



ATHLETICS



Among the various features and activities which go to make college life a success, athletics is one of the foremost. It is, in fact, indispensable, and without it, satisfactory results for the year spent in study will not be attained. The purpose of education is the development of the intellect and the moulding of character; and the student's success in after life, whatever be his occupation will depend largely on the degree of perfection he has acquired along these lines.

In the first place the developement of the mind and of the body go hand in hand; that is to say we cannot have the former without the latter. It would be an easy matter to become learned if one could study from hour to hour, and from day to day, and devote all his time to study alone, but such is not the case, for many who have tried it found it to be impossible. Under heavy mental strain health soon gives way, thus rendering further study useless. We see then how necessary it is to have special periods set apart for sports and exercise, for it not only keeps the student healthy and vigorous, but is also a diversion that will wear away the monotony of his studies, refresh his mind, and render it more capable of grasping difficulties.

Besides this, the athlete learns many useful lessons that the exclusive bookworm never fully realizes—lessons that it is the aim of a true education to give. True it is he will find them in the various text books of his curriculum, and his instructors will try every means of instilling them into his life, but they will only be successful in a mediocre degree without a practical means of teaching them. A man's character is the sum total of his education, and actions are governed, to a great extent, by habit; so we see that a good character is the result of good habits. If a student has a very strong will, he will abide by the lessons he has received, and form good habits by acting contrary to his inclinations by times in doing what is right; but, for the generality of people teaching alone is not sufficient. They also need a practical training, and this they get in their different games.

He who can take defeat with a smile wins the noblest victory; and this is a victory which we only gain by self-

discipline and practise. We are generally prone to be selfish and too self-confident, and, consequently, on losing we become gloomy and sullen, and very often are discouraged and say: "What is the use of trying again when it will turn out the same way." These are faults which the athlete, more readily than others, learns to overcome. At first he may succumb to them, but, before he is in the game very long he realizes that only one party can win, and that he cannot always be that party. He learns, too, to have dependence on his fellows; that he cannot do all by himself; and that on unity and proper organization depends success.

Athletics also fosters in the students a spirit of loyalty to their institution, for at no time is this so apparent as when they see their comrades battling for honours against an opposing team. Besides these, there are many other advantages to be gained from athletics which the space afforded here does not permit us to dwell upon. But, in conclusion, we may say, that it is not to be wondered at that sports hold a prominent place, and receive encouragement in every good institution of learning.

SENIOR BASEBALL

When practice began, early in May, we found that four of last year's team were missing, and among them was the battery: King and Fillion—men that seemed hard to replace. However, with Gillis, McDonald, O'Brien, Murphy and McQuaid playing their old positions, there was little doubt that a team could be formed sufficiently strong to meet the Charlottetown All-Stars, from whom we received a challenge early in the season. Mooney replaced Fillion as catcher, but, from three or four who seemed equally good, it was difficult to select the pitcher. Finally, Praught was chosen, and judging from the way he worked for his team against the Charlottetown nine on May 9th, it was not a mischoice. Praught is one of last year's intermural players, and, from his improvement since then, we have reason to think that at some future date he will be famous as a baseball pitcher. Owing to the short season, only one game was played with an outside team, but we expect to have another before the close of the college year.

ALL-STARs—5,

S. D. U.—2.

On Saturday evening, May 9th, the first baseball game of the season was played at Victoria Park between St. Dunstan's senior team and the Charlottetown All-Stars. Considering the early date, and the limited practice received by the players, this game was exceptionally good, as the relatively small score will indicate. It was not however, without a few errors on both sides, and those made by the Saints in the early parts of the play account for the lead of two scores which the Charlottetown nine obtained in the first innings, and maintained throughout the game. St. Dunstan's was first at bat, and Mooney made one score for his team; while Cronin, Diamond, and Ryan each scored for the All-Stars in the first inning. The next three innings were scoreless, but, in the fifth, Gillis of S. D. U. crossed the home plate safely, while Garrick and Lynds counted for Charlottetown. The game was characterized by good fielding on both sides.

J. MacAleer handled the game satisfactorily, and L. McMillan acted as base judge.

The following is the line-up.

ALL-STARs

S. D. U.

H. Saunders—Catcher—	F. Mooney.
V. McQuaid—Pitcher—	D. Praught
S. Diamond—1st Base—	E. Gillis
J. Garrick—2nd Base—	A. Murphy
E. Lynds—3rd Base—	L. Murphy
J. McEachern—S. Stop—	R. MacDonald
F. Cronin—L. Field—	F. O'Brien
M. Diamond—C. Field—	P. McQuaid
W. Ryan—R. Field—	B. MacDonald.

INTERMURAL BASEBALL

As soon as weather conditions permitted, the Intermural baseball league was formed, and the players went into action on the College Campus. Owing to the short season, and the difficulty of completing a longer series, the league, this year, was comprised of only four teams; the Tigers, Reds, Braves, and Giants. The games played so far have all been quite interesting, and each team is putting forward a noble effort for victory. We regret,

however, that we go to press before the final game, and are not in a position to give a complete account of the proceedings, but we will have to content ourselves with the standing of the teams up to this date.

After the first couple of games, the supporters of the Braves had little confidence left in their heroes, for they went down to defeat before each of the opposing teams. Although all hopes for these seem to be gone, they still stay in the game and put up a courageous, but futile struggle. After the Braves were counted out, the remaining teams were on equal footing, but, soon we were to have the survival of the fittest, for the Giants, too, although working well with Murphy and Cassidy as battery, were forced to bow before the savage Tigers and relentless Reds.

The contests between these two teams have hitherto been followed by their respective fans with enthusiasm, almost equalling that shown in last year's Series. We expect that the excitement will increase towards the end as more will depend on each victory, and we are all looking forward for the final struggle. Who shall win?

We wish to compliment Edwin Gillis on the manner in which he conducted the league.

The following is the line-up of the Tigers and Reds:

TIGERS

REDS

Cecil Cullen	—Catcher—	Richard Johnston
Joseph McMillan	—Pitcher—	Gerald Keefe
Matthew White	—1st Base—	Clarence Shea
Raymond Martin	—2nd Base—	James Fitzgerald
Charles Johnston	—3rd Base—	Ralph Shea
John Sullivan	—S. Stop—	Cornelius Campbell
Joseph Walsh	—L. Field—	D. O'Leary
John Keefe	—C. Field—	Louis Mallette
Edward McKenna	—R. Field—	James McCabe



“Any new set of conditions occurring to an animal which render its food and safety very easily attained, seem to lead, as a rule, to degeneration.

—E. Ray Lancaster.