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The Last Days.

The Seniors finished their College careers last Friday afternoon and now are making their last collegiate fight before entering into the combat of life. In anticipation of the successful outcome of the examinations they have prepared a list of activities to celebrate their exit from one world and their advent into another. The program is as follows:

Saturday Evening, June 15th. At 8 P.M. sharp the first performance of the class play, "For Heaven's Sake" will be given in the Townsend Harris Hall auditorium. After the play the entire class will adjourn to Jasper Oval where elaborate Cremation Exercises will be held. The graduates will build a huge bonfire into which offerings from the various departments will be thrown. Appropriate funeral services will be held.

Sunday Afternoon, June 16th. President Finley will deliver the Baccalaureate address to the graduates. Professor Baldwin will give a special organ recital.

Monday Afternoon, June 17th. President and Mrs. Finley will receive the graduates from 4 to 6 P.M.

Tuesday Afternoon and Evening, June 18th. In the afternoon the class will hold "Campus Day Exercises" and Arts will play Science for the baseball championship. In the evening, Phrenocosmia and Clionia will clash in verbal combat in Townsend Harris Hall on the subject "Resolved that a system of Old Age Pension be established in the United States as in England."

Wednesday Evening, June 19th. The second performance of the class play will be given. The play will be preceded by an extremely comical prophecy scene conducted by M. Hochenberg, the class prophet.

Thursday Morning, June 20th. Commencement Exercises will be held in the Great Hall.

Friday Evening, June 21st. The Alumni Association will 'receive' the graduates in Townsend Harris Hall. President Finley will present them, Dr. Leipziger will accept them and President Sheintag will thank both. The class of 1911 will present the College with a flag pole on the same evening.

Saturday, Evening, June 22nd. The graduates will dine at Churchill's and once more the curtain will be rung down on a group of hopeful men who will go forth to act in an infinitely larger theatre, under more trying circumstances and before a more exacting audience than the little stage on the hill with its trials and demands.

Graduates, Godspeed.

The Italian Play.

The Circolo Dante Alighieri in conjunction with several young ladies from various educational institutions in the City won applause last Saturday night at Carnegie Lyceum in their performance of "Il Ventaglio, (The Fan) a Comedy in three acts by Carlo Goldoni. Il Signor Evarista (Battistella, '14) as an amorous swain won the hearts of the ladies in the audience by his fiery love making. Il Barone del Cedro (A. Lodato, '14) the unsuccessful rival and Il Conte Roccamarina (P. Sabbatino, '12) "the political grafter" played their parts exceedingly well. The honors of the evening were carried off by Miss Celeste Sparacio (Giannina, a plasant girl,) whose clever acting brought forth applause time and again. The Misses Florence Zunino, Riccarda Costa and Elisa Maran, were very graceful and charming in their parts.

This is the first time in recent years that a society has attempted such an elaborate production. The members are to be congratulated upon the splendid success which they achieved.

The class of 1913 held an enjoyable smoker in the lunch room, last Saturday evening.

Phrenocosmia tendered a sociable to its graduating members on Friday evening.

The Chemical Society will hold a smoker this evening in the General Webb room, while the Newman club's smoker will take place sometime during the examinations.

The Curriculum Committee Report.

At the final meeting of the Student Council held last Friday the Curriculum Committee reported. This Committee was appointed almost two years ago after THE CAMPUS had published an article in which the burden of the curriculum upon the student was portrayed in vivid language. The committee has made a deep and exhaustive study of the subject and its findings will be submitted to the Faculty for consideration. Six hundred and fifty-three students were asked forty-five questions each and the thirty thousand resulting answers have been classified and tabulated. The committee found that the Arts student has an average schedule of twenty-three hours and the Science student an average of twenty-seven hours. Most of the men who enter the Freshman class are behind in credits. Seventy-five per cent of the students questioned by the committee stated that they had a definite aim in life; ninety per cent of these had professional aspirations. Thirty-two per cent of the men in the Arts courses must give more time than is specified in the curriculum to certain subjects. The same applies to fifty-three per cent of the men in the Science courses.

All the deductions of the committee are based upon the answers given by the students to whom they were submitted. The committee has made no general nor specific recommendations. The facts have been submitted to the Faculty. What will be done? No one can tell. The greater liberty extended in the choice of electives is significant. We have no doubt that the conclusions which will be reached after a careful consideration of the facts will warrant the granting of still greater liberty in the choice of electives; will justify the institution of courses which will permit a student to specialize in that subject which appeals to him.

After the reading of the report it was announced that the Council was granted the power to issue charters to College organizations with the ratification of President Finley. The tablet which will be placed in the Great Hall to the memory of Mr. Shepard will be unveiled at the assembly of the classes to-day in the Great Hall.

Wilson for President.

Assembled in solemn conclave in Townsend Harris Hall last Wednesday, the Civic Club, reinforced by about two hundred other students, held a successful Democratic notional convention for the purpose of choosing their candidate for President. Stirring nomination speeches were made which roused the convention to great excitement. The climax was reached when Curoe '13, disdaining to ascend to the platform, stood up on his seat and pleaded most passionately for the candidacy of Willam Jennings Bryan. But alas for the hopes of the "perennial candidate," twenty-five states cast their votes for Woodrow Wilson. This was sufficient to secure his nomination. The Nebraskan orator was second choice with fourteen votes. Champ Clark and Judson Harmon received ten and three votes respectively. The imposing presence and ready wit of Professor Guthrie, who acted as chairman, helped in large measure to render the undertaking of the Club one of the best achievements since its organization.

To the Editor of THE CAMPUS:

The changing of Combinations during the vacations is a source of great expense and trouble. Moreover, the policing of lockers to guard against the entrance of strangers is an additional source of expense. By assuming a little responsibility each student can help in this matter. Buy a padlock now or when you return next term and *you* have the one key to the situation.

*Student Council Disciplinary
Committee.*

Color Wave-Lengths.

A catalogue, just issued by the Central Scientific Company of Chicago, contains an appreciative description of the new Color Wave-length meter which was exhibited last fall at the budget show by Reinhard A. Wetzel of the Physics department. As the instrument was developed purely in the interest of science, no patent has been applied for. In its design, the apparatus is very simple. Any instructor or advanced student with a little skill and leisure can build one at one fifth the cost of the more finished instrument.

ATHLETICS.

Treasurer's Report.

Everybody thought that the Athletic Association Treasury was in a very flourishing condition when last year left us with a balance of \$173.91. This year affairs are in a still better state and Treasurer Hausenfratz, reports that there is a balance on hand to date of \$279.25. Basket-ball receipts were \$742.72 with an out-go of \$907.36. Our swimming team cost \$350.41 while it produced two great victories and \$145.50. Six-hundred and sixty-four students were members of the Association, and one hundred ten alumni also joined showing the proper college spirit.

The following is Treasurer Hausenfratz's excellent report. It shows good work on the part of our A. A. Board for the year 1911-12:

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Balance last year	\$173.91	A. A.	\$210.00
A.A. Students Tickets	664.00		
A.A. Alumni Tickets	110.00		
Basketball	742.72	Basketball	907.36
Baseball	7.40	Baseball	15.77
Track	60.34	Track	129.66
Tennis	—	Tennis	11.35
Swimming	145.50	Swimming	350.41
Total	\$1903.87	Total	\$1624.64
	1624.64		
Balance on hand	\$279.23		

Tennis.

Last week the West sent two of her sons from the University of Minnesota to test the tennis ability of our team. Despite their long journey our opponents were successful in every set. They captured the doubles easily and in the singles Armstrong, the Intercollegiate Champion, defeated Weisenberg 6-3, 5-4, while Stellewagen won from Levisohn 6-1, 6-2. Minnesota is beating most of the Eastern Colleges. We're not in a class by ourselves.

Basketball Candidates.

A bright outlook for next year's Varsity basketball team is made possible by the fact that over seventeen men have volunteered their services for the season of 1912-13. We may be sure of "results" when such men as Southwick, Bradner and Ricca of last year's regulars and "Doc" Cohn of last season's Freshman team, expect to represent us in our strongest sport. Coach Palmer will give the men hard games with outside teams in preparation for the opening of the season. The particular object of this practice is to give the players confidence and speed against strong, heavy teams such as we expect to have on our schedule. The men who have handed in their names to Mr. Palmer are Goldstein, Kaplan, Speigler, Ricca, Weircklich, Salzman, F. Cohen and Nessler, for forward; the center will be selected from among Bradner, Schaffer, Weirick and Feldman and the guards from among "Doc" Cohn, Luft, Sappoe and Schulberg.

Handball.

After a long elimination contest for the championship of the Gym Department Staff, Messrs. Hurd and Wheeler were pitted against Messrs. O'Neil and Hansen in the finals. After forty minutes of fast, accurate playing the former couple suffered defeat, but returned full of confidence to the struggle and managed to secure the next two games by a safe score. Mr. Hurd played especially well.

Gleanings.

There is a fine banner presented by THE CAMPUS, *Mercury* and the A.A. to the winner of the Interclass Track Meet awaiting 1914 in the Athletic Association room.

The little hint in last week's CAMPUS has taken effect. In the Fall, a fine trophy case will adorn the A.A. Room. Our chess experts have just won a trophy. It is up to the other teams to help add to our small store of cups.

Columbia's Faculty Tennis Team defeated ours last week. Dr. Stair won his match, but in the other two events the "Prof" from Morningside triumphed.

All lockers must be cleaned out by June 1. Upper classmen can retain possession by placing a card with name and date on the front of their lockers.

R-r-revenge.

Bearing last week's defeat in mind, Clionia came to the ballfield determined to win. After the dust had settled down and all was peace again it was announced that she had thoroughly avenged herself by defeating her old time rival Phrenocosmia to the tune of 23 to 13. With Nessler pitching and Davis in the catcher's box, Clionia kept Phreno from scoring in four out of the seven innings which they played. Elias Jacobs, '12, starred for Phrenocosmia in his exuberant efforts to cheer up his team's flagging spirits. Running home from third was such a continuous performance by both teams that it grew monotonous.

Score:

CLIO	1	1	3	5	1	4	8	23
PHRENO	5	4	0	0	0	0	4	13

Batteries:

Clio: Nessler, Davis.

Phreno: Sorrin, Elliston, Hochenberg.

At a meeting of the A. A. held last week an amendment was adopted providing that henceforth the A. A. board will have the power to amend the Constitution. Notice must be given of a proposed amendment and if fifteen per cent of the members sign an objection, the amendment will be rejected.

Dr. Schapiro.

The June number of *The Forum* contains an article by Dr. Jacob S. Shapiro of the History Department, entitled "Significant Tendencies in German Politics." Dr. Schapiro has made a close study of European politics and in this article he explains certain matters pertaining to German politics, not generally known to American readers.

The "Modern German Reader" edited by Dr. De Walsh and Mr. Heynich will be published this summer by the Chas. Merrill Publishing Company. The book has already been favorably commented upon by several experts.

The Chronian, a monthly Journal of Medicine and Surgery, N. Y. C., contains in the April number an article on "Medical Education in France," (Part I), by Milton Raisbeck of the class of 1906, T. H. H., now a student of medicine at Tours.

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The College and the Student.



ODAY the college term closes. Today THE CAMPUS appears for the last time this year. We thank the student body for the generous support it has given this journal during the past year thus making possible an extremely successful close to the fifth year of the paper's existence. During those five years momentous changes have occurred at the College; a remarkable metamorphosis has taken place. Situated in a dynamic world, the College has not stood still. It, too has progressed, is progressing and will progress.

Five years ago no one dreamed that the College would be utilized in the afternoon by thousands of teachers in the City's schools to increase their efficiency; no one could prophecy that the College would be used at night by the ambitious young men of the City to improve their education. Yet now, it serves its function as an insitution of higher learning, morning, day and night. To the physical equipment of the College have been added two City blocks which will be transformed into a huge stadium and athletic field. Funds are being raised to erect

a structure costing one-half million dollars on the site of the old building at twenty-third street. This building will serve as a College of Commerce under the supervision of the College. A library building will shortly make its appearance on the plot of ground directly west of the Mechanic Arts Building. The social spirit at the College will find a home in the near future. The need of a social house is strongly felt. The curriculum, that centre of heated discussions, has changed to meet the needs and requirements of the students. Can anyone doubt that it will conform still further with the new spirit of the age? Specialization, in its broadest meaning, must inevitably become the striking feature of the new curriculum.

The most remarkable change within the past five years has occurred among the students themselves. A new spirit has taken possession of them. They have become closer welded together; the common love for the College is molding them into one compact mass. Devotion to Alma Mater, to the class, is becoming deeper rooted. The indifferent attitude is giving way to one of interest and concern.

The College will push forward; it will grow and become more and more efficient and serviceable. The men it graduates will be of a better and nobler type. Nothing can retard the progress of this wonderful institution of the people of the City. Its greatness will be the City's greatness. Its influence for good will become infinite. Its scope of activity will increase. Men will be prepared directly for positions in the service of the City. To be a City College man is a great honor. That honor will increase with the growth of the College. Anything we can do to advance its position should unhesitatingly be undertaken. "Cheer for your College, it will make your lungs better; fight for your college, it will make your body better; love your college it will make your heart better."

Donohue, Goodman and Knapp, all members of the class of 1914 have been selected to compete for the Roemer Prize given for the best poetry declamation.

George Landy '12 has been awarded the Ralph Weinberg prize for the best written oration.

Biological Notes.

On Monday evening, the Natural History Department Staff tendered a farewell dinner to Mr. Hilliard who has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Bacteriology and Sanitation in Purdue University.

Under the direction of Professor Winslow, the Biological Society spent last Sunday on Hunters' Island in the study of insects.

Last Tuesday, Dr. Morris Cohen addressed the Biological seminar on "The Relation of Philosophy to Biology." Professor Overstreet and other invited guests took part in the discussion that followed.

Research Club.

The following officers have been elected to serve for the coming term: President, Professor Baskerville; Secretary, Dr. Goldfarb; Executive Committee, Professors Clark, Overstreet, Parmly, Saurel and Storey.

Mr. Schwarz, of Bernheimer and Schwarz, lectured before Dr. Moody's class in Industrial Chemistry on "Beer Brewing."

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Chemical Society:—President, Lester Israel '13; Honorable Vice-President, Professor Friedbrg; Vice-President, A. S. Kuhn '13; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Marcus '14.

Newman Club:—President, P. Curoe '13; Vice-President, A. A. O'Connell '15; Secretary-Treasurer, M. O'Connell '15; Historian, J. Crowley '15.

The firm of Hart, Schaffner and Marx offers two prizes of three hundred dollars and two hundred dollars to undergraduates for the best essays on economic subjects. The detailed list of topics is posted on the Political Science bulletin board.

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Customs Book.

At a special meeting of the Student Council which was called last Thursday, the sum of ninety dollars was appropriated for the printing of the College Customs Book. It will resemble a small diary in form and will contain the history and constitution of the Student Council, the customs of the College and a collection of songs. Student Councillors Raphael, Obstdorf and Hahn have prepared the booklet which will be ready for distribution during the first week of next term.

President Finley.

On May 29th, President Finley will speak at the dinner tendered by the Boston City Club to the National City Planning Conference at Boston. On the evening of June 10th, he will speak at the Phi Beta Kappa meeting of Vassar College. On the twelfth of June he will speak at the Commencement Exercises of the State University of Iowa. The President will attend the twenty-fifth reunion of his class at Knox College on June 13th, and on the 18th he will speak at Pratt Institute.

The New York "Sun" has recently been investigating the matter of incomes earned by college men during the first few years after their graduation. After making its investigation, the "Sun" published an article dealing with Yale men in particular, showing that the graduates who entered the Life Insurance business earned more money than those who embarked in any other business or profession, the average income for the first year being \$1,665., increasing in five years to \$2,708.

I should be very greatly pleased if any student who is at all interested in the above statement and who is about to graduate or who desires to earn some money during his summer vacation will favor me with a call at my office. It certainly cannot harm us to become acquainted, and I shall be very glad to put my time against yours.

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