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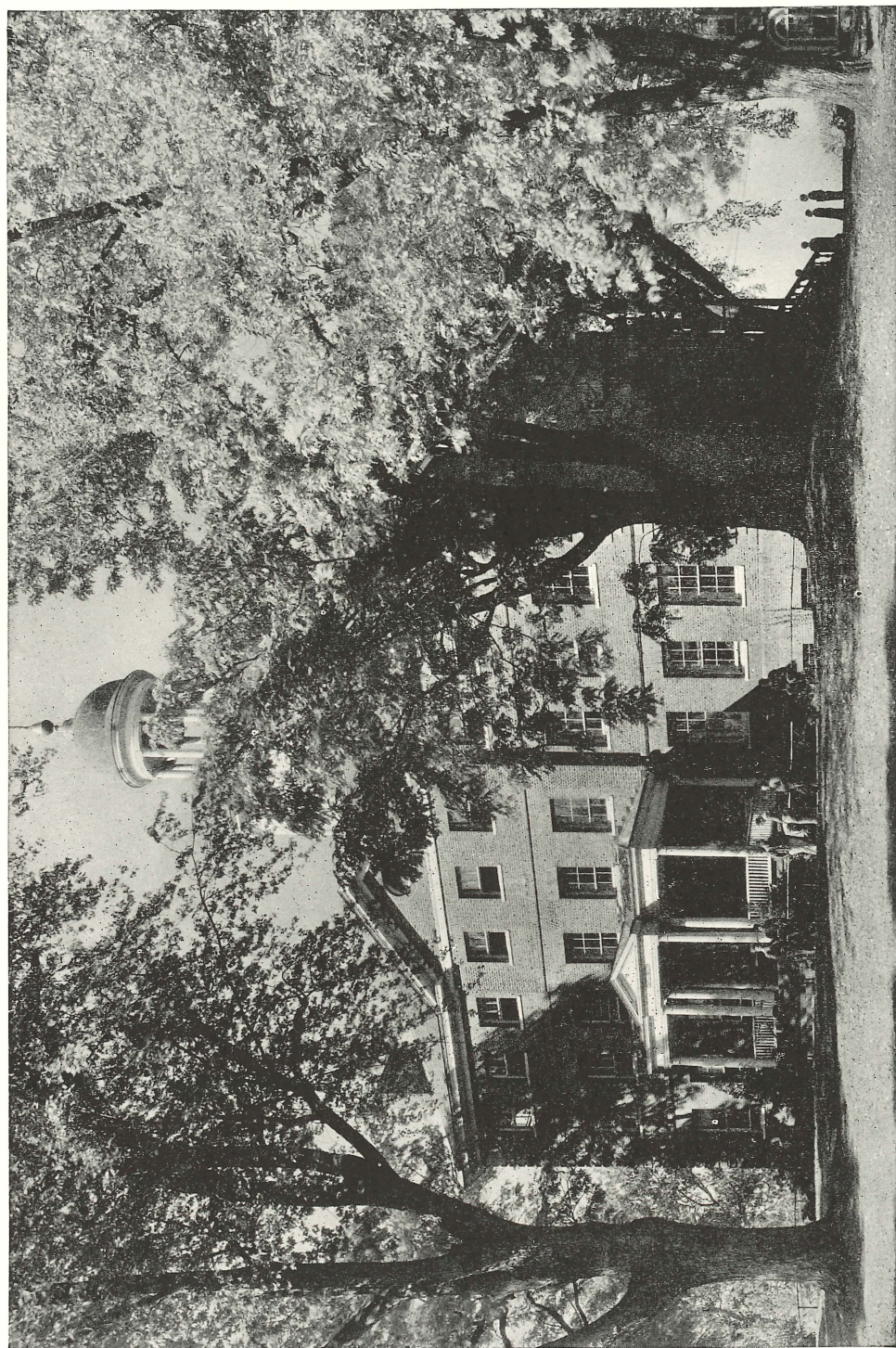
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MCDOWELL HALL

The original building of the college, begun in 1744 by Thomas Bladen, fifth Colonial Governor of Maryland. It is the student center of the college, containing the offices of administration, recitation rooms, a student union and the Great Hall.

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*FOUNDED AS KING WILLIAM'S
SCHOOL, 1696*

*CHARTERED AS ST. JOHN'S
COLLEGE, 1784*



ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

A College of the Liberal Arts to be maintained forever for the
benefit of youth of every religious denomination



PINKNEY HALL

One of the student residence halls. Erected in 1855; it was used as a military hospital by the United States Army, 1861-1865.

Historical Background

ONE of the three American institutions of higher learning founded in the seventeenth century, St. John's College has a continuous history from 1696, when the Colonial Legislature of Maryland authorized the establishment of a school "for the education of youth in good letters and manners." The school, known as King William's School, which was founded in accordance with the Act, flourished until the Revolution and gave instruction to many whose names are connected with the founding of the Republic.

In 1784 the State Legislature created St. John's College, with which in the following year by legislative action the funds, books and masters of King William's School were consolidated. The name of King William's School disappeared, but the school itself survived in a preparatory department which continued to exist until recent years.

The Legislature at the same time granted to the college its present campus, with its main building now known as McDowell Hall,



THE BRICE HOUSE

Built about 1750 by Thomas Jennings, cousin of Sarah Jennings, first Duchess of Marlborough, as a wedding gift to his daughter, Juliana, upon her marriage to Col. James Brice. It was a center of Colonial entertainment and was frequently visited by George Washington. It is now used as the residence of the president of the College.

which had been begun in 1744 by Thomas Bladen, Royal Governor from 1742 to 1747, as a governor's palace, but which had remained unfinished and had been known as "Bladen's Folly," since the Colonial Legislature forty years before had refused to vote funds to finish the building.

The name "St. John's" is thought to have been given to the college by those among its founders who had been students at St. John's College, Oxford. The founders wrote into the charter the principles of religious freedom, which had from the beginning characterized the political background of Maryland and which have at all times been maintained at the college. The charter says "... the said college shall be founded and maintained forever upon a most liberal plan, for the benefit of youth of every religious denomination . . . nor shall any preference be given in the choice of a principal, or other professor, master, or tutor in said college, on account of his particular religious profession."

In accordance with the policy declared by the charter, the first Board included, among other distinguished members, Dr. Thomas John Clagett, the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop to be ordained in the United States, and Archbishop John Carroll, the first American Roman Catholic Archbishop.

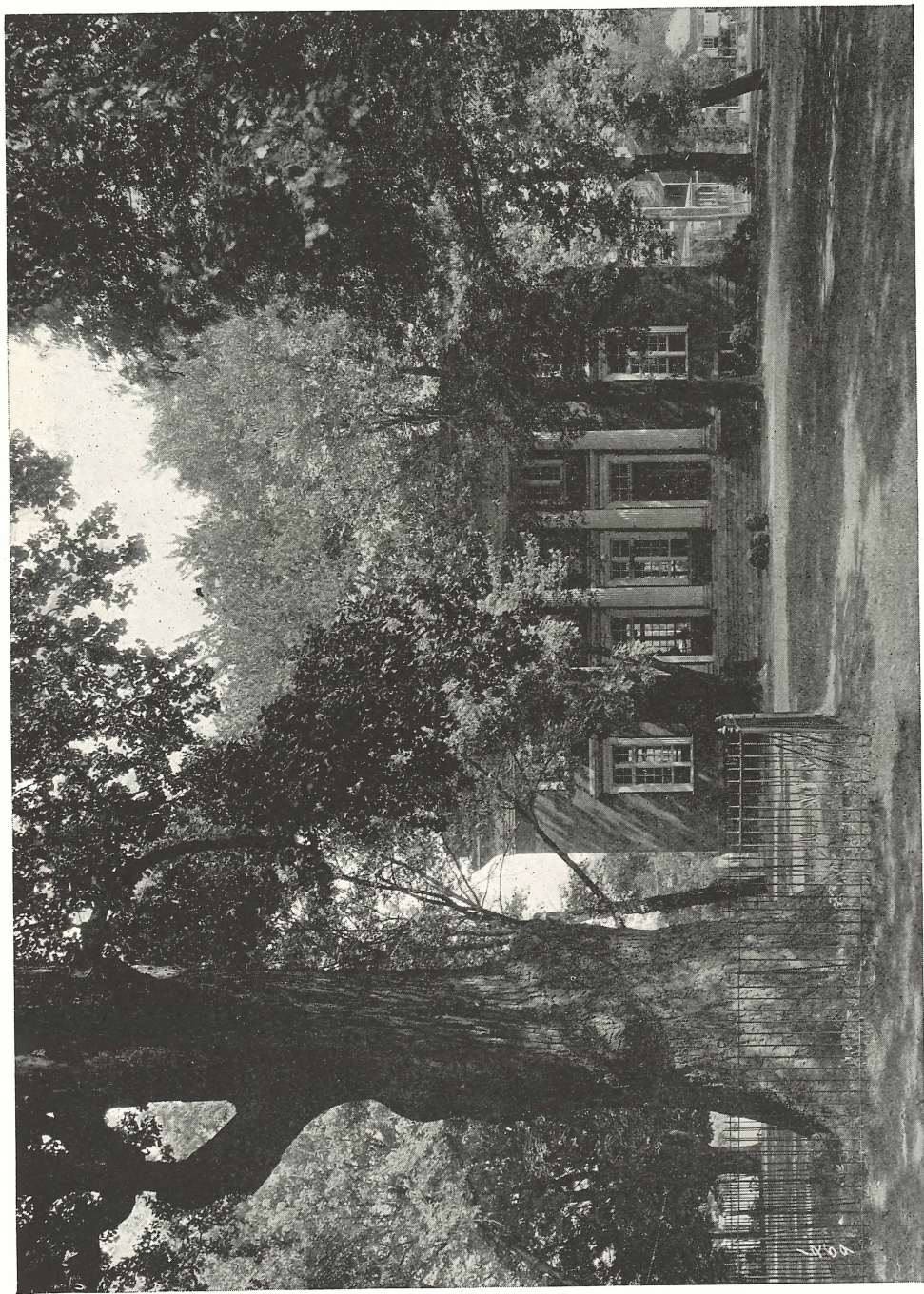
Three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Samuel Chase and Thomas Stone, served on the Board in the early days of the college, as did also Colonel John Eager Howard, the Revolutionary officer, later Governor of Maryland, who was one of the American friends of General Lafayette. Maryland's fourth signer of the Declaration, William Paca, was one of those who petitioned the Legislature for the college charter. Francis Scott Key was graduated from St. John's College in 1796, and Reverdy Johnson, Attorney General of the United States and Ambassador to Great Britain, in 1812. In continuance of this tradition the college has trained many prominent in State and National affairs.

The St. John's College of today, unchanged in fundamentals, continues with modern methods the purposes which induced George Washington to select the college for his namesake and ward, George Washington Parke Custis, and his two nephews, Lawrence and Fairfax Washington. It is creating for the twentieth century, as it did for the eighteenth century, a body of able and useful citizens.



A VIEW OF THE COLLEGE GREEN

Taken from a point under the "Liberty Poplar," looking west in front of the college buildings.



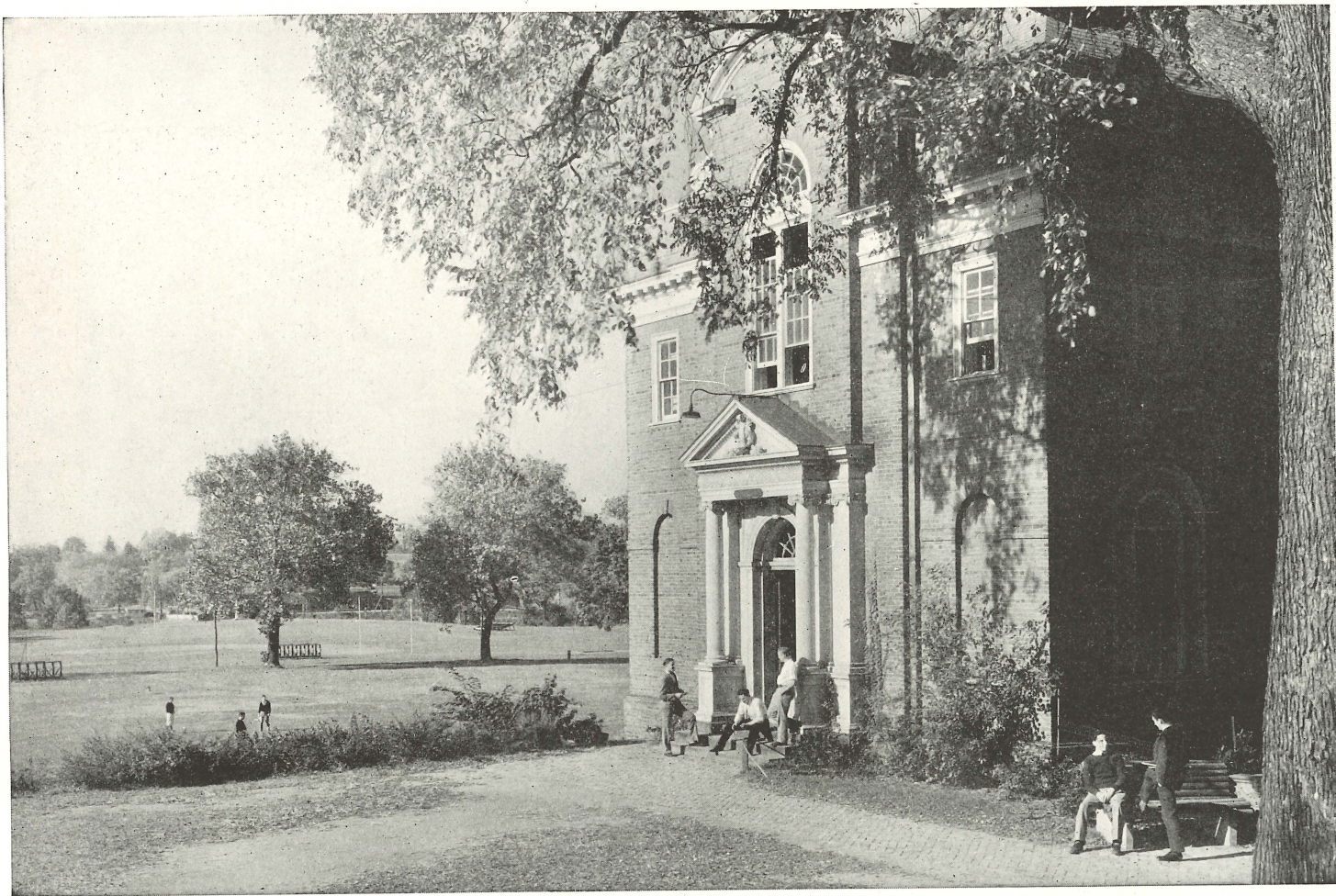
THE LIBERTY POPLAR AND WOODWARD HALL

Under the "Liberty Poplar" was made the treaty between the Colonists and the Susquehannock Indians in 1652; patriotic meetings were there held during the Revolution; and General Lafayette was there welcomed in 1824. Woodward Hall is the College Library.

The Curriculum

AT ST. JOHN'S, the course of study is arranged with a view to providing the individual student with the courses necessary for a well rounded education in the Liberal Arts. The courses are offered by the Faculty through three divisions: the Division of Languages, Literature, and Art; the Division of the Social Sciences; and the Division of Sciences and Mathematics. In the Social Sciences, courses are offered in History, Government, Economics, Philosophy, and Psychology; in Sciences, courses are offered in Chemistry, Biology, and Physics.

Seventeen full courses, distributed through the four years, are required for the degree. The normal freshman year includes from four to five courses. English Composition, which is required of all freshmen (unless they merit relief from this prescription by virtue of an examination in English Composition), is *the only prescribed course*. The other sixteen courses, however, are chosen by the student according to a plan of "guided electives," so-called because the student is guided in his choice by the necessity of taking six of these courses in one subject at the prescription of his major department, which he chooses at the end of his freshman year. He must elect at least one elementary course in each of the divisions other than the one in which his major falls, and he must take one advanced course, depending on the elementary courses so chosen. This accounts for a total of ten courses. The other seven may be elected as the student sees fit. He is, however, further guided by the counsel of a member of the Faculty, who acts as his adviser.



RANDALL HALL

The college dining hall, with a partial view of the playing fields bounded by College Creek, an arm of the Severn River, and by King George Street, part of the highway to Baltimore. The closeness of the playing fields to the college buildings facilitates the college's policy of physical training for all of its students.



THE DINING HALL

All students, whether living in fraternity houses or in dormitories, dine together. Special banquets are served to honor college teams and the winners of non-athletic student awards.

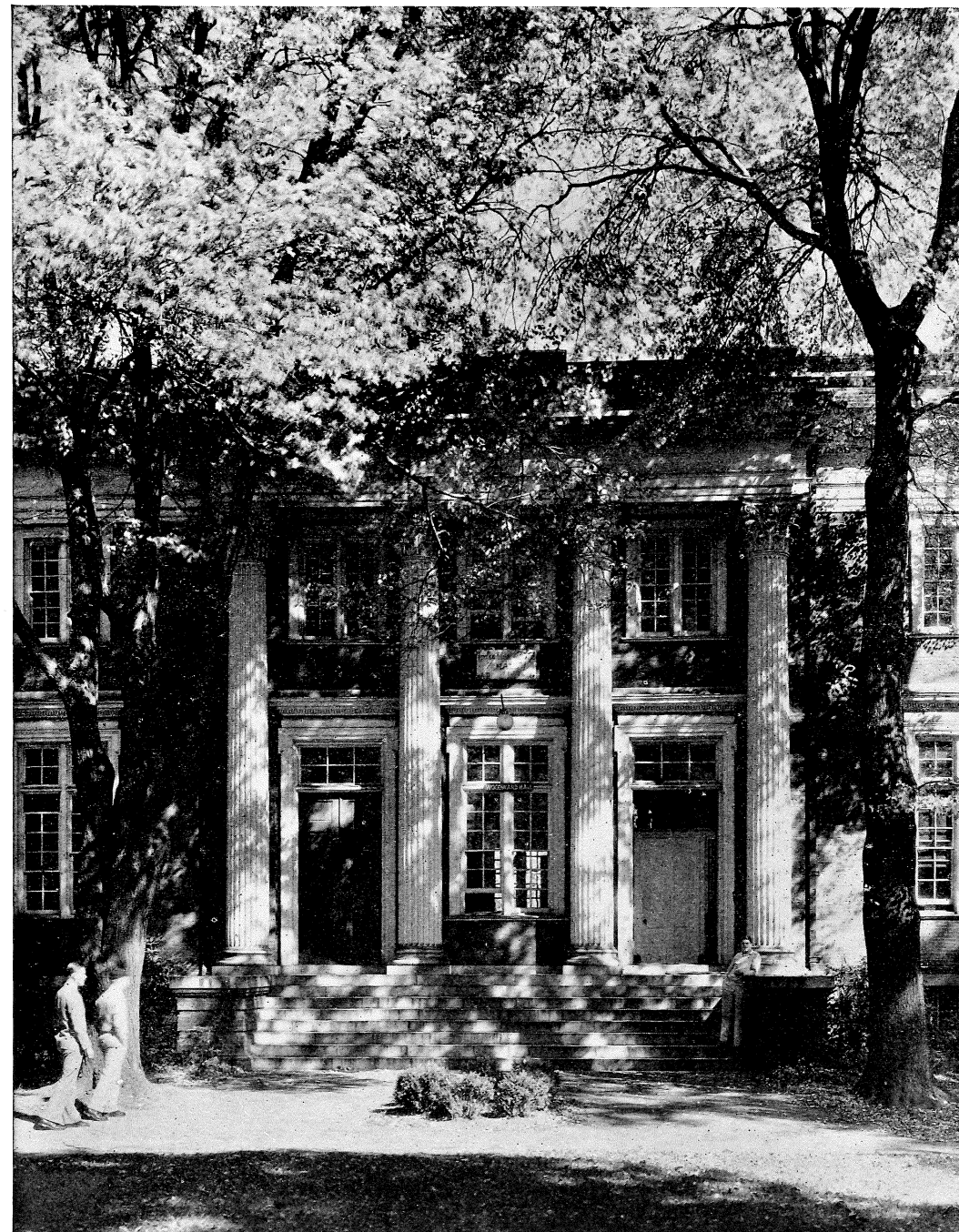


WOODWARD HALL, THE LIBRARY, UPPER READING ROOM

The English Literature room. Access to the book shelves is free to all students as a part of the College's emphasis upon reading.

WOODWARD HALL, the college library, erected in 1899, houses more than twenty-five thousand volumes, the nucleus of a rapidly growing collection that already contains many valuable books. Of great historical interest are four hundred books surviving from the gift made during the reign of William the Third and under his auspices in 1696 to the Maryland clergy. They were early placed in the care of King William's School and were a part of the school's property transferred to St. John's in 1785.

The rapid growth of the Library has been greatly aided by gifts from the Carnegie Corporation.



WOODWARD HALL, THE LIBRARY

In addition to its collection of books and its reading rooms, Woodward Hall contains the offices of the members of the faculty, where students freely confer with their instructors.



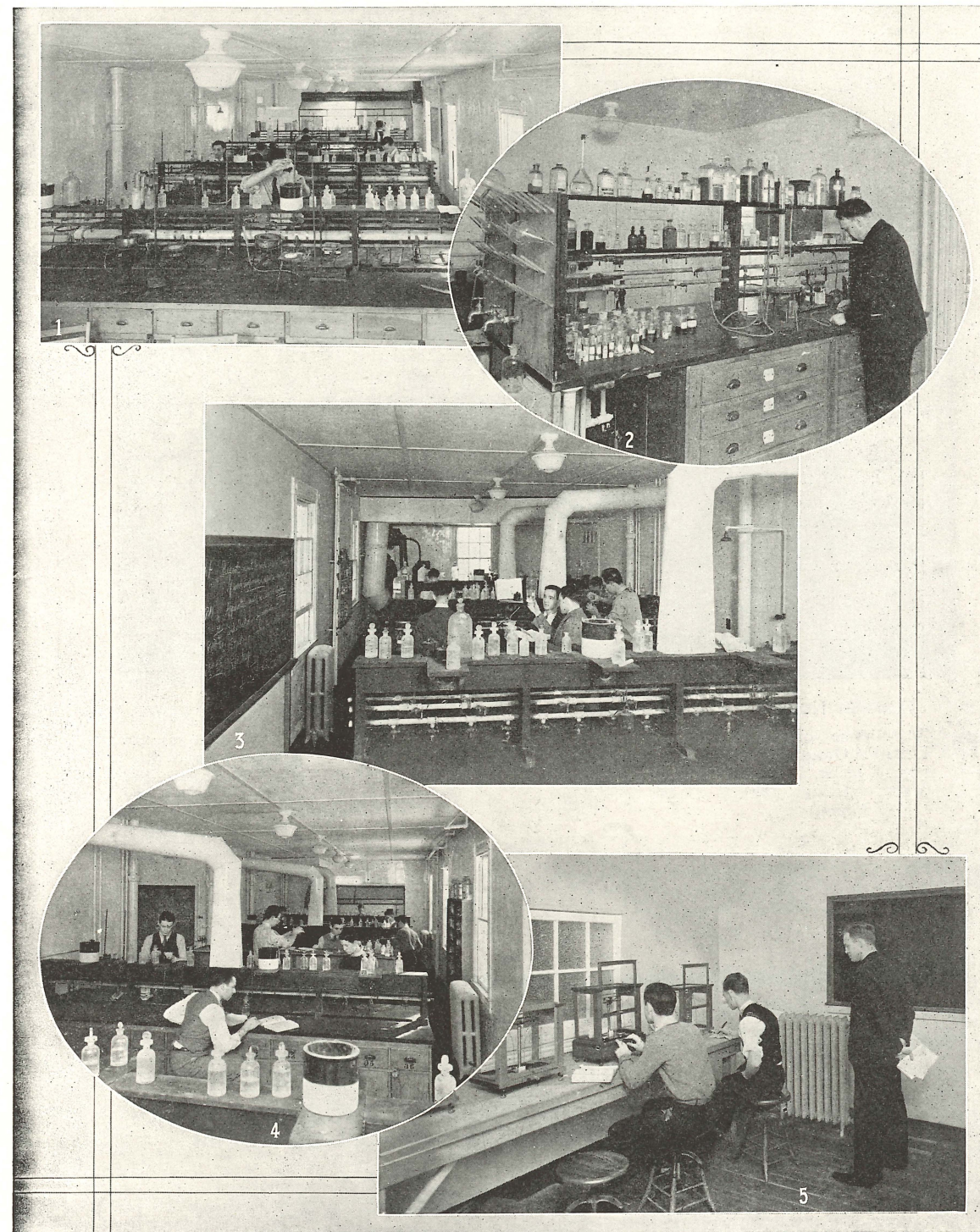
HAMMOND-HARWOOD HOUSE

The Hammond-Harwood House, begun in 1770, is one of the very finest examples of colonial architecture in America. Thomas Jefferson made a sketch of the building when visiting in Annapolis. The plans of his home, Monticello, and of other buildings designed by him show its influence. It is at present used as a museum of American antiquities and, in addition to being of general educational value, is of special value to students in History and in Art.



HUMPHREYS HALL

In addition to containing chemistry and physics laboratories, installed in 1929, Humphreys Hall contains an auditorium equipped as a Little Theatre.



CHEMISTRY LABORATORIES, HUMPHREYS HALL

1—3—4 Laboratories for both elementary and advanced classes in chemistry. 2—The private laboratory and office of the head of the department. 5—The balance room, apart from the laboratories.

THE WEST SIDE OF THE COLLEGE GREEN
Seen from the Center Walk leading to McDowell Hall.



PINKNEY HOUSE
The home of the Delta Psi Omega Fraternity, on St. John's Street, facing the Green.

ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY HOUSE
On St. John's Street, facing the Green.

THE KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY HOUSE
Formerly faculty residences.

HUMPHREYS HALL
Which contains the Chemistry and Physics laboratories, and recitation rooms, and an auditorium with a Little Theatre.

Between the two views shown is McDowell Hall, the central building of the College, a view of which is shown as the frontispiece of this booklet.

Across from the buildings on the College Green is the Biology Building, on the corner of King George Street and College Avenue, which contains the Biology laboratories and recitation rooms.

THE EAST SIDE OF THE COLLEGE GREEN
Seen from the Center Walk leading to McDowell Hall.

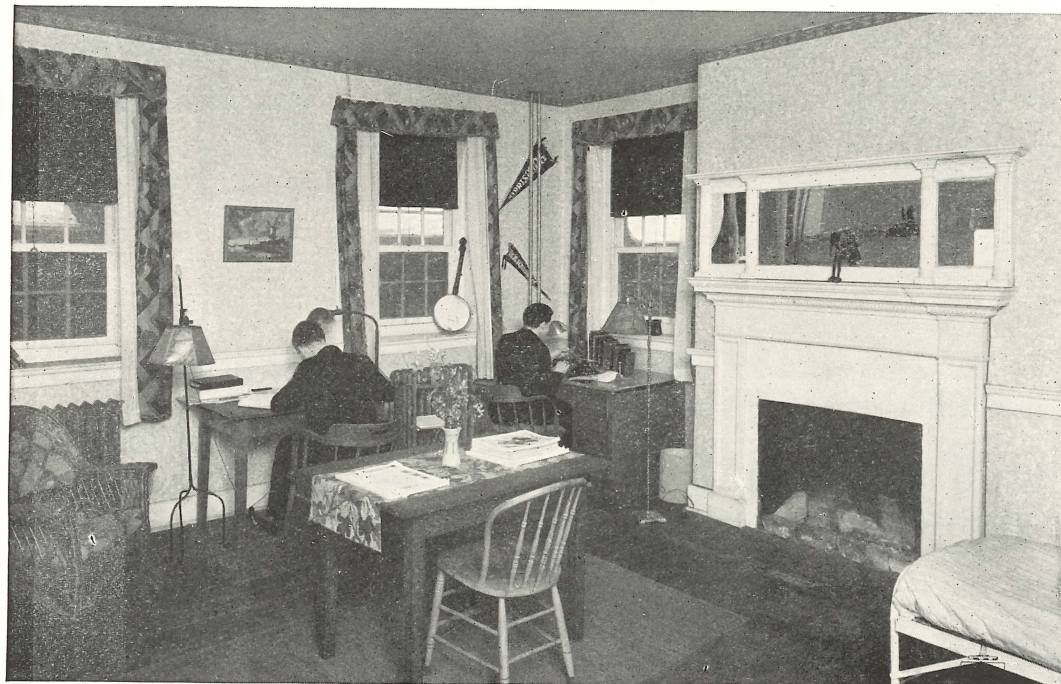


RANDALL HALL The dining hall of the College, the upper floors of which are used as a dormitory.
THE GYMNASIUM In the distance.
PINKNEY HALL A dormitory.
PHI SIGMA KAPPA FRATERNITY HOUSE Formerly the President's and Vice-President's houses.
WOODWARD HALL The College library and faculty offices.

On College Avenue at the corner of Prince George Street is the Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity house; and on the opposite corner is the College Infirmary; adjoining this is the Theta Psi Fraternity house, facing on Prince George Street. The Bordley-Randall House is in the secluded Randall Court directly opposite the Green.



Practically all student rooms in the various halls of residence are intended for two students. Upper classmen choose their own roommates; freshmen roommates are assigned with great care to insure congeniality.



Rooms in the fraternity houses and in the halls of residence are furnished alike with the necessary articles of furniture: cot-beds, chiffonier, table, chairs. Window hangings, beddings, and rugs are furnished by the student.

Extra Curricular Activities

Student Council A Student Council, elected by the students and having weekly meetings open to all students, represents the student body in all matters affecting the interests of the students which are not especially delegated to other organizations.

Honorary Fraternities In addition to the six fraternities organized for purely social purposes, the honorary fraternities exist for the purpose of recognizing scholastic attainments and outstanding achievement in non-athletic activities.

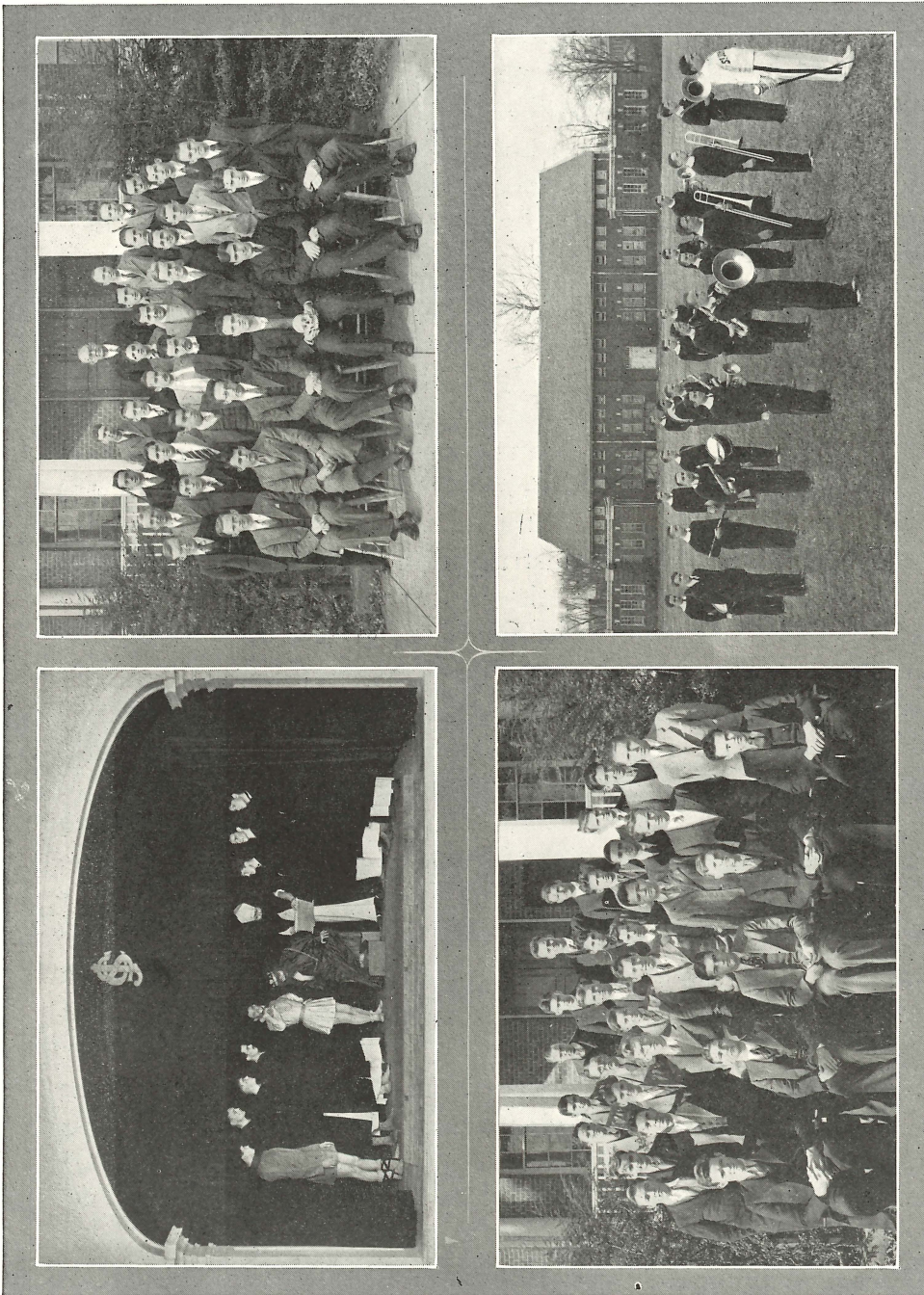
Publications Publications of the college consist of a weekly paper, The Collegian, published by the students without faculty supervision, and The Rat Tat, annually published by the Junior Class. Appointments to the staffs of both publications are made as the result of competitions, for which any student may be eligible.

Musical Organizations The musical organizations of the college are the College Orchestra and the College Band, for which the college provides a capable instructor and leader. The Band furnishes music at the various athletic contests and at other public functions throughout the year. The Orchestra gives three formal concerts during the course of the year.

Departmental Clubs Departmental Clubs are organized by groups of students especially interested in some field of work. These clubs have regular meetings, often addressed by distinguished speakers, at which matters of common interest are discussed. The Erlennmeyer Chemical Society, the German Club and the Osler Pre-Medical Club by their names indicate the activities in which their members are particularly interested.

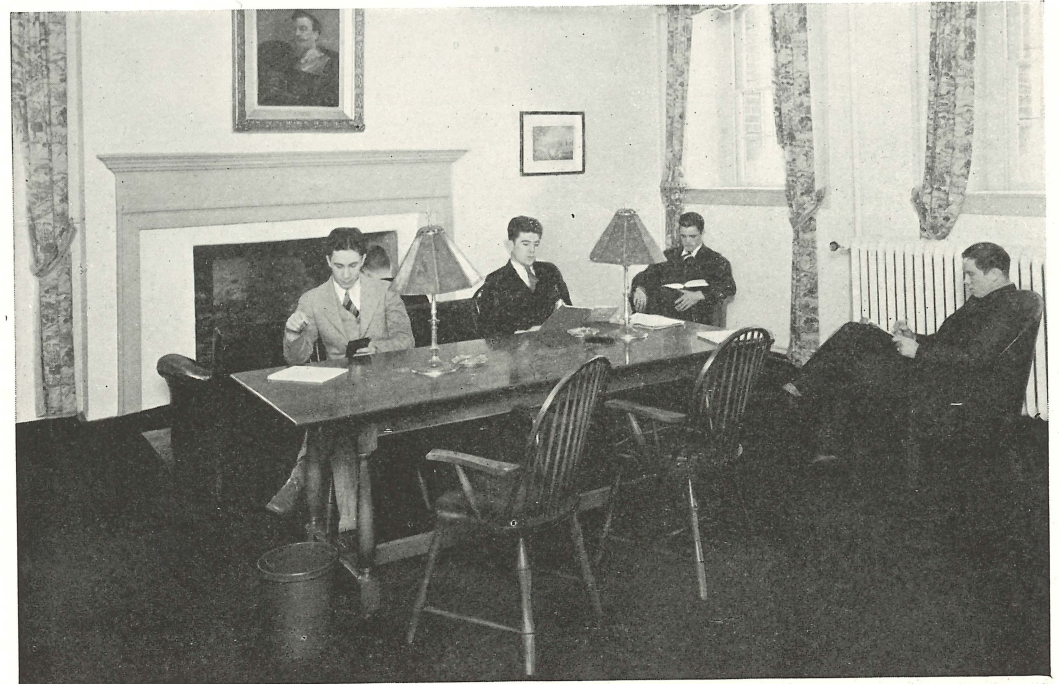
Dramatics The Dramatics Club presents each year, in addition to a series of one-act plays, three longer plays at intervals throughout the year.

Lectures and Concerts Lectures and concerts held for the benefit of the students take place frequently throughout the year. During the year 1931-32, the lecturers have included Dr. Stewart Paton, Mr. Jason Westerfield, Dr. Lewellys F. Barker, Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, Professor von der Leyen, and Mr. Isaac Lobe Straus. In addition, informal talks are given periodically in the Library by members of the St. John's College Faculty.



REPRESENTATIVE NON-ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

1. A presentation by the King William Players, the college Dramatics Club.
2. The Osler Pre-Medical Club.
3. The Board of the Collegian, the College Weekly.
4. The College Band.



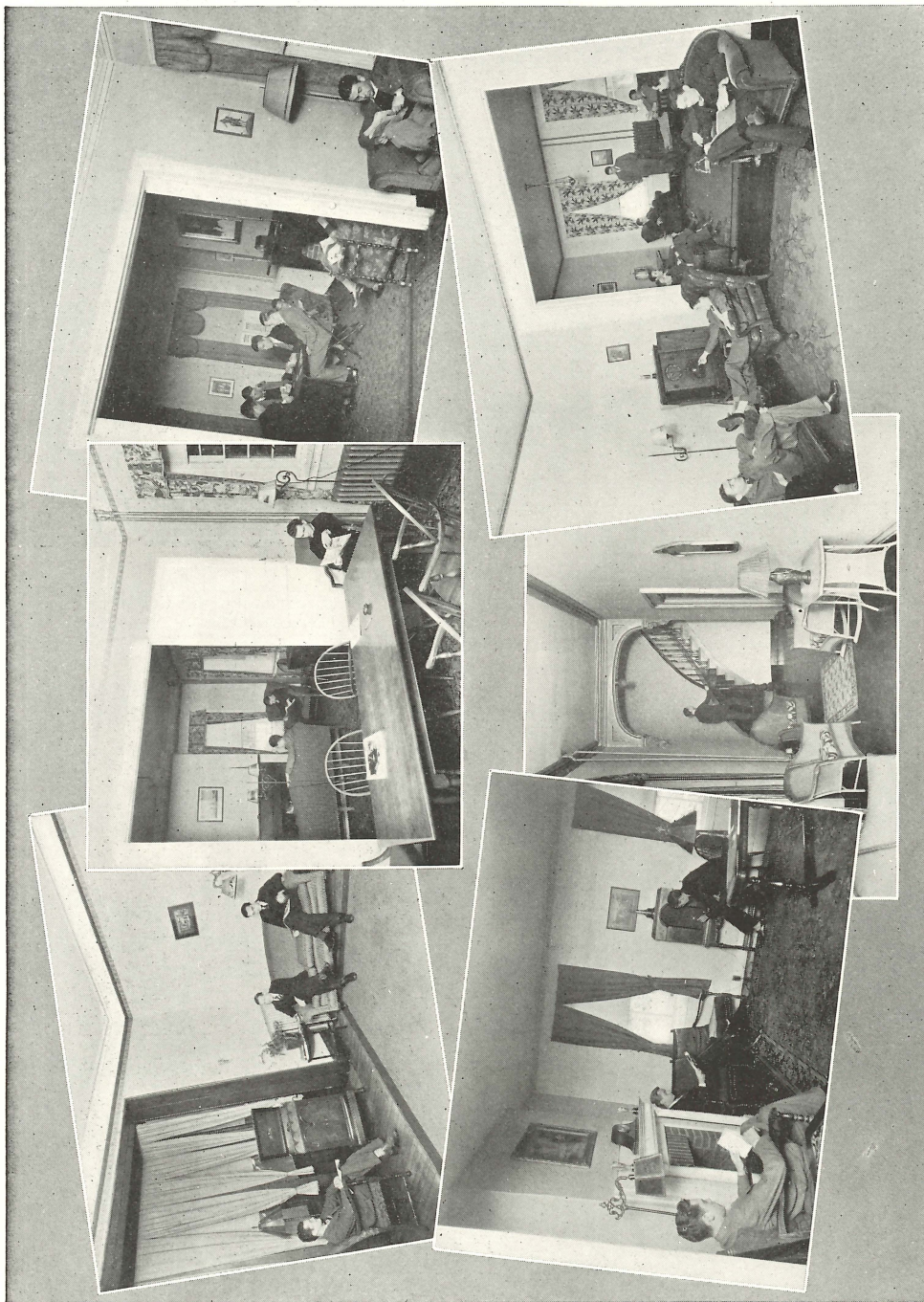
THE QUIET ROOM

Here quiet is maintained at all times. The reproduction Windsor chairs, the table, and the leather covered chairs here shown are typical of the furnishings of the entire Student Union. Adequate preparation is made for the recreation and rest hours of the student.



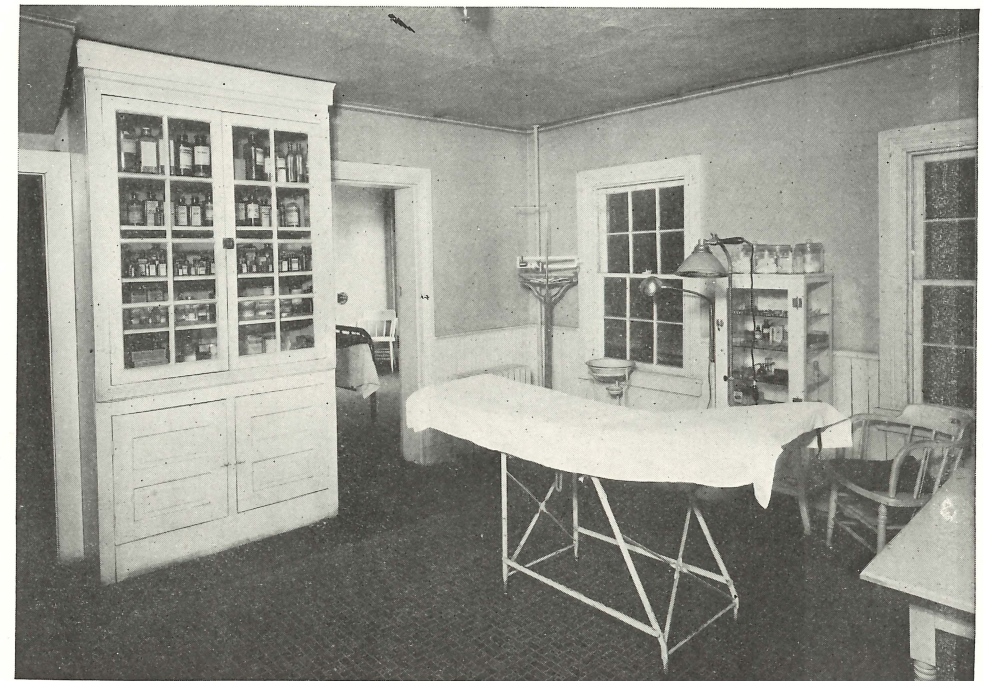
THE LOUNGE

Newspapers and magazines of the students' choice are provided in the lounge. All of the rooms of the Student Union are open daily from eight in the morning until eleven at night. The lounge adjoins the Quiet Room.



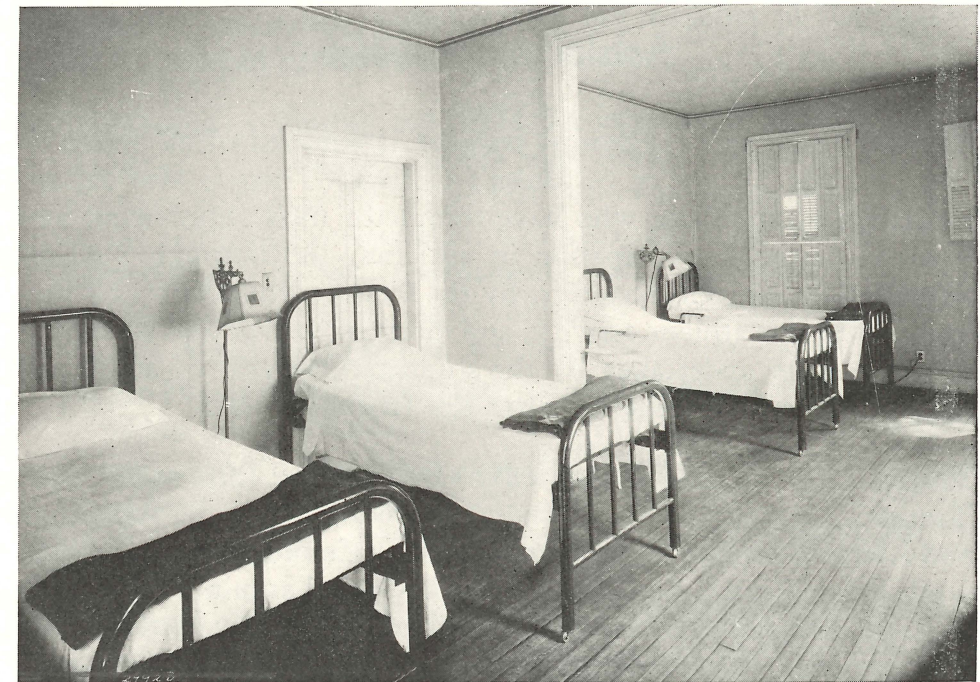
FRATERNITY HOUSE INTERIORS

Each fraternity has social rooms on the first floor of college buildings. 1. The living room of Phi Delta Sigma. 2. The living room of Delta Psi Omega. 3. The card room of Theta Psi. 4. The living room of Alpha Kappa Pi. 5. The stair hall of Phi Sigma Kappa. 6. The living room of Kappa Alpha.



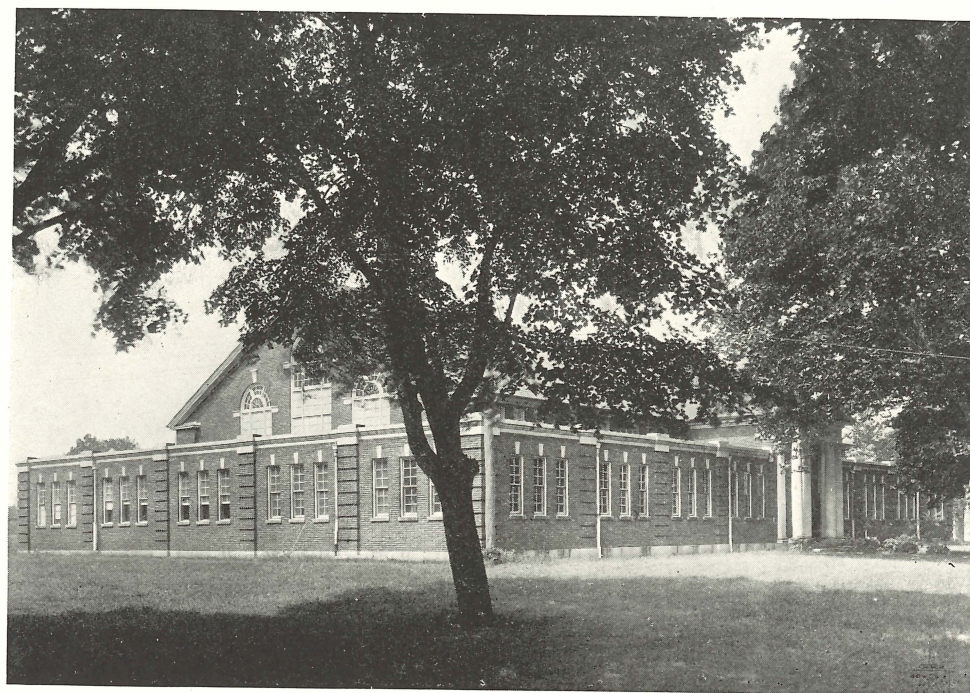
THE OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE PHYSICIAN

The College Physician is available for consultation at the Infirmary each morning beginning at seven-thirty o'clock. There is no charge for his services except the regular Medical Fee. Two student assistants reside at the Infirmary, one of whom is at all times on duty.



A WARD IN THE INFIRMARY

In addition to the two wards, the Infirmary includes two private rooms, one of which is detached and is used when necessary for isolation cases. The charges for use of the wards and private rooms are included in the Medical Fee.



Athletic Activities

Physical Training and Athletics Physical training is required of all freshmen in St. John's College. There is also an optional course for those who have completed their requirement and wish to continue participation in athletics. A thorough physical examination is given, however, by the College Physician, as a preliminary to this athletic activity, and dictates the type and the extent of the exercise undertaken by the student. One year of additional physical training is required after the freshman year.

Varsity Teams St. John's maintains five varsity teams; three major sport teams, and two minor sport ones. Football, Basketball and Lacrosse are designated by the Athletic Council as major sports, while Boxing and Cross Country are designated as minor sports.

In the past few years St. John's has had major sport victories over such opponents as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Army, Dartmouth, New York University, Swarthmore, Haverford, Dela-

ware, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Virginia, V. M. I., and Washington and Lee, as well as many others.

In the past five years St. John's has won well over half of its football games, approximately three-fourths of its basketball games, and for the past three years has been undefeated in lacrosse, winning three consecutive National Championships. Last June St. John's was selected to represent the United States in the International Lally Cup Lacrosse series with Canada. The Canadians were decisively defeated by the Orange and Black representatives, and the International Championship came to the United States for the first time.

Interest in Boxing and Cross Country has been increasing rapidly; the teams in each sport have performed creditably since the sports were started.

Freshman Teams Freshman teams are maintained in football, basketball and lacrosse on a major sport basis, and in boxing and cross country on a minor sport basis. Games are scheduled with freshman teams of other colleges and universities and with some of the leading high schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia, as well as with some of the leading preparatory schools. St. John's freshman teams have been winning the majority of their games in all branches of sport for the last few years.

Intramural Athletics During the 1931-32 intramural athletic season all previous records were broken in the various sports. Pinkney Hall won the singles and Delta Psi Omega won the doubles in the fall tennis tournament, while Kappa Alpha was winning the fall playground ball tournament. Later the same organizations named above defeated a team composed of members of the faculty. Kappa Alpha succeeded in winning the volley ball honors, while Theta Psi succeeded in winning the foul shooting contest.

When Soccer came to a close Theta Psi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Psi Omega and Pinkney were tied for first place. Kappa Alpha then won the basketball tournament, Delta Psi Omega won the annual cross country meet and Randall Hall took high honors in the annual track meet.

During the spring the handball tournaments are completed, playground ball gets under way, and tennis and horseshoe competition begins. The annual swimming meet takes place in May.

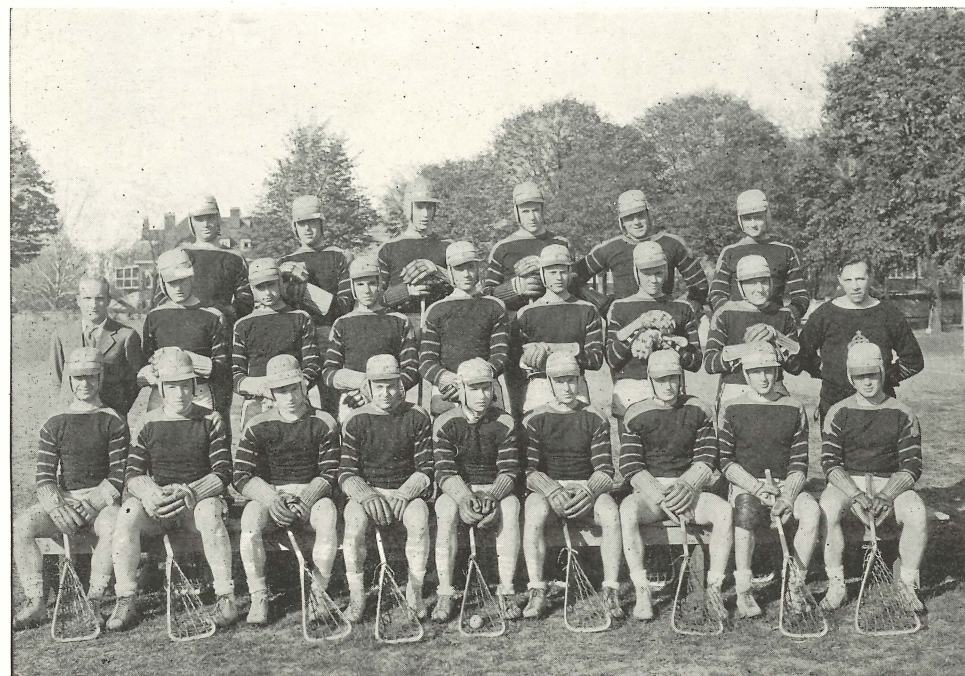


1932 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

In the past five years an average of approximately one-third of the entire student body of St. John's College has taken part in either freshman or varsity football each year. This shows the popularity of football as a sport at St. John's. Included on the football schedules of the past years have been teams representing such institutions as Yale, Rutgers, Lafayette, University of Maryland, Washington and Lee, University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, and many others. Johns Hopkins, the traditional rival of St. John's for a period of over forty years, has been met and defeated in three of the last four years. St. John's has also had numerous football victories over teams of the same standing from all sections of the country.



ACTION PICTURES OF HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

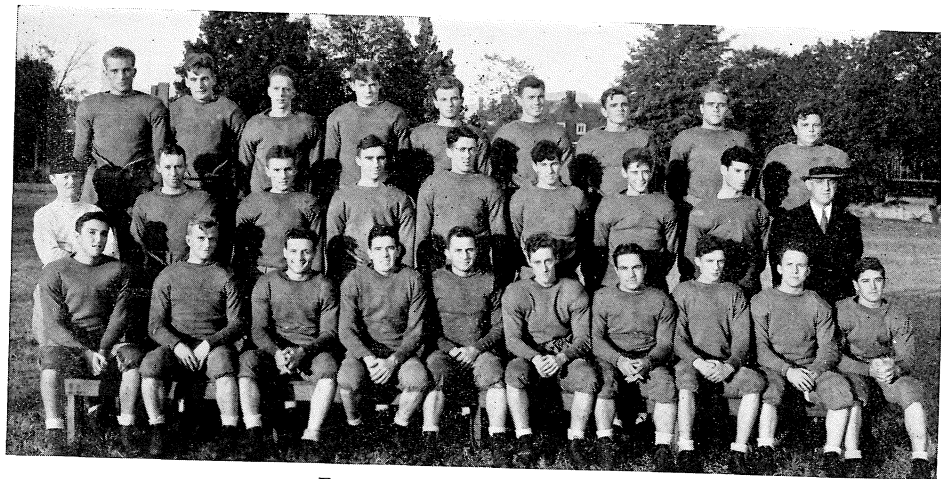


1931 VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM—WORLD'S CHAMPIONS.

Lacrosse, the fastest game known, has a very popular activity among the students in St. John's College. More than one-third of the total number of students in the College have been regularly enrolled in the various squads of this spring sport. While it has not been the principal aim of the sport to compile a winning record, still it is significant of the interest in the game, that within the past four years the team representing St. John's has won forty games and lost one, defeating the best representative teams of the United States, Great Britain and Canada. For three of these years the team has been recognized as National Champion by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, and in 1931 captured the World's Championship by defeating a team composed of the picked stars of all of Canada.



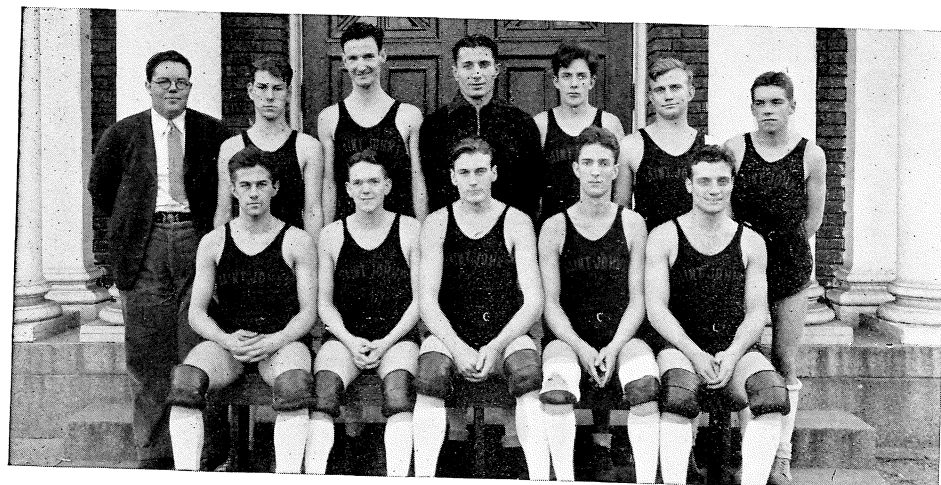
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FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM



FRESHMAN LACROSSE TEAM



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM

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Entrance Requirements



ST. JOHN'S accepts students who present for admission credits equivalent to fifteen units of college entrance requirements.

Character references and school recommendations are required.

Applicants who are not graduates of accredited schools may be admitted by examination in courses in which they lack credit. Applicants may be admitted on trial with opportunity to show that they are able to accomplish satisfactory college work.

Complete information concerning requirements for admission and method of application is contained in the college catalogue.

The Cost

The charge for tuition is three hundred dollars per year. Laboratory courses involve additional small fees.

All students not residing at home are required to live in the college dormitories and take meals in the college dining hall. Charges for meals and lodging are fixed at four hundred and fifty dollars per year. The athletic fee, other student activities fee, and medical fee are ten dollars each per year. All fees and charges are payable in quarterly instalments.

Further Information

The College will be pleased to send its catalogue and application blanks. An inquiry card is inclosed for convenient use.

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