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ATHLETIC COUNCIL NOTES

BRAY APPOINTED HEAD COACH —ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER RULES

The Rev. K. A. Bray of Geneva, N. Y., recently added to the Faculty as instructor in classics, has also accepted the position as head coach of football, basketball and baseball. He will be assisted in football by W. W. Frolick, who has played for Hobart and Colgate, and has formerly worked with Fr. Bray both as player and as coach. Fr. Bray spent last week on Campus and put the candidates for next fall's eleven through several snappy workouts. Men are expected to report back for early football practice on September 10th.

On May 27th the Athletic Council approved a set of eligibility rules concerning participation in undergraduate activities. The main item of the rules are follows: No student shall represent the college on any athletic team for more than four seasons, nor shall any transfer student, having played in any sport on a representative team of another college or university, play the fifth season on a team representing St. Stephen's. No professional athletes shall be eligible to represent the college in any sport. Representation shall be considered as participation in any game or part of a game with a representative team of another college or university. After September 19th, 1924, a student shall forfeit his right to represent St. Stephen's College in intercollegiate athletic contests if he engages in any contest as a representative of an athletic organization not connected with this college—whether in term or in vacation—unless he does so by special permission of the Athletic Council.

Mr. Scott, '26, recently appointed manager of football for 1924, has resigned, since he will be unable to return to College next year; Mr. Woodruff, manager of the 1923 squad, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Scott. Mr. Haver is appointed temporary manager of the second football team, to make out a schedule to include not more than seven games, and, except for the last game, with no over-night trips. Athletic relations with Kingston High School will be resumed in the autumn. Attempts are being made to bring about a resumption of athletic relations with Trinity College.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FOURTEEN MEN ARE GRADUATED WITH CLASS OF 1924 CORNERSTONES OF NEW BUILDINGS ARE LAID

The greatest number of alumni to return in years, as well as many friends and guests of the College, were present to assist the class of 1924 in the celebration of their Class Day and Commencement exercises on June eighth and tenth. Class Day exercises, held during the evening of Baccalaureate Sunday, were marked by the resurrection and cremation of the Algebra, buried three and a half long years ago when the seniors wore the green. Juniors and seniors formed a procession which proceeded to the Library, where H. R. Shaw, president of '24, made the opening speech. Following G. A. Libaire's reading of the class history was an account of the algebra burial given by A. H. Tongue. Both classes then entered the Library to view the remains, which were carried outside and, accompanied by the venerable flag-scrap banner, laid reverently on the funeral pyre. The Spade, symbolic of the customs and traditions of St. Stephen's, was presented by H. R. Shaw to Tite, president of the incoming seniors. After toasts had been given and responses made, and when the pipe of peace had passed between the classes, Burrett B. Bouton, graduating president of Convocation, invested the newly elected president with the insignia of office. Class yells were exchanged, and the men of both classes, marched back from the Library, chanting that ancient riddle, "Where, oh! where are the pea-green freshmen?"

On the afternoon of Tuesday the eighth, the Commencement exercises began with the formation of the solemn procession of Faculty, undergraduates, and alumni, led by the Marshall of the College. The procession proceeded to the north side of the new buildings where, after the Alma Mater had been sung by all, and prayer had been offered by Dr. Lawrence T. Cole, sometime President of the College, the corner-stone of the John Rogers Hegeman Memor-

ial Science Building was laid by President Bell, and that of the Edward F. Albee Dormitory was laid by the Rt. Rev. J. C. White, '85, Bishop of Springfield.

The procession then entered the College Chapel. Here, after an address by Dr. Frank P. Graves, President of the University of the State of New York, on "The Place of the Small College in American Higher Education," the Commencement Prizes were awarded, and the following men received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in course: B. B. Bouton, F. L. Brown, H. S. Craig, A. E. Everett, H. N. Gifford, A. R. Judd, H. P. Kilby, Leopold Kroll, G. A. Libaire, Thomas Richey, H. A. Simmonds, H. R. Shaw, H. J. Smith, and A. H. Tongue. Graduation Honors were taken by H. J. Smith, in Latin; and by G. A. Libaire, in English. The degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, was conferred upon John Chanler White, B. A., Bishop of Springfield. Frank L. Brown was awarded the McVickar Prize in Public Speaking. The John Mills Gilbert Poetry Prize was won by W. W. Vogt, while the Dragon Club Prose Prize was awarded to G. A. Libaire for his short story "Mean Temperature Seventy-five Degrees."

Four New Trustees Appointed

President Bell announces the recent appointment of four new men to the Board of Trustees of the College. They are: the Rt. Rev. J. A. Oldham, D. D. (St. Stephen's), Bishop Coadjutor of Albany; Rev. Caleb R. Stetson, D. D. (St. Stephen's), rector of Trinity Church, New York City; Professor Henry Odgen, C. E., Dean of the School of Sanitary Engineering, Cornell University; and Rev. E. R. Bourne, rector of the Church of the Resurrection, New York City.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

	Opp.	S.S.C.
May 9—Albany State, at Albany	(rain)	
May 10—Hamilton, at Clinton, N. Y.	(wet courts)	
May 17—New York U., at Annandale	3	3
May 21—Albany State, at Annandale	(Cancelled)	
May 24—R. P. I., at Troy	6	0

THE MUMMERS PERFORM

MONKEYS AND ANGELS IN THE GYM.

On the evening of May 22nd the second performance of the year was given by the dramatic association. If one may judge by the performance, there is only one serious obstacle in the way of developing a workmanlike little theatre—the audience. Whether it be hysteria, or mere lack of imagination and intelligence, it is disheartening to try to produce any plays which are not farces. The insane giggling cannot but spoil the illusion for the members of the audience who might otherwise be pleased. There was the same difficulty at the production of the Dunsany plays last year. One could hardly blame The Mummeters if they refused to give any more public performances.

The first play was *The Monkey's Paw*, by W. W. Jacobs and Louis N. Parker. The promise of an excellent performance, given in the first scene, was fulfilled only in the emotional moments at the end. Mr. Darbie's characterization, at first easy and natural, fell off deplorably before he disappeared. Alpheus Packard, as the old mother, gave some fine moments at the end, when the stage was dark; in the earlier moments he spent most of his energy trying to take care of his hands, with little success. Kenneth Urquhart, as the father, spoke most of the time with his teeth closed and thus marred an otherwise able piece of acting.

By far the best work in *The Monkey's Paw* was done by Hobart Walker, as the son. He was admirably casted, showed an unsuspected stage presence, and carried off his part with urbanity and ease. The same can not be said of Henry Ferris as Mr. Sampson. His "wise-cracking" proclivities are too well known; and when he stalked upon the stage looking like the country undertaker of fifty years ago those who did not know the story seemed to expect a Will Rogers' line.

The Angel Intruder, a "sophisticated comedy" by Floyd Dell, seems to have been stolen from *The Revolt of the Angels*. We can not think that the Greenwich Village author has improved much upon the original. In it the best work was done by Harry Meyer, as the Policeman. No one who has seen the bluecoats strolling about Madison Square at midnight could fail to remark the finesse of the interpretation. It was a small part, but it was made an outstanding one by Meyer's work.

The rest of the cast made their
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THE IMMORTALITY OF THE HONOR SYSTEM

Again a man has been expelled from the college for a violation of the honor system. He was reported by a member of the faculty. During the last three years all violations of the honor system have been uncovered by the faculty.

This is a significant fact. May we suppose that the instructors are the only ones who are astute enough to notice such violations? Or is it that the students are not backing the system? It seems hardly possible that the men are unable to cheat successfully. It must be possible. And if it is possible, it is extremely likely that among a hundred men there are some who are taking advantage of their opportunities. There can be no honor system where there is no honor; and such fine "honor" as to make it valid is, we are afraid, a thing which does not exist very widely. The gentlemen's code which is called "honor" is a nebulous thing which is, or has been, decidedly the possession and ornament of the leisure class. In bourgeois modern times when there are careless street-car conductors, and business men who stretch to the limit their definition of "good business," such a code must inevitably die out.

All students swear, at their matriculation, that they will support the honor system; but there is considerable question in our minds as to how much they are doing it. We can think of about ten men in the college who would be likely to turn informer. Most of them would be considered prigs. We could hardly blame students for not giving their support, inasmuch as no one really seems to know what the honor system is. One definition was given at its adoption and another by the President of the college, last semester.

We should like to see the matter of the worth and practicability of the honor system brought up for the con-

sideration of the student body, early in the fall. Meanwhile we would do well to cull the matter over in our minds.

Anarchism at St. Stephen's

RED FLAG FLAUNTED AFTER ELECTIONS

On the evening of May 21 the 126th Regular Meeting of Convocation was held in Preston Hall at 7:30. But nine members were absent.

The meeting proceeded immediately to the election of officers for next year. Gilbert M. Smith was chosen President of Convocation by a huge majority; Grant Noble was elected to the Vice-Presidency; Carl Carlson was made Secretary.

Inasmuch as there is nothing for him to do, the Treasurer was done away with on the motion of Mr. Craig. Fred Bennett was elected Marshall, and Grant Noble student member of the Athletic Council.

An attempt was made to do away with the opening prayer on account of alleged disrespect to it; the motion, however, after some discussion, was lost. A new tug-of-war rope was voted.

It was then proposed that Freshman rules be abolished. In the discussion which followed, there was evident a feeling that it was impossible for the student council to cope with recalcitrant Freshmen, due to the abolition of the paddling system; but the consensus of opinion was that some sort of discipline was needed and the proposition was voted down.

The new Messenger and Proof Sheet boards were ratified, and a committee voted to prepare the Freshman bible for next year.

Then revolt reared its head from among the brethren, with a motion that the system of student government be abolished. Words began to fly thick and fast and there were enough personalities to make one think that it was the governmental body of some self-respecting nation. It was said that student government was a myth; that the students were not the rulers. The student council was called a buffer between the powers that be and the student body. Prudence and long-suffering was urged, however, by the opponents of the motion because, it was suggested, any such action would be sure to be followed by reprisals. Excitement mounted higher until there was a general cry for the question. A count showed that the majority of those present were in favor of oblation. However, as the motion was made in the last part of the meeting and many of the students had left, it was found that there were not enough men present to carry it. Convocation was adjourned.

The next morning the following document appeared upon the bulletin board:

Concerning Student Government.

I am informed that there has been some talk of changing the method of government here at the College by "abolishing it." Student govern-

ment cannot be abolished. Its method may be changed from time to time, but government of some sort is of course a necessity in any social group. That my own opinion may be clear, I may say that the following three methods of student government all seem to me reasonable, and I am willing to consider any one of the three preferred by the students. In case no preference is manifested by Sunday night next, I shall assume that the third method holds:

1. **Faculty proctors.** A member of the faculty in each dormitory entrance, with full power of control. This would entail extra faculty labor and would demand an increase in salary for the proctors. I estimate that to adopt this system would require an increase in tuition fees of \$50 per man. This method is common in secondary schools. Most college men do not like it. It works, but at the cost of student dignity.

2. **Student proctors.** Seven seniors, the most responsible in the class, to be appointed by the President for the year, one for each dormitory entrance, and held responsible for his entrance, the seven to constitute a Council to work with the President in matters of general college discipline. They are to receive no pay, must accept when appointed, and shall be subject to Presidential discipline if they are negligent. Personally I prefer this method, chiefly because it eliminates politics.

3. **The present system,** with the proviso that from now on the President will not permit a member of the Student Council once desingated to resign or any of the appointing groups to recall him, and that the members of the Council shall be subject to Presidential discipline if they are negligent in attending to their duties.

May 22.

BERNARD I. BELL,

President.

At the present writing, all is quiet along the Hudson!

THE MUMMERS PERFORM

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greatest mistake in underacting. All were afraid to let themselves go. Bedford Shope, as the Angel, had quite the air of a celestial denizen lost in Washington Square; he, too, seemed to have little idea of what to do with his hands. Also, he spent most of his time gazing heavenward; this though he was planning to elope with Annabelle! However, as someone suggested, he may have been homesick.

Why he, or Jimmy Pendleton (Tinsley Harrison), should have been charmed with Annabelle, is beyond us. Herman Smith was no longer the gold and white vision of *The Knave of Hearts*, but rather a Second Hand Rose (De Luxe Edition). The make-up and costume were scandalous; or, rather, the taste of Jimmy and his guardian were. The acting of both Annabelle and her earthly lover was free from stiffness except in the parts where there was much emotion required.

After the play there was dancing

until 11:30. Music was furnished by a circulating orchestra which, at various times, consisted of King, Crunden, Meyer, Raymond, Kerns, Monroe.

The plays were directed and staged by Mr. Voorhees. Messrs. King and Patterson painted the scenery. The business manager, Mr. Gilbert Smith, reports that \$56 had been collected and turned over to the athletic association.

Tennis Tournament Tips

The Varsity tennis team was ingloriously routed on May 24th at R. P. I., 6-0. The first match was won by Captain Stillwell, of the Poly players, from Captain Willard, 6-1, 6-0. Ferris, playing No. 2 man for St. Stephen's, lost his sets, after a three-legged tussle, to Shulter, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6. Turnbull, R. P. I., defeated Andrews 6-4, 6-2, and Smeltz won from Titus, 6-4, 7-5. The doubles matches were taken without much difficulty by the Rensselaer representatives; Willard and Andrews succumbed to the attacks of Stillwell and Shulter, 1-6, 0-6; Ferris and Titus were pitted against Smeltz and Turnbull and extended the first set to 5-7, but the second was easily won by the Poly combination, 1-6.

The annual College tournament for the Hatfield trophy has progressed almost to the semi-finals. Inclement weather conditions have retarded the elimination process, but from the present trend of things it may be safely said that the singles matches in the semi-finals will be played off between Willard, Richey, Powers and Ferris. The doubles teams that have survived are Andrews and Richey, Willard and Powers, Titus and Ferris, Myers and Walker.

There has been a great deal of interest-exciting play in the tournament this year and it is certain that the finals will provide a thrill for the spectators. Mr. A. Hatfield, Jr., awarded last year's trophy to Thomas Richey, College champion for '23, who also won in the finals in 1923. The present award is a large cup.

The Dragon Dances

The annual Commencement Dance, given by the Dragon Club in honor of the graduating class, was held in the Memorial Gymnasium on the night of June ninth. The music, furnished by Weed's orchestra of Poughkeepsie, caused many a staid alumnus to remark that the dance was almost as good as that one—you remember, don't you?—when old Doctor Fairbairn et cetera, et cetera. And the seniors, enjoying their last night of undergraduate freedom - - - ? Simple white dance orders bearing the gold delta of the Dragon Club were provided for the first half of the dances, and cutting-in was the program after intermission. Dancing ended all too soon at one o'clock, and the pleasantly tired couples left to snatch a brief period of rest before the solemn ceremonies of the following day.