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Season Looks Promising—Fresh Co-Operation Is Needed

Last year after a late start the cross country team acquired itself very well and aroused interest in a sport which never before had been in vogue at St. Stephen's. At the end of the season the squad elected Captain Nobis to lead the runners over the hills and dells in autumn.

In the summer the coach kept in touch with his squad by a result that we now have on the campus a bunch of men who have been running during several weeks and are all ready for the gruelling job of putting on the finishing touches that make for speed over the long five and a half miles of swamp, hill, and forest that make up the St. Stephen's course as finally laid out.

The squad as at present constituted is made up of Captain Nobis, Fite and Weber, the three men who trotted in hand in hand last fall to win the six and a quarter mile Poughkeepsie marathon from Hock Park to Poughkeepsie River, who showed to advantage in the sporting field race last year; and Charlie Miller, Jimmie Fuscus, Bell, and Johnny Kelly, the man who outdistanced all others in the running before his races.

Among the new men there are two that appear to advantage, Innis why, as a miler has had experience on the Columbia track squad, and Muller, a novice at the running game who isn't going to be a novice very long from present indications.

All the old men came back to college early in order to get into the swing of things as soon as possible and the week of registration was spent in mile and two mile jogs interspersed with far long and even daily dashes to get the underpinnings into working order.

Very shortly the scheduled course for the position of the Varsity Club cup will be made public. This cup is awarded each year to the man who makes the lowest average in three distance runs made at intervals of a week or more during the cross country season. The first of these is over the so-called "River Course," a distance of 4.23 miles; the second is over the so-called "East Course," a distance of 4.21 miles and is over the "Intercollegiate Course," a distance of 5.51 miles. In this race the competitor is allowed to choose.

COLLEGE OPENS WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT

NEW MEN NUMBER FIFTY-TWO

The sixty-eighth year opened with a larger enrollment than St. Stephen's has had for several years. A report from the registrar's office shows that seventy old men have returned. There is a total of fifty-two new men, forty of whom are freshmen.

The selection of these men was extremely rigorous, only those who were completely prepared and who showed real ability were admitted. It is the opinion of the officers in charge that there has never been a more promising group of men in college.

A whole week has been devoted to orienting the new men. They have been subjected to psychological examinations and placement tests.

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DARKNESS IN SPORT

A tendency away from overemphasis of one branch of athletics at the expense of another is indicated by the recent action of Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania in dropping the existing distinctions between major and minor sports. These institutions feel that the terms “major” and “minor” tend to unduly the present so-called major sports and minimize the value of the minor sports.

By removing these distinctions, which have been in vogue for the past fifty years, it is hoped to remove the stigma of inferiority from sports labeled “minor” and to encourage young men to go out for all sports.

The time, energy and ability devoted to a single sport often equal or exceed those of the major sports. In many cases it has been harder for a minor-sports athlete to obtain his insignia than for the boy who sports the big block letter emblem of membership on a major team. At Pennsylvania a player on the sports team was required to win an intercollegiate championship before recognition by the Council on Athletics. Under the new order of things boxing, wrestling, swimming, water polo, gymnastics, fencing, tennis, lacrosse and golf will be governed by the same system of awarding insignia that applies to football and minor sports.

At Dartmouth a summary of student opinion was obtained before the radical step was taken. The supervisor of athletics was surprised to learn that 43 per cent of those voting were in favor of abolishing all major and minor distinctions. Or those voting against it, many of them, upon thinking the question over carefully, came around to the idea that major and minor distinctions were of no benefit. Only 4 per cent were satisfied with the previous classification or were not interested. That other colleges will probably fall in line with the movement is shown by the fact that Cornell, New Hampshire, the University of Illinois, Wesleyan, and Williams have already revised or are contemplating the revision of their whole system of awarding insignia to participants in sports. Such a democratization of intercollegiate athletics is a healthy symptom and is well recognized of the many who sweat and strain for their alma maters in lowly capacities far from the blare of the band and the songs and cheers of the college Chapel.

The Freshman Rules for this year are as follows:

1. No Freshman shall wear a hat on campus, or within a six mile radius of the campus, but shall wear the regulation cap at all times. While actively engaged in athletics Freshmen shall be exempt from this rule.

A tug-of-war held in the Spring between Freshmen and Sophomores shall be the deciding factor as to whether or not the Freshman cap shall be worn for the remainder of the year.

2. Freshmen shall at all times show proper respect for upperclassmen, and shall give precedence to upperclassmen and Sophomores in arrival and from buildings, except Chapel.

3. Freshmen must speak to all whom they meet on campus.

4. Freshmen may not smoke on campus nor carry canes.

5. Freshmen may not carry their own ties on campus.

6. Freshmen must wear black ties on weekdays.

7. Freshmen must carry matchboxes at all times for the use of upperclassmen and Sophomores.

8. Freshmen must answer the telephone as soon as it rings and notify at once the person called.

9. Freshmen may not sit under the Lyre Tree without the permission of an upperclassman.

10. Freshmen must know all of the songs and cheers of the college by the third Sunday after their arrival.

11. Freshmen must be ready at all times to assist in activities undertaken by the college as a whole. This applies particularly to work upon the publications and for athletic teams.

12. At all athletic contests Freshmen are required to sit as a unit. In past years this body has been noted for its cheering. Help and encourage your teams by doing so.

13. Within thirty days after the close of the first semester the Freshmen must be present at the grave during the burial. At the end of four years, the algebra is exhausted and burned on a funeral pyre during the Class Day exercises. Toasts are drunk to the college and to the outgoing and incoming Senior Class.

14. Freshman Rules are to be enforced by the Student Council or by a committee appointed by the council for the purpose. Rules may be changed or abrogated at any time by the council.

JOHN ALDEN WATKINSON,
President, Student Council.
ALUMNI NOTES

John N. Babcock, class of 27, visited college the week-end of May 25th. Babcock is with the export division of The Tidewater Oil Company, 11 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

William "Bud" Wilson, ex-29, is employed by W. J. Wollman, broker, 129 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

Another mark of distinction has been added to the Senior Class when its best mathematicians, Harry Dillin, came out successfully in a competitive examination for a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. There were three openings to college graduates, and over twenty competitors were in the field. Dillin's work will be in the division of Mathematics. He also expects to do some work in the Actuarial division of Finance in Columbia in order to qualify for the examinations for membership in the Actuarial Society of America.

A short time after he won this position, Dillin was offered an assistantship in the Actuarial division of the University of Michigan. He would have worked for 2,000 a year.

The chapter house is in the process of being renovated and redecorated.

Dean of the Buffalo Cathedral.

Kappa Gamma Chi

The chapter house is in the process of being renovated and redecorated. In the near future, an addition will be placed on the south side, toward the proposed athletic field.

Bill Brunot '28 is pursuing the study of law at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Pete Deloria '26, of football renown, stopped off for a short visit during the past week.

Joe Wilson has returned to complete his work for his degree after an absence of some time.

Manager-elect Tibbets made a public today the 1928-1929 baseball schedule. One of a card of twenty games twelve will be seen on the home court.

The schedule follows:

Dec. 1 1928-Eastman, home
  5 1928-St. Michael's, home
  8- Cooper Union, home
  15-St. Francis, home
  19-Montclair A. C., away
  20-N. Y. Aggies, away
  21-St. John's, away

Jan. 11, 1929-Williams, away
  12-R. P. I., away
  18-Rhode Island State, away
  19-Boston University, away
  26-Brooklyn Poly, home

Feb. 4-Norwich, home
  6-Army, away
  13-Albany State, home
  15-Upstate, home
  16-Praat, home
  22-R. P. I., home
  26-St. Joseph's, home

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT WILL POPULARIZE COURSES

(Continued from page 1) and moving pictures of various commercial processes; and they do not presuppose a knowledge of Chemistry. There are also tentative plans for bringing lecturers here to stimulate an interest in this field.

This year the Chemistry department is fortunate in having an instructor, Dr. C. Thurston Sotterry, who comes with splendid preparation for his courses in Physical and Organic Chemistry. Dr. Sotterry did his undergraduate work at Clark University, finishing in 1916. The following year he became assistant at North Carolina, and then was brought to the Merrimack Chemical Co., Boston, Mass. He then became Professor of Science at the Troy Conference Academy, Pottsville, Vt. From 1918 to 1922, Dr. Sotterry was an instructor in Chemistry and Athletic Director in the Bradford Durfee Textile School, Fall River, Mass. He then started his graduate work in Columbia University. The degree of Master of Arts was awarded him in 1923 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, in 1925. His theses dealt with enzymes and more particularly, with asian products in reference to enzymes. For the past three years, Dr. Sotterry has been Professor of Chemistry in Albright College. He comes to us with a great deal of enthusiasm for his work and for the college as a whole.

THE LYCEUM THEATRE

Red Hook, New York
NEWS ITEMS

Arrangements have been made with Columbia University for the heads of the various departments of the college to attend the departmental meetings at the University. The Columbia head of each department will visit St. Stephen’s on one weekend of the semester to confer with the professors, and to become acquainted with the work done at the college.

During the summer a representative of the Columbia University Library and Miss Bergen, the librarian, made a thorough study of the college Library to ascertain what books were needed, and to make arrangements by which professors and students can procure any book from the University Library.

A careful study has been made of the financial needs of the college and a recommendation has been prepared for the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees, which takes place on October 16. This recommendation will cover the entire needs of one hundred and fifty students.

This year several new men have been added to the faculty. Dr. Frank Coop is to be the head of the department of Philosophy. Dr. Coop is an honor graduate of Cambridge. He also spent three years at Oxford and the University of Chicago. This is Dr. Coop’s first American teaching position.

C. Thorton Sottery is to be the assistant professor of Chemistry. Dr. Sottery received his doctor’s degree from Columbia, and for the past three years has been head of the department of Chemistry at Albright College.

Dr. Seward is to substitute for Dr. Wilson, who is studying in Italy. Dr. Seward is a Master of Arts from Princeton and Tulane.

Mr. Knight is to assist Dr. Phalen in the department of Mathematics.

This year the Rivers cottage has been rented to the Rev. Percy Fenn, Ph.D. Dr. Fenn is living here with his wife and sister-in-law.

The John Nicolas Brown and Albee faculty cottage has been in construction on account of an unexpected illness.

The St. Stephen’s Weather Bureau reports a total of sixty-two rainy days during the months of June, July, and August.

The constructors are rapidly completing the structure and promise on-time occupancy by October first. Dr. Sottery and family will occupy one-half of the home while Mr. and Mrs. Banks will reside in the other.

To perpetuate the memory of the group, and to express gratitude to the college the Senior Class of 1955 has ordered a tree to be planted in front of Hegeman Hall. Near it they will place a marble block with an inscription of the class number.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM HAS EARLY WORKOUT

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best time he makes over the long course at any time during the season either in competition or practice.

During the training season there will be a series of three road races around the so-called “Whistle” course. Freshmen and Sophomores who make the distance in any two of the races in 17:30 or better will be awarded numerals at the annual Box’s Head Dinner. This applies, however, only to men who are on the cross country squad and really trying to make a contribution to the excellence of the varsity team.

After having served very acceptably in getting together the schedule for this autumn, C. W. Smith has been obliged, due to pressure of work, to resign as manager of the team and the office is now being filled by Earl Eitzman, who is at present trying to get meets with certain high schools for the benefit of the junior varsity men.

When races are held at Annandale, it is essential that the management have the full co-operation of the Freshman class, some twenty or more members of which will be asked to stand at assigned places along the course, to act as checkers and to see that the members of the visiting teams do not lose their way. Nothing is more exasperating than having visiting runners, who may possibly be well out in front of the field, get confused as to the course. It is but the essence of true sportsmanship to take every precaution that no slightest cause for complaint shall ever arise in connection with our races here at St. Stephen’s. The course is crooked, long, and in many places obscure to a stranger unless he is at all times within sight of a flag or a checker. The coach and the varsity squad are given assistance from the Freshmen in this matter. This service is not a hazing stunt but a responsibility of consequences upon which may depend the honor of the college and its reputation for fair play.

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Minutes of the Alumni Meeting

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June 12, 1928

The Annual Corporate Communion of the Alumni and Former Students Association of St. Stephen's College was held in the College Chapel at 8 a.m. on Commencement Day, June 12, 1928, the Reverend Oscar F. Treder, President of the Association, Celebrant. The Offering of $11.83 subsequently augmented to $22.18 was added to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Ven. Archdeacon William C. Holden, Treasurer.

The Sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Alumni and Former Students Association was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the President, Rev. Oscar F. Treder.

At Roll Call, the following members were present:

Rev. W. H. Tomlins, Jr.
Rev. Albert E. George.
Rev. Hubert B. Whitney.
Rev. Arthur H. Davis.
Rev. H. S. Smith.
Mr. Wm. V. Sappington.
Rev. O. F. R. Treder.
Rev. J. O. Mellenhny.
Rev. Francis C. Steinmetz.
Rev. Rudolph E. Brestell.
Rev. Albert L. Longley.
Rev. Archibald M. Judd.
Rev. Frank J. Knapp.
Rev. H. L. Stoddard.
Rev. Robert G. Williams.
Rev. Leopold Kroll, Jr.
Rev. Nicholas M. Feringa.
Rev. J. Warren Albinsom.
Rev. Hollis W. Colwell.
Rev. Frank L. Brown.
Mr. K. B. Woodruff.
Mr. P. D. Jones.
Mr. A. A. Packard, Jr.
Mr. Edgar C. Kroll.
Mr. Orville N. Davidson.
Mr. Chas. A. Homan.
Mr. Hiram R. Ostrom.

Mr. John A. Curtis
Rev. Fredk. F. Nason
Rev. Alban Richey, Jr.
Rev. Edward Gabler
Mr. W. I. Ruttter
Mr. Kirtley B. Lewis
Mr. O. F. Rudd
Mr. Bradford H. Tite
Mr. C. Prowse
Rev. Charles N. Lathrop

The minutes of the previous meeting were read for information.

Reading of Communications

The resignation of Rev. David H. Clarkson, Treasurer, was read and placed on file.

The Rev. O. F. Treder read a report of the Midwinter Alumni Dinner, held at the Masonic Club, New York City, on February 15, 1928. Thirty-seven members of the Alumni Association were present. President Bell explained in a most interesting address the proposed affiliation of St. Stephen's College with Columbia University.

Report of Necrologist

Rev. O. F. R. Treder, Necrologist, reported the decease of the following members:

Rev. Wm. Dorwart, '87
Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, D.D., '69
Rev. Townsend G. Jackson, D.D., '78
Rev. William J. Agnew, '84
Rev. Leander R. Sheffield, '93
Rev. George H. Young, '83
Rev. Arthur C. Clarke, '86
Rev. Chas. G. Prout, '14
Rev. Shepard Wells
Rev. Lionel Wye
Rev. A. Hamilton

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary was requested to read the report.

Report of the Active Scholarship Fund

It was moved and carried that the continuation of the Active Alumni Scholarship Fund be referred to the Board of Directors with full power to decide its future.

Alumni Scholarship Fund

It was reported that the fund in the savings bank to date amounts to $2,505.80.

Rev. H. S. Smith, custodian of the Alumni Pictures, stated that no pictures of graduates or former students had been received since 1921.

Election of Officers

Nomination for Executive Committee: Rev. Chas. Eder, Rev. Archibald Judd, Mr. A. A. Packard, Jr., Rev. Rudolph E. Brestell, Mr. John A. Curtis, Rev. Leopold Kroll, Sr., Rev. Edward Gabler, Rev. James Melhenny, Rev. Robert G. Williams. Motion made and carried that as there is only one nomination for each office, the Secretary to cast one vote for each candidate.

In the nomination of officers, one name for each office being presented, the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for each candidate. The following members were elected:

President, Rev. Edward Gabler.
Vice-President, Rev. Chas. Eder.
Secretary, Mr. A. A. Packard, Jr.
Treasurer, Rev. Rudolph Brestell.

Election of Alumni Trustee

As only one name was presented, the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote. So carried. The Rev. Dr. Francis C. Steinmetz was declared elected. The Rev. Robert G. Williams was elected as the fifth member of the Executive Committee.

New Business

Moved by Rev. Archibald Judd: "That it is the request of the meeting of the Alumni Association, that Commencement be held on Wednesday in order that fraternity reunions may be held on Tuesday night. And be further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Warden-elect and to the Board of Trustees." Carried.

Motion made and carried: That a committee be sent to the Warden-elect and Trustee meeting to convey the greetings of the Alumni Association. The President appointed Rev. Albert L. Longley and Rev. Frank Knapp.

Motion made and carried: That any funds remaining in the Active Scholarship Fund be applied to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Motion made and carried: That the President go to the Staff of the "Lyre Tree" with the request that, since fifty dollars is forthcoming from this Association for the publishing of the Minutes of our organization, every alumnus of the college whether a subscriber or not, is to receive a copy of the Commencement number.

Motion made and carried: That $50.00 be subscribed to the "Lyre Tree" for the publishing of the Minutes of this association and for sending a copy of the same to each Alumnus.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Edward Gabler,
Secretary.