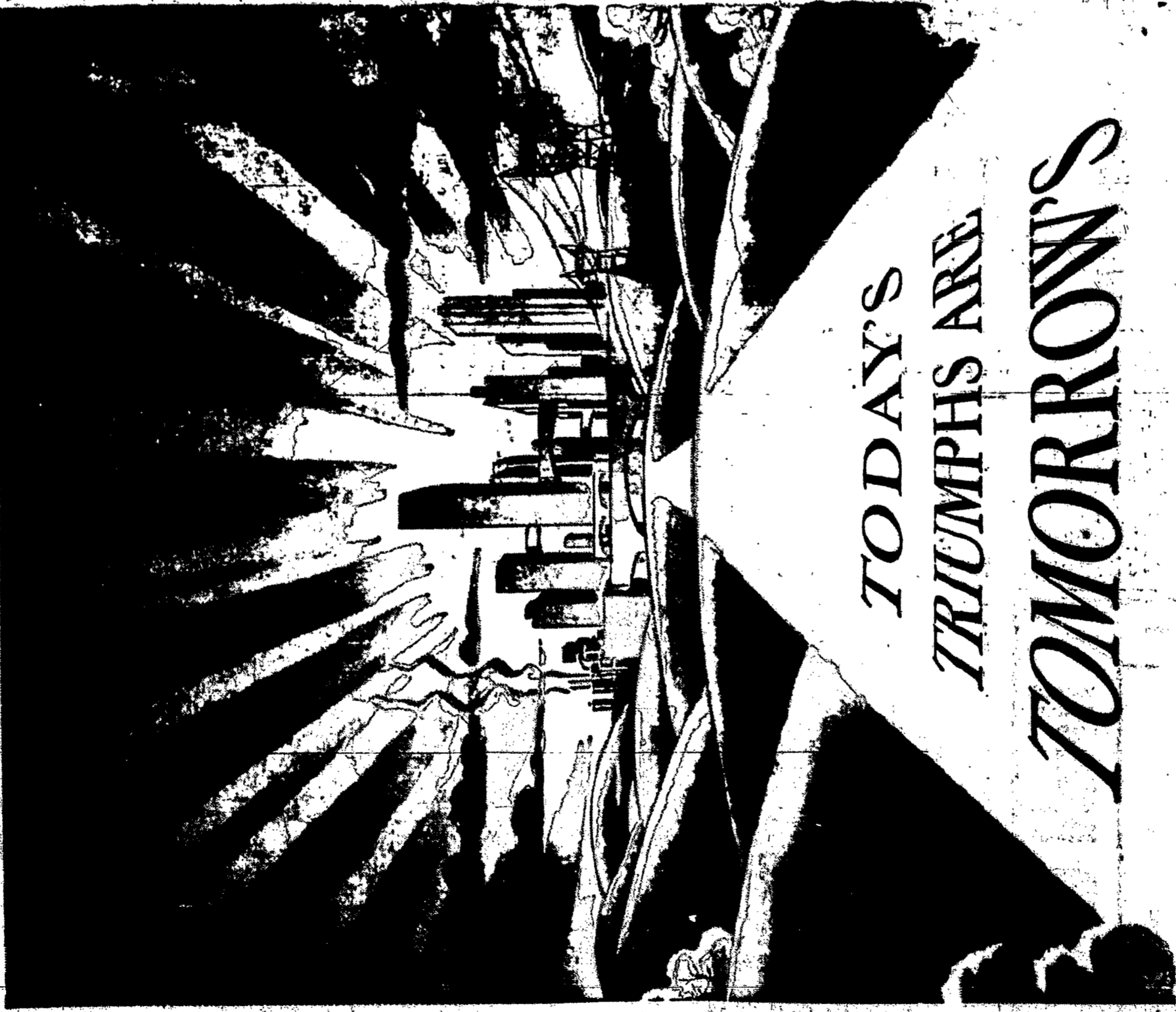


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First College Class Finds Adventure, Challenge In Role Of Pioneers

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Class of '53

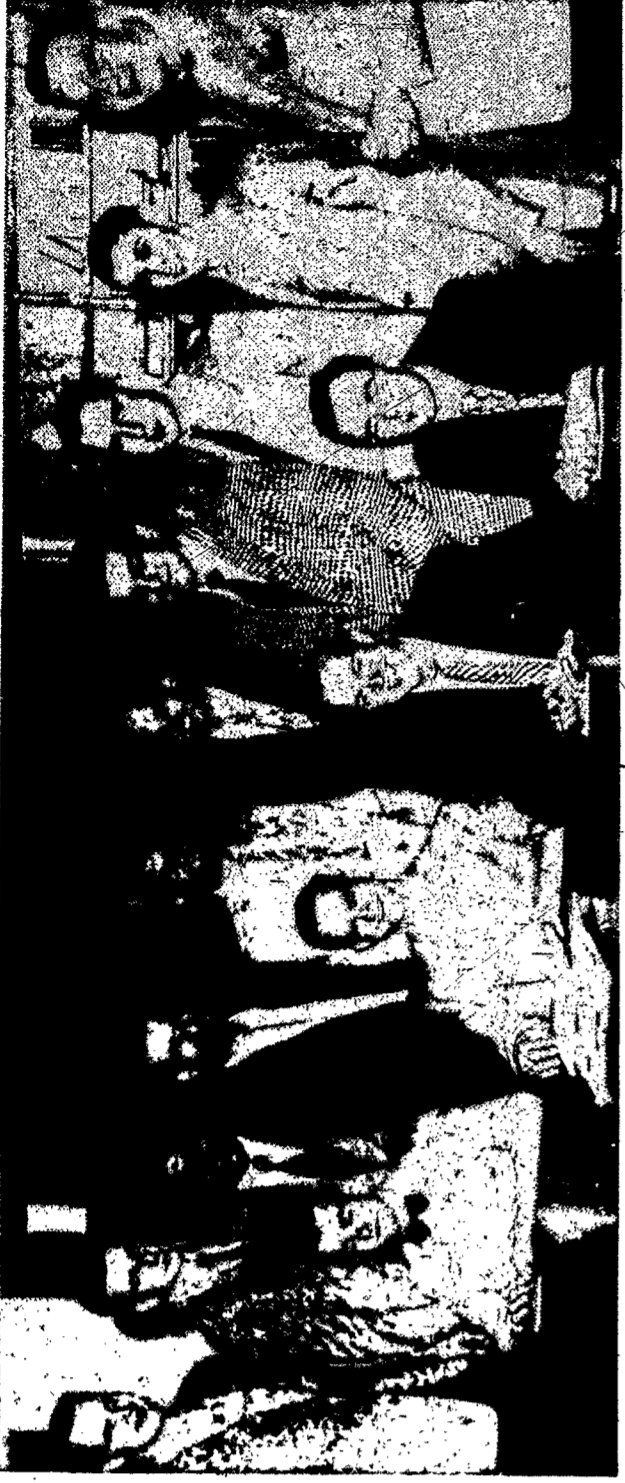
"Always a senior and never a freshman," is the thought in the mind of St. John Fisher College as mentioned.

Others who know of the unfinished state of the building, who in the Fall of 1951, called us "pioneers." As we look back, however, we can see that we were just as raw as freshmen can be. If we were pioneers, our pioneering was the same that every freshman undergoes in the adventure of college life.

It is true that we had the simple privilege of being "first." That always adds zest, a sense of responsibility. Never,theless, each new class is first in its own way, for college life is vital, dynamic. Each class is not an addition, an annex but a living outgrowth, spiritually, academically.

The letter said to come out for a conference about our course of studies "in the white house." It still stands there behind the pass, but it is almost forgotten, being completely overshadowed by the massive majesty of its successor, the Administration Building. There were plenty of men working about the place then. Maybe we would have a school. Anyway, we could open downtown. Staff and students are all that you need for college and we had both of them.

No Ivory Tower. The next letter came. We were going to start up the college. We were sent to the unfinished building. Skeptically we wound our way up to the third floor. And there! . . . There was the school. No it was not an ac-



STUDENT COUNCIL FOR 1952-1953 AT ST. JOHN FISHER

Class of Nazareth College. Not with honors and demanding always kept us in mind. This student newspaper, The Chronicle, was the first to be done but we were on the inside looking out.

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tion. Everything was good for the school even the wandering workers who appeared so often in a professor's classroom example. Growth With Him Our real growth was symbolized best of all by one event at the end of the year. Things were nearing completion. The priests were moving into the building and with them came the Blessed Eucharist. At the first examination, the notice went up on the board. "The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Room 302." That was our real growth. We talked with Him! It is the best sin-

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