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City College Day.



MAY 7 will be Alma Mater's "red letter" day for the year 1909. According to the plans of the Student Council, a day is to be devoted each year to a series of student festivities in celebration of Charter Day and as a fitting climax to a season of successful class and college activity. This is to be known as City College Day. In connection with the splendid program that is being prepared for this year's City College Day, it is announced that, on the invitation of President Finley, General Webb has consented to speak. This will be the occasion of our dear old President's first visit to the College's new home, for the erection of which he was so largely responsible.

The chief features of the tentative programme, as it is being considered by the City College Day Committee, of which Benjamin Friedland, '09, is Chairman, are as follows. College recitations will be suspended at 2 P. M. on May 7. The rest of the afternoon and evening is to be devoted to a baseball game between the Faculty and the Seniors, a tug-of-war between the Sophomores and Freshmen, and perhaps an Alumni-Varsity lacrosse game. Exercises will also be held in the Great Hall, where General Webb is to speak. There are to be other speeches by President Steps of the Student Council, by the Chairman of the Committee and by the redoubtable "Tommy." More definite information will be published later on.

Soph-Fresh Contests.

The plans of the Student Council Committee on Soph-Fresh Contests were explained to a loyal band of Sophomores last Friday afternoon and to an equally enthusiastic gathering of Freshman on Monday. These meetings were also made the occasion of infusing some real live spirit into scions of the two classes. Professor Clark and President Steps of the Student Council both made warm speeches urging the fellows to the right kind of action. The plans of the committee were then taken up in detail by its Chairman, Raymond C. Thompson.

Each year, there are to be three sets of encounters between the Sophomore and Freshman classes, to take place at different times. The class which is victorious in the majority of these contests will receive a victory pennant, which will be presented to it by the Student Council at the City College Night Exercises. These three events are to be a flag rush (which this year has been decided in favor of 1912); a tournament consisting of cane-sprees and wrestling; and finally a tug-of-war. The tournament is scheduled for April 30 on Jasper Oval. The first event will consist of three cane-sprees between light-weights, middle-weights and heavy-weights. That contestant will be adjudged the victor in the spree who is in sole possession of the cane at the end of ten minutes from the start of the bout. The cane-sprees event will be decided in favor of the class winning two out of the three bouts. The second event will consist of three wrestling bouts of the "catch-as-catch-can" type, under the same conditions as to time, place and awarding of decisions as the first event; the victor being obliged to put both of his opponents shoulders to the ground. The third event will consist of eleven bouts of horseback wrestling. Each bout will be between two mounted knights. Each knight, seated on his classman's shoulder, will try to dislodge the opposing knight. The "horses," moreover, will be required to carry sticks to ensure their non-interference in behalf of the rider. That team will be adjudged victorious, whose rider remains completely above the ground at the end of ten minutes. The class winning a majority of these bouts will receive the horse-wrestling decision.

The entire tournament will be decided in favor of the class winning most of the events.

The tug-of-war will be held on Jasper Oval on May 7, City College Day. In this contest, every member of 1911 and 1912 may participate. A rope 180 feet long, with a knot in the middle will lie on the ground. Twenty feet on each side of the knot will be a line perpendicular to the rope. At a given signal, the members of each class will run from their position on a line twenty feet away from the rope and parallel to it; they will grasp it as soon as they can and will pull in their direction. The judges which will decide in favor of the class which will have pulled the knot in the middle of the rope across the perpendicular line twenty feet from its original position.

Fighting for the glory of his class and for his own honor, every single lower classman is expected to do his duty.

College Custom Book.

Realizing the fact that we have very few college customs that are firmly established, the Student Council is making an earnest effort to insure the perpetuation of these and the introduction of others. A committee consisting of W. C. Allen, chairman; B. Friedland, E. Pollock, A. Silberstein and R. Thompson has therefore been appointed to write a "College Customs Book," which is to be a collection of provisions for the regulating of certain officially sanctioned activities. These activities are of course subject to the approval of the Student Council.

Revision of the Constitution.

Suggestions, concerning changes in the constitution of the Students' Club, are earnestly desired by the Revision Committee, appointed by Professor Duggan, which consists of the following: R. A. Steps, '09, chairman; S. Schmalhausen, '09, H. Kessler, '09, T. Lefkovich, '10, W. Jay, '10, F. Zorn, '10, and Dr. Robinson. The committee is to meet at 2 P. M. to-day in Room 213, and all suggestions should be made by the students in person at the meeting or should be conveyed in writing and left with Dr. Robinson.

Young Alumni Feast.

The Class of '06 will hold its Third Annual Reunion Dinner at the Hotel Marlborough this Saturday evening. The guests of the Class are to be President Finley, Professor Werner and Professor Baskerville, who bears the enviable title of "Guardian Angel of Naughty Six." On the same evening and in the same hotel, the Class of '08 will enjoy its first reunion banquet, and they too will have President Finley as a guest.

The Strong Arms of the Faculty competed in a Prize Bowling Contest last evening. That explains the ominous rumbling which alarmed residents on the Heights up to a late hour.

Prof. Charles Baskerville and Dr. Hamer will read papers on "Oil Shales of Canada" before the Society of Chemical Industry this Friday.

The reception to be given by President and Mrs. Finley to members of the Senior Class has been postponed to this Friday evening.

'09 Numerals.

The Senior Class will light its numerals in the Great Hall this Friday evening. After the reading of the Class Poem and the ceremonies attending the launching forth of '09 in a blaze of light, the class will be tendered a reception by President and Mrs. Finley.

A delegates' meeting of the Class of June 1910, will be held to-morrow at 3 P. M., in Room 309.

The last of the Department of Chemistry Lectures will be held in the Doremus Hall, this Friday afternoon. Dr. Wilder D. Bancroft, Professor of Physical Chemistry; Cornell University, will speak on "The Economic Status of the Electric Furnace."

Trial Debates.

The subject of the Joint Debate between Clonia and Phrenocosmia to be held this term, is: "Resolved, that we favor the open shop in the United States." Trials, for the purpose of picking the two teams, will be held in both societies on Friday evening, April 30.

James Balsam, '09, will be presented by Mr. Leopold Wolfsohn in a piano recital at the Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday evening, May 6.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the New York State Association of Elocutionists was opened in New York last Friday by a morning meeting at our College. President Finley delivered the address of welcome. Meetings were also held in our Great Hall on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, afternoon and evening.

On April 12, Dr. Guthrie debated with J. G. Phelps-Stokes at Fall River, Mass., on "Socialists and Socialism."

Prof. Leigh Hunt delivered an address to Art Teachers on April 16 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. His subject was "Impressionists and Impressionism."

On Thursday night April 8, Professor Baskerville addressed the alumni of the Chemical Course of Pratt Institute.

All music lovers have a great treat in store for them this afternoon at 4 P. M. Professor Baldwin has given the place of honor on his program to the following compositions: A new Sonata by Mark Andrews of Montclair, Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Bach, and an Overture to Oberon, Von Weber.

On Sunday, April 4, President Finley addressed the Conference held at the Hartford Theological Seminary. Dr. Finley's subject was, "The Minister and the Nation."

ATHLETICS.

Baseball.

C. C. N. Y., 0; St. Johns', 6.

Had Brown received the support he deserved in our contest with St. Johns last Saturday, there would have been a different score. But to confine ourselves to facts, we can only say that he pitched a superb game, allowing but four scattered hits and striking out eleven men. Every run was scored by St. Johns' on an error. Nevertheless it was an interesting contest.



The baseball team this year can already be seen to be one of the best the college has produced in years. Our representatives in that sport are natural players and, with good coaching, would make a crack team. The coaching, however, is lacking. Mr. Holten has been so busy for the last few weeks that he has been unable to devote much time to the squad, and as a consequence our boys are not playing the game they should at this stage of the season. Considering the circumstances, they are doing wonderfully. Keep it up!



Next Saturday our baseball squad takes a trip to Troy to contend against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Our boys have been practising hard and expect to make a good showing. May they have better luck than our basketball five had.



Our baseball detectives have unearthed a "find" in the field of infield proficiency. Ettinger, '12, formerly of De Witt Clinton, has been making rapid strides towards the ideal second baseman and will be given the care of that corner for the rest of the season. Raggi is naturally an outfielder and so the change will strengthen the team in both departments.

The game with Seton Hall scheduled for last Thursday has been postponed until April 29 and will be played at South Orange.

Track Notes.

With a likely number of good candidates to choose from, Coach Mackenzie expects our mile relay team to assert itself next Saturday in the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival at Franklin Field, Philadelphia. The team will probably consist of Captain Coyle, Groggins and Weber, with the fourth man a choice from Starbuck, Dolan and Richter. As the College has entered a new division in the Carnival and will not be compelled to compete with Yale, Harvard and other big universities, "Mac's" expectation may be realized.

Together with the advent of outdoor weather, comes the news of the acquisition of an outdoor track and, in consequence, greater outdoor activity. We are greatly indebted for this to Charlie Kilpatrick, who is very solicitous for our athletic welfare and used all his influence to provide us with the track. The terrace has been utilized for the purpose and City employees are now engaged in constructing a splendid quarter-mile cinder course.

Provided he recovers in time from the effects of a wrenched ankle, Rosenberg, '12, will be entered in the Intercollegiates to be held shortly in Philadelphia. His outdoor practice is being watched with great interest, and, if he can duplicate his jump of 5 feet 9½ inches done at the High School Championships last year, he certainly should take a place.

Ridgeway, '12, has become a familiar figure of late, on the plot in front of the Mechanical Arts Building. He has improved considerably in hurling the shot, and, with persistence in practice, should soon get the full benefit of his weight.

With the election of B. Boorokov as next year's captain, the gym team concludes a most profitable and successful season. After all expenses had been paid, the management cancelled debts standing over from last year and still left enough money to start the next season on. The team itself did good, consistent work and, in its exhibitions, reflected great credit upon the college.

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Dramatic Society.



HE College can point with pardonable pride to its record of six eminently successful "Soph Shows." The performances of the Classes 1906-1911 respectively were, indeed, highly commendable, both from a histrionic and a business standpoint. It would be quite absurd, however, to contend that they were entirely beyond the pale of criticism in both respects. Dramatic productions of C. C. N. Y., and we make the statement advisedly, are not up to the standard of similar functions at universities and colleges of the first rank. The fault lies not in the personnel of our college but in the established system under which productions are staged.

It is worthy of note that succeeding performances have not indicated any very marked advancement in quality.

The reason for this condition should be sufficiently obvious. The annual performance is run off with a cast and management entirely lacking in experience; the actors for the most part are merely coach-made products, while each new management is obliged to overcome the same series of difficulties with a minimum of benefit derived from the experiences of its predecessors. The question naturally suggests itself whether these defects would not be remedied by intrusting dramatic productions to a permanent all-class organization.

The idea is not unprecedented; Harvard, Cornell, Yale, Columbia, Colgate and Dartmouth are but a few examples of institutions at which *the* annual play is managed, not by a single class, but by a society representative of all classes. The advantages of this custom over the one in vogue at our college are beyond question. In the first place, there is more dramatic talent in four classes than in one. Secondly, a man taking a minor part in his freshman year and who is selected for succeeding shows, would acquire ease and naturalness to equip him for a more important role in his senior year. Furthermore, the business management, if intrusted to men of experience, would be characterized by greater efficiency and would result in an immense saving of time, money, and anxiety.

THE CAMPUS stands for Progress, with a capital letter, in every field of collegiate endeavor. That is why we advocate a departure from the present custom of entrusting the *principal* theatrical entertainment to a single class. We would not be interpreted as harboring any fear for the ability of the present or succeeding sophomore classes; on the contrary we are confident that they would be quite capable of maintaining the standard of former productions. We should not, however, be satisfied with our achievements in the field of dramatic art. Our aim should be to raise the standard to an appreciable extent. As has been pointed out, it is quite impossible to do this under the present system. Moreover, the "Soph Show" has not yet attained unto the dignity and exemption of a college tradition, it is still more in the nature of an experiment. The production of a play by the Dramatic Society of the College, however, does not necessarily signify the doom of the

"Soph Show" as an institution; that is a private matter for each sophomore class to settle. In other words, the two ideas are not mutually exclusive.

A dramatic performance is one of the worthiest of undergraduate activities and as such it deserves the support of the entire College. In the hands of a well organized, representative society, supplemented by a permanent faculty adviser, the annual play of the City College would compare favorably with that of any other institution of learning. We are taking steps to perfect such an organization, and we ask the thoughtful consideration and earnest support of the faculty and undergraduate body in our campaign.

The Constitution of the Civic Club was adopted last Wednesday. At the next meeting, to be held this afternoon at 1 P. M. in Room 306, the actual work of the club will begin. Meetings will hereafter be held every other Wednesday at 1 P. M. All those interested should join at once to get the full benefit of the organization's work.

The annual business meeting of the Class Secretaries Association of the alumni will be held to-morrow evening in Room 122. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

As was predicted, the game between Rudolph of N. Y. U. and Jurka of C. C. N. Y., was decided to be a draw by Mr. Helms. This leaves the final score $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, allowing a forfeiture of the first board to N. Y. U.



Lectures by the Faculty.

Wednesday, April 21.

Prof. Walter E. Clark—"Taxation"—P. S. 165, 108th St., near Amsterdam Ave.

Prof. Holland Thompson—"The Growth of the West and the Civil War"—P. S. 37, 145th St., Bronx.

Thursday, April 22.

Dr. Frederick B. Robinson—"Wendell Phillips"—P. S. 137, Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn.

Saturday, April 24.

Prof. Walter E. Clark—"The Development of Economical Thought"—N. Y. Public Library, 121 East 58th Street.

Monday, April 26.

Dr. Henry Neuman—"Edgar Allen Poe"—Commercial High School, Brooklyn.

Dr. Hugh S. Lowther—"Herculaneum and Pompeii"—P. S. 34, Queens.

Dr. William Easterbrooke—"The Halogens"—P. S. 126, Meserole Ave., Brooklyn.

Tuesday, April 27.

Dr. Nelson P. Mead—"State, Local and Colonial Government"—P. S. 119, Brooklyn.

Wednesday, April 28.

Prof. Holland Thompson—"American Ideas of to-day"—P. S. 37, 145th Street, Bronx.

The Biological Society meets regularly every Friday afternoon at 3 P. M., in Room 310.



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T. H. H. NEWS.

FRED S. BAILEY, Correspondent.

T. H. H., 18; East Orange H. S.; 11.

With the recollection of East Orange's recent victory over Clinton and their fine showing against Commerce (score 1-0) still fresh in their minds, our boys certainly expected to have a hard time. In the words of the poet, "There was nothing to it," as the score of 18-11 clearly indicates. We outplayed them in every department of the game, excelling especially in batting. Sixteen hits and three pitchers (among them the famous Creede) knocked out of the box tell the story. We certainly retrieved last year's defeat and even a pessimist would concede splendid chances for the championship.

Swimming.

The season is over, the team is disbanded, and all of the victories of the T. H. H. Swimming Team are things of the past. But can our glorious record ever be forgotten? With one accord every one exclaims, "Never!" Never has a clean, fighting spirit been shown better than by the sturdy fellows who have represented Harris this year on the swimming team. All honor, therefore, to Captain Davis, Manager Rogers and all the other men!



Davis, Rogers and Kohn, have each been awarded a block "H," in recognition of their high achievements.

On account of the removal of his family from the city, Nason has been obliged to leave T. H. H. and thus to resign the Managership of the Football Team.



Who said that our brothers in the Annex have no spirit? They have a squad of thirty men out for an Annex baseball team, have collected about \$10 to pay for balls, etc., and expect to get together a fast bunch of players. The Council has heard of this and is greatly pleased. Money will be appropriated for the purpose, and everything possible will be done to arouse enthusiasm downtown. Congratulations, Annex men!

Around the Track.

The Track Team has indeed been running in "hard luck," this season, and many points have been lost through no other reason than misfortune. In the 220-yard dash at P. S. 10, every one of our men fell on the first turn, thus allowing Williams of Clinton, to breast the tape first. Again at the Fourteenth Regiment games two men on the relay fell during the race. Consequently we lost. However, luck is bound to change, so wait 'til the "next time."



In the Hamilton Games, we took but two places; Hyman, second in the 220-, and Storey, second in the 300-yard dash.



Dr. Cosenza is trying hard to organize a heavy-weight relay, each man to run a quarter of a mile. Some of you big fellows get busy and come out.



It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce that Mr. Schutt, the noted quarter-, half- and one-mile runner of Cornell, is to join with Dr. Cosenza in the coaching of the T. H. H. Track Team. Mr. Schutt has been studying at Oxford for three years and will now take up teaching in Harris. We extend to him our hearty wishes for success.



The membership of the A. A. is now 625. This begins to look better, although there are still many tickets waiting to be filled out. Just drop into Room 6 (the A. A. office) any time during the lunch period.

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