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THE RECRUDESCENCE OF CHAUCER

On the evening of October 21 Mrs. Gordon Brinley, wife of the well known Connecticut artist, gave a lecture on, and readings from, Geoffrey Chaucer. Prefacing her talk with general information as to the times in which he lived, she told, briefly, of his life, and of his passionate devotion to letters.

She then passed on to a short discussion of the language of the poet—the parlance of the people, instead of the courtly French, and the scholarly Latin—and told enough about its pronunciation so that her audience might understand the reading. Selections from *The Romaunt of the Rose*, *The Parlement of the Birds*, and from *The Canterbury Tales*, quite convinced the listeners of the superior richness of the fourteenth century English over that of modern times, and gave a new and delightful idea of this Middle English poet. There were also read a few of the minor poems by other poets of Chaucer's period.

Mrs. Brinley was dressed, for the occasion, in fourteenth century court costume; her head-dress, of white satin, was a slightly smaller replica of that worn, today, by Ursuline sisters; her dress was a flowing robe of figured white satin, and from her shoulders, and caught up to her wrists, there hung a long train of blue velvet trimmed with gold and ermine.

THE FORUM

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

If the cry "Students! Read the newspapers and keep abreast the times," were not raised during the academic year one of the many "ancient customs" of this institution would be mercilessly trampled underfoot. However, it is not the purpose of these lines merely to perpetuate an antique, but to call attention to an activity which should be found among the indulgences of each student. For the past few years a marked indifference to the events of the world outside "the cloisters of Annandale" has characterized our student body. Last spring an unexpected quizz on current events proved this.

It is not necessary to mention any of the innumerable reasons why we should manifest, at least, a casual interest in world affairs. Everyone readily admits the importance of this apparently unpopular pursuit, and hastens to bring forth a lame excuse about lack of time, et cetera. To the students who are sufficiently in-

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Two Losses Against Varsity

Jinx Is Shaken But Still Rides

The thin, gaunt ghost of gloom clinked off another defeat for the Crimson eleven, Saturday, October 18, at Fordham Field. The final whistle found the varsity holding grimly to the small end of a 26-0 score, but the redeeming features of the game cannot be calculated by simply glimpsing the score. At no period of the game was the Crimson outfought by the Fordham representatives and during the first half the Maroon team was held to a lone touchdown.

The initial score was made in the first quarter. The St. Stephen's eleven kicked off to Fordham and no amount of rushes by the Maroon backfield could bring the ball within distance of a first down. Graham, the flashy Fordham quarterback, punted to Captain Noble, who was downed by the Maroon ends on the ten yard line. Noble, fearing that the team was too near its own goal line to take any chances with a fumbled ball, elected to punt. In some manner the kick was blocked, bounded over the line of scrimmage and was recovered by a Fordham forward. Quarterback Graham abandoned his rushing game and resorted to forward passes to Slane, Malone and Delaney. A line buck then tallied a first down and on the next play the Fordham field general skirted the left end for a touchdown.

Then the ire and "Irish" of the Crimson eleven was uncorked. Throughout the remainder of the half the Fordham varsity could not score a first down and this was due to the vicious tackling of Harding, Harvey, Luepke and Noble who time after time spilled the New Yorkers for appreciable losses.

The second half opened with a salvo of punts, which was only broken up by a successful run by Graham. Then the Maroon quarterback sent his backs behind a heavy interference for a series of gains that resulted in Woerner dropping over the

line for the second goal. With the ball again in their possession the Crimson started a slow march down the field via the air route. The Maroon defense was giving away before the advance, when Graham again came to the rescue and intercepted a pass, and with the ball tucked well away he skooted for a touchdown. A similar stunt was executed by Zakszewski who scored the final touchdown.

The line-up:

Fordham (26)	St. Stephen's (0)
Stanford	L. E. Willard
Bissell	L. T. Luepke
Bruce	L. G. Harvey
Brennan	C. Urquhart
Smead	R. G. Smith
Bill	R. T. Schlaffly
Fitzgerald	R. E. Harding
Graham	Q. B. Noble
Delaney	L. H. B. Kennedy
Slane	K. H. B. Deloria
Malone	F. B. Carlton

Substitutions—Fordham: Stevenson for Brennan, O'Bester for Smead, Woerner for Delaney, Zakszewski for Slane, Howley for Graham, Feaster for Bill, Buckley for Malone, Irwin for Bissell. St. Stephen's: Rogan for Willard, McKean for Schlaffly, Murry for Kennedy, Gruver for Urquhart, Kennedy for Murry, Noble for Kennedy, Murry for Carlton, Millington for Smith.

Referee—Bent, Trinity; Umpire—Hennessy, Brown; Linesman—Shearer, Dickinson.

S. S. C. 7—PROVIDENCE 9

On October 25 the Varsity, playing Providence College on their own field, lost a bitterly contested struggle by a 9-7 score. It was a heart-breaking game to lose, for the Varsity was most evidently superior to its opponents and led them until the final quarter, when a completed pass scored what proved to be the winning touchdown for Providence.

Captain Noble lost the toss and,

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

	Op.	S.S.C.
Sept. 27—Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Me.	6	0
Oct. 4—New York University at New York	19	0
Oct. 11—City College of New York at New York	26	7
Oct. 18—Fordham College at New York	26	0
Oct. 25—Providence College at Providence, R. I.	9	7
Nov. 8—St. Lawrence at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.		
Nov. 15—Rochester University at Rochester, N. Y.		
Nov. 22—Manhattan College at New York		

MUMMERS REORGANIZE

Formation of Heavy Schedule

The dramatic society, "The Mummerys," has, within the past few days, been given its first charter from the college. Schuyler Crunden, '25, was elected president at the first meeting and appointed William W. Vogt, and Bedford S. Shope as a play reading committee; they, with Mr. Crunden and Mr. Walker are members of the try-out committee.

After some discussion four plays were chosen for presentation early in December: *Their Wife*, by George Middleton, to be coached by Mr. Shope; *Release*, by Edward H. Smith, to be coached by Mr. Vogt; *The Rising of the Moon*, by Lady Gregory, and *Helena's Husband*, by Philip Moeller, which will be coached by President Bell. The student coaching of plays is an innovation.

The cast of "Their Wife" is as follows:

Martin McCormick	.....	Vogt
Dudley Standish	.....	Crunden
"Helena's Husband"		
Menelaus	.....	Sypher
Analytikos	.....	Shope
Tsumu	.....	Harrison
Helen	.....	Menzer
Paris	.....	Craig

"Rising of the Moon:"

The Ragged Man	.....	Prowse
Police Sergeant	.....	Walker
Constables,		

P. D. Jones, Clarke, Parcell

"Release:"

Bull O'Malley	.....	Woodruff
Lefty Veneziano	.....	Lodter
Rabbit Morretto	.....	Crandall
Kid Malloy	.....	Titus

Tarpey, a keeper Richter
An extended road tour is planned but has not been decided upon, definitely.

TENNIS NOTES

Fall Practice Over—Next Year's Schedule

The growing coldness of the weather has practically put an end to fall tennis practice, but it is far from having chilled the enthusiasm of the squad, which is looking forward to next spring with great eagerness. Prospects look very encouraging, with last year's complete first squad back, as well as other good material to draw from, including several promising freshmen.

The 1925 tennis schedule is as yet incomplete, but the following matches have been arranged: Albany State at Albany; New York University at New York; Fordham at Annandale; Amherst at Amherst. Probable matches include Rensselaer, C. C. N. Y., Steven Tech., Trinity and Hamilton.

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LIBRARY HOURS

This year, even more than heretofore, there has been expressed a great deal of dissatisfaction at the limited number of hours during which the library is open. It seems to us that the complaints are justified; for they are based, not upon the desire to be able to run up and get a book whenever one feels in the mood—though that, in itself, is not a bad argument—but on the difficulty, sometimes the impossibility, of accomplishing, under the present system, even the reading required for classes.

We realize, of course, that the library staff is doing its best; but it seems possible that the staff might be enlarged sufficiently to permit the addition of the hours from one to three, at least, to our present opportunities. Many of us, indeed, would find this time the most convenient of the day. Morning classes are apt to leave very little time for use of the library between ten and twelve; while the hours from three to half-past five are obviously the most suitable for exercise and recreation. Men on the teams are, of course, deprived entirely of this chance of working in the Hoffman temple. As a result, some of them find that their use of the library is restricted to the night session; and this, especially in view of the number of required books kept on the reserve shelves, is insufficient.

AN EASTERN CONFERENCE?

The following letter was recently received by the editors of the PROOF SHEET. It comes from the CAMPUS, official newspaper of the University of Rochester.

"Dear sir:

For some time I believe there has been considerable sentiment among the smaller colleges of this section of the country in favor of the formation of a football conference such as is now prevalent in the West. These organizations promote better understanding among the colleges and provide better control of intercollegiate sports.

The University of Rochester athletic management is in favor of such a conference and I am communicating with the editors of the publications of the colleges that might be interested in forming this kind of a body, to get their views on the subject. At present I have no definite plan to offer for the actual organization, but I believe that a satisfactory one could be worked out easily.

I would be very pleased to hear your ideas and those of your college in general on the subject at your earliest convenience as to the feasibility of such an organization or as to any plan you may have to suggest.

Sincerely yours,

F. R. METZINGER,
Sports Editor."

The formation of a football conference, such as is now operated by the leading universities in the west, is a very desirable movement, for it not only eliminates the hit-or-miss plan of playing various colleges and universities, but also stimulates a keener athletic interest and broader sports sympathy among the student body and the actual participants in the games. Such a suggestion needs a careful study and, if it is to be put into use, demands that a definite code of rules and fair contracts be drawn up. Several conferences have been formed in the country and their failure may be traced to the short-sightedness of their originators. There are enough colleges and smaller universities in the State of New York, however, to assure such a project success, if properly managed.

The Messenger Board is open to all suggestions from either the students, the professors or any of the alumni; it is hoped that all will evidence interest in the movement.

AN ADDITION TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND

By the will of Mrs. William E. Thorn, formerly of Cohoes, N. Y., St. Stephen's college has received \$8,000 for its general endowment fund. Mrs. Thorn died last May. The City Mission Society of the Church of New York, the All Night Mission on the Bowery, the Abigail Free Kindergarten in New York and the Institution for the Blind in Albany have received similar amounts.

ALUMNI NOTES

Harry Turney-High, '22, who has finished his graduate work in the University of Wisconsin, was recently appointed Instructor in Social Sciences there, working under the direction of Professor Gillen.

The Rev. Cassius Hunt, '20, has been appointed Missionary Priest for the District of Liberia, and expects to go out in the near future. This makes the third St. Stephen's man acting as a Missionary in this field.

Donald Kastler, ex '23, has become Editor of the Players Magazine which is published in Racine, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Walter Hoffman, who was football Captain here in 1920 was recently married. He is now Rector of a Church at Tompkins Cove, N. Y.

The birth of a daughter, Pauline Van Wagenen, on October 3rd, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Hollis W. Colwell. Mr. Colwell, now at the General Theological Seminary, was graduated in 1921.

FORMER PRESIDENT RETURNS TO PREACH

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence T. Cole, sometime Warden or President of the college, preached on October 26 on the subject of the mysteries of the Christian religion. The text was St. Mark 4:11, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God." Our savage ancestors were surrounded by mysteries which they could not comprehend, such as the coming of night, and, consequently feared and hated. Mystery has been the obstacle—yet the greatest incentive to the achievements of man. Christianity is primarily a religion of mysteries. The Greeks had the most secret of all societies, or "mysteries" as they were termed, which only one specific teacher or "mystikon" could reveal to the neophyte. Christ, by His revelation of God, is our "Mystikon," by Whom alone the mysteries of Heaven were shown for the practical purposes of the things of God. As we accept most of our knowledge on the "say so" of others, so we accept Christ's teachings, when we consider His perfect life and the things which have been accomplished in His Name for the hundreds of years since the mystery of His Resurrection.

DRAGON CLUB NOTES

On October 16, the Dragon Club held a meeting and formally admitted its new members, Bittner, P. D. Jones, Carlson, Parsell, Moser and Packard.

The club voted to renew its offer of a prize of ten dollars for the best prose contribution to this year's Messenger. This parallels the prize for the best verse contribution annually offered by Father John Mills Gilbert.

PRESIDENT OGILBY PREACHES

The Rev. Dr. Remsen B. Ogilby, President of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, one of the five Church colleges, preached in Chapel on Sunday, October 19, on the need for a popular apprehension of a cogent motive for social conduct. Taking as his text St. Luke 9:13 "Give ye them to eat," he related an experience of his at Bontoc in the Philippines one evening at a native festival, where the But-Buts, an Igorot people, greeted him with a song of welcome. The point to be noticed about them, however, is that theirs is a social group which is a distinct whole. In dealing with the Chinese and Igoros we cannot teach them Christianity in the individualistic terms of the Protestant Reformation, since they are so socially inclined. We used to support Missions because we thought that the unbaptized were going to singe in hell, but now the doubts about a physical hell among intelligent people are becoming public property. We will have to substitute higher motives for fear, and strengthen the worth of loyalties. Unity above all is to be stressed, for the mathematical as well as the political fact that the whole is equal to the sum of all its parts is too often forgotten. Social obligations must be lived by laymen, and developed and carried out by the Cross.

ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES

At a meeting of the board of trustees of St. Stephen's College held in New York October 22, the Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, Bishop of New York, was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year. Rev. B. I. Bell, president of the college, was re-named vice-chairman; William Harrison, secretary and A. Hatfield, Jr., treasurer. Except for the addition of Professor Baldwin of Columbia to the educational committee and Professor Ogden of Cornell to the administration and building committee, no changes were made on the standing committees.

The report received from the treasurer showed that the assets of the college had increased over \$300,000 in the past year. For the first time in the history of the institution this brings the assets over one million dollars. These figures are exclusive of the furnishings, mobile equipment and books, which are valued at about one-quarter of a million dollars. Two-thirds of the increase is due to the construction of the new buildings and other one-third to additions to the endowment funds.

The erection of three residences for members of the faculty was authorized. The administration committee was appointed to secure plans for construction. The buildings are to be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall semester in September, 1925. The locations are not certain, but will be decided upon at the winter meeting of the board.

Scrubs Again Victors

Blank Strong Newburgh Team in Hard Fought Game

On October twenty-fifth the scrubs won their third shut out of the season when they scored an 18 to 0 victory over Newburgh H. S. on the latter's field. The game was well played throughout by both teams. For the scrubs, Stolp gave a fine exhibition of broken field running and handled punts well, besides making two touchdowns on forward passes from Murry. Kunkel, although bothered by a bad shoulder, put up a fine game at end. Kirk fullback for Newburgh, was, on account of his driving ability, their outstanding player. Both teams were pretty evenly matched as to line play, and it was clearly the successful development of an aerial attack that gave the second team its great advantage.

The Seconds received at the opening of the game and ran back the kickoff twenty-five yards. A steady drive netted two first downs before Murry had to punt. After the ball had changed hands several times, an Academy back fumbled, Kunkel recovering on Newburgh's twenty yard line. A clean pass, Murry to Stolp, put the ball over, but the pass for extra point was grounded. Although there was no more scoring in the first half, the second period was featured by Stolp's excellent running back of punts. Score at the end of the first half: S. S. Scrubs 6, Newburgh 0.

Newburgh opened the second half with a driving offense that was soon solved by the second team forwards. Both quarterbacks used all their stuff in the third period, but neither team could score. In the final period Rapolla's recovery of a fumble, placing the ball on Newburgh's thirty yard line, paved the way for the second touchdown, which came from open formation on a pass to Kunkel. The drop kick for the extra point was low. On the following kickoff, Newburgh lost the ball on downs. The Seconds did some quick playing, and Stolp carried another pass over the line for the third touchdown. The try for point failed and the game was soon ended. Final score: Scrubs 18, Newburgh 0. The line-up:

Seconds	Newburgh
Kearns (Kunkel) L.E.	Whitsar
Bookhout (Kroll) L.T.	Cayler
Peck L.G.	McCurry
Moser C.	Weeks
Rapolla R.G.	Schulman
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Patterson Q.B.	Livingston
Doggett L.H.B.	Lampack
Stolp R.H.B.	Saunders
Murry F. B.	Kirk

TWO LOSSES AGAINST VARSITY

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Providence choosing the goal, elected to kick. Schaffly sent the kick-off far down the field against the wind, and the runner was downed on about the fifteen yard line. The Varsity line broke through and stopped Providence College's first play for a loss. Providence punted, Carlton running the ball back ten yards before he was downed. A Varsity back fumbled, Providence recovering inside the team's thirty-five yard line. The line held, and an attempted drop-kick was blocked and recovered. Gains through the line carried the ball out of the danger zone before Noble had to kick. The ends were well down under every punt and forced the Providence backs to signal for a fair catch many times during the afternoon. Providence's running attack was stopped at the line, and their forwards, even when successful, rarely gained more than a yard or so. An exchange of punts near the end of the period left Providence in possession of the ball near the center of the field, when time was called for the end of the first quarter.

Neither team seemed capable of a sustained offense during the second period, until, as the half was wearing to its close, the break that the team was waiting for came. Noble drove a lofty punt far down the field into Providence's territory. Wilson, down fast under the kick, worried the receiver and recovered his fumble on the Providence 25 yard line. A pass down the sideline to Harding resulted in a touchdown which the head linesman declared illegal. A second pass put the pigskin on the five yard mark. In two cracks at the line, Carlton carried the ball over. Half time was up while the play was being run, so the half was called immediately after Schaffly kicked the extra point.

The Varsity started the second half with a crash. Three line plays netted as many first downs. Then an unfortunate fumble was recovered by Providence, who worked the ball to the Varsity thirty yard line and drop-kicked a goal from the field. The third period ended with the score 7-3 in favor of St. Stephen's. In the last quarter a long run by Providence brought the ball from the center of the field to the Crimson's twenty-five yard line. A first down put the ball on the fifteen yard mark. Here, backs to the wall, the line fought until, with fourth down and four yards to go. Providence completed a pass

over the goal line. Try for point was low. In the last few minutes of the game Tom Luepke revived the hopes of St. Stephen's rooters by intercepting a forward and dashing forty yards. Just as he was about to break away for a score he was downed from behind on Providence's twenty yard line. With but a minute or so to play, the open game was resorted to. It failed, and Deloria tried for a field goal. Though his kick was blocked the ball was recovered by a Crimson player. Two more passes were grounded and the game was over. Final score, S. S. C. 7. Providence 9.

Providence line-up:

Smith	L. E.
O'Leary	L. T.
Reall	L. G.
Connors	C.
Alford (Capt.)	R. G.
Murphy	R. T.
Wholly	Q. B.
Triggs	L. H. B.
Bride	R. H. B.
Delaney	F. B.

Officials: referee, E. W. Hapgood; umpire, C. E. Boston; head-linesman, Jack Norton.

THE FORUM

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terested to give forty minutes a week, the Forum offers an opportunity to learn something about the leading questions of the day. These informal discussions are held in the President's office every Tuesday night immediately after dinner. Several men look up the topic and give to those who care to attend the benefit of their investigations. Brief comments follow and the situation is covered quickly but comprehensively. Surely the small number of men who have attended the meetings this semester is not indicative of our interest. Next Tuesday night the civil war in China will be discussed. Come, talk and listen! Of if you prefer, simply listen.

ALUMNI ACTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Report of the Rev. Archibald M. Judd
President of the Alumni Association

Total amount received	\$583.91
Paid: Scholarship—	
Arrears for 1922-	
1923 (by contribu-	
tion of John Aspin-	
wall)	\$ 37.00

Scholarship—In full	
for 1923-1924	500.00
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Envelopes	46.91
	\$583.91

The task of raising money for the Active Alumni Scholarship proved a task of no mean dimensions. The Scholarship for the past year was paid, as well as a deficit of \$37 inherited from the previous year; but unless the matter can be handled at less cost, of money, time, and labor; and payments made when due, the Scholarship had better be dropped.

In all there were sent out 1978 mimeographed letters, and 177 individual letters.

Contributions have been received from 100 persons.

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHIBALD M. JUDD,
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Oct. 4—Poughkeepsie H. S. at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	0	13
Oct. 11—Middletown H. S. at Middletown, N. Y.	0	32
Oct. 25—Newburgh Academy at Newburgh, N. Y.	0	18
Nov. 7—Kingston H. S. at Kingston, N. Y.		
Nov. 15—Port Jervis H. S. at Port Jervis, N. Y.		
Nov. 22—Raymond Riordan at Highland, N. Y.		

THE MUMMERS ORGANIZE

At a recent meeting of the Mummerys, Mr. Schuyler Crunden was elected chairman for the coming year. The following by-laws were adopted:

1. The dramatic society at St. Stephen's College shall be called the Mummerys.

2. The officers of the Mummerys shall be elected annually at the close of each academic year, and shall consist of a chairman, business manager, property manager, and art manager. Men elected to managerships shall automatically become members of the Mummerys.

3. Membership in the Mummerys shall be limited to official upperclassmen who have appeared in one or more of the productions of the Mummerys. Undergraduates who appear in productions shall be eligible for membership when they become upperclassmen.

4. At the end of each academic year a committee shall be elected to read plays during the summer with a view to producing them during the next academic year.

5. As far as possible, tryouts shall be held for places in the casts of the plays to be produced. For the purposes of judging the tryouts, a committee shall be elected.

6. The insignia of the Mummerys shall be decided on and incorporated in these by-laws.

W. W. Vogt, C. H. B. Sutton Shupe, and S. W. Crunden were appointed to the play-reading committee. Two plays have already been chosen, and a third is under discussion. Work on the plays will be gotten under way in the very near future, and the organization hopes to have them ready for presentation by the early part of December. Serious efforts are being made to get the plays on the road this year. G. S. King was elected art manager; R. L. Webber, property manager; and G. M. Smith was re-elected business manager.

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