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ATHLETES PREPARING FOR ARDUOUS DAY

Three Branches of Sport Hard at it for Saturday's Test.

BATTING AVERAGE GOOD

Ball Team Rounding Into Form With Smukler at Center—Track Outlook Dubious.

The Garnet baseball, track and tennis men will put in a couple more days of practice before the arduous Saturday afternoon in Troy against R. P. I. If the Garnet can come through with a three-fold victory probably we can all hear the results of our exams more peacefully. R. P. I. has already been defeated once by Union in baseball and likewise in track last fall. The tennis team has been giving such good accounts in all the matches this season that their victory is certainly looked for on this of all occasions.

The baseball team has been showing much better work during the last two weeks. The batting average has increased perceptibly and the errors are being reduced. Hits are coming when they are needed and the outfield is getting around where it ought to be. Smukler's three put out and no error game Saturday seems to entitle him to a permanent place in center. Jamieson also worked well and left no record of error.

During the two-hour practice Monday Coach Tamsett worked on batting particularly. Some of the men have been in the habit of pulling away from a curve and it seems to be a hard one to break. However, progress is being made and it looks as though the Trojans are in for another trimming.

Track is rather dubious. Although Union has several good men in the various events, so has R. P. I. Dos Mac will spend the remainder of the week taking out the kinks in stiff joints and getting an extra step a minute into the runners. The men picked for the various events will no doubt be somewhat changed from the line-up in the Williams meet as a result of the showings made by different members of the squad in the interclass events—Moving-up Day.

Tennis bids fair to remain the same. Certainly the team has done everything possible in the matches played so far and ought to come through the season with a perfect record. The teams of Springfield and Trinity were no easy opponents and no small amount of credit is due Captain Wadsworth and his team for the manner in which they have acquitted themselves.

UNIVERSITY UNION OPENS IN LONDON

Circular Received Here Describes New Department.

USE LONDON HOTEL

Arrangements Made Are Similar to Those of Paris Headquarters.

THE CONCORDIENSIS is in receipt of a circular containing information in regard to the London Branch of the American University Union in Europe, of which a full description of the Paris headquarters has appeared in a previous issue.

More than one hundred universities and colleges in the United States, including Union College, West Point, and Annapolis, have now officially joined the "Union", and contribute to its financial support. The honorary patrons are, in the United States, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, and in Europe, the American Ambassadors to Great Britain, France, and Italy, and General Pershing. Its work has been developed in entire accord with that of the American Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. Its general object is "to meet the needs of American university and college men and their friends who are in Europe for military or other service in the cause of the allies." Its central headquarters are the Royal Palace Hotel, 8 rue de Richelieu, Paris, of which it has exclusive use, and at which upwards of five thousand American college men have already been registered. The Union offers its privileges freely to men of all colleges in the United States, whether graduates or not.

On March 14, 1917, an American University Dinner was held at the Criterion Restaurant London, at which Lord Bryce was the guest of honor. There were present 167 men representing fifty-one different American universities and colleges. At that time the dinner committee, Mr. Lewis P. Sheldon of Yale, Mr. Robert Grant of Harvard, and Mr. Lawrence Tweedy of Princeton, were elected as the London Advisory Council of the American University Union, with powers to add to their number. In consultation with them, the officers of the Union have made the following arrangement to develop the work of the Union in England:

Excellent hotel arrangements have been secured, at reduced rates, for all American college men, at the St. James' Palace Hotel, Bury Street. This hotel is admirably situated near Piccadilly Circus and not far from the Union office at 16 Pall Mall East. A large writing and reading room and lounge on the ground floor is reserved for the exclusive use of members of the Union. Rooms may also be had at hotels near by under the same

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GARNETS READY JUNE 1ST.

Manager Barnett of the 1919 Garnet was in Pittsfield Monday to speed up the work on the year book. The Garnet is practically completed and should go to press at the end of this week. It is the hope of the manager that the books will be ready for distribution by June 1st.

DR. MARCH ADDRESSES CLASSICAL CLUB

Speaker at Last Meeting of Year Talks on "Ancient Influence on French Classic Age."

At a well attended meeting of the Classical Club Tuesday evening, in Mr. Bennett's room, Dr. J. L. March was the speaker, and his subject, "The Influence of Antiquity on the French Classical Period."

Dr. March first explained that the seventeenth century French literature is regarded as the classical period. The speaker discussed the influence of the classics on the thought and manner of writing or "technique" of the French. He mentioned the principal French authors, such as Racine, Moliere, Corneille and Pasquale, and showed how ancient writers had influenced their thoughts and style of writing. Dr. March spoke in part, as follows:

"The French, mainly on account of their language felt a strong kinship with the Latins. Their authors were steeped in classic ideals. The school of Jansenism, Racine, regarded by the French as the greatest tragic writer, and Pasquale, their greatest prose writer, did much to bind the French to Greek and Roman antiquity. Moliere wrote plays based on those of Aristophanes; Racine based his tales on those of Euripides. The French novelists such as Corneille gave a classical coating to their works, gave their heroes Greek names, and Greek settings. In short, ancient study was considered an essential, and was indeed necessary to a proper understanding of French literature.

The French writers desired above all things absolute perfection of style. They wished their works to be intellectual productions, clear, yet flashing, appealing to the senses. They copied ancient patterns, the lyric, the epistle, the epic, the tragedy. French are like the classic plays. They have unity of time and place, and above all, they have a moral purpose.

"The French also adopted the classic view of life. According to them the function of literature was to discover new truths about life. They wished to write quotable things. Their heroes are types rather than individuals, as are ours. French literature has the defects of its qualities. It lacks emotion and passion, heart and imagination. It has no genius; therefore it has no real poetry.

"There were certain temporary ef-

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HOERNLE DEALS WITH FREEDOM OF WILL

Last Lecture of Course Takes up Four Meanings of "Freedom of Will."

RATIONALITY IN DECISION

With This Qualification, the Will is Free to Decide and to Assert Itself.

Professor Hoernle's lectures of this week, dealt with the problems of the freedom of the will. They are the last of the course. He spoke in part as follows:

"There are four senses in which the expression, the freedom of the will may be taken. Morally, the will is said to have freedom when the baser impulses are subject to the higher or main purposes of life; socially, a sort of social relation is implied by the expression; theologically it has reference to one's subjection to the divine will. The scientific viewpoint will occupy the rest of the discussion.

"It has been argued that volition is like any other event in nature which is the result of cause. Hence choice or will is but an illusion. Mr. Russell maintains that if knowledge were complete, all actions might be predicted. It is because of our deficiency or our ignorance that we cannot predict the future or in other words complete knowledge would destroy the freedom of will. A freedom, thus based upon ignorance is no more to be desired.

"The consideration of the influence upon the action of a man by his knowledge of his future leads to implications which destroy the value of such reasoning.

"Bergson approaches the matter in a totally different way. His argument consists in an attempt to show that a scientific explanation of the problem is inadequate and to demonstrate what freedom consists in.

"He says that natural sciences deal only with material in physical laws. They may explain nature in so far as it is a machine. When we try to employ them for explaining our conscious experiences we falsify them. They go very well for explaining repeated effort but not for accumulative effort such as that of an organism of the mind.

"He conceives of the error of the scientists' explanation as resting in the fact that they specialize time, that is they conceive of time as space.

"In order to determine the meaning of the freedom of the will the process of making an actual decision will be considered. A person in making a decision grows into his decision. Every moment brings a fresh development. The will has the more freedom, the closer the decision approaches the expression of his real

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1918.

James M. Cline --- News Editor

Give to the Red Cross.

The Red Cross has recently begun another drive for funds to carry on its work of mercy and healing. We are beginning to see posters of women dressed in the nurse uniform stretching forth their hands, and we can almost hear a prayer issuing from their lips. They seem to say to us, "Give us, O ye who dwell in safety and comfort; give us the wherewithal to lighten and do away with the sufferings of those who are risking their lives to make this very security of yours lasting." And shall we refuse that plea? Shall we turn our backs and stop our ears to the cry for that which will alleviate mortal pains? If we give to the Red Cross, to the "Ministering Angels of Mercy," we give to a cause that asks not for itself, that is devoted to a task calling for the sacrifice to self. We give to a cause that goes out amid the iron downpour of death, not to bring more death, but to save the children of war-wearied, begrimed civilization. That is the mission and purpose of the Red Cross. No living man could give his money and his time for a worthier purpose. The Red Cross saves life in the very midst of death and terror. It soothes the last moments of him who has made the supreme sacrifice; it eases

the pain of the wounded; it comforts and cheers the convalescent. The Red Cross is the shining beacon which assures us that humanity and human kindness is still alive. It is all that redeems war from utter savagery.

It is to such a cause that we are asked to subscribe. The money of any one of us may be the means of saving the life of one of "our boys." The money that is given to the Red Cross may indeed be the means of saving any one of our lives. No one of us can tell but that next year or in ten years we shall be at the front. And then, what if the Red Cross should not be able to continue its more than noble work for lack of funds! Then, and only then, could we feel what our soldiers feel when they lack sufficient bandages, medicine and the other comforts of a war-existence.

The American people, by reputation extravagant in trifles, will surely live up to that reputation in this most serious matter. The open-heartedness and freedom of the Westerner, the hospitality of the Southerner, the human kindness of the New Englander, all combine to give us the name of a generous people. Now is the time to show whether we are in our heart of hearts really of a giving nature. Now must we show the stuff we are made of. What is to be our answer to the prayer that ever trembles on the lips of the Red Cross nurse?

By the request of a prominent alumnus, Mr. Daniel Seymour, '66, the Commencement Program will appear for the remaining issues of THE CONCORDIENSIS this season.

Thursday, June 6th — Prize oratory of Sophomores and Juniors, College Chapel, 7:30 P. M.
Friday, June 7th — Everyman's reception and dancing in Hanna Hall, 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. Class Day exercises, Captain Jackson's Garden, 2:30 P. M. Everyman's Dinner, Golf Club, 6:00 P. M., followed by entertainment.

Saturday June 8th — Alumni Day, 10:00 A. M., alumni parade. 10:30 A. M., meeting of College Board of Trustees, President's office. 11:00 A. M., flag raising and review of classes by Waldron Cup Committee. 12 M., election of Alumni Trustees. 2:30 P. M., baseball, Union vs. Rochester. 4:30 to 6:00 P. M., President's reception, President's house. 7:30 P. M., general gathering on Alexander Field; drill by College R. O. T. C. 9:00 P. M., dancing for members of college battalion, in Alumni Gymnasium.

Sunday, June 9th — Vesper Services under Nott Elm in Jackson's Garden, 5:00 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon, 7:30 P. M., in First Presbyterian Church.

Monday, June 10th — Commencement Exercises and address by Robert Lansing, Honorary Chancellor, 10:00 A. M. Review of Battalion by General March.

INTERFRATERNITY

COUNCIL MEETS

The Interfraternity Conference will meet Friday afternoon at 1 P. M. in the Publication Rooms to elect officers for the coming year.

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DRAMATIC AND MAN-DOLIN CLUBS ELECT

The Dramatic Club will meet in Silliman Hall at 7:00 o'clock tonight to elect officers for the coming year. Following the Dramatic Club's meeting, the Mandolin Club will elect its next year's leader.

NEW MEMBERS OF SIGMA XI SOCIETY INITIATED

The six members of the Senior class, who were recently elected to the Sigma Xi, were initiated last evening in the chemical laboratory: John D. Brown, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Henry A. Clark of Williamsport, Pa.; Bruce A. Hainsworth, of Gloversville; Ernest R. Slade, of Gloversville; and August John, Jr., of Schenectady.

After the initiation ceremonies Dr. Edward Ellery made the address of the evening, on the very interesting subject: "Ammunition from Illuminating Gas."

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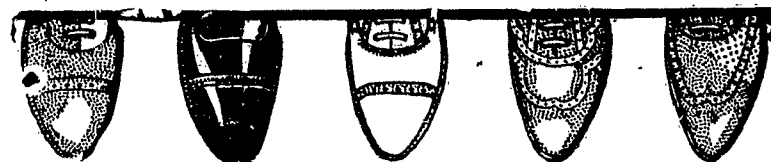
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The Tank Corps, being strictly a motorized fighting unit, requires a personnel largely composed of artisans or technically trained men, supported by the usual clerical and incidental forces. While men with technical knowledge are required, such training is not essential, for all men who possess force, stamina and initiative, and who combine with these qualities a good physique or sufficient physical strength to hold up under active service, will be accepted for the Tank Corps.

All men enter this service as privates, but receive promotion, according to the occupational classifications, immediately upon the attainment of the knowledge of military duties and customs incidental to these classifications and grades. Early promotions to the highest non-commissioned offices are available, and from the non-commissioned personnel the future commissioned personnel of the Tank Corps will be largely drawn. No commissions will be made in the Tank Corps from civil life.

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One month of military training at the Naval Training Camp, Pelham Bay Park, New York.

One month at the U. S. Navy Steam Engineering School.

Two months' practical training on board ships and in repair shops in the vicinity of New York.

One month finishing course at the U. S. Navy Steam Engineering School.

The school is open to men between twenty-one and thirty, who are physically qualified, of thorough ability and officer-like character, and who have completed the engineering course at any recognized technical school.

This school presents particular desirable opportunities to the young technical man, both in affording him a proper outlet for his trained facilities during the war, and in rounding out his college work with a practical course and school experience which will be of value to any engineer.

The service that a graduate from the school will perform will be that of an engineer-officer in the auxiliary service of the navy. A graduate of the school will be commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve Force.

Information has been sent to all reg-

The pay of the enlisted personnel of the army, both in domestic and foreign service, to which additions are made in the case of wife, or certain other dependents, run from \$30 (monthly) of the private to \$60 of the first class sergeant.

It is understood that the pay is in addition to meals, quarters and travel incidental to military service.

Several occupational classifications have closed, the authorized quota having been obtained, and as each quota is filled, the corresponding class will close without notice.

In the personnel of this corps are many college men who have been attracted to this service by the splendid opportunity for advancement, and the elements of interest and danger which are characteristic of "Tank" operation.

The development of the "Tanks" both as to use and type is still in its infancy and the opportunity to the man of resourcefulness and inventiveness to aid in a constructive way to increase the destructive qualities of the American Tank service carries an unique appeal to a man of ability and courage.

An officer from the Tank Corps has been sent to this city for the express purpose of interviewing and selecting qualified men for this service. He will be at 246 State Street, Board of Trade Room, from 11 A. M. to 8 P. M., on May 22nd and 23rd.

istered technical schools and should be on file at the presidents office. For any additional details application can be made to the Civilian Director, U. S. Navy Engineering School, Stevens Institutet, Hoboken, N. J.

Any men, graduates or undergraduates, who are registered in the draft can enroll with the proper enrolling officer by securing from the draft board a letter of release which in all probability can be obtained for this purpose, provided the men are not included in the current draft quota.

Special provision has been made for the continuance of the school with proper material by a navy regulation which permits under-graduates of the Freshman, Sophomore & Junior classes in recognized engineering schools to enroll in the navy with a rating seaman second class and continue their courses at the institutions where they have matriculated. Such men will be called into active service after their graduation and can at that time if they are physically qualified to pass an officer's physical examination, enroll for the course at the U. S. Navy Steam Engineering School.

BATTALION NOTES.

The Battalion will be mustered for the last time next Friday. This will mark the close of the first year of the renewed military course at Union. Although the organization is far from perfect as yet, the work of the first year has been achieved and a firm foundation laid for the work of the next year.

There have been two more promotions in the past week. Harold Hawley 19 has been appointed Quartermaster, and Russell Hartman '19, acting Quartermaster-Sergeant.

MAJ.-GEN. MARCH TO BE-COME FULL GENERAL

It is reported that Major-General Peyton C. March, the brother of Professor John March of the Modern Language Department, will soon be named a full general and chief-of-staff. General Tasker Bliss, whose place General March was taking, will be named a brevet general.

According to Secretary of War Baker, General March's nomination will undoubtedly pass the senate quickly and without opposition. The secretary was told that the senate thinks very well of General March and regards him as a man of action with an hatred of delay or red tape.

According to a decision made by the student council of Cornell, the Seniors will not wear the cap and gown at commencement this year.

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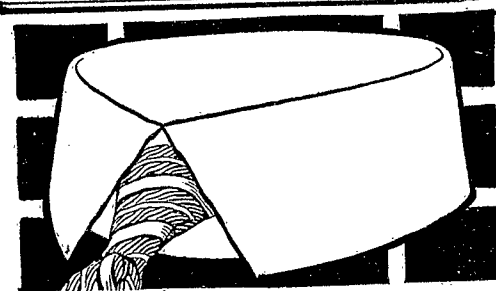
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Oxford and Cambridge Universities have appointed representative committees of hospitality to encourage visits to them by American college men. An unusual opportunity is thus given to see the English universities under the most favorable conditions. Members of the American University Union who wish to avail themselves of the privilege may do so by arrangement with the Director of the London Branch of the Union.

All American college men in Great Britain are urged to register, either in person or by mail, their name, college and class, degree, (if any), and European mail address. Registration blanks may be had on application to the London office.

Applications for rooms should be addressed direct to the St. James' Hotel, Bury Street, (Telegrams, "Suppings, London").

Inquiries, except as to Hotel reservations, should be addressed to the Director of the London Branch of the American University Union, 16 Pall Mall East, London, S. W. I.

HOERNLE DEALS WITH FREEDOM OF WILL

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self.

"It may be said in addition that the prediction of an event is in reality the predoing of that event. One puts himself in the same circumstances and goes through somewhat the same line of reasoning as will the individual whose decision he is predicting. There is, therefore, a certain rational quality to a decision. With this quali-

fication we may say that the will is free to decide and in the same degree as the person's individuality is able to assert itself in that decision.

DR. MARCH ADDRESSES CLASSICAL CLUB

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facts which classicism had on French thought and literature. To the people of the French Revolution, the great charm of the classics lay in their moral and political freedom, heroism, and unbending morality. Intolerance of the classics was dominant throughout the French Revolution. Robespierre was a sort of Cato; Charlotte Corday a sort of female Brutus. France saw classicism through the medium of Plutarch, the medium of ideals and romance. Present classical scholars through their search for truth about the classics have destroyed all illusion and have shown that the ancients were men like ourselves. They are now trying to revive for adventitious reasons the interest in classicism."

After the lecture a short business meeting was held. The next meeting of the club will take place sometime next September.

SCHENECTADY RAILWAY MGR. SPEAKS HERE FRIDAY

Mr. J. P. Barnes, General Manager of the Schenectady Railway, will address the Civil Engineering students of the College on Friday, May 24th, at 9 o'clock A. M. in Room 106, General Engineering Building. The lecture is open to any student who wishes to attend. Mr. Barnes is one of the younger technical executives of the modern industrial world and is worth hearing.

The students of Ohio State University voted down the honor system by a majority of 103 votes. The fact that a student was likened to a spy on his fellow students was one of the objectionable features.

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Tufts College has announced that it will give a summer course in Chemistry, Biology and Physics, so that college men who lack these subjects may enter the Medical School in September, 1918.

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