

SPORT SPARK

BY B. J. K.

We have a reputation as a razz-artist, as a carping critic who delights in knocking. Being rather proud of this reputation and anxious to keep it unblemished we cast our eyes about (contrary to the belief of our readers we have two eyes and both of them are in perfectly good condition) and we seek some object upon which to vent our wrath. And the worst of it all is the fact that there seems to be nothing in particular to razz, no object worthy of our zoilism. The varsity baseball team is continuing along the straight and narrow path of victory, the frosh nine is also turning in a good record. The handball team is almost invincible, the track team is doing as well as could be expected now that the Faculty Athletic Committee has declined to accept our kind suggestions re the use of freshman, the swimming team has not lost a meet in months. Everything is fine and we are getting desperate, we may even have to praise something if we would fill our column.

Ab—wait a bit. There's football,—here goes.—Spring training it seems to us, has been a complete failure this year. Not one of the objects for which pre-season practise is usually held has been attained. First of all, the thing was bound to be a failure because of the handful of candidates. Twenty-five aspirants, the number that attended the last practice, is just about one hundred short of what a college as big as ours should furnish. And the men that did turn out—(we hate to criticize well-meaning, hard-working fellows, but remember we're bent on razzing)—the men, we repeat, seemed to be the smallest, the lightest in the College. Yes, yes—we appreciate the value of speed and of brains but we have a peculiar liking for the six-foot, two-hundred pound type of player—and we rather suspect that Coach Neville shares our liking.

To come to the point, if there is any—even at this early date it seems to us that next football season is bound to be disastrous unless the fellows wake up in a hurry. We glance down the 1923 gridiron schedule and feel, a slight chill as we note the name of Delaware, a barely perceptible tremor passes through us as we come to Hobart College and the Connecticut Aggies, and we shiver in earnest as we reach N. Y. U. and Fordham—this in the Campus Office where Dave Beres resides and the air is always more than usually hot. Good cause for our fear, too—after the showing made in spring training. For, if we don't improve on that showing we'll be literally murdered by these teams.

The usual question arises—where is the fault? About this there can be no quibbling or doubt. Coach Neville has done his part nobly, Manager Rabinowitz has managed with all-American form, but the fellows have stood aside and watched the spring practice go on to predestined failure—watched with apparent unconcern and as if it were not their team. Men who might be kicking a football about are instead kicking about the coach. Men—but what's the use, this kind of guy can't be impressed. As we suggested once before, it's up to Coach Neville or Captain Schtierman or some one else connected with the team to go through the College and get the men they want—conscript them, force them to come out. (Oh, Jack, if you do go around, don't grab us—we won't be here next term.)

WE ALMOST CLAIM ANOTHER TITLE

Damn N. Y. U.! If they had only beaten Columbia, last Saturday. By losing they deprived us of the Metropolitan baseball championship. Look—if N. Y. U. had beaten Columbia, if we should trim N. Y. U. and then if we should lick Fordham—we would certainly be champs. But there is hope, yet. See what a bright correspondent says.—
"This week our prospects for the title look to be improved when we meet St. Francis and St. John, your home city's leading colleges. Should we beat the two church nines and likewise overwhelm Manhattan again, and N. Y. U., and Fordham, and Fordham once more beats Columbia ours will be the kingly crown."

"OLD NICK."

SOPH CLASS HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

Last Saturday night the Sophomore class held its annual spring dance in the college gym. Despite the inclemency of the weather and the hardship in getting to the college with any degree of ease and comfort, the attraction of the event filled the gym with a capacity crowd. The decorations were in gay contrast to the gloom without, the entire gym being flooded with a profusion of black and orange streamers, intermingled now and then with a more dull or brightly colored fraternity banner. Intervals of moonlight dancing, occasioned every once in a while, also added a great brilliancy of effect. The accompaniment of music from the rather well playing jazz band, played no small part in creating just the proper kind of atmosphere.

THREE MATCHES MORE TO BUSY WALL-ARTISTS

The handball team will engage in three matches before it enters the Pastime A. C. tournament which is scheduled for the beginning of next month. To-morrow night the Lavender wall-artists meet the 86th Street Y. M. C. A. team on the latter's courts, and on Saturday the St. Bartholomew team on the College Courts. The Eastern District Y. M. C. A. will be met before the end of the month.

CHEMISTRY LIBRARY OPEN TWO EVENINGS

Mr. W. H. Pearce, librarian of the chemistry library, announces that the library will be open Monday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 11 P.M. hereafter.

NATATORS START ON FIVE-DAY MARATHON

Novel Swimming Contest, Began Yesterday, Will Close 6 P. M. Friday Evening

Something distinctly novel in the history of City College sports was sprung when the five-day marathon swim began in the College pool, yesterday at 10 A. M. Although the contest is already in its second day, the great mass of College sport fans are absolutely unaware of its existence: No notice of the affair has been published previous to this.

The contest, as conceived by Coach McCormick, is quite similar to the six-day bicycle race, except that the men will compete individually instead of in teams. Only members of last season's varsity and frosh swimming and water-polo squads were permitted to enter and an entry fee of twenty-five cents was charged. Each contestant was required to weigh in at the start of the race and will be asked to step on the scales again at the close of the marathon.

As stated, the marathon began yesterday morning and it will run until 6 P. M. this Friday, a stretch of five full days. Each contestant may swim only once a day, his record being the total number of lengths covered in these daily efforts. Continuous swimming is required, no stop being permitted at the end of laps. Some difficulty was experienced in providing for a continuation of the going while gym classes are in the pool. It was finally decided however, that in such event, the men will cross the width of the pool instead of the length. Six widths will constitute one regulation lap. No contestant will be permitted to swim across the width when there is no class using the pool.

Because of the duration of the contest, it was found utterly impossible to devise any adequate method of judging or checking up on the work of the men. It was decided, therefore, to leave all competitors on their honor. Each contestant, after completing his day's swim, will write his name and the number of lengths covered upon a sheet of paper which will be deposited in sealed box. On Saturday morning, the box will be opened, each man's daily scores collected, and the standings computed. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third, and fourth places.

The members of the swimming and water-polo teams have entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the thing. Almost every eligible man is out in quest of one of the prizes. Fans who wish to watch the contest are advised to bring their lunches as it is known that Harvey, in practice last Friday afternoon, covered 102 lengths.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

The Discipline Committee will meet this afternoon. The cases of a number of men who have been summoned because of failure to observe the rules of the lunch room. It is expected that each of these men will be suspended.

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The varsity baseball team travelled to Hartford last Saturday, with the intention of handing Trinity College another such beating as last year's. Jupiter Pluvius, however, substituted for the Connecticut Yankees and the College nine was held at bay by his moist-ball delivery. This is the first game to be cancelled this season.

FORDHAM PREP. BREAKS FROSH WINNING STREAK

Loses First Game By Score of 9-3—Fordham Pitcher Shines

After winning seven successive games the freshman baseball team was stopped by the Fordham Prep nine, at Fordham Field, last Saturday. The score, 9-3, afforded the Maroon team ample revenge for last year's defeat. Effective pitching by Harrington, Fordham's star twirler, was the greatest factor in the downfall of the freshmen. The Prep pitcher allowed nine hits but was invincible with men on the bases. In fact, eight yearlings got on base only to be left stranded. Harrington issued four passes and fanned thirteen men. Moder was not in his usual good form and was hit hard, though faulty fielding was directly responsible for two of the Fordham runs.

Three Lavender and three hits errors spotted Fordham to a two-run lead in the very first inning. Hodesblatt's single and stolen base aided by Fordham misplay put the yearlings only one run behind but the Maroon came back with two runs in the second and as many in the third. Two wild throws aided Fordham in the second and closed the list of yearling errors. After this frame the cubs fielded perfectly. There was no question, however, as to the legitimacy of Fordham's brace of tallies in the third. Harrington singled and jogged home when Browne smashed a terrific drive into center for a home-run. City College got an unearned run in the fifth. In the next frame Captain Hodesblatt poled a long drive into deep left-center for the circuit. This put an end to the College scoring as Harrington was practically invincible in the remaining innings. Fordham, however, scored three superfluous runs in the seventh.

Coach Parker shook up his infield for this game with good results. Bernstein went to second base while Slotkin moved over to short and Plaut shifted to third. This trio worked perfectly on the defense. Moder, with three out of four, and Hodesblatt, with two out of three, were the heavy hitters for '26 while Christaff, Cobb, Browne, and Helion showed well for Fordham.

The score:— R H E
C. C. N. Y. '26— 0 10 1 1 0 0 0—3 9 4
Fordham Prep— 2 2 2 0 0 3 0 x—9 11 3
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FOOTBALL MEN HOLD FINAL SPRING DRILL

Twenty-five Men Report for Last Practice — Training Period Lasts Three Weeks

The last spring football practice of the term was held last Friday afternoon. Members of the training squad have been ordered to turn in their uniforms and no more gridiron work will be done until the reopening of school in the fall. The practice started three weeks ago.

Twenty-five men showed up for the final workout. Coach Neville, as usual, devoted his time to rudimentary football. The linemen were put in charge of Captain Jack Schtierman who sent them through as stiff a drill as any taskmaster might devise. Falling on the ball helped materially in starting some of the fat men on the road to better condition.

Schtierman also gave the men some instruction and practice in position play and charging. He paid particular attention to the use of the hands by the defensive lineman and gave the aspirants some practical demonstrations of his theories.

Coach Neville himself took charge of the backs and ends. Passing and catching the ball received a good deal of attention. From this the men went to catching punts. Moe Cohen, captain of last year's freshman eleven, and Perlman, former N. Y. U. yearling end, attended to the kicking and showed good form.

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