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FINAL ACTION TAKEN ON ALBANY MATTER

Athletic Board Advises Albany Colleges of Its Ruling.

COMM. HUNTING COACH

Members of Board and Graduate Council Look for Possible Successor to Dawson.

Prof. Opdyke yesterday dispatched a letter to the deans of the Albany colleges advising them of the action taken by the Athletic Board Wednesday evening when it was decided to confine membership on Union College teams to undergraduates. This action was taken as a result of the motion passed by the student body at college meeting a week ago last Monday to the effect that the teams should be restricted to undergraduates of the college. The text of the letter is as follows:

"At a meeting of the Athletic Board of Union College on January 24th, it was voted that 'hereafter membership on our teams shall be limited to undergraduates in Union College,' thus debarring all graduate students here, and all members of the Albany Professional Schools of the University.

"Limitation of this sort is increasingly coming to be the rule in the best colleges and universities, and we have desired only to make Union's practice conform to the best.

"We gratefully appreciate the cordial co-operation in athletics which Albany students have given us in the past, and we hope that the friendliest relations will continue to exist in the future, between the students of the several departments of the University.

"Very sincerely yours,
"HOWARD OPDYKE,
"Chairman."

This letter was sent to Dr. Thomas Ordway, Dean of the Albany Medical College, J. Newton Fiero, LL.D., Dean of the Albany Law School and Dr. Willis G. Tucker, Dean of the Albany College of Pharmacy.

At this meeting of the athletic board, at which Coach Dawson's resignation was received, it was decided that the Executive Committee of the Board which is composed of Prof. Opdyke, Dr. Moon and Clarence Bull '17, should act in conjunction with the committee of the Graduate Council on undergraduate activities in obtaining information concerning prospective candidates for the position of coach. These committees will

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MANY HOUSE PARTIES FORETELL LARGE ATTENDANCE AT JUNIOR PROMENADE

Am. Towne, Guy Beckett and the rest of the Prom Committee have concluded all the arrangements for the Prom and are now resting on their oars until the time comes to fling the garnet and white streamers across the steel girders in the gym, string up banners and pennants, unroll a few rugs around the edges of the floor, bring in some chairs and settees, let loose the orchestra and shout "On with dance."

The orchestra which will be at the Prom has a reputation for awakening the most somnolent feet and making them twinkle brilliantly. Nutall will do the catering, and he has a reputation for concocting things to eat, succulent, luscious, delicious. The mem-

bers of the committee have a reputation for putting over the goods and the Junior class has a reputation for putting ginger into everything with which it is concerned.

The Junior class will attend the Prom en masse. All the fraternities on the hill are having house parties and so there will be a host in line behind the Juniors. Four dollars and fifty cents is the price of participating in the party. Add \$1.50 for programs and you have the sum total.

The Interfraternity Conference will publish a Junior Week program which will sell for sixty cents. Louis Mann and Harold Sammons are the committee in charge.

BASKETBALL TEAM AT AMHERST TONIGHT

Winning Combination of Last Week Will Start the Game.

The basketball team left yesterday at 1:15 for Amherst. Moynihan, Jones, Galbraith, Scoby, Hathaway, Peaslee and Goff made the trip. Coach Dawson expects to send onto the floor the combination that beat Williams last Saturday night: Moynihan, left forward; Jones, right forward; Galbraith, centre; Scoby, right guard, and Hathaway, left guard.

The last half of the practice Thursday night showed more speed and pep than any of the former trials; the passwork was snappy and effective and the shooting, both from the field and from the foul line was exceptionally good. Galbraith in particular showed great improvement in foul shooting and is expected to share with Hathaway the great majority of foul scores.

Last year the team returned defeated from Amherst but they retrieved their fallen fortune when Amherst played here. The Williams game last week proved that the Garnet had come back after the R. P. I. and Columbia catastrophes and from Amherst's record so far this year the prospects are bright that last year's result at Amherst will not be duplicated.

SENIORS TRIM SOPHS:

JUNIORS FALL TO FROSH

Two inter-class games were played in the gym yesterday afternoon. The Seniors came off victorious in a contest against the Sophs with the score 10-9. The Frosh wrested victory from the Juniors by two points.

DR. NOBLE SPEAKS IN SILLIMAN HALL

Schenectady Clergyman Will Be Heard Tomorrow at Vesper Services.

Dr. E. A. Noble of the local First Methodist Church, will address the Sunday vespers service.

Dr. Noble, who is a member of the Advisory Board of the College Association, is well known to Union men and has spoken on the campus at various occasions. He is known as an eloquent and interesting lecturer, and he bases his addresses upon subjects of general interest and particular value to college men.

The Vesper Service will be held in Silliman Hall as usual, beginning at 4:30 and preceded by a short social song service.

FORENSIC WARRIORS FOR ADELPHIC TEAM PICKED

The members of the Adelphe Literary Society tried out yesterday afternoon for the team which will contest the Philomatheans in the Allison-Foote debate. The following were chosen by the judges and will speak in the order named: Dunn, '18, Ignatz Stein, '18, and Clyde Heatly, '18. F. G. Bascom '18 was made alternate.

The date of the debate has been changed to February 28. The question is, Resolved, That the United States should join the movement to secure an International League to Enforce Peace. The Adelpheics will uphold the affirmative, the Philomatheans the negative.

READY WRITERS HAVE CHANCE TO CUT H. C. L.

Cash Prizes Are Offered for Best Essays on Live Subjects.

RANGE FROM \$100 TO \$10

Military Service and the Prison Problem May Be Treated by Aspiring Essayists.

The fellow who weilds a "facile pen" and has the "gift o' gab wery gallopin'," as Tony Weller would say, can eke out a drained purse these days, if his horoscope was auspicious, by winning some of the prizes offered by various organizations for essays written on certain subjects. The Maryland League for National Defense offers prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25, and ten of \$10 each for essays on 'Universal Obligatory Military Training and Service.' One need not be afflicted with exuberant verbosity to compete for one of these prizes as they are not to be more than one thousand words in length, or about three times as long as the five minute orations delivered in Prof. McKean's rhetoric classes. The judges of the essays are five newspaper men, two connected with the New York Sun and the others with Baltimore papers. The Maryland League for National Defense is located at 810-811 Garrett Building, Baltimore, Md., and in its circular regarding the contest has the following to say:

"Prizes of \$100, \$50, \$25 and ten \$10 each are offered by the Maryland League for National Defense for the best essay of not more than 1,000 words on 'Universal Obligatory Military Training and Service.'

"In view of the very important part which the college men have and will continue to have in any system of defense, it is considered advisable that a special effort be made to have these men familiar with the vital principles underlying any sane system of Military Training.

"The judges of the contest will be representatives from the following five Baltimore papers: S. J. Davidson, of The Sun; Joseph Y. Brattan, of the Baltimore American; James Locke, of the Baltimore News; Frank F. Patterson, of The Evening Sun, and Walter R. Hough, of The Star.

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CALENDAR.

Sunday.

4:30—Vespers, Silliman Hall.

Monday.

8:00—Ichabod Spencer Lecture, chapel.

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THE HONOR SYSTEM.

"Damned custom" makes us lax in many things wherein we should be constantly alert. Unless Heaven fastens a gadfly upon us we sink into a lethargy and sleep, and contamination steals upon us unaware.

Mechanically signing the pledge of the Honor System we are in danger of forgetting for the moment what it means. We have had few reminders during the past year. The Freshman class particularly has had little to impress the significance of the pledge upon them. It is imperative that they and the rest of the student body shake off this downy sleep—death's counterfeit—before they look on death itself.

We do not mean that there is danger of wholesale cribbing. Unless some vile infection breaks out in some class there is no danger of that. But we do not believe that in the student body as a whole there is a consciousness of the personal responsibility incumbent upon each man to see to it that any violation is reported to the Honor Court.

To fail to report a violation which comes under your notice is as much a violation on your part as cribbing. If you have detected a violation and have not reported it or have resolved not to report it, you break your word of honor just as much as you would to sign the pledge after deliberately copying an answer.

The Freshmen must understand that the prep-school prejudice again "squealing" is puerile and that adherence to it is subversive of the Honor System. And they must understand that the Honor System is not to be subverted. And all other students need to remember that keeping the pledge does not end merely with refraining from cribbing.

THE BAND

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely. . . . Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven." Unfortunate though the lot of the Band may seem to be in this world, they at least have promise of a happy after-life when with the angel Gabriel they may blow a blast that will resound through all eternity. "All manner of evil" has been said against the Band, some perhaps not falsely, and most in a good-natured way. Even the pulpit has not spared them, but it may be that the pulpit lives too near their place of practice. We live far out of sound and hearing of Silliman Hall (possibly we should be grateful for our good fortune, from a musical and not a religious standpoint, however), and we cannot therefore comment on the Band at practice.

But certainly on the recent occasions when the Band has appeared in public, it has been "there." What would the Frosh Parade have been without the Band in their devils' costumes? We have seen what a tremendous difference in the spirit and "pep" of the crowd, the presence of the Band has made. Everybody is excited by the sounding brass, and civilians as well as soldiers can be inspired with martial strains. It serves to create an atmosphere of intense enthusiasm for the audience and of triumphal glory for the team. The men on the court feel the same thrill of encouragement from the burst of music in the balcony that they get from the long yell of the student body in the bleachers.

The Band has now become an institution which we can never allow to fall back into such a lethargy as it did last year, and the only way we can help them to hold their own and to make further advances is to give those fifteen or twenty men who are giving generously of their time, effort and ability, the appreciation and encouragement which they well deserve.

WITH OTHER COLLEGES.

Brown—Under the stimulus of a competition for a prize scholarship cup, the fraternity men of Brown have greatly improved their standing in the class room and now for the first time in the history of the institution lead the non-fraternity men.

Amherst—Scott M. Buchanan, a graduate of Amherst in the class of 1916 has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford university as a result of a competitive examination open to representatives of all Massachusetts colleges.

New Hampshire—In a week's time the students of the University of New Hampshire built a structure around the university athletic field. They did all the work, including the building of the bleachers and grandstand, and spent only \$500 for the entire construction.

Wesleyan—Three hundred undergraduates of Wesleyan University have already signed a petition favoring the adoption of a course in military training in the curriculum.

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"The rules governing the contest are as follows:

"Essays must not exceed 1,000 words.

"Only one side of the paper is to be used.

"All essays are to be typewritten.

"The name and address of the author must appear on the upper left hand corner of the first page of each essay.

"All essays must be received at the offices of the League, 810 Garrett Build, before February 15, 1917.

"All essays received are subject to use by the League.

"Articles and information on the subject will gladly be furnished by the League.

"It is desirable to compete for the essay by writing from one view-point rather than to present a general discussion of the subject."

The offer of the National Committee on Prisons for essays on phases of the prison problem is less attractive, for they offer to undergraduates only one prize, which is twenty-five dollars. Their circular is less copious in its supply of information, contestants being advised to write for further particulars. Here it is:

"The National Committee on Prisons, through the courtesy of Mr. Adolph Lewisohn, is offering

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report to the Athletic Board as soon as they have the names of prospects to submit. If it is possible to find a coach suitable for the baseball team Fred Dawson will be released at the close of the basketball season, but he will remain in case the Board is not successful in obtaining the services of a good baseball man.

It is the intention of the Athletic Board to have a general coach as in the past, if a good one is to be found, but if such a man is not available coaches for the different teams will be secured.

three prizes for theses or essays on phases of the prison problem.

"For a Master's Thesis, one prize of \$50.00.

"For an Undergraduate Essay, one prize of 25.

"For an Essay prepared by a student of a preparatory school, one prize of \$25.

"The judges will be: Professor James C. Egbert, director, extension teaching and summer session, Columbia University; Dr. Hastings H. Hart, director, child-helping department, Russell Sage Foundation; Hon. William H. Wadhams, Judge, Court of General Sessions, City of New York.

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La grippe and the vermiform appendix, have several students in bond. Shorty Reed, '19, is at the Ellis Hospital with appendicitis. An operation for appendicitis was recently performed there on Charley Deleplante, '19. Spencer B. Eddy, '18, and Bernadotte P. Lester, '18, are both suffering from grippe. Francis Shields has returned to college after being out several weeks on account of illness.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA INCORPORATES

Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha, which is the Union chapter, has obtained a certificate of incorporation. The certificate states that the fraternity "was organized for the purpose of uniting the efforts of the members of the association in the uplift and encouragement of student activities among the students of Union University.

The headquarters of the fraternity are at 208 Union Street.

EXPERT SPEAKS ON "CEMENT ROADS"

At a meeting of the Engineering Society, Wednesday evening, Mr. Dalsalle of the Portland Cement Association, gave an illustrated talk on the "Construction of Cement Roads." He pointed out the advantages of cement over brick and macadam for highway building.

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self were a partner and conducted here an upper branch."

We submit that this is a graphic description.

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An alumnus criticizes us for our lack of the personal touch. He maintains that we hold too much aloof for a newspaper covering so small a community. Accordingly we have resolved to essay a personal column. Here goes.

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BREVITIES.

Spen Eddy is on the sick list. Pretty slippery these days.

Louis Laguerre, '18, announces his engagement to Mdlle. Tootsie Ribbons, soubrette, of the Comedie Francais. Mdlle. Ribbons is at present nursing wounded poilus. She will be joined by M. Laguerre as soon as the French recapture the Champagne district.

Skook Vought, who was indisposed, is out again.

J. M. Furman, '89, a former resident, passed through Schenectady last week.

Looie Mann was in Albany recently.

Doc Richmond is spending a few days out of town.

Am Towne is week-ending in Amherst and vicinity.

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