impress outsiders (there are some who feel that we have succeeded admirably in this respect), but to write for our own student body. Also, we felt that in a school the size of Xavier, a resume of activities would serve no useful purpose for the students. For these reasons, we decided that VOX should be more a magazine of commentary than a "news" - paper.

In order to be useful, we have printed some serious suggestions; in order to be read, we have tried to be entertaining through the frequent use of humor. To determine the success of our approach we asked the following question:

#1. Can you honestly say that you read not merely the humorous and satirical articles in VOX, but also the serious ones?

YES	NO
64%	35%

Aside from that one person who apparently did not want to admit that he read anything in VOX at all, there were some who said that the humor "should be cut down." There were just as many, however, who voiced

their approval of our present policy. The important point is that two-thirds of the students realize that we do not intend the paper to be taken as one big joke.

There is considerable irony in the responses we received to the next two questions:

#2. Do you think the opinions expressed in VOX are representative of those of the entire student body, rather than those of a small segregated group?

YES	NO	NO OPINION
39%	54%	7%

#3. Would you ever seriously consider expressing an opinion on any matter that interests you by writing a letter to VOX?

YES	NO	NO OPINION
64%	27%	9%

For the past four months, VOX has been asking, pleading for response in the form of letters, offers of assistance, or questions to "Xavier Youth Wants To Know." Only now is our "Letters" column making a start. That it is so little and so late is surprising, considering the large number of students who expressed a willingness to write a letter - not necessarily about us, but about anything in the school, community or world. What is even more surprising is that we on the staff can be criticized for not expressing the general viewpoint of the students.

One reason why the result of question #2 was so negative is that, of the 25 Juniors who were asked the second question, 96% answered "no." In spite of this seeming dissatisfaction with the paper, we have received offers of assistance from but two members of the Junior class. Not a single article or letter appearing in any issue has been written by a Junior. Because they are among our readers, and because they outnumber us, we do not wish to alienate the Class of '67 (some of my best friends are Juniors). We do submit to them, however, that while their apathy may not be felt this year, when there are others to do the work, it may prove quite an embarrassment if the paper has to be run by lowerclassmen when the class of '66 has left.

--Fred Cummings

(Results compiled by: Frank Catania, Jeff Howe, Ed McCall, Larry Albertelli)



## FACULTY PROFILE

## LETTER(S)



The subject of this issue's Faculty Profile is Mr. Francis Cahill, scholar, classicist, and a whale of a guy.

Mr. Cahill, a native of the South (Boston) where he worked his way through elementary and junior high school, was recognized early in life as a brilliant speller and scholar. He then interrupted his education to attend B. C. High. In his last two years there, he found an outlet for his artistic talents in the ill-fated minstrel show. He graduated in 1957, after struggling through one year of chemistry and promptly went to Boston College to study Latin and Greek. When he received his A. B. in 1961, he continued at the B. C. Law School. Then he arrived at the haven of another of the faculty, Malden Catholic, where he taught for two years until he had built up enough courage for a stay here.

After much research, we found out why the Red Sox have been slipping in recent years. At the beginning of their decline, Mr. Cahill worked at Fenway Park filling various insignificant capacities. Also, we have a clue to the cause of the criminal condition of Quincy streets--Mr. Cahill worked for the city. We feel it is more likely because of the way he tears up the pavement in his car by rapid acceleration and deceleration while directing Baroque music on his car radio.

We noticed no reluctance on the part of his associates to make comments such as: "sort of a philosopher," "moot personality," "many faced."

N. B. Anyone who has an eligible sister in her twenties (or thirties, or forties, or fifties) and who wants to pick up a few points will be glad to know that Mr. Cahill is still unmarried.

Now besides resting here at Xavier, Mr. Cahill is studying for his Masters in classics at B. C.

--Chris Nolan et Gerald Corrino

To the Editors of Vox:  
How about serializing Peyton Place?  
A Frosh

Dear Frosh

(First of all, Frosh, we want to express our gratitude to you for taking time out from your undoubtedly laborious schedule of studies to share your ideas with us. You can't imagine the immense satisfaction we receive from reading a well-constructed and thoughtful presentation of your ideas. A newspaper thrives on the honest concern and active concern of its readers; we are gratified to know that there are those who take us seriously enough to express this concern productively and articulately. We are particularly pleased to see that this valuable contribution has come from one of the youngest members of our community.

Presently, we are still in the process of debating the merits of your proposal. It will undoubtedly come as a great shock to you that "Peyton Place" can be presently be seen in a serialized form on television. However, we would not expect a lad with your seriousness of purpose to watch television anyway, and we would wholeheartedly agree that there is nothing like reading the original book to get the full flavor of the work. This is precisely the reason why we study Latin and Greek. Also, we do not wish to supplant the authority of the English department, which we understand is considering adding "Peyton Place" to its regular curriculum for Freshmen, so that the students will develop an interest in literature at an earlier age. However, as we say, no decision has been reached as yet. Keep reading us anyway - you never can tell what is going to appear next on these pages. . . .--Ed)

### VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Spastique Fantastique, the smallest member of the famed acrobatic troupe, "The Fantastiques," was reported hospitalized early today. Reportedly she stumbled over her oldest brother Tres at the morning rehearsal, as she was trying to get to her position at the top of the display, since she is the lightest member of the troupe. Tres was said to be quite shaken over tripping the light Fantastique.

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND

Sir Cecil Saw, who was married last year to a mere wisp of a girl, Anne Loothaway, today was in trouble with the local constabulary. It seems that Anne drove Joe to drink, specifically, to the hills behind their castle home. There by means of a copper kettle and some old tubing, he began to create his own happiness. Anne, however, stubbornly refused to permit his imbibing, and finally showed Her Majesty's Revenooers where to make their raid. Thus, the still of the knight was captured by the will of the wisp.

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK

James Michener is reportedly hard at work at his latest novel about his experiences with alcohol. Rumor has it that it will be called The Sauce.

### YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WYOMING

Ranger Rich Spick was handed a severe reprimand here today for failing to carry out his duties. The Park Commissioners have adopted a policy of branding the bruises of the part with an "X" so as to know which bears are theirs. Spick reportedly disobeyed orders to brand one of the beasts, a particularly touchy fellow. Said Spick, "That's a heavy bear to cross."

Collected by: Richard Downing

## BEHIND

### THE POLITICAL SCENE

On Wednesday, January 19, Robert Belch of the B. Smirch Society spoke in Boston. The lecture, "In Just Ten Beers or Abe Lincoln was a Card-carrying Communist" was presented by the Young Americans for Feudalism. The Y.A.F. has scheduled George Lincoln Rockwell to speak on "The Jewish Danger In Our High Schools," and Ross Barnett to speak on "Mississippi: Land of Equality" in forthcoming lectures.

Also in Boston the Americans for Drastic Action have announced that they will present the following lectures: H. Stewart Pews on "Castro is only an Agrarian Reformer"; Vice President Hubert "Humpty Dumpty" on "F.D.R. and Eleanor, a Modern Love Story"; Walter Ruthless on "The Clergy Needs the A.F. of L. - C.I.O.

The Young Pro-Publicans have been busy lining up Barry Coldwater who will speak on "Indoor Plumbing Will Lead to Socialism."

The Young Democrats have also busied themselves by scheduling a real star studded lineup. Their program includes:

John Thompson "How to Run the Massachusetts Legislature with Propriety and Sobriety; Our own hallowed ex-governor Chub Fleebody will recount his days of football at Harvard without a helmet; Frank Bellotti will speak on "The Dangers of The Population Explosion."

The real attraction will be the Brothers Kennedy. Teddy will speak on "America Wants a Monarchy," and Bobby is scheduled to talk on a different topic, on "America Needs a Monarchy."

Finally, Bus Bell, head of the Communist party in America, has recently advised his followers at Berkley "Don't Hegel over your Marx; the teachers know all the Engles."

Paul Holland

### \* A PUZZLEMENT \*

During a recent lab period of Mr. Sawyer's senior chemistry class, a certain student who was reading to his partner the instructions in the notebook (it seems that he was always the one who read the instructions) was thoroughly baffled by one particular step of the experiment. The lab book directed that the beaker should be weighed. "Why," giggled the anonymous student, "should we have to weigh it? We already know that at the top of the beaker it says clearly '100 mls.'"

# Club Columns

YEARBOOK

PROGRESS (?) REPORT

Happiness is a finished yearbook. Over the past year or so, a happy, dedicated group of seniors has been meeting regularly in a happy, dedicated atmosphere (cough, cough) deep in the bowels of the building. Thanks to their plottings and connivings, a plague of camera bugs has infested the school. A deluge of photographs has flooded our basement office. They have set into motion a myriad of editors, co-editors, and other big wheels at editing, co-editing, wheeling and dealing.

A "Major" aspect of our operations is finance. Our dealers have been wheeling around town, harassing local merchants for the eminently needed funds.

Some people have supposed that it is through the negligence and laziness of the staff that our 120 page opus has no title, no senior write-ups, and no dedications. Actually, these features (or lack of them) are further manifestations of the originality of the editors. We hate to be sincere in Vox of all places, but we sincerely hope that our finished product will meet the approval of all of our subscribers.

Mike Nagy and Mike Lowney

## THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

The study of the classics is an important element of Xavier's curriculum. However, this formal pursuit of the classics is limited to the study of the languages and several major authors. It is the purpose of the Classical Academy to complement these formal studies by giving an insight into the daily life of ancient Greece and Rome, as well as providing an opportunity to study the art and architecture of Greece, Rome, and the Renaissance.

Under the leadership of Mike Nagy - President, Kevin Barrett - Vice-President, Tom Neville - Secretary, and Bill Fifer - Coordinating Chairman, the Classical Academy has presented and will present slide lectures and individual papers on various aspects of classical studies. Also, with the help of Father Moriarty, the moderator, the academy has held meetings with similar clubs from other high schools.

The Classical Academy is not just for the student who plans to major in classics. It is for anyone who has an interest in the classics and wishes to learn more about them. The high point of the year for the academy will come with the annual trip to the Museum of Fine Arts on May 14. This trip will include a guided tour of the Egyptian section. It will culminate what should be the best year yet for the Classical Academy.

Peter Benner

## FILLER

The bathtub was invented in 1850. The telephone was invented in 1870. This means that if you had lived in 1850, you could have spent twenty years in the bathtub without having the phone ring once.

## Play in Preparation

The next production of the Xavier Dramatic Society will be "The Skin Of Our Teeth" on May 7, 1966. It is a comedy about George Antrabus ( Dick Hennessy, '66), his wife and two children, and their jack-of-all-trades maid, Lily Sabina (Ann McKeon, '67). The Antrobuses all hail from Excelsior, New Jersey.

George Antrabus is a typical John Doe struggling to keep his head above water. So far he has bobbed through fire, flood, war, seven year locusts, an ice age, and similar events of the times. Despite these hardships, however, his spirits are undampened. In short, it is a history of the world with the original cast.

Direct descendants of Adam and Eve, the Antrabus clan is portrayed and acclaimed through the unusual art form of Thorton Wilder (Joe Biscarrelli, '69). However, don't be surprised, if occasionally some people who seem to be actors appear on stage -- they're not. In fact, the play itself is practically non-existent and most of the lines are ad-libs.

All in all it promises to be one of Xavier's best productions.

## N. H. S. REPORT

In its first year, the National Honor Society is working on two projects. The first is to raise money for St. Patrick's Infirmary in Jamaica. The most obvious means of raising money is having a collection--therefore there will probably be one in April. However, we have thought of some more interesting ways, which we will disclose after they have gained the approval of the office. Because we are carrying out this work in the name of the entire student body, we hope that we will have your enthusiastic support.

Our second project is the arranging of small informal discussion groups between students and teachers of the various schools in the area. The thought behind this is to bring students into contact with new realms of ideas and different types of people. For example, a few students from ACTON-BOXBORO, XAVIER, and CONCORD-CARLISLE interested in politics, might meet with a history teacher in order to discuss Vietnam. Or perhaps, a couple students from MAYNARD and LINCOLN-SUDBURY, interested in embryology, might get together with a biology teacher whose special interest is embryology. But as has been stated already, the most important thing is that there is an exchange of ideas. Although we started on this program late in the year, we hope that the first of many profitable talks will take place before summer vacation.

Finally, no matter what the Society does, we will always try to enrich the life of XAVIER. Please remember, we are not here to direct, but rather to serve the student body. We welcome any suggestion that is new and challenging.

Frank Catania

## Xavier Singers



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"The Mass in Lent"  
Club has not been  
very active

## WHO TO BLAME

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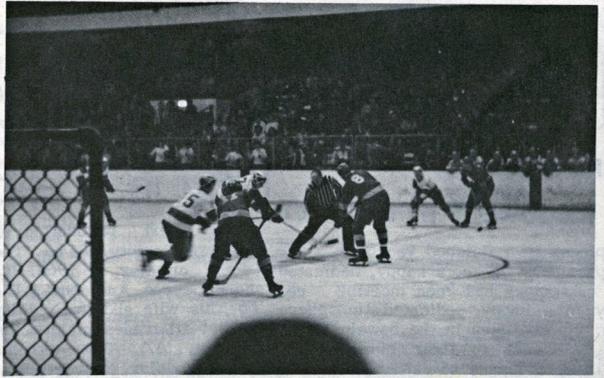
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Bob Guaraldi, and Culhane of Wellesley.

Faculty "Advisors": Mr. Fitzgerald  
Mr. Cahill

# SPORTS



## Summary of Successful Season's Sports

Both varsity teams ended extremely successful seasons with laudable performances in the state hockey and basketball tournaments. The hockey team, Catholic League tri-champions, provided the tournament with its first major upset, vanquishing that school in Dorchester 1-0, behind Captain Mark McKenna's goal. Powerful Melrose eliminated us in the next round 10-3. Pete DesMeules was Xavier's offense, registering all three goals, as his constant hustling paid off in the scoring column. One cannot help but think that this fine team will be better next year. Only three players on the present team graduate, with two-time all-star Charley Enwright, high scorer Brian Curry, and two standout defensemen in Pete Oberto and Doug Dalton remaining. With the exception of Xaverian, the league should not be much stronger next year, and with the division of the state tournament into two classes, our chances there will be greatly increased.

Because of the fine 15-4 record of Xavier's basketball team, the school became one of the only half-dozen schools to

send teams to both state tournaments. The team, after being Catholic Suburban co-champs, was edged out by surprising North Andover in the Tech's opening round. In general, the team, which had a completely healthy squad for one game all year, was undefeated at home, but had their problems on the road. This was probably due to the fact that the basket rims at Xavier are somewhat deadier than those connected to glass boards (4 losses on glass backboards). With the return next year of an entire team of juniors, Xavier's chances for another title appear good, though the loss of league all-star Jim Dyer and four-year standouts Paul Rossi, Mike Harrington, Jack Donelan certainly cannot help. Starting Guard Buddy Venne returns, lending valuable experience to the team, captained by newly elected Bob Condron.

Many thanks go to Xavier's first varsity cheerleaders - Duff (Duffy), Nevs (Neville), Sully (Sullivan), Murph (Murphy), Head (Slincy), and Hosmer (Hosmer), for their effusive, vibrant, and interesting actions at the games.

## SCHOOL'S SPRING SPORTS SET TO START

Springtime is here, the time when a young man's fancy turns to, among other things, baseball, track, and golf. These athletic teams are in for truly unique experiences in their respective sports.

The baseball team plays an extremely tight 18 game schedule, being a new member in the Class B Catholic Central League. The team, often plagued by late inning difficulties, has shown flashes of brilliance by several individuals, but has also been extremely erratic, especially in fielding. This year lack of depth in the pitching staff, with only two experienced pitchers returning, promises to be a major problem in such a strenuous schedule.

This year's varsity track squad will compete in all events, meeting against a major schedule. Off of last year's showing, the running events seem to be the team's strong point; with the "muscle" events lagging a bit behind, due to the fact that there are very few who have participated in such events as the shotput, javelin, and discus.

Our golf team, in only its second year, embarks upon an extremely ambitious set of matches, as we join the Catholic League, playing against such teams as Catholic Memorial. Playing in the plush confines of Concord Country Club, the team upset some supposedly stronger teams last year, and hope to better this performance in their second year.