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THE BASEBALL TEAM SECURES BRONKIE.

Coach with Big Reputation Comes to Trinity.

Baseball really started last week with the arrival of Herman Bronkie, who has been engaged to coach the team for this season. The squad, which numbers about forty men, has been having daily workouts in the Bronkie took charge of the men Wednesday afternoon, giving them a short talk, advising them to go slowly while working in the cage, as the hard board floor was apt to injure their legs, and giving a hint of inside baseball which they would be drilled in when they were out on the diamond. His main plea was to avoid trying to get into condition too fast, as he believed that to be the greatest fault of many teams.

Bronkie broke into baseball in 1906, pitching for a semi-pro team in Manchester. He went to Newark in 1907 and was farmed out to Waterbury. The following year he pitched for the Hartford team and the next year he was with Waterbury again. In this year, 1909, he gave up pitching and played third base.

In the season of 1910 he started the year with the Nashville team of the Southern League. About the middle of the season he was purchased by the Cleveland Americans and finished the season with them. In 1911, Cleveland farmed him out to the Toledo team of the American Association. He managed the Toledo team the following year. In 1913 he was drafted by the Chicago Cubs and later during the same year he was sold to the Indianapolis team of the American Association. He was with Indianapolis for the next five years, acting as captain of the team. In the middle of the season of 1918 he was sold to the Saint Louis Nationals and finished the season with them. In 1919 he played third base on the St. Louis Americans.

The coach said that it was too early vet to make any definite statement regarding the quality of the squad.

There are nine men on the squad this year who have played baseball on the Trinity team before, and of the new men twelve have had high school experience. There are four candidates for pitcher, six for catcher, eighteen for the infield and ten for the outfield.

Philip Curtiss, '06, has written a new serial, "Wanted-A Fool", which begin in the "American Magazine" for May. In the April number has an article entitled, Settle Down to a Soft Snap", in which he gives a brief story of his life. The story is of great interest to Trinity men and especially to those who are intimately acquainted with Hartford. The April number of the magazine has a picture of Curtiss, his wife and two children, taken at their home in Norfolk, Conn.

BASKETBALL.

Trinity Wins Last Game of Season.

Trinity wound up the basketball season last Friday night by taking a close, hard-fought game from Boston College, 36-32. Trinity started the first half with a rush and at the end of the period was leading, 22 to 14. The Boston team came back strong in the second half and for a time it looked as if they might actually nose out a victory. Their better showing was due largely to the entrance of Urban into the game in place of

The Trinity team played the best basketball they have played this year, their passing being of championship calibre. Captain Nordlund was the individual star, making four field baskets and playing a strong defensive game. Tansill and Hoard, at guard, played their usual tight game.

The lineup and summary.

Trinity		Boston College
Leeke	LF	Smith
Canner	RF	Gannon, Urban
Nordlund	C	Fitzpatrick
Tansill	LG	Mahoney
Hoard, Van Orden	RG	Kamp

Summary-Score, Trinity 36, Boston College 32; field baskets, Nordlund 4, Leeke 2, Tansill 2, Canner 1, Van Orden 1, Smith 3, Fitzpatrick 3, Mahoney 3, Urban 3; foul baskets, Canner 16, Gannon 8; referee, Dillon; timer, Fox; scorer, Reynolds.

ON THE CAMPUS.

Dr. H. C. Swan was one of the judges at the Yale-Harvard gymnastic meet on February 28.

Reitemeyer, editor-in-chief of the 1921 "Ivy", says that he can use a great many more pictures in his periodical. All who have scenes of the college and of the campus are urged to confer with Reitemeyer at once.

At a meeting of the Connecticut Beta of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, March 5, Caleb Alfred Harding, '20, was elected to membership. Harding received his degree at Trinity last June and is now studying law at Columbia University. He was a member of the Hartford Club in his freshman year and later he was made a member of the Phi Gamma Delta

There was a small fire at the home of Professor John J. McCook at 396 Main Street, on Saturday evening, March 13. The fire was in the chimney and the damage was slight.

It is reported that negotiations are under way by which the college corporation will sell to the Washington Street School the tract of land on Broad Street at the foot of School Street, formerly used as the college athletic field.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Reynolds, '22, Elected Secretary-

A special meeting of the Trinity College Athletic Association was held in the public speaking room Thursday evening. Ransom, '21, president of the A. A. presided. Reynolds, '22, was elected secretary-treasurer for the remainder of this year and next year. He will automatically become president in his senior year.

Plumb, '22, was elected an assistant manager of baseball for this year.

On motion of Reitemeyer, '21, the association went on record as being in favor of adopting the army supply sergeant system. Under the proposed system, all athletic equipment will be kept in a common storehouse. A simple checking system will be used under which the manager of each sport will be personally responsible for all material issued to him. The managers of the major sports were appointed as a committee to confer with the graduate manager regarding the details of the system.

The association voted to make basketball a major sport. All present felt that the fine showing of the team this year and the fact that the squad will only lose one man by graduation, justifies making the sport a major one. The resolution means that Trinity will have a major sport now during the whole year.

Mohnkern spoke on basketball and Nichols gave a short talk on baseball.

BY-LAWS OF THE SENATE.

A quorum of the College Senate shall consist of a majority of its members.

In case of a dispute as to the meaning of any clause in the constitution or by-laws, the interpretation of the Senate shall be final, unless set aside by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the college body at a meeting at which a majority of the college body is present.

I.-The Senate shall have final authority to draw up rules regulating the following undergraduate activities:

- (1) The underclass rushes.
- (2) The Freshman-Junior Banquet. (3) The St.Patrick's Day fight.
- (4) All interclass athletic contests.
- (5) All athletic teams representing Trinity College not under jurisdiction of the Athletic Association.

IV.—The college body may from time to time, by a majority vote, grant to the College Senate, authority over such affairs as it is considered desir-

V-Proposed amendments to these by-laws must be read in a college meeting and posted on the bulletin board by the Secretary at least one week before the final action is taken.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCRAP. Sophomores Win Annual Rush.

St. Patrick's annual festival was held last Wednesday morning with the usual bloody results, being preceded by an exceptionally vigorous "preliminary bout."

Early Tuesday afternoon, the Freshman class had completely disappeared. They apparently vanished into thin air, for advance scouts and sleuths of the Sophomores' army could not locate a single trace of the enemy during the early evening.

After vigilant searching, the manhunters, armed to the teeth with handcuffs, located a freshman on Asylum Street and raised a battlecry. Immediately the street resembled the scene of a small riot. The war was on at last, and the spectators, who had been walking the street during the evening in order to obtain reserved seats for the performance, at once started for the scene of action. By the time the audience had assembled, the skirmish was over. The Sophomore class outnumbered the lone Freshman, and succeeded in taking him prisoner.

After wandering over a great deal of the town, and after much debate as to where the logical stronghold of the Freshmen could be, a report arrived through secret service channels that the "Minor House" was the place, and soon the army arrived on the scene of action. They went 'over the top" with a loud yell, which served to warn the Freshmen who girded up their loins and retired to the third floor of the house.

Now, indeed, there was carnage. The Sophomores gained entrance to the fort in a single rush. Nothing could stop them. They tore through the first floor, dashed around the second floor, started for the third floor -and didn't get any further. The They Freshmen were desperate. were defending their class pride, their honor, their lives. As the rushing tide swept up the stairs, the defenders threw beds, trunks, chairs, tables and furniture of all sorts on their heads. Again and again they repulsed the attacks. At last the sophomores decided to retire and wait until the morning to do battle.

The next day, at seven-thirty, the Sophomores were grouped around their tree. They were now the defenders, and determined on revenge.

Suddenly the Freshmen came out of the gymnasium and started their march across the field. Nearer and nearer they came, then they started to run-charging in the form of a wedge directly at the tree.

Here is where nature took a hand. The attacking party hit a patch of ice, slipped, wavered, and their formation was broken. From then on, the fighting was individual. combatants clashed. They throttled, pounded, pulled, pushed, clawed, ripped, tore, and chewed each other.

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TO THE ALUMNI.

The Business Manager is ready to receive subscriptions for the 1921 "Ivy." Whether or not this number is a success depends largely on you. The "Ivy" is an old Trinity institution, it should not be forgotten. Contrary to previous custom, the book will not be for sale on the campus at Commencement this year. If you want to be sure of obtaining a copy, send in your name as soon as possible. Subscription blanks are being sent to everyone.

There has long been need of a system, such as advocated in the following article, at Trinity. Let us hope that those who have the power to make the suggested improvements will soon realize this need and that they will take steps to change the present conditions.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

Ding, dong, ding, dong, rang the bell as the janitor strolled up the walk. The bell sounded louder and louder as it approached the vicinity of the class-rooms, and announced that the hour was over. It kept ringing and ringing until every profesrealizing the impossibility of continuing to teach in this noise, dismissed his class.

Such was the system used at Trinity in the "olden days", when the problem of keeping track of the time was left to one man—the janitor. though his watch might not have been exactly correct at all times, each class was at least regulated by one central time. This made it possible for all students to have a chance of "making" the next class before the professor had begun to call the roll

Probably feeling that a crude method like this should be abolished, the faculty has discarded it and left no system at all. Each professor conducts his class by his own watch, and having a great interest in his work, apparently feels under the obligation to keep his class anywhere from two to ten minutes overtime.

But at the beginning of the hour, he must attempt a show of punctuality and call the roll of those few who are able to reach the class on time. Then he fills in the others as they come straggling in late and interrupting the class. Otherwise, he must wait until the whole class present and make up for the delay in starting by running over the time at the end of the hour. He gains little by this, for nine-tenths of the students are paying no attention to his words and are wondering when they are to be dismissed so that they can keep their next appointment.

Undoubtedly the old janitor's bell would not suffice under present conditions, but with electricity now in the college, an electric bell system with a central board in the executive office would at least be more satisfactory. If a system were established to announce the beginning and ending of each class, with a fair allotment of time to allow for the travel from one room to another, there is no doubt that both students and professors would be more satisfed and more would be accomplished In addition, a greater realization of the value of punctuality, a thing practically non-existent in the college today, would be created.

GEO. A. BOYCE.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

"What are Trinity's Selling Points?" and the last number or two of "The Tripod", etc., are very interesting, concerning what courses Trinity should establish to make her more popular (just what may be meant by popular I do not know, but I have a suspicion it is in some way related to prosperous). I have no suggestion, scholastically, to offer concerning Trinity's courses, as it recuires the mind of one who has made the study of educational needs, etc., to solve that point, but there is one point, though, that protudes itself into this discussion, which as business men many of us can perhaps discuss.

From the article appearing in "The Tripod" for February 24, I quote the following: "Our needs are about like those of Harvard. The main one is more money for endowment, for professors' salaries, because only with a strong, well-paid faculty, can we go ahead, not otherwise," etc. also in the "New York Sun" for March 14, that a nation-wide drive is to be launched soon to raise \$3,000,-000 for St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and this for the purpose of "making both ends meet." ently the same spirit seems to be in the air everywhere, whether it is a rich school or college, or one only that is in mediocre circumstances. The idea is to have endowments so that they can at least pay their bills at the end of the year. Now, to my way of thinking, this whole idea of endowment for the purposes of defraving current expenses is economically wrong. I can see no reason why alumni, or any one, should be called upon to contribute for such

I believe it has been figured out (of course, it varies in different colleges) but roughly and for the purpose of example, say it costs per capita \$300 per year to supply the education for one boy, and yet tuition in such a college is \$150 per year. Now, why should the public be called upon, at large, to put its hand in its pocket to contribute moneys so that some individual will be able to buy at half price something for which he should pay personally the entire ex-

As I understand it, in towns and cities through taxation, are collected the necessary funds for public schools, and the states collect through taxation, moneys whereby state universities are maintained. Therefore, why should not boys and men go to such institutions, if they haven't sufficient money of their own to select just what their particular preference might be? The education in such institutions is excellent.

My above comment has nothing to do with endowments for special purposes, and by special purposes, mean, for example, a drive would be in order at Trinity in order to get sufficient funds together, as has been suggested, for a suitable gymnasium and athletic building, or a drive might be in order for a chapel, or to add another wing to the college, for housing facilities, or to do any of such sorts of things that are going to be of lasting help and usefulness to the college as a part of its permanent plant and equipment, and thus make it better able to help itself. Naturally the more attractive features you can give to any institution, the more attractive are the selling qualities of its educational features.

If, when some one dies, and in their beneficence they have been so moved as to leave a sum of money to a school or college, it is a perfectly splendid thing, but the gift, as it seems to me, should be for the betterment of equipment and wider scholastic facilities, so that the school or college by this enrichment of plant, could offer better courses, by the most competent of masters, adequately and liberally paid, and that the student should pay in return whatever the cost of tuition should have to be placed at, in order to meet the current expenses. In other words, there is no reason why a student should not pay the full equivalent of value received, and if he is financially unable to do so, he should go to some other institution.

From a purely business standpoint, say safety razor blades cost \$1 per dozen. Why wouldn't it be well to some manufacturing plant that makes safety razor blades, to the extent so that the razor blades could be sold for 50 cents per dozen instead of \$1 per dozen? It would be bad business, and if you were approached for a contribution for that purpose your reply would be "Let the fellow who uses safety razor blades buy his blades at the going price." I can see no more reason why any such institutions as Trinity, Harvard, St. Paul's School, or any other institutions of a like kind, should be out for endowments to meet current expenses and suitable salaries for the professors, than any business house should be out for endowments so that they could sell their product at half price.

The "job" that any school or college has before it, the same as any (Continued on page 3.)

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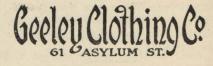
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business organization, is to have a line of something to sell that the people want and it must put it up in the most attractive packages that it can find, and then, offered to the public at cost, plus a profit. It then has something to sell, and a college president has something to go before the country with, as a salesman with a line of goods, and he is offering to the public something for sale that has merit, and he is not afraid to ask the price and to show the reason why, that the line of goods that he represents is better than that of any other competitive house.

It seems to me that the first college that can get into the field on any such basis as that has at once the key-note to success.

> Very truly yours, WM. M. AUSTIN, '98.

OBITUARY.

William Drayton, '71, Dies at his Home in Philadelphia.

William Drayton of the class of 1871 died at his home in Philadelphia on February 27. Mr. Drayton practiced law and was a member of the Board of Governors of the Law Association of Philadelphia. He was a member of Psi Upsilon at Trinity. Mr. Drayton was sixty-eight years old and is survived by his wife and four sons.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'70-Former President Flavel S. Luther is at Overholt, Los Angeles.

'80-Reverend Theodore M. Peck, who has been in charge of the parish at Washington, Conn., since 1905, will retire on May 1. He will reside at Watertown, Conn.

'99-Reverend John W. Nichols is dean of the School of Theology at St. John's University, Shanghai, China. '05—Robert W. Ewing is resident

manager of the California Packing Corporation at Yakima, Washington. Address, 701 South Eighth Avenue.

Yale '08-James W. Williams, who took his degree of Master of Arts in 1915, is teaching in the College of Yale in China, Hunan, China. '08—Edward T. Donnelly is with

the Travelers Insurance Company in

New York City.
'09—Clinton J. Backus, Jr., is located in St. Paul, Minn. His address is 578 Holly Avenue.

'09-Fred T. Gilbert is with the Boston Underwriters' Bureau, 141 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

'10-F. D. Carpenter is teaching German at the University of Ver-

'10 - Jerome P. Webster, LL.D., is taking a post-graduate course in surgery at the Johns Hopkins Medi-

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCRAP. (Continued from page 1.)

They became half buried in the mud, their ears, eyes, noses and mouths were full of mud-slippery, sticky, black mud.

The action became slower and The Sophomores still had slower. a ring of men around the tree. The Freshmen were outnumbered, they fought well but in vain. Their flags were captured, and their men were

The whistle blew at ten minutes of eigth, and what was probably one of the pluckiest, hardest-fought scraps that Trinity has known, was over.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Graduate chemists at Penn State have purchased the home of Dr. Joseph Priestly, the discoverer of oxygen, and will have it moved to the college campus.

A Slavonic club has been formed at Penn State College by the students there from Slav countries. uanian member of the faculty originated the idea.

Three hundred and eighty-one high and preparatory schools are represented in the freshman class at Penn State College.

George Washington University is petitioning for a chapter of Phi Beta

A chin strap of quarter-inch black ribbon is being used for holding freshmen caps in the jaunty position, prescribed by the "sophs" of Kansas State Agricultural School.

As a method for reducing the high cost of living, which must be felt by separate houses of fraternities, the plan which is being carried out at Cornell must be of advantage. There the resources for purchases are pooled by the fraternities for coöperative buying. The result is a reduction of about two dollars a week for each individual.

Princeton and Yale athletic committees have voted to grant their tennis players a major letter, provided plans for an inter-collegiate league are successful. Harvard, Pennsylvania and Cornell, the other colleges which have been proposed as members, have yet to determine their stand in the recognition of the game.

The sophomores of Rochester University have laid down to their freshmen a tenth commandment which is: "Remember that the sidewalks have been laid for thy use; confine thy wandering footsteps to their surface."

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ALUMNI NOTES. (Continued from page 3)

'11-Walter E. Batterson was among the Hartford celebrities pictured in pavement portraits in "The Times" last week.

'11-Earl B. Ramsdell is with the Travelers Insurance Company, working in the field.

'14-Charles T. Senay is captain of the 28th Infantry at Camp Zachary Taylor. He is at present touring the country in the interest of recruiting.

'13-Eugene G. Smeathers is head of the History Department in the Rahway High School. His address is 210 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Newark, N. J.

'14-Louis O. DeRonge is publicity director of the April Musical Festival, which will be held at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory in New York City. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

'17-Joseph A. Racioppi was recently awarded a fellowship, worth \$700, at the General Theological Seminary. He expects to continue his studies in Italy. Afterwards he will work among Italians in New York. Racioppi is a member of Sigma Nu.

Ex-'17-Hobart H. Clark is still in the United States service. He is situated at Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas.

'18-William E. L'Heureux is special agent for the Travelers Insurance Company at Montreal, Canada.

Ex-'18-Antony L. Poto is located with the Stabile Bank in Boston. His address is 176 North Street, Boston, Mass.

'19-Leslie C. Curtis is at the Columbia Law School.

Ex-'20-William E. Sprenger went to France in 1917 as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in the French Army. Since September, 1919, he has been engaged in organizing the Y. M. C. A. in the devastated regions in the north of France. His address is 13 Rue Lafayette, Paris, France.

Ex-'20-Richard P. Pressey is living at Manchester, where he is connected with the branch office of the Travelers Insurance Company.

Howell-Cheney.

Miss Sylvia Burt Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Howell, and Charles W. Cheney were married on Wednesday, March 17. Mrs. Cheney's brothers, who were ushers at the wedding, and her father are graduates of Trinity and members of Alpha Delta Phi.

He-"Have you ever seen our ski

She-"No, but I'd just love to. Will he do it before strangers?"

-Jack-o-Lantern.

Er-"Where can I find ladies' garters?"

"Oh, sir, can't you guess."

-Lampoon.

Stump Orator-"I want reform; I want government reform; I want labor reform; I want—"

Voice--"Chloroform."

-Yale Record.

BY-LAWS OF SENATE. (Continued from page 1.)

Amendments may be made by the college body at a meeting at which one-half of the entire college body is present, and the majority of those present shall be necessary for amend-

VI-For all matters not herein provided for, "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the authority.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

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Cornell has received a bronze medal from the University of Paris in recognition of its war record.

The summer camp for members of the R. O. T. C. in all colleges in the eastern half of the country will be at Camp Devens, Mass. The government furnishes rations, uniforms and transportation.

There has been a ninety-five per cent. increase in the number of men enrolled in the chemistry department at the University of Wisconsin over the number enrolled last year.

At least 5000 Princeton men served in the late war. Three thousand of them became officers, including four brigadier-generals. Two hundred and thirty were decorated for bravery, and 137 were killed.

Dartmouth is trying to organize sectional clubs among her undergraduates. Under the plan the men from each section of the country or from the same "prep" school would group themselves together and look out for Dartmouth publicity in their region.

At the University of Washington the freshmen have a vigilance committee from their own class, which sees that the traditional rules of the university are observed.

"Fatima", "Lucky Strike" "Camel" are the most popular cigarettes at the University of Pennsylvania according to a recent straw vote, Most of the co-eds voted for "American Beauty" cigarettes as their favorite smoke.

Johns Hopkins will have the hardest football schedule in its history in 1920. Syracuse, University of Virginia and Swarthmore are included on the list of teams to be met.

Columbia freshmen who fail to memorize college songs have artistic (?) designs painted on their faces with iodine by the sophomores.

College fees at Lafayette have been increased from \$155 to \$200 for arts and from \$205 to \$250 for science.

At Lafayette any student who takes ten chapel cuts is placed on probation. If he takes fifteen, he is required to take an extra course in the Biblical Department.

At Princeton an absence from physical training counts as a double cut, while absences from classes count simply as single cuts. freshman, writing to the editor of the "Princetonian", wants to know if 20 minutes of swimming is worth as much as two hours of Latin or chem-

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