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## Saints Cop All Prizes in Courier American Legion Race

**Nobis, Fite, Weber and Dillin Take First Four Places**

The Crimson and White harriers demonstrated that their cross country training at St. Stephen's had been properly administered by running away with the first four prizes in the six and one-half mile race conducted by the Poughkeepsie "Courier" and American Legion. The course was over the state road from Hyde Park to Poughkeepsie.

In spite of the rainy weather the Annandale runners, led at the start by Nobis, Fite, Weber and Dillin, managed to hold the lead to the finish. At the three mile mark Nobis, Fite and Weber joined hands and jointly won a cup offered by Earl G. Tobey for the runner first reaching the halfway mark. Then, breaking apart, they made their final spurt and dashed for the American Legion home in Mill Street, the finishing line. Just thirty-eight minutes after the starter's gun had started them in Hyde Park, Nobis touched the tape in Mill Street and Fite and Weber quickly followed him.

Harry Dillin, a dark horse who has not even been running with the regular squad, finished fourth. Kelly and Gilreath both ran a good race and managed to capture the seventh and eighth places.

Racing under poor conditions, the runners made the six mile jaunt in the face of a raw wind and rain. Co-operating with officials of the marathon, motor bureau inspectors kept the course free. Crowds jammed the course at the starting point and hundreds of cars followed the runners to Poughkeepsie, where a roar greeted the runners at Washington Street. At the finishing point the runners were met by another large delegation.

As each runner crossed the line he was taken into the Legion home where, after all were assembled, prizes were awarded. The Shwartz Cup went to Nobis for first place while Fite won the Edward Conger Cup. Weber received a silver cigarette lighter for taking third place and Dillin was awarded a razor set. The St. Stephen's runners jointly won the Earl G. Tobey trophy. In addition to the awards won by the individual runners a silver plate was awarded to the college for having the largest number of entrants from any one place.

## Staubach Receives Cross Country Cup

**Coach Phalen Presents Award**

The Varsity Club Trophy Cup for cross country was awarded to Joseph N. Staubach, winner of the fall race. Dr. Phalen, the harrier coach, in presenting Staubach with the cup, enumerated the requirements for the award of the trophy. Three races are held and the aggregate time of each man is computed. The first race is two miles, the second three miles and the third, four and three-quarters miles. Staubach won the first two heats and Weber took the third. Staubach's time for the three races was 62.5 minutes. Weber finished second with 64.5.

The cup is about nine inches in height and bears the following inscription:

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The cup will remain in Staubach's possession until the spring race. If any one man wins the trophy three times the cup will be awarded to him permanently.

## Choir Sings at the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck

**Medieval Program Is Given**

In its second public appearance of the season, the college choir sang a service of Choral Worship in the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck. The church was well filled with worshippers and lovers of music. The program was substantially the same as the one rendered in Hudson two weeks ago. As before, there was a decided medieval tone to the hymns and chants.

The "talk with illustrative singing" was probably the most interesting portion of the program. In this, the president, after giving a brief outline of the several varieties of knowledge that man possesses, dwelt on mystical knowledge. This subject quite naturally led to the period in history when man's thoughts were centered in religion more than they have been before or since, that is, the Middle Ages. Here the president dwelt longingly, nay, almost wistfully on the mysticism of the Middle Ages.

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## Saints Prepare for Tilt With Eastman

**Rhinebeck A. C. Defeated, 52-26, in Preparation for First Intercollegiate Game**

With a 52-26 victory over the Rhinebeck A. C. under their belts, the St. Stephen's basketeers are driving ahead for the first intercollegiate game of the season with Eastman College of Poughkeepsie. The city quintet will come up to Annandale on December 1, thirsting for revenge on account of the one-sided defeat they suffered last year at the hands of the Scarlet and White five.

The Saints suffered a severe blow last week when Fuscas, star freshman forward, fell and broke his wrist. He will not be able to see service in the Eastman game but in all probabilities he will be seen cavorting around the court on December 16, when the Saints meet Middlebury.

The Varsity seemed to function very smoothly against the Rhinebeck aggregation but the strength of the team cannot be judged from the result of this game because of the evident superiority of the Saints. However, Ricciardi and Keen seemed to be able to hit the basket at will while Lemley gave a fine exhibition of how to play the position of standing guard. The burly sophomore stopped the onslaughts of the Rhinebeck forwards time and again. He should be able to make a good showing throughout the whole season.

The Varsity will probably line up for the game with Eastman as follows: Ricciardi and Huess, forwards; Captain Keen, center; and Lemley and Burbank, guards.

## DEAN SARGENT SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

On Sunday, November 27, Dean Sargent of the Cathedral at Garden City, Long Island, addressed the students from the chapel pulpit. The Dean chose the story of David and Absalom for the text of his sermon. He questioned the ability of the young people of today to utilize the new freedom which has been thrust upon them. The Dean demonstrated that due to the exceptional conditions following the war the present generation of young people have not been subjected to the authority of the generation preceding them. His message to the students was an appeal to use and not to abuse the privileges and the freedom from restraint which has fallen to their lot.

## Norman Angell Denies Justification for War

**Noted English Pacifist Decries "Preponderance of Arms"**

In a speech sparkling with wit and convincing logic, Norman Angell, noted English pacifist, presented a scathing indictment of war to the faculty and students of the college at a lecture on Monday evening, Nov. 21. Mr. Angell, famous for the accuracy with which he predicted the outbreak and results of the Great War four years before its outbreak, arraigned the principle of militarism before the bar of logic and stripped it of its fallacious defense. In the lecture, he exposed what he termed "the great illusion in modern political thought."

He analyzed and condemned the "economic justification for war"; he uncovered the gross fallacies of the usual arguments advanced to give war moral justification. He also demonstrated that the whole theory of basing right on "the preponderance of arms" was utterly unjustifiable. He blamed education—false education—in political theories for the misconceptions that brought on wars. It is those very misconceptions that make it possible for people actually to foresee good results—for anyone—from a war. It was this "education," he asserted, that enabled Prussianism to command the loyalty of hundreds of thousands of rational and otherwise intelligent people.

Pre-war pacifists, he said, should have attacked the supposed good that people saw in war, because "it was that good that constituted the strength of militarism and the errors that we should have elucidated. When the errors are analyzed, we find them to be pretty nearly self-evident."

The first of these errors that Mr. Angell exposed was the theory for the economic justification for war. "It is a fallacy," he said, "this notion that when a nation acquires new territory it acquires new wealth." The mines of the Transvaal, he pointed out, did not change hands after the Boer War. The same people owned them who had owned them before, and England did not gain a larger share in their riches by virtue of her conquest.

In the same way, the complicated and interdependent circle of international trade make it impossible for one nation to increase its business

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Wesleyan College at Middletown, Connecticut, has for a number of years sponsored intercollegiate conferences for the purpose of discussing problems of particular interest to college students. This year the subject of the gathering will be religion. To quote from a letter recently received by the editor, "The symposium is somewhat similar, in purpose and method, to the parley on education held last year. The speakers are Rabbi Wise (a Hebrew), Father Cooper (a Catholic anthropologist and professor of religion), John Haynes Holmes (pastor of the Community Church of New York), William Adams Brown (Christian theologian), and Dr. J. H. Louba (agnostic and authority on the psychology of religion).

"As the program states: 'This is not so much a symposium on religion as a symposium on religious toleration and understanding. We want to find out what other people think, and why they think as they do. We want to know what the great religions of America really stand for today, and in what directions they are moving. We want to know how much the various kinds of religious people have in common with each other and with so-called unreligious people, and how much we can all co-operate for common ends. We want to know, above everything else, what our own cherished ideas look like to outsiders, and how well they stand the test of that scrutiny.'

"With this in mind, each one of the speakers except Dr. Brown, who will act as chairman, has been chosen because he represents a point of view radically different from what college men are accustomed to. Every meeting will be held as a forum, with ample opportunity for you to ask questions. In addition, the leaders

will lead small discussion groups in which you cannot only ask questions, but also air your own views.

"Invitations are being sent to the president of the senior class and editor-in-chief of the college paper in each of about twenty-five colleges in New England and nearby states. We are particularly anxious NOT to get men who are habitual conference-hounds. There will be no fees and all delegates will be entertained at fraternity houses."

The letter explains itself very adequately. The editor's purpose in reprinting it in these columns is to call attention to the fact that intercollegiate gatherings such as the one at Wesleyan are becoming more prominent and that in time they may occupy a place comparable to that of intercollegiate athletics. Wesleyan is to be congratulated for undertaking this pioneer work which is so fertile in possibilities.

The recent experiment of substituting music for a sermon in chapel met with such popular approval as rarely is given to any innovation. Default of the scheduled preacher was the reason given for the novelty, but now that the idea has been tried, why not use it again?

The following quotations from the October bulletin aptly phrases sentiments that even the most daring realist would tremble to utter: "... the dining commons is housed in an old, crowded, dingy, dark and stuffy building, little changed since its hasty erection in 1873. The kitchens emit smoke and odors most annoying, etc." Very true, but might it not be profitable and equally effective to direct the same microscopic scrutiny to some of our other college institutions?

## Faculty Member and Student Give Recitals

Dr. Shero and Willis Have Excellent Programs

Dr. Shero gave a very interesting organ recital in the chapel Wednesday afternoon, November 23rd. The program was in keeping with the Thanksgiving season and included the following selections:

- (a) Fuge on "Allein Gott in der Hoh" .....Bach (paraphrase on Hymn 424)
- (b) Sarabande ..... Bach
- (a) A. D. MDCXX.....Macdowell
- (b) In Nomine Domini..... Macdowell (Pilgrim's Song of Thanksgiving)
- Adoration ..... Borowski
- Te Deum Laudamus..... Claussman

The third organ recital of the season was given on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, by Arthur R. Willis of the Freshman Class. The following program was rendered:

- Two Preludes—  
Morning .....Cummings  
Evening .....Cummings
- Londonderry Air..... Old Irish Tune
- Largo "From the New World Symphony" .....Dvorak
- Marche Pontificale.....Gounod
- Nature's Adoration...Beethoven
- Cantique D'Amour.....Strang

## MUMMERS CHOOSE STAFF

At a meeting of the Mummies on Monday, November 28, the business staff was chosen. Kroll will continue to act as stage manager. Hagen was chosen to act as electrician and property man, Moller volunteered to take over the job of business manager and Aeschbach was selected for costume director. The plays will be given on December 8 as previously planned.

## HOCKEY SQUAD IS ORGANIZED

A meeting of all men interested in hockey was held in Albee Recreation Room on Tuesday, November 22. About twenty men attended the meeting, and tentative plans for the organization of hockey as a regular sport were drawn up. Coach Phalen, whose admirable work with the cross country team has marked him as eminently fitted for leadership in sports, has undertaken to coach the new sport. Lev Smith and Caldiero announced their intentions to go out for the job of manager. Orders for equipment have already been sent and a tentative schedule with other nearby colleges is being drawn up.

"Why should a college man kill himself?"

"Oh, lots of reasons. Women, wine and other things."

"And if he had none of these?"

"Still more reason why he should."

## THE INTERCAMPUS

A Baptist minister in Greenville, S. C., made a protest from the pulpit against the hazing of college freshmen. He said that the members of the faculty should sit up all night watching the students to prevent it.

Recently the President asked a student if he had read "The Good News." The latter promptly replied, "No, but I have seen the play."

The slump in Trinity's athletic ability since the war, up to recently, has been attributed to the fact that the college gave her soul to her country and never received it back. ("If you would save your soul you must lose it, and if you lose your soul you will save it.")

## The Good Old Days

Less than a century ago the following regulations were more or less observed at Mt. Holyoke:

(1) No young lady shall become a member of Mt. Holyoke Seminary who cannot kindle a fire, wash potatoes, repeat the multiplication table, and at least two-thirds of the shorter catechism.

(2) Every member of the school shall walk at least one mile a day unless a freshet, earthquake, or some other calamity prevent.

(3) No young lady shall devote more than an hour a day to miscellaneous reading. The Atlantic Monthly, Shakespeare, Scott's works, Robinson Crusoe and other immoral works are strictly prohibited.

When Lindbergh was a student at the University of Wisconsin, the thirty odd fraternities there passed him by as not worth a bid.

## FRATERNITY NOTES

Eulexian takes pleasure in announcing that it has pledged Grant Bunnell, '30, on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Larry Webber, '25, and Leon de Valinger, '30 (now at the University of Delaware), were Thanksgiving guests of Eulexian.

Kappa Gamma Chi entertained a number of the new men at a bust and smoker on Sunday, November 20. Kappa Gamma Chi also wishes to announce that it has pledged Elliot B. Campbell, '30.

For the past few weeks, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been entertaining Freshmen and new men at smokers held in their house in the village. Cards and music have constituted the principal items of entertainment. Eric Dawson, secretary of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, paid a visit to the local chapter on November 28-29. Mr. Dawson, as secretary of the national organization, makes a visit to all the active chapters in the United States during the year.

**NORMAN ANGELL DENIES JUSTIFICATION FOR WAR**

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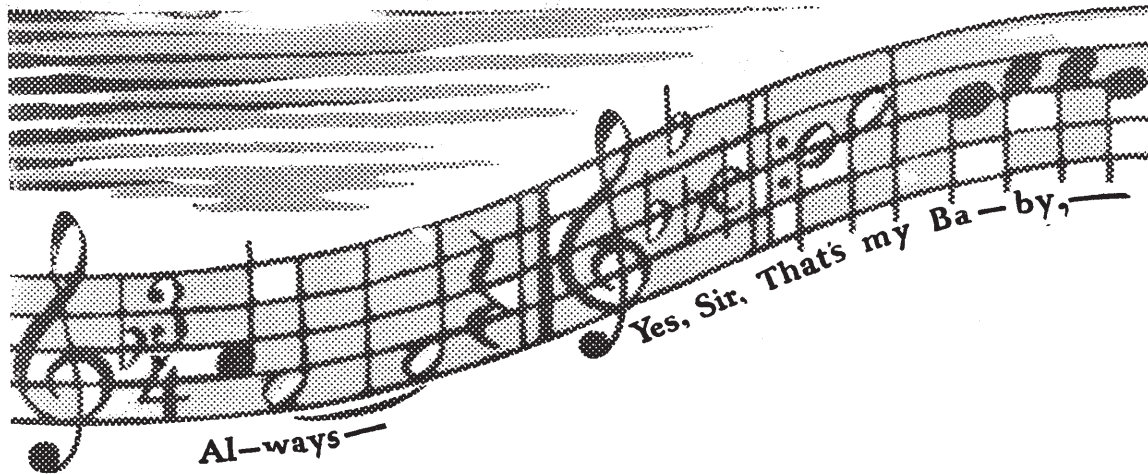
prosperity by crushing a competing nation. "If it were possible by preponderance of military force to take another nation's trade, why isn't England doing it?" England, he pointed out, crushed German commerce. "Why isn't England rolling in wealth, instead of facing the problem of a million unemployed? Three years after the Treaty of Versailles, England found out that she had to dig down into an almost empty pocket to set up Germany in trade again. She found out that she could not exist without her dreaded competitor."

In what was perhaps the most striking train of reasoning of the evening, Mr. Angell exposed the fallacy of so-called "defensive warfare." "Defensive warfare is never in defense of territory," he said, "It is the defense of your view of your rights." He asserted that it was not only anti-social but ridiculous to argue that "in the inevitable conflict with other nations we intend to be the judge of what our rights are, and we intend to be sufficiently powerful to enforce our judgments. It is a moral impossibility to attempt to be the judge of a dispute to which we are one of the parties."

Mr. Angell also refuted some of what he termed "the minor arguments for war." In discussing the argument sometimes raised, that armies are for the same purpose as police forces, he pointed out that they are for just the opposite purposes. "The police force of a state is maintained in order that each citizen may not be the judge of his own disputes," he said. "The army of a nation, on the contrary, is for the express purpose of enabling that nation to be the judge of its own disputes."

Referring to the argument that pacifists ignore human nature, he said, "Man is that kind of an animal. He is intent on his biological struggle for bread, and for that very reason we have to have a court of international arbitration." He pointed out that we take cognizance of human nature within a nation, without allowing a state of anarchy to rise from disputes. The same thing, he declared, is possible among nations as among citizens. There is no more reason to have international anarchy than to have internal anarchy.

Mr. Angell's last point was an indictment of the popular conceptions  
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### Modern Dining Commons Is Planned by College

\$250,000 Building Group Is Now to  
Be Seen on Paper

The work of St. Stephen's College is seriously hampered by the inadequacy of the commons facilities. That very necessary part in the life of a college community is housed in a building hopelessly out of date.

To remedy this condition, the College has devoted three years to the planning of a modern dining commons group to provide for 250 students and thirty instructors. Included in the group are modern kitchens, bakeries, refrigerating rooms, laundries, and rooms for thirty-one servants, as well as apartments for house manager and college guests.

The buildings are to be constructed of field stone, trimmed with Indiana limestone. The roofs will be of slate. The total cost of such a commons group will be \$250,000. The administration is now bending effort in an endeavor to raise this amount.

### NORMAN ANGELL DENIES JUSTIFICATION FOR WAR

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—or rather, misconceptions—of democracy. "Democracy," he said, "is not everybody making motions on everything. It is perhaps not necessarily true that the voice of the people is the voice of God. In fact I have often found that the voice of the people is the voice of Satan, and the only cure for democracy is to recognize that fact and make some sort of provision for it." The greatest illusion of modern political thought is that we think that a rather easy goodness is all that is necessary to insure the success of democracy. We think that if the heart is sound, it doesn't matter how thick the head may be. God will tell us to do the right thing, but He will not tell us what that thing is. God will be no man's daily drudge. We have got to expend intellectual effort, or democracy will fail. We must reshape the instruments of democracy, or democracy won't work."

### CHOIR SINGS AT THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH IN RHINEBECK

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The president continued to discourse eloquently on the music of the period. He reminded the congregation that while the music from which the saints drew their inspiration in those days, can hardly be considered beautiful, still its very mystical quality was of such a nature that even we can grow to love to sing the old plain-songs and chants. Dr. Bell also remarked that the persons who appreciate that music most are those who are engaged in singing it—and to this the choir can testify (possibly the congregation also).

### Hudson Rotarians Dine With Students

Turkey Dinner Is Served to  
Guests

At the invitation of President Bell the Hudson Rotary Club dined in the student dining commons on Tuesday evening, November 15. The guests, numbering about thirty in all, were seated at the student tables. At the beginning of the meal the customary "short St. Stephen's" was enthusiastically rendered under the able leadership of cheerleader Gamble. The Rotarians showed that they were not to be outdone and replied with a rotary song. The St. Stephen's drinking song "For it's not for knowledge that we came to college, etc." challenged the visitors to another bout but by this time all singing was hushed by the appearance of the victuals.

After dinner the visitors were escorted by Dr. Obreshkove through the Hegeman science building and then were addressed by Dr. Harry. Judging from a favorable writeup in the Hudson paper the Rotarians absorbed a portion of the widely famed St. Stephen's spirit during their short stay on campus.

### Tufts Coach Introduces New Training Rules

Coach Sampson Outlines Novel  
System

Coach Sampson, director of the unbeaten Tufts College football team, has introduced a new system of training for his athletes that is bound to appeal to a large majority of his proteges. Says the coach, "I figured to let them get the most fun possible out of the game." He condemned the use of tackling dummies and such equipment with the following argument, "a sound man will tackle hard; a man with shoulders lame from scrimmage or plugging at the tackling dummy can't, even if he wants to." Contrary to the customary procedure, the coach reasoned that a training table was not beneficial. "It seemed to me that the boys might get on each other's nerves if they had to eat all their meals together. I let them eat where they choose." Judging from the results the experiment of introducing novelty and individuality into coaching methods has been a decided success. During the last season the Tufts team has rolled up a total of 218 points to its opponents' 18.

Brown is probably unique among "fraternity" colleges in having as the president of its senior class a non-fraternity man.

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