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Summer Sessions.



THE need for making possible the completion of our College course in less than four years is rapidly becoming recognized by the Faculty as well as by the students. Several plans with this end in view have been proposed. But the difficulty has been to devise a method of reduction that would still enable the College to maintain its position between the standard of the high school on the one hand, and that of the professional school on the other, and yet not sacrifice too much of the curriculum.

Professor Duggan has worked out a plan which surmounts this difficulty in every way. He proposes that there be inaugurated *voluntary* summer sessions which might be attended by students who desire to shorten their stay at College. Inasmuch as it would probably be too difficult to sustain the full pressure of college work throughout the year, the plan provides that those courses be given in summer which call primarily for laboratory practice or those that require little home study. The *same* standards in time, work and examinations that obtain during the regular Spring and Fall terms, will be maintained in the summer sessions. In many respects, indeed, the advantages will be in the favor of the contemplated courses.

The courses will cover a period of seven weeks. To permit the several departments to take stock and clean up, and to give the students an opportunity to recuperate from the examination stresses, three weeks will elapse between the close of the Spring term and the commencement of the summer sessions; and for similar reasons the new courses will terminate two weeks before the opening of the Fall term. Sessions will be six in number and will begin at 9 A. M. and close at 12 M. Our professor estimates that if a student acquire his elementary physics, chemistry, natural history, drawing, and so forth, each in one summer, the eighteen hours per week thus gained, plus the extra credits that the student might earn during the regular College terms, would permit graduation in three or three and one-half years.

A year might thus be very readily saved *without* any curtailment of the curriculum or lowering of established standards. This plan will appeal to those students whose late afternoon hours do not allow them to attend unhampered to both outside and College work. It will appeal particularly to the ambitious men of the February classes who, if they desire to enter professional schools immediately upon graduation, must go about idle perhaps from February to the following September, and who will be enabled by taking summer courses, to graduate six months in advance of their classmates and enter the University without delay. Students who must work during the vacation will not find it difficult to procure positions for their afternoons and evenings since little or no home study will be necessary. The plan itself represents one of the most advanced phases of the tendencies of democratic education, and it offers a ready remedy for the annual twelve weeks idleness of our wonderful buildings,—a condition which our President has so often deprecated.

While many of our Faculty were welcoming in the spring season by a short stay in the country, our strenuous President knew not the blessings of a vacation. Last Wednesday evening he addressed the Central Illinois Congregational Club at Peoria, Illinois, and Friday afternoon he was in Chicago where he made an address before the North Central Association of College and Secondary Schools.

April 2nd.

The Evening Session Dinner arranged for the evening of April 2nd, which will take place in the General Webb Room, promises to be a feast that the gods must envy. Interesting speakers there will be in plenty, and among them may be mentioned President Finley, Trustee Kohns, Dean Brownson, Mr. Charles Sprague Smith, of the People's Institute; Mr. James B. Reynolds, Special U. S. District Attorney; Rev. Dr. Slicer, Corporation Counsel Watson, Dr. Earle Palmer, and Mr. Charles K. Blatchley, who will represent the students. Professor Duggan will officiate as toastmaster.

Moving day is "Mike" day. On May 1st will appear the current *Microcosm*, a limited number of which has already gone to press. To it, none of its predecessors will be comparable. There will be two editions, each containing more than two hundred pages and numerous photographs and sketches, one edition to be issued in cloth binding, the other in leather. Students who are desirous of obtaining copies for themselves should subscribe now, or there will be no annuals to be had.

At its last meeting, Professor Baskerville was elected Chairman of the New York Section of the American Chemical Society.

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T. H. H. NEWS.

The Swimming Season.

In reviewing the past swimming season, it is interesting to note that, although we had but one "crawler" of truly championship calibre, we were victorious in almost every meet and captured the championships. The squad, which, throughout the season, consisted of about ten men, was evenly balanced; we had no marvels, we had no weaklings. Only one member of the '09 relay swam for the '10 Four; the other three men were newcomers to Harris—all good, perhaps, before "Mac" took them in hand, but vastly improved after they had gone through his thorough training.

Rogers performed better this year than ever before. He sliced something off the two-twenty every time he tried. The good work of Miller, Mayers, Eisele, Greer, Hemming, Benjamin and Rogow, needs no comment. Three times have we won the championship. Will we do so next year? Doubtless we will.

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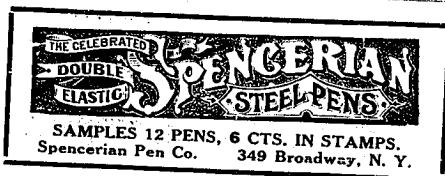
Annex Activities.

The officers of the C classes elected recently for the present term are:—president N. Weinstein; vice-president, M. Lefkowitz; secretary, A. Haber; and sergeant-at-arms, E. Spira. Mr. Maloney was elected treasurer.

The C's are forming a baseball team under Mr. Maloney's coaching. What about the big fellows in the B's?

The following are to do honors for the Annex Faculty Nine: Messrs. Maloney and Fitzpatrick (battery), Brewster, Geoghan, Schutt, Chase, Alles, Toussant, Shulman, and Drs. Benjamin, Edwards, and Senftner.

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