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Reception to Amundsen To-Day.



AT THE eleventh hour last Thursday, the scheduled reception to Captain Amundsen, the South Pole explorer, had to be postponed because his boat did not land on the appointed day, due to the bad weather and consequent rough seas. But the reception will be tendered to him this afternoon. The mayor and many other city officials will be present to speak a word of welcome and the Swedish and Danish singers will render some selections. The reception promises to be as notable at the one tendered to Dr. Carrel. The tickets which were issued for last Thursday evening will be valid this afternoon.

Numeral Lights Exercises.

Impressiveness and sincerity characterized the exercises attendant upon the lighting of the February 1913 numeral lights. The beauty of the design, which was finished as by a master hand, excelled that of many previous numeral light designs. From behind an accurate representation of the Hudson gate arise the red and gold beams of a glorious sunset, shining with full brilliance upon the numerals of the class.

After the solemn entrance of the seniors in cap and gown, Professor Woolston, who presided, welcomed the audience. Professor Baldwin played four numbers on the organ so beautifully as to receive many rounds of applause. Especially appealing were his renditions of Dvorak's "Humoreske" and Wagner's Vorspiel "Lohengrin." Daniel Nessler, president of the class, spoke elo-

quently on the "Symbolism of the Numeral Lights" and John Kear, chairman of the committee, lighted them. When the murmurs of admiration ceased, Philip Curoe read the class poem. After the playing of the "Kammenoi Ostrow" of Rubinstein by Professor Baldwin, Professor Guthrie, in a voice of strongly resonant quality, made an eloquent address into which he put his emotional force. "The great heritage of the past, Homer, Virgil, the glory that was Greece, the magnificence of Rome—to learn all these is splendid. They are not the letter that killeth, but the spirit that giveth light unto us I wish you realization of your youthful dreams and hopes!"

Then Professor Duggan, in his lovably simple and sincere manner, spoke on the "Powers of Vision—not the impossible and idle dreams of triflers, but the vision of you and of me. The visions I speak of are ideals and idealism." Columbus, John Wesley and others "were visionaries. The realization of their ideals brought progress." He urged the seniors to have always burning within them the fire of idealism.

Professor Baldwin concluded the exercises with Schubert's Serenade, which he played sympathetically throughout, and the Pontifical March of Lemmens.

Local Peace Contest To-day.

Twenty-five dollars is the sum offered to the winner of the local peace oration contest which will be held at 4 o'clock to-day in room 221. Some of the most brilliant speakers in College have been entered for the contest. The winner will compete on March 14 with the winners of all the other local college contests of New York State. The Great Hall will be the battle-ground of the state contest and prizes of two hundred and one hundred dollars are offered as prizes.

Student Prize Winners.

In a contest in which the Niagara Alkali Company offered prizes for the best essays by college students on the uses and advantages of caustic potash, M. Singer '12 and Abelson '13 won first prizes and A. Gergofsky '13 won second prize.

Commencement Activities.

The commencement activities of the upper senior class began with the lighting of the class numerals in the Great Hall on Friday evening. The rest of the program has been arranged as follows:

Friday evening, January 31.—Class prophecy will precede the first performance of the class play, "Two to One, or Cupid at College." The prophecy will be delivered by Philip Curoe.

Saturday, February 1.—The Cremation exercises will take place immediately after the second performance of the play. The textbooks will be burned on the site of our future stadium. The committee in charge consists of Harry Falk, chairman; Selig Hecht, Herman Lax and Bernard Steuer.

Friday, January 24.—The Seniors will hold an informal hop which will be their last informal affair as undergraduates.

Sunday, February 9.—The Baccalaureate address, in conjunction with a special organ recital by Professor Baldwin, will be delivered to the class in the Great Hall. The committee in charge is made up of Louis Goldman, chairman, Bertram Sommer, Palmer Bradner and Samuel Keepnews.

Wednesday, February 12.—This is the last and most important day for the seniors. In the morning, at 10.30, the commencement exercises will be held and the graduates will receive their final words of admonition and farewell. President Finley will tender them a reception in the afternoon and the class banquet will close the activities in the evening. The banquet will be held at Shanley's. On that evening, the members of the class of February 1913 will have ended their careers as undergraduates and entered upon their life's careers.

Lewis Mayers '10, fellow of the College, is assisting Professor Goodman of Columbia and Dr. Howe, director of the People's Institute, in the investigation of the organization of the Board of Education which they are making for the School Inquiry Committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Election Day Rulings.

The election committee's recommendations to the Student Council at last meeting were adopted and passed. The following are the regulations for class elections: A day for registration of all eligible members shall be set for at least two days preceding the day of election. All elections in all classes shall be held on the second Thursday after the first Monday of the term. The hours of balloting shall be from 8.30 to 1.45 P. M. No votes shall be valid if cast after 1.45. Any vote may be challenged by any member of the class, the challenge to be decided by the official class election committee. In case of further appeal, the case shall be decided by the Student Council Committee on Elections, the decisions of this committee to be final.

Dr. Robinson, the faculty advisor of the 1913 Microcosm, sent in a report which estimated the deficit from the 1913 Microcosm to be about \$90. However, the sale of some of the books by the secretary of the Council will decrease the deficit to a certain extent. The affairs of the Microcosm have not been wound up completely. At a previous meeting of the Council, an amendment was passed declaring that the Student Council shall choose the business manager of the Microcosm from three men who have been elected by the Junior Class.

Resolutions of Appreciation.

As a token of their personal esteem for Dr. Norris A. Briscoe, of the department of Political Science, and their appreciation of the course in "The Economics of Business," which Dr. Briscoe innovated in the fall, the members of his classes presented him with a set of resolutions. The scene was an affecting one, the presentation and the acceptance being gone through in the midst of a silence which was surcharged with personal feeling on both sides.

On any day now, announcement will be made by the publishers of Dr. Briscoe's book on the "Economics of Business" which will be issued in March.

ATHLETICS.

Alumni, 'Varsity.

They were substantial ghosts that came to haunt their former abode in the gymnasium on Friday night to trounce the varsity in a rather uninteresting game. All the alumni who returned had made themselves famous as members of the famous varsity teams of last year and the year before. Henry Propper, Rouge Friedman, Zinovoy, Kaufman and Kaplan—all of them seemed to have prospered in the world judging from their increased waist lines. But this did not impair their speed to any appreciable extent, as they proved to the admiration of the Freshmen and visitors. The rest of the spectators were too familiar with their former work to be surprised. In the beginning, they took some time to get accustomed to the atmosphere and the first half ended with the varsity two points ahead—14—12. Southwick made some pretty shots.

In the second half, the alumni came back. Rouge and Whitey Kaufman gave an exhibition of their pristine excellence in goal shooting. Sub after sub was sent in to replace the regulars on the varsity and toward the end of the game, only Sappoe of the regulars was left. He surprised the spectators and himself by shooting the only field goal of his career! A feature of the second half was the return of Weirich after his long absence. *Slender* started out to play well by caging a goal but his promising career was nipped in the bud by Kaufman who gently stepped on his stomach. The alumni drew slowly away from the efforts of the varsity and the game ended in their favor, 26—17.

The preliminary game was pocketed by the Freshman team over Boys' High, Brooklyn. The Freshmen showed themselves superior from the very beginning. Apfel, Silverstein and Healy starred for them and Bronstein, of Boys High, played well for the visitors. The score was 29—14.

The line-up :

VARSITY 17

ALUMNI 26

Southwich (Saltman)	R. F.	Friedman
Kaplan (Schaffer)	L. F.	Propper
Feldman (Weirich)	C.	Kaplan
Sappoe	R. G.	Zinoyov
Schulberg (Luft)	L. G.	Kaufman

Referee—Mr. Deering. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

Remember the Potsdam game to-morrow night! They beat us 34 to 8 but that's nothing to what we're going to do them to-morrow.

Princeton Swimmers Win.

The City College fell a fairly easy prey to the Tigers in swimming at Princeton on Friday evening. Princeton scored 36 points to our 17.

In the relay race, the first event, the Tigers showed up strongly, for Eben Cross, their best swimmer, who will be remembered from his startling performances in our tank last year, was hardly forced to show his speed. Cross easily captured the 220 and 100 yard swims, leaving McGrath a safe distance behind. In the fifty yard swim, the spectators had a thrill when McGrath pulled up on Green, of Princeton, in the last few feet and won in the good time of 27 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

The result of the fancy diving came as a surprise, as Berman, who was considered by all an easy winner, was defrated by Brazelton by the narrow margin of two points. Brazelton's twister and front dive won him his place.

Robinson, of Princeton, had things all his own way in the plunge, outdistancing his nearest opponent by over twelve feet, while Painter, Princeton, secured second place.

Baseball.

All candidates for the baseball team are urged to file their names, address, the positions they play and their daily recitation schedules with Manager Soons on or before February 3. Care should be taken in arranging schedules so that on practice days, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the players may be off after three o'clock. Baseball demands from fifteen to twenty hours a week, a fact which candidates must bear in mind. The tentative schedule, which Soons submitted to the Faculty Athletic Committee and the A. A. board, was greatly cut down. It looks as though we will again have to be content with playing through a schedule of local games and this will have to continue until the A. A. can afford to stimulate interest in the sport by providing good equipment and by letting the team travel a little. Despite the difficulties of poor equipment and an uninteresting local schedule it was decided at a meeting of the candidates to organize a team and make good. Perhaps this team can convince the A. A. that baseball deserves more support. We hope so.

Mr. Holton has planned indoor practice during February and hopes that the squad can get outdoors early in March so as to get in lots of practice before the playing season opens in April. Our season is short compared with that of other colleges. We only have seven or eight weeks while they have about fifteen.

It is planned to have a reserve team which will play high schools and from which 'varsity material may be taken. This team will also aid materially in giving the first team lots of practice.

The athletic side of our College will lose much when these men go out into the world in February. Bert Sommer, President of the A. A.; Jerry Kohn, Vice-President and water-polo player; Mitch Cahn, manager of the swimming team; Max Lieberman, track manager; Steinhoff and Kautsky of the swimming team, and Shorty Bradner, basketball center. The seven men have given of their best to the athletic teams while they were in College and we shall miss them all exceedingly.

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Departmental Plans.



GOOD news came to a few departments in particular and the College in general when it was learned that the Board of Estimate had granted the full appropriations asked for by the departments of Philosophy, Education and Political Science. Members of all of these departments have long been planning extensions of their regular prescribed work in the form of research laboratories where advanced students who were interested in further specialization might find the opportunity and the facilities to continue their efforts right here in the college under the able supervision of the instructing corps. The new movement is not a new idea. It is the logical outcome of forces which have been silently at work. The physical inability of the many students whose interest has been aroused in a particular line of work to continue to cultivate it, has been a positive hindrance to their own and to the college's development. In a measure it is the demand for specialization making itself felt. Looked at from another

point of view, it is not the specialization, but the generalization, the broadening, the expansion of the function of the City College. It is a sign that we are approaching the City University and are consequently becoming of vastly greater importance to the community. The possibilities and the various significations of this simple occurrence are vast to be recounted in a passing review—too vast and too important, for we must await developments to realize the extent to which they may go.

As yet, the plans of the various departments for the use of the money for laboratories are not definitely shaped. The apportionment is too new to allow for detailed conception. All the departments agree, however, that they will establish laboratories where students may do practical research.

The department of Philosophy will equip a psychological laboratory which, beside having all the adjuncts and appurtenances of a regulation psychological laboratory, such as one finds in other colleges and universities, will provide facilities for research in the problems of efficiency and, as more distant prospects, the problems of vocational fitness and guidance. This, certainly is a most modern development and affords a practical illustration of the way in which the college can co-operate with the city.

The department of Education intends to fit up an educational clinic, in which more particularly, the cases of mentally defective children may be examined. There will be apparatus for the taking of many tests, both physical and mental, and for the tabulation of the measurements. Again, as a more distant prospect, after sufficient results have been noted, after the statistics have been reflected upon and interpreted, there will be attempts at corrective measures.

The department of Political Science will devote its portion of the appropriation to sociological works, and the gathering of statistics. The plans are vague just now and will become more definite as time goes on.

The greatest joy of the whole scheme is that it will be put into operation so very soon. All the departments feel no doubt that the laboratory work will be begun in the fall. Usually, innovations are held up for a few years and by the time they are actually established, the enthusiasm cools and the impetus of the project loses by so much. Altogether, it is a cause of rejoicing that these things are so, that the departments received all they asked for, that their plans are so extensive and that they will be carried out so soon.

Society Elections.

After a close contest, lasting for over an hour, David E. Grant '13 was elected president of Phrenocosmia. Other officers elected are: *Vice-President*, Hyman Schwartz '13; *Secretary*, M. Tabachnick '14; *Treasurer*, Leo Sorrin '13; *Editor*, Bernard Meyer '13.

The Biological Society elected for next term the following officers: *President*, Joseph Hertzstein '13; *Vice-President*, Francis R. Dieuade's '13; *Secretary*, Isidor Balenzweig '14; *Treasurer*, William Hasenfratz '13; *Membership Committee*, Israel Weinstein '13. *Chairman*, Norman Feinberg '16, and Isidor Cohen '14.

The elections of the Philosophical Society resulted: *President*, Tabochnick '14; *Vice-President*, George Goldberg '13; *Secretary*, I. Lurie '13; *Executive Committee*, I. Weinstein '13 and W. Katz '13.

The officers of the Menorah Society for the coming term are: *President*, Leo Honor '14; *Vice-President*, Louis Cohen '14; *Secretary*, Nathaniel Held '15; *Treasurer*, Max Lichtman '15.

The Dramatic Society, having audited its accounts of the Elizabethan show, reports a profit which exceeds by far the profits resulting from plays in previous years. The money will be put aside as an emergency fund for future dramatics.

The Community Club is an organization at 329 East 62d Street, which is largely composed of men from the college and whose purpose is social and political discussion. Professor Overstreet will address the members of the club, on Sunday, February 2, on "Tendencies towards Ministerial Government."

Dr. J. S. Schapiro addressed the American Political Science Association at their convention in Boston during the holidays on "The Belgian Political Situation." In this paper, Dr. Schapiro explained the workings of the Belgian system of proportional representation.

Freshman Feed Held.

The cat is out of the bag at last! The veil of secrecy that enshrouded the preparations and occasion of the mysterious Freshman Feed has been torn away and "the goddess stands revealed." It took place on Friday evening with great success in an obscure corner of the Bronx. The main speakers were Raymond Farrell, president of the lower class, and Jacob Greenberg, marshal of the upper. The gap made by the absence of one of the pledged Sophomores was more than filled by the playing of the 1916 orchestra, a novelty characteristic of the Freshman class. The hours were passed with anecdotes and after dinner speeches until early morn.

The finances of the class show a profit, over and above all expenses, of fifteen dollars.

Faculty Contributions.

In the *Journal* of the American Chemical Society for January, has appeared an article by Professor Baskerville on "Ethyl Ether by Catalysis," and another by Professor Baskerville and H. S. Ruderer on the "Production of Chlorine Substitution Products of Methane from Natural Gas."

Mr. W. A. Hamor contributed an article on "The Present Status of the Window-Glass Industry."

At the recent convention of the American Philosophical Association, when Professor Overstreet was elected vice-president, Dr. Morris Cohen aroused much comment by a paper on "Jurisprudence as a Philosophical Discipline."

Dr. L. S. Friedland, of the English Department, read a paper before the New York University Philosophical Society on "The Philosophy of George Bernard Shaw." To *Modern Language Notes* for December, he contributed an article on "Milton's Lycidas and Spenser's Ruines of Time."

Chemistry Compounds.

Mr. Francis Parker Joralemon, tutor in chemistry, has embarked upon the seas of matrimony with Miss Anna L. Brown as his mate. May their voyage be untroubled by storms and squalls!

President Finley.

Last night, President Finley acted as toastmaster at dinner at Shanley's in honor of Captain Amundsen after his lecture at Carnegie Hall. To-morrow evening he will speak at a "kommers" of the College Teachers Association at the Aschenbroedel Verein and on Saturday he will speak at the dinner of the Ohio Society at the Waldorf. On Sunday, he will deliver an address before the Columbia Y.M.C.A. on "The Social Influence of the University."

1912 Dinner.

The class of June 1912 will hold their first graduate dinner and smoker on the evening of Saturday, February 1.

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