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Publication Day.



HIS day has been set aside by the Student Council and the Faculty to give City College journalism a chance to apologize for its existence! Athletics had its opportunity last week; and the societies will not be deprived of their due. "Mike's" spokesman will be J. Drachsler, '12, the Editor-in-Chief of our next year's annual. D. Berenberg, '11, Literary Editor of *Mercury*, will represent our esteemed neighbor of 'newspaper row', while THE CAMPUS will speak through its Managing Editor. It is also likely that the Hon. Edward Lazansky, Secretary of State-elect, and member of our Board of Trustees, will make an address.

The time of the assembly will be 12 M. To remove the doubts of many students, we state definitely that the fourth hour will begin at 1.22 P. M.

## Graduates and "Graduates."

When, in two successive elections, large numbers of candidates for political office advertise themselves falsely as City College "graduates," we believe it high time for the Associated Alumni to devise ways and means to restrain such misrepresentation, and to bring the pretenders to law. Our College should not tolerate the sullyng of its good name by unscrupulous and lying seekers after political office. James Thompson, a merchant of Valley Forge, who aspired to the comptroller-ship on the Republican ticket, does not in any record appear as a graduate of the College. The same applies

to Edward Miehlung who ran for Justice of the City Court, but was defeated. Among the other candidates whose names appear, neither in the Triennial nor the Directory of the College, are:—For State Senate, Henry W. Pollack (defeated); Anthony J. Girffin (elected). For Assembly, Harold Spielberg (elected); Henry H. Silver (defeated); Andrew F. Murray (elected); Edward Weil (elected); Seymour Mork (elected). From the fact that half of these dissemblers were elected, it must have proven considerably advantageous to tack City College on to their political shingles.

It is discouraging to note that the *bona fide* City College graduates among the candidates of last week's election were but six in number. These were William I. Sirovitch, '02, who was defeated for the office of State Treasurer; Robert F. Wagner, '98, who was re-elected State Senator from the 16th district; James A. Foley, '01, who was re-elected to the Assembly; Max Shlivek, '05, who defeated Edward Endelman, '00, for the Assembly, and Francis A. Winslow, '87, who was re-elected District Attorney of Westchester County. Edward Lazansky, a member of our Board of Trustees, was elected Secretary of State.

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### Concoctions.

The first sociable and smoker of the Chemical Society will take place this Friday at 8 P. M. in the Museum of the Chemistry Building. The committee in charge promises a "good old time—plenty to eat and drink—a barrel of fun and a ton of jollification." Of refreshments, a limitless quantity is assured, as no chemicals will be spared in their preparation. The staff of the department will be present, and with Professor Friedburg as the "after-dinner" speaker, a rousing time is expected.

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The Choral Society, which gives promise of having a successful season, will meet hereafter in sections. Rehearsals will take place Tuesdays at 3.15, Wednesdays at 1.15, and Fridays at 2.15 P. M.

### Prize Speaking.

Professor Palmer's hope expressed last Wednesday that every student would bring to the Prize Speaking Contest "friends who will add beauty to the occasion," materialized. The splendid oratory of the contestants was due in no small measure, we believe, to the large and appreciative audience which filled the auditorium of T. H. H. last Friday evening. Perhaps, too, it was due to the inspiring music rendered by the College Orchestra under the direction of Professor Baldwin. We predict that the judges, Messrs. Theodore C. Mitchell, William H. Edwards and Herbert H. Parsons, will find great difficulty in selecting the prize winners. The contestants and their orations were: "War and Peace," by E. A. Drachman '12; "The Social Settlement" by S. E. Perlman '12; "A Survey" by M. D. Alperin '12; "Education and the Man" by I. Eisenberg and "The Truth Shall Make You Free" by J. Drachsler '12. The Roemer Prize contestants were: "Curcassone" by A. Glassenburg '13; "Address of Henry Fifth" by S. Hecht and "Annabel Lee" by M. Falck.

Last Wednesday evening, the instructing staff of the Department of Natural History met at the home of Professor Winslow, where they discussed "Methods and Modes of Infection" and "Heredity in Poultry." These meetings will take place every three weeks, and the latest topics of interest in natural history will be reviewed.

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### Student Stumpers.

The late political campaign offered an excellent opportunity for work in applied Public Speaking. More than a score of City College students were engaged nightly in making speeches in all parts of the city. Frieder had the honor of speaking in the same hall with Stimson, and another more modest fellow toured the vicinity with Charles E. Russell. Drucker and Judelson expounded the tenets of Republicanism, Weinstein denounced the cost of high living and the evils of high tariff, while Apisdorf and Schwartz, with fiery oratory, upheld the principles upon which the Socialist candidate based his claim to the governorship.

## ATHLETICS.

### Spirit and Yells.

City College has the unenviable distinction of having only one college yell. The old-timer advising Johnny to blow his bazoo, and telling about a fellow called "Ipsidy lki" is a good yell; but it's the only one we possess. Comparisons are odious, and nothing need be said about how many cheers other colleges have. Suffice it to say, that we stand apart in a class by ourselves.

A yell is given when the excitement—the spirit of a crowd runs so high that some form of expression must be given to it. A "dead" crowd never finds any necessity to yell or cheer. Now, if all our college spirit can find vent in a *single* yell, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that we are lacking in spirit. It is possible that spirit can be developed, however, by working backwards. You know that if you stand up and wave your hat and make a lot of noise, you will eventually become excited, however artificial your actions may have been when first begun. So, by cheering more, greater spirit will be aroused.

The cheering on the tug-boat that accompanied President Finley out into the bay, was of the right kind. The real spirit was behind it. But the constant repetition of "Ipsidy lki" became very tiresome after a while.

It is to avoid this monotonous effect at our games and college functions that *The Campus* makes an open and hearty call for new yells. Everyone is urged to send in one or more cheers. Although originality is preferred, we shall gladly welcome good yells that are used by other colleges, provided that they are sufficiently modified to meet our needs. We shall consult with the cheer-leaders in making the selections. The best contributions will be printed in *The Campus* with the author's name, and will be adopted as official yells.

The basket-ball department will present to the contributor of the best cheer, a season ticket for the basket-ball games on which he may bring a friend to every game free of charge. And now to pen and ink and see what you can do!

### The Basket Ball Schedule.

The schedule is out at last, sanctioned by the Executive Committee and the F. A. C. It is the result of months of hard work on the part of Manager Samuels. Although expecting to open the season with Manhattan College on December 10th, the F. A. C. refused to sanction the game, because the date was too early.

The Yale game speaks for itself. The only problem that is connected with it, is that of room, in the gym. Rochester, the Champions of the East, will meet us at the height of the season, and we can expect a pretty fight. It will be worth while to buy a Dollar Membership Card in the A. A. for these two games alone. Those who remember the Brown game of two years ago, will look forward to February 1st with pleasurable anticipation.

Mr. Palmer, who is coaching the team said last week that the boys are doing better team work than any other city college team he ever knew. He is absolutely confident that we are going to have a successful season. The team is all right, but it is up to you to support it with all your strength and ability up to the last moment of the last game. "Cheer for your team; it will do your lungs good."

The schedule follows:—

December 14th—Yale . . .	at home
" 24th—M. I. T. . . .	"
January 7th—Rennsalaer . . .	"
" 13th—Oswego Normal . . .	at Oswego
" 14th—Rochester . . . .	at Rochester
February 4th—Tufts . . . .	at home
" 16th—Rochester . . . .	"
" 21st—Brown . . . .	"

The Freshman Basket Ball team is now under the capable direction of Mr. Williamson, who has kindly consented to act as its coach for the coming season. He means business, and is determined to give us a team that will be hard to defeat. The schedule of games will soon be ready for publication.

### About Swimming.

Through an error, the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Associations haddropped C. C. N. Y. from its membership. The secretary of the Association, a Columbia student, was responsible for the mistake. He apologized, however, as soon as he saw his error. And now we must prove that we *are* members by getting right into the swim.

The twice-postponed swimming meet was held last Friday. Ableson '12 did 47 ft. in the plunge and Kontsky '13, just six inches less. The fancy dive went to Fielding with Burman a close second. Results: 1912—6 points; 1911—5 points; 1913—4 points; 1914—3 points.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Morris Kaufman is recovering from the attack of typhoid fever and will soon be back among us.

Stephen Rapp's powers are not only forensic; they are aquatic as well. He won a box of candy swimming one mile in the tank. He was too bashful to tell how long it took him to perform the mighty feat, but from good authority we understand that it was something over five minutes. He will exhibit the box (empty of course) in some prominent place about the college.

### Cross Country.

The first intercollegiate Cross-country Run in which our College was represented was held at Princeton last Saturday morning. Owing to serious handicaps which arose at the last moment, our men took last place, being just "nosed" out by the Columbia boys. Ward, our best man, did not accompany the team, owing to the serious illness of his mother, and those who did run were compelled to wear spiked shoes, to which they are not accustomed. The course was six miles and was covered by Jones of Cornell in the fast time of 33 minutes, 34 seconds. Our men who took places were Groggins 53d, Frankel 60th, Kennedy 61st, Dolan 66th and Bischoff 68th. In commenting upon our showing, Coach Mackenzie said "Our men did well, but the results only emphasize the need for more practice. We've got the material. All we need is more practice."

### Not Enough.

The results of the sales of the New A. A. Membership tickets began to come in last week. They are disappointing, to say the least. Less than two hundred have been sold. You know the advantages of buying a ticket. Dr. Storey, the myriads of signs, *The Campus* and the A. A. Officers have done their best to induce you to join the A. A. You *must* join. You can't get out of it.

A basket ball team, a track team, a swimming team and and a gym. team must all be provided for. Hundreds of dollars are needed to maintain them. And *you* must help to do it. It is necessary to sell six hundred tickets to make the plan successful. Every individual student should feel himself responsible for its success. Don't depend on all the other fellows to join. Don't feel as if your dollar will not be of much help. It is you, you who are reading this, who will make a success or a failure of the "Dollar Scheme."

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## No Exemption.



It will be of no use, be it said with genuine regret, for our students to strive for a term mark of 80 per cent or over! The petition for examination exemption for 80 per cent students, has been voted down by the Faculty. On general principles, we must concede the wisdom of the Faculty's ruling.

We do not consider a curriculum-wide application of the exemption law feasible, nor even advisable. We believe in rounding out the courses in the exact sciences with thorough reviews. The grasp of elementary principles is tightened by the final summing up of all their developments and applications.

But, we also believe, that in certain courses, such as in the languages and history, where regular recitations are held, final examinations can very well be dispensed with in the cases of students whose standing in class is 80 per cent or over. In these courses, the final summing up is not so essential as in the exact sciences.

A restricted exemption law for 80 per cent students would certainly offer a greater stimulus to term study.



By doing away with the extended reading necessitated by examinations in history and the languages, for example, a considerable amount of strain would certainly be eliminated, thus giving the student a better opportunity to do well in his other examinations. Our suggestion to the Student Council is to investigate the question for-and-aft, and then to bring its recommendations before the Faculty in specific and debatable form.

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Up To You.

TWO weeks ago, the Curriculum Reduction Committee of the Student Council, published a request for letters from students who had been or were being affected by the severity of the curriculum. To date, only three letters have been received. What is your committee to do? Do you think that they can base any conclusive recommendations to the Faculty on the ever-ready concourse rhetoric with which you knock "the system?" All that knocking does, is to become chronic. It is a certain kind of helpless protest that can incur only the derision of the Faculty. It smacks of the dog whose sole asset is his bark.

Is your committee to suppose that you have no grievances, or that you are indifferent to reform, or that you are too miserably lazy to ply your pen for a few minutes? Or is the silence due to the continued demand of the curriculum upon your time? Very likely all four suppositions are operative.

But your committee needs facts, bare facts, cold facts and nothing but facts. To accomplish anything before the millenium, your committee must come into possession of these facts immediately. Sit down this afternoon, put down in just what ways the curriculum pressed you especially during your freshman and sophomore years. Sign your name and class, and place your letter in *The Campus* box in Room 121.

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The Dean requests all schedule cards for next term to be handed in by this Friday.

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The recent elections assure a downward revision of the tariff. Would that we could say as much for the curriculum.

### A New F. A. C.

To guide the Freshmen safely through the difficulties and intricacies of our great "thinking-shop," a novel plan has been devised. Hereafter the young toilers are not to enter the temple of the Dean, but they will tell their troubles, curricular and otherwise, to their paternal advisers, who will safely lead them "in the paths of righteousness."

The assignment of members of the Freshmen Advisory Committee is a 'literal' one. Students whose names begin with A will report to Professor Ball; B—Mr. Brown; C—Professor Burke; D, E—Dr. Estabrooke; F—Professor Fuentes; G—Mr. Galwey; H, I, J—Professor Guthrie; K—Dr. Klapper; L—Mr. T. R. Moore; M—Dr. Neumann; N, O—Professor Ball; P, Q—Professor Pederson; R—Professor Schuyler; Sa to Sh—Mr. Stevenson; Si to Sz—Mr. J. R. White; T, U, V—Professor Pederson; W, X, Y, Z—Professor Woolston.

Professor Winslow was absent from the College during the latter part of last week owing to his attendance at the Congress on Infant Mortality, held in Baltimore.

### Of Matters Musical.

The musically tempered will hail with joy Professor Baldwin's program for this afternoon's recital. *Andante Contabile* from Tschaiakowsky's *5th Symphony* will appeal especially to those who love strange and violent contrasts of moods. Again, the Wagnerite will find pleasure in hearing Professor Baldwin play the *Vorspiel* from *Lohengrin*, while among the other compositions, will be Hollins' *Benediction Nuptiale*.

Last Monday evening Professor Baldwin was a guest of the members of the First Church of Christ Scientist, of Boston, before whom he gave an organ recital. This honor is especially worthy of note in that it is the first time the organ has been played aside from the regular service.

### Excuse League.

"If there were an Intercollegiate Excuse meet, C. C. N. Y. would take the championship," said Mr. Mackenzie at last Wednesday's assembly, amid great applause. His words referred to the utter lack of spirit on the part of the students in coming out for athletics and practising faithfully for the teams. Professor Storey enumerated several reasons why a student should join the A. A., any one of which was sufficient in itself. He also deplored our lack of activity in the college world, and declared that athletics is one of the important means of spreading the reputation of an institution. Rather unexpectedly, Judelsohn, '11, manager of the track team, was called upon to present the Pratt Trophy, which was accepted by Gell, '11, in a 'friend (zied)' speech.

"The assembly worked wonders," said a responsible officer of the A. A., in speaking of the increased sale of membership tickets and of the unusually large number of candidates who reported at the Gym.

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### All-College Play.

March 25th—Saturday evening, is the date set by the Dramatic Society for the all-college play. Trials for positions on the cast will be held on Monday, November 28th, but the selection of actors and the assignment of parts will not be made until immediately before the Christmas vacation. Rehearsals will start next term under the direction of Dr. Thomas Gaffney Taaffe. All men of histrionic ability are urged to present themselves at the trials.

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The large Vivarium on the fifth floor, which thus far has attracted little or no attention on the part of the students, is rapidly growing into one of the best in any institution. Professor Sickles promises to have it opened to the general public within the near future. The Natural History Museum will also be opened as soon as all the exhibits are labeled.

## T. H. H. NEWS.

### "Beaten to a Frazzle!"

This, in short, tells the story of last Tuesday's football game with Clinton. The score was 38-0, with T. H. H. at the short end.

Morris 0—T. H. H.—3.  
Yonkers 0—T. H. H.—1.

The soccer team has redeemed itself for the games lost to Curtis and Clinton. A week ago, last Saturday, the Morris aggregation received a severe trouncing to the sweet music of three to nothing. And in the preliminary to the football game on Election Day, our fellows nosed out the Yonker's High School boys by just one point, after a hard and well fought struggle.

Stuyvesant 17—T. H. H.—0.

The Townsend football team lost again last Saturday morning, but it was an honorable defeat. The score does not indicate the closeness of the struggle. The game was evenly contested throughout, with T. H. H. in favor during the second half. At the start, our boys were amazed at the weight of their opponents, the Stuyvesant team being the heaviest in the league; but this did not prevent them from shooting holes in Stuyvesant's defense.

All of the scoring was done in the first half. McNamara's thirty-five yard run for a touchdown, was the feature event of this quarter. When the second half opened up, the Townsend boys were full of ginger because of Coach White's invigorating talk to the team between the periods. After the kick off, Shiller pounced upon the ball and carried it twenty yards, and Stuyvesant's goal was threatened for a moment; but the inevitable did not happen. Every man on the team was playing with a vim that was never displayed before.

But it was too late. Better luck next time, and we shall be victorious. Goals: Granger, Bigley. Touchdown: McNamara. Referee, J. S. William, Oberlin College Umpire, Mr. Scanlon, Fordam.

### Inter-Class Relays.

All the classes in the sub-freshman department will participate in an 880 yard contest to decide the winner of the Major Charles E. Lydecker Silver Cup. Each class is to be represented by four men, weight unlimited. The prize is to be kept by the winning class for one year. It was last won in 1906 by the then upper A class.

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