“Twins” at St. John’s

The Twin Lakes

Twin Towers: LP088.1883.SagBoat cropped
Wood carvings by Cornelius Wittmann, OSB, from *Give Us This Day* 2014 07
...and some earlier ones, Johnnies in the 1940s

(uncle and father of the archivist)
Twin pillars at the entrance to campus, ca. 1940

LP150.1960.EntryPillars
Twin pillars and angels at the entrance to the cemetery

LP137.CemeteryEntry
1960 *Sagatagan* p.127 Lions at Abbot's Landing
From the SJU Archives: “Twin Building to Saint Benet's” Blueprint
From the SJU Archives: East Main Entrance Scheme, Plan of First Floor Blueprint
Twin apartment buildings named after Saints Placid & Maur – not exactly twins, but they are always referenced together.

2008 Aerial Photo: http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SJUArchives/id/294
Saints Placid & Maur supporting the dying Saint Benedict - a statue at Montecassino

Left: BHT 2009 photo by Carol Johannes BHT 601
Right: BHT 2009 photo by plr IMG 5938
Alcuin
Library’s twin
“Trees of Knowledge”

SJU Archives
Tse Yiu Kai was one of the first students from Hong Kong to attend Saint John’s University.

Mr. Tse graduated from Saint John’s University in 1959 as an art major. He returned to Hong Kong and became the Director of the family business, H.K. Old Mary Sing Shun Company.

Mr. Tse’s twin sons, Steven and Thomas, attended Saint John’s Prep School and graduated from Saint John’s University in 1988. They made a generous gift to Saint John’s in honor of their father for the Tse Yiu Kai Classroom.

Alcuin Library’s technology-equipped classroom, funded by the twin sons of one of the first Johnnies from Hong Kong.
On right: 1955-11-11, The Record, p. 4
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/30865

Photo: 1956-04-13, The Record, p. 2
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/30566

Although last year's team broke even, batting about .500 in tournament competition, this year's squad hopes to better this record. The present squad consists of veterans Jim Adams, Keith and Kevin Hughes, Byron Johnson and Jerry Koff. Peter McDonald, John Brandt, Jerald Esselman, William Zinney and Jerald Habstritt are the newcomers.

Mr. Edward Henry, debate coach, will still welcome any interested students who wish to try out for the debate team. Debate may be taken for credit. Over a period of two semesters, a student may earn up to three credits in debate.
Debate Teams Compete In Final Tournament

By Tom Matchie
St. John’s debate team will close out its season today and tomorrow, April 18 and 19, by attending the upper Midwest Debate Tournament sponsored by the University of Minnesota.

The entire 8-man Johnny debate squad will attend the meet. Mike Burns, a freshman debating for the first time in college, has joined the group to round out the squad.

The upper Midwest classic comprises a trio of debating divisions. St. John’s entering men in all three. The first trio, the freshman and beginners’ divisions, any Midwest college may enter. However, only 2- and 4-year Minnesota colleges may compete in the third, or Minnesota division.

Two of the Johnny debaters, Keith and Kevin Hughes, last week displayed something of the caliber of debating that can be expected from the SJU squad. On Thursday, April 6, in the university auditorium, they matched wits and words in a no-decision contest with two Harvard University debaters, Bob O’Neill and Greg Hall. The former, a senior, is considered to be one of Harvard’s top debaters.

The Hughes twins defended the negative side of the question. Reolved: That the Non-Agriculture Industrial Should Grant a Guaranteed Annual Wage. A large audience attended the event.

In another related activity Mr. Edward Henry, debate coach, today took a discussion team to the Upper-Midwest tournament. The object of such meets is to develop skill in logical discussion of a current problem.

Each group is given two hours to discuss a sub-topic of the problem: Public Policy Towards Integration. Judgment is based entirely on a written report produced by the group within this time limit.

Members of the Johnny team, including one alternate, are: Russ Streefand, Bill Blum, Ron Puts, Raphael Miller, and Julian Doran. St. John’s placed third in this event last year.
Debaters Shine In Final Tourney

By Ron Olson

The St. John’s Debate Team established a new milestone, dominated this year’s Upper Mid-West Debate Tournament, April 13-14, at the University of Minnesota by sweeping both first and second places in the varsity division and second place in the freshman division.

This is the first year any Johnny debate team has taken a first in the tourney. The Hughes twins, Keith and Kevin, brought home the first-place trophy.

Seventeen colleges and universities, from as far as Wayne University, Detroit, Mich., and ranging all over the upper mid-west, participated in the debate tournament.

Teams in the meet were classified in three divisions: freshmen, varsity, and non-varsity. St. John’s entered two varsity teams, one freshmen team, and one non-varsity team.

All four St. John’s teams advanced to the semi-finals, which included twelve teams in all. In the finals St. John’s had half the representative teams—three out of the final six.

In the varsity finals, Keith and Kevin Hughes defeated an opposing blood-brother Johnny team, Larry Koll and James Adams, by a two-to-one decision. Taking second place in the freshmen division, John Brandt and Gerald Eustace were out-muscled in a two-to-one decision by the University of South Dakota debate team.

The Hughes’ team struts an impressive 23-3 season record, the best record of any Johnny debate team.

St. John’s was also represented at the tourney by a discussion team. Six colleges were entered and discussed the question of “Northern States’ Policy Towards Integration.”

ROTC Unit Inspected By Major General

Major General William H. Nutter, Deputy Commander Fifth Army, with his assistant in charge of reserve affairs, Colonel Howard Haberman, visited Father Abbott last Tuesday on a courtesy call. Later he toured the facilities of the Department of Military Science with Father Muriell Art-
Photo: 1956-11-16, The Record, p. 1
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1956-10-26, The Record, p. 4
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/30688
Hughes, Lanners elected regents

The addition of two members to the St. John’s University Board of Regents was announced Jan. 29 by President Michael Blecker, OSB. Joining the board are Kevin Hughes ’58 and Fred T. Lanners, Jr.; both were elected by the regents at their January meeting.

Hughes, former President of the SJU Alumni Association, is a St. Cloud attorney. He has been active in numerous civic and church affairs including the St. Cloud United Fund and the diocesan Ecumenical Commission.
The Record featured four sets of twins at CSB/SJU in 2009

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