

CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1938, 78 individuals from twelve different states and one foreign country, entered St. Augustine's and were labeled the Class of 1940. Although they were forced into the most humble roles, nevertheless, these same individuals soon made their presence known through their various achievements. In order to gain recognition they turned to various interests and activities. Some gained recognition through athletic ability in football, basketball, tennis and track, some through dramatics, some through scholarship, some through beauty, some through music, still others through their "note."

As the class grew in age it also grew in grace and in knowledge, although there was a sharp decrease in numbers. After the class had been at St. Aug. for one year it could look back and boast that the class of '40 was a number one outfit. The class had weathered the storm under the guidance of Miss Mary Boley as president. J. Randolph McAlpine won the Phi Beta Sigma award for scholarship; Melvin McDowell won the Omega Psi award for exemplifying manhood, scholarship, uplift, and perseverance. Miss Dolores Castro was chosen the most beautiful young lady on the campus. The class gained the distinction of having the greatest number of persons on the honor roll.

The class was guided in its Sophomore year by Jeff McAlpine as president. Its number had been greatly reduced as there were only 45 members now. The class had lost heavily to the faculty and other external forces. In addition the group had also been stricken with

internal disorders. However, on returning the class vowed that it would make its presence felt and as a beginning, it proved to the incoming freshman class that the Class of '40 was its superior and to the Junior Class that Sophomores were ready to take their places.

Again the class boasted of its achievement. Eldon G. McLean was the winner of the Barber Prize. Melvin McDowell was a three letter man for the second straight year. Joseph Bennett was captain-elect of the football team. The class again led in the placement of students on the honor roll. The class had now reached maturity and was ready to challenge the world.

The class was guided in its Junior year by Eldon George McLean. This was the year in which the class of 1940 was really to prove its worth. The members returned, their ranks reduced to 30 members, full of vim, vigour and vitality. They would show everyone now that the Class of '40 was a great class. However, their hopes were never quite realized. The class suffered greatly from internal disorder caused by friction among its members. However, the class rallied at the last moment to present a united front and sponsored the Junior Senior Prom. The class was splendid in its cooperation for the one event, but as had so often happened, class elections found the class again at odds and separated. Among the achievements of the year were listed the following for the Class of '40:-

Robert Tillman was awarded the Bowden prize for work in natural sciences. Joseph Bennett won the Mancebo Prize for student lead