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Varsity Defeat Columbia Pharmacy in Last Home Game

St. Stephen’s won an easy victory over the Columbia College of Pharmacy team by the score of 36 to 19. This was a hard-fought game with the New Yorkers and was played on the home court before a very enthusiastic audience. The first few minutes of the game were noticeable for the very little scoring done by either team but after a few minutes of play the home team started off and ran up several points so that when the first half ended they were safely in the lead.

In the second half Columbia rallied and Hand, their fast and elusive left forward, made several beautiful long shots which made the score move even for a few minutes. Then the Crimson quintet, in a fine exhibition of teamwork, ran up the score several more points. Hand, scoring five out of the six field goals made by the visitors, played an excellent game. For St. Stephen’s, Kean and Gellert were high scorers. Ricciardi was in his usual good form at forward, and especially noticeable was the excellent defense work of Given and Urquhart.

The line-up:
St. Stephen’s: Columbus
Ricciardi...........r. f. Finkelstein
Gellert...........l. f. Hand
Kean............. c. Cohen
Urquhart.......... r. f. Sah
Given........... l. g. Soracco
Substitutions: Heus for Ricciardi; Millington for Gellert; Wilson for Urquhart; McKeen for Given. Soracco for Finkelstein; Kher for Soracco.
Goals from Field: Ricciardi 3, Gellert 1, Kean 6, Urquhart 1, Hand 5, Sah 1.
Goals from Fouls: Ricciardi 2, Gellert 1, Kean 1, Urquhart 1, Given 1, Sah 1.
Kean 1, Urquhart 1, Hand 1. Final Score: St. Stephen’s 36, Columbia 19.
Referee: Kapp.

On the Massachusetts trip the Varsity lost two games—at Williams and at Springfield. Playing at a decided disadvantage because of the court, St. Stephen’s held Williams to a 29-26 score. The game was a fast one throughout and the first half ex-

Winter Frolic Promises to Be Great Success

Fresh Prepare Novel Modes of Entertainment

From all reports and appearances the Freshman “Winter Frolic” will be well supported. All the Freshmen admit that it ought to be.

Memorial Gymnasium, where the dance will be held, is to be decorated to give the appearance of a hunting lodge during the winter. The idea is unique at St. Stephen’s. Previous to this time the general lines of the gym have always been heavily camouflaged, but in this scheme they are used very successfully with very little adornment. Apparently a Freshman in capable of having an idea, a fact which certain of the givers that be, might be inclined to dispute. We are much indebted to Mr. Van Rensselaer taxidermists of 21 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie, for his kindness in supplying us with elk’s heads and other mountings, without which it would be impossible to carry out the desired effect.

According to the Freshmen, a few surprises have been prepared, concerning which nothing can be discovered.

KENDALL STRING QUARTETTE GIVES RECITAL AT ST. STEPHEN’S

On Monday evening, February 21, the Kendall String Quartette, a group of young boys from Miss Estelle Plaat’s studio in New York City, entertained the college. This was perhaps the best received entertainment that has appeared on the college’s lecture program for several years. All of these lads showed unusual musical talent and excellent training. The work of Anthony Borello, solo violinist, was especially commendable. His ability was worthy of one older and more experienced in music than he.

The program and personnel was as follows:

Anthony Borello, 1st violin.
Corredius Borsayk, 2nd violin.
Raymond Spencer, 2nd violin.
John Borsayk, cello.
Miss Gladys Shaller, accompanists.

Prominent Speakers Forecast Brilliant Future for College

The annual mid-winter banquet of St. Stephen’s Alumni Association was held in the blue room of the Hotel McAlpin on Tuesday evening, February 21st. The Rev. Albert Longley, president of the Alumni, and Mr. Alpheus Packard, ’25, were in charge of the arrangements and the success of the affair was largely due to their efforts. About eighty members were present, including many recent graduates.

Mr. Longley acted as chairman. The Rev. B. I. Bell gave a short address on the present development in the college, its new experiment in education, and the means whereby it will uphold a high scholastic standing. He urged strong support and cooperation in the new project and spoke confidently of the present campaign for the endowment and the future accomplishments.

George A. Shrigley, ’27, who represented the present student convention, gave an encouraging report of student activities and ideals. He said that the student body is realizing its responsibility in discipline and intellectual achievement as never before. He asked that the Alumni make every effort to understand the college in its changes for the better.

The Rev. Jacob Probst, alumni trustee, explained his plan to include men on the board of trustees, of denominations other than the (Continued on page 3)

Given Before Conference of College Presidents at Inauguration of President Bell

On February 21, 1927, an address on the “Importance of the Small College to American Education” by President Bell was read at the inauguration of President Hamilton Holt of Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, during a conference of college presidents on the small college.

Following are excerpts from the address:

“I wish to be very brief in this little contribution to a most important discussion, that of the place of the small college, with the hope that I may be of some encouragement if not illumination to those who at Rollins College are bravely carrying on an educational experiment of primary interest to every American educator.

1.—What Is Wrong with the Small College?

The chief thing that is wrong is its underestimate of its own possibilities. In undergraduate instruction within its walls it is far more easy to get real results than in the diffused atmosphere of the college world. Now, complication of activities, the tendency to forget teaching in the place of research, the inevitable trend toward that most wretched of all educational substitutes, the lecture method; all of these hindrances to reasonable undergraduate pedagogy are or may be absent in a small institution. The small college has no right to exist if it does not help good work as is being done in the undergraduate department of the big universities. It can do better work, it ought to do better work, it should be expected to do better work; if it does not do better work, it ought to be ashamed of itself and go out of existence. Its possibilities need to be told to the world in terms of fact; but before that can be done the small college must itself believe in those possibilities.

The second thing wrong with the small college is its unwillingness to solve its own educational problems realistically and its tendency fawningly to imitate the for the most part inexcusable methods and devices adopted in our larger places. Many of the devices and methods now being advocated in collegiate education (Continued on page 4)
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THE ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE IDEA AND THE STUDENT

Under the interesting title of "An Adventure in Educational Sanity," the recently published bulletin of this college sets forth what is called the "St. Stephen's College Idea." As to the merits of this idea, as to its place in the progress of American education, as to its fearless assertion by the administration of this college, we have nothing to say except that highest commendation and the affirmation of our whole-hearted support.

However, when we turn our minds fraction of a semester and to itself its materialization in our student body, in fact, in any student body, problems arise which we think are extremely vital. Although we have attempted to bring out these points before, we feel certain that their importance fully justifies their reiteration.

The first and most fundamental principle laid down as a basis of this idea, is that, "The primary purpose of a college is hard intellectual labor." We take it, that is meant by this definition is that the purpose of a college is sincere effort to develop intellectual interest and ability.

Now how much more are we going to fool ourselves that this is the primary purpose of the great mass of students, nay, even of the so-called minority, that the majority of students have any interest in or have given to such a purpose.

It is quite true, as President Bell has said, that our college seems to be nothing more than a country club; although he perhaps idealized even more too much in considering superficial intellectual pleasures as part of our normal college life.

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Now we are not condemning either the student with no intellectual interest or intention, nor that policy that places them as the sumnum bonum of a college career, provided, however, consider it a waste of time and effort to try to fit a square peg in a round hole. The purpose of a country club is to have too often made a square.

All we wish to say is that, let there be country clubs for those who wish country clubs and let there be colleges for those who wish colleges. Let the administration face just as fearlessly the problems in practical ability as well as those in theory. This will perhaps reduce the size of this college to very few, perhaps—yes when we affirm an idea are we bound to live up to it?

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor, The Lyre Tree, Campus.

My Dear Sir:

In the two latest issues of the "Lyre Tree," you have spoken about the new policy of the college as involving "secularization." I cannot see how anyone could have interpreted our new policy in that way. Nobody on our Board of Trustees has the slightest desire to secularize this institution. The primary purpose of St. Stephen's College is the combination definitely, in all our instruction and in all our life, of religion and scientific knowledge. To enlarge our constituency by including other Christians than those who belong to the Episcopal Church can be regarded as secularization only by those who have an extraordinarily narrow conception of the Christian religion as existing merely within the confines of one denomination.

I sincerely hope that there may be no further reference to "secularization" in your paper and that you will be good enough to publish this letter.

Bernard J. Bell
President.

Editor's Note: The editor of this paper is extremely sorry for any misunderstanding that may have arisen over his use of the term "secularization" and he apologizes for any harm that may have done to the college. However, he wishes to assure the administration that by his use of the term "secularization," he meant nothing more than was expressed in the public statement of the Board of Trustees, i.e., that the college will devote itself three educational needs, (1) the need for a country club, (2) the need for a country club in the Metropolitan area centering about New York City. (2) The need of a college for musical education. (3) The need of a college for educational facts, which can face the problems of higher education realistically. That denominationalism is the sumnum bonum of a college career, although, consider it a waste of time and effort to try to fit a square peg in a round hole. The purpose of a country club is to have too often made a square.

THE INTERCAMPUS

The Hill News of St. Lawrence observs that "In most colleges athletic training is much more intensive than mental gymnastics. In other words, books are fought and games are studied." Interfraternity basketball games have been instituted by the Interfraternity Council to further a more harmonious spirit among fraternities at St. Lawrence. The Hill News suggests boxing matches would have been far more effective.

Educators who lament the apathetic condition of college undergraduates may find that the following excerpt from the editorial column of the wave will furnish them additional evidence. "The Nicaragua question, we are told, remains unchanged. Wonder what the next move in the checker game will be?"

The University of Wisconsin has expelled one man from school for taking a reserve book from the reading room of the library. Not a bad idea at all—those of us who try to write term papers have been waiting for someone to set the precedent.

The Tripod of Trinity College observes that "At the new John Wesley College at Cambria, Illinois, students are prohibited athletics, fraternities, student government and dances. Besides this, every student must pledge to refrain from using tobacco and liquor. The motive of the college is entirely scholarship. One might almost ask here 'Why does one go to college' and not be charged with immorality and low aim.'"

KENDALL STRING QUARTETTE GIVES RECITAL AT ST. STEPHEN'S

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2. Concertos for Two Violins, Bach
3. Air from Suite No. 8, Vivaldi Andante from Quartette No. 2, Mozart
4. The Mill from Quartette Op. 8, Raff-Pochon Old Plantation Song
5. Prelude, Rondino Liedenzehenp John Boekly
6. Waltz Sentimental Schubert-Franco
7. Ave Maria, Schubert-Wagner
8. Gypsy Airs
9. Allegro from Quartette Op. 18, No. 3, Beethoven

ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 8

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Episcopalians could no way alter the religious character of the college but would rather add strength in a wider and deeper outlook.

Mr. Halsey Finke told of the financial state of the college, the necessity for funds to carry on its work. He said that he believed that the small college was best suited to give a sound education. He was very sanguine about the success of the current campaign.

Commissioner Graves, president of the University of the State of New York, was the principal speaker. He gave a very brilliant and spirited address on modern educational methods, on newer tendencies in college development. St. Stephen's knows what it wants and knows how to attain its end. He has long been familiar with the college and has watched its growth for many years. He spoke with great approval of its even a far sized and meth
The Lyre Tree

Student Atheism Not Increasing

Investigation of National Student Federation Yields Interesting Results

That the undergraduate far from being more inclined to turn away from religion today than he was 25 years ago, has now a clearer perception of the relation of religion to life and society, is a striking conclusion to be drawn from the nation-wide survey of compulsory chapel, conducted by the National Student Federation of America. The investigation, the result of which embraced every state but two in the country, included the sending of questionnaires to the college presidents, and the undergraduate editors of the nation, as well as to a representative group of ministers who appear frequently before college assemblies of various types. Following is the report issued by H. C. Rose, Princeton 1928, chairman of the Federation Committee on Compulsory Chapel.

The investigation on the subject of compulsory chapel carried on by the National Student Federation of America, has been conducted throughout an entirely impartial spirit, which has aimed rather to discover the facts of the situation than to foster a revolt of youth or to assume an attitude of acquiescence. With this end in view, questionnaires were distributed to the number of 600 each to the college presidents and to the undergraduate editors of the country, in addition to 25, which were sent to representative college preachers. The relative large response received from the college presidents seems to indicate, when compared with the scattering student replies, that the agitation among undergraduates on the subject of compulsory chapel is not so widespread as one might have been led to believe.

The questionnaires issued to the college presidents contained the following three questions: "Do you favor compulsory chapel—Sunday, weekday, or both? What do you desire the chief benefits of compulsory chapel to be? What do you believe is the greatest good of the religious interests of the present students as compared with those of 1900?" Approximately 315 replies were received with the following results from the 'for and against' poll contemplated in the first question: For compulsory Sunday chapel, 186; against, 176; for compulsory weekday chapel, 279; against, 96.

The second question elicited in general several reasons in support of compulsory chapel from those who approved of it, the two most important being the religious and inspirational value of the service, and the continuation which is made to college unity, with 103 votes for each.

The responses to the third query were highly enlightening in view of the fundamental-modernist controversy, and the widespread charge that college students are becoming immoral and atheistic. A plurality of the replies declared that the basis of college religion had shifted from individualism and devotion to social welfare. Sixty-two per cent of the students were more questioning and independent than ever before, that they express their convictions and had less patience with doctrine or the fine points of dogma. The bulk of the replies declared in the ratio of 7 to 1 that the trend is away from service toward individualism.

Thirty-two replies expressed the tendency that to establish a system of voluntary chapel attendance and compulsory class attendance is to exhaust intellectual life above spiritual value, which is unhinkable in a college which professes to be Christian. In this connection there were several answers which objected to the word 'compulsion' in regard to chapel, since other exercises were compulsory without being branded with special stigma. Students upon a Christian college, it was declared, with a knowledge that it is founded on Christianity, and owes an obligation of the fact. That object proper course is to break, themselves elsewhere without the question of the question.

Drifting into Bolshevism

Of 150 replies expressed the thought that there was a danger for the worse in the religious interests of the students, including several who spoke of the confusion and unrest in which the modern student seemed to find himself. Two declared that the conviction that 'the undergraduate is drifting into Bolshevism.' Dean Waugh of the University of Southern California, states, 'Where there is a real religious interest, it is not different from that in 1900. But institutions these days, and parents still more, are doing less to cultivate religious interest. This accounts for the change.'

Twenty-six replies, on the other hand, distinct from those which inclined the ideal of the service or the attitude of independence, saw a general change for the better. President Hiben of Princeton found 'a more widespread interest in moral problems of compulsory lens and a more general recognition of moral responsibility today than in the religi-
PRESDENT BELL'S ADDRESS ON SMALL COLLEGES READ AT ROLLINS COLLEGE

(Continued from page 1) are mere tricks, by which overgrown institutions are attempting mechan-ically to do the teaching task, which is essentially personal and not mechanical at all.

The third thing wrong with the small college of the present moment is the small stipends that it pays to its instructors, a fact, of necessity, inferior type of man who is willing to work for those stipends. The small college should pay for its teaching work enough to secure those men who are in scholarship and pedagogical ability competent and who are at the same time interested in the individual student and willing to devote themselves to his welfare.

2—WHAT IS RIGHT ABOUT THE SMALL COLLEGE?

Despite the things that are wrong with the small college, it is even now doing a type of work which need not be avoided or condemned. Some parts of the college, for example, are the Departments of Business, of Art, of Music, of Science, of Literature, of History, of Mathemematics, of Physics, of Chemistry, of Biology, of Geology. These departments are trying to do the work that they do as compared with the work of other men in other schools to see what is right with the small college. It works.

3—WHAT SHOULD THE SMALL COLLEGE ATTEMPT TO BE AND TO DO?

Briefly, the small college should believe in itself, recognize its superior potentials, present its cause adequately to the American people, and stop its apologetic approach.

BERNARD IIDDING BELL,

VARSITY DEFEATS COLUMBIA PHARMACY IN LAST HOME GAME.

(Continued from page 1) extremely close. Ricciardi and Keen were the high scorers for the Varsity, accounting for nineteen points between them.

Springfield next took the home team's measure 30-15 for their ninth consecutive victory of the season.

The game was an ordinary one with the Varsity being unable to check the splendid passwork of the winners, although poor shooting in the first half cost them the lead. Craig was high scorer for Springfield while the points scored by the Varsity were evenly distributed.

The Varsity lost a hard-fought game with the quintet from the Albany State Teachers College to the score of 26 to 23, on the home court. The game was fast and hard-fought but the unsuccessful shooting of the visiting team put them in the lead in the last few minutes of play and won the game for them. The Crimson defense was excellent and it was only from mid-field near mid-field that the Upstarts were able to score. Throughout most of the game they failed on long shots but in the last few minutes of play they made several five goals which gave them a margin of six points on the home team.

For St. Stephen's, Ricciardi, playing right forward, and Keen, at center, played a steady, consistent game. For the visitors, Carr, the right forward, was the outstanding player.

The line-up:
St. Stephen's
Albany State
Ricciardi...........r. f. .............Carr
Millingston....................l. f. .............Kuczyński
Keen........................c. ....................McKeen
Carr.....................................Herney
Herbert........................l. g. ....................Klein
Substitutions: Geigel ton; Given for McKeen; Goff for Nephew; Griffin for Herney.

Final Score: St. Stephen's 22, Albany State 28.
Source: Kapp.

Goals from Field: Ricciardi 2, Geigel 1, Carr 2, Kuczyński 3, Nephew 2, Herney 2.

Goals from Fouls: Ricciardi 4, Carr 4, Given 4, Herney 1.

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