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Collegiate Calendar

FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 1907-08.

DEC. 20 (Friday) to JAN. 2 (Thursday),
Winter Vacation.

JAN. 24 (Friday)
End of First Term.

JAN. 27 (Monday) to FEB. 7 (Friday),
Midyear Examinations.

FEB. 10 (Monday),
Beginning of Second Term.

FEB. 12 (Wednesday),
Lincoln's Birthday.

FEB. 22 (Saturday),
Washington's Birthday.

APR. 15 (Wednesday) 4 p. m. to APR. 23 (Thursday),
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MAY 30 (Saturday),
Memorial Day.

JUNE 4 (Thursday),
End of Second Term.

JUNE 8 (Monday) to JUNE 19 (Friday),
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JUNE 19 (FRIDAY),
Prize Speaking.

JUNE 24 (Wednesday),
Results of Examinations.

JUNE 25 (Thursday),
Commencement.

The Convention.

The twenty-first annual convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland was held last Friday and Saturday in Townsend Harris Hall. President Finley opened the meeting with an address of welcome, which was in part as follows:

"As to this College, it has a unique position in that it is the first and only institution of collegiate grade supported entirely by a municipality and offering tuition without fee. * * * I do not mean to intimate, with Columbia, New York University, Fordham, and many other institutions in our nearer horizon, that all wisdom is with us. I mean only to say that here on the top of its high places, at the gates of this continent, at the coming in at the doors of all the peoples of the earth, has the city set her Wisdom to cry to men. In further exemplification of that charter, the great bell that hangs in one of our towers has inscribed upon it: 'Unto you, O men, I cry and my voice is to the sons of man.'"

In the evening session President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, and also president of the Association, was the principal speaker, and spoke in favor of a reorganization and revision of the present curriculum of the colleges with a view towards decreasing the number of studies and increasing the thoroughness with which they are taught. President Wilson's speech was an appeal for simplicity in college training, a protest against many of the new-fangled courses that had been introduced in the college curriculums. President Wilson said that a series of reckless experiments had been practised on the young men and women of the country instead of educating them. He also drew a very sharp distinction between information and education, and maintained that the schools are at present not educating students, but imparting information to them.

In the late afternoon a most interesting meeting was held—a classical conference. In a discussion on the question, "How May the Study of Greek Be Revived?" all the speakers laid emphasis on the extreme importance in that subject of the personality of the teacher. Dr. Jared Scudder then discussed the "Need of Revision in

Latin Instruction," which, in his opinion, was very great. He urged the following specific reforms: that in the first year connected stories be read instead of disconnected sentences; that, in the second year, the reading in Cæsar should be rather in the last three books than in the first four; that the time of studying Cicero and Virgil be interchanged, Virgil being studied in the third year and Cicero in the fourth year; and that throughout the entire course far more sight reading should be done and far shorter lessons assigned.

Student Council.

A meeting of the Student Council was held the Friday before last. In order to enforce the Council's new rule that if a delegate be absent from two successive meetings without good-excuse his section will be called upon to elect a new delegate, a standing committee of five was appointed, consisting of the president and one man from each of the four College years, to have full charge of all matters of absence.

A motion was passed that the Athletic Council be notified that in the opinion of the Student Council the annual indoor games should not be farmed out to any individual, but should be conducted by the A. A. In this the Council reaffirmed its action of last year.

A motion was made, but defeated, that the Council elect one member to represent the College at the International Conference of Colleges and Universities, to be held shortly in Uruguay, and that the travelling expenses of this delegate be met by the levy of a 25-cent tax on each student of the College. Another very important motion was made by a Freshman delegate. He related in indignant tones that every morning in walking across Jasper Oval he was wont to observe groups of hoodlums throwing dice there, right in view of the College; and he therefore moved that, to put an end to such sacrilege, the Student Council buy the Oval. Motion not carried.

Mr. Louis Loeb has selected some of the paintings of Mr. Schulman, of the Drawing Department, and will place them in the coming exhibition of the National Academy of Design.

Class Activities.

The arrangements for the Senior Dance are now practically completed. It will be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 21, in the gym. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Geduldig, desires us to state that though the dance will be given by the Senior Class any student (even a Freshman) or any member of the teaching staff can obtain a ticket by applying to any of the following gentlemen: Geduldig, Ackerman, Cortis and McAllister. (and by paying one dollar). Of course, the dance will be formal.

On Friday, Nov. 23, the Junior Class elected the *Microcosm* Board. The following were chosen: Editor-in-Chief, S. Weinreb; associate literary editors, B. Friedland, M. Civic, J. Kalis; business manager, S. Kaplan; assistant business managers, L. J. Unger, I. Spector and H. Rabinowitz. The election of the associate editors, however, being contested by H. Schultz, who was a candidate for that office, but whose name did not appear on the ballot in spite of the fact, he maintains, that his nomination was duly signed and filed with the nominations committee. His claim having been declared valid, the election of Associate Editors is taking place as we go to press. It is practically certain, however, that the *Microcosm* will cost \$1.50 and that it will contain the personal histories of both Seniors and Juniors.

The Christmas vacation will have very little of vacation in it for the Soph. show cast, for the play is to be produced on Friday evening, Jan. 3, the day after we return to College. Mr. Sanger, the coach, has practically chosen his cast and rehearsal will begin shortly. The seating capacity of Carnegie Lyceum, where the performance is to be given, is less than 700, so that it is advisable to get tickets early. Prices range from 25 cents to \$1.00. You can get tickets from Messrs. Allen, Lefkovic and Josephs. Mr. Allen will be ready to meet all comers at Room 116 D., opposite THE CAMPUS office, this Friday, from 1 to 2 p. m.

Basketball.

C. C. N. Y., 23; Columbia, 33.

C. C. N. Y., '11, 29; High School of Commerce, 19.

Who says that C. C. N. Y. lacks spirit? If you happened to be at the gym. last Saturday night (and you *should* have been there) you would have seen it packed and jammed with students and teachers and a goodly number of the fair sex. Fully 1,500 persons were crowded into the gym., and what a time they had! The 'Varsity lost, but what of it? It was a mighty close shave for the Columbia five and they can thank their lucky stars (also their lucky weight and height) that they weren't beaten. 'Varsity basketballers, you're all right!

The evening's fun started with a game between the Freshmen and High School of Commerce. It was a fast game, but Commerce was clearly outclassed—this, too, in spite of superior weight. The freshmen five were very lively, and Brill and "Barney" did some fine shooting. Considering that it was the first game of the year the men worked well together and deserve credit for their play. Let's not forget Commerce. Urged on by a band of their "faithfuls," they played very well. The score was 29-19.

When the big figure of Ryan lumed up with the Columbia squad, everybody tittered. All the Columbia boys were giants compared to our squad. During the first half "Columbia" and "Ryan" made the boys a bit frightened with the result that they played erratic basketball, giving Columbia a big lead. The score at the end of the first period was 19-5. But the second half was a beauty. Our five started in at a great rate. Barbanell and Streusand bewildering their opponents by their quickness. Some beautiful shots were made by both teams, but the pace told on Columbia, and Ryan (who had a bad knee) was forced to quit, Spencer replacing him. Kiendal also quit as C. C. N. Y. was getting too close for comfort. In quick succession, with the score 27-15, C. C. N. Y. shot four goals, but Columbia braced and scored three more baskets by fast work.

All the men played well, but Streusand and Barbanell did the best shooting, scoring 19 points between them.

Swimming.

The prospects for turning out a winning Swimming Team brighten with each practice day, and the work done in the Inter-Class Meet augurs well for the aquatic performers of C. C. N. Y.

At the meet two things stood out—Carl Schmidt's record 220 swim and the unexpectedly fine plunge of Lester Corts. The College seems to be exceptionally strong in the plunge with such good performers as Corts, Dannenberg and Kohn, all averaging around fifty-five feet, and the trio can safely be entrusted with the task of winning points in the Inter-Collegiates. Schmidt is looked on as a sure point-winner in the 100 and 220, and Larkin, Morris and Mullen, the two former in the distances and the latter in the diving event, have good chances to score. The wealth of new material is likely to bring out good men for the 50; so, altogether, C. C. N. Y. can be relied on to give a good account of herself in the meets this winter.

At the swimming meet of the N. Y. A. C. on Nov. 23, Carl Schmidt, '08, with thirteen seconds, captured first place in the 100, covering the distance in 1.07 1/5. Schmidt was tied for first place with another swimmer, but because of his smaller handicap, Schmidt was awarded first place by the judges. He also won his heat in the 250, but was unplaced in the finals.

Corts, '08, entered the 50-yard novice and finished third in his heat.

Practice is held in the tank every Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30 o'clock. If as yet you haven't reported for practice, and you think you can swim, come out and give your name to either Coach Mackenzie, Manager Daly or Captain Schmidt.

Seven men entered the handicap cross-country run of about 4½ miles held last Wednesday afternoon. The hill-and-dale runners started at a merry pace and finished the course in good time. The finish was a pretty sprint between Johnson, Stander and Schaefer, the latter crossing the mark by three yards. Because of his handicap, Johnson was the winner.

The finish:

Johnson, '08 (10 seconds)	24.43
Schaeffer, '08 (scratch)	24.40
Stander, '08 (scratch)	24.43
Norman, '10 (15 seconds)	25.54
Wolfson, '10 (15 seconds)	26.57
McIlhenny, '09 (40 seconds)	28.32
Grattan, '09 (30 seconds)	28.31

With the Columbia game over, the next five we play is Adelphi College on Dec. 6, at our gym. The preliminary game will be between N. Y. U. 1911 and our Freshmen.

Everybody should come out on Friday to help the boys along and if Manager Fleischer gets the support at all the games that he did at the Columbia game, he will be a happy man. In return for his work, he certainly deserves it.

Faculty Science Club.

A Journal Club in General Science has been formed by the teaching staffs of the Science Departments. Prof. Compton was elected chairman and Dr. Scott secretary. The club meets alternate Tuesday afternoons.

The Library of the College has sent up to the new buildings copies of current scientific papers for the use of students. The magazines are to be found in the library of the Natural History Department. However, students will not be permitted to take them home.

The second meeting of the General Science Journal Club was held Dec. 3, at 4.30 p. m., in the library of the Department of Natural History. The program follows:

"Double Stars," Prof. Compton; "A New Archimedes Manuscript," Prof. Saurel; "The Science of National Eugenics by Karl Pearson," Dr. Dublin; "Synthetic Chemistry in its Relation to Biology by Emile Fischer," Prof. Friedberg; "Action of Radium Emanations on Metals," Dr. Guttman; "Point of Inflammation of Mixtures," Prof. Fox; "Mimicry," F. A. Dixey.

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More Dues Due.



THE motion made at the last meeting of the Student Council by a well-intentioned, but still unfledged Freshman delegate that, in order to prevent the hoodlums from throwing dice on Jasper Oval, the Council buy the Oval, has another value besides its humorous value. It suggests a more or less

important matter.

Being slightly acquainted with real estate values in the vicinity of the College, we are not yet prepared to advocate so radical a measure as that the Council buy Jasper Oval; but there is undoubtedly a great number of things to be done by the Council which will require the expenditure of more or less money. There are various celebrations to be arranged for, such as the Washington's Birthday and Charter Day celebrations. There are the expenses of the Inter-Collegiate Debating Team (which goes to West Virginia next spring) to be paid, for they should undoubtedly be paid by the student body, and not by the College, as they were last year. Or, as another instance, there is much work to be done by the Council in furnishing the Students' Concourse and the hall with pictures, etc. These are but a few of the many purposes for which the Student Council will require funds during the rest of the year.

Last year, when the Student Council needed a little money for the Washington's Birthday celebration, it re-

sorted to a tax, and accordingly the delegate in each section was obliged to go through the ridiculous proceed of collecting approximately 2 cents from each of his section mates. If the Student Council had taken charge of the Charter Day exercises also, it would presumably have found it necessary to tax each student another 2 cents.

Such a method of raising money is as ineffective as it is puerile. Money may be the root of all evil, but it is undoubtedly often the indispensable means of accomplishing good. If the Student Council is to do effective and influential work during the remainder of the year, it should have a permanent fund from which to draw.

To this end we believe that regular monthly dues should be instituted to be collected by the section delegates and turned over to the treasury of the Council. The dues might be very small, yet, when contributed by over 1,000 students, they would make a fund ample for all the needs of the Council and more besides.

Course in Library Economy.

In connection with the circular of information posted last week relative to positions in the vacation schools and play grounds and evening recreation centres for the coming year, we are able to announce that Dr. Duggan is now developing plans for an elective course in Library Economy to be given with a view toward preparing students for the position of librarian in these schools. However, as the examination for the coming year is to be held in January and as some must have had a full year's course in Library Economy in order to take the exam., no matter how soon Dr. Duggan succeeds in getting the course into shape, it will not enable anyone to take exams. for the coming year.

Dr. Henry Moskowitz, of the History Department, delivered the second lecture on Nov. 27 of the series of educational lectures, which are given in connection with the courses in education. Dr. Moskowitz spoke upon "Ethical Training in the Elementary Schools."

T. H. H. News.

There is hardly any doubt that T. H. H. will turn out a basketball team which will be as successful this year as the 1907 team was last year. A large squad is practicing regularly. The candidates who look most promising and who will most likely make the team are: Shifman, Spanier, Prybil, and Mendelsohn, of last year's team, and Levey, Housman, Ampolok and Specter.

Lack of gymnasium facilities, a thing which has hampered exceedingly all the teams of Townsend Harris, held up the practice of the T. H. H. Track Team to a greater extent than any other team. Instead of having lockers in the Gym. the team is compelled to dress in the basement of the Mechanical Arts building, and has had also little use of the Gym. track. Notwithstanding these drawbacks the team has progressed well. A cross-country team has been selected from trials held last Saturday at Celtic Park to represent T. H. H. on Dec. 7, in the City High School Cross-Country Championship for the W. L. Jones trophy.

At a recent meeting of the A. A. Executive Council, Macauley and Houser were elected respectively captain and manager of the Townsend Harris Track Team.

The T. H. H. Basketball Team seems to be paying the penalty for winning last year's championship. Apparently some of its opponents are not very anxious to risk games with the T. H. H. five, for on Nov. 27, Bryant High cancelled the game scheduled for last Saturday, giving no reason for so doing.

On Nov. 23 the Jersey City High School Football Team failed to appear and the game was forfeited to Townsend Harris in consequence.

The following members of the Townsend Harris Football Team were awarded their letters: Captain Dooley, Thomas, Lear, Frank, Wagner, Stein, Fried, Sanders, Schenck, Starin, Lee, Schwartz, Bruce, Pollak, and Manager Folz.

Manager Grant, of the T. H. H. Basketball Team, has arranged the following games, which will be played before the team commences the regular P. S. A. L. schedule: Dec. 7, Jersey City High School; Dec. 14, Jamaica High School; Dec. 20, C. C. N. Y. Freshmen; Dec. 28, Ocean Grove High School.

Wagner, who played such a brilliant game at quarterback on the T. H. H. eleven this year, has been elected captain of the 1908 team.

On November 27th, the Townsend Harris Chess Team played Commercial High School. T. H. H. won one game and three were adjourned. On November 23d T. H. H. played a tie match with Curtis High School.

On November 22d, Dr. Guthrie lectured under the auspices of the Academic Literary Society on "The Achievements of Youth." The second lecture will be given this Friday in Room 16 by Dr. Brown, of the Greek Department, on "Personal Excavations in Greece."

The first test of the new vacuum cleaning system, which has been installed in every building, held last week, proved successful. The system will be completely in operation in the very near future.

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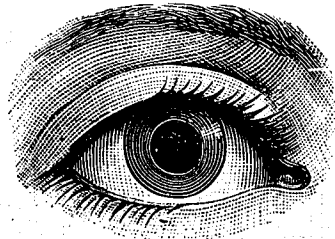
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Next Friday a mass meeting will be held in Room 315, for the purpose of organizing a college branch of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. Mr. Menkin, president of the Y. M. H. A., and Mr. Younker, general secretary of the Y. M. H. A., will address the meeting.

President Finley has appointed the following committees of the Faculty: Committee on Course and Advancement, Profs. Werner, Compton, Herbermann, Mott and Brownson; Committee on Admission of Students from Other Institutions, Profs. Downer, Saurel and Duggan.



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Society Elections.

On Friday, Nov. 22, both Clonia and Phrenocosmia elected officers for the next three months. Clio elected S. F. Hartman, '08, president; A. Schatteles, '09, vice-president; G. Cohen, '09, treasurer; S. Altman, '10, recording secretary; D. Kaltman, '09, corresponding secretary, and Rabinowitz, librarian. Phreno chose J. Gottesman, '08, president; P. L. Tea, '08, vice-president; A. Rosenmond, '09, secretary; M. Heller, '09, treasurer; R. Tarautous, '08, assistant editor. The Adelpian Literary Society elects officers every term, so that its elections will not be held until January.

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