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New Rules.



THE new Faculty by-laws affecting Attendance, Marks and Examinations were read last Wednesday by President Finley to the Senior and Junior classes.

"Students are expected to attend every College exercise for which their courses provide. Frequent absence without satisfactory reason, or unsatisfactory work owing to absences or any other cause, may be followed by exclusion from particular courses or by suspension as the President directs. Any student who is absent for any cause shall lose his daily term average for each College period in which such absence occurs. Any Department may, however, at its discretion allow marks for work lost by absence, provided that such work has been made up. Students late for any College period may be excluded from the room and marked absent."

The regulations affecting the excuse of absences do not apply to Sophomores and Freshmen; they must continue under the old system, filing an excuse for each absence incurred. The Seniors and Juniors should cooperate with the Faculty to make the new system a permanent institution at the College. At present, it is only an experiment which will not be extended if not satisfactory in results. A record of every absence will be kept and if an excuse for an absence is not submitted within three days after it has been incurred, it will be assumed that there is no satisfactory reason to offer. Frequent unexcused absences may result in debarment; such cases will be considered individually. Again it must be emphasized, the Faculty expects the students' co-operation. It cannot be urged too strongly that the present system is preferable to the former.

The Interclass Debates.

In line with the suggestion made by "THE CAMPUS," last term, the Student Council has planned a series of interclass debates. It is hoped that these debates will revive interest in an activity which formerly held the most prominent position in College life and that they will result in an increased membership of the debating societies. The Public Speaking Department is thoroughly in accord with the idea and is extending all the aid within its power to make the project a success. The upper classes will debate the lower classes and if it be deemed advisable a final debate will be held between the winner of the Soph-Fresh contest and the victor of the Senior-Junior debate. The Seniors held their trials last Monday on the subject "Resolved that Industrial Corporations engaged in interstate business should be under the control of a Federal Commission." On Tuesday, the Juniors held their trials on the subject "Resolved that the United States Government should establish and operate a telegraph system in connection with the Post Office." The Sophomores will hold their trials to-day on the subject "Resolved that the United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people." Tomorrow the Freshmen will held their trials on the subject "Resolved that a Board of Dramatic Censorship should be established in New York City." These elimination trials will result in the choosing of a team to represent each class and when sessions are resumed after the vacation the interclass contests will begin.

The Debating Team.

The trials for the Intercollegiate Debating team were held last Friday afternoon and the following men were chosen to represent the College in the contests with Johns Hopkins: P. Sabbatino, '12, D. Grant, '13, H. Roth, '13, T. S. Schiff, '13, and H. Schwartz, '13. The men are hard at work preparing for the contests with Johns Hopkins on April 19th, and judging from the trial debates which have been held, a very creditable performance may be looked for.

The following officers of the Y.M.C.A. have been elected for the year 1912-'13: President, Henry F. Herrman '13; Vice-President, Thos. E. Coulton '14; Secretary, S. Mendeville '14; Treasurer, S. G. Soons '13.

Prize Speaking.

The oratorical contest for the prize of the Intercollegiate Peace Association will be held on April 10th, at 4 P. M. It will be recalled that this twenty dollar prize will be given to the student delivering the best oration on some phase of international peace or arbitration. The winner of the contest will represent the College at Cornell, April 19th, in the State Intercollegiate Prize Contest. In this contest two prizes are offered; the first, two hundred dollars; the second, one hundred dollars. Orations must not exceed eighteen minutes in delivery; all students are eligible to compete.

Soon after College sessions are resumed, Professor Palmer will hold the prize speaking trials. Those who have received an average grading of seventy percent or more in Public Speaking for the term preceding are eligible to compete. Preparations should be started at once. The Prize Speaking Contest will be held May 10th.

The first dinner of the Men's League for Woman's Suffrage was held last Thursday evening. Professor Winslow, Dr. Schapiro and Dr. Breithut were present to help the cause with their eloquence. City College was not the only institution which was represented. Sixty-five members of the Columbia instructing staff, several representatives of New York University and members of other institutions graced the occasion with their presence.

More Health Inspectors.

Dr. E. J. Lederle, Commissioner of Health of New York City, outlined the work of the Health Department, last Friday, in an address delivered in the Doremus Lecture Theatre. The enormous task of inspecting the daily food of six millions of people was clearly evidenced when Dr. Lederle stated that the two million quarts of milk which New York City requires each day come from seven different states. In each of these are New York inspectors investigating barn conditions. At present there are only thirty-five inspectors to look after 38,000 places in New York City where perishable food is kept. Trained men are wanted and the Commissioner stated that City College should give its students proper theoretical training and he would do all in his power to help them acquire practical experience. Which further attests to the need for *specialization*.

Sixtieth Anniversary.

Phrenocosmia will hold a dinner at the Hotel Martinique on April 12th to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding. Invitations have been sent to more than seven hundred graduate members of the society among whom are many of the instructing staff. The dinner promises to be one of the most elaborate that has ever been attempted by an undergraduate society. At least one hundred and twenty five of the alumni and twenty-five undergraduates will be present. Lewis Sayre Burcharde '76, will act as toastmaster and President Finley will present the silver cup which was won by the society in its debate against Clionia, last January. This cup, it will be remembered, is offered to the winner of the semi-annual Phreno-Clionia debate by the class of 1894. Professors Mott, Downer and Duggan, and Messrs. A. B. Siegel, '05 and E. Cohen, '12, have charge of the arrangements.

Freshmen and Sophomores.

The editors of the *Microcosm* are bending all their energy towards making the book of interest to the entire student body and to the instructing staff. The book will be replete with numerous interesting features and to Sophomores and Freshmen it will be particularly attractive. There will be detailed accounts of the Rush, the Track Meet and the Tug-of-War. The names of the class officers, the class histories, the class yells and pictures of the officers and the delegates will appear. To appeal especially to the lower classmen the editors have placed themselves under heavy expense to secure pictures of the Freshman Banquet and Sophomore Smoker. These will form a prominent feature of the annual.

Congestion.

Mr. Benjamin C. March spoke last Friday afternoon under the auspices of the Common Welfare Club on "Congestion in the Tenement House." He asserted that the Sullivan-Brooks bill, at present under consideration by the Legislature, would aid materially in solving this pressing problem. The bill provides for the reduction of the tax on buildings to one half of the land whereon the buildings are constructed. This will act as an incentive to build on lots which now are allowed to remain vacant.

ATHLETICS.

1914 Triumphs.

The bark of the gun and the simultaneous rush across the floor of several men trying to reach the thirty-yard mark, announced the beginning of the annual interclass track meet. The course for the "thirty" was laid diagonally across the gym floor, stretching from one horizontal bar post to the other. Von Bonin, the former Harris star was first negotiating the distance in four seconds from scratch. Bogen, '13, also on scratch, was second and Goldstein, '12, and Schang, '13 were third and fourth respectively. The interclass relay proved to be a crackerjack. 1912 led all the way until the last lap. Fensterblau, the last man for the Seniors started with a lead of six yards which Goldstein had brought in. For three laps he maintained the advantage, but in the last twenty-five yards, Siebern, '13, let loose a burst of speed which carried him over the line a winner by one yard. The "880" novice brought out a wealth of good material. H. Schaffer, '15, led all the way and romped home in the time of 2:19; Burrow's, '14, Tabor, '16, and Nussbaum, '14, trailed. In the two mile handicap run, Hirscher, '14, with a handicap of 150 yards easily outdistanced the field. Frankel, '12, Brandstadter, '14 and Brown, '13 finished in the order named. The fraternity novice relay race brought to light the running powers of the mystics. Delta Sigma Phi, last year's champions, were the first to finish thus adding another banner to their collection. Sigma Alpha Mu was second and Delta Kappa Epsilon was third. The youngsters from across the Plaza had the next event all to themselves, a 300 yard dash closed to T. H. H. In the "200" Bogen ran off with first honors closely followed by Von Bonin, '16, Margolis, '15 and Goldstein, '12. The one mile handicap run resolved itself into a struggle between Kennedy and Siebern. Lap after lap they went around the track, now Kennedy setting the pace, now Siebern in front. In the last hundred yards Kennedy started a sprint and which gained him a lead which he maintained to the end, breasting the tape in 4 minutes, 59 seconds. The Sophomores

now led in the scoring by a safe margin which was further increased when they secured the first three places in the high jump and first place in the broad jump. The shot put was postponed to this week.

The meet showed that there is a wealth of good track material in the College which conscientious practice will develop into a good track team. The management is to be complimented upon its arrangements and 1916 is to be congratulated upon the excellent showing it made. The summaries:

30 yd. Handicap: VonBonin, '16 (scratch) first; Bogen, '13 (scratch) second; Frank, '12 (1 foot) third; Schang, '15 (scratch) fourth. Time, 4 seconds.

Interclass Relay: 1913 (Broeder, Conroy, Bogen, Siebern) first; 1912 (H. Levy, Frank, Goldstein, Fensterblau) second. Time, 3 min. 41 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

880 yd. Novice: Won by Schaffer, '15; Burrows, '14 second; Tabor, '16 third; Nussbaum, '14 fourth. Time, 19 secs.

Two Mile Handicap: Won by Hirscher, '14 (150 yds.): second, Frankel, '12 (100 yds); third, Brandstatter, '14 (100 yds): fourth, Brown, '13 (100 yds). Time, 11 min. 4 secs.

200 yd. Scratch: Won by Bogen, '13; second, Von Bonin, '16; third, Margolis, '15; fourth, Goldstein, '12. Time, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

One Mile Handicap: Won by Kennedy, '14; Siebern, '13 second; Broeder, '14 third; Mones, '15 fourth. Time, 4 min., 59 secs.

Running High Jump, Handicap: Won by Havender, '14 (1 inch) 5 ft. 5 in.; Levine, '14 (6 inches) 5 ft. 5 in., second; Sullivan, '14 (2 inches) 5ft. 4in., third; Fielding, '12 (4 inches) 5 ft. 2 in., fourth.

Running Broad Jump, Handicap: Won by Berigan, '14 (12 inches) 18 ft. 9in.; Braeder, '13 (16 inches) 18ft. 8in., second; Singer, '15 (8 inches) 18 ft. 4 in., third; Havender, '14 (Scratch) 18 ft. 1 in., fourth.

Total point Score: 1914 (Winners of THE CAMPUS and MERCURY banner). 32 points; 1913, second 22 points; 1916, third 13 points; 1912, fourth 11 points; 1915, fifth 9 points.

Kennedy—Third.

At the recent Clinton Athletic Association Meet held in the 12th Regiment Armory, Kennedy '14, landed third place in the Invitation Intercollegiate Two Mile Run. Siebern '13, Captain of this year's Track Team also was entered and finished fourth. Among the Colleges entered were Columbia, Rochester, Dartmouth and Rutgers. Evans of Columbia was first.

The Final Victory.

The track meet was followed by the annual Varsity-Alumni basketball game. It started with a rush. For a few minutes neither side could score. Then Kaufman receiving a long pass from "Rouge" drew first blood with a wonderful back-hand shot. "Rouge" scored two seconds later and Kaufman tallied again. Gorschen scored the first points for the alumni with a difficult shot from the side, and Perlman, '10 followed it with a goal from the center of the floor which reminded us of the time when such things were usual with him. The first half ended 14—8 with the Alumni at the lower end of the score. In the second half almost all the Varsity regulars went out and the nucleus around which next year's team will be built went in. The game slowed up considerably and when the handles of the clock pointed to midnight and the timer's whistle blew for the last time, the Varsity had won its last contest of the year by a score of 28—20.

The line up:

Friedman	R. G.	Propper, '12
Frank	L. G.	Perlman, '10, Levitt, 12
Kaplan	C.	Heskowitz, '11, Katz, '10
Kaufman	R. F.	Zinovoy, '12, Genssen, '08
Southwick	L. F.	Gorschen, '11, Rosenblatt '06.

Goals from field: C.C.N.Y., Kaufman, (7); Friedman, (2); Goldstein, Feldman, Schulberg, Sappoe; Alumni, Gorschen, (4); Katz, (2); Zinovoy, Heskowitz, Propper, Perlman. *Goals from foul:* Kaufman (2).

The Handball contest is narrowing down to the finals. Nessler, Lockwood, Obsfelt, Davis, Kuchar and Isler will fight it out now for first, second and third prizes. The doubles are being played off rapidly. The results at present are a mystery.

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Roosevelt Elected.

The straw-vote taken at the College, last Thursday, by the Civic Club for the next President of the United States resulted in the selection of Theodore Roosevelt. One thousand and four ballots were cast. The vote of the graduating class was taken separately; Roosevelt and Wilson received thirty votes each; Taft received nineteen; Debs polled fourteen; Hughes, twelve, Clark, seven, and La Follette five. The College vote resulted as follows: Roosevelt, 290; Taft, 224; Wilson, 156; Debs, 134; Hughes, 70; Clark, 64, and La Follette, 21. Thus the Republican candidates received 605 votes, the Democratic candidates received 220 and the Socialist party had 134 to its credit. Only the names enumerated above appeared on the ballot.

Professor Sait of Columbia who was unable to address the Civic Club last Thursday, will speak to-morrow in room 315, at 3 P.M. His subject will be "Some Suggestions for Reform in the structure of our Government with especial reference to proposed changes in the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary."

In the near future Dr. Keppler of the German department will speak before the Deutcher Sprachverein on "Edgar Allen Poe, the American Poet."

City College Club.

At the meeting of the City College Club held on March 16th, the following officers were elected: President, Everett P. Wheeler, '56, First Vice-President, Bernard Naumberg, '94; Second Vice-President, Lee Kohns, '84; Treasurer, Robert C. Birkhahn, '01; Secretary, G. Mason, '03; Historian, John Hardy, '53; Board of Managers, Dr. B. M. Briggs, '61; Magnus Gross, '78; Henry G. Schneider, '83; John S. Roberts '57; Andrew Hudson '01.

The Athletic Field.

At the public hearing held by the Mayor last week there was no opposition to the bill which has passed both houses. The Park and Playground Association, The Recreation Alliance and the Civic Club favored it. These organizations had appointed committees to investigate the proposed turning over to the College of the land south of it and bounded by Amsterdam and Convent Avenues. The bill is now in the hands of the Mayor and if he signs it, the Governor's signature will then be required, before it becomes a law.

"Songs of the Cowboy."

Dr. John A. Lomax of the University of Texas will speak to-day under the auspices of the Student Council on "The Songs of the Cowboy." The talk will be in the form of an entertainment. The regular course of vocational lectures will be resumed on April 10th, the first day of College sessions after the spring vacation. Hon. Edward M. Colie '73, one of the leading lawyers of Newark, N. J., will speak on "Law."

Saturday Evening.

On Saturday evening the graduating class will hold its last undergraduate reunion. The members and the honorary members of the class together with several guests will gather in the Faculty dining room where refreshments and pipes and tobacco will be served. The gathering promises to be the most successful the class has ever attempted and every member should make it his duty to attend. Subscriptions will be received by the committee until Friday afternoon.

Professor McCuckin who is on a leave of absence for one year is spending the winter in Rome. His health has greatly improved and he hopes to be with us again next September.

Heard in the Corridors.

The subject for the Drummond History Prize Contest for 1912 is "The New England Town System." All members of the Junior class are eligible to compete for the gold medal. Essays must not exceed fifteen foolscap pages in length and must be given to Professor Meade before June 1st.

At the meeting of the Engineering Society held last Monday, Mr. McLoughlin of the Physics Department gave an illustrated talk on the "Catskill Aqueduct."

The reorganization meeting of the English Department Club was held last Monday evening at Arden's. Dr. Tynan read a paper on "Recent Drama in Ireland."

Dr. Titus Voelkel will lecture, this Friday evening, before the Deutsche Sprachverein, on "Woman's Suffrage."

Professor Overstreet will address the Philosophical Society of New Haven, this Friday, on "Death and the Renewal of Life."

Dr. D. De Sola Poole will address the Menorah Society this evening, on "Two Great Streams of Religious Thought." On Friday, Professor I. Friedlaender will resume his course on "The Prophets."

Chemistry Items.

The Chemical Society held a symposium on Research Work, last Friday evening, in the Doremus Lecture Theatre. E. M. Frankel, '12 discussed "Some Aspects of Research Work" from a student's view point. Dr. L. J. Curtman spoke on "Inorganic Chemistry as a Field of Investigation." Professors Baskerville, Winslow and Friedburg took part in the general discussion which ensued.

Mr. Pincus Pothberg '12, has been appointed to the New York Research Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture. The position carries with it a salary of fourteen hundred and forty dollars per annum.

Professor Baskerville has accepted an invitation to address the American Medical Association at its annual meeting in Atlantic City during the month of June, on "The Chemistry of Anaesthetics." He delivered an address last Saturday, at the annual dinner of the New York Association of the Alumni of the University of Virginia, of which institution he is an alumnus.

The Baseball Schedule.

Handicapped by snow-storms, rains and bad weather the baseball team is making strenuous efforts to get into shape for the first game which will be played next Saturday, March 30th. The schedule is short, consisting only of five games. Two are still pending. Jasper Oval will be the battleground for two home games.

The schedule up to date is as follows:

Saturday, March 30th — C. C. N. Y. vs. Fordham at Fordham.

Wednesday, April 3rd — C. C. N. Y. vs. Stevens at Hoboken.

Saturday, April 13th — C. C. N. Y. vs. Seton Hall at South Orange.

Thursday, April 25th — C. C. N. Y. vs. Cathedral College at Jasper Oval.

Manager Steinkamp is negotiating with St. Francis College of Brooklyn for two games. Pratt Institute may also consent to lose to our baseball nine.

Spring Basketball.

Last week, the first game of the inter-term basketball tournament was played. February '13 and February '15 played and the latter annexed the contest. Although the Seniors were ahead in the first half, 9-8, they easily succumbed to the lower class and were beaten by the score of 22-11. Feinberg monopolized the scoring, counting six times. Keepnews played a fast game for 1913, scoring two goals, one of them a difficult side shot. The rest of the games will be played Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 P. M. sharp.

Tennis.

Manager Strumwasser of the Tennis Team has arranged a schedule of four games for this season. The first apponent will be Pratt Institute.

April 27th—C. C. N. Y. vs. Pratt Institute at Brooklyn.

May 2nd—C. C. N. Y. vs. Columbia at Columbia.

May 4th—C. C. N. Y. vs. Pratt Institute at home.

May 22nd—C. C. N. Y. vs. Minnesota University at home.

The College tournament will be held during the week of April 27th. Candidates should see the manager as soon as possible.

Excursions and Seminars.

The Biological Society has planned to make an excursion this Sunday along the shores of the Hudson under the direction of Dr. Goldfarb. At the meeting of the society to-morrow evening, Schlesinger, '12 will read a paper on "Classification of Bacteria," and Mr. Hilliard will speak on "The Sterilization of the Public Water Supply." At the Students' Seminar held last Monday evening, Adlerbloom, '12, read a paper on "The Relation between Crown Gall and Cancer," and Hecht, '13 gave a physiological explanation of the feeling of hunger. The Instructors' Seminar was held at Professor Winslow's home last Wednesday evening. Dr. Goldfarb reviewed recent papers on "Experimental Zoology" and Mr. Butler spoke on the "Evolution of the Higher Plants."

The Engineers.

"Automobile Transmission Devices" was the subject of a paper presented by Wilford Stork, '12, before the Engineering Society which met last Monday afternoon. An interesting reading and discussion followed the presentation of the paper. During the Spring vacation the members of the society will work the kinks out of their muscles by inspecting the J. B. Williams Ornamental Bronze Foundry, under the guidance of Professor Bruckner of the Physics Department. At the next meeting of the society, Professor Parnly will discuss the organization and scope of the National Bureau of Standards at Washington, D.C. All Juniors and Seniors who are scientifically inclined are invited to attend and take part in the discussions of the meetings.

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Tennis.

The pressure of outside work has made it impossible for Dr. Grendon who coached the tennis team last year, to devote his time to the candidates for this year's team. The squad will be sorely handicapped without a Coach unless one of the instructors will volunteer his services.

In the 300 yd. dash, handicap closed to T.H.H., in the C.C.N.Y. Indoor Meet, last Saturday night, Donovan with a handicap of seven yards captured first place; Davis, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ yards was second and Turchin, on scratch came in third.

To-morrow evening the Harris History Club will hold its first social gathering in the History Lecture Theatre, Main Building, at 8.15 P.M. This will be the first of a series of social functions which the society is contemplating.

Five Dollars.

The *Academic Herald* will award a prize of five dollars to the author of the best story received on or before May 15th. The story must not contain less than one thousand nor more than twenty-five hundred words. Stories should be enclosed in envelopes and addressed to M. M. Geffen.

The wrestling team defeated the representatives of Poly Prep, who lay claim to the High School Wrestling Championship, by a score of 18-15. The only weak spot in the team is in the heavyweight division. Manager Wachs is arranging an extensive schedule for the coming season.

If Captain Turchin of the track team continues the good work which has marked his recent performances, Harris may become the possessor of the 100 and 220 yard championship records.

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