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### Are You Interested?

THE CAMPUS requires a number of capable students of *all* classes in its several departments—*news, athletics, and business*. Experience is not essential. All that is asked of the applicant is his willingness to learn, and a personality. Applications should be addressed to the Editor, mailed, or left in THE CAMPUS box in Room 121, and should contain whatever information the candidate deems conducive to a favorable consideration of his case.

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### Our Size.

Up to the time of going to press, the number of registered students in College is 1,280, which varies but slightly from last year's figure. It is estimated that the strict enforcement of the "60% or no re-examination" law entailed the dropping of 25% of the students.

Townsend Harris Hall shows an enrollment of 2,191 students, of which number 425 are newcomers. Fuller details and comparative statistics have not yet been compiled for publication.

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### Student Council Active Again.

Friday afternoon, at 3.20 o'clock sharp, the Student Council will hold its first meeting of the term. All members are urgently requested to be present, if not in person, by proxy. Chief among the important matters to be considered, will be the report of the College Customs Book Committee.

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All class elections must be held not later than Friday, September 30th.

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The board of editors of the *Microcosm* to be published in 1911 will be composed as follows:

"1912"—Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, Associate Editor, Associate Business Manager.

"1913"—Assistant Editor, Assistant Business Manager.

"1914"—Assistant Editor, Assistant Business Manager.

# ATHLETICS.

## BACK AGAIN!

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### Athletic Problems.

There are numerous problems arising this year affecting the existence or non-existence of athletics, problems which are simple enough to be solved by all students; in fact to be solved *only* by the students. Shall we call our failures of last year the result of accident, laxity or downright disinterestedness? Call it what you will, we certainly have not proved ourselves game sports. The chronic kicker, when he's a never-doer, doesn't deserve any response to his insincere protests. And what have we been but chronic kickers? What have we *done*? That again, we fear, is a problem tough enough for a Legras or a Wetzel. This is the question that *must* be put and *must* be answered by *you* (and you cannot avoid it): Does the College want athletics? If you feel it does, see what *you* can do to get it. You can come out as a candidate for the different teams; you can come to the games and meets, and root; you can avoid empty criticism of teams, managers, the A. A. Board, the Gym Department (and it must be confessed we chronic kickers have been mighty guilty of that in the past); above all, you can join the A. A. and help provide for team equipments. Be an honest sport. To solve all our athletic problems, a formula we highly recommend, is: Silence + deeds = results. See the point?

### Running Events.

The track management proposes to hold a series of five inter-class meets, outdoors, in five successive weeks. A point trophy pennant is the prize for each meet; and a plaque bearing an appropriate design will be awarded to the class winning the greatest number of points in all five meets. As in everything, it's up to all of us to help in the preparations.

Joe Dolan won third place in the Metropolitan Junior Champs. He and brother Tom made places on the Pastime A. C. Relay team.

### News of the Big Fight.

A fanatic of the squared ring writes to "Tad" of the *Journal*. He is depressed over a knotty question: Whether promotor Reinhard A. Wetzel's weight of Young Earth on his Torsion-Balance (both membahs of this hyar club, gen'l'm'n), at 7 trillion tons, was ringside or 3 o'clock. We're looking for the City College man who wrote the letter, but, we fear, he'll never come back.

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### Baseball.

Manager Quinn and his assistant, Mahon, will soon be on the jump planning a schedule for an inter-class series in the national sport. If it be found feasible, the series will be held this Fall.



Winthrop Brown, captain of last year's Varsity, has deserted us to try the cold clime of Cornell. It may be that "Wink" has an eye on that \$700,000 legacy the late Prof. Smith willed to the Ithaca institution.



A tie in the inter-fraternity series has caused a postponement of the championship game, which was to have been played last May, to Saturday, the 24th of this month, when Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Sigma Phi, rivals for first honors, will clash bats for the prize trophy.



Sixty dollars, the deposit the F. A. C. required of the Varsity baseball squad, plus seven dollars and some odd cents, were returned to the squad by the A. A.

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### An Untitled Official.

Our own "Mac" has been promoted to an as yet unchristened office. Working with Dr. Woll, he will act as a cross between a supervisor of athletics and a trainer-coach. He might be called the Department Athletic Advisor, but it really makes no difference what his name is. Whatever McKenzie does suits us. If you don't believe us, ask your friends.

### F. A. C.

The caption above is a Latin word, the imperative "do." It's a good suggestion. Incidentally it stands for the Faculty Athletic Committee, which met on Monday. A meeting has been called for the near future of the A. A. Executive Board, the various managers of teams, and the F. A. C., to discuss and prepare to put into operation plans for the coming season.

The committee has finally obtained sanction from the Board of Trustees to place in the Gym the much heralded portable bleachers. To say that these bleachers will be appreciated by strap-hangers at our games and meets held in the gymnasium would be putting it mildly. They'll be more than appreciated. They'll be sat on. Curator Davis announces that bids will be opened in a very short time.

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### Odds and Ends.

Ray Kappis is expected back at College. Good for the track team.

Another one who has "come back" is the T. H. H. aquatic wonder, "Annette" Rogers. Captain Edman will relish the acquisition.

By the way, this same Captain Edman of our Swimming Team won nothing short of three medals and a silver loving cup in swimming competitions at Long Branch this season.

The 1914 class has among its ranks a good youngster for Freshman basket ball in Harry Siegel, captain of Stuyvesant's second team.

Mr. Chappelle, of the P. I. department, has resigned to accept a two-year appointment, which he won in competition, at the Post-Graduate Hospital.

Professor Storey expects that we will soon have showers in the basement of the Gym building. Another innovation: The medical examination room is to be changed so as to provide a suitable room in which students may undress—something better than the narrow hallway used at present.

The contested positions in the A. A. Board have been filled by the election of Popkin, '13, to the Property Managership, and Rappaport, '13, to the Assistant Treasurership.

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## More Play.



WE ADMIT that the curriculum and the recitation schedule should occupy places of great deference and honor among the institutions of our academic community. And we agree, too, that *their* demand upon our time and interests should be as fully satisfied as is commensurate with *our* need. Beyond a certain limit in each of us, however, this demand may become a tormenting tyranny, and our existence under its pressure a veritable slavery to the cram stool.

Witness, of a beautiful evening, star-lit and invigorating, a hollow-cheeked student with eye-shade and portable, perched low over some awful stuff contained between two boards. Of a clear, sunny morning, look upon some sallow-faced crammer spending a heaven-sent "hour off" with "logs" and experiment report, or with some irreconcilably tangled translation exercise, over which he pores with crooked spine. What a sight! Is curriculum the all-in-all of student life? Are studies and text-books the all-in-all of an education? 'Tis in the friends we make, in the walks we take, in the "other-than-text" books we read, in the debates we hold, in the societies we support, in the class offices we fill, in the races we run, in the teams we cheer, and in

the concerts we attend, that we must seek our *real* education.

It's this broader, *fuller* life of students that we crave for. Yet have we been criticized time and time again for our sad deficiency in sociableness, and in glittering generalities has an unhealthy lack of spirit been attributed to us. But—and this we aver with no intention of disrespect—our well-meaning critics have not seen clear to the real bottom of the evil. They have suggested and planned remedies (the proposed Students' Union for one), having seemingly overlooked the cause of our imputed lethargy while they have held before us the example of other institutions, their over-bubbling enthusiasm and their very noticeable exuberance of spirit. But have they investigated to see in what other respects we differed from these schools, and especially in what *one* respect? Did it occur to them, perhaps, that we were a bit crowded and pressed in a curricular way?

This brings us to our point. We hold that our recitation schedules are in many cases entirely too long, and that the number of subjects prescribed are too numerous. We contend that twenty-five or more schedule hours, distributed over five days among eight or nine generally unrelated subjects exert too great a pressure upon the time, interests and vitality of the students. Furthermore, and notably in the Science Courses, we have seen four and six-hour subjects turn inevitably into seven and ten-hour subjects for the *average* student. Not only does this condition bind the student in his extra-curricular activities, but it does not permit him to do justice to his studies. He might luckily "make" his examination and other requirements, but the result is a superficial, unenduring massing of petit facts that takes a lot of surface sweetening for the term CULTURE to become applicable. Our attention is scattered here, there and nowhere over a number of "ics," "ologies" and languages, making our thorough mastery of the curriculum impossible or, at least, unusual. If the college is to furnish the foundations for a post-graduate superstructure of weight, the specifications ought to call for *rock* base, and good solid, concentrated rock at that.

This, then, is our respectful suggestion—that the bolts

and nuts of the curriculum be somewhat slackened to allow the student more "play." The outcome of such action would be doubly beneficent, first, in an elevated standard of scholarship due to the more thorough mastery of subjects thru the more concentrated and conserved attention of the student, and, second, in a fuller manifestation of "spirit" because of the greater time for extra-curricular activity. We trust that these few considerations, may not have been uttered in vain. They were prompted, we are sure, by a sentiment felt by the great mass of our students.

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#### Success at Last.

It is always the privilege of the successful to contrast their achievements with those of their less fortunate predecessors. Ergo, comes the 1911 *Microcosm* Board with a joyous ado about a clear profit to date of \$140.38 and bright prospects for swelling this already large sum to even greater proportions. Verily has the tide turned. If local history be given due credit for truth, the "Mikes" of the last decade have been productive more of negative gains than of positive profit, so that the enthusiasm of the editors is well grounded. The unprecedented excellence of the annual from a literary and artistic viewpoint, is attested by the book itself. Our congratulations, therefore; to the successful editors.

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#### Taking Their Rest.

Where they were, and what they did, are the questions everybody asks about the vacations of the "Profs." Indeed, it would not be entirely inapropos to ask where they are and what they are doing — for up to the time of our going to press, quite a few of them have still not returned. Our President's vacation was only in small measure given over to recreation. Most of his time was divided among the libraries of New York, Wisconsin and that of Harvard, in each of which he made extensive investigations. Professor Werner spent a quiet period in the beautiful country of the Lake George region, where he was the guest of Mr. Shepard. Upon his return from Europe, Professor Compton summered tranquilly at



Woodbine, Conn. The Berkshires, their scenic hills and valleys and lakes were the "romping grounds" of three of the "Profs": Professor Herberman, at Barrington, completed considerable work on the Catholic Encyclopedia, of which he is one of the prominent editors; Professor Hunt did some "amateur farming" (we are simply quoting and do not mean to cast aspersions upon our Professor's efforts) at a little shanty of his in a most picturesque nook of the country; and in the same vicinity, Professor Legras spent the summer interval in a quiet, "approximately normal way" (as he confessed to us!). Professor Tisdall took long walks in and about Milford, Pa., while Professors Johnston, Dielman, and Horne chose as their abode the beauty spots of Connecticut. Professor Mott traveled abroad. Professors Fox, Krowl, and Schuyler were also travelers in Europe. Canada attracted Professors Downer and Baskerville, while Professor Sickels took simple pleasure working on his farm at West Nyack. Professor McGuckin found great delight in the numerous sports at the North Shore, not far from Boston. Professor Parmly told us in his delightfully exact way, that his days were spent "four hours commuting between here and New Jersey, six hours in the city, and fourteen hours breathing Caldwell air." Professor Reynolds also was a visitor in New Jersey.

But Maine, the most beautiful of the vacation States, exerted the most powerful "call" upon our Faculty. It was the "call of the wild," the woods, the streams, the ocean breezes. Dean Brownson, was nearly "all at sea" at Castine, as he admitted to us, while Professors Rupp, Saurel, Storey, Moody, Baldwin, Clark, and Allen delighted in the joys of boating, sailing, camping, motor-ing, fishing and canoeing. It is interesting to note that many of these gentlemen met on their wanderings, thus creating quite a C. C. N. Y. atmosphere in the north-eastern corner of the States.

Professor Duggan sojourned quietly at Meriden, New Hampshire, while Professor Guthrie made an extensive lecture tour through Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, speaking from Chautauqua platforms and teaching in summer schools. Thus we see that the Faculty were just as determined as the youngest student to make the best and the most of their vacation.

## T. H. H. NEWS.

### New Strength Wanted.

After winning three championships last year—one in swimming and two in track relays, T. H. H. ought to view hopefully the possibilities of the future. But alas! Many who glittered in our ranks are gone. What is needed now is new strength and lots of it. Whether we will be successful again, whether the Crimson and Gold will flutter in the lead of the other high schools, depends upon whether a sufficient number of new men come out for the teams. Don't be the judge of your own fitness; let the coaches decide. A fair showing should not be too much to be anticipated.

### Our Teams.

The sanction the Board of Education has placed on football ought to bring joy to the heart of every high school student. There can't be the least doubt of the existence of good material in T. H. H. If you have aspirations toward gridiron laurels, make known your willingness to try for the team.

T. H. H. has already signified its intentions to compete for P. S. A. L. honors in soccer and basket ball. It is particularly encouraging to note our return to basket ball, a sport that during the past year was not indulged in. In a few days a call for men will be issued, and it is hoped that by the end of two or three weeks practice will have been begun in earnest.

Candidates for the teams should report at the Gym.

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Notes.

After a leave of absence of six months, Mr. McClelland, formerly Faculty member of the Athletic Association, has returned to his classes in T. H. H.





We note with pleasure that Harold Hyman, former associate editor of the *Herald*, will be editor-in-chief this coming semester. It is unfortunate that he will not enjoy the assistance of Dr. Otis as Faculty Advisor of the Board. It was due mostly to him that the *Herald* was so successful during the past year, but new duties have demanded his unexpected resignation.

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