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## BASEBALL AND TRACK SQUADS WORKING OUT

**Tamsett Busy With Preliminary Practice for Battery and Infield.**

### TRACK VETERANS LAX

**Friday Afternoon Meets of Great Importance in Early Training of Team.**

The baseball squad is beginning to round into condition under the eye of Coach Tamsett. Practice for the present will be confined to the rudiments of infield work, such as snap throwing, the covering of the base, and the handling of ground balls. There are several new men out who show signs of giving some of the veterans hard work in holding their places. A large part of the early training will have for its aim the acquiring of the best physical trim in order that when outdoor work is possible it may be of the stiffest kind. Captain Friday has announced that while the present squad is of fair size for indoor work, there is room left for many more candidates.

The pitchers and catchers are receiving a large share of Tamsett's attention as they present one of the biggest problems of the season. Powell, Roof and Erdman are doing the receiving for a fairly large corps of pitchers. It is too early in the year to speak with any assurance as to the quality of the recruits, particularly as the work to date has been of a very easy character, but Tamsett has appeared much encouraged at the form the men have shown. Goff and Goodman, who will form the basis of the staff, are beginning carefully to avoid the strain of early conditioning.

Track work this year has started too much after the custom of other seasons. While a large part of the squad has reported and is working out daily, many of the veterans of last year's squad have not started serious work. It is essential that the training acquired in indoor work be taken advantage of, if the team is to be in condition to undertake the strenuous work that has been mapped out, once the weather permits outdoor

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### CALENDAR.

#### Friday.

7:30—Armory, Military Drill.  
8:00—Gymnasium—High School basketball.  
8:15—Chem Lecture Room. Lecture by Dr. Ellery.  
8:30—Gymnasium—Dramatic Rehearsal.

## IRVING DAY HEADS Y. M. C. A. FOR ENSUING YEAR; OLD OFFICERS RELINQUISH DUTIES APRIL 1

The annual business meeting of the Union College Christian Association was held Monday evening in Silliman Hall, and at that time officers for the ensuing year were elected. Irving M. Day, '18, was chosen president; Arthur H. Newman, '18, vice-president; William L. Kennedy, '18, treasurer; and Elmer E. Smith, '20, secretary. The new officers will take up their

activities on April 1st, at which time a joint meeting of the cabinets will be held.

Irving Day is a graduate of Williams, and was active in Y. M. C. A. work there. Since his entry as an engineering student at Union, he has been very active in affairs of the local Association, and has had entire charge of the English-to-foreigners classes.

## DAWSON GETS GODSPEED AND GOLD WATCH; SPEAKERS UTTER CALL FOR SACRIFICE

**Press Club Dinner To Dawson Brings Out 125—Union Spirit Will Be With Him At Princeton, He Declares—Dr. Richmond and Prof. Bennett Speak For Patriotic Service.**

That Fred Dawson is a good coach, a good sportsman and a thorough Union man and that Union College shall not fail in readiness to meet the needs of the war situation, was the mixed and universal sentiment at the annual Press Club athletic dinner given in honor of Fred Dawson in the gymnasium last evening. Dawson was presented with a gold watch and chain as a remembrance from the student body. The diners numbered 125, including several members of the faculty. While primarily giving Dawson a send-off, the speakers took the opportunity of adverting to the preparedness question.

The dinner, which was provided by Joe Thearle, was served at 6:30. Dawson was a little late in arriving and his entrance was greeted with much applause. During the dinner music was dispensed by Stein, '18, Davidson, '19, Perry, '20 and Harmon, '20 and the livelier element of the diners fomented a food riot in which many edibles were destroyed.

Dr. Barnes acted as toastmaster and began the speaking with a few remarks in English embellished with Latin about his interest and connection with the Press Club, at whose birth, he declared he presided. After remarking that he had read in our "leading three-or-four-times weekly," as he termed it, that the dinner was to be an "auspicious occasion," he spoke of the visits Fred Dawson had made to him "on behalf of certain lame ducks" and told how Dawson's emotions at the conclusion of these interviews were "too deep for utterance." With a final shot at the unfailing consistency of Babe Rosekrans in passing up four conditions in time to win a football victory and the deadly accuracy of Moynihan in assassinating every syllable of Spanish that ever appeared on a printed page, Dr. Barnes presented President Richmond.

Dr. Richmond was in his characteristic good-natured mood and

told a story about a man who had tried Christian Science and found it to be "spiritually very good, but physically not worth a d—."

"This," said Dr. Richmond, "is the converse of Dr. Barnes' opinion of athletes. Physically they are very good, but spiritually they are not worth a d—."

"Fred Dawson will remember," he continued, "that the first question I asked him when he came here five years ago was, 'Do you have to swear at the boys in order to get results?' and he said, 'No, sir.' That shows how easy I was. Maybe he didn't have to, but I heard him tell them once that they would have to fight like hell."

At this there was uproarious laughter and when it had died away Dr. Richmond continued with a few final words to the guest of honor.

"We are here to say good-bye to Fred Dawson and to wish him well. Good-bye means, God be with you, and I do not think that is too pious a phrase for this occasion. He has been a success here in many ways. He has shown that it is possible to produce good results without being a mucker, and that is a good deal. He has won victories fairly and without ungentlemanly methods. He has worked himself into the life of the college and we think of him as one of us. We wish him well and we hope and believe in his success."

Dr. Richmond then spoke of the plans for military instruction that are to be offered here and closed with an expression of the need of sacrifice at the present time and the patriotic response that will be made to meet it.

"It would be a blow to all of us to have this college disintegrate," he said, "but it is no time to consider such things. The permanence of a man's work is nothing compared with the permanence of the nation."

Charlie Waldron, who was the next speaker, declared that Dawson's departure marks an epoch

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## PREPAREDNESS NOW UNDER FULL STEAM

**Two Hundred Students To Start Drilling Friday**

### TRUSTEES MEET TO FORMULATE POLICY

**President Richmond Announces Plans at Press Club Dinner—Prof. Landreth Starts Class**

Definite work for preparedness starts here at once. According to plans made this week at least four courses will be started in military training of different sorts.

Friday night at the armory at 7:30 any number of Union students up to 200, who present themselves will receive instruction in military drill and the class will be maintained at the same place and late and hour until the weather permits outdoor work, when the open-order drill will be taken up.

This announcement was made by Dr. Richmond in his speech at the Press Club dinner last evening and again in chapel this noon.

Sixty-five men, members of the Sophomore and upper classes, who are in the civil engineering department, have already signed up for such a course, following efforts made by Prof. Landreth to obtain an opportunity to drill in the armory under an officer of the National Guard. Prof. Landreth will give instructions in such military problems as transportation, bridge-building, temporary encroachments and light field work.

While the organization follows the plan of the regular army, membership is entirely voluntary and entails no obligation for future service. Requirements for membership state that the men must be at least 18 years of age, engineers of one of the three upper classes, and have class work in such a condition that time can be spared for the military activities.

The plans for the company were made before the recent action of the Faculty concerning military instruction and is in no way a part of the latter movement. The original purpose was to study engineering problems from a military standpoint, the students being advanced engineers who could readily understand the principles involved. Having had this training, it is believed that the men would be of increased value to the government should war come.

In addition to these courses Dr. Berg will offer one in signal corps and wireless work. President Richmond in his speech last night announced that he had authorized the purchase of field-wireless instruments to be used in this con-

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1917

F. G. Bascom, Issue Editor.

There is no doubt that the opportunity for the students to begin drilling and learning something about warfare will be embraced by each man who has not a mighty good reason for not doing so. There will be no slackers here. The president, the alumni and the public will see that Union College men are ready to serve their country and eager to learn to serve well.

### THE FLAG THAT FLOATS OVER UNION COLLEGE.

The flag that floats over Union College is the flag of the United States of America. It is the flag that the students of Union College are preparing to serve and perhaps to lay down their lives for.

The flag in itself is just a piece of dyed cloth. But it represents a great nation of free men with glorious traditions and a magnificent future.

Representing such a grand thing the flag should be made as commensurate in grandeur as a piece of dyed cloth can be. If the nation it represents were torn and tattered a torn and tattered flag might do. But when it represents the United States of America, a torn and tattered flag is a disgrace.

If the people beneath the flag were spineless and lily liver'd a piece of a flag might do for them. But when the flag floats over Union College students, who are red-blooded Americans, a piece of a flag is a disgrace.

### OUR POETS.

In "The Smart Set" for April, Morris Gilbert, '17, has two poems. It is no new thing for him to have his poems published—a boon not vouchsafed all poets. In fact, if writing poetry were a bonanza Gilbert might be "rich beyond the dreams of art," as someone said of Harrison Fisher.

Another of our poets, Harold Cook, '18, is craftier. We fear he sacrifices art to Mammon. He writes free verse. Magazines pay for poetry at so much a line. In some lines of his free verse Cook puts an entire word.

One of his poems, we hear, has been selected for publication in an anthology of magazine verse. He might have had more space devoted to him had he been alive when Isaac D'Israeli was collecting material for his "Curiosities of Literature." We do not mean to be invidious, but we like either a rhyme-scheme in our poetry or the "measured tread" of blank verse.

The committee in charge of the Press Club dinner last night evinced the prevision common to that committee in providing places for about one hundred more people than ever attend the dinner. An empty chair at a dinner table is as festive as a cold towel.

Does our flag look any worse than the one Bouck White maltreated? By the way, he went to jail.

Which comes first, patriotism or penuriousness?

"Wait until it is worn to the blue," says the Vice-Chancellor of the Exchequer. There will be more to sell to the rag picker, if it is taken down now.

Anyway, it is a beautiful pole.

Professor Edward Ellery will lecture in the chemical lecture room tomorrow evening, March 23 at 8:15, under the auspices of the American Chemical Society.

The subject which Dr. Ellery will take is "Chemistry and the National Welfare." He will endeavor to show how the chemist in America has been preparing and is preparing to help the country in time of stress. Dr. Ellery has made an especially careful study of general chemical trade conditions as well as of specific industries, as for instance the dye-stuff industry, and the matter of a nitrogen supply. The lecture will be illustrated by motion pictures, exhibits, and experiments.

President Richmond will leave Saturday for Williamstown, Mass., where he will address the students of Williams College at their Sunday chapel service.

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### IDOL CLUB SWINGS FOUR.

Preston, Little, Yordon and Gillespie, all '19, were initiated into the Idol Club on Tuesday evening, March 20. Following the ceremonies the club celebrated at Joe's.

### PROFS. SMOKE ON KAPS.

The members of the faculty were entertained at a smoker by the Kappa Alpha Society, Thursday evening, March 20.

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in the athletic history of the college. He told incidents of the days gone by when men played on the teams who never saw a class-room and contrasted those times with the high standards of the present. He then read figures summarizing the results of the games played for the five years previous to Dawson's regime and for the five years Dawson has been here, showing the enormous increase in victories for the latter period.

"We have not lost Fred entirely," he said. "We have given him an A. M. and I think that there is a big dent in him made by the letters U-N-I-O-N. He leaves a record of victories and a higher standard, which must be carried on."

"Mr. President, gentlemen-fellow students, O! fellow students," opened up Jonny Bennett with what he called a euphonious, not to say euphemistic, salutation.

"I wish I could say what Dawson said about swearing at the boys in order to get them to work," he continued. "I might refer you to many passage where the great Shakespeare most transcendental displays his genius by his use of profanity. There is much to be said against profanity and there is much to be said for it, and I feel a great comfort to hear the President approve of swearing by his own example."

"This," he said, "is a funeral feast. A good man has departed this life and is going to—Princeton. We wish him well."

Prof. Bennett like President Richmond, concluded his speech with some words about war.

"We will close the doors of the college, if it is necessary," he said, "and build the college in the skies. The students will come back and the college will be all the greater for answering the ordeal well."

Wally Girling began his speech by praising Dawson's record here. "He has made good in coaching," he said, "but better as one of us."

In presenting Dawson with the watch, the gift of the student body, June.

he said, "Fred, when you look at it give a thought for old Union." "If there is to be a company of Union college men on the field of battle said Dawson, "I would like to lead them. We would fight as we always have fought."

"I would not have Saturday night's result changed," he went on, "we looked down on R. P. I. and that is a bad thing to do. I shall always remember those last ten minutes of play. The score was badly against us, the student body was frantic and the team responded."

"This gift," he said, "was not necessary. This gathering here tonight was enough for me. The final spirit of the game Saturday night was enough for me. I am as much a Union man as anyone here and I shall take to Princeton the spirit of Union, a small struggling, splendid college, and I shall use it to re-establish things down at Princeton."

At the end of Dawson's speech there was prolonged and enthusiastic applause.

The program was completed by some character sketching by Mohler, '20 and Skau, '18 and a caricature of the Ballet Russe by two Freshmen.

### "BALMY LAND" MAY PLAY FOR CHARITY BENEFIT

A rehearsal of the cast of "Come to Balmy Land" will be held at eight-thirty this evening in the gymnasium in preparation for the Elmira trip on Saturday, March 31. It has been necessary to cut the cast to sixteen on account of the railroad expense. Harold Sammons will play Gladys, the soubrette, and Phil Downs will play Mr. Dale, the minister. A local charity are desirous of repeating the show in Schenectady as a benefit, but have been unable to get a date at the theatre.

Washington University's glee and mandolin clubs will take a two-weeks trip to Alaska next watch, the gift of the student body, June.

### ENGINEERING LAB. A VERITABLE BEEHIVE

Many Pieces of Apparatus Constructed, and Old Apparatus is Renewed.

Probably few of the students of the college who are not in the electrical department know what a hive of activity the electrical laboratory has been during the fall and winter term. It is especially interesting to note that considerable apparatus has been constructed by the Juniors and Seniors in the course of their regular work and that also a great deal of machinery of various sorts which has been in disuse is now brought into practical working order. It is not an uncommon circumstance to find the laboratory running at any hour of the day whether classes are in session or not, and Saturday is always a very busy day both morning and afternoon.

Among the original pieces of apparatus that have been built may be mentioned the following: Jenkins, Mosten and Mursa have constructed two air-core transformers on which they are at present doing some thesis work. A large truck of reactance coils has been put together by Emerling, Ferrell and Goller. This forms a very useful and efficient piece of apparatus. The whole class jointly built six lamp banks. Madden, Morris and Passage have constructed an instrument for determining the relationship between heat and electricity. A valuable piece of apparatus for determining the force on a wire carrying current when placed in a magnetic field has just been completed by Sexson and Underwood. A calibration table for direct current ammeters was built by Clarke while a voltmeter calibration bench was rewired by Sexson and Underwood. Another instrument has been constructed by Cantrell Laskowski and Terry which is a detector for alternating current flowing in a wire. Circuit breakers have also been rewired by various members of the class.

The Juniors lately have been setting up a number of machines which were not in active service. Among these is a motor generator set of special value since it has a very small air gap and laminated pole pieces. The generator is used for supplying a large current at low voltage for electro-chemical work. This set has been re-aligned by Passage. Underwood has set up another motor which has caused some trouble in the past and has also put in order a 500 volt set. Matern, McLean and Chapleau have added another direct current motor to the active laboratory apparatus. Mention has not been made of the reconstruction of rheostats, resistances of all kinds and other smaller apparatus in which practically every student in the laboratory has had a part.

Many of the students are preparing theses which are optional in the electrical department. This work therefore is entirely voluntary and those who undertake it are entitled to special commendation.

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## NINE SOPHS CONSIDERED BY CHEMICAL SOCIETY

John '18 Talks On Seaweed of Saragossa and Banana Stalks as Potash Supply.

The Union College Chemical Society held a meeting in the Chemistry lecture room Monday evening, March 19, at which the names of nine sophomores were considered with regard to their eligibility to membership in the Society this spring. These names will be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. August John, 1918, presented "Current Topics," at this meeting. He showed among other things that potassium, phosphorus and nitrogen are the three elements essential to agriculture, that natural fossil phosphates are quite common in our country and supply us with phosphorus. We have been in the habit of getting our nitrogen from Chile, and our potassium from Germany. The potassium question is being solved locally by means of recourse to small supplies. In certain places banana stalks areashed in the potash work. On the Pacific coast factories are being built to secure potash from kelp or seaweed. It is thought also for this purpose that the seaweed of the Sargossa sea might be utilized. In California huge quantities of salt are being produced by the evaporation of sea water, using for energy the heat of the sun's rays.

The Everglades of Florida are suitable for can sugar culture and fertilizers.

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Military topography will be taught by Prof. Hale, who has made an especial study of topography and has had considerable experience in this branch of the service.

"I don't want you to think," said Dr. Richmond, speaking at the Press Club dinner last night, "that I have been over-cautious in taking steps to perform our part in the national defense. But I am no believer in watchful waiting. When a crisis comes we want to meet it."

He went on to tell that he had asked the President of the Board of Trustees to call a meeting of the Trustees in New York next week to decide upon a policy to be pursued in this matter.

"The time has come," he said, "to answer the call of the nation at once. I do no doubt that there is today the old patriotism of '76 and '61. The danger is that we may be slow to realize the seriousness of the situation."

## HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS TO PLAY FRIDAY AT GYM.

On Friday evening there are to be two games of basketball between the teams representing four of the leading High Schools of this section. Albany High School will play Troy and Gloversville is to take on Schenectady in the second contest.

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## BASKETBALL AWARDS MADE FOR PAST SEASON

Basketball Team To Hold Dinner at Mohawk Hotel, Six O'clock Monday Evening.

At the last meeting of the Awards Committee of the Athletic Board the following awards were given out for the basketball season of 1916-17. In making these awards the ruling of the Board prohibiting the giving of "U's" to men who fail to finish the season from any other reason than physical disability was taken into consideration. It was also decided to have the dinner for the basketball team at the Mohawk on Monday evening at 6 o'clock.

U—Scoby, Galbraith, Mudge, Moynihan, Yovits.

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Numerals: Hagar, L. Bowman.

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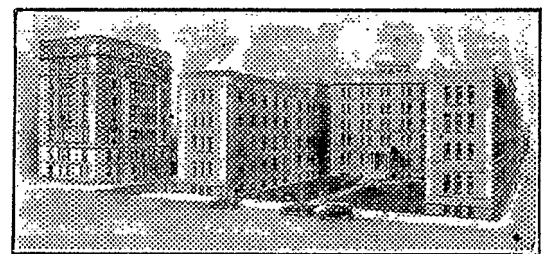
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practice. Captain Morison also urges that everyone who can spare the time get into the meets being held Friday afternoons, for it is quite possible that these events might bring to light some unknown talent. Practice is being held at 4:30 every day unless notice is given to the contrary and it is hoped that this week will find all of last year's squad out for work.

## CHI PSI TOPS FIRST GROUP IN BOWLING LEAGUE

The Chi Psi team won the race in the first division of the Interfraternity Bowling League, when it took three games from the Delta Phi five yesterday afternoon.

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