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Strong Team Prepared for 1929 Hockey Season

Nucleus of Veterans Reinforced by Addition of Valuable New Men

The prospect for the 1929 hockey season looks bright with nine veterans as a nucleus and seven promising candidates among the new men. Although the schedule is extremely difficult and long, much is expected from Coach Phalen's team.

Among the old men are found five of last year's varsity: Andrews and Rilev, wings; Blomquist, goal; Miller and Captain Smith, defense. The other old men are Hatfield and Pete, defense; Snell, wing; and Gamble, a promising goalie. The new candidates are: K. Smith, Paul, Griffith, Kate, Sanford and Meredith. With this group and the new rink which is nearing completion, Coach Phalen will have a much brighter season to look forward to than in the fall of 1927, when he first organized the winter sport.

It is impossible to give Dr. Phalen enough credit for his unifying efforts in the line of athletics. Besides being head of the Physical Department, he has organized during his three years at St. Stephen's, a cross-country team and a hockey team. In the fall he devotes his afternoons to the cross-country team and in the winter to the hockey group. Last year saw the college's first organized hockey team and although the men were green, the rink small, and the equipment negligible, Dr. Phalen kept his men keen about the game. Three games were played and lost, but the spirit remained the same throughout. This year the outlook is brighter with a new rink, good equipment, more experienced material, and above all, with Dr. Phalen to do the coaching. The results ought to be worth while.

At a meeting on September 24 Coach Phalen asked all who intended to play this winter to either go out for the cross-country team or run cross-country this fall in preparation for the difficult fourteen-game schedule that lies ahead of them. The schedule of the games is as follows:

Jan. 5—Army, West Point.
Jan. 13—Bensalem Polytech, Troy.
Jan. 19—Mohnen, St.)
Jan. 26—Poughkeepsie A. C., Poughkeepsie.

GERMAN MEN MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the German Club held their first meeting of the year on September 24th. It was a purely business meeting, by the lack of pretense and beer. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Fred Schnell; vice-president, Robert Gamble; secretary, Wingate Snelle; treasurer, Melvin Clark. Plans for the year were tentatively discussed and tabled until Dr. Krompebell could be consulted. Among the plans of study were suggested German Cities, Music, Culture, and Literature. Notice was also made that future meetings would not be announced but held on signal (?) given by Dr. Krompebell. Dusel and Tresdale were present as guests at the meeting.

CAMPUS WRITERS SEEK FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

It is possible that some time this semester the establishment of a chapter of Omega Xi Alpha, national honorary journalistic fraternity, may be realized in the form of a set on St. Stephen's campus. The work on the papers of petition and membership is about completed, and after the matter has been passed upon by the Student Council formal application to national headquarters in California will be made.

A temporary organization, composed of Dr. Gamble, Walter Lemley, Kenneth Perkins, and Elton Davies, representing both the Lyre and Messenger staffs, has been effected to initiate the foundation of an O. X. A. chapter here.

Omegas Xi Alpha is a small, young organization in which St. Stephen's is almost certain of membership. If the local group's petition is passed favorably, the chapter to be started here will be the first to hold a charter in a college east of the Mississippi.

Feb. 6—Mohnen, Lake Mohonk, N. Y.
Feb. 15—Burlington, N. U.
Feb. 17—Norwich, Northfield, Vt.
Feb. 29—Poughkeepsie A. C., Poughkeepsie.
Feb. 21—Norwich, Home.
Feb. 27—Union, Schenectady, N. Y.

Scarlet to Compete With New England Harriers

TRIANGULAR MEET DUE HERE OCTOBER 26th

LYRE TREE IN NEW AND BETTER FORM

You've heard a lot about a "bigger and better" Lyre Tree which some time in the dim and hazy future will grace your campus. The idea is the geometry of its columns and the general excellence of its arrangement. At any rate, next week we go to print with five columns on a larger, more readable paper. Rejoice ye, or words to that effect.

TENNIS MEN PREPARE FOR YEARLY TOURAMENT

Tennis has again started in earnest, and play for the president's cup will again take place this autumn. The conditions of play for this trophy are as follows:

1. The college is divided into five groups: Eustis, Kappa Gamma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Independents (other than freshmen), Freshmen.
2. Each person entering the tournament and defeated in his first match counts for 1 for his group; each person defeated in the second round counts 2 for his group; each person defeated in the third round counts 3 for his group; and so on.
3. The group with the highest score receives the president's cup which keeps for a year. There will be an individual cup offered to the winner of the tournament.

The tournament is under the direction of Mr. Libaire, who represents the Physical Training Department in respect to tennis.

BARNYARD GOLF HAS PROVEN POPULAR SPORT

Ciang! Ciang! Ciang! No, it's not the two black crows this time; 'tis a motley crew of faculty members testing their skills at horseshoe pitching.

We hasten to add that the students are also indulging in some ex- tent in this popular pastime. The sport department is not exactly in a position to state which of the two groups is the better, but it thinks it knows. In a forthcoming issue there will be assembled an accurate account of the scores, both preliminary and final.

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RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS
ST. STEPHEN'S

From statistics obtained from Dr. Belt, the Lyre Tree has compiled a chart showing the religious affiliations of the men at St. Stephen's. Here are the numbers:

- Episcopalians: 104
- Methodists: 8
- Congregationalists: 3
- Jews: 2
- Roman Catholics: 1
- Greek Orthodox: 1
- Lutherans: 1
- Dutch Reformed: 1

No religious affiliation of any kind.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Van Buchanan of New York City announce the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Van Buchanan is in the graduating class of 1929.

The Rev. Cutbubert McGavack of New Milford, Conn., was a guest on campus the last four months, and was a member of the class of 1902 and is a Kappa Gamma Chi man. His son, Cutbubert, Jr., expecets to matriculate at this institution next fall.

Rev. Edmund B. Wood '29, and Mrs. Wood announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Bayard.

COMMUNICATIONS

October 1, 1928.

Dear Lyre Tree:

In the last issue of last Spring's "Lyre Tree," you announced that after the world, and indeed, would be expected to contribute criticisms on our recitals. I was delighted. We would be able to sharpen our musical sense by reading keen and able appreciations in your column. But Lyre Tree, when I thought about it, I was horrified! There was not one person on campus with enough wit and appreciation to write these charming bits you were soliciting. I thought of all my friends. True, there was one who could write right words, but they had been written hundreds of times before. There was one, too, who could find delicious music. She was listening to music, but, unfortunately, Lyre Tree, inarticulate. It is a sad state of affairs. We will have to listen to the recitals without the pleasure of thinking of all the witty things we will be able to say in print after. And, readers, if you don't believe me, look at the next musical—critical art that appears in these pages!

Regrettably yours,

E. W. W.

BOOK REVIEW

"SWAN SONG" by John Galsworthy

All those who have been unfortunate enough to be dazzled and desired by two attractive contrasting women at the same time should find the pages of Galsworthy's "Swan Song" interesting. Missy loves company. Can a woman of personality and physical charm regale her hold on a man who has once loved her? It would seem as if she could, provided that the man in question were not possessed of a most provoking conceit, and were not determined to be faithful to his wife. It is this question maintained in one and attempted faithfulness that causes the downfall of Fleur Morti's really remarkable scheme to win back Jon Noyerta. After she had devoted much time to thought, to careful grommeling, and to actual pursuit of her quarry, and was made to fall in love with a man of her own passion, the stupid person has an acute attack of conscience, and—having tasted of the forbidden fruit—dashes madly back to his wife to be forgiven. It is really quite trying to have one's plans go awry in that fashion so popular among the will-o'-the-wisps, especially when one has taken the sacrifice of one's social position and reputation, as things of little account compared with the object desired. Fleur went quite mad for a little while, just long enough to set fire to her father's picture gallery by incessant and very careless cigarette smoking. As if that were not enough, she took not only the old gentleman's pictures away from him, but also his wife, for he is forced to save her life at the expense of his own.

Even more tragic is the position of Fleur's husband, who discovers that the right words are in the air, but, putting his anger aside in the very best manner, he dedicates himself to the task of reforming his wife. The tale is interesting, and cleverly told. It is a little teary in spots, but not too much so if one does not step up to the impressionable hours of the early morning. Fleur somehow does not inspire hate in spite of her machinations. He is surrounded by a host of poor souls who seem to be able to do anything without arousing really deadly hatred. Old Soames Forsyte appears for the last time, making exit to save his daughter, who isn't worth the trouble. As he passes the swans really sing.

SCHRINER TEMPORARY FROSH HEAD

David Schriner has been elected Temporary Chairman of the Freshman Class. Schriner, if all this is to be his fortune, he will be able to hold on to his position of temporary comfort by the regular class elections to be held on permanent grounds.
Modern Epic Read by President Bell

Benet's "John Brown's Body" Read for Student Body

Dr. Bell presented to the students, gathered in the Albee Recreation Room on the last Sunday evening in September, the first hearing of poetry readings. He read from Book Seven of Stephen Vincent Benet's, "John Brown's Body."

This volume is written in blank verse, divided into eight books covering the different phases of the Civil War. The book is admirably written and is full of fervor. With such a book in the hands of so capable a reader as Dr. Bell, one can readily surmise the pleasant hour that was participated in by all present.

In the glow of a smoldering fire in the darkened room we were immediately transported back to the days of '61. It is "two months...since Jackson died in the woods and they brought his body back to the Richmond State House to lie there...and now...the South goes north again in the second raid, in the last cast for fortune." We are in the midst of those first three tryings of July, 1863.

There is Lee with his subtle mind weighing the position of the North against the position of the South. He decides that now is the opportune time for the march. He gathers together his armed fresh from the fourth victory, and sets out through the Cumberland Valley. We leave Lee marching through the valley; we are near the Potomac, "fighting Joe Hooker has heard" of Lee's manoeuvre; "he swings his army back across the Potomac...while still visions him South. They are now in the Cumberland and on to meet Lee. "Joe Hooker, by telegraph calls for the garrison left at Harper's Ferry to join him," Halleck refuses, and Hooker quickly resigns. The Union forces: what shall they do? Who shall command? "...Hooker goes from our picture—and a spent courier reaches Meade's hut at three o'clock in the morning to wake him with unexpected news of his command." At first, he does not know which way to turn. "He thinks at first of a grand review, gives it up, and begins to feel..." He retires for the two corps at "Gettysburg."

The first day of July dawned! The first gun is fired at Gettysburg! Hancock and Howard, two divisional officers in command. If they can survive the day they know that Meade will come with reinforcements on the morrow. The Union men are driven from the town in panic. It is clear that the Grays are not "more than a mile out of town!" "York has been burned!"

The second of the battle is ushered out to the "world unknown," Meade comes to save the day!

At one o'clock on the following day the last of the muskets are laid against the Union forces. "Lee, a mile away, in the shade of a little wood, stares...sees them go and be slain." Pickets gone around him, "the boy who dreamed of a sword." "The sword is still in his hand." "He had come out with appetite and prayer, he came back to his lines with five."

FATHER BELL ON WITNESSING CHRIST

On Sunday, October 1, Warden Bell spoke to the undergraduate body of the "Witness of Youth to Christ." He stated that "The young man of today is not one bit different from the young man of twenty-five years ago...and is prevented from effectiveness chiefly by lack of enlightenment experience."

Three practical suggestions were made by Dr. Bell to those who would be witnesses of Christ. He first stressed the absolute necessity of a deep and unfeigned humility, tempered with patience. Secondly, he declared that the only witness which matters much is the witness of one IS. It is not the witness of what one has done for Christ, or of what one says about Him, that is of any importance, but that close and real companionship with JESUS which brings serenity and bravery in time of trial and a real love for God and man. Thirdly, Father Bell admonished young men to "remember that YOU cannot save anybody. Bear your witness and let God do the saving."

"Avoid conceit in your religion. That pride is. It is God who makes you and I matter only as he makes us His instruments, and in the school of experience trains us to understand."

SCARLET TO COMPETE WITH NEW ENGLAND HARRIERS

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will be allowed to count the best time he makes in either of the two meets held on October 29th or October 27th.

College Boasts One of East's Most Difficult Courses

Cross country is not an easy sport and in addition it is not as spectacular as certain others for which reasons it does not get the support of the student body that it should in proportion to the time and energy expended by the men on the team. The fact that a college of the size of St. Stephen's has some twenty men on the squad, nine of whom are better than mediocre, speaks mighty well for the spirit of the athletes who make up the group. The least bit of college can do is to get out to the races and give the boys all the encouragement possible. Put the dates down in the old note book and stick around to cheer. A cross country race is never called off on account of rain, snow or lee. If you expect to see a race on a certain day that's the day you see it.
**Higher Criticism**

On Monday evening the first of October the first musical event of the college year was given in the Memorial gymnasium by Edwin Ideler, violinst, and Mrs. Ideler, pianist. It was a particular pleasure to hear Mr. and Mrs. Ideler, for by their visits to St. Stephen's on former occasions they have made themselves well known among the students and faculty.

The programme was divided into four parts; the first consisting of three seventeenth century pieces: An Arioso by Bach, a Chanson and a Pavane by Couperin, and the Preludes and Allegro from a work by Pugnani. Vieuxtemps Concerto No. IV filled the entire second part. In the third Mrs. Ideler played two numbers—Lisez-le-Beautroyme, and a Scherzo by Mendelssohn. The fourth group consisted of Chopin's Nocturne in E minor, Le Cygne by Saint-Saens and a number by Kreisler.

The most delightful parts of the programme were the whole of the first part (for the simple beauty of the seventeenth century music went particularly well with Mr. Ideler's fine technique) and the Scherzo in the third, which was played with great delicacy. The Vieuxtemps concerto was a technical success; and the Chopin Nocturne with its slow sweetness was a delight to listen to. It was an altogether delightful evening.

Before the musicale, at the six o'clock service in the chapel, Mr. Ideler was kind enough to play twice to the members of the organ. He added much to the spirit of the service.

**NON-SOCIETY MEMBERS ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE**

The first of a series of Non-Society bridge parties was held on Friday, September 28, at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Recreation Room, with six guest and thirteen "Non-Socs" present.

There were two tables of bridge, refreshments, and an entertainment by Wilcock, who gave impressions of famous people:Visitor of Rull of England, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Flurin, Mrs. Sherry, and Dr. Upton.

Mrs. Upton received high honors in bridge. The committee in charge of the entertainment was composed of chairman, Gamble, Volmer, and Roberts.

Those present were the guests, Mme. Maria Crosby, Kaye, Brown, Upton, and Misses Dalton and Bergen, and the members, Roberts, H. Snyder, Hamburger, Ahearn, Callan, Warner, Volmer, Pege, Wilcock, Gamble, and Meinzer.

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**FOLDING THEATRE TO PRESENT FOUR PLAYLETS**

The date for the plays for this semester has definitely been set for November 15. They will be produced in the "Folding Theatre" and dancing will follow the program. The cast are carefully selected, by the directors from a large list of candidates, and are as follows:

1. The Roadhouse in Arden, by Philip Moeller
   Hamlet .......................... W. W. Snell
   Cleopatra .......................... C. Andrews
   Julius Caesar .......................... W. H. Smith

2. The Valiant by Holworthy Hall
   The Chaplain .......................... T. J. Mathews
   The Warden .......................... H. L. Allard
   The Prisoner .......................... J. H. Fite

3. Mosstide by Colin Clements
   Sniffles .......................... H. Big Bill
   Big Bill .......................... J. Gamble

4. The Lost Silk Hat
   A Caster .......................... Mrs. W. Wise
   A Clerk .......................... J. Perkins
   A Poet .......................... J. Gardner
   A Policeman .......................... Mrs. J. H. Fite

**MESSANGE STAFF WILL PRINT "FROM" NUMBER**

It is the intention of the Messanger Staff to have a copy of the college literary quarterly magazine printed and in circulation on the week end of the Junior Prom, the twenty-fifth of November. All men who are interested in literary work are urged to submit their writings to either Bob Gamble, Alice 22, or Elliot Davis, Potter 2, not later than October twenty-fifth. All varieties of essays, stories, and verse are permissible. Each autumn the college looks with particular interest upon its new men in hopes of finding talent among them, and it is hoped that this year they will not fail us.

**ELECTIONS HELD**

At a meeting of the Messenger board, last Wednesday morning Elton Davies of Pasadena, California, was elected editor-in-chief for the literary publication this year; Robert L. Gumble, Managing Editor; Merlin Clark, Associate Editor; Leverett Smith, Business Manager; and Nick Galucchi, Advertising Manager.

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