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SQUADS PUT THROUGH FAST HARD PRACTICE

Several Teams Are Sent Against Varsity Five.

CLARKSON THURS. NIGHT.

Scrimmages Show Good Pass Work But Faulty Shooting Mars Play.

Tuesday evening the Union basketball team put in its final hard practice before the game with Clarkson Tech tomorrow night. At last the coaches have shown their ideas as to the make-up of the varsity.

The Brucher Brothers will play a forward and a guard. Joe Jones will jump center and Jack Collins will be the other forward. Captain Yavits will be found in his old position of right guard.

The practice last night was fairly fast and showed a great improvement on the pass work of the first squad. The basket shooting is not yet developed to the state of perfection that must appear if the season is to be a success but the coaches are hopeful and are putting a lot of time at this branch of the game. The squad this year is new to the collegiate branch of the sport, but they have a sound basis of prep school training to work on and should get into shape rapidly.

The varsity five was sent first against the Sophomore class team which it defeated after a brisk scrimmage. During this session the pass work was exceptionally good but poor shooting kept the score down. Several picked teams were next chosen to oppose the first string men and as they nearly equalled the varsity in speed the scrimmages were fast and somewhat rough. It would appear that unless more care is taken during practice that Union will be guilty of much unnecessary fouling during the regular games.

Clarkson Tech is more or less a unknown quantity this year but as her teams are generally composed of big rangy men who are somewhat over-trained in team work and somewhat undertrained in basket shooting, the game tomorrow night should be quite even and the score rather low.

CALENDAR.

Tonight

7:15—Press Club meeting in Press Club rooms.

8:00—Mandolin Club rehearsal in Silliman Hall.

Thursday

5:15—Lecture on Sermon on Mount in chapel. Dean Ripton speaks.

7:30—Clarkson Tech vs. Union in gymnasium.

Friday

8:00—Combined Musical Club's concert in gymnasium for benefit of Students' Friendship War Fund.

WASHBURN HALL CLOSED AND CLASS ROOMS SHIFTED TO CONSERVE FUEL

To conserve the coal supply of the college it has been decided to discontinue using the class rooms in Washburn Hall and to close the library in the evening. Dr. Barnes's office and the Graduate Council office in Washburn Hall will be the only rooms in that building to be heated. The swimming pool will also be closed from 11 to 12 A. M.

President Richmond in announcing these changes in chapel this morning put the quietus on rumors which have been afloat of late to the effect that college would close or that the Christmas vacation would be prolonged on account of a coal shortage. "We have coal," Dr. Richmond said, "but in common with all great users of coal we cannot obtain our normal supply, so that it will be necessary to economize in the use of our buildings. You may dispell any roseate dreams you may have of an extended vacation."

As a result of closing the class rooms in Washburn Hall the following shifts will be made:

Dean Ripton's classes meet in Dr. Barnes's class room in South Colonnade.

Mr. Waldron's classes meet in Room 107, Engineering Building.

Prof. McKean's classes meet in E 106 except on Monday at 11 o'clock when they meet in E 208.

Prof. March's classes in Logic and Advanced Psychology meet in E 201.

Prof. Stewart's classes from 8-9 and 11-12 meet in E 103 and from 9-10 and 10-11 in E 110.

Prof. Hill's Senior B. E. Economies meet in E 210.

Prof. Whipple's classes from 8-9 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays meet in E 207.

It has not yet been decided when the library will begin to close evenings.

CADET OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED TODAY

Battalion Reorganizes To Include But Three Companies Of Sixty Men Each.

Snow and frigid blasts of winter have, for the time being at least, put a stop to battalion drill on the parade ground. Although the rookies fell in yesterday in front of the flag pole, it was not long before they were marched into the gym. Yesterday's drill hour was devoted almost entirely to a reorganization into companies.

The four erstwhile companies have, as has been recommended by the orders of the War Department been combined into three. The roster of each company now includes the names of about sixty men, whereas it included only about forty under the former organization. Col. Goldman announced yesterday that each company's full complement of officers would be made public today. It is understood that cadets will be appointed to take all commissioned and non-commissioned positions which are held in regular army companies. This will mean that the offices of first lieutenants, second lieutenants, quarter master sergeant, etc., which did not exist under the old organization, will be created in the new and permanent one. Preliminary to the appointment of permanent officers, all temporary officers were yesterday reduced to the rank of privates.

Assignments in text-books other than the Infantry Drill Regulations will probably be given the battalion within a short time. A large number of reference books, including U. S. Army regulations, drill manuals of various army branches, and works on minor tactics, have been obtained by the Military Department and these will be used in conjunction with the winter class-room work.

BROCKWAY IS NAMED BASKETBALL MANAGER

Will Try To Schedule Game With Camp Upton—Gorham Plans Trip.

Almond C. Brockway, '18, was elected manager of basketball for the ensuing season, and W. R. Barnett, '19, was elected assistant manager, at a meeting of the Athletic Board in the gymnasium last night. They were chosen from among the men who were unsuccessful in the competitions for managerships of other sports, there being available no unsuccessful candidates for the previous basketball election.

Brockway is a member of Delta Upsilon. He was on the Freshman Peerage Committee last year and is a member of the Interfraternity Conference. Barnett is a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He is an associate editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS and a member of the Junior Prom Committee. He is also vice-president of the Press Club.

It was decided at this meeting of the Athletic Board to attempt to fill the only open date on the basketball schedule, February 23, with the team from Camp Upton.

Gorham, '19, acting manager of baseball, made a report on the schedule of games to be played during Easter vacation which he is attempting to arrange. Four games have thus far been secured, the expenses of which will amount to \$600. Gorham is endeavoring to slate another game with a southern college so that the guarantees may suffice to cover the expenses. In case he is unable to do so the Easter trip may be given up.

UNION TECHNICAL MEN SUBJECT TO EXEMPTION

President Announces In Chapel This Morning.

ENG. SOCIETY O. K.'S RULE

Estimated That 6000 Technical Students Will Be Affected By Department's Order.

President Richmond announced in chapel this morning that Union is among the colleges whose technical students will receive virtual exemption from the draft, if they fulfill certain conditions prescribed by the War Department. These conditions evidently amount to requiring a satisfactory standing in the technical courses.

President Richmond read a telegram which he has received from Milo S. Ketcham, president of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, which stated that the ruling of the War Department regarding technical students as announced Sunday in the newspapers was satisfactory. President Richmond said that he expects further advice from Washington regarding this ruling.

The following extract from "The Sun" was read by the President:

"Virtual exemption from the selective draft under certain prescribed conditions was given today to Engineering students in schools recognized by the War Department. The action resulted from a conference among Secretary Baker, Provost Marshal General Crowder and officials of the engineering societies.

"The students are viewed as military assets of the future and preferred classification is granted to them, as well as to medical students in certain cases so that they may complete their courses. They revert automatically to their former classification on graduation and may be called out immediately as enlisted men of the engineer reserve.

"The problem of engineering students in the draft was presented by Milo S. Ketcham of Boulder, Col., president of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering, and O. R. Mann, dean of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They filed with Mr. Baker copies of resolutions adopted by various engineering societies urging special consideration for engineering students because of the value of such men, when trained, to the military establishment. About 6,000 students in 117 recognized engineering colleges and schools are affected.

"After the conference Gen. Crowder issued an amendment to the selective draft regulations giving such students the same classification as student doctors. Where they can present certificates showing that they

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THE CONCORDIENSIS reporters will hereafter hand in all assignments to the editor at the Kappa Alpha Lodge, and they will report there at one o'clock on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to receive assignments instead of at THE CONCORDIENSIS office in Washburn Hall.

"The Law Demands It"

It is gradually being brought home to us that in these war times we cannot do in all things as we are accustomed to do. We are compelled to curtail comforts that we have been used to enjoying. The "sweet and commendable" thing to do is to meet the necessities of the hour with cheerful compliance. Patriotism is our Dictator, against whom the reasonable man will not rebel.

Although we may suffer inconvenience and discomfort, we may reflect that the old boys who like to taunt us with our modern "luxuries," were perhaps worse off than we shall be even in the uttermost deprivations to which the war may bring us.

Alumnus Praises Concordy.

The Harvey School, Hawthorne, N. Y.
Dec. 8th., 1917.

Dear Concordy:

I have already enjoyed the Concordy more than all last year—perhaps because I knew then more of what was going on.

Under such strained circumstances as I believe the paper must be working this year, I have only praise for its staff, both for the contents of the paper and for its regularity of arrival.

With best wishes for the success of the basket ball team in particular, and the college in general, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ALBERT SALISBURY, '17.

FRANCE SUITS '17 MAN.

Lieutenant Arnold H. Goodman, '17, has arrived safely in France. He reports a trip free from mal de mer, and says that the climate "over there" just suits him.

PROF. BENNETT POINTS INFLUENCE OF ANCIENTS

Treats of Thales's, Pythagoras's
Heraclitus's and Socrates's
Contributions to Phil-
osophy.

Prof. Bennett lectured to the Classical Club last evening, having for his subject, "The Influences of Ancient Philosophy Upon Modern Philosophy." Prof. Bennett brought forth striking evidence of the importance of Grecian philosophical thought. He spoke in part as follows:

"Philosophy is the summation of all knowledge; it is that part of knowledge which is fit, as Lord Bacon would say, to be chewed and digested. "Marvel accounts for the beginning of philosophy. The Greeks first sought to explain marvel by summarizing the natural forces which caused it. Their Religion partook of this attempt at explaining things.

"Always the explanation, as in religion or in the myths, assumed a logical form.

"Their religion was a systematic polytheism. It was free from monstrosities and permitted free thought in all things.

"Thus were the Greeks especially enabled to develop philosophy. Their desire to find truth for no utilitarian purpose insured for them the distinction of originating philosophy in its true form.

"Thales of Miletus, the founder of philosophy, sought his explanation through a unifying of the universe. He selected water as the universal substratum, which idea was not unprecedented.

"The philosophers immediately following him were confronted with the problem of becoming.

"Pythagoras, a mystic and sage of the sixth century found the essence of all things in numbers. Harmonies and discords gave him his cue.

"A remarkable resemblance exists between Darwin's theory of evolution and an idea put forth by Heraclitus of Ephesus that the essential property of the universe is war. This ancient decided that fire was the universal substance.

"From his idea of the flux of all things the modern scientist has developed other phases of the doctrine of evolution. Other ancient philosophers have suggested the theories of the survival of the fittest and the atomic theory.

"Let it not be supposed that the ancient philosopher let these thoughts come to him without effort. They utilized as much of the means of experiment in their day as the scientist does in ours. They attained such wonderful results through their daring constructive imagination which Mahaffy says, is essential to a scientist.

"Following a lapse of materialism came Socrates. He used man as the basis of his speculations and arrived at the principle that Virtue is Knowledge, thus establishing ethics."

Professor Bennett suggested that similar topics be discussed in the future meetings of the Club. Prof. Kellogg explained the importance of the Romans in conveying to us the Grecian philosophy.

The next meeting will be addressed by E. M. Cameron, '18, president of the Club.

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CONFERENCE APPOINTS COMMITTEE FOR DANCES.

At a meeting of the Interfraternity Conference last night, Chairman McCauley appointed as a committee to arrange for dances after this year's basketball games De LaVergne, '19, chairman; Dunn, '18, and Gorham, '19. The committee will immediately make arrangements for the running of the dance after the game this Saturday evening. As yet the matter of the disposal of the proceeds of the dances, which the Conference decided at a recent meeting to lay before the student body, has not been taken up by the students. As soon as this action is taken, however, the Conference will follow the advice of the student body.

PYRAMID CLUB INITIATES EIGHT MEN TONIGHT.

Pyramid Club initiates into membership this evening: Warner M. Lyman, '19, and Delevan H. Lyman, '20, both of Lowville; Vincent A. Sheals, '20, of Brushtown; J. Leon Alden, '21, of Binghamton; Sheldon E. Edgerton, '21, of Delhi; Carleton B. Jansen, '21, of Fonda; Fred J. McEwan, '21, of Fort Edward; Richard L. Neville, '21, of Sayville.

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Former Times.

If ever the faculty of Union College opened their hearts to the student body it was at the Sophomore "Get-together" last night at Silliman Hall. When the arrival of a good percentage of the class warranted the procedure of the program, each one drew his seat near the crackling fire, Swart '18 announced President Richmond as the first speaker, and the fight was on.

It had been previously decided by the program committee that the most enlightening subject to the mind of the undergraduate would be "Tradition." So each faculty member came filled to the neck with his line of anecdotes of the "good old days." Although Dr. Richmond hasn't always been a Union man, he seemed to have an unlimited flow of knowledge regarding the traditions of Old Union and for along time kept his audience in laughter with amusing tales of Dr. Nott, his historic "Chariot," his chicken houses and his uncanny per-

ception in finding out what was going on behind his back, an accomplishment which unfortunately has been liberally bestowed upon some members of our present day faculty. He concluded by reading a brief biography of Union's notable professors, Col. Peissner, who came to America after being graduated from the University of Munich, and here became affiliated with the college which shortly gave him his Doctor's degree as Professor of German. With the outbreak of the Civil War he joined Gen. Schurz's regiment where he was gradually advanced to the rank of colonel. He fell at the battle of Chancellorsville, scholar, soldier and patriot.

The Dean came next in order. He got his first "dip" from our Alma Mater at the pre-historic date of 1876 and therefore, as none of his audience could question the authenticity of his tales, he went as far as he liked without fear of "successful contradiction." He described Schenectady as a small town with a large population of Dutch. It had a dingy railway station, some few blocks of paved streets and not much of anything else. The college was somewhat on the outskirts then, consisting of only North and South Colleges, the library, which was passing through the round-building stage of its metamorphosis, and the Idol. The campus was mostly a pasture lot and fraternity houses, the Engineering and Electrical Buildings were unheard of things.

The year previous to his entering, the Idol had received its first coat of

paint, much to the annoyance of President Potter, and was an object of considerable discussion in the vicinity. The faculty at that time embraced about twelve men and the student body numbered about 160. The students apparently were of two classes, the means and extremes. There was a large proportion of real students in the college and there were a good many who, under the present curriculum, would not be in college. In this respect, he claimed, there has been improvement. There were but few days of recitations with chapel services every day, and twice on Sunday. He told of a number of remarkable men in the faculty, which, though small, was very efficient. He also described the formation of a Theological Society which became the nucleus of the present Y. M. C. A. Neither did he neglect in his discourse certain assaults on board fences and sidewalks which were torn up or down as the case might be, by those lusty sons of old. Which merely goes to prove that human nature is slow to change.

These allusions to the devilry of the old days, became so general that Dr. Stoller, who was next to take the platform set the minds of the audience straight by adding that all was not haphazard in the college at that time, but that there was a great deal of conscientious studying on the part of the students who, on the whole, had to work hard to stand well. He was forced to admit, however, that during the Dean's sojourn here as an undergraduate, an attempt was made to burn South College. Athletics, he said, flourished in those days, baseball being the major sport.

Dr. Hale next made his contribution and fearing that the citation of any more "atrocities" might cause an outbreak, he turned to the idealistic phase of tradition. He commended highly the spirit of democracy, so pre-eminent in student life here as well as some of the practical ideas of Dr. Nott's in introducing such innovations as the study of modern language and engineering when other colleges had not thought of them. He explained the "Moving-up Day" tradition and gave an interesting history of Prof. Jackson, or "Captain Jack" and his distinguished battalion, quoting from several papers of that time which had commented on "Capt.

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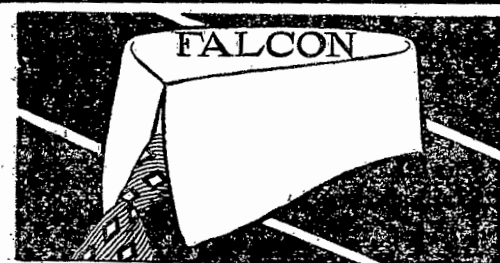
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are enlisted in the Engineer Reserve they will be placed in class five by local boards. These certificates must come from the presidents of the institutions they attend, stating that they have shown ability that places them among the highest third of the graduates of such schools during the last ten years.

"A resolution adopted by the Society for the Promotion of Engineering and approved by the council of the American Society of Engineers was presented at today's conference. It is pointed out that a majority of the 4,300 engineering students graduated during 1917 are already in the national service and that one-third of the 1918 class has already enlisted.

"The danger is not that students in engineering will refrain from enlisting," the resolution added, "but that they will enlist before they are sufficiently trained to be most effective in actual service."

The telegram received from Mr. Ketcham is as follows:

"The War Department today issued a ruling governing engineering students and the draft which is satisfactory. This will be published in the Sunday papers and copies mailed in due time."

STRESS OF WAR SEVERE ON COLLEGE FINANCES

Educational institutions throughout the country are experiencing hard times in their treasury departments on account of decreased registration and increased cost of supplies. Coal, at the present time an item of grave concern to all industries, educational as well as others, costs a king's ransom, and to the running expenses of Union College contributes a little additional item of \$5,000. But although Union for the first time in ten years faces a deficit, and President Richmond has been forced to call upon the alumni for \$12,000 to help defray current expenses for the year 1917-18, Union is in better financial condition in these trying war times than many other colleges of the country. Dr. Henry F. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, who visited President Richmond here last October, made this statement to the President.

A committee of the Board of Trustees consisting of Mr. Courtland V. Anable, Mr. Hiram C. Todd, Mr. Frank Bailey, treasurer of the college, and President Richmond has in charge the task of raising money to cover this year's deficit. They are receiving the co-operation of the Graduate Council.

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Phi Gamma Delta stood first at Williams, winning the silver loving cup given there to the fraternity with the highest average. Phi Gamma Delta stood fifth here. The Delta Phi Fraternity, which won the cup here, has no Williams chapter.

Delta Upsilon stood second at Williams and sixth here. Sigma Phi stood third at Williams and seventh here. Phi Delta Theta stood fifth at Williams, the neutral body standing fourth, and at Union Phi Delta Theta was twelfth. Chi Psi was seventh at Williams and eleventh here. Beta Theta Pi was ninth at Williams and fourth here. Alpha Delta Phi was eleventh at Williams and tenth here. Kappa Alpha was twelfth at Williams and ninth here. Psi Upsilon was fifteenth at Williams and eighth here.

It should be noted that these comparisons are not entirely fair, as the method of marking at Williams does not allow a comparison of percentage averages, and the fact that the Williams report includes fourteen fraternities and the neutral body, while the Union report includes only the twelve fraternities.

STEIN PLAYS STELLAR ROLE IN DRAMATIC CLUB PLAY.

I. R. Stein, '18, has been selected to act the part of George Howell, a lawyer, the leading role, in the Union College Dramatic Club production, "A Full House," which will be given sometime during Junior Week. This is considered the principal male part.

Among the other characters who were chosen at the tryouts last Monday evening were:

Ned Pembroke.....Carr, '19
Mr. King, a-cookRowe, '20
Jim Mooney, an Irish Policeman.....Tell, '19
Parks, an English butler.....Devine, '21

The remainder of the cast will undoubtedly be chosen at the next meeting of the Club which will be held Sunday afternoon in Silliman Hall.

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Jack's regiment." He also told of the foundation of the gymnasium, then an unheard of department in colleges and stated that Union had preceded Harvard in this move.

Dr. Bennett was also inclined to believe that students "ain't what they used to be" in two respects. They aren't as studious and they aren't such rowdies. He was very enthusiastic over the days when a man didn't have to apologize for being a student. He had many compliments for the faculty. The Dean, he said, was a "son-of-a-gun" in math. The ceremonies for receiving the Frosh were also most elaborate, and he suggested some more picturesque methods for killing off Freshmen than have heretofore been resorted to. The general morality of the student-body he said is better, and this he held to be a great advance.

DEAN RIPTON SPEAKS AT FOURTH OF BIBLE LECTURES.

Dean Ripton will be the speaker at the fourth of the lectures on the Sermon on the Mount, to be given in chapel at 5:15 tomorrow. His subject will be "The Doctrine of Non-Resistance: Is it to be Taken Literally? What is Its Meaning and Value?"

Mr. Waldron will attend the annual dinner of New York alumni at the Hotel Astor tomorrow night and so will not meet his classes for the rest of the week.



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