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Floor Men Begin Intensive Practice

Candidates for Varsity Develop Speed

In spite of the loss of several experienced men by graduation, Coach Banks predicts a successful season for his '27 and '28 basketball team. With a squad of twenty-five men practicing daily and holding peppy scrimmages, the Saints promise to show up well against their first opponents, Eastman College, on December first.

Left from last year's team are the following: Keen, Heuss, MacKeen, Ricciardi, and Given. From the Junior Varsity of the '26, '27 season, Burbank, Nobis, Lemly, Quarterman and Enzian will undoubtedly appear with this year's Varsity in many court battles. There is a shortage of experienced material from the freshman class but Oddo, Caldiaro, Seagle and Fuscas are the most promising of the first year men.

Coach Banks will pick his regulars from the following players: Forwards, Ricciardi, Heuss, Oddo and Fuscas; centers, Captain Keen and Seagle; guards, Kroll, Given, MacKean, Lemly, Quarterman, Burbank, and Nobis.

A complete schedule of the Varsity and the Junior Varsity games will be announced at a later date.

New Observatory Nears Completion

Gift of John Rogers Hegeman

The latest addition to the campus, in the form of a building, is the new astronomical observatory which is at last rapidly nearing completion. It is being built on a site about one hundred yards southeast of the President's house on the driveway to the gymnasium. The location affords a wide range of view of the sidereal universe, as it is on the hill and free from surrounding trees and buildings. It is a stone structure with an octagonal floor plan the double apothem of which is sixteen feet or an area of about two hundred and fifty square feet. Its pyramidal roof will be so arranged that the sides can be lowered during the intervals of observation.

This observatory is a gift to the college by the trustees of the estate of John Rogers Hegeman, to whom St. Stephens is already greatly indebted for its Hegeman Memorial

Junior Prom Is Great Success

Work of Committees Deserves Congratulation

On November 11, the Junior Prom was held in the Memorial Gymnasium. The hard labor and good taste of Ted Moller and his committee transformed the gymnasium into a charmingly decorated ball room. A combination of green and white crepe paper was used for the decoration of the walls and ceiling. The Orange and Blue Collegians from Syracuse furnished the music. Dancing started at nine o'clock and lasted until 2:30.

The following persons deserve particular thanks for their share in making the evening as enjoyable as it was:

- (1) The Dance Committee (which has already been mentioned) consisting of Moller, Nobis, Watkinson and Lev. Smith.
- (2) The patrons and patronesses, who were Dr. and Mrs. Bell, Dr. and Mrs. Shero, Dr. and Mrs. Upton, Dr. and Mrs. Foster and Reverend and Mrs. Crosby.
- (3) The thirty or forty young ladies who came to the college over the week-end.
- (4) Mr. Corti, who made the punch.
- (5) All those students and members of the faculty who attended the dance, and who, by the uniformity of their sombre evening clothes, made an excellent background for the charming dresses of the ladies.
- (6) The Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Gamma Chi and Eulexian fraternities each of which gave a very enjoyable dance on the Saturday following the Prom.

class rooms and science laboratories.

The telescope soon to be placed in the completed building is one of tremendous magnifying power. It is a Moge Equatorial Telescope mounted on two axes, one axis being parallel to the axis of the earth's rotation: this is used for keeping any one star or constellation in the field independently of the earth's turning. The objective lens is nine and a half inches in diameter. With the opportunity of using such an equipment, Dr. Phalen's second semester Astronomy Course (Math. 17) should prove of much interest to those star-gazing and moon-loving students who really desire to acquire some first hand knowledge of the astronomical phenomena.

COACH PHALEN REVIEWS CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

Harrier Coach Predicts Promising Future for New Sport

To summarize St. Stephen's first season of cross country is to comment chiefly upon the sport itself and to discuss the possibilities of the future. Cross country running is a sport demanding characteristics of a unique sort. The athlete who loves to play to the grandstand, or who must have the plaudits of the crowd, or the encouragement of an organized cheering section is in this activity a total loss. Out on the course a mile and a half or more from the finish, running perhaps all alone, with gasping breath, feet leaden with muck and water, legs weary and stinging with briars and lacerations of barbed wire, and withal trying to pick the best footing with eyes watering from the nipping wind of late autumn there is small chance for the functioning of mass psychology. No band plays on the sucking bog, no cheers resound over the frozen pasture or at the ford of the icy creek. Never does the whistle of the referee call "time out" for a breathing space or to send in a substitute and never can the coach send in frequent instructions. At the sound of the starter's gun each runner is a lone wolf arrayed against the pack. To be a successful harrier requires the ability to inflict self-punishment, to endure hardship, and to stick to the job even though each race means discomfort and exhaustion. In short it takes what may politely be termed "intestinal fortitude" but which in campus vernacular goes by a shorter and more expressive old Saxon term.

Even the experienced track man has to his amazement and frequently to his chagrin many surprises in store when first he tries cross country. The rhythmic stride of the cinder path with which one may coast along for a mile or two on a balmy day in May is an exceedingly meager suggestion of the business of plugging with broken step over hill and dale, thru orchard grass that winds around the ankles, among pasture bushes that slap both face and limb, and of vaulting fences that get higher and higher with each added furlong. The cross country coach never is bothered long with the athlete who yearns for codling. The man who pities himself, the hypochondriac, the habitually weary, and the "alibi boys" soon fade away and the dilettante who takes on the sport as a side line in order

to win his letter easily is due for a sad awakening.

Nevertheless, to men of the proper type, the thing is intriguing. The changing scenery, the crisp autumn air, the autumn smells of the forest and the orange sunlight of late afternoon shining through the radiant October foliage stirs something aesthetic within the true harrier. Men who were excellent cross country runners, who had all the qualities of limitless endurance and who were "hogs for punishment" have frequently confessed to their spiritual response to the autumn landscape.

St. Stephen's, situated as it is, in a beautiful and rugged countryside, has all the geographical characteristics necessary to bring the sport to perfection. Within a couple of miles of the campus every sort of terrain is available for the laying out of a course which is really cross country and not a misnomer for a road race.

The final and most important requisite is the support of the student body and in that respect the response has been most gratifying. Some thirty men have either dabbled at the game or tried it seriously and to the amazement of many none have lost in weight and a few have gained phenomenally. All have been benefitted in health and several have an increased knowledge of the suburbs of Annandale and the location of certain prolific fruit trees. As usual there have been a number of disillusionments. A few who thought they could run have discovered the contrary and others who were sure that to run a mile meant instant death have developed into promising material for coming years. Although only a few can be really good it is the hope of the coach that in a few years three-quarters of the student body will be as thoroughly acquainted with the several courses as are the varsity runners. Then only will enthusiasm for the sport be high because then only will the student body appreciate what it means for So and So to set a new record.

From an intercollegiate standpoint this past season has been short and mediocre. The material has, from the very nature of the case, been raw, inexperienced, and ignorant of most of the technique of the race. There has, however, been a wonderful will-

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In the interest of efficiency the editor feels obliged to suggest a new type of activity for the college. The reason is this: Even after four years of curricular work, there is an exceedingly small number of students who know definitely what they intend to do upon graduation (or better, commencement). Numbered among this minority are a fortunate few who have discovered their abilities and who really know for what type of work they are peculiarly adapted. In contrast to this minority, there is a majority of students who have not discovered themselves, and who are not sure of what they want or how to get it.

Since colleges have to deal with majorities, it might be well to consider the particular needs of students in this respect. At Yale, Haverford and Harvard, smokers are held for the purpose of acquainting college men with professional men who are able to help students in their choice of a life's work. The object of the discussions is to help a student to make up his mind before he has lost years of valuable time at college in aimless wandering. An attempt is made to apply efficiency where inefficiency has become a by-word.

German Club Meets

Monday night, November 14, there was a short business meeting of Der Deutsche Verein. Attendance was small due to conflict with basketball practice. However, to those who were there, Dr. Krumplemann gave a brief talk on German festivities. Also, it was decided to postpone der Deutsche Abend (visions of beer and pretzels) to the first Monday after Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ideler Give Recital

Varied Program Is Delightfully Presented

On Monday evening, November 7th, Mr. Edwin Ideler gave his third annual violin recital to the college. As before, he was accompanied by Mrs. Ideler. His program was varied and interesting. Mr. Ideler is fortunate in having such a charming and accomplished accompanist as Mrs. Ideler. She too is a very able soloist.

Fraternity men in a house leased of the recital was the magnificent tone which the soloist produced. The quality of tone he elicited from his instrument, especially when he played on the upper portions of his "G" and "D" strings was entrancing. He was aided in this by the fact that he was performing upon a violin of the finest quality. It was a Guarnerius, and one of the best made.

The program:

- I.
Reverie Vieuxtemps
Spanish Dance Sarasate
Mr. Ideler
- II.
Concerto—G minor Bruch
Introduction
Adagio
Finale
Mr. Ideler
- III.
Romance Sebelius
Dance Debussy
Mrs. Ideler
- IV.
Zegeunerweiss Sarasate
Mr. Ideler

After the playing of the first group Mr. Ideler responded to the applause with "To a Wild Rose," by MacDowell.

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THE INTERCAMPUS

There are still some optimists in the administration of some colleges; for example:

Students at Union whose average is 85 or better are PERMITTED to listen in on extra classes in any course, if they gain the consent of the department concerned.

The University of Oklahoma has built a library that will accommodate 1,000 students at one time.

Here are some unique means of earning money while in college:

A student in Columbia is the official worm vendor for the zoology department, and sells them to the students at 20 cents a dozen.

Two male students at the University of California have a thriving business taking care of babies while parents are visiting. Taxi drivers and motormen on street cars are now considered quite insignificant compared to these ambitious youths.

The Bowdoin Orient has published one of the most interesting bits of scientific knowledge seen thus far this year. "Recent investigations by eminent Maine scientists have at last revealed the answer to that long puzzling question as to why a stork invariably stands upon one leg. The data compiled at the expense of much labor shows that if the stork lifted the other leg he would fall down."

Fraternity men in a house leased by them in Boston for fraternal purposes struck a snag when they tried to secure insurance on the property and furniture. Several companies refused the risk, and the company that finally wrote the policy demanded a rate of 12 per cent.

A member of our faculty claims to have buried more babies than any other man in the country. We don't know of any one who wants to contest the claim.

One of the younger professors at Oberlin College is said to have entered a barber shop and, standing before the mirror, started to undress. He discovered his error when he looked for a chair on which to hang his shirt.

The following translation is taken from Grillpazer's comedy "Weh dem der Lugt" (Woe to him who lies). Gregor, a rich Frankish bishop, rebukes his servant for lying.

O Friendship, Love, and Acquiescence;
O all ye bonds of our existence;
Ye too are joined by truthfulness.
For Truth abides in all existence;
The wolf who growls before he plunders,
The lightning's flash before the thunder,
The singeing fire which keeps its distance.

Organ Recitals Resumed

Dr. Shero and Mr. Hague Play at Wednesday Night Vespers

On Wednesdays, November 2 and 9 respectively, Dr. Shero and Mr. Hague have given organ recitals in the Chapel. On Wednesday, November 16, Mr. Willis, of the class of '31, played. Concerts will be given by these organists in rotation during November and December at 5:30.

In the opening recital Dr. Shero rendered the following program:

1. (a) Prelude
- (b) Kyrie Bach
2. Lamentation Guilmant
3. (a) Requiem Aeternam.....

- (b) In Paradise.....Schuman
4. Andante ReligiosoThome

On Wednesday, November 9, Mr. Hague played the following program:

1. Toccata DuBois
2. Andante Cantabile.....
- (b)Tschaikowsky
3. Three Berceux
- (a) Godard
- (b) Jarnefeldt
- (c) Ilyinsky.
4. Concert Overture in G.....Kinder

Mummers Postpone Plays

Due to the dance and difficulties attending the erection of the stage the Mummers have found it necessary to postpone the plays. December 8 has been chosen as the new date for the performance.

Lyre Tree Staff Will Receive Pins

At a meeting of the Student Council on Monday night, November 14, it was decided that in order to stimulate interest in "Lyre Tree" work an official pin would be awarded to the heads of each department at the discretion of the Lyre Tree Board. The design of the pin has not as yet been determined upon but it will probably be a small pin of simple design.

The New York Sigma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces the initiation of Karl Enzian '29 and Edward Hawkins '29, on November 8, 1927. Among those present at the initiation ceremonies were Leopold Kroll, Sr., '97, J. Frazer '15, and H. Whitley of Allegheny College.

You who delight in lies, what are you?
You who betray your friend, what are you?
You are no beast, for it is truthful,
No wolf, who warns us by his cry,
The devils alone's a lying rascal,
And you a devil whene're you lie.

COACH PHALEN REVIEWS CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

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ingness to try and the nucleus for next year is promising. One exceptionally gratifying fact was the number of men of lesser ability who were willing to come out and try for the cup races. When sport is entered into in the spirit of fun and a large number get into it the maximum benefit results. Over ten per cent of the college had not only fun and friendly rivalry but, all unsuspected, a huge amount of physical improvement.

The various managers worked as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Inasmuch as this was the first year there existed no standard by which to judge perfection and their errors were wholly those of omission. After the sport has been in full swing a few years, the small but important details will be handled as second nature.

The sport has the full support of the administration and next year's schedule is ambitious and difficult. The full backing of the student body and the willingness of everybody to try can give St. Stephen's a recognized standing among the cross country teams of the East.

MR. AND MRS. EDWIN IDELER GIVE RECITAL

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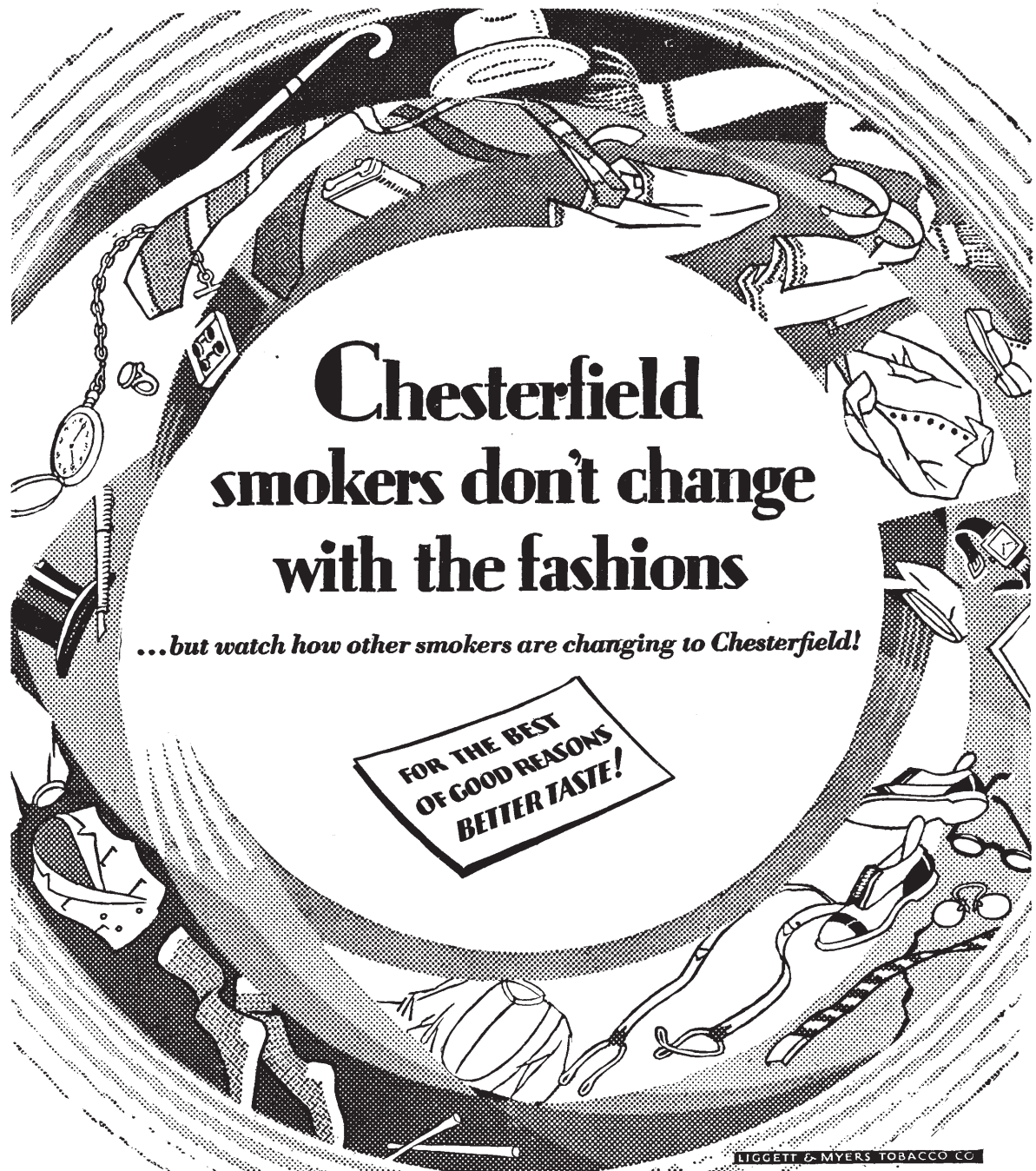
Mrs. Ideler's solos in the third group drew such enthusiastic applause, she replied with a "Tone Picture," by Grieg. After the playing of the final number on the program, Zegeunerweiss (which we believe is translated, Gypsy Airs), the enthusiasm of the audience was so great that Mr. Ideler was almost compelled to play a "Negro Dance," and the "Chinese Tambourine," by Kreisler.

Numerals Will Be Given to Cross Country Men

Those men on the cross-country squad who placed among the first ten by their individual records are to be awarded their class numerals. The men receiving the awards are:

Staubach
Weber
Nobis
Fite
Brewer
Gilreath
Lodter
Aeschbach
Andrews
Brunot
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**Choir Gives
Recital at Hudson****Elaborate Program Is Presented**

Sunday evening the College Choir made its first public appearance of the season in Christ Church, Hudson. The Church was jammed with a congregation estimated at 450. (One of the natives was heard to say that he had never seen so many people in the church at one time before.)

The service was one of Choral worship. Most of the music was of medieval origin. President Bell selected compositions of this period as exemplifying the spirit of the time when man's thoughts were dwelling more on God than they have before or afterward. The program follows:

Processional Hymn 22, American, 19th Century, "The Shadows of the Evening Hours"; Motet: "Adoramus te, Christe," 15th Century. Translation: "We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, because by thy cross and precious blood, thou hast redeemed us." Evening Prayer sung to Plainsong, 16th Century. Psalms 148, 149, 150. Magnificat, Tonus Peregrinus, Medieval. Nicene Creed, Missa de Angelis, 15th Century. Anthem: "Worship of God in Nature," Beethoven, 18th Century. Offertory: "Hushed Was the Evening Hymn," Sir Arthur Sullivan, 19th Cent.

Talk with Illustrative Singing, Dr. Bernard I. Bell. "Six Very Old Hymns." No. 74 "Of the Father's Love Begotten," 12th Century. No. 155 "Ah, Holy Jesus," 14th Century. No. 525 "St. Patrick's Breastplate," Irish, 14th Century. No. 339 "Let All Mortal Flesh," French, 15th Century. No. 98 "How Bright Appears," German, 16th Century. No. 191 "Hail Thou Once Despised," Dutch, 16th Century.

After the Blessing, "O Bone Jesus," Italian, 19th Century. Translation: "O good Jesus, have mercy upon us." Recessional Hymn 541, Gray, English, 20th Century.

Organist: Professor Lucius R. Shero, Ph.D. Violinist: Donald Tilton, Brooklyn, N. Y. Quartet: 1st tenor, John A. Watkinson, Hartford, Conn.; 2nd tenor, Joseph N. Staubach, Ardsley, N. Y.; baritone, John N. Warren, Detroit, Mich.; bass, Courtlandt P. Prowse, Red Hook, N. Y.

**Hon. Norman Angell
Will Speak to College**

Norman Angell will lecture before the college on Monday, November 21. When Mr. Angell was asked to stand for Parliament, a group of intellectuals in England signed a petition recommending his election. Among them were J. M. Keynes, the Cambridge economist; Arnold Bennett, G. Lowes Dickinson, Cambridge lecturer on political science; Dean Inge, Jerome K. Jerome, J. A. Hobson, the economist; G. C. Gooch, and Bertrand Russell. The London Nation, normally not a very enthusiastic critic, says

that "He must rank among the greatest of our pamphleteers, perhaps the greatest since Swift. Walter Lippmann, describing one of Mr. Angell's addresses writes, "It has never been put more eloquently or more impressively . . . , is done with skill, and good humor and damaging logic, unequalled, I believe, by any advocate in the English-speaking world."

The titles of some of his lectures are: "What's Happening in Europe?" "Is Much the Matter with Main Street?"; "Human Nature and the Management of Society"; "The Great Illusions of Political Thought."

Over half a million copies of his book, "The Great Illusion" have been sold. It has been translated into 25 languages. In it he discusses "Ideas That Are Assassins"; he exposes certain elementary fallacies current in politics and economics, especially those which touch international affairs.

**Lacrosse Squad in
Tri-Weekly Practice**

Five Varsity Places Open as Team
Starts Training for Hard
Spring Season

In view of the hard season ahead, Coach Banks is working his Scarlet and White lacrosse squad three times a week this fall in order to accustom the new men to the game as there will be no time for it in the Spring when the season gets under way. Quite a few men will have to be developed on account of the loss thru graduation of several players who were the bulwark of last year's attack. Those stars who will not be seen on the field this spring are Urquhart, Patterson, Millington, Raymond, and Lown.

A great deal of enthusiasm and a high degree of morale is being displayed by the old as well as the new men. Although the Saints' record was excellent last year, Coach Banks is determined to better it this spring. The Annandale collegians determined to avenge themselves on Yale for it was at the hands of the Eli men that St. Stephen's met the worst defeat suffered all season.

In spite of the fact that a new attack will have to be formed, there are many regulars as well as other experienced players from which to choose in order to form a new forward wall. Among these are Watkinson, Kroll, L. Smith, Keen, Fite, Nobis, Burbank, Quarterman, Enzian, Townsend, MacKean, Lemley, Heuss, Ricciardi, Armitage, Dolan, and two new men, Blomquist and Griswold. With these men and a defense that is intact from last spring, it is probable that the Saints will put forth an aggressive team.

The schedule (tentative) is as follows:

Yale, April 14, at New Haven.
Springfield, April 21, at Annandale.
Stevens Tech, May 2, at Hoboken.
Williams, May 12, at Annandale.
Pennsylvania, tentative.
Swarthmore, tentative.
N. Y. U., tentative.

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