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SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE BRINGS OUT 30 CANDIDATES

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LACROSSE STARTS

Spring football practice started on Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when about 30 candidates, including many of last year's varsity men, reported to Coach Bray at Zabriskie field. The first practice followed along the lines of the new system inaugurated last fall. The candidates were divided into groups and were placed under group leaders for instructions.

Grant Noble, Captain of the 1924 varsity, was in charge of the kickers; Deloria, captain-elect for 1925, was in charge of the backfield men; Jones and Smith were in charge of the linemen; Harding and Wilson, the ends. Coach Bray is general supervisor and, in addition, is paying particular attention to men who might qualify at quarterbacks.

Many of last year's varsity men were among those who reported for the first position. Of the backfield men, Deloria, Kennedy and Murry were out; of the ends, Wilson and Harding; of the tackles, Luepke; of the guards, Harvey and Jones. Urquhart, MacKean and Milington, three men on the first squad last season, were also expected to report.

Most noticeable of the absentees were Carleton, halfback; Rogan, alternate at quarterback; and Schlafley tackle. Carleton and Rogan, however, are expected to return to St. Stephen's in September. "Dick" Gruver, center, is not reporting at present on account of additional class work.

The whole team, however, will have to accustom itself to playing without the services of Grant Noble, who was not only one of the best ground gainers and a stronghold of defense, but also one of the best kickers in college football; and Gilbert Smith, who played guard, both of whom will be lost by graduation.

There are several of last year's second team men who are eligible to report for practice, including Patterson, captain; Max Murry, Kroll, tackles; Stolp, Milton, Doggett, Rapallo, A. Moser, backfield; H. Myer, Peck, linemen; Kunkle, Kerns and Raymond ends.

Several freshmen reported for the first time, including Weeks and Simcox, both of whom show some

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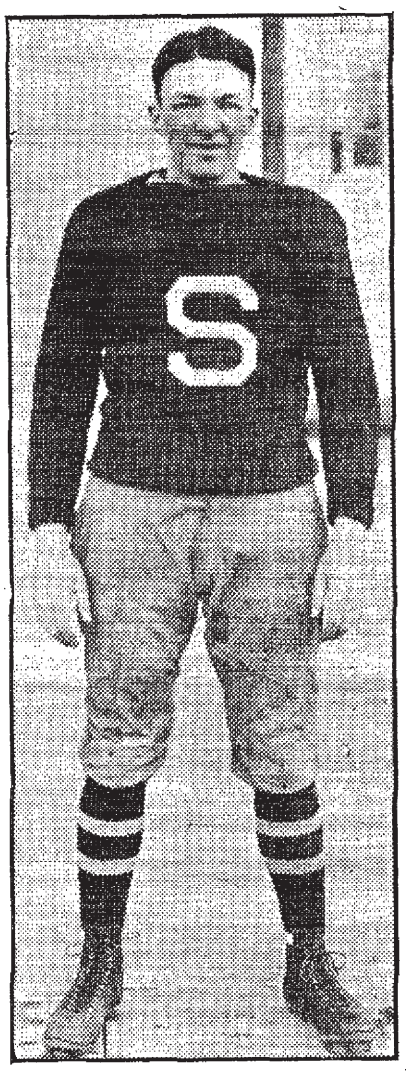
1925 CAPTAIN



Vine V. Deloria, Sioux Indian of Wakpala, S. D., better known as "Pete" among his classmates, is captain-elect of the 1925 football team. Pete is expected to carry his team through a successful season next fall.

Zabriskie Suit To Be Heard April 21

A conference was held here at the college on Monday, April 6, between the attorneys and sanitary experts concerning the Zabriskie suit which will be heard at Poughkeepsie on April 21 or 22. Mr. W. E. Hoysradt, the eminent Poughkeepsie attorney will represent the college and three leading sewage experts in this part of the country will testify that the sewage is not harmful to the surrounding country. As the case now stands the college authorities confidently expect to win the suit, thereby setting aside the injunction requested by Mrs. Zabriskie, prohibiting the sewage from being diverted through her property.

ALBEE HALL COSTS ADDITIONAL $25,000

College Authorities Approve of Making Extra Expenditure

According to the original plans for the construction of Albee Hall the cost was estimated at $100,000. But after the building was under construction it became apparent that if it was to be done well and equipped with the best fittings the final cost would be increased to $125,000. This additional expenditure has met the approval of the college authorities, inasmuch as they wish to maintain the highest possible standard for the equipment of the institution. Thus far the building has been carried on without any skimping and it is hoped none will have to be made in the future. The necessary $25,000 to cover the increased cost is now being raised from interested persons. The first gift of $10,000 has come from A. Hatfield, Jr., and an additional $1,500 has been received from other sources.

There is also a possibility that the Science Building will exceed its originally estimated cost, but as yet the authorities are not certain of this. However, every attempt is being made to keep it within the first estimate.

PREACHES AT GENEVA

The Rev. Kenneth A. Bray this afternoon conducted the three hour service at St. Peter's church, Geneva, N. Y. Father Bray was rector of St. Peter's for a number of years before coming to St. Stephen's.

CLEVER PROGRAM BEING FIXED FOR SUB-FRESHMAN DAY

Stage Entertainment, Tennis Match, and Intra-Mural *Lacrosse Game Planned*

VAUDEVILLE SATURDAY

The presentation of four one-act plays by the Mummers, an R. P. I.—St. Stephen's tennis match, an intra-mural lacrosse game, and an informal college vaudeville and moving picture show will comprise the entertainment to be offered sub-freshmen when they are the guests of the college on Friday evening and Saturday, May 1 and 2.

According to present plans, it is expected that the Mummers will stage their play in Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon, the tennis match and lacrosse games will be played. In the evening, the vaudeville and moving picture show will be given in the gym. Arrangements may be made to have the freshman-sophomore tug-of-war held on the same day.

President Bell has assured the Captains-Managers Association that he will co-operate with it in making the sub-freshman day a success. He has offered to secure four or five reels of comic moving pictures to be shown in conjunction with the vaudeville. Candidates for the vaudeville stunts will be called at an early date and it is hoped that a great many will respond. No program, however, could be complete without "Pete" in his rope act and Patterson as a cartoonist.

The letter of invitation, which is being sent to a number of high school

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PRESIDENT BELL'S NOON-DAY TALKS AT NEW YORK ARE BROADCAST BY WJZ

Along with other preachers at the Lenten noon-day services at Trinity Church, Wall and Broadway, New York City, B. I. Bell, D. D., president of St. Stephen's, was honored by having his five Trinity addresses broadcast by radio through station WJZ. Our President spoke at Trinity church every noon during the week of March 22nd, beginning Monday, and he not only reached the large and influential audience which always gathers at the downtown church, but his Lenten messages came to the ears of the thousands of radio listeners who were tuned in on the church services. A group of students who remained on campus during Easter vacation heard Dr. Bell on Tuesday by means of the House-Manager's radio, and his voice came through clear and clean-cut, unmistakeably his.

During Holy Week, Dr. Bell preached at St. James Church, Madison Ave., N. Y. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at noon and conducted the three hour service on Good Friday at that Church. In his absence on Good Friday Father Garnier conducted devotions in our own Chapel. On the Sunday after Easter, the President is to act as Chaplain at the University of Chicago in the morning, and in the evening will address the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, an assembly of men which fills Orchestra Hall (the Opera House) every Sunday evening.

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THE LAST LAUGH

A few words of thanks and appreciation are due Mr. Albee and his booking office for the most recent movie **The Last Laugh.** We were fortunate in having such a picture; those who felt that art and the cinema were radically inimical have been given proof to the contrary.

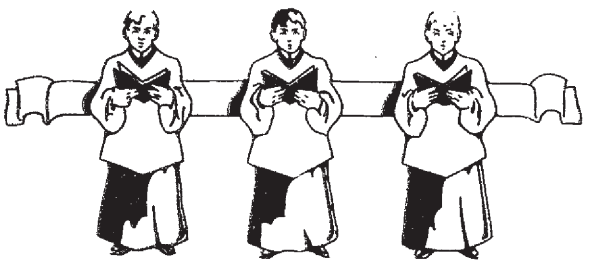
The story, of course, is an old one: merely another version of **Crainquebille** or **La Ficelle.** But for all its lack of originality, the tale of man overcome by circumstances over which he has no control, must ever be a moving one.

It is the handling of the theme which is remarkable. Every legitimate device of the screen is used with consummate artistry. The acting at times recalls the Lear we dream of. The use of light and shadow, grouping, rhythms, the suggestion of masking in the picturization of the minor characters—all are handled with a superb technical skill. At moments the photography has the vividness, the unity, and the brilliant contrasts suggestive of Rembrandt; and at times the bitter humanity of Millet. And, in the scenic effects, there was often the softness and the harmony of a dry-point.

It is unfortunate that such a picture, even with the sop thrown in at the end, could not have a box-office appeal. But, if there were more such pictures to be had, it would be well worth while to form movie guilds to support them. With the internationalization which is possible, such a plan ought to be feasible.

Easter Morning

Before the day slips over the Eastern Hills
The Little Brothers of the Air
Sing the first song.
The low sweet anthem of the white throat fills
The dawning everywhere:
"Night is not long,"
He whispers, and the crescent chorus swings
Around the circle of the earth,
As swings the light.
There mounts the flutter of a myriad wings,
The echo of a new rebirth
From out the night.
And as the choir of lark-songs swiftly rise
And chant, athwart the golden wood:
"Life will not pass!"
I hear a blackbird, and grow quickly wise;
Is this poor croaker of the blood
Of Caiaphas?



NEW LEAVES

There is, in the Scandinavian psychology, a curious mixture of characteristics explicable, as Havelock Ellis suggests, by the large number of races which have gone to make up the modern people of this peninsula. A stark and grim realism will find itself next a transcendent mysticism, a command of rare poetical language next the sharp, unrelenting language of the "naturalist," a mordant melancholy next an almost Rabelaisian boisterousness of humor. These, woven skillfully by many of the writers, give an often bewildering, and yet thoroughly satisfying artistic result.

In **The Story of Gosta Berling,** by Selma Lagerlof (Doubleday and Page, Garden City, N. Y.) one finds all these elements, and many more, woven into a swiftly moving and brilliant tale which often passes from the realms of excellent prose into those of startling poetry. The translation is so well done that it can not be recognized as a translation.

The tale has much in common with **Peer Gynt;** it portrays the life of a roisterer who is this time, however, a spiritual vagabond, rather than a materialist. To his own near-madness there is added a touch of the diabolic, by the added character of Sintram "the wicked master of the works at Fors, with his clumsy ape-body, and his long arms, with his bald head and ugly, grinning face,—he whose delight is to make mischief." I do not know whether he was really a Prince of the Powers of Darkness or not; but at least he might well have been, for he quite overturned the life of the "knights of Ekeby." Berling, the poet who wrote no poetry, suffered most at his hands; with his fine manners, his way with women, his unconscious egoism, and his good looks, he is surely one of the finest-limned characters of modern literature. The old bear hunter, the violinist, the philosopher, the mistress of Ekeby, Mamselle Marie, all furnish caviar for jaded appetites.

There is almost madness in the speed and the power of the story, at times—a story too long to give here—and the merciless crushing of the pensioners, with their final rise and vindication following the death of Margareta Celsing, form a tale one can not forget.

The book was published in 1894 and translated in 1923, but it has only recently come into the library. If anyone can purloin it, for a few hours, from Dr. Upton's Book Trust, it should be done. It is too good a book to be missed. —Silenus.

RECITAL

Walter Mills, baritone, will give a recital on Easter Monday evening, at eight o'clock, in Memorial Gymnasium. Everyone is invited.

St. Stephen's College May Join State Conference in Spring of '26

Coach Bray Has Already Applied For Membership

Although St. Stephen's is not now a member of the New York State Conference, which was definitely organized at Syracuse two weeks ago, it is expected that this college will be a member for the sport year beginning in the spring of 1926, Coach Bray has applied for membership and his application probably will be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the conference to be held at Rochester in October.

Coach Bray feels confident that by 1926 St. Stephen's will be able to abide by the rules and regulations of the conference. It is necessary for a college desirous of entering the conference to adopt the rules of the conference before it is voted upon and admitted. Any college within the boundaries of the state of New York is eligible for membership.

The constitution and rules drawn up at the Utica gathering were adopted at the Syracuse meeting. Those who have joined the conference are Rochester, R. P. I., Hamilton, Buffalo, Clarkson, Hobart, Niagara and Alfred. St. Stephen's has met in one of the three major sports all of these colleges excepting Niagara.

Dr. Edwin Fauver, director of athletics at Rochester, was elected president of the conference; Dr. Albert Prettiman of Hamilton was elected vice-president and Paul S. Graham of R. P. I. was named secretary. Officers are to be elected every two years.

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promise of developing into good players.

First Lacrosse Practice

For the first time in the history of St. Stephen's College, candidates for lacrosse were called out Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Coach Bray spent part of the afternoon in explaining the game to the men, most of whom have never seen a lacrosse game played. After a little preliminary work, two sides were chosen and a bold plunge made by playing a regulation game. What transpired may not have been lacrosse, but enough so to fully convince the men of the activity, fight and excitement in the game and the tremendous amount of work ahead of them, if they want to put up any kind of a showing this season. The only men in the college experienced at the game are Wilson, who was a star player for Hobart; Stevens, who is unable to report on account of a recent operation; Stolp and Harding, who played on the Geneva, N. Y., High School team.

DR. OBRESHKOVE IS MADE BIOLOGY PROF

Trustees and Committee Pick Syracuse Professor for 1925

The Board of Trustees has recently appointed as Associate Professor of Biology, Vasil Obreshkove, B. A., M. S. (Syracuse), Ph. D. (Harvard). Dr. Obreshkove was Assistant Professor of Biology at Syracuse from 1920 to 1924 and is Associate Professor there now. He is a Bulgarian by birth, educated in the Genessee-Wesleyan Seminary, at Syracuse and at Harvard.

His researches at Cold Spring Harbor are along physiological lines. He is said by those who know him best to be not merely a highly competent scholar, but one of the most brilliant of the younger teachers of Biology in the country.

Seniors Win Banner

The trophy for the best inter-class basketball team was awarded the Class of 1925 for excellence in playing and for the greatest number of victories scored in the class competitions. Of the six games played by the Seniors only one was dropped, and that to the Frosh.

The banner will hang in the gymnasium to commemorate the championship until next year's winner shall rise to glory.

The contests were very satisfactorily played, both from the standpoint of sportsmanship and general interest; as for the quality of the playing, the least said will cause the least discussion. Bradford Tite was high-point man for the tournament, with something like — — baskets out of a four-figured number of trys for goals.

In the inter-class games the Frosh ranked second, the Juniors third, and the —— last.

New Gift of Books

The college has received a gift of over 200 volumes for the Library from Dr. Barry, rector of St. Mary the Virgin, New York City, and gratefully wishes to acknowledge the same. These books include novels, poetical works, biographies and histories. Their value has been estimated at between $200 and $300.

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principals and preparatory school headmasters, has been posted on the bulletin board in the gymnasium. In addition, the list of schools to which the letter will be sent, has also been posted and all students are asked to add the name of any school to which they would care to have a letter sent.

Chapel Notes

On Palm Sunday, President Bell in his Chapel address emphasized what the Church has always considered Christian duty during Holy Week and warned the students against making that period a sentimental orgy. All Christians know that the cross was a triumph and not a defeat, and therefore an attitude of pity toward Jesus is manifestily ill placed. The real duty of Holy Week is self-examination; to place ourselves on the road to goodness and right. No sane man has wanted to be bad, but in his struggle to the light, everyone is apt to make three mistakes.

1. He is apt to fall into the error of believing that the transition from badness to goodness can be made overnight. It is, on the contrary, a long process and a slow one.

2. He is likewise apt to think that this transition can be made miraculously; that when Christ died for him, He died instead of him.

3. He may further believe that people become good automatically, that they surely advance toward goodness with the passage of time. This third mistake is due to a misconception of the doctrine of evolution: that change is in one direction only, from wrong to right. Quite possibly, however, the change may be in the other direction. It takes a struggle to go forward.

Dr. Bell pleaded with us again not to be sentimental during Holy Week; Christ wants us to go on with more strength and more courage because we have looked upon Him.

Rules and Regulations

The following is a summary of the conference rules and regulations:

Fall football training not to start until third week in September.

Athlete failing to complete scholastic work of term or semester cannot compete in intercollegiate athletics in his next year at college.

Three years on college team prescribed limit for all players.

One full collegiate year of attendance necessary before playing on varsity.

Conference teams to play only teams representing educational institutions.

Any student representing a conference team while not a student in college represented to be barred from conference athletics.

No remuneration of pay for service on college team.

No student to compete in outside athletics during college term; outside participation during vacation not to disqualify.

Conference games to be played under student or college management on grounds owned by or under control of college participating.

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POTTERISMS

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It doesn't take a poet laureate to do an **exegi monumentum.** The department of archeological research, which this colyum, in its efforts to encourage a broader and deeper interest in knowledge, is now sponsoring, reports the following important discovery, located near the gate of the hand-quarried, hand-cut, hand-built wall on the Aldrich estate:

HUNC MURUM
JOSIAH HOUSE
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JUST AS IT STANDS
WITH HIS OWN HANDS
HE QUARRIED AND HE CUT 'EM
WHEN HE IS GONE
MAY EVERY STONE
STAY WHERE JOSIAH PUT 'EM

For further details, interested epigraphists may communicate with A. G. Shirt.

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There are times when we are tempted to believe that there may be some truth in the disparaging remarks that are occasionally made about our handwriting. At least, when we read our last column, which we had been forced to turn in in long-hand, we discovered eighteen variations from the original.

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The idea that tennis is a rather effeminate sport seems to have been pretty well out-grown, but if anyone has any lingering doubts on the subject we extend to him a most cordial invitation to participate in the first week of practice. Bring your own rake. We provide the roller.—Luis.

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