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Loyalty Dinner New Commencement Feature

Entire College Family Will Be Present—Wesleyan President Graduate Speaker

Commencement week promises to be unusually busy and interesting this year. Several new features will be introduced chief among which will be the College Loyalty Dinner given by the Senior Class on Monday evening, to which the entire college, alumni and guests are invited. The fraternity get-togethers will take place immediately after the dinner, at the various houses. Following is a more complete outline of the Commencement activities.

Daylight Saving Time
Sunday, June 10

8:00 A. M. Holy Communion.

10:30 A. M. Choral Eucharist and Baccalaureate Service, the Rt. Rev. Charles Lewis Slattery, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts.

8:00-10:00 P. M. Faculty families at home to students and guests.

Monday, June 11

7:30 A. M. Holy Communion.

4:00-5:30 P. M. Formal tea by the faculty ladies, Recreation Rooms, Albee Hall.

6:05 P. M. Last chapel of the year.

7:00 P. M. The Senior Class invites the College, the Alumni and all guests to a College Loyalty Dinner in Hall.

9:00 P. M. Fraternity reunions in the houses.

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FRENCH DEPT. HEAD PUBLISHED NEW BOOK

The March number of the "Language Journal" contains a review of the New Heath edition of Hugo's "Les Miserables," written by Dr. James Wilson. Dr. Wilson is also publishing a new edition of Hugo's "Toilers of the Sea" in conjunction with Arthur Moser, who is an instructor at Vanderbilt University, and who graduated from St. Stephen's College in 1926. The frontispiece is a copy of Hugo's engraving by Frank Patterson of the Class of 1927, who also did the frontispiece for an edition of "Notre Dame de Paris" by Dr. Wilson and Gilbert Smith. This frontispiece is an impression of the Lon Chaney picturization of the "Hunchback of Notre Dame."

FOSTER'S PLACE TO BE TAKEN BY BROWN

Dr. Sottery of Albright College Appointed Assistant

Mr. Stanley Brown, present instructor in chemistry, has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry to succeed Dr. Duncan G. Foster, resigned.

Dr. Foster and family will take residence at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, September nineteenth, where he will be an assistant professor of chemistry and in charge of all analytical chemistry.

Beginning next semester Mr. Brown will head the chemistry de-

partment of St. Stephen's and have as his assistant Dr. Sottery who is at present teaching in Albright College, Morristown, Pennsylvania, where he has been since 1925. Dr. Sottery is a graduate of Clark University, Wooster, Massachusetts, and received both his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1925. Dr. Sottery is a member of the Masonic order and he will, with his family, take residence September nineteenth at St. Stephen's.

Future Cross-Country Prospects Are Bright

St. Stephen's is looking forward to a successful season in cross-country next fall. Several of the old hands will be back including Nobis, Fite, Weber, Gilreath, Andrews, and Kelly. Spring practice brought out many new men from the freshman and sophomore classes. They include: Bell, C. Miller, Kelley, and Fuscas. With these men plus whatever material appears among the new men, Coach Phalen expects to place a winning team in the running next fall.

Next season there will be, as last, a series of three races for the Varsity Cup, now held by Joe Staubach. The first two races will be held previous to the intercollegiate race and upon the basis of the showing made, the squad will be divided into varsity and second string runners.

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HEAVE-HO!

In the never ceasing march of Time it is decreed that once each year members of the Freshman or Sophomore classes must take an enforced bath. At St. Stephen's "— in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to the thoughts of love — and rope pulls."

After much deliberation, weighing in, and ten freshmen meetings, the day and place for this battle of the ages was decided. The brawny brutes of each class were picked for the team, rope was gathered up, remarks were made about how short and how long the time would be before the freshmen discarded their "dinks."

At last the fatal day approached. At three-thirty one bright sunny afternoon, many and fearful were the costumes that appeared on the campus. Bathing suits, track suits, basketball suits, sailor pants, life preservers. The freshmen bravely picked

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St. Stephen's Introduces Intercollegiate Soccer

Williams, Amherst and New York University Appear on Schedule

A statement was made public to the press last fall that soccer was to be introduced on the athletic curriculum for 1927. The student body still consisting of many men who had seen glory on the Saint's gridiron made a stand once more for the pig-skin. Soccer hung fire and a little football was played. Not intercollegiately, however.

Coach Banks intends introducing soccer here next fall in full force. Equipment has been procured and Coach Banks will take charge of the

squad. Dannie Hawkins has been selected manager, and is working up a tentative schedule which includes games with R. P. I., N. Y. U., Williams, Springfield, Amherst and C. C. N. Y.

Hockey

Hockey games are being arranged with the Army, R. P. I., M. I. T., Middlebury and other such colleges. The schedule is yet unfinished, but negotiations are being made to have a very complete one.

Varsity Club Makes Awards to Athletes

Meritorious Service in Other Activities Also Rewarded at Meeting

The past week was marked with numerous elections by the Varsity Club and award of letters by Coach William Banks.

Eighteen men won their varsity "S" in lacrosse this season and Coach Banks made the presentation. The players to receive their awards were:

Kroll, captain; Watkinson, L. Smith, Burbank, Nobis, Townsend, MacKean, Keen, Lemley, Given, Heuss, Quarterman, Griswold, Tibbetts, Fite, Brewer, Enzian, and Vollmer, manager.

Only five men won their letters on the varsity tennis team this year. The net-men were: Captain Brunot, Morrell, Billin, Settle, and manager Hawkins.

For their good showing this season Coach Banks awarded his court men with gold basketballs beside their deserved insignia. The nine men were: Ricciardi, Fuscas, Heuss, Keen, Quarterman, Given, Burbank, Lemley, and manager Morrell.

The Varsity Club at a recent meeting elected: Lacrosse, Bunnell, manager, and Nicolai, Oddo, Kelley, Kingman assistants; tennis, Wilcox manager and Snell, Kellogg, and Seigle assistants; basketball, Tibbetts manager and Hagen, Campbell, Sprague, Hatfield assistants; hockey, Watkinson manager with Kellogg, Weber, Andrews, and Hammond assistants; cross country, C. W. Smith manager with Graham, Galluchi, Bradner, Kingman, and Hammond assistants.

The following have been elected to captaincies for next year: Johnny Nobis, lacrosse; Ricciardi, basketball; Nobis, cross-country; Lev Smith, hockey.

RESUME OF 1928 LACROSSE

In summarizing the lacrosse season one might think at first sight that it had been pretty much of a failure. Many factors are to be considered however. Four new men had to be broken in and all of them in the scoring positions. The field was under water for so many days during the Spring so that our practice

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VALE!

A review of the exchange papers which come in to the "Lyre Tree" by the dozen brought to light an editorial in the Rensselaer Polytechnic on the subject of a recent college suicide. We agreed with parts of it and disagreed with other parts, and this article was intended originally to express that disagreement. But then the idea was abandoned as this is the first of June, and outside of the fearfulness of examination week it should be a time of joyousness and light-heartedness. Our work is done, and we leave campus this month as men ready to meet the world, or men who have attained to a higher position in the scheme of things in education.

But, despite the feeling of rejoicing over work completed and the feeling of good fellowship and renewed brotherhood with those of the alumni who have come back to us once again, the first two weeks of June should be a thoughtful time. Not only those who have succeeded in going up to higher classes, but more especially those who are members of the graduating class ought to strike a mental trial balance of their educational assets and liabilities. For, unfortunately, there are too many people in the world outside who for various reasons do not believe in a college education. Many of these are those hard-headed old fellows who have risen only through experience and have climbed high. When an applicant for a job appears before one of these, it is not so much a question of one or two letters of the alphabet appended to the applicant's name as it is a question of whether or not he will make good. At one time the college degree carried with it extraordinary prestige; now it is almost a necessity, just as the once-necessary high school education is now a necessity for college training.

After the diploma has been framed and hanged, it is up to the college man to show what that diploma stands for, and the demonstration is to a critical world. At St. Stephen's men receive the best that is possible in the way of training. The finest return that they can make to their college is to show St. Stephen's that they are succeeding in convincing the scoffers at collegiate education that a degree is not merely a pre-requisite for a good, middle-class job but the possession of a well-rounded gentleman, able to get ahead in life. St. Stephen's men have done this and we feel sure that they will continue to do so.

Above all, each and every one of us should have a definite goal toward which we are working. The sorry fact is that many men go out from college each June without a single idea of what they will "take up." There have been such men from St. Stephen's. These should remember that the indefinite life often leads to drifting; drifting leads to discouragement and failure.—M. P. C.

NOTICE

Below there is a renewal subscription blank. The Business Manager, Walter Lemley, is asking for the co-operation of all parents, alumni, and friends of the college, wishes that the blanks will be returned as soon as possible. The price of subscription will remain at two dollars per year. Make all checks payable to the "Lyre Tree," St. Stephen's College.

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was limited to about two weeks, consequently the team was not in proper trim for the opening game.

The schedule opened against Yale, one of the strongest teams in the East. St. Stephen's played an exceptionally fine game on this date, holding Yale to a score of 9-3.

The second game of the season was played against Springfield, a less experienced team, on Memorial field, Poughkeepsie, where the Saints have never known defeat. This game had a slow start but a very snappy finish. We carried the ball to their territory and kept it there practically the entire second half. This game finished with the score 6-2 in favor of St. Stephen's.

The following week the local team started on a three day trip to play against three strong teams. N. Y. U. was met the first day. The Saints played a slow but consistent game and lost this game by the score of 3-0. From N. Y. U. the team traveled to Swarthmore where they met a much superior team and were out-classed from the start to finish. A beautiful exhibition of lacrosse was displayed by Swarthmore, who won 17-0. The next day our men met the fast team of the Montclair Athletic Club who are all former college stars. Here they suffered another defeat. In a field covered with ash piles and mud puddles the game was played for twenty minutes in the pouring rain. With a very few minutes' rest between halves the game was continued, but was called at the end of fifteen minutes due to the heavy rain. Montclair was victorious by the score of 4-1.

The following week the team journeyed toward New York again and met Stevens Tech at Hoboken. The first half of this game was a miserable exhibition of lacrosse by our team. By the poor playing Stevens was given a lead of 7 goals. In the second half we tried to redeem ourselves and held our opponents to 3 goals. The score ended 10-1 in favor of Stevens. Last year we defeated Stevens on Memorial Field and will endeavor to do the same next season.

The season was brought to a close with two home games, Lafayette on May 10th and Williams on May 12th. In the first game the St. Stephen's team was slow in getting started. This afforded Lafayette a very comfortable lead in the first half. In the second half the home team played a much better game and nearly tied the score. Some are of the opinion that the game ended 7-7 as one of the balls shot by a St. Stephen's man went through the goal net. However, the goal judge ruled that it went over instead and the score stands 7-6 in their favor. Then for the Williams game. This was played the week-end of the Senior Ball. With all the lady friends cheering from the side lines the boys played the best game of the season. At no time was the outcome of the game in doubt. They played as a

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FUTURE CROSS-COUNTRY PROSPECTS BRIGHT

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The first race covers 2.43 miles over the "river" course; the second is 4.21 miles over the "middle" course; the third race is over the "intercollegiate" course of 5.63 miles. Great credit is due any runner who finishes any of these courses for St. Stephen's has gained a reputation of having one of the most difficult cross-country courses in the East.

The schedule for next season has

not been completed, but the card to date follows:

- Oct. 13. Albany State College at Annandale.
- Oct. 20. Mass. Aggies and Springfield (dual meet) at Annandale.
- Oct. 27. Open.
- Nov. 3. Open.
- Nov. 10. Middlebury College at Middlebury.
- Nov. 17. Open.
- Nov. 24. Open.
- Nov. 29. Poughkeepsie Marathon at Poughkeepsie.

ALUMNI NOTES

Leon de Valinger, ex-'30, was elected president of the Footlights Club, the dramatic organization at the University of Delaware, at a recent meeting. De Valinger received this distinction on the basis of his coaching and acting ability during the past year. His address is Box 417, Univ. of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

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team should play with each man being hungry for the ball. This was a very spectacular game to watch, and due to the fact that it was Captain Kroll's, Quarterman's, Townsend's and MacKean's last game they covered themselves with glory. The final score was 5-1 in our favor.

Much credit is due Manager Vollmer and his corps of assistants for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties during the season.

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up the long rope and started cheerfully down the Annandale road. The sophomores, just as cheerfully climbed aboard various conveyances and rode to the scene of the conflict.

Just as the spectators reached the river the college crew put in an appearance, coming down the stream at the rate of two strokes a minute. MacKean was cox, Kroll stroke, and Burbank number two. These men stretched the rope across the river, and woe, lo, and what not—the rope was too short. The freshmen went into two more conferences. Finally the place was decided upon. The Annandale seamen transported the sophomores across the swirling deep without mishap. In the meanwhile the freshmen, after three more class counsels, were ready to pull.

Coxy MacKean gave the word and with a "yo-ho" the teams gave a pull. The rope strained, the men grunted, the first man on the frosh team slipped, the second slipped, two more were in the water, and then all was finished. The others of the defeated class were driven into the water, and after much blowing, puffing, splashing and shivering, the epic contest of '1928 was over. Frosh "dinks" are still in evidence.

LOYALTY DINNER NEW COMMENCEMENT FEATURE

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Tuesday, June 12

7:30 A. M. Corporate Communion of Alumni and students.

10:00 A. M. Alumni Association meeting (Bard Hall).

10:30 A. M. Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Trustees' room, Ludlow-Willinck Hall).

1:00 P. M. Luncheon for men guests and the college (Preston Hall). The handing down of the student authority.

2:30 P. M. Sixty-eighth annual convocation of the college. Conferring of degrees. Awarding of prizes. (The Chapel.) Commencement address: By President James L. McConaughy, Ph.D., president of Wesleyan University.

Kappa Gamma Chi will hold a smoker and general get-together at the fraternity house after the Loyalty Dinner in the college commons. Several of the alumni have signified their intention of being present at the annual reunion.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has decided to entertain the alumni at a smoker on Monday evening, June 11th.

The Eulexian fraternity plans to break ground for a new chapter house on the present site on Monday afternoon, the 11th of June. Several of the enthusiastic alumni committeemen for the new house will be present as well as others of the alumni. After the college dinner the annual reunion will be held at the Beekman Arms at Rhinebeck.

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