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A Big Meeting To-Day.



THE Students' Union will enter upon its year's activity with a mass meeting in Room 126 at 1 P. M. to-day. President Finley will address the students, and one of our college spirited alumni will probably make a speech also. The election of officers will then take place. Everyone is requested to come and help make the club a success. If you have not as yet joined the Union, come to the meeting to-day, and do so.

The aim of the Students' Union is purely social. The organization was launched into being last year amid great enthusiasm. A club house, where undergraduates might meet, was contemplated, and some money was contributed to this end by generous alumni. A constitution was adopted at a large meeting of the entire student body.

All now needed to make the organization a success is continued enthusiasm and whole-hearted support on your part.

Concerning School Teaching.

Mr. George J. Loewy will lecture under the auspices of the Senior Mechanical Society in Room 105 at 4 P. M. to-morrow on "The Outlook for Men Teachers in the Public Schools."

Dramatic Society.

The Dramatic Society will hold a short meeting promptly at 1 P. M. to-day, to elect a business manager.

The College in the Eye of Nations.

The fond hopes of our "French Colony" for a successful French Day met with entire fulfillment. Last Wednesday's well-managed program reflects much credit upon Mr. Laffargue, Mr. Weill and Dr. Delamarre who worked so hard to assure the success of the exercises.

The French Department held a special reception in honor of the Ambassador at 2 P. M. at which Professor Downer delivered an address of welcome in French. There too, the seniors Greenberg and Harrison were judged the winners of a French debate on the question "Is the French or the English language more likely to become the universal tongue." The winners held the French to be the more likely and consequently were victorious, the decision being announced by the M. Jusserand. The interests of our own language were safeguarded by the juniors Budner and Rapp.

The main ceremonies of the day took place in the Great Hall into which an imposing assemblage of prominent visitors and our own Faculty marched in academic procession, at 3.30 P. M. Speeches were made by the President, by Professor Downer, Mr. Frederic Couderd, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, and finally by Ambassador Jusserand.

The scenes from Corneille and Molière rendered in French by Kardiner '12 and Perlman '12, and Fabis '12 and Monash '12, respectively, deserve much praise. The historic endeavors of the latter, especially, won the favor of the audience with their vivacity and well acted mannerisms. As ancient Romans in mid-summer attire on a "raw and gusty" November day, Kardiner and Perlman were a success. Their bare arm gestures were particularly impressive, and the absence of certain clothing was striking to say the least. The music of the Orchestra and the fascinating singing of M. Bordelent charm to the program. The assemblage filed out of the Hall to the martial strains of the *Marseillaise*, played in a very spirited manner by Professor Baldwin at the organ.

From Our President.

The College of the City of New York,
November 27, 1909.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

I wish through THE CAMPUS to express my hearty appreciation of what the students did to make the reception to the French Ambassador a success, not merely in their active participation in the exercises, which was most creditable, but in their attendance, their courtesy and their responsiveness. I was as proud of the audience as I was of our guests. I had only one disappointment, and that was due to the fact that all the College men could not be present.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN H. FINLEY.

Number 100.

Last Sunday afternoon Professor Baldwin gave his one hundredth public organ recital. A brief retrospect may not prove amiss. The first recital was given in the early part of February, 1908. Since then the institution has become one of the most popular of its kind. 110,000 has been the total attendance. 710 numbers have been played of which 228 were different compositions. The average weekly attendance has been 2,500 of which number 500 came on Wednesday afternoons and 2,000 to the Sunday recitals. It might also be observed that the artistic quality of Professor Baldwin's playing has drawn most favorable comment from the foremost music journals of the country.

Publicity.

Mr. Kenneth Groesbeck, of the English Department, has been designated by the President to be the head of the publicity bureau of the College. It will be his aim to see that the College and its activities receive due recognition in the press of the city. Items of news concerning faculty or students are solicited and may be left in the CAMPUS box. Such news will receive the attention of Mr. Groesbeck as well as of the CAMPUS.

A Busy Plant.

A facetious critic of the College remarked last week that although our buildings were in active use mornings, evenings, valuable time was wasted between midnight and 7. A. M. The criticism might be just if the facts stated were true, which is however not the case. A number of students, eager for astronomical knowledge, passed the entire night from 1.30 to 5 A. M. last Friday, under the direction of Dr. Turner observing the eclipse of the moon. We are indeed a busy institution. It is estimated that 9,000 different people receive something from the College every week—including the students who take courses in the day and evening sessions, the teachers in the extension courses, the boys of the Academic Department and the great audiences at the organ recitals.

On the Jump.

The past week was indeed a busy one for Professor Guthrie. Last Wednesday evening he made a trip to Saugerties, N. Y., where he debated on municipal ownership. On Friday evening he lectured on "Causes of the Increased Cost of Living" before the Business Men's Club of the Washington Heights Church, and to-night he will be at Norwalk, Conn., where his subject is "The Man with the Hoe."

Concerning Electives.

Students of the upper classes will be called upon this week to make known their choice of electives. Dean Brownson's difficult work will be greatly facilitated by a prompt response on their part. All choices must positively be in Dean Brownson's hands not later than December 13th.

Adelphian Opening Meeting.

On Friday evening in Room 3, the Adelphians will hold their first informal open meeting of the term. A very interesting program has been arranged which will be representative of the society's activity. All students are cordially invited, but the presence of Sophomores and Freshmen is particularly desired. The meeting will be called to order at 8.15 P. M. sharp.

ATHLETICS.

The National Sport.

We almost forget the sports we are lucky enough to possess in our anxiety over the fate of baseball, now in the hands of the A. A. Executive Council. To be sure, there are pros and cons. But we confidently assert, that fully four-fifths of the members of the Athletic Association not only desire but demand the continuance of baseball in our intercollegiate competitions; and that perhaps an equal proportion of the entire student body are rather for it than against it. However, the gentleman is placed before the athlete, and certainly before the "agitator." Therefore, it would seem to us much preferable to fight quietly and with reason, for what we wish, than to "lose our heads" and make invective our argument. Within a very few days, there will be an open meeting of the A. A. at which both sides of the question will be presented to the students. A vote will be taken to test the strength of the demand for baseball; and upon the outcome of this test the Executive Council of the Association will base its final decision. And you may all rest assured that the members of that Council, elected by you as your representatives, will undoubtedly cast their final votes in accord with the views and expressed wishes of their constituents.

Oh! Listen to the Mocking Birds!

Our cheer-leader has organized a double-quartette of lusty lunged warblers who will entertain at the basketball games with college songs. By the way, those of you who are on speaking terms with the Muses, parodies on popular airs are much in demand. Let Jack Kaplan hear you, see you (who knows what else he may do to you); and, above all, learn the existing college songs, and "stand up and cheer."

There will be no cross-country run with Columbia this year.

Lacrosse.

A dozen of our lacrosse players went up to the Bronx Oval recently for some practice. The crack Eaglewood team, of wide local renown, were the unfortunate ones practised upon to the happy tune of four to blank.

To Football.

Went to college,
 Joined the 'leven;
 Played one game, and
 Went to heaven.

Our Gymnasts.

The opening exhibition of the Gym team will be held on Friday evening, December 3, at Bedford, with the Bedford Y. M. C. A. Manager A. G. Lutzky will represent us at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Gymnasts of America, at which our initiation will be formally acted upon. Harvard has already promised us her vote, and Yale and Pennsylvania have expressed their approval of our admission.

"Kip" Schmidt, our champion swimmer-that-was, will swim for Yale this year, it is rumored.

Two Awards.

For winning the two-mile run in the C. C. N. Y.-Pratt Track Meet and thereby breaking the College two-mile record, Reichard '12, was awarded a silver cup by the A. A. For similarly smashing the College one-mile record at the last annual Fresh-Soph. meet, Joseph Dolan. '12 was likewise awarded a silver cup. Congratulations, sons of Phidippides!

Instructor Hewer of the Gym Department has been added to the train of Gym Team coaches.

At the last meeting of the Faculty Bowling Club, a great surprise was created by Dr. Fuentes who bowled 248, the highest score made this term. Mr. Neus was an easy second with a score a little above 200.

Basketball.

The game with Georgetown has been cancelled! The opening game, then, will be on December 11 against a stronger drawing-card, the crack Franklin and Marshall team. Tickets are fifty cents; and a 50% reduction has been made for A. A. members. There may be a good reason for Georgetown's cancellation of our opening game, as there may be for the refusal on the part of N. Y. U. to play us at all. We understand that N. Y. U. would like to have a clean slate this year! Oh, well!

To-day: Inter-Class Swimming meet. Two lengths swim; distance plunge, and fancy diving. In the pool at 1.

Relays.

Practice for the relay teams has already begun. There is to be a one mile and a two mile relay. Up to now ten candidates have reported to Coach McKenzie for practice. That's not at all bad, but it's not at all enough. The quarter and half milers should be quick to make their appearance; they're wanted at once.

Jacob Kaplan, '10, has been elected by the Executive Council of the A. A. to the managership of the Lacrosse team.

Don't forget the two inter-class basketball games this Saturday: 1912 vs. 1913, and 1910 vs. 1912. This makes two tussels for the Sophs in one afternoon.

Soccer.

It is unfortunate that the Seniors need more pushing than any other class, in the athletic field. Yet that is the incredible truth: and soccer is an instance. In spite of repeated announcements, the only class minus a soccer team is the 1910 Class. Wake up, and get a grip on that banner. Else it will just wave past you. The first game was scheduled for yesterday. The next game will be played this coming Tuesday at four, 1910 vs. 1913.

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Of Gastronomic Importance.



THE appointment of a Student Council Committee to investigate conditions in the lunch room is a matter of vital importance, and we urge a thoroughgoing examination, and decisive action on the part of the Council. A dyspeptic and a scholar combined is certainly not the ideal product of the college. And yet, the food that the student is expected to eat in the lunch room, is just as likely to result in the one as our instruction in the other. A diet of pastry is a short and straight road to indigestion. Summed up in a word, that is our bill of fare. If the present management cannot be persuaded to reform the lunch room in accordance with the just suggestions of the Student Council, it should be possible to effect a change in the management. This is precisely what was done in the case of the Faculty lunch room. The support of the Faculty is therefore to be expected, for we surely should not be required to relish food not good enough for our instructors.

Vacation Employment.

Would-be summer school leaders should make ready for the examinations that will probably take place on December 22nd. The Gymnasium building is open almost every day, and on Saturday afternoons for voluntary work, and the several instructors who are always around will be only too happy to lend a helping hand and to give little hints concerning possible questions and their answers.

A Discontinuous Function.

All those interested in the teaching of mathematics may attend the meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of the Middle States and Maryland, to be held in our History Lecture Room this Saturday. After the business meeting at 11 A. M. papers will be read on "Mathematics and the Ethical Culture High School," and on "Some Suggestions in the Teaching of Geometry." At 2 P. M. reports will be heard on "The Mathematics Teacher," and on "Mathematics in Continuation Schools." The convention will close with the most important work of the day, the discussion of a syllabus for elementary and intermediate algebra proposed by Prof. Gustave Le Gras.

Our Worthy Contemporary.

The City College Quarterly for October has just appeared. It contains the lecture delivered by Professor Fox on "The Invention of the Steamboat," and last year's prize essay on the Civil War. Professor Le Gras' "Echoes from the College World" are as charming as usual. A column of meagre notes concerning student activities is expected to keep our alumni in touch with the doings of the undergraduates.

Dr. Robinson, the *Quarterly's* enterprising new business manager, offers special inducements to student subscribers. Twenty-five cents of every dollar, paid for a year's subscription, will revert to the treasury of the students' class; and in addition to the four numbers paid for, each subscriber will receive the two preceding back numbers.

EVENING SESSION.

First Freshman Class Received.

Thanksgiving evening was a gala night for the students of the evening sessions who were formally received into the body of the college. After the preliminary reception by President and Mrs. Finley the assemblage repaired to the General Webb Room, where a most interesting program was enjoyed. President Finley addressed the students, as did also Professor Duggan. Music was very generously furnished by Mr. Stodola and Mr. Pallay. The evening was concluded with the serving of refreshments, over which the students congratulated themselves upon having become integral parts of the college line.

Smoker.

A committee composed of Davidson, Morris, Wolf, and Mooney has been appointed to arrange for a smoker, which will probably take place on Saturday evening, December 11th. The charge will be nominal.

Athletics.

Councilmen Campbell, McPherson, and Basly have been appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Storey in regard to athletics.

Change in Recitation Periods

In view of the fact that a great number of students find it convenient to reach the college earlier than eight o'clock, the Faculty is considering a change in the recitation periods. The first hour will probably begin at 8 o'clock and end at 8.55 o'clock; the second hour will begin at 9 o'clock and end at 9.55 o'clock.

Student Council Meetings.

Council meetings will be held on alternate Thursday and Friday evenings.

Explosions.

Dr. J. A. Holmes, Chief of the Testing Bureau, United States Geological Survey, will deliver a lecture this Friday afternoon in the Doremus Lecture Theatre, upon "Explosions in Coal Mines." Judging from Dr. Holmes' nation-wide reputation, a very interesting lecture may be looked forward to. The doors will close promptly at 3.15 P. M.

Anything Wrong?

The following committee has been appointed by the Student Council to confer with the library authorities with a view to improving present conditions: Samuels, chairman, Bookstaber and Kerner. Anyone having either complaint or praise for any part of the present system or any suggestions concerning the improvement thereof, should communicate, personally or in writing, to any member of the committee.

NOTES.

The City College Class Secretaries' Association, of which Professor Le Gras, '79 is president, will hold its second annual dinner in the Tower Faculty Rooms next Wednesday evening. The President of the College and President Man of the Alumni Association will be there as guests.

Last Saturday evening, Mr. Neus was given a pleasant birthday surprise in the form of a banquet tendered to him by a number of his colleagues. He was presented with a handsome bowling ball. It is hoped by his friends that the ball will be the means of restoring Mr. Neus to the proud position of *uberkegler*.

Among the principal numbers of this afternoon's organ recital will be the introduction to the 3rd Act of Wagner's opera *Die Meistersinger*, *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* by Bach, and Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's Overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Last Saturday evening the gymnasium was the scene of much revelry and enjoyment. The juniors held their prom. The affair, contrary to precedent, was an informal one, but the more-at-ease spirit of the great number of juniors and their fair partners clearly proved the wisdom of the abolition of the "soiled shirt and swallow-tail" convention. Among the members of the Faculty who attended were President and Mrs. Finley. Pretty bound dance orders were distributed as souvenirs.

T. H. H. NEWS.

The Regents for T. H. H.

Last week the Faculty recommended to the Board of Trustees that the regular college entrance examination prescribed by the State Board of Regents be substituted for the purely local examination that has heretofore been taken by prospective T. H. H. graduates. If this resolution is enacted a change in the T. H. H. curriculum will doubtless be necessitated in order to bring about a greater conformity between the subjects required by the Regents and those being taught at present. There is no fear, however, that any radical changes will be effected now, or even soon. Several years, at least, will be required to accomplish a permanent change in the present system.

New "Fifty" Record.

"Nutch" Kohn, the premier swimmer of T. H. H., has broken his record for the "fifty." Previously his best time for the "length and a half" was 28 3-5 secs.; in the tank a few days ago he swam the distance in 28 2-5 seconds.

David N. Mason has been chosen editor-in-chief of the *Academic Herald*, to succeed J. H. Donohue.

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