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THE RECURRENCE 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 turned to a short discussion of the language of the poet—the patois 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 strange spellings and elisions in The Romance of the Rose, The Parliament of the Birds, and from The Canterbury Tales, that convinced the listeners of the superior richness of the fourteenth century English over that of modern times, and of the humorous delight of this idea of this Middle English poet. There were also a few of the minor poems from other poets of Chaucer's time.

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 Miss Unvalo sisters; her dress was a flowing robe of figured white satin, and her shoes, and caught up to her wrists, there hung a long train of blue velvet trimmed with gold and ornament.

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 “cyclic customs” of this institution would be mercilessly trampled under foot. However, it is not the purpose of these lines merely to perpetuate an antiquity, 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 week outside the cloisters of Annandale has characterized our student body. Last spring an unexpected quiet on campus 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, etc., etc., the sincere bits who are sufficiently in.

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AN EASTERN CONFERENCE?

The following letter was recently received by the editors of the PROOF SHEET.

The letter is an official letter from the University of Rochester.

"Dear Sir:

For some time I believe there has been considerable sentiment among the students of this university to form a football conference such as is now present in some other universities. The organizations promote better understanding among the colleges and prevent 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 information, 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 student body in general on the subject at your earliest convenience as to the feasibility of an organization or as to any plan you may have to suggest.

Sincerely yours,
F. R. METZINGER
Sports Editor"

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Through the efforts of the President and the Board of Trustees, the college has received a bequest of $5,000 for its general endowment fund.

Dr. Harry T. Hunt, who has been the director of the college for 20 years, has been appointed Director of this fund.

The bequest was made by an anonymous donor who wished to remain anonymous.

An ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on May 31, 1923.

The meeting was called to order by President Gilbert M. Smith, who gave a review of the college's activities during the past year.

ALUMNI NOTES

Harry Turney-Hugh, '22, who has finished his graduate work in the University of Wisconsin, is now working under the direction of Professor Gillen.

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

Former President returns to preach

The Rev. Lawrence T. Cole, sometime Warden or President of the college, preached on October 26, on the subject of the mysteries of the Christian religion.

Martin 4:11: "Unto you is it 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 to the achievements of man.

The formation of a football conference, such as is now present in some other universities, promotes better understanding among the colleges and prevents better control of intercollegiate sports.

LIBRARY HOURS

This year, more than heretofore, there has been a great deal of dissatisfaction at the limited number of hours during which the library is open. It seems to us that although the complaints are justified; for they are based on 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 in the reserve shelves, is insufficient.

AN ADDITION TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND

On October 16, the Dragon Club held a meeting and formally admitted 20 members. The club has received $5,000 for its general endowment fund.

President Gilbert M. Smith, who presided at the meeting, expressed the enthusiasm of the members for the new endowment fund.

The appointment of Dr. Harry T. Hunt as Director of the endowment fund was announced.

The election of President Gilbert M. Smith for a second term of office was also announced.

Dr. Hunt is expected to leave for Liberia in the near future.

ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the St. Stephen's College held in New York October 22, the Trustees announced the receipt of a bequest of $300,000, which is to be used for the construction of a new building.

The Trustees also announced the appointment of Dr. Harry T. Hunt as Director of the endowment fund.

The Trustees expressed their gratitude to President Gilbert M. Smith for his efforts in securing the bequest.
Scrub's Again Victors

Blank Strong Newburgh Team in Hard Fought Game

On October twenty-fifth the scrubs won their third straight out of the season when they scored 18 to 10 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 en forward passes from Murphy, Kunkel, although bothered by a bad shoulder, put up a fine game at end. Kirk fullback for Newburgh was one 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 Murphy 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, Murphy 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. 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 Rapo'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 the extra point was again failed. Final score: Scrubs 18, Newburgh 0. The line-up:

Kearns (Kunkel) L.E. Whisler
Bookbous (Kroll) L.T. Cayler
Peck L.G. McCurry
Moros C. Weeks
Rapoza R.G. Schulman
Meyer R.T. Kxriel
Vanderwenter R.E. Tennis
Patterson Q.D. Livingston
Daggett L.H.B. Lampeck
Stolp R.H.B. Saunders
Murphy F. B. Kirk

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THE MUMMERS ORGANIZE

At a recent meeting of the Mummers, 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 Mummers.

2. The officers of the Mummers 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 excelling in managerial work shall automatically become members of the Mummers.

3. Membership in the Mummers shall be limited to official upper-classmen who have appeared in one or more of the productions of the Mummers. Underseniors and other 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 plays in the early part of the academic year, with a view to having them ready for presentation by the early part of December. The organization hopes to have them ready for presentation by the early part of December.

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

W. W. Vogt, C. H. B. Sutton, 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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