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## WE ARE CRITICIZED

Candor makes for better understanding and sincerity for higher esteem. In candor and sincerity Doctor Elliot at the recent smoker observed that we students showed a lack of spirit. This alleged lack of spirit, according to the speaker, was manifested by a languor in our cheers, an ungentlemanly "cat call" on the part of one or two of our students and the breath of cynicism in the columns of this publication.

The criticism of the Doctor we take in good part, for we are always ready to acknowledge our defects and willing to correct them. Furthermore, we wish to assure him that he has not lost one friend at Canisius for his candid view of us, since we know that his motive is altruistic; besides we esteem the Doctor and are proud to look up to him and his scholastic record as an inspiration in our struggle on the path of learning. With all deference to his opinion, however, we venture to assert that we Canisius students were not deficient in spirit on the night of the St. Bona's smoker. True, our first cheers could have been louder, but an unfamiliar cheer was introduced and our memories faltered; our singing could have been more melodious, but we had no instrumental accompaniment to start us in tune and to bolster up and keep together our uncultivated voices. In regard to the ungentlemanly calls on the part of a few we hang our heads, for we can offer no apology. These sounds were out of tune and harsh in an otherwise very enjoyable evening given to us by the Junior Class who put on the best smoker seen at Ca-

nisius this year. Finally, in regard to the Doctor's remark concerning cynicism in these columns we merely wish to say that criticism is not cynicism; that our motives in calling attention to defects from time to time spring from a desire to improve further the splendid spirit prevalent in our midst, and that these defects are on an inverse ration to the good qualities we constantly observe in our fellow students, viewed both individually and collectively.

But now that we have had a straight-from-the-shoulder criticism from one of our Alumni, may we not propose a query that sometimes perplexes us undergraduates in regard to our Alumni? At the smoker during which the above criticism was spoken we observed that to the splendid turn-out of the students the Alumni attendance added a rather thread bare fringe. Since we are undergraduates we are willing to be taught by our Alumni, in fact, we are anxious to be instructed by them in matters concerning Canisius spirit; but their absence from our smokers and often from our games turns us away unlettered, though still thirsting for knowledge from them on the subject of devotedness to Alma Mater.

This is made in the spirit of friendliness. We hope it will be taken in the same spirit. Finally, in candor and sincerity all of us, both undergraduates and Alumni, may profitably recall to mind that, though Canisius has not an elaborate display of building nor a team equipped to conquer the best in the country, worth is not measured by size nor is quality

gauged by quantity. But since we are growing even in size, now is the time for all of us to support our college, rather than to wait until it has arrived in spite of indifference on the part of those who could help.

## AVE FRATER ATQUE VALE

Deep regret and sorrow pervaded Canisius when she heard of the death of Ray Reidy, one of her most popular students. Canisius will miss Ray because he was a real typical Canisius man; he was a student, a leader, a comrade and pal. Ray was characterized by a blind love and devotion to Canisius and the things of Canisius; he was imbued with loyalty, spirit and good fellowship, the ideal of Canisius.

As we look back and linger over the pleasant recollections of our associations with him we can not but help thinking, "a good, clean-cut, Catholic Gentleman." His voice was one with a perpetual smile, a gem (rare) among men; a fun loving spirited glint ever twinkled in his eye and he had a smile that immediately disarmed and won us.

Ray Reidy was a man Canisius cannot forget, there will be many prayers winging their way to heaven for the repose of his manly soul.

We are sure that Ray will not forget Canisius in the new found happiness of his heavenly home.

The student body of Canisius deeply sympathize with his loving parents in their great loss.

## Seniors Attend Stormy Session

Father Bowen Acts as Chairman in Heated Debate

Were such notable masters as Demosthenes, Cicero, Burke or Disraeli to have entered the portals of the Senior room a week ago Thursday, undoubtedly they would have passed for a brief spell either from a sense of inferiority or with intonation of beating a hasty retreat. Such was the caliber of oratory that emanated from the sanctuary of the Senior class on the said day.

### O'Connor Talks

It seems the discussion began in this way. Mr. W. J. O'Connor, Editor-in-Chief of the 1929-1930 Arzurus entertained an entirely different viewpoint about the printing contract for the book than did Mr. Arthur Grupp, business manager of the same organ. The former felt that a certain Buffalo concern should be awarded the business in view of their work with the 1927-1928 Arzurus, which proved a popular success and merited the acclaim of both student and Alumni circles as well as approval from the school authorities. The nucleus of Mr. O'Connor's orator-

"THE CANISIAN," in behalf of the student body, wishes to extend their kindest sympathies to the family of Joseph Privitera, a member of the Freshman Pre-Medical Class, who suffered the irreparable loss of a mother. R. I. P.

ical masterpiece centered upon the fact that the Buffalo people would provide far better facilities and return a much more elaborate product than would any other competitor. The cost, he held, was merely a secondary issue, while in reality, the chief problem before the Senior class was that of quality work. Mr. O'Connor rendered a masterfully viciating.

### Grupp in Appeal

At the conclusion of the speech President Carter called upon Mr. Grupp to present his version of the question. Accordingly, the business manager delivered a brief defense against the tenets of the Editor-in-Chief. Another Buffalo concern was his choice for the printing work. An estimate of approximately five hundred dollars cheaper, was his main reason for supporting this company. Moreover, he maintained, that his choice was possessed of adequate means to publish a year book worthy of Canisius, contrary to the belief of Mr. O'Connor.

### Heated Debate

The conclusion of the latter speech was a signal for a fervent outburst of discussion from the floor. Leading exponents of both plans rose and went forth heated volleys against the rival camp. The meeting, originally scheduled for a mere fifteen minutes, lasted well over two hours. Realizing that the Seniors were very much overdone with their zealous interest and fearing lest they yield to a rash procedure, for which they would afterwards repent, Mr. Carter called for a cessation of debating for a few days until all had an opportunity to give the matter the benefit of calm deliberation. Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned (on this matter) for the day.

### Vote Decided

The class convened once more the following Monday under the direction of Fr. Bowen. After both men briefly reiterated their arguments a vote was taken. The result was an overwhelming consensus in favor of Mr. Grupp's selection. At the close of business, Fr. Bowen congratulated the class. Upon learning that Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Grupp had formed a secret pact to support to the best of their ability the winning cause, he commended this ideal display of sportsmanship and predicted a certain success for the 1929-1930 Arzurus.

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