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Our Vivarium.

The Natural History Department is arranging an exhibit that will be one of the finest of its kind. A large assignment of plants will soon arrive from the Bronx Botanical Gardens under the direction of Mr. Butler. A rare assignment is expected also from the Aquarium. The furnishings in the Vivarium on the fourth floor of our Main Building are elaborate and complete. There are fresh and salt water tanks, which hold 15,000 gallons of sea water. The salt water will be brought up to the College from the Scotland Light Ship. A circulating pump is fitted to the water tanks.

Not a Breakfast Food.

The latest gift to the College is a package of wheat. It has been presented to the Chemistry Department by Azeez Khayat, the distinguished Syrian excavator, and is said to be 4000 years old. It was unearthed from the ruins of Solomon's Temple.

Items of Interest.

The line joining the centers of the towers of our Main Building lies directly north and south. The middle line of the Great Hall lies directly east and west. The incredulous will do well to get a compass and verify our statements. And those who are hazy about their astronomy will soon be able to consult the Newcomb Library, a place for which has been found up high in the "North Tower."

Upon the suggestion of the Student Council, the library reading room was kept open until 5 o'clock for a limited time last season; but on account of the small attendance at that hour the former hours of 9-4 o'clock on college days and 9-12.30 Saturdays will be again resumed.

In his inaugural address, last Wednesday, President Lowell of Harvard placed himself on record as a firm believer in the pure college education as opposed to the mixed college and university course.

Faculty Notes.

This Friday evening, the Faculty Club will hold its first social meeting of the term. Dr. Cosenza has been elected secretary and treasurer to succeed Dr. Guttman who is leaving the College. The executive committee now consists of Professors Parmly and Moody and Drs. Cosenza and Coffin.

The Faculty Bowlers have begun their weekly sessions. No phenomenal scores have as yet been made but we may expect to hear of great wonders from our *Kegler*.

A word of peace comes from amidst a chaos of reagents, gasometers, retorts and balances. Our congratulations are due to Dr. Curtis who has recently entered the Order of the Benedicts.

Bible Classes.

Any student in college, regardless of race, creed or connection with the Y. M. C. A. will be welcomed in the Bible study classes which are to commence at once. Two courses are offered, one in the life of Jesus and the other in "The Work and Teachings of the Earlier Prophets." Both will be led by Mr. Johnstone, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Hours and plans are to be arranged to suit the men. If you are interested, see Mr. Johnstone at once in Room 411, Main Building. There is to be no charge except forty cents for a text book book in the second course.

Inaugurals.

This is the installation season at colleges and universities. Last week, President Finley was at Harvard and to-morrow he will represent the College at the installation of President Earnest F. Nichols at Dartmouth. Invitations have also been received from Colgate where Elmer B. Bryan will be installed as president next Wednesday, and from Wesleyan where the installation of President William A. Shanklin will take place on November 12th.

Of Matters Musical.

List, you college songsters! Professor Baldwin would like to have all students who desire to become members of either the Choral Society or the Glee Club to report to him to-morrow from 2 P. M. to 3 P. M. or 4 P. M. to 5 P. M., or on Friday, from 1 P. M. to 3 P. M.

Judging from the large number of students who have applied for membership in the orchestra, the outlook for a successful season is encouraging, indeed. Most of our true and tried musicians will be with us again this year, and a goodly number of new men have volunteered their services.

The principle numbers of this afternoon's organ recital will be Sonata No. 2, by Merkel, Handel's Largo, and the powerful "Valhalla Scene" from Wagner.

Professor Baldwin's lecture on "Steps in Musical Progress" will commence this week. The same lecture will be given twice each week, once on Tuesday at 2 P. M. and again on Thursday at 3 P. M.

Lecture Notes.

The instructive and interesting lectures conducted so successfully by Professor Baskerville last year will be continued this semester. The course will commence November 5th with a lecture on "The Latest Photographic Image," by Prof. W. D. Bancroft, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Cornell University.

At the Wadleigh High School, 115th St. and Seventh Ave., Prof. Clark will lecture next Tuesday evening on "Production."

Professor Guthrie will speak on "French Colonization in America" at Morris High School next Monday evening.

Dr. Norris A. Brisco, F. R. H. S. will lecture on the "House of Lords" next Monday evening at P. S. 34, Springfield Road, Queens.

Mr. Weill will deliver an illustrated lecture this evening in the Newark Public Library on "Le Quartier Latin."

ATHLETICS.

A Letter From Mac.

To the Editor of the CAMPUS:—

It is expected that the track season this year will be the most successful in the annals of the Athletic Association. Inter-class track meets will be a frequent feature of this fall's program. The Association will give its most ardent support both morally and financially to this sport. It rests with the students themselves to make this as big a success as basketball. There is plenty of material in the College. Mr. Schutt and I are only too happy to advise and coach candidates. Every man applying will have a fair chance to make the varsity track team. The requirements are few and easily satisfied; all candidates must be members of the A. A. and must present a medical certificate from Dr. Storey. The track management would like to secure the names of all those wishing to try for inter-class and Varsity track events; and requests the applicants to submit their names to Mr. Schutt, Kaplan, Judelsohn, or myself, and to their class athletic managers. A banner will be given to the class securing the most points this fall.

LIONEL B. MCKENZIE.

Basketball.

There's no fear. Any superfluous flesh Coach Palmer may deplore will soon be removed by the basketball practice which is to begin at once. As to the inter-class series, the coach announces that he will meet the class athletic managers at an early date and arrange matters with them. It might be well for those men to push Palmer a bit; to help him lose a pound or two, you see.

A. A. Membership.

The following men will be glad to distribute A. A. membership cards: Harry Gell, Ira Kaplan, Edgar Kost, Jesse Perlman, S. Propper. Cards may be had at almost any time at the A. A. office, Room 105 of the Gymnasium building.

1912-5; 1913-5.

The first game of the inter-class baseball series was played last Thursday between the freshies and the sophs. The rival classes brought out their loyal rooters in goodly numbers. '13 had it all their own way up to the sixth. '12 took a bracer, however, in that inning and, thanks to the three runs brought in by Mueller and Sullivan, tied the score. Ettinger, of the '12 bunch, played a splendid game; and Mullen twirled the sphere for '13 like a veteran. The result might have been different if darkness had not prevented playing after the sixth. The next game of the series is to be played this afternoon at three between the Sophomores and juniors.

There were two sparring matches between the two classes before the game, of which the less said the better.

Here's Your Chance.

It must be remembered that no varsity men will be permitted to participate in the approaching inter-class competitions. This leaves so much more room for our crack novices. Every man in the college should see his class athletic manager at once and announce his determination to try out for the different teams. There's an opportunity for everyone. The College boasts of the following class athletic managers:

February, 1910—Ira Kaplan	June, 1910—M. Trupin
February 1911—M. Passloff	June, 1811—J. Bischoff
February 1912—D. Kaplan	June, 1912—S. Siegel

February 1913's manager and June 1913's manager are yet to be elected.

New Officers.

On Tuesday, October 5th, the Executive Board of the Athletic Association elected three new men to take the places of Praeger, Judelsohn, and Toeplitz, resigned. The board as now constituted consists of the following men: President, Ira Kaplan; Vice-President, Alfred Katz; Secretary, Edward Unger; Treasurer, Harry Gell Assistant Treasurer, Edgar Kost; Property Manager, Jesse Perlman; the Assisntn Property Manager is still to be elected from the class of 1913.

Looking Backwards.

The reports of the various managers of last season show the following remarkable results: The receipts of the basketball team amounted to \$1,067.17, the disbursements to \$295.82; the track team's income was \$215.27, its expenses \$262.15; the swimming team collected \$160.79, and made an expenditure of \$188.90; while the baseball team had a gross receipt of \$65.74, with an expenditure of \$111.44. \$54.58 was spent for lacrosse, there being no receipts. It is most unfortunate that, in the main, these obvious financial losses were due to the indifference of the student body; and that, of the only sport which resulted in a financial gain, it was, as the A. A. treasurer pointed out, the outside public that came to the rescue, and not the student body. Be sure to join the A. A. at once.

Cross Country.

As a feature in our celebration of Columbus Day, the first cross-country run of the season was booked for yesterday, at 2 p. m., the start to be at 139th St. and Convent Ave. The course was set for three times around the Convent adjoining us.

Medals will be given to the first three successful competitors.

Tennis.

The semi-finals of the tennis tournament resulted in a victory for Pike over Schlesinger; score, 6-2, 6-4. Pike must thus play Weinstein for the prize. The consolations will most probably begin immediately after the finals are played.

Swimming.

The swimming team has fine prospects ahead of it, even at this early date. Our competitors include Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Harvard. However, it wouldn't do to rely this season on one or two men as we always were compelled to do. We want men. All available material will be well coached; and new men as well as veterans shouldn't hesitate to see Coach McKenzie or Captain Stern in the pool at once. Any day; any hour.

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The Form and the Substance.



YOU numeral painting Freshmen, you yelling Sophs, jabbering Juniors and proud Seniors what are you doing to deserve the privilege of using green paint, giving yells, indulging in specious talk! These may be the outward manifestation of "college or class spirit," but where are the deeds that count? How can you boast of devotion to Alma Mater when the facts stand out to condemn you? Are you a member of the Athletic Association? Do you belong to a literary society? Are you giving your whole-hearted support to the Students' Union?

Consider the Athletic Association. Only 232 students, in spite of all that was said and written last year, felt it their duty to join the Association. A petty 232, out of a total student body of 1200, with enough interest in the athletic standing of our institution, to pay a small fee in support of our teams! To-day, we all go about proud of the financial standing of the Association as shown in the recent report of the treasurer. But we

forget that this prosperity is due to the success of the *one* team that received support from without. Reference to the financial reports of other teams, which we print elsewhere, will show that all of these were failures from a business standpoint. And why? Because you would not do your share in assisting them.

In the next place, think of the truly pitiable condition of our literary societies. In this case, it is interest and sincerity that is wanted and not financial aid. Yet what do we find? Clonia and Phrenocosmia, organizations with a glorious past behind them, in danger of their very existence because of their small membership. Are we to suppose that the spirit literary is dying out from among us?

College spirit is not measured by the strength of your lungs or the extent of your vocabulary. It is the sacrifices that you make for your athletic teams, your literary societies, your newly established social organization and all other secondary college activities, that prove the strength of your devotion. Join the A. A., support the teams of your college and class, join one of our literary societies and above all join the Students' Union. When you are identified with these and other organizations then and only then, may you start to yell and talk and boast. Remember, the substance—not the form.

There appears in this month's number of the *Van Norden Magazine* a contribution entitled "The College of the City" from the pen of our President. In his article, the writer shows with hearty enthusiasm the inexhaustible possibilities of the cosmopolitan College.

The New Way of Deducting Marks.

Under the new rules concerning attendance adopted by the Faculty there is also to be a change in the procedure of deducting marks for absences. Instead of making deductions each month, the true mark regardless of absences is to be recorded until the close of the term. From the term average, a fraction thereof will be deducted equal to the total number of absences divided by the total number of scheduled recitations.

Election Results.

The Class of February 1910 will ballot again this afternoon to choose a president, vice-president and treasurer. At the election last week, the following officers did receive a majority of the votes cast:—Secretary, Louis Pallay; Marshal, Louis Weinstein; Athletic Manager, Ira Kaplan; Poet, David Perlman; Student Council Representatives, Julius Goldman, Louis Mayers, Bernard A. Shalek and Alvin Wieselthier.

The Class of June 1910 elected the following officers last Friday:—President, M. Adler; Treasurer, W. Rosenblum; Athletic Manager, M. Trupin; Poet, J. E. Kammin; Historian, L. Armsburg; Marshal, E. Gowdy; Student Council Representatives, S. B. Applebaum, B. Antin, C. Brisk and S. A. Fried. A second ballot will be taken this afternoon to choose a vice-president and secretary.

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The following juniors have been elected to positions on the *Microcosm* Board:—Editor-in-Chief, E. Unger; Assistant Editor, S. L. Samuels; Business Manager, L. Reich.

The Class of June 1912 will have its affairs administered this year by the following officers:—President, Edward Nachumsen; Vice-President, Hyman Jacobson; Secretary, Emanuel Cohen; Treasurer, Israel Lind; Historian, Richard Toeplitz; Marshal, Herbert Rosenberg; Athletic Manager, Samuel Siegel; Student Council Representatives, Samuel Ginsburg and Abram Kerne. Julius Drachslen and Alexander Propper were chosen assistant editor and assistant business manager respectively of the *Microcosm*.



The sections of the several classes should elect delegates as soon as possible.

Literary Societies.

Our literary societies commenced their year's activity last Friday evening. Clonia had a fairly large attendance and carried through a regular programme. Phrenocosmia had a real old time meeting with Farrel, '07 and Margon, '07 as visitors. The Adelpian held its second meeting of the term. A carefully prepared programme was enjoyed by the members and several visitors.

Newman Club.

The first regular meeting of the Newman Club, held last Friday evening, was of the "get-together" order and devoted largely to drawing closer the bands of friendship, and arousing interest in the club's work for the year. Among the speakers were Father Kelly, Dr. Coleman and Dr. Crowne.

Chess.

On Monday, October 18th, an elimination tournament for the chess championship of the College will be held under the auspices of the Chess Club. The tournament is open to all students and no entry fee will be charged. For particulars as to entry, Room 413 is open any day except Tuesday after three. Following are the recently elected officers of the club: President, Entmacher; Vice-President, Frankel; Secretary and Treasurer, Jurka.

The successful T. H. H. Chess and Checker Club has resumed its activities. Members may be found every afternoon, after 3 P. M. in room 316 T. H. H. T. H. H. will be represented by them in the inter-high school Chess Tournament which will begin in the near future.

The Class of February, 1913 has held a real registration day. All those who failed to register will be denied ballots at the elections which take place to-day. Talk about your coming citizens!

The Class of February, 1912 conceived and carried out the novel plan of requiring each duly signed nomination to be accompanied by a nominal fee. The money so collected defrayed the cost of the ballots.

T. H. H. NEWS.

An Important Ruling.

The football game scheduled for Saturday, October 16th, with Stuyvesant at Ontario Field may not be played. The reason for this cancellation lies in the recent ruling of the Townsend Harris Hall Faculty Athletic Committee to the effect that in the future no inter-high school games will be played during the first month of the season. The sole ambition of the candidates was to procure a position on *the* team, the first team. In the try-outs, the competitors jostled elbows heartily and strove with all their might to make the team. But no sooner was the first game played, then ceased the jostling, the striving became half-hearted, and the loyalty to the school paled before the student's selfishness. It was not the "Honor of the School" but the "Honor of Myself." To discourage this condition, the Faculty have ruled to the effect above mentioned. The coaches have quite a large squad for football laurels. The best men will compose the first team: the better will constitute a reserve body, while the good will be placed on the list awaiting promotion.

How About Basketball?

Now that the College has decided to add an inter-class series to its varsity and freshman competitions the additional practice which this entails makes it appear nigh impossible that Townsend Harris will have the use of the College gym for its basketball team. However, the Athletic Association doesn't quite intend to give up this sport in which Harris has been so successful in the past. Ampolsk and Tow have been appointed to attempt negotiations to secure a suitable court and an efficient coach. Both, it is confidently asserted, will soon be forthcoming.

Mr. Galwey has been appointed to take charge of the lecture work for the Academic classes.

Track.


A call has been issued to candidates for the track team. All men are urged to come out for practice. Dr. Cosenza expects to turn out a championship team this year; and he surely will if the men come out as they should. There is plenty of room and an equal chance for everyone; so get busy!

Insignia Awards.


The following men were awarded the H within the circle (standing for "Harris Official"): J. Meier, McCusker, H. Hymen, Pollack, and Farrell.


The Athletic Association has at present these officers: President. Pollock; Vice-president, Rogers; Secretary, H. Hymen. The recording secretary and treasurer are to be elected by the executive board. Applicants for these positions should submit their names at once.

Mr. Maloney, a graduate of St. Joseph's College, of Philadelphia, has been appointed tutor in English and assigned to the 23rd St. Building.


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