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To the Editors of THE CAMPUS:

May this new paper help to make and keep our campus on the heights of New York the brightest, cleanest, wholsomest spot in all the city and the place of best friendship and happiest memories.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. FINLEY.

The Plan of The Campus

Oh! news that is breezy, but news that is news
To be told in a way that will students enthuse,
Told (very quickly, before it is lost
In the mazes of time) at a nominal cost;
Society items and news of the class
Heard in the corridors, heard on the grass—
Full notes of Athletics (it's come here to stay),
All told in a bright but a sensible way,
Diamond and gridiron notes you'll not lack
With what boys are doing on field and on track:
Editorials? Certainly, as snappy can be
Of interest to students, from all bias free,
Above all, opinions, plainly expressed.
On subjects we think will suit students the best.—
And jokes that have humor and maybe some verse
(Yes! better than this—there could have only be
worse!)

In short, of the news we'll act as the hub.
With spokes stretching out both to senior and sub.
When the first issue's read, we feel you will see:
Truly, too, for THE CAMPUS next week.

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Notes of the New Buildings.

All last week you probably observed, as we did, diverse spectacled students (and others) wandering about the halls with a lost air and peering forlornly into various rooms. They were looking for the library. They are still looking; for, regrettably, the library is still so far in the future that you can't see it. When it comes it will be located on the lower floors of the tower.

However, Mr. Bliss tells us that since the new term opened one student has come down-town to borrow a book. So things are not as bad as they might be.

Prof. Baldwin had expected that the organ in the great hall would be ready for use last week, but owing to a strike during the summer about two months longer will be required for its completion.

The Chemistry Building, with which the hopes, fears (and joys) of so many of us are bound up, is not in an encouraging state. Aside from the great quantities of apparatus and chemicals to be arranged, much of the essential interior construction, such as flooring, tiling, etc., is still in the vague future; while the enormous amount of plumbing connected with the elaborate system of gas, compressed air, oxygen, hydrogen, etc., pipes, presents untold possibilities of delay.

Dr. Baskerville tells us that he hopes to have the building ready by December, but, from his manner of saying it, we are inclined to believe that he is hoping against hope.

We are getting used to large figures these days, but most of us will be surprised to learn that the text-books belonging to the College now number 100,000, that 20,000 of these are newly bought, and that the value of the total is estimated by Mr. Raucher to be nearly \$100,000. It was indeed a large proposition that Mr. Raucher had on his hands last week, but with his excellent card system, the two auxiliary repositories in T. H. H., and the labor-saving scheme of distribution, the disbursal of many books was accomplished without serious difficulty.

Trouble with the contractors has impeded the progress on the shower baths to such an extent that there is little future. Dr. Storey says that the number of showevers regulates the number of students than can be handled. About one hundred new showers are required, but owing to certain unfavorable bids there is no telling when these showers will be installed. Sophomores will have to be content with voluntary work after 4.30.

Society Doings.

Phreno and Clio will have to meet temporarily in Townsend Harris Hall, as no lights have as yet been installed in the main building. President Geduldig, '08, of Clio has already applied for permission to use a room in T. H. H.

The Y. M. C. A. of City College is compiling a religious census of the college. To accomplish this, the students are given useful memo books, upon the receipt of which they are requested to fill out cards containing full information as to their religion. If you have not already received one of these books you may do so by applying to Room 411, in the main building.

The Catholic Club has as yet formulated no definite plans for the coming year. It is probable that the club will not meet in the college buildings, but will hire a meeting room in a location more accessible to its widely scattered members.

Dr. Schoen expects to call the first meeting of the orchestra this Friday, or, at the latest, next Friday. We trust that this organization, hitherto so unaccountably neglected by many of the finest musicians in the college, will take on new life this year and do credit to the magnificent hall in which it will be called upon to play.

The Adelpian (Freshman-Sophomore) Literary Society held its first meeting last Friday afternoon in the main building. The program was mainly extempore. This Friday, however, it will be a prepared one.

Examinations never inspire a student with fear and apprehension—in the forefront of the term.

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The Faculty on Its Vacation

The President spent almost all summer recuperating in New Hampshire and taking his customary walks. Two or three times, however, the lure of the new building drew him back to New York. The last month he spent in the city, and a busy month for him it was.

With the exception of two days, September 11 and 12, when he was attending the Phi Beta Kappa National Council at Williamsburg, Va., Prof. Werner was in town all summer.

For the first time in years Prof. Compton stayed through the entire vacation at one place—Lake Mahopac, N. Y.

Prof. Stratford has been slowly improving in health since the beginning of the summer, but his return to the College cannot be looked for for some time.

In response to the question of how he spent the summer, Prof. McNulty said: "I ate a little; I drank a little more, and I slept still more. I also worked more or less but rather less."

The summer saw the completion of Prof. Dielman's series of mosaics for the Iowa State Capitol, on which he has been engaged for more than a year. The title of the series is "Functions of State Government." Edward Blashfield, who is executing the mural painting in the Great Hall, is also doing some work on the Iowa State Capitol.

Except for weekly trips to the new buildings and a visit to the Jamestown Exposition, where he served on the Jury of Awards, Prof. Baskerville spent his summer at his home in Clove Beach, Conn. Literary work occupied much of his time.

Prof. Sim was with Prof. Werner at the meetings of the Phi Beta Kappa Council at Williamsburg, Va. Part of the summer he spent in a launch on Lake Champlain, and part on Chesapeake Bay.

Prof. Mott passed a quiet summer at Hurricane in the Adirondacks; Profs. Tisdal and Saurel did the same thing at home, and Prof. Palraer on the St. Lawrence, and Prof. Ilgen in the White Mountains did likewise.

After a month or so spent near Gloucester, on the northern Massachusetts coast, Prof. McGuckin visited St. Paul, Minn., and came home by way of the Great Lakes.

Prof. Legras divided a quiet summer between New Orleans and the White Mountains.

As usual, Professor Hunt passed the long summer months at his country home in Stockbridge, Mass., "etching a little and sketching a little."

The proof sheets of his forthcoming book occupied Prof. Brownson during much of his two months' stay in Maine.

Prof. Rupp was also in Maine. He stayed at Belgrade Lakes, together with his family.

Dr. Moody spent much of the summer doing literary work at Hobart College, N. Y., where he was formerly a professor.

Several accidents varied the monotony of life for Prof. Fox, who spent most of the summer on the waters near South Jamesport, L. I. Nevertheless, the professor's knowledge of physics made it unnecessary for him to save any lives.

Dr. Horne passed some of the summer in the city doing literary work. He varied the monotony of life, however, by spending a few days catching sword-fish off Martha's Vineyard.

Literary and professional work occupied most of Prof. Duggan's summer.

Dr. Clark traveled to the Pacific Coast and then up to Alaska, where he remained all summer.

The gymnasium kept Dr. Storey busy in town all summer. Three hours of the day, however, he lectured at Columbia.

Our New Tutors

Mr. Joseph A. Mosher, the new tutor in public speaking, is a graduate of the Mansfield (Pa.) Normal School (1899). He has taught in various institutions. During the past year he has been university scholar in English at Columbia University.

Mr. Paul Klapper, the new tutor in education, is a graduate of the College (Class of '04) and an M.A. of N. Y. U. He has taught in the public schools for the past three years, and is therefore thoroughly conversant with their methods and systems.

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It was gratifying, to say the least, that the removal from our old quarters and the establishment in our new home on the Heights was accomplished with the minimum of confusion. To transfer the executive offices

of a great institution to a new seat of activity, inaugurate schedules of recitations, and provide for the innumerable contingencies incident upon the opening of a new term in new buildings is a task of no mean proportions. Yet our start on the work of the fall term was attended with practically no vexatious complications of schedule or bewildering medley of assignments.

THE CAMPUS considers that this harmonious condition is due in a large measure to the foresight and intelligent provision of our registrar, Mr. Arvid D. Anderson, who was actively engaged throughout the summer in superintending the great task. It may be that the genius of the buildings or the shade of Father Knickerbocker is responsible for our fortunate settlement. We are inclined, however, to bestow our marks of appreciation on the more tangible party in Room 110.

To Dr. Sickles the College is also indebted for his having sacrificed his entire vacation to the work of getting the new buildings into the excellent shape in which we found them on Thursday, the 19th.

THE CAMPUS wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation to Drs. Horne, Duggan and Clarke for their deep interest and efforts in its behalf.

THE CAMPUS regrets very much that it was unable to publish in this issue any news of the Academic Department. Beginning with next issue, however, there will be a regular department devoted exclusively to sub-Freshman news.

We are confident, however, that sub-Freshmen will find much to interest them in the other parts of the paper also.

Wanted: Rooters

The College year has started, and a new wave of athletic activity is sweeping the College. Just now football is the chief topic of conversation. With a large squad out for practice, the outlook for a very successful season is extremely bright. It now rests with the student body to support the team. So everybody wake up and come out to root and cheer.

When a fellow secures his A.B. he soon realizes that he knows just about that much of the alphabet of life.

The State Capitol at Lansing, Mich., is the most remarkable building in the world. When it was completed the builders returned to the State Treasury \$10,000 left over from the \$500,000 appropriation.—Elbert Hubbard in *The Phillistine*.

Wrong again, Elbert! The old C. C. N. Y. building at Twenty-third street and Lexington avenue is still more remarkable. When it was completed the builders returned to the city \$2,000 left over from the \$50,000 appropriation—twice as large a percentage as at Lansing.

Class Notes

Nearly all the classes are getting busy with their elections.

Nominations close day after to-morrow in the '08 Class and during the first week of October in the June '10 Class.

The February, '09, nominations were scheduled to close last Friday, but by action of the Election Committee the time has been extended to Wednesday. The Class of '09 has as yet made no beginning regarding its election of officers.

Get busy and organize, ye Freshies! The Sophs are to be all there this year.

Football

In response to the call issued by Coach Mackenzie for football candidates, a score of aspirants for gridiron honors have thus far appeared for practice. We ought not to feel discouraged over his small squad, as many of last year's veterans, some new Freshman material from Townsend Harris and other high schools, and many upper class men who know the game, are expected out as soon as the new term is fairly started.

Manager Kruskal has arranged a very difficult schedule composed mainly of out-of-town games. Among the teams which we meet this year are Stevens, Muhlenburg, Union, Trinity, Carnegie Tech., St. Johns and several other institutions of like calibre.

Among the candidates who have been practicing for the past week are Winderman, Wagner, Glück, Cohen and Baum, all former T. H. H. football men, and Solomon, Gordon, De Martino, Mullen, Corts, Linton, Pasternak and Brizotti, all of whom are veterans of last season's eleven. Among the new men who promise to make the old players hustle for their positions are Kruskal, Frankel, Ogust, Rosenblum and Katz.

In view of the hard games to be played, it behooves every City College man of any ability whatever to come out and help swell the ranks of the squad. Since we now have all the facilities necessary for the production of good teams, we can no longer offer as excuses for defeat the time-worn "no gym., no field, no coach, no encouragement." Those who cannot, for some reason or other, owe it to the eleven to be present at the games and cheer our boys on to victory. The first game of the season will be played with Stevens at Hoboken on October 2, and we want the whole College to go over to Jersey *en masse*, as it is our turn this year for a victory over the 'Stute lads.

The prospects for a good basketball team this year are as bright as ever. All of last year's veterans are back, and some excellent material is expected from the high schools. Practice will begin in a day or two, as we have some hard early season games, among which is one with Columbia on November 30 at our gymnasium.

Class of '07

Of the eighty-nine members of the Class of '07, seventy-six took the City Superintendents' examination to teach in the elementary schools. Of these fifty-one were successful. Harry J. Bick, president of the class of the Junior year, scored highest of the C. C. N. Y. men and second highest of the entire list with a rating of 87.8%. The man who stood highest on the list came from up-state and had a rating of 89.6%.

Nine men of the class took the shopwork examination. Seven were successful.

Several changes have been made in the staff of the Department of Chemistry. Mr. H. C. Griffin, B.S. (Bowdoin, '04), Mr. L. J. Cohen (C. C. N. Y., '99), Ph.D. (Columbia, '07), and Mr. W. Curtis, Ph.D. (Yale, '04), have been appointed tutors. Mr. N. R. Graham has resigned his tutorship and Mr. J. L. Prager has been granted a year's leave of absence for study.

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The New Department

By action of the Board of Trustees the subject of economics has been separated from the department of philosophy and a new department, called the department of political economy, created. This is the fourth department to be created within a year, the previous three being physical instruction, education, and music. Dr. Walter E. Clark, who has been the sole instructor in economics for the past five years, has been appointed head of the department with the title of associate professor. Dr. Clark is a graduate of Wesleyan and Columbia. He entered the College in 1901 as tutor in philosophy, became instructor in 1902, and assistant professor in 1906.

Dr. William B. Guthrie has been transferred from the department of history to Dr. Clark's department. Dr. Guthrie was very popular in the Academic Department, where he taught for four years; and no doubt he will prove just as popular with college men. "The History of Socialism," by Dr. Guthrie, was recently published by MacMillan's.

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