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The Spring Promenade surpassed even the expectations of those who had been looking forward to attending the chief event of the college social calendar. Harold Leomin's band of entertainers furnished excellent music for the occasion. They made things highly interesting for the guests by playing favorite selections from this and last year's best dance music; and there were several surprises to the generous crowds by the enthusiastic participants of those present.

The decorations committee is to be complimented for working out a novel and effective color and lighting scheme. A large black and white checkerboard was suspended from the ceiling; from the central canvas block white and drapes and streamers extended to the sides and corners. The side of the gymnaseum was garnished with pine boughs and the light was furnished by colored lamps which were concealed within pillars of white crepe paper. In the center of the floor there was a pine tree which concealed the main flood lights; these lights throw a soft glow on the checkerboard and from there the colors were reflected on the dancers.

The patrons and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. E. I. Bell, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Sheen, Dean and Mrs. C. E. Upson, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Brown, Mrs. Mary G. Kuyk. The dance committee was headed by Hurblt Griswold; the other members of the committee responsible for the success of the dance were Joseph A. Wilson, Barton H. Haver, Chauncey Cranford, Harold Bartley, Otto Faerber, Wylie Sypher and John Babcock.

Norman Howell is Ordained a Deacon

Norman Howell, a member of the class of '23, was ordained to the deaconate in April, in the parish of Balston Spa, N. Y., of which Mrs. Howell's father is rector. The ordination was performed by the Rev. Richard H. Nelson, Bishop of Albany. In September, the Rev. Mr. Howell expects to sail for abroad and serve under Bishop McCormick, by whom he will later be ordained to the priesthood. Mr. Howell, who is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epilson fraternity, gave service during the World War.
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CONCERNING US

With this issue we, the new editorial staff, make our bow. Realizing the futility of making any definitive statement concerning our future policy, we nevertheless feel it necessary to say a few words concerning our plans and aims for the "Lyre Tree" during the next year.

We admit that the "Lyre Tree" has undergone tremendous improvement during the last year, but we believe that there is room for greater improvement during the next year. The paper is no longer a college bulletin but a college newspaper with the interests of the college at heart. One of the primary functions of the "Lyre Tree" will be to provide an opportunity for its readers to express their views on subjects of general interest, regardless of whether those views are orthodox or unorthodox.

In its news articles the "Lyre Tree" will endeavor to print facts as they occur and in its editorials endeavor to pass worthy comment upon affairs and if necessary to criticize. We shall try to give complete and accurate information about all student activities at St. Stephen's and at the college.

It will be the policy of the paper to champion student viewpoint and to continue actively the fight for student government begun during the winter and spring of 1926; to oppose any encroachment upon or infringement of such government as it may acquire.

We shall try to avoid bickerings and personalities, refuse to publish anonymous communications, and reserve the right to reject signed communications.

A GOOD MAN LOST

It is with great regret that we learn of Dr. William Whitelock's leave of absence from us for the remainder of the school year. We hope sincerely for his return to us at the end of his granted vacation. But as his return we are bound to feel a bit skeptical. From our news story on the first page, it may be gleaned that this leave of absence was not sought by Dr. Whitelock but was offered to him by the board of trustees after he had consulted with the members of the board at their

"INTELLECTUAL SOVIETISM"

If the report in the New York Times of Wednesday, May 12, is correct, President Bell is quoted as having said at the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocesan of New York, the future will be "intellectual Sovietism in Annandale." What the president means by "intellectual Sovietism" is hard to know. That he might have earned the imprecation that we were becoming "Bolshevists" in our thought and action is not the only possible interpretation of his statement. At any rate, if President Bell meant to imply that there would be a "centralization of thought" or control of thought at St. Stephen's, it is quite fair to presume that he is wrong in his assumptions. In any college which prides itself as developing THINKING MEN a free expression of opinion ought to be encouraged, and certainly cannot be suppressed.

It is rather a compliment to the students to see how they have carried into action many of the radical (or perhaps we should say advanced) teachings which they receive in their courses. Perhaps if the curricula of the college could be arranged to exclude the tendencies of modern thought and to be not artificial and out of the ideas of the present century, a great deal would be accomplished in preventing, "intellectual Sovietism in Annandale."

"FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY"

In "The Searchlight on Congress," Congressman Berger gives some interesting statistics on the expensiveness of the World War to show the great interest in and are worth noting. According to Congress about the World War was the "greatest calamity that ever befell the white race." Its cost was $29,000,000 lives and $409,000,000 property, according to his

A CORRECTION

The Faculty Committee on Student Government has asked the editor to correct the impression which seems to have been created in a recent issue of the "Lyre Tree" concerning the change in the honor system. The committee states that the change was not officially recommended by the committee as a whole, but was made by the president of the college. The members of the committee simply gave their advice on the matter as individuals members of the faculty.

Instead of being home to explain why they were "flunked out," twelve Rutgers freshmen recently made up the first class ever organized in any college in the country for the benefit of dropped freshmen. The course will be permitted to re-enter as freshmen without examinations.

The University of Colorado has installed a complete course in the economy of electricity. Public utility executives have been added to the faculty to insure practical instruction.
Crosby Will Represent College at Meeting

Rev. Kenneth O. Crosby, busman and chaplain of Saint Stephen's will represent the college at a joint meeting of the Association of Business Managers of Colleges and Universities of the Eastern States with the national organization of the same association, to be held at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, from May 20 to 22. The meeting will include conferences, round-table discussions, and addresses by various business managers on subjects in which they have specialized.

The program of the meeting includes discourses by many prominent men of the leading colleges of the country, and the subjects listed cover the whole scope of plant upkeep and its divers problems. At various intervals in the program, opportunities will be given for tours of inspection of the plant. An inter-scholastic track meet to be held at the college on Saturday afternoon, May 22, will provide some recreation for the representatives, after their three-day conference.

36 STUDENTS ARE FOR MODIFICATION

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after indicating their choice, were left space on the ballots to state the reason why they voted as they did. This last was considered of primary importance in the questionnaire.

The result of the poll was as follows: 36 for modification in favor of light wines and beer, 27 in favor of repeal, and 2 in favor of enforcement under the present enactment.

The reasons given were various. Upon grouping them, it was found that they fall under several distinct heads. Twenty-two gave their reason for voting as they did because prohibition is a failure. Twenty recorded statements that they desired temperance, not prohibition. The persons who gave the first group of answers voted almost to a man for repeal. The second group voted chiefly for modification. Thirteen voted under the head of the general reason that prohibition is an infringement upon personal liberty. These persons voted either for repeal or for amendment. Seven persons gave the reason that they preferred the condemned prohibition because of moral reasons. Three persons opposed prohibition because it leads to bootlegging, and two because it makes for disrespect of law. The remaining three votes were cast because the persons believed that prohibition is not a question of security.

Why Not?

Ben Voyage, Belle

"Goodbye, Belle. Goodbye old girl. You stuck to us through thick and thin. Belle, we're proud of you. Without you, our life would have been empty—empty as a broken eggshell. We've tried your patience on more than one occasion, yet you've never said 'Die.' You'll forgive us for shedding tears. Somehow we can't help crying like a baby, when we look at you, standing on the upper deck with Olga Petova, having your picture taken. What will happen to Europe, after you've been there a week? Probably you'll start a revolution, or take pot-shots at Mussolini. Well, whatever you do adda, will always be 'Javel' with us. Goodbye.

As we whispered our last goodbye, Belle, our one time secretary, unpinned a bunch of violets from her bodice, threw them at us and said, "Ave atque Vale", which is the First class cabin for goodbyes. This is the last of Bella. She is gone from us forever. We have a suspicion that she may go the way of Lorelei Lee, the lady who said, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."
EXCHANGES

Congressman Longworth of Ohio tells of an artist who was employed to renovate and retouch the great oil paintings of an old church and rendered the modest bill of $87.30 for the arduous work, says the Washington "Star." The church officials, however, were rather touchy and demanded an itemized bill. In due time the following was presented:

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Renewing Boston and adjusting stars ........................................... 7.14
Touching up purgatory and restoring lost tools .............................. 2.06
Brightening up the flames of hell, putting new tail on the devil, and doing odd jobs for the doomed ........................................... 7.17
Putting new stone in David's sling, and enlarging the head of Goliah ........................................... 6.13
Mending shirt of Prodigal Son and cleaning his ear ........................... 3.39
Embellishing Pelegus Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet ........................................... 3.02
Putting new tail and comb on St. Peter's rooster ................................ 2.20
Registing and regilding left wing of the Guamanian Angel ............... 5.18
Washing the servant of the High Priest and putting carbine on his chest ........................................... 5.02
Taking the spot of the Son of Tobias ........................................... 10.30
Putting earrings in Satan's ears ........................................... 5.25
Decorating Noah's ark and putting new head on Shem ........................ 4.31
Total ........................................... $87.50

-Clerkston Integrator.

The study of journalism in universities and colleges since the establishment of the first successful professional course in 1908 has increased until now 450 instructors are teaching 5,000 students in 250 schools, according to a survey made by Prof. Lawrence L. Murphy, director of the course of journalism at the University of Illinois.

The honor system at Rutgers College has been abolished. In commenting on the abolition, the Rutgers Targum said: "We cite no instances to show that a high standard of honor has not been maintained under the honor system. None are needed in addition to the stock of knowledge of every member of the college community—student and faculty members are willing to testify now that we have really more dishonesty than existed, that could possibly have existed under the Proctor System. We may continue and maintain until we are blue in the face; the fact remains proven by long experience, that the Honor System emphatically does not work now, but rather defeats its own purpose."

Many From Here to Attend Greek Play

More than 40 members of the student body and faculty have accepted the invitation of Courtney Carroll, principal of the Bennett School of Liberal and Applied Arts at Millbrook, N. Y., to attend the production of "The Alectoi of Euripides" at the Greek theatre on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 21, 22, and 23, respectively. Each year a number of St. Stephen's men have attended these interesting drama festivities, but this year the number is exceptionally large. Attendance from here will be scattered over the three days.

In this fifth annual drama festival in the Greek theatre, Edith Wayne Mathison, Margaret Gage, and Charles Renn Kennedy will appear in their production of the Gilbert Murray translation of "The Alectoi of Euripides." They will be assisted by the drama, music, and art department of the Bennett school. The performances are at 4:15 o'clock each afternoon (daylight saving time). In case of rain, the performance will be transferred from the Greek theatre to the Indoors Theatre of the school.

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**VARSIITY TWELVE MEETS UNION IN LAST GAME**

On Friday, the St. Stephen’s Lacrosse team will play its last game of the season with Union College at Schenectady. Since their victory over England, the Saints have been beaten twice. The first was on Friday, April 30, in a hard-fought game with the New York University, and the second was on May 1 when they were downed, after an extra period of play, by Penn. State.

But those defeats have served only to act as a stimulus to the players, with the exception of the few days between May 11 and 17, practice has been held fairly regularly, with each member of the team giving his all in order that the best possible showing may be reported, by which a smashing triumph may be scored over Union in the final game of the season.

**ATHLETES CALLED “HAM AND EGGERS”**

Trinity Tripod Also Claims They Are Culturally “Hunkies”

Advocating dropping of intercollegiate sport contests in order to allow the student body to settle down to the business of education, The Tripod, the undergraduate publication of Trinity College, editorially attacks the present status of the institution in the collegiate sports world and the individual merit of its athletes in student activities.

Declaring that Trinity has been irritating the large universities “who stage athletic contests for the entertainment of their student bodies simply because they have not the physical means whereby everybody might play. The Tripod insists that the record of the Blue and Gold on gridiron, diamond and field is a joke to the student athletic work of Trinity, not for athletics but in spite of them.

The few men that the institution would lose by dropping intercollegiate contests, the editorial continues, would not be missed as athletes of real ability are not attracted by past performances of the Blue and Gold. “What we get are the left-overs, the ham and eggs who have not enough ability to attract scholarships at larger institutions,” it continues. “Let us cease our worship of the body beautiful and the home full of sawdust. Culturally he is a hunkie, intellectually he is a dollar.”

Declaring that Trinity men have too long apologized for their athletics while receiving praise for an institution of learning, The Tripod says that at Trinity, as in all other colleges, athletics are indulged in for the one purpose of victory and the “silly glory that goes with it” and suggests that intramural sport be substituted for the intercollegiate brand put on by the Blue and Gold, which is declared to be “amateurish.”

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What Others Think

To the Editor, The Lyle Tree.

May I suggest two articles to be considered by the Editorial Staff as bearing upon their relation to the much quoted word Sportsmanship.

Be it remembered that Editorial Sportsmanship involves:

1. The publication of articles only if true copies of a manuscript. Accusation of sections otherwise than indicated is an unfair attempt to dispose a reader to an editor's interpretation of the article.

And furthermore involves:

2. The confining to the editorial columns alone of editorial criticism and opinion.

For be it remembered that the biased presentation of news is unfair, unsporting, and tyrannical when carried on in the columns of a publication devoted as is the “Lyle Tree” to the interests of all students, majority and minority.

And lastly be it remembered that the Editorial "WE" is a collective pronoun to be used only of the whole body which the Staff is pledged by its office to fairly represent.

—Wilbour Chase Lown.

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