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AMHERST WORKS HARD IN LOSING BATTLE

Visitors Lead Garnet by Hits and Starts.

SCRUBS PUT IN

By Union After Victory is Assured—Both Sides Weak on Foul Shooting.

Amherst's five went down before Union Friday night to the tune of 27 to 17. The visitors fought hard for victory and led the Garnet several times during the first half. A long shot by Yavits broke the tie at the close of the half. Union rallied in the second and finished ten points in the lead.

The home team didn't appear to be overworked. Yavits spent most of his time in forward making in all five baskets. Rinaldi played a hard game and did most of Union's guarding. When success was assured, Getman, Wilber and Cassidy were put in for Hanley, Brucker and Beaver.

The Amherst men showed some good guarding and also made some long shots, but as soon as Union began to romp ahead they could not keep up. Both sides were weak on foul shooting despite the fact that they had plenty of practice. The game, much like that with Williams, was characterized by long shots, dribbling, and many personal fouls.

Union's constant inertness during the first part of the game kept the score at dead center for a long time and made the spectators believe that the result was an unknown quantity. But Union's constant forging ahead in the second half soon dispelled any doubts in their minds regarding who would be the masters of the court.

First Half.

The game opened with Union on the offensive but Amherst guarding well. Beaver finally managed to break through and open the score in Union's column. Union made numerous tries but didn't seem to be able to find it, so time was called out. When the two teams went back at it again the game got more snappy. Kennedy got through Union's guards and scored a basket. Union then took to long shots but without success. Yavits was replaced by Brucker to shoot fouls and scored on Zink. Snyder scored for Amherst and the opponents were in the lead. Then Beaver caged another, tying the score at five. Brucker put Union in the lead and Kennedy promptly tied the score again. There were some frantic attempts on both sides to break again. Finally Yavits launched a long one from the center of the court and Union was in the lead again. Amherst resorted unsuccessfully to the same kind of playing. The half closed.

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TRACK MEN SOON TO HIT CINDER TRAIL

Work to Begin in Earnest This Week — Northrup Considered for Coach.

Thanks to a propitious winter activities in track are already possible on the outdoor course and are expected to be under full steam by the end of the week. A number of last year's varsity men have already felt the cinders under their feet this season and prospective runners are coming out every day. The only hold-up now is the selection of a coach. "Bill" Northrup, '18, seems to be the most probable applicant for the position and is being considered by the Athletic Board.

'BOLT' RULING SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY

Faculty Grants Students' Request But Reserves Right to Put on the Brakes.

President Richmond announced to the students Saturday morning the decision of the faculty with regard to the petition submitted to them by the student committee concerning the recent absence ruling, stating that the request of the latter had been granted and that for the present the rule would be suspended.

As Dean Ripton explained to the members of the committee last Friday, the faculty still reserves the right at any time to revive its ruling if in its estimation circumstances shall demand it. The chief motive for the suspension is to allow the student body an opportunity to formulate some plans for dealing with violations.

On January 16th, the faculty adopted the following resolution:

"Any student who is absent from a class immediately before or after a vacation recess or an examination period, and whose absence is not excused by the absence committee, shall forfeit the permitted absence from chapel during the next term; shall be granted no excuse for any class absences whatever during the term; and shall be placed on probation for a period of three months from the time of the offense.

"Any student who participates in concerted absence from class shall likewise incur the foregoing penalties."

This action caused some discussion in the student meeting and a committee headed by Brenton T. Taylor was appointed to confer with a faculty committee and endeavor to plan some means of conciliation.

The student committee recognized the evils of "bolting" and cutting

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ALBANY CONFERENCE HUGE SUCCESS

Over 200 Delegates Attend Sessions.

UNION SENDS THIRTY

Dr. Ellery, Prof. Taylor, and W. Q. Swart, '19, Prominent Figures.

One of the most successful Student Volunteer Conferences in the history of this movement was concluded Sunday night at the New York State College for Teachers. In addition to the members of the State College there were more than two hundred visiting delegates from colleges all over the state.

Union was well represented by Dr. and Mrs. Edward S. Ellery, and Prof. and Mrs. Warren C. Taylor. Winifield Q. Swart, '19, presided over the meeting. Besides these, the college sent thirty other delegates.

The first session was held at 8 o'clock Friday night, at which the general outline and purpose of the conference was disclosed. The principal speaker was Mr. S. Ralph Harlow, chaplain of the International College of Smyrna. He talked at length on the present war, in which he has been engaged as a Y. M. C. A. worker.

The conference began in earnest Saturday morning with a discussion of mission study classes. Miss Sarah Snell of Wellsley presided. The speaker of the morning was Mr. Morris Nealson of Philadelphia who addressed the meeting on "The Needs of Spiritual Assistance in Russia." Mr. John E. Williams gave a talk on his work in China. At noon the convention picture was taken in front of the State College.

The session was resumed at 2 P. M. in the afternoon. "The World Fellowship Movement" was the subject for discussion. Miss Topping, secretary of the National Y. M. C. A., gave in detail the needs of China, Japan and South America and strongly urged that a fund be established to relieve conditions in these isolated places. Following this meeting parties were conducted to points of interest about the city by the young ladies of the State College.

At 7 o'clock the banquet was held, followed by a basketball game in the Albany High School gymnasium between the State College and the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The game was nip and tuck to the finish which was favorable to the Albanians by a score of 19 to 18. Dancing was held after the game.

Sunday, the last day of the conference, a special service was conducted for the delegates at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The afternoon meeting was thrown open to a

ARMY MEN SUCCUMB TO UNION'S RALLY

Lead Union by Two Points in Half, Then Fall Down.

HANLEY AT HOME

Three Men Absent. Garnet Sets Forth With Five Men on the Squad.

With Wilber playing forward and Beaver jumping center the Union five defeated West Point's heavy quintet Saturday afternoon on the opponent's court by a score of 21 to 17. This is West Point's third successive defeat. Hanley, Cassidy and Getman missed the train and were unable to get a later one, so Union's five defenders put forth alone.

The Garnet players were two points behind when the half-time whistle blew the score being 12-14. Wilber, Beaver and Yavits all contributed points, Wilber making three baskets in this, his initial varsity game. Yavits also came in strong with his foul shooting and in the middle of the second half Union's luck turned for the better.

Union made her last basket two minutes before the game closed and the coach signalled to stall, and it was done, very successfully.

The team started minus three men but Lyman, who was accompanying them as a spectator, was dressed up in a suit and drafted into the service for the sake of looks. The court was a very hard one for Union because the backboards are made of steel and cause the ball to rebound almost to the center of the court.

Yavits did not show up very well in his foul shooting practice before the game, but certainly got there when it counted. He missed only two of his nine chances.

The Garnet boys, rather disheartened by the unpropitious start and more or less wary of the West Pointers, who were much heavier, started on the defensive. The Army men were "big and strong," says Doc Yavits, but Union's guarding was firm, and held their opponents to a two-point lead in the first half.

When they say what it could do, (Continued on page 4.)

discussion of miscellaneous topics and questions. Mr. Ralph Harlow, W. Q. Swart, '19, Alexander Stewart, '19, and Nerses Partikian, '20, were the principal speakers.

At 7:30 Sunday evening the final meeting took place at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mr. S. Ralph Harlow discussed the missionary question in general. Union's motto, which was brought back from the conference, was "Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his brother."

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A REPLY TO MR. CRONKHITE.

Editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS:

I have just read Bill Cronkhite's letter in THE CONCORDIENSIS concerning the one-semester rule, the adoption of which in the eligibility code of Union College has been recommended by the Committee on Undergraduate Affairs, appointed by the Graduate Council.

It is hardly a question for controversy as it is one of policy based on expediency rather than of principle, but as Cronkhite issues a sort of challenge by asking two rather pertinent questions it seems only fair that as chairman of the Committee on Undergraduate Affairs, which made the recommendation after a unanimous vote, I should make answer.

Cronkhite has built up his argument on what unfortunately is a wrong premise. If the premise were true, the argument would be sound to the core. He says: "The one-year rule and the one-semester rule are relics of the past", and adds, "this evil (referring to proselyting) has been stamped out long ago in most of our colleges."

As a matter of fact the evil of proselyting is quite as dangerous today as it was twenty years ago and we hear less of it only because of the stern measures which have been adopted to suppress it. College conditions may have changed but human beings have not changed.

Again Cronkhite says: "No proselyting can exist at Union and we do not need any one-semester rule to keep us straight."

This is comforting, but if Union does not need the one-semester rule or one-year rule, considered absolutely essential by most of the universities and colleges in the country, why have a rule of any kind? The code at Union along this line imposes additional scholastic requirements for those who are working with 'varsity squads. But getting down to the specific question Cronkhite winds up his brief against the one-semester rule by asking:

"Can anyone give one good reason why we should have to legislate against an evil that does not exist and never can exist at Union?"

"Is there one good reason why a Union College student, eligible in every

way, should be barred from representing his college in football simply because he is a Freshman?"

To the first question the answer is YES—not one good reason but three or four.

To the second question the answer is NO. As a matter of fact nobody has suggested that a Freshman be barred from representing his college in football but simply that he be confined to playing on his class eleven for which provision will be made and for which two or three games must be arranged. He is simply barred from playing 'varsity football or representing any 'varsity team in the first semester.

Going back to the first and all-important question, the first good reason is that proselyting is an evil; that proselyting does exist (even if not at Union) and that the one-year rule or one-semester rule has been found by the other colleges as the surest means to minimize it. There is no way to absolutely stamp it out.

Now accepting the statement of Cronkhite and praying that it may be true that the evil of proselyting "does not exist and never can exist at Union," there are still three sound reasons for Union College to include the one-semester rule in the eligibility code. These reasons are as follows:

(1) Fairness to our athletic associates who are governed by the one-semester rule.

(2) Willingness to meet all-comers on a common ground and without the advantage of using men who are barred at the colleges with which we compete.

(3) Expediency, which simply means the most practical or best to be done, all things considered.

Most of the colleges which Union meets in football are bound by the one-semester rule and when beaten the undergraduates of these colleges quite naturally resent what they call an advantage held by us and are suspicious of our additional scholastic requirement.

In any community the will of the majority must obtain; otherwise, there is discord and friction. Apart from everything else it is only fair that Union should put itself on the same footing as the colleges which it respects most highly as athletic rivals.

We must all submit to prohibition when the law goes into effect not because we all need prohibition but because some got drunk and beat their wives and did other silly and foolish things.

Union then should be only too glad to respect the rule of the majority even if it is not needed at Union.

One more thing. The present rule at Union College to cover this point imposes an unfair hardship. The Freshman who from his own desire or because of consistent urging reports for 'varsity football practice is confronted at once with more exacting scholastic requirements than his fellows in order to keep himself eligible.

He jumps at once into the most intensive physical training required for any college sport and he is required at the same time to exert greater mental effort than others in his class in order to maintain his standing.

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Dr. Alexander R. Stevenson, Jr., upon whom Union conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the 1917 Commencement, has returned from France, where he was engaged in important work with the air service of the American Expeditionary Force. While in charge of the American flying field of Choisy-Le-Roi, Dr. Stevenson made practical tests of nearly every type of airplane used by the Allies, as well as several German planes. Dr. Stevenson was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps at Langley Field in the summer of 1917 and embarked for France in October of the same year. He is now visiting his father in this city.

PHI GAMMA DELTA HOLDS DINNER

The Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity held its annual initiation dinner Saturday night. About thirty-five alumni of the chapter were present. Clinton Jones of Pittsfield acted as toastmaster. The principal speakers were Major Frank Keck of New York, John H. Cook of Albany, and James A. Farrell of New York.

Honor roll increases at Williams. The number of men killed in action is now 40.

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Another delegate stepped forward and placed a button bearing the label of the Bar Tenders' Union on the label of Mr. Gerard's coat.—N. Y. Tribune.

A novel occupation for ex-statesman, W. J. B. please note.

The "Faithful Dozen" who attend vespers regularly received a treat Sunday afternoon in the form of a silent sermon. Professor Upson evidently believes in the doctrines of the "Man Who Failed."

"The flower of fame grows not on mortal soil," quoth the Cynic as he looked at his latest French-exam. paper. Perhaps we, too, will obtain our reward in the world to come. Who knows?

A colored cook wrote his sweet-heart from over there: "At present I am standing five feet deep in blood, and the corpses of Germans are floating all around me." Those few now living who were privileged to hear the Gettysburg address say that it was followed by a great silence. What could have been the reception of this news.

The revival of social battles on the Hill, now that leather puttees are passe, is attendant with a strong scent of moth-balls.

We smile cynically as we note the sturdy defenders of the campus, who were rampant during the battle of Schenectady, still disporting their uniforms. But then, they all fall for a uniform, even though it be that of a bell-hop.

Our paper, and particularly this column has been violently criticized because of its radical form of thinking. We wonder how the "Conscientious Objectors" would like a paper similar to our contemporary, the Hamilton Life. We refer particularly to the article "Wake Up." Truly here is no balm for seething souls.

After that, the murmurs of the multitude subsided into a foreboding silence. R. A.

INTERCLASS GAMES TO BE PLAYED OFF

Schedule Must Be Concluded
Next Monday—Juniors Now
Lead.

There still remain, in the aggregate, seven interclass basketball games to be played off, all of which must be decided before next Tuesday. The Juniors now lead with two won and none lost but most of the teams have three or four games yet to play before their fate will be known.

Captain Yavits has posted the following schedule of games. These games must absolutely be played off on the dates appointed or teams failing to appear will forfeit.

The schedule:

Wednesday, 7 P. M.—Juniors vs. Seniors; Sophomores vs. Freshmen.
Thursday, 4:30 P. M.—Seniors vs.

Freshmen; Juniors vs. Sophomores.
Saturday, 2 P. M.—Seniors vs. Sophomores; Juniors vs. Freshmen.
Monday, 7 P. M.—Juniors vs. Seniors.

The present standing of the teams is as follows:

	Won	Lost
Seniors	1	1
Juniors	2	0
Sophomores	2	1
Freshmen	0	3

A big four combination of colleges is proposed between Cornell, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth and Syracuse. As the so-called "BIG THREE" are becoming more closely affiliated other institutions are afraid they are being left out in the cold and it is believed that this new body might grow into a strong alliance and eventually turn out to be a strong rival.

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ed with Union two points in the lead.

Second Half.

The curtain went up on a fast and furious game. Amherst was out for blood. But Union tightened up a little also and Beaver dropped in a pretty basket. Union awoke from her lethargy and began to show the visitors a clean pair of heels. But Amherst was playing hard, too, and after many attempts Kennedy got a basket. In one of the onslaughts, George Brucker got a stiff blow on the nose but he was back into it in a minute. There were numerous personal fouls called but no players were put out of the game on that account. Palmer dropped a nice basket from the center of the court and Amherst pulled some fancy stuff around Union's basket that resembled polo. Maynard finally terminated this sally by making another basket. Union called time out to substitute Getman for Hanley. Yavits dropped another basket and shortly after Brucker scored. It was now evident that Union was out of danger and Cassidy and Wilber replaced Beaver and Brucker.

During the last stages of the game Amherst made some frantic trials on long shots but without effect. Getman put in another basket for Union which Palmer offset, and Yavits scored a personal on Zink.

The score:

UNION.			
	F.B.	F.P.	T.P.
Brucker, rf.	2	1	5
Wilber, rf.	0	0	0
Beaver, lf.	4	0	8
Cassidy, lf.	0	0	0
Hanley, cff.	0	0	0
Getman, c.	1	0	2
Yavits, lf.	5	0	10
Rinaldi, rg.	1	0	2
Totals	13	1	27

AMHERST.			
	F.B.	F.P.	T.P.
Kennedy, rf.	3	0	6
Zink, lf.	1	1	3
Maynard, c.	1	0	2
Palmer, lg.	2	0	4
Snyder, rg.	1	0	2
Totals	8	1	17

Summary—Score end of first half, Union, 9, Amherst, 7. Fouls, Union, 7; Amherst, 10. Scorers—Godwin, McGee. Referee, Tilden. Timer, Grinnell. Time of halves—20 minutes.

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the Garnet quintet took heart and went into the second half for blood. Every man felt encouraged at the progress that was being made and Union's score was soon running ahead of her opponents'.

Every one of Union's men played a hard game. Yavits, Beaver and Wilber did the scoring but Brucker and Rinaldi got in great work on the team. Yavits' accurate foul shooting clinched the victory in the last stages of the game, and Union's strategic stall brought her off victor of the day.

The score:

UNION.			
	F.B.	F.P.	T.P.
Brucker	0	0	0
Wilber	3	0	6
Beaver	2	0	4
Rinaldi	0	0	0
Yavits	2	7	11
Total	7	7	21

WEST POINT.

	F.B.	F.P.	T.P.
Cranston	3	5	11
Johnson	2	0	4
McQuarrie	0	0	0
Barrack	0	0	0
Claterbos	1	0	2
Total	6	5	17

Summary—Score end of first half, West Point, 14; Union, 12. Fouls, Union, 7; West Point, 9. Substitutions—Daniel for Cranston, Pfeiffer for Daniel, Daniel for McQuarrie, Morse for Johnson, Schabecker for Claterbos. Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

Because of the uncertainty of the attitude of the government to fraternities, Washington and Lee University waived a rule for the present academic year to the effect that fraternities cannot initiate pledges until they have passed one term's examination.

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classes before and after vacations and in general were in favor of adopting some remedy for them. The committee expressed its belief, however, that such cases could be more satisfactorily handled by the students themselves and therefore petitioned for a suspension of the rule.

The faculty has granted everything that was asked for, stating that the sole purpose of the resolution of January 16th was to eliminate the evils of "bolting" which both parties recognize. If this can be better accomplished, through the efforts of the students, then the faculty is perfectly agreeable to its being left in the hands of the students. To this end the rule has been suspended and will remain without force so long as, in the estimation of the faculty, the student body achieves the desired result.

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