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# **Athletic Banquet**

On Wednesday, May 25th, the annual Athletic Dinner was held in the Dining Commons, at seven P. M. Mr. M. A. Tufts, A. B. Brown, a member of the Football Rules Committee, and a popular inter-collegiate referee, was the guest of honor, and Dr. H. R. Phalen presided.

Mr. Tufts was the first speaker, and opened his address with several amusing incidents from his long service as a football official. Basinf his remarks on practical experience, he lauded the ideals of good sportsmanship and atheetic training, as being conducive to a healthful successful life in the world outside of college. He stressed the importance of ability to give and to receive orders, and emphasized the necessity of clean play on the field. He remarked in closing that a team need not win a majority of its encounters in order to justify its existence, and that success is measured by the enjoyment of doing one's best and having a good time at it, win or lose.

After a few short speeches by the captain-elect of next year's teams, in which they outlined their plans for the coming season. Dr. Phalen called on Coach Leeke to speak, and to announce the awards for spring sports. Mr. Leeke, in a sincere, convincing talk complimented the players on the teams for their excellent cooperation throughout the year. He then proceeded to a well-merited criticism of campus attitude toward the teams, and concluded with an earnest request for less derision of the honest efforts of those who make teams, and for fewer "selfappointed assistant coaches". He asked the wholehearted support for the men in the games they lose a well as those they win, and hoped that just the one mention of the matter would suffice to bring about a change of attitude, beginning with next fall. The gathering broke up after the announcement of basketball and tennis awards, which are to be found elsewhere

# Seventy-second Commencement Program

Saturday, June 4th. 8:30 - 12:00 P. M. Faculty Dance, open to all students and guests, in the Gymnasium.

Sunday, June 5th.	10:30 A. M.	Choral Eucharist and Baccalaureate Sermon, by the Very Reverend Philemon F. Sturges, D. D., Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston.
	3:30 P. M.	Senior Teas, in the Fraternity Houses, open to stu- dents and guests.
	5:15 P. M.	Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, in the Warden's Room.
	6:00 P. M.	Vesper Service.
	7:00 P. M.	Phi Beta Kappa Dinner to the Trustees, Faculty, Students, and men guests, in Preston Hall Orator: John Erskine, Ph. D., L.L. D., Litt. D., D. S. M., Professor of English in Columbia University.
	9:00 P. M.	Class Day Exercises.
Monday, June 6th.	10:30 A. M.	Meeting of the Board of Trustees, in the Warden's Room.
	1:00 P. M.	Luncheon for the College and guests, Preston Hall.
	2:15. P. M.	Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the College, in the Chapel. The conferring of University de- grees. Awarding of prizes.

#### **SENIORS HOLD Dragoons Entertain** French and German **ANNUAL BANQUET** At Beekman Arms Organ Music

Since our series of articles on organ music must be concluded with this final issue of the "Lyre Tree," it is only natural that we should say a brief word about both the French and German Schools. In the articles on Bach and Franck we have become acquainted with the founders of these schools; it remains to consider a few of the greatest French and German composers for organ since Bach and Franck.

\* \* \* Perhaps the outstanding figure in the modern French school is Charles-Marie Widor, who was born at Lyons on February 22. 1845. He was appointed to St. Sulpice Paris, in 1870. He succeeded Cesar Franck at the Conservatorie as organ professor, and later followed Dubois as professor of composition. His chief organ works are his eleven symphonies.

As the Catskills swallowed the sun, last Friday, thirty seniors, rejoicing in the nigh completed four vear's race against education, happy in the secure knowledge of jobs awaiting them after graduation ,content with the alms-giving universe, and brimming full with merry spirits because of all these glories, walked into Duncker's on the Post Road to eat and drink their praises to the benevolent gods.

They celebrated the brotherly unity which has bound them so faithfully together throughout the adverse years, and even at the last, with the end in sight, not one note of discord marred their midst. As the last rays of the setting sun peered thoughtfully through the curtains across the festive board, knives and forks glittered while the solemn youths stabbed them-

selves over the meat bread, and wine.

The Beekman Arms scarcely appreciated the honor which was be stowed on it the other night when it entertained the widely linown order of the Dragoons, the neighty orce of intellectual curiosity, which is commonly and traditionally known to be existing on the campus of Stephen's College for Men (and Women when we can get them!) But, seriously speaking,

they are lucky, they find themselves a job.

To get back to the point of speaking, and there were many Monsieur Abramovitch, (hos he changes nationality over night has

SPAHR AND JORDAN CHOSEN 1933 CAPTAINS

**Athletic Awards** 

The College Athletic Advisory Committee has announced the following awards for participation in Spring sports:

Baseball: Letters Captain Harry Trefry James A. Paul Edward Fried Eduardo Maldonado Clinton Spahr John Keppler John Burgevin Frederick Lewis

Herbert Dienst Byron Weaver Manager Vernon Emerick Numerals

A. Monroe Bold Harry Jones Paul Woodruff Martin Goldstein Richard Stevens George Jastram E. Yale Clarke Harry Mason Homer Economos

Tennis: Letters Captain Kenneth C. Kates William Jordan James Everett Wallace Carr Arthur Kent Thomas Riley

Numerals Robert Rudge John Haynes Francis Norsworthy Gilreath Hugh Hansfield

STEPHEN BAKER TO SUBSTITUTE FOR BUTLER

In the place of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, who cannot appear at the commencement exercises on Monday because of pressing political engagements, Mr. Stephen Baker, senior member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia University will address the convocation Monday afternoon in the chapel. Mr. Baker is a prominent banker in New York, and chairman of the Board of Banks of Manhattan.

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# the club is not for all. Those who have been exceptionally good at leg-pulling and other quaint college customs, such as patronizing the library more than once a week, are the only ones elected to the club. It is an honor, a great honor when the members graduate, if

The Phi Beta Kapa oration will be delivered tomorrow evening at dinner by John Erskine, Ph. D. L. L. D., Litt, D., professor at Colum- bia University. Prof. Erskine is also president of Julliard Scholo of Music, and the author of num- erous well-known books. The title	This great French organist has re- peatedly said that the organ at St. Sulpice has been the inspira- tion for his symphonies—works which have won for him the title of the "greatest living composer for the organ." Early in 1930. Wilor received from the city of Paris a medal in honor of his six- tieth year of service as organist of	back and forth skillfully in sooth- ing silence. The candlelight shone tenderly on the clean brows, the	the passing of a motion for bigger and better A's, for they said that	At a meeting of the letter men of the tennis squad, Wil- liam E. Jordan was elected cap- tain of the 1933 team, and at a similar meeting of the baseball team, Clinton Spahr was chosen captain. Bill Jordan has been a strong
of the oration will be "Art and Tradition."	St. Sulpice.	gime on earth because they were	be given, the Dragoons will get	member of the tennis team for two seasons, and this spring he
0	Louis Vierne, the blind organist		them. Incidentally they gave three long cheers for the faculty, since	won more of his matches than any other member of the team.
STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS	of Notre Dame, born in 1870, cel- ebrated last year his thirtieth year of service. He studied theory with Cesar Franck and organ with		that has been their yearly policy ever since the club began; in fact. It is rumored that the original all day sucker founded the Dragoons	Clint Spahr has been out- standing in athletics through- out his college career thus far,
The three fraternities and the non-fraternity group have chos- en their representatives to the Student Council. Together with the President and Vice-Presi- dent of Student Convocation, elected May 9th, these four will serve on next year's Council, whose full membership now is: President—Marcus B. Mallett Vice Press—Lohn Mittan	Widor. Naturally, his organ music shows a good deal of the influence of these two teachers. But he has his own idom, characterized by an admirable use of canon, skillful combination of themes, excellence in development, and daring har- monies, at times bold to roughness. His music is earnest and substan- tial and lacks neither poetic feel-	each other with solicitude. Here again was expressed the spirit which has animated the class since the day when, as raw material, it wandered awestruck through these portals (the college's, not Dunk- ers) for the first time.	Well, we wish all the Dragoons well when they get out in the wide world, and there is no nightly chapel to protect them from evils thereof. So long, boys, come again and tell us how you used to raise the devil every Saturday night by walking to Red Hook and buying a soda.	having won his letters in soccer, hockey and baseball. His bat- ting average was one of the highest on the team this season, though he was handicapped by a hand injury for several games The Lyre Tree wishes Jordar and Spahr the greatest success for next year. Bostwick Ketcham was ap-
Vice Pres.—John Mitton Eulexian Rep.—Gordon White K. G. X. Rep. A Monroe Bold S. A. E. Rep.—Edw. M. Fried Non-Soc Sep —Chas. Knapp	ing nor orginality. He has al- ready written so much that is strong and original, that there can be no question in placing him in the fromt rank of organ compos- (Continued on Page 3)	shutting the doors behind them- selves, because strangers would have been out of place in this lovefeast, the speeches began.	evening. So, after a toast to Alma Mater, and the singing of her song, the class walked out into the fresh lilac, scented twilight, glory- ing in the cleanliness of body and soul.	pointed as baseball manager, to succeed Vernon Emerick, and as yet no tennis manager has been selected from the elgible candidates.

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# The Effects of

**A FABLE** 

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## WELCOME

The Lyre Tree wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all those who are guests of the college and of the graduating class over this seventy-second commencement weekend. Returning alumni are cordially invited to participate in all the activities and exercises of the occasion.

The Lyre Tree also desires to thank those students who have given valuable assistance at a most inconvenient time. that this issue might appear.

# THE FACULTY

The editor told us to be sure not to forget the faculty, as though we could ever do such a thing! The faculty are a great bunch of guys; they keep us awake nights, and it is only fair that we should do the same for them once in a while. But they are quite a cosmopolitan group! In fact, they have an organization known as the Soviet, probably suggested by Doc Edwards, also lovingly known as Trotzky, for he is renowned as being sympathetic with the Roossians. Well, as the Dragoons so well expressed it, the faculty are a swell bunch, and not a word against them shall ever issue from our mouths, not until we graduate, anyway. But the new and sprightly Mrs. Leeke, famous for her wit and good looks, much to the worry and jealousy of her husband, Mr Leeke, has sponsored the faculty dance, given in behalf of the students, believe it or not. It seems too good to be true that the faculty are at last going to have something to which the students may come. Heretofore their organization has been a closed corporation. But lets get back to the dance, and leave the faculty alone.

#### GRADUATION

The public notices with causal interest at this season of the year the annual exit of students from the colleges and universities all over the country. Baccalaureate sermons, commencement addresses and the ceremonies of graduation are ven given some attention in the daily papers A turning point in life has been reached for those who are about to be graduated Commencement day is a day of endings and a day of beginnings. It marks the end of undergraduate existence, a breaking with a life that was full of happy associations, close friendships, and work and play. With the usual symbols of academic success, a cap, gown, and diploma, the seniors will leave the halls of wisdom to take their places in the world. There will be no welcome for them this year in a world which is already over-crowded with unemployed. To view the scene dispassionately and without illusions is wise and necessary. Those who have had on thinking caps for four years must take their places in a world where wisdom is impotent against human stupidity, in a world where reason has long since abdicated if it ever did once reign. Chance majorities and an untutored public opinion are apparently in control. Is it not to be expected then that thinking aloud will be looked upon as literature, public office as an opportunity for exploitation, and big business as merely a means to accumulate a forune? One is reminded of that little verse from the Rubaiyat-

the Deceased The body was recovered a week after the accident by a wandering shepherd, who reported his discovery to the prefect of the village constabulary. Interment was witnessed by the immediate family. A week later, the family attorney, following instructions of the deceased called to his offices all relatives only three degrees removed from the family, the vestrymen of the deceased's church, the local statesmen, and representatives of the more conservative press. When all concerned were assembled the attorney began to read the will:

"I, Rufus, being sound of mind and body, fully aware of what ] shall subcribe my hand to, do hereby give my last will and testament. I have called my good friend, Dr. Cookingham, my friend Mrs. Kurck, and my man-servant, Max, to witness and attest for my deed. I submit myself to their mercy and the goodness of the Lord.

First, I have had a presentiment for several months of a strange death. If fate so decrees that I come to a violent death. I hereby impose upon my personal friends the task of haling my evil-doers within the pale. I find strength and consolation in the belief that even today the wrong shall suffer for thier crimes. I realize that I am alone in my views but my soul would not rest if I die unavenged. I command that in case my darkest fears are justified no trouble shall be spared to retrieve my remains. I desire that my earthly body shall be cremated some beautiful spring evening in the cremation plant connected to the main dining hall of Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. My ashes are scattered to the four winds at a position just south of the ticket booth on the Zabriskie playing fields. One mangy, piebald work horse is to be sacrificed every Walpurgis night to commemmorate the event. All military or naval parades within a radius of ten miles are to halt for ten minutes while the national anthem is to be whistled on the necks of empty gin bottles. Afterwards the parades are to continue.

Second, all warrants, liens. drafts, and assessments on my person and property are to be turned over to mine host, the general of Upper Red Hook. He is to have full rein in the destruction of said warrents, liens, drafts, and assessmeats. My much travelled check of high rubber content, is to be set aside for a sinking fund for the hockey rink. I expressely forbid the destruction of all certificates of chapel attendance. They are to be preserved for posterity and my biographers as source material of Rufusiana.

to Colege View avenue and Four

Corners, to the Bell Telephone

and Greek papers to those poor and in spite of all rumors to the contrary, hereby declare all profools, the incoming freshmen. May they read and sweep. I tenderly visions above and herebefore null bestow my sun-burn to the low and void under the state and federtoff who steals my gowns as fast al provisions for undecided beneas I can get my hands on another. factors and, in the best traditions I hope he ends up in a sweat shop. of hidden dispositions, refer all My much cherished fly paper is to who are interested to a codicil to be given to all these commoners be made public 99 years after the who address the chair from the Trek to the country of the underback of the house to the miserable graduate body of Columbus Universtrains of "Happy birthday, dear sity. Rhinehart." Their ugly voices af-Done, by God, the first day of fect me yet. I am troubled to April, in the year of our Lord, know how to dispose of my room 1932. Witnessed ..... furnishings. Perhaps it would be The monotonous voice of the best to return my smoking stand to family attorney ceased and there the Nelson House, my settee (for I was an appreciable period of quiet. am a loss how else to describe it) At last the family and relatives to chapel, my tea service to the broke away from the attorney's ofscullery, my chairs to the Palace, fice, communing with themselves my socks to the gym, my signs to and marvelling at the goodness and the Bronx River park commission,

**HOMO SAPIENS** The German club wound up its eason's activities with a party for all its members in the recreation room. A good time was had by all, at least they said so, for before the evening was over the party got quite hilarious on the near beer served after the German fashion. The only cloud on the horizon was that someone forgot the pretzels, and no one could think of the German word for beer without pretzels. However, under the nonchalant leadership of the genial president, Herr Abramovitch, the matter was overlooked. and the matter of electing a new president to relieve the overburdened Herr Abramovitch was

quickly and lightly proceeded with. We extend our congratulations to the new president of the august body of beer drinkers, one Herr La Barre. Who was it that said that Germans were not all Germans, or something to the effect that there is nothing in names?

Rumor has it that the French club, not to be outdone by the German club, went off campus where they could dr;nk and make merry in peace. A place called Kreuger's island was obtained for the festival, far from prying eyes and ears of detective sergeants, although it is doubted very much if the latter can understand French. The two clubs have very much in common. for the eligibility to both is based on the ability to speak the languages fluently! The French club was fortunate as one of its members had a sudden brain storm and remembered where the freshman 'Algy" had been buried, so they dug it up and drank the wine. The guests of the French club's picnic were, besides the ants and mosquitoes, a few 'townies'' from the village, who sneaking up behind our heroes, spied on their activities, as they wanted to know why a group of so-called men wanted to go off to such wild place as Kreuger's for a stag party. We'll bite, why did they?

and my stamps to the advertising committee of the Sketch Book. If the over-indulgent proprietor of a speak on 5th street wants to know where his French phone went to he communicate with my heirs. Fourth, all my negotiable property is to be split three ways on the dollar. What remains is to revert back to the original, bearing interest on the first, third and fifth

declarations of rights and purposes, not withstanding all statements to the contrary in the proxies of non-voting stock holders. A notice to this effect is to run indefinitely in the Portland, Oregon, Press-Dispatch.

I Rufus, being still sound of Third, I bequeath my religion mind and body, notwithstanding

Rufus.

Once upon a time in the mythical college of Stephen the Saint spring came to the campus. It was the usual kind of spring at the usual time of the year and it brought the usual spring fever with it, so much so, in fact, that all the hard working faculty wives poured another cup of tea, related the choicest bit of gossip, and yearned for the open spaces of the golf course. After they had recovered from the initial shock of spring a few of the younger ones who could still walk nine holes decided that the weather was much too nice to work over a hot diner and then have to go to Commons, so they convinced their respective and more or less respectable husbands that it was time to have a picnic. Notwithstanding their husbands' cries of "Montaigne on the roads of upper Vermont, and the parks of Germany," not yet the fact that the library must be kept open in the evening, three and one half couples gathered. (NO, tomorrow night you shall hear about what is half a couple. Don't interrupt your uncle.) Since, as was the custom of this venerable institution, afternoon classes were held, the ladies set out early to have a fast foursome, leaving behind their more or less trusting husbands holding the bag of potato salad which they had swiped from the chef. Merrily the women went their way, and stopped at a roadside delicatessen to buy provender for their evening meal, and a bottle of pop (?) for the two thinnest Then refreshed and gay, ones. they played their golf and met their husbands. Then all together in a big happy bunch they went miles and miles up the river, vainly trying to get into the vast estates which lined the river. Finally, miles away from any sight of human habitation they found a place, and one of the professors who had been a Boy Scout built a fire on a box of matches, and they sat down to eat. (Wake up, son, what do you think I'm telling this story for?) But alas there was no food. What do you think had happened? Those women had gone off and left the food there in that roadside delicatessen after paying which I helped him look for, will their husband's cash for it. And so the husbands sat down and merrily ate the potato salad and ants, and al] they gave their wives was food for thought.

> All of which goes to prove that as housewives and golf players faculty wives take the prize rubber handled niblic. And next year, if I don't graduate, I'll take great pride in telling you a much more pointed story than this-that is, IF I don't graduate. I guess they'll let me out now.

"Ah youth, could you and I with Fate conspire

To change, this sorry scheme of things entire.

Would we not shatter it to bits and then

Remold it nearer to the heart's desire.'

But this is commencement day. Let us be happy for a moment in the illusions which have filled the past four years and made them unforgettable.

company, my wooden Indian to Hudson my police billy to the Believe it or not, that 277,000,-000 years old rocks picked up in S. S. Northampton, who has been Southampton force, my chef's hat to Symons to Pittsfield, my pass Connecticut the other day looks alkeys to Eckel to Chance, my writmost as new as some of this years' ing paper to the Beekman Arms, rocks.

intelligence that once belonged to





Capt. Walter Newhall Vernou, U. S. N., commanding officer of the U. appointed to succeed Capt. Charles Russell Train as naval aide to President Hoover.

# THE LYRE TREE

#### literature which followed Bach's Works of Rheinberger" asserts FRENCH AND GERMAN Amelia Earhart Flies Ocean Alone death. In Mendelssohn's "Three that" in Rheinberger's twenty Son-ORGAN MUSIC Preludes and Fugues" and "Six atas and eighty-nine short pieces, Sonatas" we have, says Harvey (Continued from Page 1) we have a mass of fine organ music Grace, "works which are not only ers. Vierne is still in his early for which no parallel can be found among the very best of those sixties and much more good work written for the organ, but which outside Bach." is expected of him. He has just also seem destined to be the long-\* \* \* \* published a sixth symphony which est lived of his efforts." is said to be the finest of all his In Johanes Brahms born at \* \* \* works. Hamburg in 1833, the illustrious \* \* \* \* line of German composers of the Josef Gabriel Rheinberger, dis-Jacob Ludwig Felix Mendelstinguished organist, conductor first rank seems to have come to sohn-Bartholdy was born on Febcomposer, and teacher, was born an end. His father, double-bassist ruary ', 1809 of wealthy and culat Vaduz in 1839 and died at Munin the Hamburg Stadt-theater, was tivated family. Their Berlin home ich in 1901. At an early age he the boy's first teacher. Brahms was a social center, and the careshowed extraordinary musical apbegan to appear as a pianist at the ful training under tutors was contitude, and when but five years old age of fourteen. At twenty he was stantly supplemented by contact had attracted much attention. warmly received by Liszt at with writers, artists, and music-The organ pedals being beyond Weimar and by Schumann at Dusians. In his precocious childhood, the reach or his little feet, his seldorf. His hold upon the general he was the idor of a wise father. teacher arranged a second pedal musical public grew slowly, howof a fond mother, of brothers and board for the convenience of his ever, since as a performer he made sisters who shared his tastes and young pupil. In 1846 when only little use of ordinary means of imin some measure his abilities, and seven years of age, "Rheinberger pression, and since as a composer of a circle of literary and artistic was appointed organist at Vaduz he seemed at first over-intricate friends at the head of which was parish church; and during the fol-Those who criticized Brahms for the aged Goethe. In later years ns "dryness," "over-intellectuallilowing year, his first compositionhe had all the advantages of a a three-part mass with organ acty," and "lack of emotion," soon university training, the best teachcompaniment—was publicly persuccumbed to the true depth and ers in music, foreign travel, a hapformed. Shortly after this event warmth of feeling in his music py marriage, and a fame extendthe Bishop of a nearby town invitwhich familiarity was bound to reing to all corners of Europe. Few ed Rheinberger senior to bring his eal. He has shown himself one instances can be found in history son to the cathedral in order that of the most important of Bach's of a man at the same time so his musical ability might be rested. followers in his manner of attainamply gifted and so fortunate in A "Salve Regina" for four male ing great effects by polyphonic his environment. In 1820, he bevoices and organ was placed before means. gan the systematic series of his the young musician, and he was re-Brabans wrote little for the orformal compositions and at the quested to play while the bishop gan. He left only a few preludes and clergy sang. The performance age of sixteen he was already a and fugues and the "EMf Choralvor-New photograph of Mrs. Amelia Earnart Putnam who flew from Harfinished performer of piano, organ,

brought about his untimely death in 1847. Mendelssohn was the first to in-

and viola, and a master at compo-

sition. An extremely strenuous life

terrupt the flow of mediocre organ

however, was brought to an unexpected conclusion by young Rheinberger, who abruptly ceased his accompaniment and exclaimed: "But, Herr Bishop, you continually

sing out of tune!" Harvey Grace, in his "Organ

spiele," But in his eleven chorale preludes, his only posthumous work, he gave the world music of supernatural beauty and of profound spiritual significance. As Bach dictated a chorale prelude for

bor Grace, N. F., to Culmore, Ireland, near Londonderry, the first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic ocean. Her goal was Paris but the exhaust manifold of her plane burned out and her motor was straining, so she landed in Ireland.

Brahms turn to the chorale prelude | found himself dying slowly of canorgan from his death-bed, so did as a medium of expression when he cer. W. J. S.



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