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Farewell Dinner to Dr. Finley.



THE Associate Alumni of the college are to tender an anniversary and farewell dinner to the President in the Great Ball-room at Hotel Astor on Saturday night, November 15th. This affair is to be one of the most elaborate ever held by the organization. All Alumni, former students and friends of the college, including the entire instructing staff and friends of Dr. Finley are invited. It is hoped that a record number will be gathered to do honor to our retiring President.

Application for tickets at \$5.00 each should be made to Mr. Charles Murray, Treasurer of the Associate Alumni, 75 Broad Street. Professor Duggan has been appointed Chairman of the Dinner Committee.

Student Assemblies.

The lack of assemblies so far this term has not been occasioned by any lack of desire on the part of the President, but simply on account of the impossibility of his being present owing to the extreme pressure of business. He is making plans for future gatherings and hopes to call a meeting of the whole student body some time next week.

The Great Hall is open to all bodies who desire to conduct assemblies on behalf of some student movement. The Athletic Association will hold a gathering in the near future, at which plans will be set forth for the ensuing year. When the call is made, a large number should attend the assembly. The Student Council will continue its work in bringing about student meetings and just as soon as plans can be matured we can expect invigorating assemblies similar to those we had last year.

A Special Performance of "Galatea."

Professor Eugene E. Harters new operetta, "Galatea" will be given in the Great Hall on Saturday evening, October 18, at 8.15 P. M. The text is based on Gilbert's (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame) play "Pygmalion and Galatea," and gives a very lively idea in English of the merry side of old Greek life as seen through modern spectacles; the music is catchy and effective.

The chorus of Erasmus Hall High School Girls in ancient Greek costumes will reproduce most charmingly some of the dances and plays of Greece's glorious days. The cast contains a grand-daughter of the great actor, Joseph Jefferson.

The performance is being given in behalf of the Scholarship Fund of the New York Latin Club. Professor Ball is Treasurer of the Play Committee. This prize of \$250 is awarded annually to the graduate of any City High School who ranks first in the Regent's examination in Latin. Attempts are being made to raise money for a Greek scholarship also. President Finley is one of the Trustees of these funds.

Tickets for the play are being sold by members of the Latin and Greek Departments at \$1.00, 75c. and 50c.

Ex '13 Club.

The members of the 1913 class who are still in college have organized themselves into a permanent body known as the Ex '13 Club. The purpose of the club is to continue the genial social spirit and good fellowship that has always existed among the members of that class ever since its Freshman days. The following officers have been elected:

President, Geo. A. Marz, Jr.; Vice-President, J. G. Hellner; Treasurer, E. Obstfeld; Secretary, A. S. Gordon; Marshall, A. B. Thomas; Poet, W. A. Priess; Historian, J. F. Conroy; Sergeant-at-Arms, G. B. Measom; Athletic Manager, R. Batt.

The prize-speaking trials for Juniors and Seniors are to be held on Friday, October 17th, at 3 o'clock in Room 22. Prize-speaking night will be November 7th and plans are being laid to make it a gala affair.

An Alumnus for the Court of Appeals.

Last week the Democratic Party nominated Abram I. Elkus for Judge of the Court of Appeals, the highest judicial body in the State. Mr. Elkus is a prominent Alumnus of the college, a member in high standing of the New York bar and a noted social legislator. His important work in the promulgation of labor laws ameliorating factory conditions in the state has been highly commended and described as the best piece of social legislation effected in recent years.

President Finley and Professor Johnston are both members of the Citizens Committee of One Hundred appointed by the late Mayor Gaynor to arrange for the celebration, next year, of the Tercentenary Anniversary of the beginnings of New York as a commercial centre in the New World. The college is expected to take part in the historical commemoration in the Spring or Fall of 1914.

Gifts to the History Department.

Through the agency of Professor Johnston the college has become the recipient of a large number of books. One set of about five hundred volumes going to the History Seminar Library is a portion of the private library of the late Mr. Isaac J. Greenwood of New York which was presented by his daughters to the New York Historical Society. That Society and the Misses Greenwood have been pleased in turn to give the above set to the History Library.

Through the same department the college library has secured over five thousand volumes of Congressional documents, covering nearly the whole of the Nineteenth Century.

The History Museum has been presented by Mr. W. M. Grinnell of New York with a collection of Revolutionary relics picked up on these heights in past years, which, with those already in possession of the Museum make as complete a set as exists anywhere in the land.

A Display of Civic Pride.

Spurred on by a burst of civic pride, two hundred Freshmen and Sophomores held an expedition last Thursday to erase from public highways the trademarks of the respective classes. They did not carry out their task with the silence and austerity that is characteristically theirs. They seemed intent upon forcing the attention of passers-by to their achievement. The erstwhile enemies united for this occasion, cornered the tin-horn market, and to the accompaniment of these instruments the mob marched around the Campus down to St. Nicholas Terrace and tried to carry out the purpose of the crusade. However, the class numerals obstinately refused to be erased. A speech on "Economy of Effort" gave the hearers to understand the futility of their attempt, so with expressions of sorrow the underclassmen left their sixteens and seventeens, which continue to vex the wrathful park officials.

Y. M. C. A. Smoker.

Last Friday evening the Y. M. C. A. held its much announced smoker and reception to which all the students were invited. A large number availed themselves of the privilege and, if we may judge from the amount of smoke produced, spent a very enjoyable evening. The consumption of tobacco was not, however, the only thing in order. There were several speakers and of especial interest was the address given by Mr. E. V. Yoshida, a young nobleman from far-away Japan. Himself a prominent leader of the Student Volunteer Movement in his own country, Mr. Yoshida was eminently qualified to speak of his experiences and life in the land of the cherry blossoms, and gave a very interesting and vivid picture of his work there.

Ellis Island.

Last Saturday morning a party of students under the leadership of Mr. Bartlett, the Y. M. C. A. Secretary, made a tour to Ellis Island. This most interesting and of late much criticised portion of our city is well worth a visit from college men, particularly from those who are interested in the problems which have to be dealt with there.

ATHLETICS.

A. A. Elections

The last meeting of the A. A. Board was taken up chiefly with elections. Alfred M. Granich was selected to assist Property Manager Ornstein. Hyman T. Salzman was elected Assistant Swimming Manager. Harry Crowley the peerless score-keeper and water boy was elected A. A. Cheerleader with Harold Wright as Assistant. Frank Mullen '08 was chosen graduate representative in the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Association to succeed Frank Fielding '12 who is now taking post-graduate work at Cornell. William Sullivan was elected manager of the 1917 soccer team.

The officials for the Fresh-Soph meet were also chosen. Mr. MacKenzie will be timer and President Nussbaum will be chief judge.

Swimming Practise.

At a meeting of the swimming candidates on Friday Capt. Gus. Berman made known his plans for practise and got the schedules of off-hours of the thirty or more men who responded to the call. Practise will be carried on individually or in small groups during off hours and at 12 o'clock Thursday everybody will get out together. The fellows will be coached by the instructor in charge of the pool whenever a man goes in to practise.

Berman is enthusiastic and it looks as if he is going to get on very well. He is doing his best to make the practise as enjoyable as possible and in that way to combine work with play. Capt. Nussbaum was on the job Friday rounding up polo candidates.

We hope that more men will report both for polo and swimming because Steve Carr is giving the men a heavy schedule of meets both in and out of the Inter-Collegiate Swimming Association and it will be necessary to have a large number of men on the squad all the time. The probable date for the opening of the season will be Friday, December 5th when we will meet Princeton in our pool.

Nussbaum will get his men to work officially at four o'clock to morrow. Don't fail to show up.

Varsity Basketball Squad at Work.

The Squad is hard at work under Coach Palmer's direction. Manne is showing speed in the scrimmages which the men are put through twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Rouge Friedman was up last week to see the boys go through their stunts and expressed satisfaction at their good showing.

Call for Freshman Basketball Players.

Manager Rauch wants all Freshman basketball candidates to report in the gym this afternoon for the first official practise. If you have ever played basketball before, no matter how little, go out with the others. This is your best chance to represent your class in athletics. Remember that next year you will have the opportunity of trying out for the varsity "five". No candidate will be officially recognized as a member of the squad until he has passed a physical Athletic "exam." and procured a green card from one of the doctors in the gym. Get your "exam." as soon as you can and report for practise.

Seniors Defeat Freshmen.

1914 defeated 1917 in the first game of the intersclass series. Two three-baggers by Meyers and Matthews broke up the game. Bennett of last year's Varsity pitched a good game for the upper classmen. At no time were the seniors in danger, and the game ended 7 to 4 in their favor.

Although direct presentation of A.A. cards to Spalding does not carry with it a reduction in the price of goods, the Athletic Association has made arrangements with Alpheus Coe and Alexander Taylor, whereby members will be able to get their sporting goods slightly cheaper than the regular price.

1917 Soccer.

Under Bill Sullivan's capable management the Freshman Soccer team has started practice. More candidates are wanted and those who have played in High School or who would like to learn the game should come out. Games will be arranged with the local High Schools and with Freshman teams from other colleges.

While it lasted the 1916 Freshman team last year was a success. Because of inadvertences it had to be disbanded. Now enough trouble has been taken by the A. A. to elect a manager for such a team and official recognition has been given the sport. There is no reason why the team should not have a successful year and perhaps form the foundation of a future Varsity sport.

Fresh - Soph Meet Postponed.

Failure on the part of the entrants to get physical exams and procure yellow cards has resulted in the postponement of the Fresh-Soph Track Meet until this afternoon. By this time everyone who is going to compete has attended to this important matter. Both classes will show up strong, and close exciting combats are expected.

The Tug-of-War takes place to-morrow afternoon and last of all events comes the historic Flag Rush to take place on Friday afternoon, when the entire strength of both classes will turn out in battle array. Because of the many postponements on account of holidays the Fresh-Soph contests have been slightly neglected; but these dates are final and both classes are keyed up for the test, so that although a little late, the struggle should be as interesting as ever.

Registration for this term has stopped and final figures from the Dean's office indicate an increase of 125 over last year's regular students.

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The "Closed Door" in College Activities.



It is asserted by those who have no intimate knowledge of college life that the pursuits we indulge in are merely hotbeds for future pettiness and sordidness in the greater life outside. And we invariably proclaim how clean and honest our activities and relationships are, devoid of any of the meanness and jealousy which, we hear, characterize the life of which we are not yet a part. Still it must be confessed, for all our denial and refutation of accusations made against us, that there is some truth in them.

How many times a worthy man has been kept from filling a certain office or engaging in some activity because he was not a member of a controlling band only the victims themselves can tell. Good men have often been refused entrance into an organization because they did not happen to please the clique which at that time was the influential body.

This sad state of affairs is not as prevalent here as it is in the older colleges where iron-clad tradition says that such and such a man shall fill such and such an office.

But in our natural imitation of these more ancient institutions we are not distinguishing between good and bad features. This "closed door" in college activities is commencing to creep in and to save ourselves we must see that it does not get a foot-hold.

Socially a man can and should choose those companions who fit him best and with whom association is more pleasant. But this social attachment should never enter where college activities are concerned. There we want the best men we can get to represent us and we can only get the best men when the field is left open to everybody, regardless of religion or social affiliations.

The Insincere Spirit of "Mercury."

"Mercury" has started the year by renewing its narrow policy of insincere and "kiddish" criticism. A college journal which so misdirects the use of its chief power, the editorial pages, is hardly raised above the level of a high-school paper. Criticism should be favored by all of us, for it is the eye of the non-interested party which sees the clearest. But when that criticism is reduced to a sneering attitude toward everything that is not "Mercury," it is pitiable.

College journalism has long since passed the stage of youthful jealousy. Columns are no longer filled with sarcastic remarks about a rival paper, but are devoted to a sane expression of fact and opinion which may help to better conditions. And if "Mercury" can rise above its narrow policy, perhaps it too may come to aid in this movement.

Class "Hike."

Last week the Freshman and Junior classes decided upon a rather unique way to spend their holiday. They agreed to meet in a body and to take a long walk somewhere. We do not know how far their ambition prompted them to go, but the significant thing is the attempt to promote a feeling of good-fellowship and sociability both between the classes and the members within them. Furthermore, it carries out some good advice which most of us have heard our President give, but which probably only a few of us have taken.

German Department Notes.

At the October meeting of the "Verrein Deutscher Lehrer von New York," Dr. De Walsh was re-elected Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. Heynich, Recording Secretary.

Professor Werner has granted a leave of absence for October 16 and 17 to Dr. De Walsh, so that he may advance the cause of "Jung Deutsch-America" in Rochester, N. Y. The aim of "Jung Deutsch-Amerika" is to pledge the children of German-Americans to use whenever possible the language of their parents' land. This organization intends gradually to extend its work all over the United States. Dr. De Walsh is the executive officer for this state.

Professor Duggan has been invited by the New York State Teachers' Association to speak at their convention to be held in Syracuse on Tuesday, November 25th.

Mr. Lewis Mayer of the T. H. H. staff has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Columbia University.

B. Schwarz '11 has resigned his position with the Bureau of Fisheries to accept an instructorship in Zoology at the University of Arkansas.

President Finley will be the toastmaster at a dinner given by the Academy of Political Science at the Hotel Astor on Wednesday evening, October 15th.

Dr. Leber and Mr. Warren '11 have been appointed tutor and assistant tutor respectively in the Department of Natural History to take charge of the courses now being given to T. H. H. students.

Here and There.

At the meeting of the Philosophical Society last Thursday Professors Overstreet and Cohen spoke on the importance of the study of Philosophy. Hankin '15 was elected President of the Society. To-morrow in room 311 at 12 o'clock Professor Cohen will speak on "Theory and Practice" and Hankin will read a paper on "Interest and its Relation to the Training of Will."

Students desiring to indulge in "that noise, of all noises, the most agreeable," should see Professor Baldwin and join the Glee Club now being formed.

At the meeting held on Thursday at 12 M., it was decided that the Cercle Jusserand be divided into two groups. The groups are to meet on Tuesday and Thursday in room 209 at one o'clock.

Raphael, former President of the Cercle and now at Columbia Law school addressed the meeting. The election of officers will be held next Thursday.

A discussion of the platforms of the four local party organizations will take place to-day at one o'clock at the Civic Club meeting.

Professor Guthrie will address the members of the Clionia Literary Society this Friday evening.

Courses in Bible and Post-Biblical History given on Alternate Fridays and one in Jewish Literature and Philosophy on Tuesdays have been established by the Menorah Society.

Colonel Stuart, an assistant in the department of Natural History was a delegate at the State Encampment Convention of the G. A. R. of New York State held recently at Syracuse. Colonel Sturat served valiantly in that grade in the Civil War and attended the celebration for veterans at Gettysburg last summer.

Student Council.

At the first meeting of the Student Council, Meyer Cohn '14 barely nosed out Solomon Bluhm '14 for the presidency. Rotkowitz '14 was elected Vice-President and Slavin '15 was chosen Secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of Cohn, Rotkowitz and Bluhm. The election of a cheerleader was postponed to some future date. President Weinstein's report of a fruitful term's work was read and adopted. In it he enumerates the various undertakings carried out in his administration and points out the possibilities and means of improvement.

A survey of Mr. Weinstein's administration indicates a successful term, in which the Council achieved more power in student self-government than it had hitherto. It is the plan of the present administration to continue the good work started last year.

Prof. Duggan is scheduled to speak at a meeting of the "Teacher's League" to be held at the High School of Commerce on Friday evening, October 17th. The subject of the discussion is "Shall teachers have a share in the management of the schools?"

"Experiments on Ventilation" read by Professor Winslow and "Recent Tendencies in the Study of Inheritance" delivered by Dr. Goldfarb were the subjects of two papers presented at the meeting of the Chemistry Teacher's Club on Saturday, October 4th.

Dr. Emory B. Lease has contributed an article to the current number of the *American Journal of Philology*.

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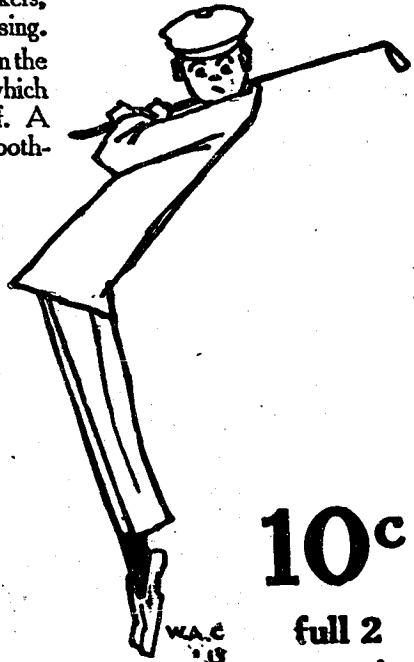
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