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ATHLETIC BOARD FAILS TO REACH DECISION

Tables Motion to Debar Albany Departments From Participation in Union College Athletics.

FUNDS LACKING FOR HOCKEY APPROPRIATION

Baseball, Football, and Track Schedules are Ratified.

At the meeting of the Athletic Board Monday evening the question of debarring men of the Albany departments of the University from participation in Union athletics was discussed. There were many points brought up in favor of both sides of the question and the Board came to the conclusion that the whole matter ought properly to be put before the Student Body before any final action is taken.

Professor Opdyke presented an estimate of the finances for the year. Because of lack of funds it was not thought advisable to make any appropriation for a hockey rink, in spite of the interest and the enthusiasm which the undergraduates have shown in the revival of hockey.

It was suggested that the dance proceeds which last year were donated by the Interfraternity Conference might be used for the construction of a rink, but the Board was of the opinion that these funds might be used to better advantage for the purchase of new bleachers to be used at the ends of the basketball court.

The baseball, football, and track schedules for next season were ratified subject to the approval of the faculty.

Dr. Moon presented his resignation from the executive committee, and it was accepted with regret by the Board. Mr. William Cronkhite was elected in his place.

BAND TO PLAY TO-NIGHT.

The College Band held its usual practice Tuesday evening, in preparation for the basket ball season. The band will play at the Clarkson game to-night. At Tuesday's practice several new and up-to-date band pieces were rehearsed.

CALENDAR.

To-Night.

8:00—Union vs. Clarkson Tech.
Friday.

8:00 P. M.—Witter Bynner
Lecture in Chapel.

9:30 P. M.—Sophomore Soiree.

Saturday.

3-6 P. M.—Psi Upsilon Tea.

8:00 P. M.—Union vs. State College.



"THERE IS A TIME TO DANCE"—ECCL. III. SOPHOMORE SOIREE TOMORROW

Beautiful girls, wonderful music, delicious eats, irresistible punch,—that's what you will find at the gym tomorrow night; and all in abundance. The Sophomore Soiree bids fair to start the winter social season of the college with one of the best dances of recent years.

Next to the girls, who will be more charming than ever in gowns especially designed for the occasion, the big feature of the dance is to be Van Eps's banjo orchestra of Plainfield, N. J. The snappy twang of the banjo will certainly make you "shuffle yo' feet," and at four o'clock Saturday morning you'll forget all about chapel and classes and wish that that syncopation would only last forever.

The catering will be done by Cirker of Schenectady, who will furnish an excellent supper, not neglecting the extraordinary pastry for which he is justly famous.

The decorating of the gymnasium has already begun. Red, white and blue banners have been used to conceal effectively the iron girders and the dancing floor will be covered with a canopy of garnet and white streamers. An abundance of evergreen will cover the side walls and will be used elsewhere as part of the general decorative scheme.

Remember the Scriptural injunction which, as Johnny Bennett says, not only urges but even demands your presence at the Soiree. The dance starts at nine-thirty and will continue until four.

PARTS ARE CHOSEN FOR MUSICAL COMEDY

"For You Alone," Delightful Waltz Theme of Dramatic Club Production.

Most of the parts for the musical comedy which the Dramatic Club is to present in February, were chosen at the Meeting of the club Tuesday evening. Rowe will play Ned Dale, the hero, and Talbot the part of Fritz, the foil. The leading feminine role and two character parts, Mr. Dale and Peters have not yet been filled. Hulshizer is to be the soubrette, Gladys, and Chapman the ingenue, Grace, Williams will play Alex, the critic, and A. Hawn Vernon, the temperamental Englishman.

The complete arrangement of the music, which was written by Ralph Knight, has been finished and rehearsals of both music and parts are being held. Unlike the usual musical comedy, "The Best Little Woman in the World" (which seems to be the title finally accepted by the Purity League) will have no opening choruses and

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DELTA PHI WINS SCHOLARSHIP CUP

Student Body Amends Rule 13 of Rules and Customs.

At the end of chapel service last Monday Dr. Richmond announced the award of the Berg cup to the Delta Phi Fraternity. This is the first time since the cup was first awarded that the Pyramid Club has not won it. The cup is awarded to the fraternity whose members maintain the highest average for the year. The Delta Phi's have an average for 1915-16 of 77.9 against 80.5 which the Pyramid Club had for the year 1914-15. For 1915-16 the Pyramid Club stands second with 77.7 and Beta Theta Pi third with 76.9.

At student meeting the rule prohibiting Freshmen to leave the campus before 5:30 on the day of the Freshman banquet was amended so that a Freshman may leave before that time provided he is through classes before that hour.

GARNET FIVE FACES CLARKSON TONIGHT

Basketball Season Opens With Game Against Northern New York Team of Strong Reputation.

VARSITY CONFIDENT

Evening Practice Accustoms Men to Actual Conditions of Game.

The varsity that will oppose Clarkson Tech tonight in the opening game of the season will probably be Captain Scoby, r.f.; Haubner, l.f.; Jones, c.; Yovits, l.g.; and Moynihan, r.g. Several changes in the combination have been made necessary during the week because of uncertain conditions. Galbraith has been temporarily out of the game with an infected foot. Jones is taking his place at center. Witner has been obliged to leave the squad because of his studies but it is expected that his work will soon be made up.

The second team has shown up well in recent practices, and the combination of Beaver, Cassidy, Hanley, Peaslee and Hathaway has kept the varsity hustling all week.

Scoby has good drive and seems to put pep into the team. Haubner is playing an aggressive game and is showing good team work. Neither he nor Yovits, upon whom will fall the brunt of the foul shooting, have perfected their eye for the basket. Yovits, though suffering with a bad knee, is playing in good form.

The team is in excellent shape for the early season, and will put up a hard, aggressive game against Clarkson Tech. The evening practice has accustomed the men to the actual conditions under which they must play in the games.

George Tilden will referee tonight's game.

MANY DEBUTANTES AT SIGMA PHI DANCE.

The Sigma Phi fraternity gave a formal dance last night which was attended by many Albany and Troy debutantes. The chaperones were Mrs. Clement F. Theisen of Albany, Mrs. Twining of Troy, and Mrs. Erben of Schenectady. Dancing continued until one o'clock, and the music was furnished by Pantin's orchestra.

Among the Albany guests were the Misses Peggy Cox, Frederica McClung, Lydia Hun, Elsie Hun, Katherine Peltz, Julia McKinney, Elizabeth Cushman, Eliza Paige, Grace Carter and Agnes Warner; from Troy, the Misses Nomina

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FRESHMAN

EXAMINATIONS.

The faculty has decided to give brief examinations in all freshman courses before the Christmas vacation to determine more accurately the standing of the individual members of the class. Under the former system it was difficult to find out whether a man was weak or not in any particular subject, and many men who were hopelessly behind were carried along for another month and then dropped when it was too late for them to really accomplish anything by returning to their preparatory or high school. This the faculty has felt to be an injustice to the freshman.

It is quite apparent that a freshman might much better be in school studying the fundamentals instead of constantly getting further behind in college work that is beyond him. Besides being a waste of time for him it has a bad influence upon his classmates and tends to lower scholarship standards.

Men who have any possible chance of passing the final examinations will be given every opportunity. These examinations will undoubtedly make many freshmen who are on the ragged edge scholastically realize their position, and lead them to work more earnestly. Those who are hopelessly deficient will be able to return to school and to secure a satisfactory preparation which will mean success for them next year.

SECTIONAL AND HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

There have been established at various times here at Union clubs made up of men who come from certain districts or who have prepared at the same high school or "prep." The advantages of these clubs are two-fold. First, they serve to hold together boy-

hood friends, and secondly, they encourage other men from these sections and schools to come to Union.

It is unfortunate that many high school boys when they come away to college break off school friendships which ought to be preserved. Those who are attending the same college can still keep in touch with their old chums through these clubs.

The influence which sectional and high school clubs may exercise over sub-freshmen may often decide the matter in Union's favor. Furthermore by sending literature of the college and by writing personal letters to prospective men, the members of such organizations can greatly aid the publicity work of Union.

There are many districts and schools which are largely represented at Union, and their men would do well to follow the example of the vigorous Buffalo Club and the newly established Gloversville High School Club.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Freshmen Bible Classes, which have been studying "Student Standards of Action" during the fall months, are rapidly approaching the end of the course. More than twenty-five men have attended the classes, and teachers in charge were Messrs. Faust, Clough, Tregurtha, A. Hown, Chapman and Imrie. It is planned to end the course with a "get-together" in Silliman Hall.

Following the Vesper Service of Sunday, Vespers will be discontinued until January 14th, when the Rev. Dr. Noble will be the speaker.

Sunday's service will be held in Silliman Hall, as usual, and will be addressed by the Rev. M. O. Van Keuren of the local Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Hugh Williams and the Christian Education Committee are planning the Mission Study courses for the coming semester. The course will be somewhat delayed through the inability to secure text books.

CLASSICAL CLUB.

Mr. Taylor read the paper written by Mr. Stein before the Classical Club on Tuesday evening. The essay traced in a very able manner the complex history of the later Roman empire and excellently portrayed the changing fortunes of the decline of the once great world-power, assailed by Persians, Saracens, Arabians, the wild Mongol tribes of Asia, and the Turk, and its final domination by the Teuton.

The next meeting will be held on January 9th and a paper on "The Minor Poems of Virgil" will be given by Dr. Kellogg.

BLACK CAT MEETS.

The Black Cat Club met at Joe's Monday night at 10. Harold Cook read selections from Vachel Lindsay, and added a few comments of appreciation.

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"THE RETURN OF THE POETS."

Subject of Bynner's Lecture.

Under the auspices of the English Club, Witter Bynner, an American poet, will speak in the College chapel Friday, December 15 on "The Return of the Poets." Mr. Bynner has established a wide reputation throughout the country as one of the foremost modern poets. He has published a number of volumes of verse as well as several plays, among which "The Tiger," a well directed and scathing picture of the horrors of life in the underworld of New York, has won special prominence.

Mr. Bynner is well qualified to speak on modern poets because of his wide acquaintance with the works of the poets of the present day. He will interpret the works of such poets as Robert Frost, who, it will be remembered spoke at Union last year, Amy Lowell, Edgar Masters, Vachel Lindsay and others, besides reading and commenting on some of his own creations at the close of his lecture.

The poet is a young man, a graduate of Harvard University and a former associate editor of McClure's Magazine. His poetry is not pastoral, but is a vigorous presentation of the world as it is,

CHEMICAL SOCIETY DISCUSSES "DYESTUFFS."

The Union College Chemical Society held an interesting meeting Monday, December 11th, in the large lecture room of the Chemical Laboratory. Mr. W. C. Arsen, of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company was the speaker and choose for his topic "THE CHEMISTRY OF DYESTUFFS." After the lecture a short discussion brought out some of the reasons why the United States was having such a hard time in making dyestuffs since the war in Europe has prevented our getting such dyes from Germany.

deriving his inspiration from every day life. He is intensely human, appealing to the sympathies in a startling way.

The lecture is a continuance of the series of lectures given by the English Club. Last year John Masfield and the year before that Alfred Noyes came here under the auspices of the English Club.

Tickets are now on sale at the College office, and members of the English Club also have them. They are to be obtained for fifty cents each to students and seventy five cents to those not connected with the college. Guests of the students who are going to the Soiree will be admitted at the same price as students.

PSI UPSILON TEA FORMAL OPENING

Saturday's Tea First Large Function to be Held in Newly Remodeled House.

The Psi Upsilon fraternity will give a tea dance from three to six next Saturday afternoon. This affair will serve as the formal opening of their recently remodeled house to Schenectady society and to the college. In the receiving line will be Mrs. Horatio Glen, Mrs. Arthur Dougall and Mrs. Dudley R. Kathan.

Pantin's orchestra will furnish the music.

The guests will have an opportunity to inspect the house which has been largely altered during the summer and has been almost entirely refurnished. The lower floor is finished in oak and the various rooms are papered in blending shades of brown. The round room on the west is furnished with Jacobean furniture tapestry upholstered. The old dining room is now used as a library and is to be furnished with easy chairs in mottled brown leather. The dining-room, which will seat sixty comfortably, has panelled walls finished with a brown leather paper. The Price Memorial Window, which was formerly in the reception hall, has been placed at one end of the dining room where it appears to much better advantage.

The music room which is east of the reception hall, is to be furnished in brown wicker with cretonne cushions. All the hangings are of brown velour, and the curtains are white lace net with golden brown over-curtains. A room in the basement is to be finished and utilized as a billiard room.

The enlargement of the house makes possible the accommodation of twenty-six men instead of fifteen, and all the members of the fraternity are now staying at the house, except those who are living at home. Last year it was necessary for several members to live in the dormitories. There are eight studies and bed rooms on the second floor, and five on the third. The active chapter of Psi Upsilon now numbers thirty-two men.

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General—Nineteen college presidents were present at the conference held by the War Department at the Army War College in Washington in order to discuss in their respective institutions the advisability of military courses

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Michigan—The engineering school has established a new honor system. There is no faculty legislation, no signing of pledges, or committee. The student takes the exam on his honor and is allowed to come and go when he

ANNIVERSARY OF BIG SNOW.

Many students have recalled that on December 13th last year college was closed because of the heavy blizzard when over forty inches of snow fell.

pleases; if he sees any cheating, he is supposed to stop it, either by privately speaking to the "cribber" or else by calling the attention of the class to the matter.

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finales. It is a play into which music has been woven, rather than a group of songs about which a play has been built. Every song has some definite part in the plot. The play is built up after the manner of "The Only Girl."

The musical hit is the big waltz theme, "For You Alone," "She Is Sure Some Girl," is the featuring rag number. There is a bass waltz, "Travel and Dreams," and a quartet number, "Ever Side by Side." Other songs are "You Wonder Girl," "Oh Hawaii," "Love Letters" and "Every Girlie Has a Soldier Boy." A few specialties are to be inserted, among which will be impersonations of Frank Tinney and Al Jolson. Anyone who has any specialties such as imitations or comedy work are urged to submit them at once. A call for candidates for the chorus, which will number ten or twelve "girls," will be issued shortly.

Harold Sammons has been appointed stage manager of this production.

MANY DEBUTANTES AT SIGMA PHI DANCE

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Twining, Eleanor Ide, Sarah Ide, Heart Shields, Elizabeth Thomas, Helen Morris, Mary Warren and Marjorie Cluett; from Schenectady, the Misses Caroline Hall, Priscilla Hall, Dorothy Pearson, Elizabeth Gifford, Elizabeth Veeder, and Margaret Edwards; from Waterford, Miss Hazel Griffin and Miss Esther Hawley; from Montclair, N. J., Miss Harrison and Miss Hunter; from New York City, Miss Ethel Potter.

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