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JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

ONE OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE FESTIVITIES THIS SEASON

The annual St. John's Junior-Senior Prom was unanimously declared to be one of the most enjoyable festivities of the social season. It was held at the Country Club Friday evening, April 22nd.

Those present were Misses Sybil Harris of Wichita, Josephine Morgenstern, Mildred Connelly, Frances Felt, Alice Robinson, Gertrude Kirtland, Mildred Fagerstrom, Margaret Crawford, Minnie Preston, Helen Stanford, Helen Daggett, Juliet Buell, Marguerite Anderson, Hortense Pierce, Virginia Layton, Ella Weisgerber, Marie Holmberg and Eithd Minor; Cadets Lieut. Harris, Capt. Lippincott, Capt. Ross, Lieut. Sanders, Lieut. Fleming, Lieut. Sudendorf, Capt. Bigelow, Lieut. McDonald, Brewer, Jackson, Putnam, Gotte, Snedden, Smith G., Christenson, Johnson, Schaffner, and Shields.

Festivities started with dancing, which was discontinued shortly, and the guests were ushered into the hall, where the banquet was served. Mrs. and Major J. L. Wier were seated at one end of the table, and Mrs. and Major W. L. Ganssle and Rev. Chas. H. McKnight were seated at the opposite end. The table was very attractively set, due to the efforts of Mrs. Wier and Mrs. Ganssle. The prevailing colors were black and orange, and the table was adorned with several large bouquets of orange. The serving was done by the sophomore cadets Sergt. Major Hill, Corp. Hines, Pvt. Holdren and Pvt. Martis.

After the dinner the guests were led into the main room, where dancing and light refreshments were enjoyed. The room was decorated with pennants, festoons, balloons and trophies of the school. The general color scheme of black and orange was very effectively carried out.

The program consisted of fifteen regular dances and six extra dances,

with three intermissions, and during the intermissions the cadets and their guests sought the verandas and swings, chaperoned by members of the faculty who were present. Favors were distributed to the guests, the ladies receiving the black and orange school pennants, and the boys receiving confetti. Caps and horns were also passed out and everyone entered into the revelry with proper zeal.

The music was furnished by the Pierce-Hoover Orchestra, and an excellent program was rendered.

The party ended at twelve-thirty, and the guests took their leave, everyone having had a most enjoyable time and thoroughly satisfied with the success of the occasion.

The success of the Prom was very largely due to the efforts of Mrs. J. L. Wier, who very kindly undertook the task of making all preparations, and with Mrs. Ganssle, of supervising the decorating.

Eight Men Get Sweaters

Basket Ball sweaters were awarded to the following: Frank Gotte, Captain and Center; Donald Pattison, Forward; Verne Ross, Forward; Gus Shiney, Guard; Charles Lippincott, Guard; Elliot Putnam, Forward; Harold Shellenberger, Forward and Guard; Waldron Sanders, Guard.

The team was handicapped from the first of the year, as there were no letter men back and the new men did not get to working together to the best advantage until the end of the season. However, they finished the season with a most creditable showing, winning the B Class Cup at the District Tournament.

Fraternity Officers

The Kappa Delta Phi held an election of officers at a recent meeting. Those elected were: President; Melvin Jackson; Vice-president: Ronald McDonald; Treasurer: Lloyd McWhinney; Secretary: Frank Gotte; Warden: Dan Schaffner.

THE VICTORIOUS TEAM

ST. JOHN'S TEAM WINS THE CONFERENCE CUP

The St. John's Team ended a successful basket ball season by winning the Conference Cup in a hard fought battle in the Wesleyan Gym. As stated in the previous issue, this makes the second consecutive year that this trophy has been won by St. John's, and if the performance is repeated next year, the cup will become the property of the School.

The men on the team were: Frank Gotte, Captain and Captain-Elect, who played center throughout the season. He is a football man, and his playing at St. John's has been altogether clean and successful. Gotte was selected as Conference All-Star Center, and his friends predict for him as successful a year in the coming season as the one just finished.

Verne Ross, Forward, whose long distance shots and quick all-round playing did much to win the Conference Cup. Ross will be the only member of the squad who graduates this year. He was a Second Team man last year.

Gus Shiney, Guard. Shiney played a good game throughout the season as guard, and will be here next year holding down a place on the Squad. Shiney was also picked for the Conference Team.

Lydon Lippincott, Guard, whose fast passing and long distance shooting did much to push the squad through the season. Lippincott will return for another year at St. John's.

Donald Pattison, Forward and picked for the Conference Team. Pattison was one of the fastest men on the floor. His specialty was quick shooting and passing. He will play another season.

Elliot Putnam, Sub-forward. Putnam, who owing to his small size didn't play in all the games, nevertheless got into enough to earn his

sweater, and has bright prospects for next year.

Harold Shellenberger, Sub-forward and Guard, was a consistent player and fought hard to win his sweater. Shellenberger is a junior, and will play again in 1922.

Waldron Sanders, Sub-guard, played sure and fast basket ball in all games he was entered in. Sanders may return next season and make another sweater.

Credit is due both the Second and Third Teams for their efforts and the practice they gave the First Squad in scrimmage work. They were faithful at practice, and several of them have bright prospects for next season.

The Team was coached by Major Wier, and managed by cadet Lieutenant Fleming, both of whom gave their spare time and devoted their efforts throughout the season to making a successful team, and much of the credit is theirs.

ST. JOHN'S REPRESENTED

Major Ganssle Attends Annual Meeting of North Central Academic Association

On Tuesday, March 15, Major Ganssle left St. John's to attend the annual meeting of the North Central Academic Association held in Chicago March 18-19.

The purpose of this important Association is to have the principals and officers of the various boarding schools meet annually to discuss the problems that arise in connection with boarding school work. The value of such an organization will readily be appreciated from a study of the program of this year's meeting, part of which is given below, and from a consideration of the importance of such discussion and the help each member obtains from the study of the various problems that arise in other schools. Some of the topics discussed were:

"Educational Tests and Measurements" by Prof. F. N. Freeman of Chicago University.

"The Changing College Entrance Requirements and the Effect on Our Courses of Study" by K. J. Stouffer, Dean of Elgin Junior College and Academy.

"Getting Our Graduates Lined up in College" discussion led by F. L. Hunt, Culver Military Academy.

In discussing these topics, much time was given to the consideration of the relationship of secondary

schools to institutions of higher learning.

At the Banquet given at University Club, Dr. Walter Dill Scott, President of Northwestern University, made a very interesting speech on "Service," in which he classified all institutions of service under four main heads according to the kind of suffering each was designed to relieve. Thus, charitable institutions relieve the suffering caused by poverty; hospitals relieve the suffering caused by disease; churches relieve the suffering caused by sin; and schools relieve the suffering caused by ignorance.

The following are some of the schools having membership in the Association:

Chicago Latin School, Chicago, Ill.
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Harvard School, Chicago, Ill.

Howe School, Howe, Ind.

Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo.

Kentucky Military Institute, Lyndon, Ky.

Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Ill.

Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Mo.

Morgan Park Preparatory School, Morgan Park, Ill.

Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, Lake Geneva, Wis.

St. Alban's School, Knoxville, Ill.

St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis.

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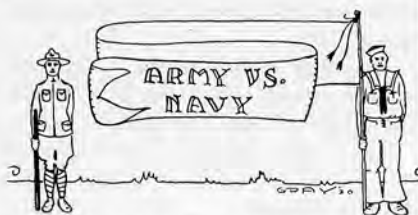
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Navy 7—Army 7

The Army and Navy Clubs tangled the afternoon of March 19 in the first baseball game of the season. There was an abundance of home runs, due probably to the rather acute shortage of pitchers on the Army Club. Shiney, Gotte and Pattison each counted one circuit hit while Condon made one but was called out for cutting second too far.

The Game by Innings:

1. Army: Hines and Lippincott fanned and Stiles knocked a fly to Harris Side out; score 0.

Navy: Shiney started things with a home run. Pattison, Ross and Gotte fanned and the side went out; score 1.

2. Army: Marts hit for 1, Pattison fanned 3; score 0.

Navy: Rose, Condon and Putnam fanned, score 1.

3. Army: Price walked, Hines hit for 1, and Price scored. Hines walked, Bigelow walked, Erwin fanned, Marts walked, McBride walked, forcing Hines in. Bigelow scored; McBride put out on first. Stiles out on a hit; score 3.

Navy: Artusse and Wheeler fanned. Harris out on a hit.

4. Army: Brewer walked, Watkins, Christensen and Hines fanned. Score 3.

Navy: Shiney, walked, stole two bases and scored. Pattison hit for 2, Gotte knocked a homer. Ross fanned, Condon and Benest out on first; score 4.

5. Army: Erwin fanned; Bigelow walked; McBride walked; Bigelow scored. Marts walked, Stiles out on first, and Christensen hit; McBride scored; Brewer hit; Marts scored. Christensen out on third; score 6.

Navy: Benest fanned, Artusse out on first; Hyde hit for 1, Wheeler fanned; score 4.

6. Army: Hines out on first, Erwin hit, Bigelow walked; Erwin out on third; Bigelow scored; McBride fanned; score 7.

Navy: Shiney walked; Pattison hit for 1; Shiney scored; Pat went to third. Pat scored; Gotte fanned; Benest knocked a fly to Marts, Ross out on first; score 6.

7. Army: Stiles out on first, Chris-

tensen was hit and walked to first; Brewer out on first; Watkins fanned.

Navy: Condon hit but cut second too far and was called out. Shiney out on first; Pattison knocked a home run; Gotte hit, Benest out on first.

8. Army: Marts fanned; Hines hit; Erwin hit; Bigelow knocked a long one bringing in Hines. He tried for home but was put out; Hines' score not counting.

Navy: Ross hit; Condon out on first; Ross out on second; Artusse fanned; game ended.

Easter Egg Contest

Easter morning opened with a breakfast feed for the cadets. First there was served a large platter of ham and a dish of eggs to each table. After this there was much sport and confusion when the waiters brought in a dish of hard-boiled eggs for the purpose of an egg-cracking contest. Each cadet was served two eggs, and a lively contest at once began among the cadets at each table to decide the table champions.

The champion egg-cracker of one table then contended with the hero of his neighboring table, and the battle went on apace until a champion of the whole dining-room was declared. The champion of the whole dining-room was Cadet Ernest Myers, one of the smaller boys. Lieut. Pattison came second, as champion of five tables, and cadet McCormick third, with two scalps to his credit. Ernest Myers finished with no less than 49 eggs in his basket (to be eggsact).

The champions of the various tables were as follows:

Major Ganssle's—Christensen.

Mr. Myers'—Bunnell.

Major Wier's—Tanner.

Mr. Barker's—McCormick.

Mr. Allen's—Cline.

Mr. Bernard's—Mr. Bernard.

Capt. Ross's—Pattison.

Capt. Lippincott's—Stoner.

Mr. Thronson's—Myers.

LAWRENCE BIGELOW.

A Limerick

Said a boastful cadet in his glee,
"The Bull-ring shall never get me";
But he'd no sooner said it,
Than he lost all his credit.

The above limerick needs a last line to finish it, and cadets are invited to send in last lines to the editor. The writers of the best two last lines sub-

mitted will receive an appropriate prize, and all last lines of any merit submitted will be reproduced in the next issue of The Skirmisher.

Cadets are also invited to write new limericks for The Skirmisher and send in, the best of which will be published in this column. Get busy boys, and let's have a snappy lot of last liners to select from for the next issue. We give below a sample last line for the above limerick as a guide: ("Now he walks in his sleep, they tell me").

In judging last lines, the age and form of the subscriber will be taken into account. They should be snappy, witty, mirth-makers.

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It is with a sense of the deepest regret that the Skirmisher records the death of Mrs. H. L. Shellenberger at her home in Lyons last week. The suddenness of it all was a great shock to us. We did not know that the illness was so serious until Harold's failure to report back after his recent visit home. Our hearts go out in sincere sympathy to Mr. Shellenberger and family in their sad bereavement.

In her life Mrs. Shellenberger had exemplified the truest ideals of motherhood, and in her leaving us there is at least the comforting thought that she lived to see her children growing up into splendid types of manhood and womanhood; and she, too, must have been greatly comforted in watching their development. Her life of unselfish devotion and the lofty ideals which she has left with them, will always remain as an inspiration to her children throughout their own lives.

The funeral took place at Lyons, Kansas, on April 14th.

Sickly Streams

"Rivers" said the American, "Why, your rivers are nothing to ours. Compared with our Hudson and Mississippi, your Mersey, Seven and Thames are sleepy, sickly streams."

"Oh, come!" protested the Englishman. "I think your rivers are just as sickly as ours."

"How do you make that out?"

"Well, they are all confined to their beds," replied the Englishman.

—The Marion Line.

ALUMNI NOTES

A letter was recently received from Dave Buchanan (1918) saying that he planned to be with us for Commencement exercises. Dave is now located in Kansas City with the Larabee Flour Mills Corporation.

While attending the 17th District Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs held in Wichita recently, Major W. L. Ganssle had the pleasure of meeting Fred (Crip) Noel. Mr. Noel was one of the cadets who helped win the Banner for the best drilled Company at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.

Mr. Noel was able to give information about other old boys who had been here at school at that time. Among them were Henry Lawrence, who is now president of a wholesale Kodak Co. in Wichita, Kans.; and John Houston, who was one of the body of Marines picked as a special escort to President Wilson when he went to France. Another was Dr. Kalin, who is now practising dentistry in Belleville.

Charles Bernard Crosby, of Topeka, was in Wichita at this time with the Rotary delegation from Topeka. Mr. Crosby has been President of the Old Boys Club of St. John's which was organized shortly after he graduated in 1901.

Major Ganssle also saw Sheldon Wentworth, Senior Captain in 1903, who is now in business in Topeka. Mr. Wentworth has returned to the School many times, such as at commencement, and is well known to many of the present cadets.

All of the old boys were delighted with the return of Bishop Mize to Salina, where he had spent so many years in building up the institution which they all hold dear.

Following is a letter Major Ganssle received recently from R. M. Ready, who is now working in U. S. Naval Hospital at Key West:

March 25, 1921.

Dear Major:

As I have nothing to do at the present I am going to write you a few lines asking you some questions about the school and a few of the Cadets.

I enlisted in the Navy the 25th of September and was sent to Great Lakes for training.

I remained at the Lakes 4 months and at the end of that time took an examination for first class Hospital

Corpsman and passed it with an average of 3:5.

They grade with 4.0 as perfect and have 4 classes which we have to finish before we rate 1st class.

I was then stationed down here on this Island 30 miles from the mainland of Florida.

So far I like the Navy fine but this Island gets my goat as it is densely populated with Cubans and the language is Spanish, of which I know nothing.

Now for a few Questions of Old St. John's. How did she come out in football this fall and how are you progressing in basket ball.

I am in hopes that you did as good in football this year as last year and better in basket ball.

Is Fry back this year and as funny as last year?

I will tell you something about my work and the Hospital at which I am situated.

Our work, or rather the corpsman's work, is to look after the sick and take care of the medicines and the giving of them.

The Government has a Marine detachment, Navy yard, Coast guard's, and Hospital located on this Island and we have the only good Hospital on the Island and have to take care of the Spick's which is the Navy term for Spanish, besides looking after the rest of the Government's Stations.

So you see we are kept pretty busy and as I had a little of typewriting at S. J. M. S. they put me to work in the Gen. Office making out different forms and writing letters for the sick.

Well, I have some forms to be made out so will close.

Yours respectfully,

R. M. READY.

Two boys, not knowing what to do one evening, whether to go to a dance, or to the movies, or whether to study their lessons, decided to let the fates choose for them by the toss of a coin. "If it comes down heads," they said, "we'll go to the movies; if it comes tails, we go to the dance; and if it stands on its edge, we will study." It came down heads.

It sure seems funny the way some people by knocking on a table can talk with Caesar, Mahique, and all the other noted men. Here I've been knocking on this table for half an hour and can't ever raise a waiter.—Judge.

Address by Mr. McPherson

On Monday evening, March 21, the cadets were favored with an interesting address by Mr. McPherson, Secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, who visited Salina in the course of his travels in the work of the Brotherhood to address the churchmen of Christ Cathedral Parish. Dean Sizer saw in Mr. McPherson's visit an opportunity of having the cadets listen to a sermon delivered by a layman, and a business man too, and kindly requested him to come out to St. John's before delivering his lecture to the men down town.

The address was preceded by a short service of prayer and hymns conducted by the Dean.

Mr. McPherson began his address by calling attention to the necessity of developing the three sides of our being, the physical, the mental, and the spiritual. He then went on to show that it is to this last part of our make-up alone that we can look for the power to achieve the things that count in this life, the real ennobling, uplifting things, saying that it was impossible to name any human achievement that was worth while, any phase of development or advancement, any institution that had aided, uplifted or bettered mankind, that was not the product of the spiritual side of our nature. It was not their physical or mental development alone that made men take part in the war or that carried them over the top, it was just the spirit in them. This spirit could be fed, he said, only by getting into touch with God through prayer and frequent reading of His Word.

Mr. McPherson then called attention to the fact that all business was based upon the rules of life laid down in the New Testament. Business could not go on without faith which underlies all credit. He named several men who have risen to the highest places in various walks of life, who were religious men and owed their success to having looked after the development of this side of their nature. Colgate, Rossevelt, Webster, and Lincoln are outstanding examples while Foch, Haig, and in fact all the great leaders in the late war are men with whom religion is a vital factor of their lives.

He told a story of Bill and Jack, two young men at camp. Bill hesitated about getting down on his knees and saying his prayers at night. He finally did so, however, and was not

afraid to tell the other boys it was the right thing to do. Jack was the "tough" type of fellow, who saw only weakness and something to make fun of in Bill's conduct. However, Jack got news one day that his mother was dying, and he was unable to get permission to leave camp until too late to see her. This wrought a great change in Jack, and when Bill saw him one day leaning against a tree and looking very sad, he said to him: "Jack, I don't know what's the matter, old man; but if you only had the Friend I have, you would find Him a wonderful help and comfort. On learning who the Friend was, Jack asked how he might get to know him, and Bill delighted, took him over to a quiet place and knelt with him and offered up one or two short but very fervent prayers. That night before turning in, the boys were astonished to have Jack say to them: "Come on fellows: let's all get down and pray along with Bill." And something in his manner took hold of them (it was, of course, the spirit he manifested) and made them want to do as he asked them; and they all got down and prayed together. They continued to do so, and when they went across to fight they made the slogan about it: "Over the Top, with Bill and Jack and Jesus Christ." This is something worth thinking about. Let that slogan be our slogan.

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Joint Birthday Party

On Monday afternoon, April 4th, Miss Catherine Joyce Ganssle and Miss Mary Virginia Allen entertained twelve of the smaller boys at a very pretty birthday party. The guests arrived at three, and were taken into Miss Ganssle's reception room for games, where they played at hunting peanuts, spoon blind man's buff, pinning donkey's tails, picture puzzle game and various others. Everyone entered into these with much gusto, and mirth and laughter beamed from every face continuously.

Roars of laughter were occasioned when one of the guests (no names, of course, but it was a close friend of Bob Lander) exclaimed, on seeing the innocent figure of the donkey pinned upon the wall for the purpose of having his numerous tails affixed: "Do we have to guess what that is?"

Clifford Wiles won in the peanut hunt, Thomas Price won the Donkey tail contest, and George Frederickson and Stephen Houser won the Picture guessing game.

After the games the guests were conducted into Miss Allen's reception room, where a beautifully laid table of birthday dainties awaited them. Each guest received a gorgeous hat, specially tailored, and as favor a sweetly pretty chiffon paper dolly. The hostesses had been assisted in the preparation of those lovely hats and favors by their respective mammas and by Mrs. Wier, who acted as chaperons.

Besides the birthday cakes, there was an abundant supply of the "bestest" brown cake, and, of course, ice-cream, fruit and candy on end. Clifford Wiles won the honor of blowing out the candles preparatory to the cutting of Miss Joyce's cake, and Arthur Herman won the like honor for Miss Mary's cake. Everyone did true justice to the refreshments, and the party was pronounced a real success.

The joint party was occasioned by the fact that each of the young hostesses celebrates her birthday on the same day,—April 3rd. Miss Ganssle's cake was adorned with one candle, while Miss Allen's had two.

The guests were as follows: Major Ganssle, Major Wier, Mr. Allen, Walter Brazelton, George Frederickson, Drew Hartnett, Arthur Herman, Stephen Houser, Robert Lander, Ernest Myers, George Nelson, Thomas Price, Carrol Sanger, Lee Stoner, Robert Swanson, and Clifford Wiles. Billy Nettleton had been invited, but was

unable to attend. His presence would have added much to the party, and it is hoped he will be on hand for the next party.

Class Party

Captain and Mrs. Bailey entertained the member of the first form arithmetic class and Captains Bernard and Thronson at their home on 820 West Walnut the evening of April 20.

The boys played games on the lawn until summoned to supper, which consisted of rabbit, salad, baked beans, hot rolls, two kinds of cake, and ice cream.

The quantity of food consumed was a fitting tribute to Mrs. Bailey's excellent qualities as hostess.

After supper the boys were all anxious to see the rabbit family from which the delicious meat had been provided, so Mr. Bailey showed them his hutches. Titzell, sorry to say, was more interested in the chickens which he mistook for duck. This, no doubt, was due to his having eaten too much ice cream.

Games were again played until time for the boys to return to school. Kreipke suffered the misfortune of injuring his knee as a result of trying to hurdle Captain Thronson.

The boys surely appreciate the kindness of Captain and Mrs. Bailey and the splendid interest they have taken in them. This made the second group that they had entertained, the Shell Form having been taken down the week before.

The following cadets were present: Cline, Frederickson, Cory, Houser, Farley, Herman, Kreipke, Nelson, Sanger, Smith A., Titzell, Wiles and Woulfe.

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"Round."

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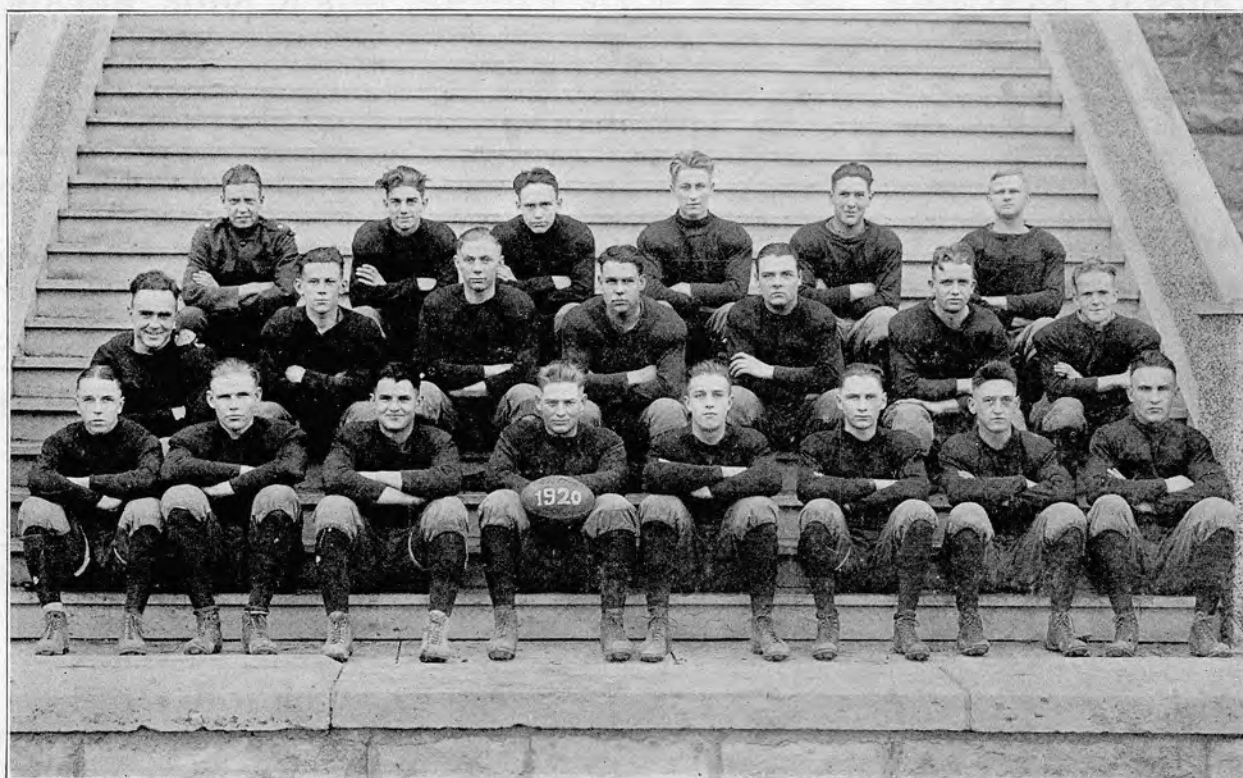


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