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ALUMNI NOTICE

No constructive project can succeed without the invaluable cooperation of the alumni! And so the Captains-Managers association requests that the alumni, if they know of any sub-freshmen that they would like to see at St. Stephen's next year, will arrange to send them to the college on May 2.

SUB-FRESHMAN DAY PLANS PROGRESSING

Fraternities and Non-Socs Name Their Representatives

In accordance with a motion passed at the second meeting of the Captains-Managers association, members of the fraternities and representatives from the non-fraternity men have been appointed as a committee to work with the Captains-Manager association in arranging for a sub-freshman day this spring. Richard Raymond was appointed by the Eulexian fraternity to represent his society, Bradford Tite to represent Kappa Gamma Chi, Anthony Rapolla, Willie Sypher, Graham Davey and Arthur Shirt were appointed to represent the non-socs. Sypher was elected chairman to represent that group at joint meetings of the association. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is represented by managers and captains in the association.

At the first joint meeting held Wednesday evening, March 11, it was unanimously voted that Saturday, May 2, be chosen as the date upon which sub-freshman day will be observed. It was the opinion of all present that a minstrel show should be given on one of the two nights that the visitors will be on campus. The Mummies have been asked to cooperate and will probably arrange to stage their show on the second night.

Mr. Griswold reported that President Bell was interviewed in regard to the affair and stated that he would pay any postage bill incurred in sending letters to high schools and preparatory schools; and that the college would pay for transportation of the visitors from Barrytown station and return.

It was voted to send invitations to the following high schools and preparatory schools: Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Hudson, Newburgh Academy, Beacon, Albany, Troy, Pawling, Raymond Riordon, Madalin, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Catskill, Staatsburg, N. Y. M. A., Hoosic School,

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GROUND BROKEN FOR THREE NEW HOUSES

To Rear Modern Faculty Shelters—Other Buildings Near Completion.

On Monday, March 16, ground was broken for the three new faculty houses to be built northeast of the president's house.

At the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided to authorize the Administrative Committee to erect these houses at the cost of \$12,000 each. According to the plans of the architect the houses will be of stucco construction and entirely fireproof; each will contain eight rooms and bath, of which there are, on the first floor, a large living room with fireplace, a dining room, kitchen, and private study for the professor, and on the second floor four large bedrooms and a spacious bathroom. The Committee expects to have them ready for occupancy by August 15. It has been planned, also, to have the houses built in a semi-circular arrangement about the circular drive to be made. This roadway will afford a thoroughfare from the campus to the houses.

President Bell has announced that the new dormitory now under construction, Albee Hall, will be completed and ready for occupancy by May 1. The Hegeman science building will not be finished until June 1 or, at the latest, by Commencement Day.

MUMMERS CHOSE FOUR ONE-ACT PLAYS FOR SECOND PRESENTATION OF YEAR

The Mummies have announced their Spring program to be presented probably on May 2, sub-freshman day. The heterogeneous character of the bill suggests that they have taken to heart St. Paul's admonition to be all things to all men. We can only hope that all men will be on hand to make the experiment valid.

Craig, Packard, Sypher, Mentzer all have parts, as well as many other hitherto less famous Mummies. Several new actors in whom talent is suspected to be lurking, will also be assayed.

Two of the plays will again be coached by students; Vogt taking "Where the Cross is Made," and Walker "Action." Dr. Bell will have charge of the others.

The plays and castes follows:

The Medicine Show—Stuart Walker.
The Doctor Sypher
Two Loafers Craig, Young

SPRING DANCE

Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity will give its triennial dance in Memorial Gymnasium on Friday evening, May 22. The Committee promises a social event in keeping with the season and the expectations of the students. The Committee wishes to thank President Bell for his gracious permission to use the gymnasium for this purpose.

WM. BRUNOT AWARDED INSCRIPTION PRIZE

Freshman's Suggestion Given Most Favorable Consideration in Contest

The winning motto in the contest for suggesting the best quotation to be inscribed over the fireplace in the student's recreation room of Albee Hall was handed in to the Administration by William T. Brunot of Greensburgh, Pa., popular member of class of 1928, and to him, consequently, is awarded the prize of two dollars. His quotation was taken from Vergil:

FORSAN ET HAEC OLIM MENINISSE JUVABIT which, translated, means "Perhaps at some time it will be pleasant to remember this."

The motto contest was announced about a month ago and was open to all classes.

CONFERENCE RULES ARE ACCEPTED BY SMALL COLLEGES

Clarkson, Rochester, Hamilton, Hobart and Buffalo Enter Into The New Body

BIG MEETING TO-DAY

Acceptance of the constitution and rules of the New York State Athletic Conference by Clarkson brings the total of colleges certain to enter the body up to five. The others giving their stamp of approval since the last meeting are Rochester, Hamilton, Buffalo and Hobart.

Comparatively little opposition to the conference has been reported at any of the other three colleges considering its adoption and it is expected that before the next meeting, which has been called for today at Syracuse, ratification will have been obtained at each of these institutions. The necessity for formal action after consideration by governing bodies has slowed up the process and has made necessary the postponement of the final meeting at which ratification is to take place until the formal barriers have been removed.

At each of the Colleges who have already reported favorably on the organization, the proposition has received an enthusiasm that bodes well for the success of the confab. Hobart's athletic council announced that the Geneva institution would back the plan and shortly later at a meeting of the alumni, approval of this stand was voted.

If all goes well at Syracuse today, it is planned to draw up final plans for the rules of the conference to go into effect in the fall of 1926, thus giving all the colleges who will be required to make several changes opportunity to do so before actually being guided by the conference rules and regulations. After the organization has once started, it will be necessary for any college desiring admission to have played its contests under conference rules during one year previous to admittance.

The propositions is also being considered by the athletic department of St. Stephen's.

The Lyre Tree Board regrets that the name of Robert Sudlow, Eulexian representative to Student Council, was omitted in the last issue, in Student Council story.

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A NEW PHASE ARISES

Always in the course of social intercourse there arise circumstances concerning which it is disagreeable to speak, but in order to prevent the ailment from becoming chronic it is necessary to "pitch in and have done."

Now that the "rushing" season for the fraternities on campus is apparently over, we feel that the time is ripe for a review of that season, for a plain statement of facts. It has never been the custom of the faculty to intervene in fraternity "rushing" and to decide for certain men with which fraternal group they shall affiliate themselves. Heretofore, the gentlemen of the faculty have kept absolutely aloof from this strictly student activity and have allowed the choices of the various men to be settled for themselves. In a word, the faculty have minded their business and have not interfered! And rightly, too. Naturally, the students expected the same thing to have been done this year but they were bitterly disappointed, for on Pledge Day one member of the faculty circulated about among certain "prospectives" and told them to which fraternities he would like to have them pledge themselves. Mirabile dictu? But it is true. For various reasons the men so approached acquiesced in favor of that member of the faculty.

Pledge Day has never been advertised as a Father and Son Day. Fraternity pledging is a rite observed by prospective men and the initiated brothers. It is an extra-curricular activity and does not demand supervi-

sion or encouragement by a faculty member.

It is true that, since the above-mentioned affair occurred, the faculty member has given more or less plausible reasons for his unjust interference but even this does not excuse him, for such an action has prickly results. It causes inter-fraternity and intra-fraternity dissension. Inter-fraternity dissatisfaction is an unfortunate thing and it is rather sad that it must be exhumed after whole year's interment. However, this inter-group animosity is the natural reaction of men to unnecessary interference by a "deus ex machina." Intra-fraternity discord is bound to arise under such circumstances, for the fraternity favored is put in an extremely distasteful light. Future harmony demands complete autonomy subject, of course, to the recognized officials of the College.

Therefore, since fraternities on this campus have flourished under the "hands-off" attitude of the faculty; since it is not fair to the man approached to have decided for him which group he shall join; since it is obviously a very poor policy to dig up the dead bones of inter and intra-fraternity discontent, we can see no reason why a precedent should be established. St. Stephen's is a college where men must necessarily do their own extra-curricular thinking, if they are to remain in harmony with their environment.

FRATERNITY GIVEN VALUABLE BOOKS

Kappa Gamma Chi Receives Gift—Sigma Alpha Epsilon Entertains

The late Samuel H. Brown, A. B. (St. Stephen's,) M. D. (Univ. of Wurtemberg) has bequeathed to the Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity his entire library. Dr. Brown, '86, spent most of his life in this vicinity, and has always been greatly interested in the College, though of late years on account of ill health he had been confined to his home. About 300 volumes were left to the fraternity, some of them being very valuable.

On Friday evening, March 13, the New York Sigma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertained two popular members of the faculty at the fraternity house. The guests were Mr. Edward Voorhees and Mr. Louis Corti.

President Gives Reading

On the night of March 9, President Bell gave a reading of poetry in the gymnasium, in lieu of a lecturer who had had to break his engagement.

Starting with Vachel Lindsay's "The Santa Fe Trail" he passed to various other modern poets among whom were Chesterton, Millay, Reese, Robinson, Aldington, and Frost.

President Bell is well known for his reading and the large amount of applause reenforced the often expressed wish that he would read oftener.

NEW LEAVES

To us who enjoy Latin poetry, but still must struggle with it, the news of the publication of the Loeb Edition of Lucretius' *De Rerum Natura* (G. P. Putnam's Sons: New York) is nothing short of a literary event. For those who do not know what the Loeb Edition is, a few words may not be amiss. It is a series of glorified Greek and Latin "trots" with the translations done by authorities on the various men, and conveniently printed in columns parallel with the text.

I think that professors of the classics would be wise in advising their students as to the purchase and use of translations. Most use them and rightly too. But they use bad ones. Surely one of the purposes of a course in the humanities is pleasure, and that can hardly be had by the majority of us without the aid of props; preparation starts too late and is usually of an inferior sort. In the Loeb Classical Library the writers of the English texts know their subject and, furthermore, in the greatest number of cases write excellent English. Archaisms are not used willy-nilly in an attempt to create atmosphere, nor is literalism made a vice. Comparative notes and texts are indicated for those who wish to study carefully and more scientifically than the average student; and the notes on names and places mentioned in the original are full enough to make the classical dictionary unnecessary.

The translation and editing of Lucretius are as felicitous as I have ever seen; and Lucretius has been exceedingly fortunate in his translators. In this instance the work is done by Professor W. H. D. Rouse, of Christ's College, Cambridge. He has bettered Bailey's translation, I think, by using a more modern English. Professor Leonard's verse translation is as fine a thing to read as anyone could ask but, of course, in verse no very good idea can be given of the original. Mallarme I think it was who anathematized translations of poetry because no translator could be exactly what the poet was: either he wrecked the text or bettered it and, in either event, gave no idea of the original. But Professor Rouse has not tried to write poetry and the idea that he gives of the *De Rerum* is excellent. He writes flexible English which can be by turns terse, mellifluous, incisive, or exalted; and all these are needed to translate this poet-philosopher.

If my memory is accurate, Dr. Erskine said that for the last fifty years scientists had been trying to prove what Lucretius had said. This is, of course, an exaggeration; but the way this synthesist writes of what are now called scientific truths is uncanny.

He has written some of the most reasonable and strongest arguments against religion I have ever seen. His Epicureanism has been the basis of

INTER-CAMPUS TIPS

Wesleyan held a sub-freshman week end on February 27 and 28. Freedom of the campus and use of the gym and swimming pool were extended to the visiting sub-freshmen. Complimentary tickets were given for the Glee Club concert. Wesleyan Night in the gym, at which Professor C. W. Snow, Bowdoin '07, was the chief speaker, a sophomore-freshman rope pull between halves of the Wesleyan-Williams basketball game, and a special opportunity for the guests to see the president and the vice-president of the college were other features of the entertainment.

Paddling of freshmen has been abolished at St. Lawrence University. The system of freshman regulation substituted includes clipping of hair, extra duties and confinement to rooms.

Harvard University freshmen, finding that life had suddenly become dull and uninteresting, recently requested that unrestricted hazing be permitted, and the authorities voted that hazing be officially sanctioned.

Law students at Michigan University are required to try two cases a year, one before a judge and one before a jury made up of freshmen.

On the theory that an athletic contest is not a social event, and that a fighting spirit can best be effected when men and women are free to give all their attention to the teams, University of Missouri men have been asked to refrain from taking a "date" to a football game.

A new fraternity, Phi Delta Upsilon, has been organized at New Hampshire State U. Thus far 24 men have been pledged. The new club is the thirteenth Greek letter group on the campus. The fraternity has plans drawn up for a new house, which will be built in the fall.

By a vote of 100 to 290, students of Brown University decided against compulsory chapel and convocation. By this action a custom established in 1754 has been abolished.

Famous cartoonists will draw the comic sections of the yearbook at Purdue University. Sid Smith, of "Andy Gump" fame, is one of the contributors.

the lives and thoughts of many of the greatest modern non-Christians; to read him is to get a new understanding of Anatole France, for instance.

And when he leaves the field of scientific and philosophic speculation, he gives us some of the sublimest poetry ever sung.

—Silenus.

SPRING FOOTBALL SOON - LACROSSE WINS FAVOR - TENNIS CARD

Spring Football Practice Will Start Here After the Vacation

Men Will be Divided into Groups Under Leaders

Spring football practice will start on April 1, the day upon which the college reopens following the spring recess. Announcement to this effect has been made by Coach Bray.

The spring practice will follow along the lines of the new system inaugurated last fall. The men will be divided into groups and will be under the leadership of group leaders.

Grant Noble, captain for 1924, will have charge of the kickers; "Pete" Deloria, captain-elect for 1925, will have charge of the backfield men; Jones and Smith, the linemen; Harding and Wilson, the ends. Coach Bray will confine his efforts chiefly to candidates for the quarterback position.

During the remainder of March, these group leaders will have conferences with the coach at which the whole program of work will be thoroughly discussed and the details of each practice session mapped out.

This announcement is significant of one more step in the progress of major sports and athletics at St. Stephen's. Coach Bray is hopeful for next year and, although the varsity will have a stiff schedule, he is confident that the team will win many of its contests.

INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL

The Seniors beat the Sophomores in their second meeting by a score of 20-13.

The Seniors and Freshmen halved two exceedingly close games. The upper classmen won the first with a score of 29-31, and lost the second 24-25.

The Sophs and Frosh played two games for the inter-class basket ball tournament in both of which '28 was successful. First game 28-25; second game 29-27.

At last the Juniors have won a game! Friday afternoon, March 13 (time and date mentioned because of significance of the event) the '26-ers tied the Sophs for last place. It is rumored that both teams will refuse to play off the tie. K-K-Konspiracy!

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The final score was Beacon 35, St. Stephen's Seconds, 24. The score at half time was Beacon 19, St. Stephen's 4.

Goals: Beacon, Nichols, 5; Coughlin, 4; O'Reilly, 4; Polhill, 3. St. Stephen's, Weeks, 5; Truesdale, 3; Murry, 2; Quarterman and Milton. Goals from fouls: Beacon, O'Reilly, Polhill and Palisi.

Referee, Tite.

OILSKINS TOUCHED BY 'PATTY'S' ART

Patterson Out-Gumps Sid Smith in New Campus Fad

During the interlude between fiercest winter and love-invoking spring the St. Stephen's students must have amusement. Some go to Red Hook and Vassar, others sleep. But the majority have turned the suite of Frank Patterson, the college artist, into a studio. "Al" toils incessantly, between draughts of philosophy, with brsh, oil paints and oilskin slickers. The product of his art can be seen on campus even on sunshiny days, so proud are the students of his reproductions of "Jiggs," "Andy Gump," and the exotic "Anne-ticipation." Grid stars and lacrosse players also appear in vivid profusion. Some co-eds have been borrowed for the decorative purpose, too.

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Ferris Announces Tennis Schedules

Henry Ferris, manager of tennis, has announced the following schedules for the varsity and second teams. On April 24 the varsity will meet Albany State at Albany; April 25, Union at Union; May 2, R. P. I. at Annandale; May 8, N. Y. U. at New York; May 9 Drexel Institute at Philadelphia; May 15, Hamilton at Annandale and May 25, Fordham at Albany.

On April 25, the second team will meet N. Y. M. A. at St. Stephen's; May 6, Albany High School at Annandale; May 23, N. Y. M. A. at Cornwall; May 30, Albany High School at Albany.

INTRA-MURAL BOWLING

So far the Faculty and The Eulexians are the only undefeated quartettes in the bowling tournament. The Faculty team has engaged in two contests and the Eulexian in three.

On Monday the Eulexians beat the non-socs three games.

On Wednesday the Kaps defeated the Maintenance Dept. three games. On Thursday evening the Kaps and the non-socs bowled a tight match, with the non-socs finally winning 2-1.

Sub-Freshman Day Plans Progressing

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Wappingers Falls, Mt. Kisco, Pleasantville, White Plains, Geneva, Cambridge, Hotchkiss, Corning Free Academy, Schenectady and Brewster.

A list of schools will be published on the bulletin board in the gynosium and if any student desires that the invitations be sent to other schools, he is asked to give the name of the school to a member of the committee.

OYEZ!

Student Council hereby wishes to give final warning to all students to keep off the grass in front of Warden's Hall. All violators will be fined. If the light sod is ruined, the cost of regrading will be charged to the student body; the repair work will be about \$300.

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Lacrosse Season Will Start Soon

Students are Anxious to Play New Spring Sport

That lacrosse is to be a favorite sport at St. Stephen's is evidenced by the number of students who have purchased lacrosse sticks at the college store and may be seen daily on campus practicing the game. Coach Bray has practically completed plans for his and the college's first season of lacrosse.

There are a number of football and basketball men who have previously played the game and it is possible that some sort of a team will be formed this season to play a game or two with other colleges.

As a result of the announcement carried in newspapers to the effect that lacrosse had been substituted for baseball, Coach Bray and President Bell have received a number of letters from other colleges asking for lacrosse games. Letters have been received from St. Lawrence, Penn State and Union. There is a possibility of a game being played between Union and St. Stephen's. A tentative date of May 9 has been set aside for this game.

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POTTERISMS

The people who are sponsoring the suppression of everything from the drama to petting parties seem to forget the lesson of history; That interference with liberty tends to produce an opposite, and sometimes more than equal, reaction. Let them beware, or they will have another French Revolution disturbing the peace of the country. Signs of it, indeed, are already appearing. Witness the following headline in the "World:" "Sees peril to U. S. in conservation of Military heads."

We understand that Bill Brunot has been awarded the prize for suggesting the best motto for the fireplace in the new Students' Recreation room. His selection was "Forsan et haec olim meminisse juabit," and now some unkind critter wants to know whether the forsan or the olim is to be underlined.

Lacrosse has one advantage over baseball. When you feel like hitting somebody with your bat, he isn't in the pitcher's box, sixty-five feet away.

The present dose of Spring weather reminds us of that old Latin quotation: "O temporary—O morae!"

"Don't you think it is significant," writes Priscilla, "that nineteen twenty-five men are expecting to be graduated in June?"

My back is bent and so remains,
My flesh and bones are sore,
My poor hair flinches with the pain,
As I scoff o'er the floor,
Oh I've been punished for my sins,
Huroo! a strike for Heaven!
For I was coddling for pins
From seven to eleven.

Our latent admiration for the Greeks has lately been aroused by reading some of their lyric poetry. Where could you find a better example of brevity combined with frankness, for instance, than the epitaph of Sinhoriedes: "Having eaten much and drunk much and spoken much evil of men, here lies Timocrión the Rhodian."

The love poems, of course, are lost in translation. So much so that we gravely hesitated—but what t'hell, we need filler. Allowing for the deficiency of the English (not to mention our own) the following lines are typical of dozens of them:

Hearken, I pray, Aphrodite:
Soften the heart of a maiden,
Yea, for my own sorrow taken
Cries to thee, and thou art mighty.
Ever, thou knowest, thine altar
Smokes with the incense I bring
thee,
Many the songs that I sing thee,
If thou would not that I falter.
Aid me again! for Jole
Swan-throated, moves at my wooing
Turn thou her heart to my suing
So shall I praise thee, Most Holy.
Luis.

Chapel Notes

On Sunday morning, March 7th, Father Bray of the faculty discussed from the pulpit some of the points in the chapel service which students sometimes find hard to understand. Visitors coming to St. Stephen's Chapel might be expected to grow enthusiastic in their admiration of the services, because of the novelty, perhaps; but what about the men who sit through these services day after day, week after week? Do they fully appreciate, fully understand the worship to which they conform?

To those men having doubts concerning the propriety of certain procedure in Chapel, Father Bray offered particular explanation and advice. In any case, he said, do not pay over-attention to the ritual or to the form of the services. The central idea is the object which counts. With us at St. Stephen's that idea is centered about the thought of a living Christ, with us now, and with us forever. Secondly, he continued, the vision of rich vestments should not disturb even the most simple worshipper of God, because these garments have both their place and their explanation. They are objects of art dedicated to the service of Christ. When wearing them, the priest feels himself obscured, and his true relationship with God consequently revealed.

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