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## Regarding The New Rule.

So much adverse comment has been excited among us by the new rules regarding absence and lateness that THE CAMPUS deemed it advisable to seek out Dr. Sickles, the chairman of the Executive Council, and obtain from him an explanation of the rules. What follows is the substance of what he said to us.

The object of the absence card, to which there seems to be some objection, is merely to obtain, immediately after the absence, an authentic excuse for that absence for the use of the committee on advancement at the end of the term. Last June the Faculty Committee, which was considering the excuses of students who had been absent more than one-seventh of the term or who had become deficient through absences, found it in many cases absolutely impossible to obtain authentic documents in explanation of these absences (some of which had taken place four months before) and was therefore compelled to consider these absences unexcused. So that at the beginning of the present term it was deemed advisable to institute a system by which an authentic record of the excuse could be obtained immediately after the occurrence of the absence.

It seems that among certain of the students there is objection to the idea of having one of the students keep the record of absence and lateness and thus, as some students express it, "spy" on his classmates. The purpose of this detail is merely to save the valuable time of the instructor, which belongs to the whole class; and the student keeping the record is not held responsible for its accuracy. He acts merely as the clerk of the instructor, and, if he so wishes, only at his dictation.

### Class and Society Notes.

The Senior Class plans to hold a dance on the evening of December 21st in the College Gym. Although under the management of the Class of 1908, the dance is not essentially a Senior affair, but in reality a College function. The committee in charge consists of Geduldig, chairman; Sickels, McAllister, and Ackerman. The support of the faculty and student body is earnestly desired.

It is newswid abroad that the Seniors regard the new rules, referred to elsewhere in our columns, as a menace to their proverbial dignity. Indeed a committee has been appointed to lay their grievances before the President and faculty. We are certain that their protest will receive favorable consideration.

A reorganization of the Chess Club will be effected within a few days. Regular meetings are held on Fridays at 1 p. m. in the Club Room, No. 413 Main Building.

At the election of officers of the Class of June '10, held on October 11, the following officers were elected: Charles Brisk, president; M. H. Adler, treasurer; L. Armsburg, historian, and J. Pasternak, athletic manager. The election was very closely contested for all offices; in fact so closely that a second election will be necessary for the other offices. There was also some doubt as to the validity of the election, but by action of the Elections Committee on last Wednesday, it was declared valid.

Those interested in singing will undoubtedly be pleased to hear of a meeting held by the Choral Society last Wednesday. After considerable discussion a committee of five was appointed to act on the matter of permanent organization. Besides general chorus work, Professor Baldwin intends to teach the rudiments of singing, such as correct breathing, tonal production, and sight reading. A rehearsal is set for next Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. in Room 126. Everyone is invited.

A Senior is so proud of being engaged that often it doesn't make much difference who the girl is.

Professor Samuel A. Baldwin will deliver a lecture before the Men's Club of the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church on Wednesday, October 23, at 8.30 p. m. Dr. Baldwin's subject will be "Design in Music." The President of the Association, our Mr. Perrin, of the English Department, extends a cordial invitation to the faculty and students to be present.

Prof. Duggan announces that he has made arrangements, by which various high officials of the Board of Education and professors from outside institutions will lecture each week, to the students of education. The complete schedule of lectures will be published in the near future in THE CAMPUS.

Prof. Storey tells us that the handball courts in the gym. were formally opened last week. President Finley and Mr. Chappell, of Dr. Storey's staff, spent a strenuous afternoon contesting on the courts, their play forming the major portion of the opening ceremonies.

Mr. Jarvis Keiley, of the English Department, is a candidate for councilman in his home town of Grantwood, N. J. Best wishes for success, Mr. Keiley.

Unfortunately it will be some time before our Historical Museum will become a reality. The necessary cabinets and fixtures are being installed with all possible despatch, however. When the department plans are completed, Professor Johnston's collection will be reckoned among the finest.

The contractors are concentrating their energies on the rooms of the Department of Physics in the Main Building. Matters are also being rushed on the Chemistry Building.

A cordial invitation is extended to all students to attend the meetings of a French Club which was organized at the College a short time ago. The Club meets on Sunday evenings at the University Settlement.

Athletics.

To Editor of THE CAMPUS:

I note with pleasure the increase of interest shown by the candidates for the cross-country work. For the last four practice days, I have had an average of twenty-five men appearing, ready for work. Beginning with next Wednesday afternoon, weekly runs will take place, based on hind handicaps. At the end of the cross-country season, the three men scoring the highest number of points will receive prizes in the form of sweaters, medals, etc. In this way, since the course will be about three or four miles, the most promising material will be brought out.

Beginning with Monday, October 21st, practice in cross-country will take place every day—Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3.30 o'clock; Thursdays and Fridays at 3 o'clock. Distances will vary.

MATT. M. STANDER, '08,  
Captain T. T.

Perhaps the football squad was discouraged by the hard knocks handed them, as only six men reported for practice on Tuesday. The six men who are deserving of Carnegie Medals for bravery were: Capt. Linton, Baum, Katz, Gluck, Otis and Winderman.

The recent practice has, however, been much better, so the boys are excused for their one lapse.

Lacrosse candidates are looking forward to a fine season. Games are being arranged with all the big universities, negotiations being under way with Harvard, University of Virginia and Princeton, who takes up the Canadian game this year.

Manager Daly, of the Swimming team, tells us that negotiations are under way by which C. C. N. Y. hopes to hold two dual swimming meets with Columbia this year.

Several good swimmers were noticed doing aquatic stunts in the tank recently. How about you, Fox, coming out for the team?

All ye students rejoice! The tank is heated at last.



## T. H. H. News.

The showing of the Townsend Harris Soccer team against Clinton, when T. H. H. was beaten 3-0, is exceedingly encouraging, if we take into consideration the lack of practice and the difficulty experienced in securing a suitable coach. The T. H. H. team entered the field practically raw, with the exception of a few veterans from the previous year, and went up against a trained team that had been coached in all the fine points of the game. The Harris men fought hard and did surprisingly well. With continuous practice and good coaching the Harris team may become one of the best among the high schools.



It is rather unfortunate that the Townsend Harris-St. John's game was not played last Wednesday, for it would have served as a fairly accurate means for judging the relative strength of the Varsity and the Prep. teams.



At the first regular meeting of the Chess and Checker club, of Townsend Harris Hall, the following officers were elected: Mr. H. Warburton, president; Mr. A. Jurka, vice-president and secretary, and Mr. W. A. Lange, treasurer.

Two open tournaments, one a checker and the other a handicap chess tournament, have been arranged. The first will start to-day, and announcement will be made shortly of the dates on which the next one will be held. Medals will be given to the winners of the tournaments.

Arrangements are being perfected, by which the Chess club of Townsend Harris will enter the Inter-High School Chess League.

A Clinton man at the T. H. H.-Clinton game to his neighbor: "Say, will you point out that fellow Harris, that they're all yelling to, to get there."



Smoking--an advanced stage of thumb-sucking.

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## "Much Ado About Nothing."



"Much ado about nothing"—this is perhaps the fittest characterization that can be applied to the fuss and fury that many of us have raised over the new rules regarding absence and lateness. We ourselves had contemplated making rather strong protest against some of them in these columns. But when we had listened to a calm explanation of the meaning and intent of the rules, we were quieted immediately; and we feel confident that after reading Dr. Sickles' words (to be found on another page) and after giving the whole matter impartial consideration, you will be mollified also.

Of course we do not consider the rules perfect. There are not a few points in which they could be improved and simplified, and undoubtedly will be after the system has been tried out for a little while. But the justification for most of them is obvious to any student who knows conditions rightly (and what student does not?). For others of them the justification is not so obvious. But most fair-minded students will agree with us that on the whole the rules are fair and logical, and give little cause for dissatisfaction to any student who "cuts" in moderation and who takes care that his lateness does not become chronic.

Of course, time alone will prove the wisdom of this measure; let us therefore accord the new rules a fair trial before registering a kick.

### Let Us Hear From You.

It is not reasonable to suppose that all students will agree with our editorial comments in their entirety. We would be pleased to receive letters from our readers on subjects discussed in our columns, and, in fact, all matters of undergraduate interest. Anonymous contributions will not obtain consideration, nor do the editors guarantee to publish all letters addressed to them. A most liberal policy, however, will be adopted, and students having comments worthy of expression should take this opportunity to state their views. Unless otherwise requested the name of the correspondent will be printed.

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### More Care.

Our attention was directed to certain acts of carelessness on the part of students in the lunch room in the basement. In some instances, indeed, college furniture has been disfigured by the placing of moist cups on benches. We believe the mere statement of the circumstance a sufficient guarantee of future care and consideration. It is our duty as well as yours to call attention to those thoughtless practices.

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### Concerning Knockers.

After the efforts put forth by Coach Mackenzie and the entire football squad to turn out a good eleven, it seems just a bit too bad that the College should be burdened by those chronic knockers, always on the lookout to use their "hammers."

Fair and honest criticism is always valuable, but "knockers" are incapable of dispensing it. Simply because a team is beaten by a large score is no reason for unfair criticism. The boys are doing their best to do good work, and certainly knocking will not help them.

If they fail after conscientious effort, they still will be more of a pride to the College than those students who neither support nor encourage them.

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Juniors and Seniors who wish to take the elective course in surveying next year should apply to Mr. Ray, Room 5, on Thursday at 1 p. m.

## 23rd Street Notes.

Most of us uptown at the new buildings are totally ignorant of conditions at the branch of Townsend Harris which is holding sessions down at the old building, under the guidance of Prof. Thompson. There are downtown 750 students of the upper and lower C classes, all of whom live below 110th street on the East Side, and 50th street on the West Side. Twenty-five instructors constitute the teaching staff, and whether it be due to their vigilance and Prof. Thompson's discipline or not, the C class downtown is one of the most orderly that has ever been in the institution. Many activities have sprung up since the opening of the new term, which is quite remarkable, considering the short time that the students have been in the building. Several literary societies have been formed which are holding meetings each week.

We wish that these students could be with us up on the Heights, but we fear that it will be a long while before Townsend Harris Hall can accommodate all its students in the uptown building, and we also think that instead of the number of students downtown decreasing, it will soon increase, for Dame Kanker has it that all the C students living below 72nd street on the West Side will have to recite downtown in the old building.

Mr. Fitzpatrick will be in Room 22, 23rd street building, every afternoon after 1 p. m. to receive those students desiring to join the A. A.

Wake up, boys, and keep up with your brothers uptown!

The following letter is clipped from a recent edition of the *N. Y. World*. To say that we were surprised is to put it mildly.

DEAR BETTY:

I am a young college man of 19 and am deeply in love with a young woman of 15. I want her to marry me, but she won't do it. How can I make her change her mind.

KINKS, '08.

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