

Varsity Club Holds First Meeting

The Varsity Club which was formed late last semester of all "S" men held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th. It is the purpose of the Club to act in conjunction with the Department of Physical Education in stimulating and directing interests in athletics on campus. To this end the president, Mr. Kroll, announced the Club's intention to offer a prize to be known as the Varsity Club Cup for competition in cross-country running. The cup must be won three times before it will be recognized as the permanent possession of the winner.

The Club is composed of the following letter men:

Edgar Kroll, president; lacrosse, football.

Douglas McKean, football, basketball, lacrosse, tennis.

Quarterman, basketball, lacrosse.

Harold Keen, basketball, lacrosse.

Dem Ricciardi, basketball.

Bill Brunot, tennis.

Rad Morrill, tennis.

John Heuss, basketball.

Lev Smith, lacrosse.

Harvey Fite, lacrosse.

Karl Enzian, lacrosse.

John Nobis, lacrosse.

John Watkinson, football, lacrosse.

Harry Given, basketball.

Bob Burbank, lacrosse.

Walter Lemley, tennis.

Kenneth Townsend, lacrosse.

Ernest Nicholson, basketball.

Robert Brome, lacrosse.

Cross Country Team Organizes

Dr. Phalen Directs New Sport

Eighteen men answered Coach Phalen's call for candidates for cross country. It is hoped that we will have some intercollegiate competition before the season is over.

The men who have come out so far are Andrews, Aeschbach, Abramowitz, Dahms, Davies, Fite, Gilreath, Kingman, Kellog, Murray, Nobis, Meisner, Siegel, Riley, Sprague, Stancliffe, Weber, and Willis. There is at least one unknown quantity in the lot, in the form of Murray, who, it is said, has won his letter at Haverford.

Dr. Phalen with Mr. Nobis' able assistance, has laid out courses for the training runs, and after some time for practice runs, he will have the various men tried out.

Alumni Meeting Notes

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y.

June 15, 1927.

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 15, 1927. The Rev. Albert L. Longley, president of the association, was the celebrant.

The Offering of \$7.25 subsequently augmented by \$9.00 to \$16.25 was given to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The Ven. Archdeacon, William C. Holden, treasurer.

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Alumni and Former Students Association was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by the President, Rev. Albert L. Longley.

Roll called, the following members were present: Rev. P. M. D. Bleecker '76, Rev. H. B. Whitney '78, Rev. William C. Holden, '83, Rev. F. S. Guff '87, Mr. J. M. Blackwell '92, Rev. A. L. Longley '96, Rev. Leopold Kroll '97, Rev. Archibald M. Judd '98, Rev. Henry Lowndes Drew 1900, Rev. O. F. R. Treder '01, Rev. Chas. E. Eder '11, Mr. Ernest M. Bennett '15, Rev. Hollis S. Smith '17, Rev. Alex N. Keedwell '19, Rev. Arthur G. Pfaffko '20, Rev. C. V. Buchanan '25, Mr. Appleton Packard Jr. '26.

Rev. Jacob Probst, Special; Mr. O. F. Judd, Mr. Kirtley B. Lewis, Dr. Ernest C. Gehle, Mr. John A. Curtis, Rev. Herbert S. Smith, Rev. Edward Gabler.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read for information.

Under communications a letter of thanks was read by the secretary from Mrs. Cahalien and family. A letter from the Board of Trustees of St. Stephen's College regarding the election of the alumni trustee was read and approved.

The Rev. O. F. R. Treder, necrologist, reported the decease of the following members: Rev. Samuel W. Derby, Special Course, 88. Rev. Cornelius W. Twing, Special Course, 1891. Rev. Myrom G. Argus, Special Course, 1900. Rev. John B. Van Baun, Special Course, 1892.

The treasurer's report was read and a committee appointed to audit the same.

The Rev. Archibald M. Judd, treasurer of the Alumni Active Scholarship Fund, reported as follows:

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Football Resumed

Pawling Hold Saints to 0-0 Tie

At Pawling we played football, after a lapse of a year. The football was not, however, of the same type played by the old teams which figured so successfully in intercollegiate play a few years ago. It was the first game of the season for Pawling's interscholastic team, whereas for St. Stephen's it was merely a game played for the pleasure of playing, by a team that might almost have been called scrub. It is highly interesting as an evidence of the interest of the students in athletics in general and football in particular that still is present, an interest that does not depend upon intercollegiate victories.

The game ended in a scoreless tie. It was marked by the nearness of our attack to scoring and victory several times, and our failure to accomplish the desirable. In the beginning, Pawling kicked off. St. Stephen's carried the ball back to the fifteen yard line. Once there, however, the Saints were not able to advance any farther, but lost the ball on downs. Pawling kicked back. The Saints' backs again carried the ball back into the opponent's territory where it reposed practically all the rest of the game, except for the time when Clements, Pawling's left halfback, made a forty yard dash with the ball. In the last part of the first half, Pawling tried several passes, most of which were incompleated. Watkinson intercepted one.

The second half was largely a repetition of the first. Lemley, Keen and Miller carried the ball consistently and successfully for the Saints. Miller caught a successful pass but was downed in his tracks as he caught it. When the game ended, the ball was in St. Stephen's possession, on Pawling's one foot line. Pawling played well for the first game of the season. The Saints were handicapped by a distinct lack of systematic training. The Pawling team outweighed the Saints by several pounds to a man.

The line-up:

Pawling
Turner..... end
Bogert..... tackle
Johnston..... guard
Ray..... center
Ryekinam..... left guard
Condon..... tackle
Caulkine..... end

St. Stephen's

Ricciardi

Brewer

Watkinson

Hammond

Smith

Burbank

Kroll

Tibbits

Griswold

In the Beginning

In accordance with campus tradition the first Sunday night of the new academic year brought with it much pain for the entering men and a compensating pleasure for the under-dogs of the year before. For a whole year the Class of '30 had received careful instruction in the gentle art of what the well-behaved Freshman should not do on campus from their wiser and more experienced elders and with true pedagogic instinct they were extremely anxious to pass their dearly bought knowledge on to those who were less informed than they.

Shortly after dark the new Frosh were rounded up and the second year men proceeded to administer the essentials of a liberal education mid much howling, yelling and frequent application of a peculiar corrective instrument to the seat of all learning. After the exact shade of the relative greenness of their make-up was energetically impressed on the minds of the new men they were conducted to the dear old village pump at Annandale.

What happened there is hardly necessary to relate but it is the opinion of all that Gertrude Ederle is a rank amateur in comparison with some of the aspiring Channel swimmers among the newcomers. The Sophomores then marched their victims to Barrytown Corners, and from the Corners the rather bedraggled Frosh were transported to Red Hook in cars. Here amid the applause of the students and the growls of the natives the Class of '31 was put through its final paces. Some directed traffic, others obliged with vocal selections and a few even went so far as to propose to the local belles.

Finally the Frosh, a little worse for the wear, but possessed of a fairly good estimate of their low estate in life, were turned loose to find their weary way back to the campus where their forceful instructors of a few hours preceding were already enjoying the sleep of the just.

Clement..... right half
Honey..... left half
Sibley..... fullback
Weeman..... quarterback
Substitutions for the Saints were Settle for Lemley and Gilreath for Miller.

Future games are to be played with Hoosac, Eastman, Raymond Riordan, and MacKenzie.

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NEW MEN

The "Lyre Tree" wishes to extend a hearty welcome to the new men. Although our welcome will not be administered as forcefully as a certain evening's greeting by the sophomore class, it is equally well meant. We sincerely hope that while at St. Stephen's you will form a definite attachment for its liberal ideals and will learn to appreciate the opportunities it offers for individual development and culture.

GLEE CLUB

Even a careless observer cannot criticize St. Stephen's for a dearth of humanistic interests. We have little information about budding poets as yet (perhaps because they are out of season), but the awakening of interest in music demands editorial attention. Knowing, as we do, that choir practice fails to satisfy the whiskey tenor's craving for close harmony, we recommend that a Glee Club be formally organized and that it adopt other hours for practice than those quiet (?) hours just preceding dawn.

If the Mimmers succeed in producing a play in one of the neighboring cities, a Glee Club would be a decided addition to the evening's entertainment. One enthusiast of the Glee Club idea has suggested that the varsity "S" be awarded to the successful squad of harmonizers, but it is probable that even without this added inducement, a sufficiently large group could be recruited.

CONCERNING CONCERTS

There is little doubt that the majority of the Monday night performances deserve and receive enthusiastic audiences. The college is certainly to be congratulated for its

choice of artists for these evenings. However, the editor feels that he is backed by a great majority of the students in forming the following opinions.

Either through inadequacy of formal training in music or through lack of interest, the student body does not and cannot appreciate highly technical "chamber" music. If the object of these concerts is to entertain the student body or even the minority who appreciate any type of classical music, then it can be concluded that these concerts have failed. If the object is to educate students to appreciate better music, the method seems at fault. No wise teacher of Latin gives an elementary student a book of involved verse with instructions to make of it what he can. Similarly, if we are to learn to appreciate technical music, is it not better to begin more simply? Does not our educational system require the study of grammar and vocabularies for elementary students? If, however, the concerts are intended to be a disciplinary measure based on the Stoic principle, we cannot take issue with their content. We can only hope that graduates of the college will have learned to sit through Grand Opera and clap at the PROPER time.

Vladimir N. Drozdoff Gives Recital

Students Have Privilege of Hearing Well-known Artist Again

On September 26, Vladimir Drozdoff gave a piano recital in the Memorial Gymnasium. The brilliant pianist has appeared here several times before, and each time he has received a heartier welcome than on the previous occasion.

Besides interpreting the compositions of others, the soloist favored us with some of his own compositions. His version of Asa's death, from Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite, was especially pleasing to the students whose familiarity with classical music gave them a basis for intelligent appreciation. The program was as follows:

I.
Beethoven: (a) Sonate op. 96
(b) Andante
Schumann: (a) Vokes als Prophet
(b) Intermezzo
Liszt: St. Francois de Pol, marchant sur les flots

II.
Scriabine: Sonate IX
V. Drozdoff: Frostpatterus
Medtner: Himmungsbild (Funeral knell ringing through a Snowstorm)
Ibsen-Grieg: Rustlings and Visions of Death (V. Drozdoff's Version of "Asa's Death")

III.
Chopin: Sherzo
Etude in Thirds
Fantasie, F Minor
Blumenfeld: Cloches triumphales

THE INTERCAMPUS

Norwich University has removed the ban on smoking in the dormitories. We suppose that the aforementioned institution desires to be classed among the Liberal Colleges.

Dr. Moody, president of Middlebury, remarks that "Too much American education is like the United Cigar Store System." The credits correspond to coupons, only in the case of the college, when you collect enough of them you exchange them for a sheepskin, instead of a cut glass bowl, or silk stockings for the wife. Already several departments of instruction in Middlebury are being conducted along "comprehensive" lines, without semester examinations, but with examinations at the end of the course.

From Our Campus

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University of Vermont R. O. T. C. unit has a crack Band.

Most of the better colleges have chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Beta Phi. We are now negotiating for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Many college news-sheets are able to supply the place of regular comic strips by chasing the advertising manager after the Old Golds ads. by Briggs.

Fall Tennis Tournament

New Men Show Promise

The regular fall tennis tournament has begun. Most of the first round matches have been played, but that is about all. Only two of the seeded players have been in action.

The seeded players are Brunot, Dillin, Lemley, Kroll, McKean, Heuss. Morrill has not entered the tournament this year. It will be recalled that he won the cup last year, and was the captain of last year's team. The outcome of this tournament is in doubt.

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St. Stephen's Five Has Schedule of Seventeen Games

The St. Stephen's College basketball team will start a schedule of 17 games three of which are tentative, on December 3 at home when it meets the Eastman College quintet. Of the 17 games listed, eight will be played on the home court, the season ending with Columbia Pharmacy here on March 8. West Point, New York University, Williams, and Middlebury are included in the opposition. The schedule follows:

December 3—Eastman College; 10, Union at Union; 16, Middlebury.

January 13—R. P. I., at R. P. I.; Williams; 18, St. Francis, of Brooklyn; 21, Cooper Union.

February 1—Army at West Point; 3, St. Michael's; 10, New York University (tentative); 11, Columbia College Pharmacy at New York; 18, Albany Pharmacy (tentative); 23, Mass. Aggies at Mass. Aggies; 24, Boston U. or Tufts (tentative); 25, Worcester Tech at Worcester Tech.

March 2—St. Joseph's, Philadelphia; 10, Columbia Pharmacy.

St. Stephen's Decides to Continue Football

The student body of St. Stephen's College, after a heated discussion, decided to continue the student football team instead of discarding it in favor of fall lacrosse. A marked falling off in the attendance at practice after the Pawling game last Saturday caused discouragement in the camp and led to the possibility that the football team might be abandoned.

There were thirty students at the football meeting and 21 of that number voted to continue the gridiron game. The schedule of games as announced here is as follows: Eastman at Poughkeepsie, October 22; Hoosick at Hoosick, October 29; Raymond Riordon at Annandale, Nov. 5; Arnold College at New Haven, Nov. 15; or Eppiphany at Newburgh.

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ALUMNI MEETING NOTES

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Receipts

Balance June 1, 1926..... \$343.66
 63 Contributions 334.00

Total..... \$677.66

Disbursements

Ap, College Fees of Oscar F.
 R. Treder, Jr..... \$600.00
 Printing Paper 45.83

\$645.83
 Balance on Hand..... 31.83

Total..... \$677.66

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD M. JUDD

President appointed Rev. A. L. Longley and O. F. R. Treder to audit same. Found correct.

Trustees of the Alumni Scholarship Fund reported as follows: In the Dime Savings Bank, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Interest\$ 103.70
 Present Total 2,380.36

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HOLDEN,
 St. James, L. I.

Report of alumni trustees Rev. P. Bleeker and Jacob Probst received and accepted.

Motion made and carried that Association send greetings to the president and trustees in session. President appointed Rev. Leopold Kroll and Rev. Herbert Smith.

Moved by Rev. O. F. R. Treder: Resolved that secretary acknowledge the receipt of letter of the Board of Trustees, through Mr. Harison in the matter of the alumni trusteeship, and that the notice on their part of the agreement referred to, be and hereby is accepted to take effect immediately, the alumni trusteeship now being provided for by charter. Carried.

Report of the Alumni Dinner Committee: At a meeting of the executive committee of the Alumni Association held at the General Theological Seminary, New York, at the end of November, 1926, I was asked to look after the business connected with this dinner. The Rev. A. L. Longley, president, was good enough to obtain the speakers as well as to go to much trouble over other details. The dinner was held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, on Tuesday evening, February 8, 1927. There were 56 persons present; 62 persons said they would come; 90 wrote that they would not be able to do so. Thus, a large number of alumni were reached.

Total Receipts\$247.86
 Expenses 248.86

One dollar is therefore owing, which was paid by the treasurer, Rev. David H. Clarkson.

Respectfully submitted,

A. APPLETON PACKARD, Jr.

Election of Officers

Executive Committee: Rev. O. F. R. Treder, Arthur Hoffman, John A.

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Curtis, A. L. Longley, Chas. E. Eder, A. A. Packard, A. J. M. Wilson, Edward Gabler, David H. Clarkson. Ernest M. Bennett, member-at-large. As there was only one candidate for each office the secretary was instructed to cast one vote for same. Carried.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Rev. O. F. R. Treder.
 Vice-Pres., Rev. Chas. E. Eder.
 Secretary, Edward Gabler.
 Treas., Rev. David H. Clarkson.
 Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for same. Carried.

Election of Alumni Trustee: Rev. O. F. R. Treder nominated Rev. Jacob Probst as Alumni Trustee. As there was only one candidate, secretary was instructed to cast one vote for same. Carried.

Treasurer of Active Alumni Scholarship: Rev. Wm Holden nominated the Rev. Archibald Judd. As only

one name was submitted the secretary was instructed to cast one vote for same. Carried.

Moved and carried that secretary communicate with the Student Council suggesting that graduating classes place suitable memorial benches on the campus.

Report of Committee from Board of Trustee Meeting: Rev. Kroll and Smith reported President Bell returned the Board's greeting to the Association.

Moved by Rev. O. F. R. Treder: That the granting of the Alumni Active Scholarship be suspended for one year. Carried.

Moved and Carried: That the treasurer be authorized to pay to the publishers of the "Lyre Tree" the sum of \$50.00 on condition that the proceedings of this meeting be printed therein, and copies sent to the Alumni and Former Students.



President appointed Rev. O. F. R. Treder necrologist for the coming year.

Moved by Rev. A. M. Judd: By-Law No. 6 be amended to read: "Alumni dues shall be \$1.00" to take effect immediately. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a. m. sine die.

EDWARD GABLER,
 Secretary.

Mummers Meet

Active Program Sponsored by
Society

The students and enthusiasts of play production met and outlined a plan for their activities during the current year. The club decided to produce a three act play this fall as an experiment. This will be the first time that the Mummers have attempted anything longer than the customary one act plays. The Mummers have confidence that there is sufficient talent and interest to support a more serious production of this nature. A play reading committee has been appointed to act in conjunction with President Bell in selecting a suitable play. For some time members of the Mummers have hoped to produce something of sufficient worth to be given again in neighboring cities. The advertising afforded by an attempt of this sort would be invaluable to the college.

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