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SPRING WEATHER PUTS JAZZ IN ATHLETICS

Three Frosh Ambitious to Ascend Mound.

GENERAL CALL SATURDAY

Track and Baseball Men Begin Work in Earnest Thursday Afternoon.

Thursday afternoon was a busy one for those interested in the sphere of athletics. The gym floor was kept warm all afternoon by prospective track and baseball men who were out in encouraging numbers.

Track.

The track men under the coaching of Doc Mac began work early in the afternoon. As it was the first outing for many of the candidates, the work-out was not very strenuous. Some conditioning exercises with the medicine ball and apparatus were followed by considerable work on the parallel bars. Then came a little practice in high-jumping and finally the afternoon was finished off by a snappy half or three-quarter mile run.

About twelve candidates reported for practice, among them eight Freshmen. It will be a matter of some time before the ability of these new men can be definitely ascertained and Doc Mac is making an urgent appeal to all men who have aspirations in this line to come out now, emphasizing especially the importance of beginning early in the season.

Track work will be resumed every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The practice will be continued for a week or so on the inside track, but as soon as conditions permit, operations will be transferred to the outdoor course.

Baseball.

Baseball practice was resumed as usual with particular attention being given to battery work. Three new aspirants to the mound made their appearance yesterday, all of the Freshman class. The men are Walter Thebo of Fort Edward High School, Lowell DeGroot, Albany High, and Emmett Dooley of Ogdensburg. This raises the total number of battery candidates to a pretty good size, but Jimmy Tamsett's eagle eye has not yet rested on any definite choice.

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CALENDAR.

Tonight.

8:00—Silliman Hall, Junior Get-Together under auspices of Christian Association.

Saturday.

2:00 P. M.—First general baseball try-outs, gymnasium.

8:00 P. M.—Dance in gymnasium under auspices Freshman Class.

Sunday.

3:00 P. M.—Rehearsal of Dramatic Club, Silliman Hall.

LETTERS FROM UNION MEN IN SERVICE TO BE PRINTED IN CONCORDY

By the kindness of President Richmond THE CONCORDIENSIS is enabled to print a number of letters written to the President by Union alumni who are in military service. President Richmond has received many such letters, not only from men in training camps in this country but also from some already in France. The letters contain much that will be interesting to readers of THE CONCORDIENSIS. The first installment of these letters will appear in our next issue, Monday, March 25, and other letters will be printed in succeeding issues.

GUARDS MAY BE POSTED OUTDOORS NEXT WEEK

Prof. Taylor's Pupils Circle the Campus to Measure Pace.

The disappearance of frost from the ground will probably allow the Union R. O. T. C. to do most of its work out of doors by next week, according to an announcement made by Colonel Goldman at his class for officers and non-commissioned officers yesterday. The exclusively close order drills of last fall will be a thing of the past and new work such as practice marches with advance guard; guard mounting, and placing of exterior guards will be the order of the day. Practice in the formation and conduct of advance guards will probably be the first work which the battalion will do in its out door drills. No dates have yet been set for the projected series of week-end hikes.

Colonel Goldman's section for officers reviewed the principles of interior guard duty yesterday and were given oral instruction in the conduct of exterior sentinels, men of the "listening post." The principles of out guard duty will be given out in printed form for assimilation by the officers later.

Prof. Taylor's special class began the study of map reading at its sixth meeting yesterday. At the beginning of the discussion Prof. Taylor read a letter from an acquaintance who is stationed in one of the western camps and from whom he had asked some of the particulars of camp sanitation at that post. The reply, however, was only of a general nature, on account of the fact that most of the data about the camp is kept secret by the military authorities. The first step in map reading, declared Prof. Taylor, is the making of a pace scale by which to measure and lay off maps. The first five lessons in the text-book to be used by the class deal, therefore, with problems of scales. For the next session of the class, the members will be required to make an accurate measurement, each of his individual pace by a series of tests made about the campus.

MILITARY RULES HERE NO HARDER THAN ELSEWHERE

Absences Serious Offense at Yale; Other Colleges Face Evils Also.

The firm stand recently taken by the college committee on military affairs and the resulting set of rules regarding absences from military classes is paralleled by action taken by the military authorities of other colleges for the purpose of dealing with the same problem. A comparison between the absentee and conduct rules of other R. O. T. C.'s and the newly formed ones of the Union battalion shows that, while the rules here are strict, they are somewhat less rigid in some other institutions.

Yale met the problem of the drill-slacker by instituting a demerit system which charged counts against the offender who was absent from drill, who conducted himself improperly in ranks, who failed to salute, who wore his uniform in an improper manner, and who failed to observe various other fundamental rules of military conduct. Taken as a whole, the Yale system is much more strict than the Union system. An unexcused absence from any formation of the Yale battery costs the offender five demerits, which he must make up by two hours stable fatigue. Failure on the part of non-commissioned officers to enforce discipline entails the same penalty. Expulsion from the Corps is the extreme penalty for offenses against the discipline of the Yale battery.

At Princeton, excused absences, like those in the Union battalion are to be made up by drill at some other hour than the absentee's regular period. Six absences, if unexcused, automatically drop the student from the R. O. T. C. At present there is no other penalty for the unexcused absences, although plans are now being formulated by which a demerit system will be in operation which will charge against student's record not only demerits for breaches of military discipline, but also for all absences which have not been made up.

On account of the general homogeneity of the student body at Williams, and the enthusiasm which the students have all felt for all affairs of their R. O. T. C., no rigid penalty for unexcused absences has been neces-

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PLAN PLATTSBURG CAMP FOR JUNIORS

600 Cadets Are to Be Accommodated.

DAWSON ON STAFF

President Richmond a Member of Board Planning Movement.

College men under the draft age and wishing to attend military camps this summer will be able to take their choice of a large number of the encampments, judging by the profusion of plans which are now being made and which will be carried out next summer. Beside the camp to be run by Union College and the special government camp for R. O. T. C. members who have had one year of military instruction, a junior Plattsburg civilian camp is to be maintained which will afford the best of instruction for students wishing to gain military knowledge before they become of draft age. President Richmond is on the advisory board of the Junior Plattsburg camp, details of which have just been made public. The athletic director for the students at the post will be Fred T. Dawson, for several years general athletic coach here, now Freshman athletic coach at Princeton.

The purpose of the junior Plattsburg is to give younger Americans advance instruction in military subjects in order that they may enter the service later with the best possible preparation.

Although the government summer training camps have all been abandoned since the declaration of war, private initiative acting upon the suggestion of Major-General Leonard Wood led to the establishment last year of the Junior Plattsburg. This has now assumed national proportions and has definitely aligned itself in its program with the military efforts of the colleges and universities of the country. The honorary president is President Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois. The advisory board consists of twenty-five college and university presidents, representing leading institutions in all parts of the country, headed by representatives of the army and navy in the persons of Colonel Tillan, superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and Rear Admiral George B. Ransom. The direct management is under the control of an executive staff, of which the president is Professor Edward Capps of Princeton University and the managing director is General Edward C. O'Brien, U. S. Minister to Uruguay and Paraguay under President Roosevelt. Colonel Ira L. Reeves, United States army, in active service, president of Norwich University, but on leave of absence during the period of

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What Activities Can Stand the War Strain?

As men continue to leave College to enter Government service, one wonders how many will be left to carry on the various activities next year. It seems probable that the number will be smaller, even than this year, and that consequently some activities will have to be discontinued. It is well to consider this question in advance, since this is the time of year when organizations are changing heads. The Seniors are relinquishing their positions and the Juniors are assuming control in many fields.

It seems certain that some activities must cease for the remainder of the war. There are too many to be carried by the few upperclassmen who will probably return. There have been too many this year and, as a result, the majority of the upperclassmen have borne excessive burdens. The situation would have been helped by the co-operation of the indifferent, but it would not have been solved.

Three functions justify the continuance of an activity during war time. The first of these is advertising the College. With the upper classes reduced so far below the normal registration, Williams needs advertising more than ever to recruit her numbers up to a reasonable average. An organization that keeps her before the eyes of a large enough body of sub-freshmen justifies its existence.

Other forms of extra-curriculum activity form especially good bases for

military training, and these are worth retaining. Athletics, especially, come under this category. The War Department has especially recommended the continuance of athletics during the war for this reason. Interclass and intramural contests have been advocated in particular, and it has been suggested that intercollegiate games be discontinued. This eliminates all benefit to be derived from advertising, however, and seems unwise.

The third function justifying the continuance of an organization is the supplying of interests and work enough to make the undergraduates feel it worth their while to remain in College. To be sure, the primary object of a college is fulfilled in the curriculum work, but nevertheless the conscientious undergraduate today feels that he should be doing all the outside work possible to keep the college normal. A college with no interests outside of studies would be pervaded with an atmosphere which would be not merely abnormal but unhealthy. It would become a convent. Activities are a normal expression of a normal phase of undergraduate life, and as such justify their own existence.

This third function can be interpreted in such a way as to cover nearly every case which might arise, and hence it must be used circumspectly as a justification for an organization's existence. Unless a large number of men find interests in an organization which they could obtain in no other way, this reason is invalid. If other activities fulfill the same function for a larger number of men, the one of lesser appeal should go.

In this necessarily brief statement of a complex subject, we have not attempted to say which organizations should stay and which should go. That is a matter for the leaders of those bodies to decide. We have merely attempted to formulate a few ideas prevalent on the campus into general principles to aid in judging individual cases. In many instances the desired result may be obtained by a mere simplification and centralization of efforts, and this should be attempted in all cases. Some organizations will have to stop entirely at the end of the year. There is too much work for the few men remaining to bear.—From the Williams Record.

SIX SENIORS TO ENTER PHI BETA KAPPA TONIGHT

The annual initiation of the Alpha of New York Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will be held tonight at eight o'clock in the Trophy Room of the gymnasium. Six Seniors will become members, having been elected to the society about two weeks ago. They are Frederick G. Bascom, Edward M. Cameron, Jr., Clyde A. Heatly, Matthias P. Poersch, I. Russell Stein, and John C. Younie. In the absence of President Alexander Duane and Vice-President Clarence E. Akin, Professor John I. Bennett will deliver the address of welcome and will acquaint the new members with the meaning of the symbols and principles of Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Stanley P. Chase will deliver the main address of the evening, taking as his subject, "The Significance of Phi Beta Kappa."

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PROMINENT UNION GRAD DIES IN NEW YORK CITY

Word has been received of the death of one of Union's most distinguished graduates, Hon. Warner Miller, who was United States Senator from New York from 1881 to 1887. Mr. Miller died in a hospital in New York City, at the age of 79 years.

Former Senator Miller was a Republican and one time leading figure in national politics.

He was a delegate to the national Republican convention in 1872, a member of the New York State legislature in 1874 and 1875, was elected to congress in 1879 and served two years, resigning to take his seat in the senate. At Herkimer, N. Y., he had large paper manufacturing interests, but retired some time ago from active business.

Mr. Miller was born at Hannibal, N. Y. He was graduated from Union College in 1860, was professor of Greek and Latin at Fort Edward Collegiate Institute in 1860 and 1861, then enlisted in the fifth New York cavalry regiment and served under General Sheridan. He rose to the rank of lieutenant. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Winchester. Death came after an operation.



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**BOWLING NEARS CLOSE;
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The long-drawn-out series of interfraternity bowling matches will be over within a few weeks now, if the games now scheduled in League 1, as soon to be played, are arranged and played off with the proper dispatch. At the last match, Sigma Phi, which had previously had a clean slate, was forced to yield three games to the Pyramid Club, which now leads the league. There are yet three matches to be played in League 1 before the winner in that division and Beta Theta Pi, winner in League 2, will be able to meet for the final grapple from which one team will emerge with the bowling cup. The standing of the teams in League 1:

Team	Won	Lost	Aver.
Pyramid Club	10	2	.833
Phi Delta Theta	8	1	.888
Sigma Phi	9	3	.799
Chi Psi	3	6	.333
Psi Upsilon	0	9	.000
Delta Phi	0	9	.000

**PYRAMID FIVE NOT BEATEN;
 WILL ENTER SEMI-FINALS**

Owing to a mistake on the part of the committee in charge of the interfraternity basketball series, the Pyramid Club, far from being out of the race, as announced in a preceding CONCORDIENSIS, is still very much in the running. As winner in its particular division, the Pyramid Club will play either Delta Phi or the winner of the game to be played between Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta. The opponents in this semi-final match will probably be chosen by lot, the winner in that contest to play the third team for the championship. The game between Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

**HOCHULI CREATES TWO
 SENIOR CLASS COMMITTEES**

President Hochuli of the Senior class activities: Cap and gown committees to attend to graduation and class activities: Camp and gown committee: J. D. Brown and D. D. Chapleau; banquet committee, H. S. Dunn, chairman; T. McKenna, C. H. Underwood, and F. L. Skau. The committee on caps and gowns has already received samples from which to select this year's graduation costumes, and a meeting of the banquet committee will probably be called by Chairman Dunn this week.

**COLLEGE "Y" ENTERTAINS
 JUNIORS THIS EVENING**

The Christian Association get-together for Juniors, which came near being postponed from its original time of this evening, on account of a conflict with the Phi Beta Kappa initiation, will be held at the time advertised, according to the committee in charge of the affair. Juniors are promised fully as good a time, as diverting games, as pleasing speakers, and as appetizing refreshments as at the lively class gatherings which have been held under the auspices of the Association in the past. Among other members of the faculty who will address the '18 men will probably be President Richmond, whose advice to undergraduates is always of the best. The entertainment committee promises a new game, called "Observation," which should effectively erase the wrinkles from the third year brow. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cakes, will probably be served by the ladies of the faculty. A get-together for Seniors will be held at some date in the near future.

HANCE IS ARMY ENGINEER.

The following letter was received recently by W. L. Kennedy, Jr., '18, from B. F. Hance, ex-'18, who enlisted in the U. S. Engineer Corps last fall:

Washington, D. C.,
 Jan. 21, 1917.

Mr. William L. Kennedy, Jr.,
 Union College,
 Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear William.—I want to thank you very much for that check I received the other day. The idea that I am not entirely forgotten though I have left college for work in the army gave me a lighter spirit to do my work with. At night sometimes I get lonesome, and then the idea that we are not entirely forgotten is a great help.

If I had to do it over again I would join the engineers in Uncle Sam's army. It is certainly making men out of a lot of boys, though here we are as a rule older than the average.

"Here" is Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C. The war college is at this post. We drill in the infantry a little and spend the rest of the time in doing things the engineers in the army are used for.

I was made a corporal the other day. My pay is slightly increased, and my responsibilities are increased many-fold.

Yesterday I went over to College Park, Maryland. There I saw Clapp '17, Vrooman '17, Rogers '17 and Schauer—I think that is how he spells it). He is either '16 or '17. They are there studying radio work. They all expect to get commissions; Clapp expects his this week. They are all working hard for advancement.

Hoping that I may get a chance to see the campus again soon, I am
 A Union Man.

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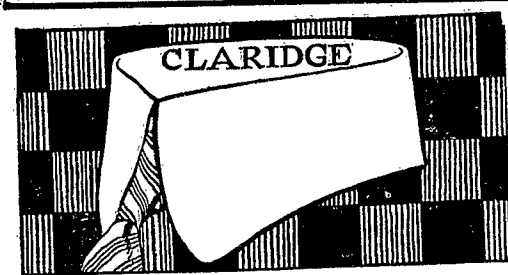
An informal dance was given by the Delta Upsilon fraternity on Friday, March 15th. The patronesses were: Mrs. William L. Kennedy, of Johnstown, and Mrs. Robert J. Landon of Schenectady. Music was furnished by Lecity's orchestra.

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the war, is the director of military courses at the Junior Plattsburg military training camp.

The training is assimilated as far as possible to that of the regular U. S. military and naval camps, combined with practical special features which have come into prominence in connection with modern warfare, such as aeroplane ground work, hydroplane, motorboats, topography, military applications of civil, mechanical and sanitary engineering, as well as the study of the science of farming and food conservation. All the technical instruction in military and naval science is under the direction of officers of the regular U. S. army and navy, recommended by the departments in Washington. The commandant will be a regular army officer of high rank, and West Point and Annapolis discipline and ideals will prevail.

Since the Junior Plattsburg is established for young men under draft age, the training will not be intensive, as in the old Plattsburg. Special attention will be given to organized athletics for the periods of recreation, under the direction of Mr. Fred T. Dawson of the athletic department of Princeton. The general entertainments, as well as the informal life of the camp, will be under the direction of Rev. Ralph B. Pomeroy of the General Theological Seminary of New York. The musical director is Mr. Felix Lamond of the Trinity Church, New York. Provision has been made for six hundred (600) cadets.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

President William L. Kennedy, Jr., announces the following nominating committee for officers of the Christian Association for the coming year: E. R. Slade, '18; W. Q. Swart, '19; A. B. Dougall, '19. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 9th.

President Kennedy announces that all of the "Frosh Bibles" of this year which have not been disposed of will be sent to those sub-freshmen who have registered up with Secretary Barnes. All men who wish one before they are thus sent out can secure one from W. L. Kennedy, Jr., Delta Upsilon House.

SPRING WEATHER PUTS JAZZ IN ATHLETICS

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Joe Brucker and George Hughes continue to show up well and also Benny Beaver. The rumor that Big Bill Hanley intends to put his beef behind the horsehide and give up his position in the outfield has been verified.

Candidates for all positions will receive attention tomorrow. Alexander Field is responding admirably to the first intentions of spring and the old veterans are pawing the ground for a chance to get out on the firmament again, when they are sure the squad will get down to work with new life. April 19th is not so far off, and in view of the work which must be accomplished before that time, is approaching with alarming rapidity. The baseball fans may therefore look for something stirring most any day now in the choice of 'varsity men.

MANY ENTRIES FOR BIG MEET AT PENNSYLVANIA

More than sixty colleges, 150 schools and several army and navy training camps will be represented in the Track Carnival to be held at the University of Pennsylvania April 26 and 27. Not only are the eastern colleges to participate in this athletic event but several western universities, including Chicago, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois, have made entries. Friday, April 26, is to be Army and Navy day. The proximity to Philadelphia of Camps Dix and Meade and the Philadelphia Navy Yard ensures the prominence of middies and rookies in the Carnival.

Six hours of garden work is to be substituted for six hours of laboratory for Freshman botanists at the University of Cincinnati. A similar experiment proved successful last year, and the instructors declare the system interesting and instructive.

Eleven fraternity houses at Northwestern University were canvassed by chaperoned co-eds last week, during the drive for the sale of War Savings' Stamps. The girls met with unusual success.

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sary. The only rule which has been in force there has been the practice of a reduction, by the commandant, in the grade of the offender for his year's work. During the next few months, however, the drill slacker has made his appearance and a plan somewhat similar to that of Union may be instituted to meet the evil.

CAMERON AND CHAPMAN WEEK-ENDING ON CAMPUS

Edward M. Cameron, Jr., who left college in January to become assistant librarian in the military service of the American Library Association and is stationed at Camp Meade, is on the campus this week-end, for the Phi Beta Kappa initiation to be held tonight.

David F. Chapman '17 is also making a week-end visit to the college. He is now teaching English at Hill School. Formerly he was teaching at the Elmira Vocational School.

Three N. Y. U. ambulance units are in service at the front in France now, according to dispatches received by The New Yorker. All three units were across the water and in service before the order disbanding ambulance units as a department of the United States for organization went into effect.



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