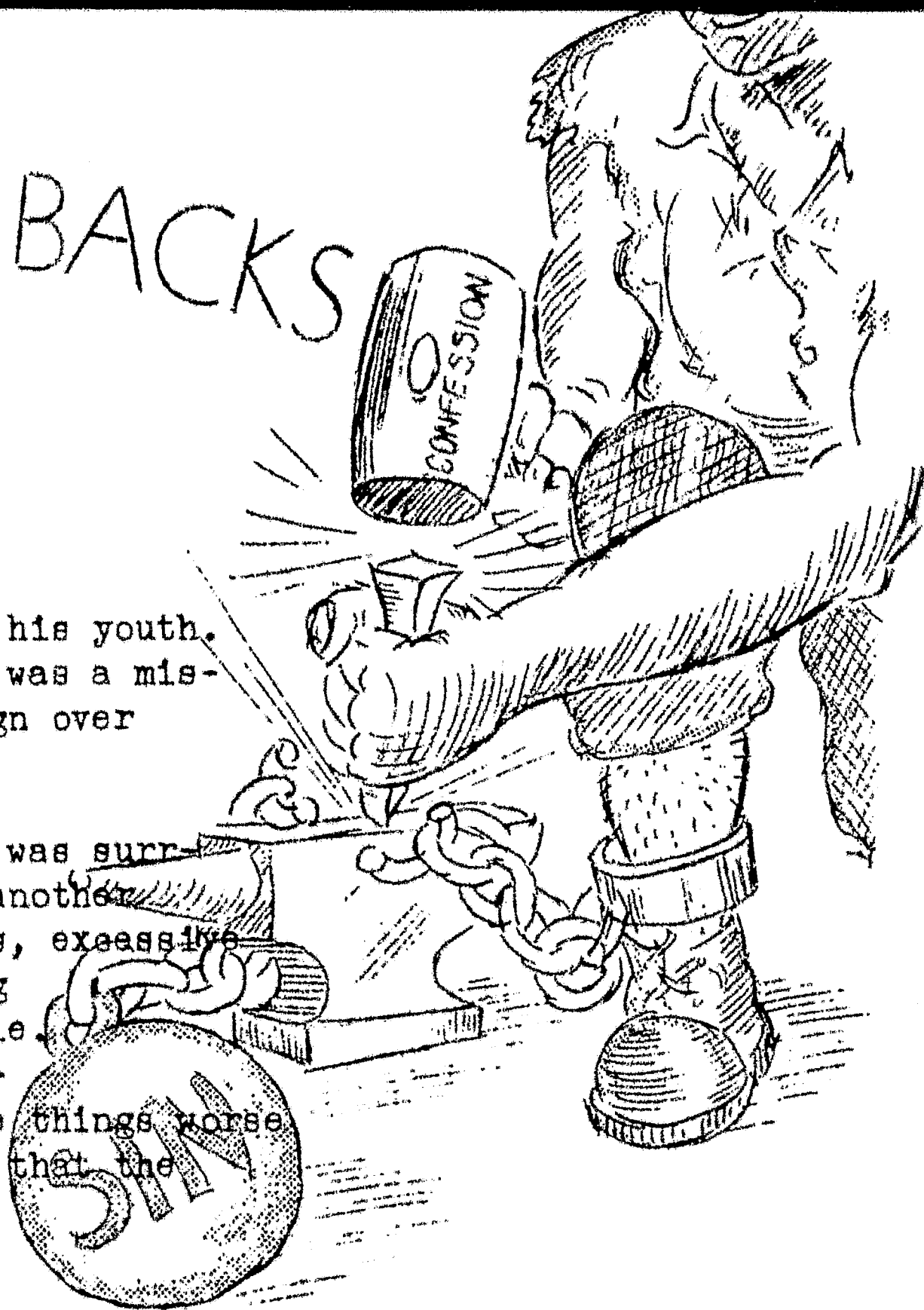


FAMOUS COME BACKS

Augustine is now a Saint, but not because of his youth. At fifteen he was sent away to school. This was a mistake, because it gave the youngster free reign over his likes and dislikes.

The atmosphere could not have been worse. He was surrounded by pagan living and ideals, which is another way of saying that he met up with wild orgies, excessive drinking, sensuality of every sort and daring sinful love. The consequences were inevitable. Augustine returned home an addict of the lowest vices. His conscience was gone. To make things worse his father approved this sort of life saying that the sowing of wild oats was a sign of manhood.



At seventeen Augustine left home once more. This time he went to Carthage, the center of pagan learning and pleasure. There he became the most gifted and most sensual of scholars. Students followed after him for his brilliance and for his recklessness.

About the time Augustine's conscience began to prick him, he found an excuse for his evil life in the doctrines of Manichee, a philosopher who taught that sin could not be resisted, that passion was a necessity. At the age of twenty Augustine became disgusted with himself and his sin. He continued his excesses, not because of any real desire, but because of the force of habit. He had become the slave of sin, and the thought maddened him.

The break with sin came at the age of thirty-three, with the help of St. Ambrose and Monica, his mother who prayed incessantly for her wayward son. Augustine went from virtue to virtue. But not with ease. He had a fight on his hands until he died. From time to time the old visions would revive and the passions in his soul would reach out for the old pleasures he had once tasted. To suppress temptation, he worked without thought of hours, preached, wrote and gave a helping hand to the needy. Thus did he keep his nature down and so become a saint. The sinner can find inspiration in this great comeback.

Prayers.

(Deceased) father of Father Furstoss, CSC, rector of Badin; Mrs. Marjorie Bertling Gallo-
 way; Father Greany (San Francisco); Frank A. Bolton, '94; father of Rita Domas (St. Mary's)
 grandfather of James Farley (Wal); Sister Francis Jerome, CSC, aunt of George O'Laugh-
 lin (Sor); mother of Bill Fulton (OC); Bob Fitzgerald, '41, brother of Joe (Vetville);
 aunt of Joe Farinella (Al); grandfather of Philip Aube (Bad); cousin of Roger Cahaney
 (Wal); Sister M. Philip, OFM, aunt of Ray Rusek (Ly); Robert C. Britz, ex. '40, Indian-
 apolis, died in Service. (Ill) friend of John Steevens (How); fiancee of Joe Pert (Z),
 dying; father and two friends of Bill Cullen (Sor); aunt of Ken Kennard (Bad); mother
 of Bob Fink (OC). Six Special Intentions. (Killed in accident) sister of Paul
 Rigali (Vetville)