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MUMMERS PLAN SPRING BILL

Rehearsals Have Already Begun

The Mummers will put on three short plays on Thursday evening, April nineteenth. The first will be a farce, entitled "Where but in America?" by Ossie Wolf; the second will be a satiric comedy, "Fame and the Poet," by Lord Dundas; the third will be a fantasy, "The Knave of Hearts," by Louise Saunders. As slated at present the casts will be as follows:

"Where but in America?"
The man.............Lyte
The wife...........J. Clark
The maid...........Packard

"Fame and the Poet"
The poet.............Myers
The lieutenant-major.......Jones
The goddess.......C. C. Clark or Barnes

"The Knave of Hearts"
The manager........Dickerson
Two cooks........Graver and Titus
Two heralds.......Scott and Walker
King Pompadour VIII........Craig
The Lord Chancellor.....R. U. McLean
The Knave..........Dunegan
The Lady Ursula.........Rettelbach
The Lady Violetta........H. Smith

Professor Voitsebes will direct the first two plays; President Bell will have the last in charge. The play committee which is in consultation with the directors, arranged for the casts, consisted of: Craig, Dickerson, Dunegan, G. S. K. will as usual have charge of the scenery, and Buchanan will manage the electrical effects. Guildford has been appointed property man.

SABBATICAL LEAVES

Two Members of Faculty Affected

At the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees a year's sabbatical leave, to begin next September, was granted to Professor MacDonald of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology. He will spend the year at the Post Graduate College of Philosophy, Columbia University. Professor MacDonald's required courses in Ethics will be taught by Dr. Edwards. Arrangements will be made for a locum tenens to do the work in Psychology. The elective courses in Philosophy will not be offered next year.

In lieu of sabbatical leave, the Corporation will send Dr. E. C. Upton of the English Department to England and Italy for the summer. He expects to sail for Europe on June twenty-first.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TENNIS IN PROGRESS

Dr. Wilson Appointed Coach

The second step toward the establishment of a tennis team at St. Stephen's was taken when Major P. S. Prince, President of Athletics, appointed Dr. Wilson as coach in charge this year's squad. Dr. Wilson, besides his undeniable ability at the genteel art of juggling cups, has had tennis experience at the Universities of Vermont and Wisconsin, which play a very good game, and besides knowing the fine points takes a keen interest in the sport, so that he has qualifications of a first-class coach.

A manager and an assistant-manager have been appointed, and dates have been set for tennis musicals, and dates offered to Eastman Business College, Trinity College, General Theological Seminary, Hamilton College, and Skidmore College. It is hoped that the season may start off with Eastman here on April 29th, and that we may play Trinity on the same day with the baseball team.

Prospects are quite bright, as the only one of last year's men who did not return is Drake, the "Number Four." His loss is amply made up, however, in the number of new men, who play a good brand of tennis. Under the able handling of the new coach, a fast team should be evolved which, if it does not come up to top notch this year, will at least lay the foundation for a crack team in the future.

Although a view of the existing weather conditions does not make a much more of dry courts before the Fourth of July, practice will probably be held at the end of the Easter holidays. There will be easily two weeks before the first match—ample time in which to put a well-practiced tent if tentative team on the court.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON INITIATES TEN MEN

Banquet Held at Fraternity House on Evening of February Eighth

The New York Sigma-Phi chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon held its initiation on the S. A. E. house in Annandale on the evening of February eighth. After the ceremony the ten new members were the guests of honor at a banquet held in the fraternity house.

Several alumni came up for the affair and took in the Freshman Dance held the following night. The newly initiated, all of the class of '26: Arthur F. Keplingher, Charles E. Wadsworth, Robert H. Powers, Charles A. Anslow, Paul F. Pinkerton, John R. Ferris, Jr., Roy A. Vosfel, Leslie C. Barnes, Gilbert P. Leslie, Paul T. Glidden.

Among the alumni present were: Brothers Tredler, Strong, Sayre, Currie, Bridgeman and Barry.

ALGEBRA LAID TO REST

Many Speak Kindly of Departed

In Memorium: Varicella

Algebra die septuaginta

Ferrarii MCMXXIII

Septuaginta quinquaginta

Classici MCMXXVI

Wednesday, February seventh, the algebra was laid to rest with appropriate ceremonies. Only friends and near relatives were invited to participate in the celebration of the class of 1926, who took place in the Zababkine Star's garden, amid a profusion of evergreen decorations. Since the entire affair was conducted in a dignified and proper manner, it is to be hoped that the spirits of the departed will rest undisturbed until after the day of the final judgment. The class of '26 has expressed much gratitude to the class of '25 for the sympathy and interest shown by the latter throughout the entire period of tribulation. (Red Hook papers copy)

Alumni to Serve on Board of Trustees

ONE TO BE APPOINTED EACH YEAR

To Serve Three-Year Term

At the February meeting of the Board of Trustees an agreement was ratified between the Corporation and the Alumni Association, by which the latter will elect, beginning next June, three trustees, each of whom shall hold office for three years, with one retiring each year upon the appointment of a successor. In order to bring about this desired result the trustees had the college charter amended by the New York State Legislature, which action was completed two years ago. The alumni were then requested to give consideration to the matter, and at their meeting last June they appointed a committee to negotiate with the Corporation. The Rev. Albert Longley was chairman of the committee.

In the agreement it is provided that no man may represent the Alumni Association among the trustees unless he has a degree, or else one of the departments given by the college in former times. It is further provided that no alumni trustee may succeed himself in office.

FRESHMAN FROLIC DOES CREDIT TO CLASS OF '26

Second Dance of Season Proves a Success

The annual dance given by the freshmen class was held on the evening of Friday, February ninth in the Memorial Gymnasium. There was no train wreck to celebrate the occasion this time, but otherwise the affair went off smoothly. Viewed from any angle it was a good dance. The freshmen admit that it was.

The gymnasium was decorated in the class colors, black and red. The apparatus about the walls was screen with green leaves that imparted a pleasing odor to the air, and the orchestra enclosure was made of white birch in a fantastic design. The Senior and Freshman banniers were hung at opposite ends of the floor. The chaperones were seated under the balcony with all the pomp and finery due their dignity.

The orchestra fully lived up to expectations. To the horror of the cultured few they played a number of classical pieces to jazz-time, and did it remarkably well, besides several old songs brought up to date. Some excellent solo-work on the tenor banjo lent variety to the selections. A spot-light with a touch of life to the proceedings, and incidentally gave the chaperones some unhappy moments. Toward the close of the evening some of the strainers which formed a false ceiling were let down from the balcony, and other strainers were passed out to be used as missiles against those who had tried to pass most other peoples feet. There were no casualties.

The dancing lasted from about nine until shortly after two. During that time the punch-bowl was kept filled with an excellent if wholly innocuous liquid. Refreshments consisting of cakes and sherbet were served at midnight. As nobody short of an Esquire would have cared to stroll outdoors for long, the floor was filled comfortably throughout the evening. There were not as many present as at the previous dance, but so far there have been no complaints on that score.
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To Horse, Poets of The Messenger

Gilbert Prize for Best Contributed Verse

The Rev. John Wills Gilbert, who annually gives a prize for the most work done at St. Stephen's in the field of poetry, has decided to make this year's award for 1923-1924 to the man who has published the best verse in either the Fall, Winter, or Spring Number of the Messenger. The prize will be, according to the Rev. Mr. Gilbert's custom, two volumes of collected verse. The judges for the contest are to be President Bell, Dr. Upton, Professor Voorhees.

Both Spring and Fall issue are at hand, and we hope to see some poetic reactions worthy of the kindly annual. Let none be discouraged: we have read anything before, and we will read everything again. Two years ago the prize was awarded for more creditable work; we trust that there will be some attempts to equal or even to surpass, the standard set last June.

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Prefacing his lecture with a few personal words, in which he drew reminiscences of his Sewanee days, he said that he wished, as a Sewanee man, to thank President Bell for unselfishly plowing the same soil that Sewanee's students would have to keep his average above the required eighty per cent, he will automatically be dropped.

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He frequently gave a dance, but he was always willing to exceed that limit; and we are trying to warn those who are planning to give dances in the future to custodians of the energies rather than to novel ways of running them to elaborate and expensive ways.

ON THE THEORY OF RECAPITULATION

College days are the days for the study of theories, but they should be modified so that they should be the days for selection from among theories, and for as low a tentative trial of one or two of the best of them. Of late the men of St. Stephen's seem to have forgotten ideals of ethical improvement, and have set about so insidiously to prove, by making specimens of themselves, the truth of the biological theory that the individual in the course of his growth, reproduces all the steps of growth through which humanity in general has passed. Some of our friends are trying to understand any significance in the heading "Thou shalt not steal," or "Thou shalt not covet." We run now according to the military commission of the predatory stage of society.—"What is yours mine: what mine is yours." This mode of action would commendable if we, as a small group of friends, were trying out a new system of community ownership of property. That would show progress, rather than persistent immaturity. But such day brings in its train put thythivy and wanton destruction. New locks are appearing on doors, and strange hiding-places are being sought for the deposit of valuables. There are now some signs that a more advanced social stage is about to be illustrated. Students are passing from the period of individual to the period of tribal plillage. They are in the process of dividing the campus, and if the institution is to be preserved, they should be repudiated with horror by the perpetrators themselves. We can only hope, although no justification for hope, that a few more days will bring us to a point where the powers of order and control will feel inspired to cast aside fear. Will not the student council stand squarely against petty thieves, and against childish disregard for private property?

THE SMALL COLLEGE

A recent editorial in the Yale Daily News suggests a cut in undergraduate enrollment at Yale, to afford ample space for closer touch between the faculty and the student body. This statement, we believe, signifies the importance of this matter in education, and one in which St. Stephen's has had to take little part. Nor long ago nearly all students in the country were affected by "gianism," an abbreviation that is characteristically American. The new conception of value has arisen, in which size is not synonymous with success. The days of the small college are undoubtedly drawing to a close.

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Winter Schedule of Inter-Fraternity and Inter-Class Games Arranged

The winter schedule of inter-fraternity and inter-class basketball games as arranged by Major Prince was begun February twelfth. In the opening game the Kappa Gamma Chis defeated the non-sors by a score of eleven to nine. The game caused the usual enthusiasm especially noticeable at all such events, and was not decided until the last thirty seconds of play, when Carlson dropped a basket for the winners.

On February fourteenth the Freshman Five nosed out the Unclassified Unconquerables in a game featured by much good interference and excellent tackling, and forced them to take the short end of a sixteen to thirteen score.

Too much cannot be said in favor of these inter-class games which are an innovation of our present coach, and we only hope that they will be continued in baseball season and in football next fall. They not only create an enthusiasm which athletic events alone can create, but they are also a very helpful factor in the development of material which can be used for future varsity teams. The undoubted advantage of having other than green material to work with is recognized by all, and for this reason if for no other, it is up to the men in the college to show their interest in the life of the college by participating in, or at least attending, the games.

Chapel Preachers During Lent

An excellent schedule of Lenten preachers has been arranged by President Bell and posted on the Bulletin Board. It includes several prominent men, among them the President of Hobart College and the Dean of the Episcopal Theological School.

The schedule follows:

February 18th—Dr. L. P. Edwards
February 25th—Dr. Sturgis, of the National Council.
March 4th—President Murray Bartlett, of Hobart College.
March 11th—Dean Washburn, of the Episcopal Theological School, at Cambridge.
March 18th—Reverend Dr. L. C. Launderburn, of Middletown, Connecticut.
March 25th—President B. I. Bell.

In addition to the regular services, a series of five Instruction-Meditations is being held this week by President Bell. These instructions are on "The Elements of Our Religion" and take up in order the Incarnation, the Atonement, the Church, Prayer, and the Sacraments.

Alumnus Promoted

We have recently received news of the calling of Watson Salvage '98 to direct the Millikin Educational School at Decatur. In speaking of him the "Decatur Herald" says: "No candidate for a position in recent years has been looked into with more thoroughness than Mr. Salvage. It was realized that the head of the educational department would be not merely a teacher in the college, but an influence throughout the community and the state. "President Hol- den of the college in speaking of him said "we have been greatly pleased with Mr. Salvage's evidences of fitness for the position. He has an excellent background in philosophy and psychology for work in education, and those who have met him since his arrival in Decatur have been impressed with his scholarship and character." Mr. Salvage said that after looking into the situation locally he would shape up his courses in a way to make them especially attractive to men.

Mr. Salvage is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epilon fraternity.

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consciousness, the last of the three being the worst.

He concluded by stating what appeared to him to be the greatest need in America today,—men of character as leaders, whom it is the work of the college to supply.

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