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BASEBALL CANDIDATES TURN OUT EN MASSE

Squad Embraces 30 Men for Various Positions.

DEARTH OF INFIELDBERS

Thirteen Twirlers Aspire to the Mound and Plenty of Freshmen Cover the Outfield Positions.

Saturday's baseball practice offered a pleasant surprise, from the fact that about thirty aspirants donned their togs and signified intentions of coming out for the team. A large number of the new candidates are seeking outfield and battery positions. Contrary to other years, the list of infielders remains comparatively small.

The pitching staff is working under full steam. The number of twirlers is now raised to 13, Smulker of Gloversville High, being the newest addition. In his work Saturday he showed some good stuff and gives promise of an interesting future. The other candidates for the mound are now, Joe Brucker, Hughes, Beaver, Benedict, Mallery, Hanley, Rosenthal, Gulick, McGroot, Thebo, Dooley and Laskowsky.

Hal Wittner still remains the heavy man for catcher, and if he is allowed to play, Garnet fans may breath easy so far as this position is concerned. Besides Wittner, there are three other candidates, Hochuli, Jones and Schamberger, and a possibility that Schwartz of Poughkeepsie, will also come out.

As for the infield, Captain Peaslee, Collins and Fancher of last year are out. Moynihan, the remaining veteran infielder, has not yet put in his appearance, though it is anticipated that he will do so very soon now. George Brucker and Tracy are the only new candidates for infield positions.

Although there is a dearth of infield material, the outfield has been blessed

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CALENDAR.

Today.

3:00 P. M.—Baseball practice, Gymnasium.

8:00 P. M.—Prof. Hoernle Lectures in Chapel.

Tuesday.

1:00 P. M.—Y. M. C. A. cabinet picture, White's Studio.

4:30 P. M.—Lecture by Mr. J. B. Taylor under auspices of Sigma Xi, Electrical Laboratory.

7:15 P. M.—Meeting of Classical Club and election of members.

8:00 P. M.—Prof. Hoernle Lectures in Chapel.

Wednesday.

1:00 P. M.—Classical Club Picture in front of Library.

8:00 P. M.—Union vs. Hamilton in Debate on Government Control of Railroads After the War, Chapel.

THRILLS FURNISH LIFE OF FROSH HOP SAT.

Intelligence Squad Foils Soph Ticket Forgers.

100 COUPLES ATTEND

Good Dance and Financial Success Crown Efforts of Committee.

To be sure it wasn't quite so exclusive and glittering an affair as the Junior Prom, this Freshman Hop, which was held in the gym Saturday night. There were few decorations; the programs were simple; the refreshments were not over-hearty. But if the fun the dancers had can be used as a criterion, the dance which the Frosh outraged precedent by holding was a brilliant success.

The affair had exclusive features, however. At a Junior Prom you don't feel those little shivers travelling up and down your spine which 1921 felt Saturday night when they stopped to reflect that the Sophs as well as precedent had been outraged, and that '20 might take a hand in matters for the sake of class prestige. '20 held no soiree, it will be remembered. But there were more heinous crimes afoot Saturday evening than a plot to break up the Freshmen's party. A sagacious Frosh intelligence service learned on Friday that the Sophs had produced some very clever forgeries of the official dance tickets and were distributing them in order to avoid paying the nominal assessment which the Frosh were making at the door. Had the intelligence service been less adroit, the dance committee would doubtless have been treated to a distinct shock upon counting noses and dollars. But as matters turned out, '21 had plenty of time to print a new set of tickets and the few Sophs who did attempt to save money at the door were denied the privilege.

All worked together to make the Freshman Hop a real success: the sagacity of the intelligence service, the music of Tom O'Neill's Banjo Orchestra, and the refreshments of Caterer Joseph Thearle. The five-piece orchestra furnished just the right amount of tone for the big gym, and made a hit with most of the dancers. The dancing began at eight o'clock and the last merry-makers departed for home shortly after twelve. Refreshments were served at ten-thirty. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles Alexander Richmond, Mrs. Hartley F. Dewey, and Mrs. Charles F. F. Garis. The committee in charge consisted of John Reynolds, chairman; Harold Cline, William H. Tregurtha, Earl Vaughan, Robert Gregory, and J. Herbert Wemple, ex-officio.

PRESIDENT RICHMOND RECIPIENT OF MANY LETTERS FROM UNION MEN IN SERVICE

OFT REJECTED SCHNITZ WOULD YET JOIN ARMY

Says U. S. Must Accept or Re-classify Him—Bricks' Mind Eased.

The varied experiences of Schnitzlein, '19, during six months of effort to enroll in Uncle Sam's fighting forces, would fill a book of no mean size. "Schnitz" left this morning for New York, where he will undergo his sixth physical examination for the army. This, by the way, is his second trip to the Metropolis for the same purpose. His first was made last fall, when, after vainly trying to pass the physical exams for several branches of the service, he was given an honorable discharge on being rejected for physical reasons from enrolling in the regular army at Governor's Island. "Schnitz" was reasonably safe from the draft until the new classification was made, when he was placed in Class 1, and called for examination. Although he has not yet heard the result of this last test, he has determined to present himself at Sandy Hook for enrollment in the Coast Artillery, provided he is rejected from the draft. If he fails on both exams, Schnitzlein is determined to avoid the further embarrassment, inconvenience, loss of time, etc., of repeated calls before draft boards, which he is sure will follow, by requesting Congressman Lunn to use his influence to place him in Class 5. Schnitzlein's physical disability is the result of an injury to his knee received some time ago in football.

Although no Union undergraduate can boast of experiences at all comparable to those of "Schnitz", Bricks, '21, believes he deserves to be included on the list of oft-examined patriots. Bricks has just been accepted for the draft after his fifth examination. He attempted volunteer enlistment three times and was rejected once before after a draft examination. For Bricks, however, the end is in sight: for Schnitzlein it is not yet.

"PHONOGRAPHS" SUBJECT OF SIGMA XI TALK TUESDAY

Of especial interest to students and faculty members will be the lecture to be given Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Mr. John B. Taylor, of the General Electric Company on the "Development of the Phonograph and the Microscopic Study of Records." The talk, which will be given under the auspices of Sigma Xi, will be delivered in the Electrical Laboratory. The ever-widening field which the phonograph is finding for itself in art and in business make the science of its construction and use of particular value to the engineering or scientific student.

Alumni in Service Eager to Hear of College.

WRITE TO PRESIDENT

THE CONCORDIENSIS to Print Many Letters Written to Dr. Richmond From Camps.

Through the kindness of President Richmond THE CONCORDIENSIS is enabled to print many letters which have been received by him from Union men in the service, both those who are training in this country and those who are already in France. President Richmond is constantly writing to these men and is constantly receiving replies from them in which much is contained which will interest readers of THE CONCORDIENSIS.

One element common to all the letters President Richmond has received from Union men in the service is the spirit of devotion to Union College and interest in its affairs which is perhaps even keener when alumni are far away from Alma Mater and have scant opportunity of hearing news of her. President Richmond endeavors in his letters to keep them posted on what is going on in the college, particularly things connected with the war. The letters which he receives in reply not infrequently express gratification at the record Union has made in sending men into the service and in military training.

The following letter, written last fall to a member of the class of 1915 who is in France, is a sample of the letters men in the service are receiving from President Richmond:

"I am sending you this merely to let you know that I am thinking of you and that I wish you a Merry Christmas. I have no idea, of course, where you are or what you are doing, but wherever you are and whatever you may be doing you may know that you have my affectionate good wishes. It is hardly too much to say that you boys are hardly ever out of my mind. This is made more real to me by the fact that my own boy is now a seaman in the Regular Navy and is at sea on his way to some port on your side of the water. I know as little of his whereabouts as I do of yours, but I know that both you and he are serving your country. This is enough for me to know. The college is very proud of all you boys and I am confident that as times goes on we shall have more and more reason to be proud.

"I cannot give you much news. No doubt you will get it from other friends here. Our College Battalion is commanded by a Regular United States officer, detailed by the government, and there is great interest in military matters. One piece of information I want you to have. There has been or

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The Need of a Better Understanding of International Law.

The many violations of the rules of war which have been committed in this great conflict and the disregard of accepted practices which have been shown by the belligerents, deliberately and malignantly by the Germans, reluctantly and in retaliation by the Allies, has led many people to say that international law is dead. This remark is frequently made. It is prompted by the same erroneous reasoning that caused the widespread belief that treaty-making was a futile mockery by treaty-making was made a futile mockery by Germany's invasion of Belgium. The truth is that a scrap of paper had as much binding force after Germany's violation of Belgium's neutrality as it had before. A written agreement never did compel compliance from a lawless and desperate party, any more than laws against murder, arson or larceny restrain lawless and desperate men from committing those crimes. International law is as much a living thing today as it before was, although it does not restrain generals from cruel and unusual acts which it forbids. International law will still live and treaties will still be made, though they

are disregarded and violated when hatred, vengeance and desperation overpower reason, mercy and justice.

Indeed we shall doubtless see plainly that international law has not ceased to be when after the war there will be much concern to justify alleged violations of international law by international law itself. Publicists frequently disagree as to what the law is; nations have not all assented to the rules of international conduct to which other powers have agreed. When hostilities cease the warring powers will be anxious to appear in the right and on the side of the law, and there will be much room for discussion, argument and recrimination when it comes to a question as to what the right is and what the law is.

The people who say that international law is dead do not know what international law is. They do not know what reasons there are for disagreement as to what it is. The better world organization, a league of nations, which we hope may be set up after this war, will rest on international law, dubious as its rules sometimes are. It is therefore extremely desirable that there be an understanding of international law on the part of the multitude. Such knowledge will often preclude a jingo, an imperialistic or a chauvinistic spirit. It will disclose the absurdity of the cry, "Our country, right or wrong." It will bare the injustice of dollar diplomacy. It will make people less susceptible to such vain-glorious politicians as used to win popular approval by "twisting the lion's tail." It will put people in the equable temper which they must be in if a better international order is to prevail.

SIX SENIORS GIVEN PHI BETA KAPPA KEYS FRIDAY

Six Seniors were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa on Friday evening. The new members are E. M. Cameron Jr., F. G. Bascom, C. A. Heatly, M. P. Poersch, I. R. Stein, and J. C. Younie. The ceremony, which was held in the trophy room of the gymnasium, was attended by a number of local members of the society. Prof. John I. Bennett made the address of welcome and acquainted the new men with the meaning of the symbols of Phi Beta Kappa. In the principal address of the evening, Dr. Stanley P. Chase told the initiates that their election to the society showed they had fulfilled their duty as students. He said that in Phi Beta Kappa the men would find three things: First, literature that is scholarship; second, morality that is character, and lastly, friendship. In concluding his address, Dr. Chase gave a brief history of Phi Beta Kappa and of Alpha chapter especially.

JUNIORS ENJOY SELVES AT "Y" GET TOGETHER

A goodly number of Juniors assembled Friday night in Silliman Hall and spent a highly enjoyable evening at the Christian Association's n'th Junior get-together. The men listened to a short talk by Prof. Warren C. Taylor,

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of the civil engineering department, on the aims and purposes of the Christian Association, after which Prof. Taylor explained the mission study class which he is teaching and said that he would be pleased to receive some new recruits in the class. It has now about thirteen undergraduates. At the end of the speaking, games were played a new one called "Observation," being especially enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream and cakes served by a number of the faculty ladies completed the evening's entertainment.

According to the Harvard University War Records Office, between five and six thousand graduates and undergraduates are in war service.

The historic "cannon-scraper" between the two lower classes at Wesleyan, which was barred four years ago by the faculty, has been revived. The Freshmen succeeded in removing the cannon from the campus, and as a result of their victory, have discarded their Freshman caps, and may now carry canes to church.

All men eligible for taking part in Varsity athletics at Harvard must enroll in some naval or military course according to a recent announcement of Dean Briggs.

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ganized an American University Union in Europe. This Union has rented the Royal Palace Hotel on the Place du Theatre Francais, Paris, and has a branch in London in the building of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New York, 16 Pall Mall, East, S. W. I. It is a club house maintained for the benefit of all undergraduates, alumni and instructors of the American colleges maintaining membership. Union College is a member of the Union and you are entitled to the privileges of the club. I hope they may be useful to you and I wish you would give this information to any other Union College man whom you may meet.

"And now God bless you, my boy, and again, both for Mrs. Richmond and myself, I wish you a Merry Christmas."

Three letters from Don Price '17, two written while training in this country last fall and the third after his arrival in France last February, give a good idea of the experiences men in the service are having. One written last fall from training camp is as follows:

"Dear Dr. Richmond: This morning

I am sitting in one of the Y. M. C. A. buildings enjoying myself while the others of my company are off on a hike and I will spend some of the time telling you about the life here in camp.

"We still have no heat in our barracks and it will probably be a couple of weeks before the heating system is ready. The system used here is about the same as the one at the college except that the steam pipes are up in the air supported by poles, instead of being placed underground. * * * Each regiment has a separate heating system. Hot water is also going to be furnished by the steam plant, and I guess some of the men are anxiously waiting for it to take their first bath. They don't seem to take to the cold water baths very much.

"The Y. M. C. A. buildings are heated and they are crowded every night with soldiers writing letters, playing the pianos or victrolas, singing, and watching the movies or enjoying some other form of entertainment which is furnished nearly every night. There is also a large Y. M. C. A. auditorium seating 4,000 people here in camp. During the first three nights of the week they are now presenting vaudeville in this building and on the remaining nights excepting Sundays they have band concerts by the regimental band, vocal concerts, some-

times by real artists, minstrel shows and other entertainments gotten up by the different regiments. On Sunday nights there is usually a sermon or lecture, which is preceded by band music and singing. Some of the boys in camp are very good singers and we have solos and duets by these. * * * The Y. M. C. A. is certainly doing a great work here and I don't know what the boys would do without it, especially at this time when it is too cold in the barracks to read or write.

"In our barracks we have a large room which is called the recreation room. It contains a piano, a pool table, and a small library, so we have some things with which to amuse ourselves. Several of the boys can play the piano and some of them have good voices, so we have lots of music. Usually the music isn't as good as it might be; however all the boys join in and we try to make as much noise as possible.

"The food which we receive is quite good most of the time and we have plenty of it. Cake, milk, ice cream, and other things which we don't get at the table we can obtain at the regimental post exchange, where they also sell candy, tobacco, soft drinks and most everything else which the boys want.

"A week ago I went to Schenectady with a football team made up of Schenectady boys, most of whom were from Company C. We were quite badly beaten in our game with the G. E. team, but the boys didn't care very much as they were interested chiefly in their visit home. * * * I am playing on a different team now—the Camp team or Divisional team made up of men from all over the camp. Percy Haughton, assisted by Captain Coolidge and Lieutenants Robinson, Wiggins, Minot, Weston and Thatcher, all former Harvard stars, is coaching us and we are learning the Harvard system of football of course. You probably read about our game with the Charleston Navy Yard eleven in the Harvard stadium last Saturday in which our team was so decisively beaten. * * * There are a number of college stars on our team—Swarthout and two or three others from Colgate, Warren of Lehigh, Cunningham of Dartmouth, and some more from Penn State, Springfield and other colleges. I didn't get into the game last Saturday but had to sit on the bench. I hope to get a chance next Saturday, however, when we play Harvard in the stadium. * * *

"We report for practice at 2:00 o'clock every afternoon and spend about 2 hours and a half listening to a lecture and in signal practice and scrimmage. Those who are playing on the team aren't required to drill or do any other work, which accounts for my presence at the Y. M. C. A. this morning. I usually take part in the morning drill, however, only falling out when the men go on a long hike or to dig trenches, as I wish to learn what there is to know as soon as possible.

"I am still a private but hope to be something else before the winter is over. * * * Our Captain * * * is going to send me to the school for non-commissioned officers, as soon as the football season is over and he said that if I got along well he would nominate me for the officers' school. He informed me that I was among the three highest in a psychological examination which our company was given.

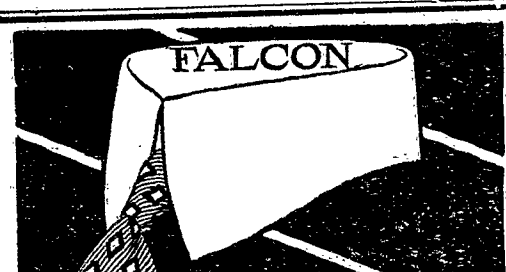
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with a super-abundance of raw candidates. Mosher, of last year's squad, is the only old face among them, but it seems that in such a bunch as E. Smith, G. R. Smith, Bill Dougall, Townsend, O'Brien, Jack Reynolds, Getman, Neville, Rolls, Hoyt and Jamieson there ought to be something stirring.

Though Pete Hoag won't commit himself, it seems reasonably safe to assume that the season will be opened in New York on April 19th by a game with Columbia. If all goes well, N. Y. U. will be played on the next day. The following week the home season will open with a game with Rutgers. Then comes Pelham Naval instead of Trinity on May 11th. June 1st has been left open by Amherst's decision to close early. The commencement game, on Saturday, June 8th, will be against the University of Rochester.

Practice will continue as usual this week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

UNION MEN'S LETTERS BREATHE COLLEGE SPIRIT

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"I have been trying to keep in touch with affairs at Union as much as possible and am sorry that the football team has been having such poor success. I hope that the remaining games may be won. * * *

"I hope that the new military course and everything else at the college is working smoothly."

The other two letters from Don Price '17 will appear in the next issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS and letters from various other alumni will be printed in succeeding issues.

SATURDAY GAME LEAVES THREE IN INTRAMURALS

Only three teams still remain in the running for the interfraternity basketball championship, as the result of a defeat of Phi Gamma Delta at the hands of Phi Delta Theta Saturday by a 27-7 score. The first half of the game was closely contested, Phi Delta Theta being ahead of its opponents by only one point at the half time. During the second period, the former team

speeded up and easily vanquished the Phi Gams. The three teams still in the contest are Phi Delta Theta, Pyramid Club, and Delta Phi. Two of these teams will play some time this week, the winner meeting the third for the final title.

PHI DELTA THETA.

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Northrop, forward	4	0	8
DeGroot, forward	5	0	10
Reynolds, center	1	1	3
Wittner, guard	2	0	4
Carvey, guard	0	0	0
Posson, guard	1	0	2
Totals	13	1	27

PHI GAMMA DELTA.

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Gale, forward	2	0	4
Vaughn, forward	0	0	0
Rapelje, center	0	0	0
Gorham, guard	1	1	3
McCleary, guard	0	0	0
Benedict, guard	0	0	0
Totals	3	1	7

Score at end of first half—Phi Delta Theta, 5; Phi Gamma Delta, 4. Fouls committed—By Phi Delta Theta, 3; by Phi Gamma Delta, 4. Referee—Hanley. Scorer—Bennett. Timer—Hotchkiss. Time of halves—12 minutes each.

DALEY LAUDS UNION FIVE FOR SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Union basketball team received a bit of a compliment last week on its one-defeat season, when G. Herbert Daley, '92, sporting editor of the New York World, mentioned our five as being "from every angle * * one of the best developed in the East." Mr. Daley's favorable review of the Union season is as follows:

"Just a word must be spoken for the Union College basketball team which won fifteen out of sixteen games played this season, and defeated, among others, Yale, Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, West Point, R. P. I., and the College of the City of New York. The last named broke even in two games played and was the only team to beat the men from Schenectady. This word is spoken with some pride, because Union is my own educational home, and the more so because four of the six players on that team this year are honor men in their classes and the

other two hold a high standing. When sports are maintained on a high plane, in keeping with the real purpose of college life, success is the more deserved. Incidentally, the team from every angle was one of the best ever developed in the East."

HUDSON, NOT GYM, TO BE DRAMATIC CLUB PLAYHOUSE

That a perverse fate is dogging the steps of the Dramatic Club in its efforts to find a place suitable for the presentation of its this year's offering, "A Full House," is the opinion of at least one member of the club. That member is Carr, '19, its manager. At least a few of the management's troubles seemed to be over last week when an understanding was arrived at between the college authorities and the club whereby the gym was to have been the new Union playhouse. But it developed that the necessary stage and properties which it had to be erected in the gym, could not be put up without damaging the big room. Again the management was in the market for a theatre in which to produce its play. The result of the renewed search was that the Hudson Theatre was engaged. A definite date has now been announced for the production of the farce. It will be on the evening of Tuesday, April 29th. Rehearsals of the cast are being held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at evenings at 7:30 o'clock and on Sundays at 3 o'clock.



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