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GARNET WORKS HARD TO BEAT PURPLE

Slumps After Usual Fast Start.

SCORE 21-15

Union's Forwards Miss Many Field Goals.

Union gained a decided victory over Williams in basketball Saturday afternoon. Union took the lead early in the first half, starting with some foul points by George Brucker and then adding a basket now and then until it looked as if the game would be a run-away for the Garnet. Williams was slow in getting under way but soon began to break into the scoring column and the gap between the two scores was shortened. The half closed with Union leading by only three points. The first part of the last half was a nip and tuck contest until the loss of Captain Carick by Williams and some well thrown baskets by Yavits left Union the undisputed possessor of the field.

Union at times showed lack of team work but Williams seemed to have none at all. The Purple team played a following game throughout, merely carrying the ball to the nearest vantage point and shooting for the basket. Yavits and Rinaldi, the Union guards, were able to combat very successfully the sallies of the opposing team, and were it not for the fact that the forwards missed many very easy baskets, the Garnet would have undoubtedly piled up a big score. As it was, the game was close and very exciting at times.

During most of the second half Yavits' clan led by little more than two points and to the spectators the outcome seemed only a tossup. Williams on the other hand, lost their captain and with him went the morale of the quintet. Two baskets to Union's credit in the last moments of the game clinched the victory.

At the start, Brucker shot fouls well but later suffered a relapse and Yavits was given a try. He, too, seemed to do no better and Brucker was reinstated. With the exception of Rinaldi, who played his best game of the season, the work of Union appeared rather

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THE CALENDAR.

Today

7:15 P. M.—Meeting of the Philomathean Society, Washburn Hall.

7:15 P. M.—Meeting of Classical Club, North Colonnade.

Tomorrow.

8:00 P. M.—"Heart and Blood Vessels," lecture by Dr. J. M. Mavor, Chemistry Building.

Friday.

8:00 P. M.—General get-together of all students in gymnasium.

PROM PROSPECTS IMPROVE; MAY HOLD JUNIOR DANCE IN MID-MAY

Prospects of holding a Junior Prom this year have materially improved during the past week. The committee, which has been searching diligently for a date which will be opposed by neither students nor faculty, has practically abandoned the plan of holding the affair directly after the Easter vacation, because of the fact that the Prom would have to be held on one of the days of the vacation, thus shortening the recess. Such a plan, it is felt, will be unacceptable to most of the students on whom the committee must depend for the financial success of the venture.

Most of the difficulty of the Committee in selecting a date for holding a Prom has been due to the fact that the shortness of time between the terms this year makes it impossible to choose a date on which Junior Week activities would not interfere with

classes. The affair cannot be held on a day when classes are in session.

The plan which has revived the hopes of the Juniors is that of holding the dance on the night of May 16th, the eve of Moving-Up Day. Should the faculty accept this scheme, one of the liveliest Junior Weeks held in recent years would certainly result. Added to the social affairs of the week itself would be the scraps, Moving-Up Day exercises and baseball game held on the 17th of May, when the fair guests would see the campus in the garb of Spring and the college looking its best.

The committee, which is headed by Julian D. Hagar, has the following members, W. Greeley, H. C. Wadsworth, H. J. McGee, W. L. Jones, W. I. Titus, and J. L. D. Speer, (ex-officio.)

CLINE AND COMSTOCK TO PUBLISH '20 GARNET

"Concordy" Will Appear Twice a Week, Decides Board.

THE CONCORDIENSIS will appear twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, according to a decision of the Publication Board at a meeting held Friday afternoon. It is believed that the twice a week plan is preferable to the plan followed last year of issuing the three copies per week, the amount of news now being available on the hill not warranting the publication of three issues. Manager Gorham announced that the policy of distributing THE CONCORDIENSIS at the door of the chapel following the chapel services on the days following publication of the paper was so satisfactory in operation when tried out last fall by the management of the "S. A. T. C. CONCORDIENSIS" that it would be followed during the rest of this year. Thirty-five issues will be published from now until Commencement, it was announced.

James M. Cline was elected by the Board as Editor-in-Chief of the 1920 "Garnet" and F. Law Comstock was chosen Business Manager. Cline was active last year in editing the 1919 "Garnet." He is athletic editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS and vice-president of the Classical Club. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Comstock is assistant manager of baseball and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The Board also enlarged the editorial staff of THE CONCORDIENSIS by the election of Christopher A. Carr, '19, as exchange editor and of Charles A. Brind, '19, as contributing editor. Carr has, during the last two years, been active in dramatic club circles, and has been for two years a member of 1919's basketball team. He is a

UPPERCLASSMEN WIN IN TWO INTERCLASS OPENERS

Sophs Listless, But Frosh Are Game Losers.

On Saturday afternoon the interclass basketball league started with a contest between the Juniors and the Sophs and another between the Seniors and the Frosh. The upperclassmen came off victors in their respective contests. The Soph-Junior game was a very one-sided affair as the class of '21 was completely out-classed in all departments of the game. "Hal" Wittner starred for the Juniors and played a good offensive and defensive game. He also furnished much laughter for the on-lookers as he is wont to do. The underclass in this game could not seem to work the ball around the floor at all. Their passwork was defective and their eye for the basket was poor when they did get near it, which was seldom.

The Senior-Frosh game was a better played contest and gameness on the part of the Freshmen was apparent. They displayed true class spirit and worked hard throughout the entire game, showing good pass work and a fair eye for the cage. "Dutch" Gulick and "Harry" Calkins were the chief stumbling blocks for '22, breaking up their offensive movements, and playing a good offensive game for '19. Drohan starred for the Frosh and put up a good fight. Many times the Seniors were nearly overtaken but they always managed to come through with a basket or two to keep the lead out of the hands of the Frosh.

member of the Chi Psi Fraternity. Brind has been a member of THE CONCORDIENSIS Board since his Freshman year, and is president of the Adelpic Society.

ABRAHAM A BRAVE MAN, SAYS DR. ELLERY

Love of God, Hebrew's Chief Trait.

ROOSEVELT LIKE HIM

Both Great Men With Great Men's Faults.

Professor Ellery was the speaker at the second vesper service held Sunday afternoon in the chapel. His topic was "Abraham, the Man Who Believed," and he delivered his talk to a fair-sized audience.

Professor Ellery spoke of the faults that we find in the life of Abraham and also the good points that are there. He then told us that despite all that we could see that was bad in the life of Abraham there was one contrasting and outstanding purpose that stood out above everything. It was Abraham's love and reverence for Jehovah. He was willing to do anything that the Lord commanded, even to offering his son as a living sacrifice.

Proceeding he compared the way that we judge the life of Abraham with that of a man today. He took the late ex-President Roosevelt as his example of a modern man, and after relating what faults we could find as well as fine points in his life he said that perhaps the highest motive and the one by which we would judge the man was his faith in the Almighty.

Continuing, the speaker said that the college man should pause in his rush through undergraduate life long enough to realize or to find what the chief purpose or endeavor of his life is. He should have some purpose that is of the best in a material way and this purpose must be one to which no exceptions are possible.

Professor Ellery said in part: "When a man is willing that another should go down that he may live, that is what we call contempt."

"We find that Abraham was weak, cruel, deceitful and heartless on the one side. But on the other he was generous, faithful, magnanimous, and religious. How shall we judge Abraham by the characteristics that we have just described. His life seems to be very like the sinecure. First, it is on one side of the straight line and then the other. His life does not vary far from the straight line, which

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An Unwelcome Ruling.

THE CONCORDIENSIS has up to now refrained from making any comment on the new faculty ruling inflicting drastic penalties on students reporting late to the resumption of classes after vacation and on participants in a concerted absence from class, or "organized bolt." We did this because we desired to sound student opinion on the measure. As might be expected, student opinion is strongly adverse. It does not appear, however, that the majority of students taking this side have done so simply out of resentment at the taking away of a privilege they formerly enjoyed. Some of the protests heard on the hill during the past week might, if analyzed, prove to have some virtue in them.

Only the most radical of the dissenters deny the right of the faculty to make the rule and enforce obedience thereto. No one would question the right of the faculty to make an ordinance compelling students to attend classes beginning at six o'clock in the morning. Nor would the latter have any redress before the bar of faculty justice if Union's professors and instructors should ordain that they should attend a Sunday chapel service. The students could not question the faculty's right to pass such rulings. They would, however, assail them as grave breeches of policy. It is as a breach of policy that the new anti-bolting rule is being questioned by the more conservative opinion among students.

Much of the resentment is directed at the suddenness with which the ruling was precipitated upon the student body. Its drastic terms indicate that the faculty must have felt a crying need for the reform which the ordinance is apparently designed to accomplish. Post-vacation class-cutting and the organized bolt must, in the eyes of the faculty, have threatened serious undermining of the academic morale at Union. Of this the student body was not aware. A warning, even the threat of doing what has been done might have accomplished a great improvement. But there was no such warning or threat. There is little doubt that the action soon to be taken, namely a conference between committees of students and faculty, would, if it

had preceded the passing of the rule, have been something of a healing balm on the feelings of the governed, even assuming that the students' committee accomplished nothing. But there was no such conference. The only action open to the student body on hearing suddenly that certain privileges which it had previously enjoyed were to be abrogated, was to appeal to the faculty for a modification of the new rule. And this is being respectfully done.

It should not be imagined that all features of the ruling are equally objectionable. We have believed for some time that the organized bolt is wrong. Although it is an excellent barometer of the ability of a given instructor to hold the interest of his students, (for men interested in the manner a subject is being presented by that instructor will not combine in bolting his classes), its virtues are generously outweighed by its vices. On the other hand it is contended that, for an instructor unable to prevent organized bolts to have to depend upon so drastic a measure as the one just established to hold the attention of his students evinces such a weakness in leadership that, in the long run, neither he nor the students will gain anything by the change. It might be mentioned as throwing an interesting side-light on the matter, that one instructor last year fined his students for carrying out a concerted absence by reducing the standing of each of them one grade. He had no more organized bolts.

This virtue, however, is to be found in the rule attaching strong penalties to an absence just before or after a vacation. It has been observed that this rule was made just after the Christmas vacation was lengthened several days, one of the alleged causes for the extension being that, were it not made, no one would have reported on January 2nd anyway. As matters now stand, a student living a few hundred miles away will hardly dare eat his New Year's dinner with his parents next year, if the faculty decides that classes shall reconvene on the following day. To many an observer, it appears that those responsible for the new rule, finding that the majority of post-vacation class-bolters refused to allow the appalling loss of one or two days' instruction to interfere seriously with their standing, resolved to get the truants back willy-nilly in the future. What is most objectionable in the "vacation clause" of the ruling is the fact that, whereas the laws at Union regarding absence from classes before and after vacations have always been strict when compared with those in force at other colleges, they are now strengthened to a degree approaching harshness. Let us imagine a case, in which, as happened this year, the holiday vacation at Union and some other colleges is cut off January 2nd. John Jones, a student at Union and living in Louisville, Ky., must leave home early on the morning of New Year's Day if he is not to be put on probation for three months by the Union faculty, beside undergoing other dire penalties. John's brother Edward, a student at Williams, may spend the holiday with his family by using up some of the gratuitous cuts allowed by that college, although Williams resumes sessions on the same day.

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fairness of the "vacations clause" of the ruling, when compared with rules concerning such absences as enforced in other colleges, the ordinance, in its entirety might not have been received with such obvious coolness by the student body. This part of the ruling we hope to see amended.

The Bottom of the Keg

Many of our interested readers may wonder why we sign ourselves R. A. This Inquisitiveness, however, is pardonable so we rise to reply. No, the letters R. A. are not our initials; they simply stand for "Reformed Addict." Not that we don't realize the folly of reform at the present time, but we decided that it was a question of swearing off now, or waiting until July first to be sworn off.

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We realize more and more, now that we have attempted to grace our paper with some of the lighter things of life, how true is the old scripture saying, "There is nothing new under the sun."

Even the proof reader, this year, refuses to hand us any choice typographical scandals with which to fill our colyum. Some people wonder, "How they get that way"

He: "What's your favorite poem?"

She: "Gray's elegy—why?"

He (disappointed): "I thought that you would say "Omar Klayam," so I could spring that remark about the "Jug of wine, etc."

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We remember reading a poem by Riley entitled "When Early March Seems Middle May." We often thought that we would like to hear a

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THE PAST AND PRESENT

Keep abreast with the times. We are not living in the stage coach decade, at which time the mentioning of flying machines would have been taken as an idle jest. In the present century you wouldn't think of traveling as one did in by-gone days. Neither would you of having your shoes repaired by the old style hand method way, if you knew the superiority in our up-to-date machine way of repairing.

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great man's sentiments on that famous world-truth, "When eight-thirty A. M. seems like the middle of the night."

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S. A. T. C. Notes: Rumor has circulated abroad the report that certain of the large (?) towns of the state have placed their stude army men on the honor slate. It must be great to get a certificate in the form of a young diploma stating: "In behalf of the citizens of Squash Corners we wish to thank Mr. C. Lective Serviss for his noble part in the winning of the great world war." Probably those of our number who were on "K. P. for punishment" justify the compliment by referring to the popular slogan "Food will win the war."

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"Survival of the fittest"—motto of w. k. sausage firm. It's as hard for us to establish the connection between the principles of the origin of species and the production of pork as it was easy for Charles Darwin to solve the riddle of the universe. We just can't find the missing link in the sausage problem.

Wonderful possibilities in this dual-personality stuff. No, we're not thinking of Stevenson's novels; it happens in real life. Stude Americanizes Teutonic name and bolts class. Prof. can't, won't believe he's sick—saw him on the campus shortly before class. "At least he thought he saw Kelly, but maybe it was Eisenkopf he saw."

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Current news sheets say that, out of 25,000 officers recently deducted out of the service, about 2,400 had been stationed in Washington. We suppose they will wear their silver stripes with distinction. That Washington War Work always has appealed to us, although khaki at the desk has its incongruities. Nevertheless they have done their bit, these bureau patriots, particularly the technical men—"swivel engineers," Dash calls 'em.

R. A.

HAWLEY CALLS FOR SONG LEADER CANDIDATES

The season's first try-outs for song leader will be held at the Syracuse basketball game in the gymnasium Saturday night, according to an announcement made by Cheer Leader Hawley yesterday. Names of all candidates will be turned in to the cheer leader, at Sigma Phi Place.

MAVOR TO DELIVER SECOND TALK TOMORROW

The second of the lectures being given by Dr. James Watt Mavor, of the Department of Zoology, will be delivered on Wednesday night in the lecture room of the Chemistry Building at 8:00 P. M. The subject of the talk will be "The Heart and Blood Vessels."

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GIDDINGS LAUDS WORK OF UNION IN WAR

But Says There Are Tremendous New Tasks for Students.

One of the best short addresses to which Union students have listened this year was delivered in chapel Thursday morning, January 30, by Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, '77, trustee of Union College and a member of the Columbia University faculty. The talk touched upon Union's able performance of duty during the war and upon the necessity for her students to continue the college's traditions by participating heart and soul in the solution of the difficult problems of moral and material reconstruction which must be essayed within the next few years.

"Everyone who comes back to this chapel, whatever his age or past experience," said Prof. Giddings, "does so with a great deal of pride, and with the expectation that the students which he finds here will do their full share to make this place a place every Union man will be proud of. He cannot help being proud of what Union has done in the war, proud of the men who went out, proud of their loyalty, their faithfulness, their sacrifices. Unwittingly, too, he gives a tribute of reverence to the elders: the fathers and mothers of the men who have gone out into the service, for the splendid sacrifices which they have made. No one can know, until he has reached mature years, what war means to those who cannot go, but must quietly stand by and wait, doing the work that has to be done back of the lines.

"But now we are back, and these sacrifices are becoming memories. As we return, we see, as well in the colleges as in political life, a tendency toward lack of discipline, a relaxation of the alertness which has characterized our efforts in the war. You Union students must, within the next few years bear your part in striving with wisdom and justice to combat the forces of disintegration which are threatening America even as similar forces threatened and well-nigh engulfed France just after the Napoleonic wars.

"In conclusion, I would leave two thoughts for you to hold uppermost in your minds during these critical years to come," said Prof. Giddings. "First, with the splendid military discipline which has played a leading part in our lives during the last two years relaxed, let us not relax our self discipline. Control of ourselves is full y as essential now as it was then. And second, let us, as educated men, do our share to establish in America that modesty and quietness of character that we need to cultivate. Keep up your morale and that of America and do it like educated men from Union College."

CONDORBY TO GIVE GET-TOGETHER DETAILS FRIDAY

Plans are nearly complete for the General Get-Together to be held Friday evening in the gymnasium. Advance information now available indicates that those who attend (and all students are invited) will enjoy one of the pleasantest evenings of their college year. A complete program of the events scheduled for Friday evening will be printed in THE CONCORDIENSIS.

BASKETBALL CARD HAS ONLY ONE OPEN DATE

All but one date on the basketball schedule for this season is now vacant, all the others being filled, according to an announcement made yesterday by Manager McGee. On the schedule, beside several of Union's old rivals, appear the names of two new opponents, Syracuse and Colgate. Although Union has had basketball relations with both the latter colleges, in past years, the Garnet has met neither the Orange nor the Maroon for many seasons. Both games are regarded as difficult.

The card:

Feb. 8—Syracuse at Schenectady.
Feb. 15—Williams at Schenectady.
Feb. 21—Amherst at Schenectady.
Feb. 22—West Point at West Point.
Feb. 24—Syracuse at Syracuse.
Feb. 26—Colgate at Hamilton.
Feb. 28—Open.
March 1—Amherst at Amherst.

TRACK SQUAD ELECTS

JONES ITS CAPTAIN

Wolcott L. Jones, '20, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, was recently elected by all "U" and "aUa" men as captain of Track for the coming season. Jones is captain of this year's basketball team, but cannot play on account of eligibility rules.

He has been very active in athletics since entering college, having made letters in football, basketball, and track. Jones also sang in the Glee Club last year and was recently appointed on this year's Junior Prom Committee.

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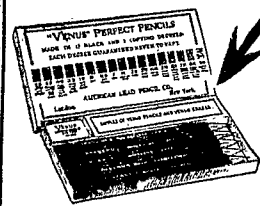
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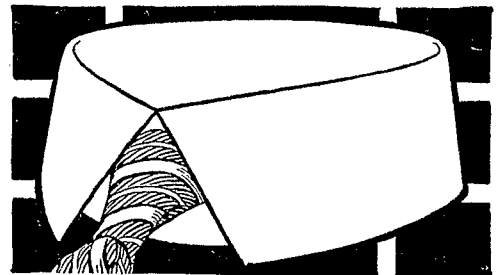
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er listless. Burrows and Carick of Williams featured with some long baskets. The game was rough throughout, Carick of Williams being put out in the second half on personal fouls and there were many others which the referee did not see.

The Williams rooters appeared to forget their manners, hissing the referee and uttering cat calls to "get Yavits." Referee O'Connell was in constant disfavor. His decisions were very impartial but a number of things escaped his notice.

The summary:

	UNION			F.B. F.P. T.P.		
Brucker, lf.	3	5	11			
Beaver, rf.	1	0	2			
Cassidy, rf.	1	0	2			
Hanley, c.	0	0	0			
Yavits, lg.	2	0	4			
Rinaldi, rg.	1	0	2			
Totals	8	5	21			

	WILLIAMS.			F.B. F.P. T.P.		
Carick, lf.	0	2	2			
Carson, lf.	0	0	2			
Wright, rf.	2	1	5			
Manning, c.	1	0	0			
Burrows, lg.	3	0	6			
Bonnard, rg.	0	0	0			
Totals	6	3	14			

Score at half time—Union 12, Williams 9. Fouls—Williams, 11; Union, 7. Referee—O'Connell, Pittsfield. Timekeeper—Finn. Time of periods—Twenty minutes.

ABRAHAM A BRAVE MAN, SAYS DR. ELLERY

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we may call his love for Jehovah. This is the outstanding characteristic by which Abraham's life is judged.

Roosevelt may be taken as a modern example of a man of Abraham's type, although it is rather early to judge definitely. We may say that the ex-President's faults were injustice, favoritism, impulsiveness and radical views in some ways. Yet on the other side, he was a brave and courageous fighter, generally sympathetic, unassailable by words, and affectionate. Through all this runs his love for the Lord, and this we may say is the thing by which we shall judge his character.

"A fear of making a mistake should never deter a man from his purpose or action. If it had, many great things that have occurred would never have taken place and this world would still be in an undeveloped stage. A man should be afraid to make mistakes, for they are costly, dangerous and cause much trouble. Now how can

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we reconcile these two things? A man, especially a college man, should have a well defined controlling purpose in his life. This purpose should be good and not contrary to the laws which cover the ground of the purpose. It is through this that we can reconcile the two ideas, that we should not fear and that we should fear to make mistakes.

"Every college man should take the time to find what his purpose is and what the controlling force in his life is or is to be."

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SPECIALIST TAKES X-RAYS IN SIGMA XI LECTURE

Last Friday night an interesting lecture was given in the Electrical Engineering Building by Major Carl Darnell, a specialist in X-Ray work. The lecture was held under the auspices of the Sigma Xi Society. A large crowd was in attendance and included many engineering students and General Electric men.

The subject of Major Darnell's speech was "X-Ray Work in War Time." Interesting illustrations accompanied the address and a special work kit was shown by the Major. This apparatus is very similar to the ones lately in use on the battle front and is one of the latest and most convenient to be thus far perfected. The speaker also told some of his personal experiences, as he was himself serving in France as a specialist.

To illustrate the simplicity of the machine Major Darnell had Professor King take an X-Ray picture of the wrist of a young lady in the audience. During the next few minutes several lantern slides were shown and in the course of ten minutes Professor had developed the picture and passed it around in the audience.

CALL ISSUED FOR "20 GARNET" MANAGERS

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Up to his enlistment in the Navy, "Billy" May was one of the most prominent men in college. His batting featured in nearly every game played by the 1916 baseball team, and his work on the court was one of the main reliances of the tennis team of the following year. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

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