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Student Council Meeting.



AT THE meeting of the Student Council which was held on Monday, the delayed elections were carried on. Harry Rothkowitz '14 was chosen secretary of the Council, Samuel Davis '13 cheer leader and Frank Schiffman '14 assistant cheer leader. The Council Employment Committee was instructed to do all in its power to sever all relations between the Y. M. C. A. and the Employment Bureau. There were two amendments passed at this meeting. A permanent standing committee on gathering statistics was established for the purpose of getting information from and about the students which the Council may need or the Faculty request. That a committee of this kind is useful and necessary was shown by the work of the curriculum committee which worked through three terms on statistics from the students point of view. Moreover, it is necessary that information from the students is needful for the Employment Bureau this term. The other amendment to the Constitution was that councillors shall be counted as present only when they have been present for more than one-half the meeting. The members of the Council were directed to aid Professor Palmer in the task of ushering at the assembly to President Stryker. Joseph Netter '13, who was business manager of the 1913 Microcosm, has been directed to make a fuller and more intelligible report on the finances of the book. A committee consisting of L. Gollomb '13, chairman, J. Noethen '13 and H. Roth '13, was appointed to co-operate with the Faculty Committee in charge of all assemblies to be held in the Great Hall. The secretary of the Council was directed to take charge of the Student Council piano. President Prashker wishes to meet the chairmen of all Council Committees during lunch hour this afternoon in room 206.

Alumni Incorporated.

It was only after a heated discussion that the Associate Alumni, at their annual business meeting last Saturday evening, voted unanimously to incorporate itself as a membership corporation under the laws of the State of New York. The following men were elected to hold office for the year 1912-13: *President*—Lewis Sayre Burchard '77; *First Vice-President*—John R. Sim '68; *Second Vice-President*—Lee Kohns '84; *Third Vice-President*—Thomas W. Churchhill '82; *Treasurer*—Charles Murray '84; *Secretary*—Frederick M. Pedersen '89; *Historian*—John S. Battell '73; *Associate Historian*—Howard C. Green '02. A committee is working faithfully for the erection of a library building. The association is aiding the Chamber of Commerce to raise sufficient funds for the College of Commerce. A room in the College has been obtained for the alumni records. Rev. Chas. P. Fagnani read a resolution in memory of the late Professor Le Gras.

Dr. Stryker.

Yesterday afternoon there was held a general assembly in honor of the visit of Dr. Stryker, who is president of Hamilton College. During the past summer, that College held its centennial celebration. It may be of interest to note that Hamilton College is the Alma Mater of three members of our faculty, Professor Palmer and Mr. Redmond of the Public Speaking department and Mr. Edwards of the Latin department.

1914 Microcosm.

There is quite some delay in the elections of the Microcosm board members. Thus far, only the Editor-in-Chief is assured of his position. Solomon Bluhm was elected unanimously. On account of a protest, the office of Business Manager, is hanging the balance between two men. Theodore Goodman '15 has so far been favored as assistant editor and Hyman Salzman '15 has been elected assistant business manager.

Greeting to the Freshmen.

In the absence of President Finley, who was unexpectedly called away from the city, last Wednesday, Professors Clark and Winslow officially welcomed the Freshmen into the College. Professor Clark spoke warmly on the splendid, unequalled opportunities that the City College offers to-day to its students in comparison with the time when no department of the College could boast of perfection. He emphasized the fact that this is the young man's day and that the incoming class is especially fortunate in entering at such an opportune time. The devotion of much time to extra-college work was a matter which called for strong advice and serious discussion by Professor Clark. The gist of Professor Winslow's speech of welcome was that the harmonizing of the incongruous elements in the class is the most important duty of its members. The whole class should act as a unit instead of an aggregate of isolated individuals. He urged all to participate in the various extra-curricular activities — all should interest themselves at least in the societies and the periodicals of the College — things which go to make up a real college life.

The Public Chorus.

Professor Baldwin's hopes for a successful public chorus are being realized more completely than he had at first expected. Out of the many people who have applied for membership, he has already selected eighty. In a short time the number will be increased to about two hundred. The plans are to present a few small concert works at intervals and the great oratorio, "Elijah," as the crowning work at the end of the season. Rehearsals are held in the Great Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Assemblies.

The President has appointed a committee of the Faculty, consisting of Professors Duggan, Overstreet and Fox, to take charge of the matter of holding assemblies and mass meetings in the Great Hall. The Student Council has been requested to appoint a committee which will confer with the Faculty Committee about ways and means for regular weekly assemblies.

Here and There.

This afternoon, to-morrow and Friday, there will be held in the Main building conferences on "The Exceptional Child." The topic for this afternoon is the "Exceptionally Bright Child;" to-morrow the "Retarded Child" will be discussed, and on Friday the subject will be "Rational Human Eugenics." The series of conferences have been arranged by Philander P. Claxton, the United States Commissioner of Education.

On Saturday there will be held a symposium on "Methods of Vocational Guidance."

Announcement is made of a prize, to be awarded by the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration, for the best essay on "International Arbitration" by any undergraduate. The essays must not be over five thousand words and must be in by March 13, 1913. The judges are Chancellor Elmer E. Brown of New York University, Rollo Ogden of the *Evening Post* and Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

The professor of geography at Milan and the professor of geography at Florence visited the College on Saturday.

Many members of the International Congress of the Chambers of Commerce went through the College buildings on a tour of inspection last Friday. There are five hundred delegates to the Congress, most of them coming from England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy and South America. President Finley acted as chairman at one of their meetings.

The stadium plans are finished and they will be submitted to the president during this coming week. Work will be commenced as soon after as possible.

Rampant.

To our growing political menagerie, which at present consists of the G. O. P. elephant and the Democratic donkey, comes an antlered addition — the Progressive Bull Moose. On Friday evening, a number of students gathered at Thompson Hall, Broadway and 136th Street, to form the City College Straus Club. We should be pleased to attend an amiable concert given by our political organizations on election day.

ATHLETICS.

The Olympian Farce.

Olympic field was invaded on Friday by a queer crew—the Faculty and the Seniors had come to joust in ye noble tournament of baseball. Doctor Robinson was togged out in a beard, a baseball-bat and a pair of patent leather shoes, all ready to display his prowess on third base. Mr. Holton, feeling a bit indisposed to run all the distance, stopped half-way to second and flopped the rest of the way. When Dr. Coffin slid for the base he was urged by a solicitous spectator to get a slide-rule. The poor ball was maltreated so shamelessly that it took revenge by hiding securely at the end of the fourth inning and the curtain was rung down on the comedy.

Faculty	2	0	1	2-5
Seniors	0	2	1	0-3

Batteries:—Faculty—Dr. Fuentes and Mr. Holton.
 Seniors—Steinhoff and Soons.

Seniors 1, Freshmen 10.

Whisper it gently! Those husky Freshmen trimmed our Seniors 10-1 last week. Donaldson was invincible for 1916, while they knocked Nessler '13 out of the box and to keep up the human interest batted left-handed against Clarence Weirich, also '13.

Batteries— 1913—Nessler, Weirich and Soons;
 1916—Donaldson and O'Connell.

The Veterans Return.

Now is the time when in colleges where they indulge in gentle football, graduates return, don their old jerseys and well-worn pants and go out to show the undergrads how to handle the pigskin. We have no football, but some of our ex-basketball stars come around once in a while to show our youngsters a pointer or two. Like wolves upon the fold last Friday, came "Rouge" Friedman, Henry Propper, Sedransky and Sugarman, all heroes of the basketball court. They mussed up considerably our budding varsity, showing them that real players are no easier to defeat than scrubs.

Practice is coming along well up on the gym floor. Coach Palmer is not letting the men trifle.

Night Practice.

This week, night practice begins for our prospective varsity. Monday night, they joined battle, as Cæsar was wont to remark, with the strong St. Christopher five. Other teams on whom they will sharpen their metaphorical teeth are the Newburgs, champions of the Hudson River League, the crackerjack Knickerbocker Five and the Alphas, colored champions of New York City.

Cross Country.

With men like Siebern, Conroy, Butterworth, McNeil, Scalato, Frey and Donovan, the cross country team spells success. The men are in fine fettle. There are now three men who are within thirty seconds of the five and one half mile records. This is our best showing in years. Dual meets have been arranged with Cornell and Princeton, besides the meet with Columbia on November 2. Our men are entered also in the Cornell championships.

Freshman Soccer.

Thinking that a crack soccer football team can be realized from their available material, the Freshman class has petitioned the Athletic Association Board for permission to orgaize one. Although nothing official has been decided at present by the Board, the individual members have expressed themselves in favor of the project. Five of the men who played on the Townsend Harris Soccer team last season, when they came within a game of the Inter High Lchool championships, are now in the 1916 class. Soccer would be a good substitute for football in which, alas! the college does not indulge. Last Friday afternoon about twenty enthusiasts were out on dusty Jasper Oval, booting the bounding ball all over the place. Shanholz is coach, and Donovan of last year's team is leading the battalion. Some of the soccers (or is it soccerers?) are Farrell, Drake, Donovan, Shanholz, Caro, Von Bonin, Moerchen, Hirschberg, Krulowitz, Curtis, Hawley, Scalata, Norman and Hoffman. Looks as if, before long, we will have a new varsity sport.

Mac Says :

" There is good material among the students but they do not show up for regular practice. The old men do not set a good example for the new men to follow and if the spirit of indifference is not changed, the swimming team will be disbanded. Regular practice hours are at one and four and those fellows who cannot be here will be dropped from the squad." From all of which we gather that Mac is not in the best of humor concerning the activity of the squad. What saith Common Sense? Rouse ye not our master to wrath lest he up and smite ye !

Have You Heard??!!

Nobody knows who started it.
Nobody knows when it started.
Nobody knows where it started.
Nobody knows how it started.

But certain it is that it was started by someone, sometime, somewhere and somehow. What? Hist!— *Football!!* Have you heard? That's surely enough news for the present. Who knows?

Chips From the A. A. Board.

Professor Storey very graciously presented to the Athletic Association a number of bronze plaques which formerly decorated his private office. They are now hanging on the walls of the A. A. room.

By the Athletic Association Board, in session assembled last Wednesday afternoon, Ornstein '16 was given the pleasure of functioning as assistant property manager until the next elections.

How Doth the Busy Bee?

Ask Bert Sommer and the rest about the sale of those little orange books. As matters stand now, there's little indication that the supply will exceed the demand. There's no time like the present, especially in view of the Yale Game (Yes, we're going to have a ripping good game with old Eli at an armory in the city and there's going to be dancing after it, too!) Just one dollar ere long and you'll be happy ever after.

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A Matter of Sentiment.



OR a matter of three years or more, the members of the various fraternities in college have been officiating as ushers at the organ recitals and other assemblages in the Great Hall. Their assistance has been invaluable and their services highly appreciated. Now, however, that the acoustics have been perfected and assemblies are becoming more frequent and more general, and moreover, since the spirit of democracy in the college is daily growing stronger, it seems only just that a change should be made in the arrangement in consequence of the change which is taking place in sentiment. The students at large are coming to feel that these assemblages should really be more representative of the college. The privilege of ushering (for it is a privilege) should be taken out of the hands of the select few, the fraternity members, if for no other reason than that they are *not* sufficiently representative. The duty should be entrusted either to the

marshals of the various classes or, we suggest, to the members of the Student Council. The matter may seem trivial to many, but we feel that even matters of sentiment often become too urgent to be ignored.

By a Reader.

To the Editor:

Something that our College life has always lacked is that close, helpful friendship between the instructor and student which exists in other colleges. We do not have to go far afield to account for this deplorable condition. In the absence of the binding influences of the dormitory life, most of the students, after the day's recitations are over, are drawn away from college by home ties, others by the attraction of the great metropolis and others by the necessity of working that they may continue their studies.

However, with a little effort, cannot the students make a slight sacrifice of time and help to bring about that beneficial relationship that means so much in the development of character? Surely everyone can devote a small part of his time each week to "get together and mix." The problem very naturally resolves itself into that of a social house, but, failing that (since the social house is a remote possibility and the problem a present and urgent one), is it not possible to set aside a room for social purposes where instructors and students can meet informally, smoke and chat and discuss?

How beneficial to all such an arrangement would be! The student, infused with the ideas of the older, more experienced instructor, could be counselled and guided. The crystallized mind of the instructor would be stimulated by the hopeful enthusiasm of youth.

X. Y. Z.

Societies.

Clionia and Phrenocosmia had their jinks at their last meeting in the shape of initiations. Eight new members were led to the slaughter-block at Clionia and four at Phrenocosmia. Their literary programs seem to taking a rather boisterous turn.

Owing to the resignation of Sydney W. Caulfield '13, the Dramatic Society, at its meeting this afternoon, will elect a new business manager. The meeting of the society will be much in the nature of a reunion.

Weinberger '13 talked before the Chemical Society on Friday evening on the commercial separation of coal and water gas. Weirich '13 reviewed the pertinent phases of recent advances in modern chemistry and Shalkenstein '14 reported on a recent investigation of the isolation of monatomic hydrogen.

To the Editor:

Inasmuch as we have an excellent department of Philosophy and inasmuch as the members of the department are ready to devote to us more time than that prescribed by the syllabus, the Philosophical Society is founded with this chief aim: to give students who are interested in philosophy a better opportunity to hear Professors Overstreet, Cohen and Turner and Dr. Marsh lecture on philosophical problems and especially on the modern situation in philosophy (Pragmatism, Bergson, German Neo-Kantism, Realism). The members will have an opportunity to discuss the problems with the lecturers. About twenty students have enrolled.

Benjamin Elwyn '13.

The ambitious Freshmen who feel they are possessed of histrionic ability have organized themselves at the "1916 Thespians" and have in mind the production of a playlet. The following officers were elected at their latest meeting:

President—Max Greenberg;
Vice-President—Herbert Herzenberg;
Secretary—Benjamin Archer;
Manager—M. Goldenthal.

The Bugwumps.

The first staff seminar of the term of the Natural History department met at Professor Winslow's home on Tuesday, October 15. Mr. Pratt, chief sanitary engineer at Havana was present and he took an active part in the evening's proceedings. The members told of the many interesting and exciting experiences which befell them in their pursuit of their scientific work this summer.

Students are commencing their active work in the department laboratories. Several have already started aquaria of both fresh and marine water life. All of these are thriving. The work of the fellows in this department has always been keen and lively and this will be a banner year in original work.

The next meeting of the Research Club will be held on November 7, and plans are being made to have as pleasant and instructive a meeting as the last.

Last Sunday, Dr. Winslow led the Bio members in a trip along the Palisades for insect study. At to-morrow evening's meeting, Dr. Edwards of the department staff will discuss a physiological topic. He will be followed by Hecht '13 on "Methods and Apparatus of Marine Fishing." A joint meeting is being arranged with the Chemical and Engineering Societies.

Once More the Freshmen.

There was some misunderstanding about the welcome to the Freshmen last Wednesday. Many of them were misled by the signs in front of the Great Hall at lunch period and the whole class was not present at the reception which was tendered by Professors Clark and Winslow in the absence of President Finley. The president hopes to meet the *entire* class personally at a reception which will be held in the very near future.

Art Lectures.

Mr. L. Weinberg of the Art department will give four lectures before the School Art League at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. Weinberg is delivering also a course of lectures on the "Paintings and Sculptures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art" at Public School 119 on Monday evenings.

Praise.

M. Gustave Lanson, the distinguished French writer and lecturer who visited the college about a year ago with Professor Adolphe Cohen of Columbia and witnessed the work of several classes in French, has published a book, entitled, "Trois Mois d'Enseignement Anx Etats Unis." A part of this work he devotes to a description of his visit to the college. He expresses his pleasure at the surprisingly good work of the students and bestows sincere praise upon our hardworking French department.

Rummy, Oh!

A certain outraged member of the class of February 1911 flaunts in our face the fact that his class was the first to issue a class paper, *The Rummy*, and that, moreover, the aforesaid *Rummy* is at present in its second volume. Edward F. Unger takes pride in being Chief Rummy of the paper. The latest issue of this "Record of Rot" seethes with complaints by "ye Ed.", interspersed with asperions cast at his notorious classmates. It pleases us to note that from Constantinople "on a letterhead emblazoned *American Embassy*, Monty Judelsohn pens of bum Turkish tobacco & harems, & says Paris ain't what it 's cracked up to be."

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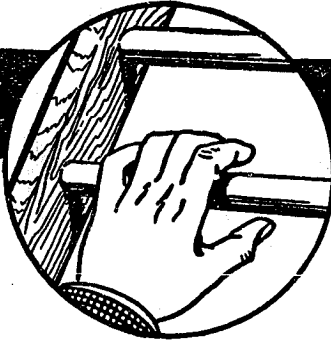
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