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Question:

Dear Abbot Pennings,

I was wondering, what is the name of the crowd-pumping song played as the men's hockey team enters the ice? And how long has our hockey program been around?

Jessica Flynt '03

Answer:

My dear Jessica,

Many of us have experienced the profound energy and excitement as our outstanding men's hockey team takes to the ice. Though I myself am too advanced in years to attend hockey games anymore – the cold does bother my joints – I remain with the crowd in spirit.

With a bit of research, I have discovered that the song to which the team makes its glorious emergence is “New York Groove” by Ace Frehley. I am told Mr. Frehley was an original member of and lead guitarist for a rock band by the name of KISS, though I cannot confirm it through personal experience, as I prefer a more sedate style of music.

The grand tradition of St. Norbert hockey dates back to the formation of a hockey club in the 1920s. Club participation ebbed and flowed, ceasing altogether in some years, until Richard Rankin '65, now vice president emeritus, took the group under his able wing in the 1960s.

Men's hockey became a varsity sport at the college in 1989.



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As the founder of St. Norbert College, and having a prime seat in the center of campus throughout the years, I, Abbot Bernard Pennings, hold the answers to many of your burning questions about the college.

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Tim Coghlin took the helm as the team's first coach in 1993 and remains in that proud position today. The men's hockey team has appeared in 10 NCAA Division III Tournaments since 1997, highlighted by a national championship in 2008. The Green Knights made Frozen Four appearances in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008, placing as national runner-up in 2004 and 2006.

I am most pleased, as certainly are you, that the tradition of Green Knight hockey is growing with the formation of a women's hockey program. Coach Rob Morgan has demonstrated both diligence and dedication in filling the roster with a team of extraordinary young women who will make history when they take the ice in the 2010-11 academic year.

Responses to "Ask the Abbot" questions are penned by St. Norbert College staff in the name of Abbot Bernard Pennings, O.Praem., who founded St. Norbert College in 1898.

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