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St. Stephen's won an easy victory over the Columbia College of Pharmacy team by the score of 36 to 19. This was a, hard 2, hard 3, by several New Yorkers and was played on the home court before a very enthusiastic audience. The first few minutes of the game were noticeable for the very little scoring done by either team but after a few minutes of play the home team started off and ran up several points so that when the first half ended they were safely in the lead.

In the second half Columbia rallied and Hand, their fast and elusive long shots which visitors, played an excellent game. According to the Freshmen, a few more points. Hand, scoring five were high scorers. Ricciardi was in Keen .......... c .......... Cohen

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Referee: Kapp.

On the Massachusetts trip the Varsity lost two games—at Williams and at Springfield. Playing at a decided disadvantage because of the court, St. Stephen's held Williams to a 29-26 score. The game was a fast one throughout and the first half ended

Winter Frolic Promises to Be Great Success

Frosh Prepare Novel Modes of Entertainment

From all reports and appearances the Freshman "Winter Frolic" will well-supported. All the Freshmen admit that it is a good. Memorial Gymnasium, where the dance will be held, is to be decorated to give the appearance of a hunting lodge during the winter. The idea is unique at St. Stephen's. Previous to this time the general lines of the game have always been heavily camouflaged, but in this scheme they are used very successfully with very little adornment. Apparently a Freshman is capable of having an idea, a fact which certain of the powers that be, might be inclined to dispute.

We are much indebted to Mr. Van Rensselaer taxidermists of 21 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie, for his kindness in supplying us with elk's heads and other mountings, without which it would be impossible to carry out the desired effect.

According to the Freshmen, a few surprises have been prepared, concerning which nothing can be discovered.

KENDALL STRING QUARTETTE GIVES RECITAL AT ST. STEPHEN'S

On Monday evening, February 21, the Kendall String Quartet, a group of young boys from Miss Estelle Plata's studio in New York City, entertained the college. This was perhaps the best received entertainment that has appeared on the college's lecture program for several years. All of these lads showed unusual musical talent and excellent training. The work of Anthony Borello, solo violinist, was especially commendable. His ability was worthy of one older and more experienced in music than he.

The program and personnel was as follows:


DRAGON CLUB STARTS ACTIVITIES WITH FORUM

On Wednesday evening the Dragon Club held an informal discussion in the Albee recreation room. The subject was "Mexico and Oil." Student attendance at these weekly forum meetings is constantly solicited.

It will be the policy of the club in the future to vary the subjects for the purpose of giving the members a wider field of interests. On Wednesday, March 3, the club has succeeded in bringing President Bell for a poetry reading. Those of us who have heard Dr. Bell read poetry before will surely take advantage of this treat. To the Freshmen and other new men an opportunity will be given to enjoy one of the best entertainments of the year.
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“THE ST. STEPHEN’S COLLEGE IDEA” AND THE STUDENT

Under the interesting title of “An Adventure in Educational Sanity,” the recently published bulletin of this college sets forth what is called the “St. Stephen’s College Idea.”

As to the merits of this idea, as to its place in the progress of American education, as to its fearless assertion by the administration of this college, we have nothing to say except that highest commendation and the affirmation of our whole-hearted support.

However, when we turn our minds from this policy of the college itself to its materialization in our student body, in fact, in any student body, a problem arises which we think are extremely vital. Although we have attempted to bring out these points before, we feel certain that their importance fully justifies their reiteration.

The first and most fundamental principle laid down as a basis of this idea, is that, “The primary purpose of a college is a hard intellectual labor.” We take it, that which is meant by this definition is that the purpose of a college is sincere effort to develop intellectual interest and ability.

How much more we are going to fool ourselves that this is the primary purpose of the great mass of students, nay, of even a fair sized minority, that the majority of students have any interest in or have given a hard intellectual labor, is quite true, as President Bell has said, that our college seems to be nothing more than a country club. Although he perhaps idealized even that too much in considering superficial intellectual pleasures as part of our normal college life.

Now we are not condemning either the student with no intellectual interest or intention, nor that policy that places them as the sumnum bonum of a college career, but, of course, if, however, consider it a waste of time and effort to try to fit a square peg in a round hole. The peg is too round and the hole too often made a square.

All we wish to say is that, lest there be country clubs for those who wish country clubs and let there be colleges for those who wish colleges. Let the administration face just as fearlessly the problems in practical ability as well as those in theory. This will perhaps reduce the size of this college a very few, perhaps—yet when we afirm an idea are we not bound to live up to it?

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor, THE LYRE TREE, Campus.

My Dear Sir: In the two latest issues of the "Lyre Tree," you have spoken about the new policy of the college as involving "secularization." I cannot see how anyone could have interpreted our new policy in that way. Nobody on our Board of Trustees has the slightest desire to secularize this institution. The primary purpose of St. Stephen's College is the combination definitely, in all our instruction and in all our life, of religion and scientific knowledge. To enlarge our constituency by including other Christians than those who belong to the Episcopal Church can be regarded as secularization only by those who have an extraordinarily narrow conception of the Christian religion as existing merely within the confines of one denomination.

I sincerely hope that there may be no further reference to "secularization" in your paper and that you will be good enough to publish this letter. These statements have done a good deal of harm among persons who read your paper off the campus, harm which I am quite sure was unintentional but which, nevertheless, requires correction.

Faithfully yours,

BERNARD J. BELL
President

Editor's Note: The editor of this paper is extremely sorry for any misunderstanding that may have arisen over his use of the term "secularization" and he apologizes for any harm that may have done to the college. However, he wishes to assure the administration that by his use of the term "secularization," he meant nothing more than was expressed in the public statement of the Board of Trustees, i.e., that the college will devote itself three educational needs: (1) the need for a country club, (2) the need for a college and not be charged with impropriety, and (3) the need for a college free from enforced conformity to type in educational methods, which can face the problems of higher education realistically. That the college may have done to the college.

THE INTERCAMPUS

The Hill News of St. Lawrence observes that "In most colleges athletic training is much more intensive than mental gymnastics. In other words, books are fought and games are studied."

Interfraternity basketball games have been instituted by the Interfraternity Council to further a more harmonious spirit among fraternities at St. Lawrence. The Hill News suggests boxing matches would have been far more effective.

Educators who lament the apathetic condition of college undergraduates may find that the following except from the editorial column of one of the leading colleges of the South furnishes them additional evidence. "The Nicaragua question, we are told, remains unchanged. Wonder what the next move in the checker game will be?"

The University of Wisconsin has expelled one man out of school for taking a reserve book from the reading room of the library. Not a bad idea at all—those of us who try to write term papers have been waiting for someone to set the precedent.

The Tripod of Trinity College observes that "At the new John Wesley College at Cambria, Illinois, students are prohibited athletics, fraternities, student government and dances. Besides this, every student must pledge to refrain from using tobacco and liquor. The motive of the college is entirely scholarship. One might almost ask here 'Why does one go to college' and not be charged with impropriety and low aim.'"

KENDALL STRING QUARTETTE GIVES RECITAL AT ST. STEPHEN'S

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1. Quartette No. 1, No. 2, Allegro Molto
2. Allegro Molto
3. Allegro Molto
4. Presto
5. Allegro Molto
6. Allegro Molto

Beethoven

THE ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 8

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Episcopalian, would in no way alter the religious character of the college but would rather add strength in a wider and deeper outlook.

Mr. Haley Field told of the financial state of the college, the necessity for funds to carry on its work. He said that he believed that the small college is best suited to give a sound education. He was very sanguine about the success of the present campaign.

Commissioner Graves, president of the University of the State of New York, was the principal speaker. He gave a very brilliant and spirited address on modern educational methods, on newer tendencies in college development. Mr. Stephen's idea is that what it wants and knows how to attain its end. He has long been familiar with the college and has watched its growth for many years. He spoke with great approval of its working out of an educational theory and methods, which would be difficult to develop if numbers had been greater. Nevertheless the other needs are so urgent that certain steps are being taken among others being (those which bear on the points at issue) to select its students hereafter with no denominational or racial preferences, but primarily on the ground of intellectual ability and character; that, although the president and a majority of the trustees are to be of the Episcopal Church, and its chapel services are to remain as they now are, religious convictions and affiliations are to have sufficient representation within the breadth of policy and unrestricted community service, both now and in the future.

Although we perhaps, strictly speaking, have misused the term "secularization," we wish to assure the administration that we did not imply that this new policy meant the dropping of religion from our college life, or that the Christian religion existed within the confines of a denomination, which would indeed be a narrow conception of Christianity, but that the restrictive preference to those of the Episcopal Communion in the making up of the student body and the board of trustees would be done away with in the interests of larger needs quoted above.

Rondo

THE HILL NEWS OF ST. LAWRENCE
Student Atheism Not Increasing

Investigation of National Student Federation Reveals Interesting Results

That the undergraduate far from being moreватив than ever to religion today than he was 25 years ago, has now a clearer sense of the relation of religion to life and society, is the most striking conclusion to be drawn from the nation-wide survey of compulsory chapel, conducted by the National Student Federation of America. The investigation, the result of which embraced every state but two in the country, included the sending of questionnaires to the college presidents, and the undergraduate editors of the nation, as well as to a representative group of ministers who appear frequently before college assemblies of various types. Following is the report issued by H. C. Rose, Princeton 1928, chairman of the Federation Committee on Compulsory Chapel.

"The investigation on the subject of chapel carried on by the National Student Federation of America, has been conducted throughout as an entirely impartial spirit, which has aimed rather to discover the facts of the situation than to foster a revolt of youth or to assume an ultra-religious standpoint. With this in view, questionnaires were distributed to the number of 600 each to the college presidents and to the undergraduate editors of the country, in addition to 25, which were sent to representative college preachers. The relatively large response received from the college presidents seems to indicate, when compared with the scattering student replies, that the agitaton among undergraduates on the subject of compulsory chapel is not so widespread as one might have been led to believe.

"The questionnaires issued to the college presidents contained the following three questions: Do you favor compulsory chapel—Sunday, weekday, or both? What do you desire be the chief benefits of compulsory chapel? Do you believe your student body is large enough to seat the entire student body? The replies showed a marked tendency to conform to the practice in the particular college, there being only four cases of revolt against the present regime among all the answers. Sixteen thought compulsory chapel good, while twenty were opposed. In the latter group compulsory chapel was in force in which the modern student seemed to find himself. Two declared the question to be vital, but rather the provision of an interesting program.

"The questionnaire to the students was less definite than that to the college presidents, and accordingly elicited a wider variety of reasons for and against the principle of compulsory worship. The value of assembly for the sake of college unity was clearly appreciated, as well as the practical difficulty of such assembly in several institutions. One editor writes: . . . no building on the campus is large enough to seat the entire student body. The stadium is rather exposed. Without doubt, the student body was not satisfied in the religious life of the average undergraduate. The theory was also expressed that the tendency to establish a system of compulsory chapel attendance and compulsory class attendance is to exert intellectual life above spiritual life, which is unthinkable in a college which professes to be Christian. In this connection there were several answers which objected to the word 'compulsion' in regard to chapel, since other exercises were compulsory without being branded with especial stigma. Students of a Christian college, it was declared, with a knowledge that it is founded on Christianity, and owns an official acknowledgement of the fact. If they object, the proper course is to take Christianity elsewhere without negating the question.

"Drifting into Bolshevism"". Thirty-nine replies expressed the thought that there was a change for the better. President Hibben of the University of Southern California, stated 'Where there is a real religious interest, it is not different from that in 1900. But institutions these days, and parents still more, are doing less to cultivate religious interest. This accounts for the change.' Twenty-six replies, on the other hand, distinct from those which tended the ideal of service, fostered idealism, 100; professed to be drifters, 25; 25 percent: 'The investigation on the subject of chapel tended to destroy the religious faith of the average undergraduate. The theory was also expressed that the principle of compulsory worship is not so widespread as one might have been led to believe. The replies showed a marked tendency to conform to the practice in the particular college, there being only four cases of revolt against the present regime among all the answers. Sixteen thought compulsory chapel good, while twenty were opposed. In the latter group compulsory chapel was in force in which the modern student seemed to find himself. Two declared the question to be vital, but rather the provision of an interesting program.

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PRESIDENT BELL'S ADDRESS ON SMALL COLLEGES READ AT BOLLING COLLEGE

(Continued from page 1) are mere tricks, by which overgrown institutions are attempting mechan- cally to do the teaching task, which is essentially personal and not me- chanical at all.

The third thing wrong with the small college is the present moment in the small institutions that they pay to its instructors, the of necessity, inferior type of man who is willing to work for those stipends. The small college should pay for its teaching work enough to secure those men who are in scholarship and pedagogi- cal ability competent and who are at the same time interested in the indi- vidual student and willing to devote themselves to his welfare. Goals from Foul: Ricciardi 4, Nephew 2, Herney 2.

2—What Is Right About the Small College?

Despite the things that are wrong with the small college, it is even now doing a type of work which need not fear comparison with that of any other institutions. Our graduate schools are full of men who are going into the professions from the small colleges. One need only examine the work that they do as compared with the work of other men in those schools to see what is right with the small college. It works.

3—What Should the Small College Attempt to Be and to Do?

Briefly, the small college should believe in itself, recognize its super- ior potentials, present its cause adequately to the American people, and stop its apologetic approach.

BERNARD IDDINGS BELL

VARSITY DEFEATS COLUMBIA PHARMACY IN LAST HOME GAME

(Continued from page 1) extremely close. Ricciardi and Keen were the high scorers for the Varsity, accounting for nineteen points between them.

Springfield next took the home team's measure 30-15 for their ninth consecutive victory of the season. The game was an ordinary one with the Varsity being unable to catch the splendid passwork of the winners although poor shooting in the first half cost them the lead. Craig was high scorer for Springfield while the points scored by the Varsity were evenly distributed.

The Varsity lost a hard-fought game with the quintet from the Albany State Teachers College to the score of 26 to 23, on the home court.

The game was fast and hard-fought but the unaccustomed shooting of the visiting team put them in the lead in the last few minutes of play and won the game for them. The Crimson defense was excellent and it was only from mid-field and near mid-field that the Upstarts were able to score.

Throughout most of the game they failed on long shots but in the last few minutes of play they made several fine goals which gave them a margin of six points on the home team.

For St. Stephen's, Ricciardi, play- ing right forward, and Keen, at cen- ter, played a steady, consistent game.

The line-up:

St. Stephen's

Albany State

Ricciardi r. f. ........................................... Millington...........................................

Keen...........................................

Nephew...........................................

Kuczynski...........................................

McKean...........................................

Urquhart ...........................................

Klein...........................................

Substitutions: Carroll; Given for McClean; Goff for Nephew; Griffin for Herney.

Final Score: St. Stephen's 22, Albany State 28.

Referee: Kapp.

Goals from Field: Ricciardi 4, Goff for McClean; Herney 2, Keen 1, Kuczynski 1, Nephew 1, Herney 1.

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