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AMHERST LAST FOE ON HOME GROUND

New Players to Increase Opponent's Strength.

WESLEYAN—WINDUP

Issue of Final Match Cause of Uncertainty and Close Contest Awaited.

With but two games before her, and only one defeat behind, the Garnet may prophesy one of the most successful basketball seasons in the history of the college. Both of the remaining opponents, Amherst and Middletown, have been defeated by Union but Coach Yates is taking no chances.

Practice was held Monday afternoon on the high school court in preparation for the game at Middletown Saturday night. All members of the squad were present except Jones and Yavits. The practice was short and snappy the college men having the advantage of some of the high school quintet to buck. The teams worked well and the coach and players feel that prospects for the remaining games are bright. Practice will be held in the gym tonight.

The Wesleyan court is considerably smaller than any on which the team has been used to playing, and has a dark background where it is easy to misjudge the ball in a pass. In a game there a few weeks ago the Methodist college forced Middletown to the limit and it is the purpose of the Garnet to prepare to meet them at their own game.

It is rumored that as in the case of Williams several new men have become eligible to the Wesleyan squad, who, to say the least, will help to make things interesting, though very little can be ascertained concerning the opponent's strength.

In the former game with Wesleyan the Bay State players showed that they had some good stuff, and in the first half played a nip and tuck game until the Union quintet went back to short passwork and put an end to the struggle. If for any reason Wesleyan has made any such spurt as Williams, the game will not be a fore-gone conclusion.

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CALENDAR

Tonight.
7:15—Press Club meeting.
Thursday.
4:00—Intercollegiate games in Gym.
Friday
8:00—Amherst Game in Gym.
Saturday.
2:30—Dramatic Club Meeting, Silliman Hall.

FRESHMAN DANCE TO BE HELD MARCH 23d IN COLLEGE GYM

Announcement has been made by the Freshman Dance Committee of which J. Reynolds is chairman, that the coming class event will be held on the evening of March 23, in the college gymnasium. It is expected that 200 couples will be present. O'Neil's Orchestra, of Albany, has been procured to dispense music, which is said to be of the kind that makes universal devotees of Terpsichore. The dance is to be informal, and couple or stag tickets may be procured from the committee on receipt of \$1.00. It has not as yet been ascertained who will be the patronesses of the affair.

The coming Freshman dance will be something of a novelty on the Hill. In accordance with the recently organized movement to interest sub-Freshmen in Union as a post-high school institution, the committee has sent out special invitations to fraternities and other organizations in the high schools of the nearby towns, such as Albany and Amsterdam. Representatives of the class have visited school principals of the vicinity, and every effort is being made to interest high school authorities in the affair, and through them gain the attention of students.

President Richmond, in a conversation with one of the committee, expressed his hearty support of the venture, and commended the zeal of the Freshman class in the interests of their Alma Mater.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATERS CHOSEN

Question is, "The United States Should Operate Railroads After Close of War."

The tryouts for the two varsity debating teams, which are to meet Hamilton on March 27, were held Monday in the Engineering Building, and four men each for the affirmative and negative teams were chosen.

The men chosen for the affirmative team are William P. Northrop '18, Walter Hochuli '18, I. Russell Stein '18, and Roland Lagrange '19, as alternate. The negative side of the question will be upheld by Clyde A. Heatly '18, John C. Younie '18, Jerome Loevenheim '20, and William Smith '20, as alternate.

Dr. McKean has decided that the affirmative team will meet Hamilton in Clinton, while the negative team will clash with their opponents in the college chapel. By agreement between the two colleges, the wording of the debate has been somewhat altered from the form used in the Allison-Foote debate. It now reads, "Resolved, that after the war, the United States should continue to operate the railroads."

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE NEARLY COMPLETE.

Football prospects seem to be very promising for next fall. Thanks to the work of the manager, the schedule is all arranged with the exception of one game, all with crack teams.

The schedule is as follows:
September 28—Undecided.
October 5—Wesleyan at Union.
October 12—Amherst at Union.
October 19—Williams at Williams.
October 26—N. Y. U. at Union.
November 2—R. P. I. at Troy.
November 9—Columbia at New York.
Nov. 16—Hamilton at Union.

BATTALION'S REGIME TO BE MORE RIGOROUS

Unexcused Absence From Drill Will Be Heavily Penalized in Future.

The members of the college battalion are hereafter to be held to a stricter accountability in matters of military discipline. Absences from drill are to be treated with greater severity and in other details the department of military science and tactics will hereafter be more exacting. It is felt that the battalion has advanced far enough in the preliminary steps of organization to expect greater efficiency from its members.

President Richmond yesterday afternoon addressed the battalion in the gymnasium, impressing them with the necessity for improvement in their discipline and stating the reasons for such necessity.

"I have come here to compliment you," he said, (not verbatim) "or at least nine-tenths of you, and to warn the other tenth or perhaps less even than a tenth. You have made commendable progress but we feel that the time has come to take a step in advance, not in higher forms of instruction, but in the simple matter of discipline. This military organization is the result of a great deal of labor and difficulty. Not every college has been granted the privilege of having such an organization as this, and in return for this favor which the government has conferred on you, you ought to put your most serious effort into this work.

There are four principle reasons why you ought to do this. First, you owe it to those who are trying seriously to carry on this work to join with them. Secondly it is a patriotic duty. Undoubtedly many of you will be called upon to fight to defend your

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HOERNLE ANALYZES LIVING ORGANISM

No Physical Explanation Adequate for Human Mind.

MECHANISM OR VITALISM?

Mechanical Theory Throws No Light on Our Mental Nature; Vitalism Sound.

Prof. R. F. Hoernle continued his lectures in the Ichabod Spencer course on Monday and Tuesday nights, giving the fifth and sixth lectures of the series. Monday night Prof. Hoernle completed his discussion of the problems sense data and the world of things and causes and last night he gave the last lecture dealing with the problems of our knowledge of nature.

Next week he will devote both evenings to discussing our knowledge of other minds, what a mind is, how it can be known and the chief evidences of our knowledge of the existence of other minds.

Professor Hoernle in his lecture last evening dealt with the problem of mechanism and vitalism. His remarks were in part as follows:

"One question which the philosophers and scientists, of the latter especially biologists, are considering today is: Can the sciences explain the phenomena of life and of the mind; do we find serious faults in the mechanistic doctrine?"

"We divide the objects on this planet into the realms of the organic and inorganic. The former we divide into the planet and animal kingdoms and so the dividing proceeds indefinitely.

"Throughout the whole of this classification men have observed a certain continuity. It is perfectly obvious that the human body is in some respects similar to those of the lower animals. And indeed there is a similarity between all kinds of living matter.

"Those people whose imagination are impressed with the universal continuity of nature will seek for a mechanical explanation; those to whom the differences between natural phenomena is evident will hold to the vitalistic theory.

"We shall review some of the arguments of one who professes the mechanical theory, those of a noted biologist. He proved that action of the digestive fluids may be exactly imitated by the chemist in his test tube, that the eggs of certain lower organisms may be artificially developed without fecundation, and that atropism, or turning toward the light, is a purely chemical reaction independent of the plant or animal experiencing it.

"Overlooking the differences between these organisms and man, this same scientist has applied the mechanistic doctrine to mankind itself. He

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The Battalion and the College.

Imperfections in the course in military training have not been peculiar to Union College. In other colleges where such a course has been introduced since the outbreak of war difficulties have been encountered such as have been experienced here. It would have been miraculous within a short period of time to have created an unblemished military organization out of a body of men habituated to civil life and the more or less lackadaisical way of doing things common to civil life. Baron Steuben himself could not have done it. It was only natural that army officers transplanted to the collegiate environment should require some time for acclimatization. They could not "forthwith and at once" exact the stringency of military discipline that they could at an army post or a military academy. Then men under their command are of only a quasi-military character; they have other allegiances and have other duties to perform. There had to be a period of adjustment, both for the students and for their military instructors.

It was expected that this adjustment would be facilitated and expedited by the superior intelligence and ability which are usually attributed to college men, and which college men

are nothing loathe to admit. From those to whom much is given, much is expected: college men should be not less loathe to accept the responsibility of higher powers. If the members of the battalion do that, if they honorably discharge their responsibility as college men, they will look scrupulously to their conduct as members of a military organization and amend it wherever they find it has been lacking.

This romantic confidence in the superior ability of college men has doubtless been justified by the example of many members of the battalion who have striven earnestly to attain a semblance of soldierliness. Yet in other instances it is equally patent that no determined effort has been made to shake off the slouchiness of civil life—not merely slouchy bearing, but slouchy ways of doing things and slouchy spirit. The battalion lacks esprit de corps. Its members have not proper pride in the organization. The reason is that each man is not sufficiently eager to be proud of the organization to make sufficient effort to make it an organization to be proud of.

It is wearisome to repeat the appeals to patriotism which have been made so many times; to urge the necessity, never before so acute, incumbent upon every American to do his best in everything, especially in military training; to warn against any relaxation of action or of will by reason of the insidious delusion that the war will be over this summer or even this year or the next year. It does not take the superior intelligence of a college man to see that if the war is over within that time the need of a great formidable organization will be just as urgent as it is today.

Yet however trite are these exhortations and warnings they are incontrovertible and to the mind not debased by lethargy they will be constant stimulations to unflagging zeal.

There is another ground of appeal often made to Union students, yet which never fails to arouse them and to evoke hearty and enthusiastic response—the appeal made in the name of the college. Solicitude for the welfare of the college is one of the first lessons taught the Freshman; it is among the foremost considerations in undergraduate affairs and it marks the action of loyal alumni. The family, politics and religion are the three great elements of civilized life; the college man has a fourth of almost equal importance—his alma mater.

It must be clear to the members of the battalion after hearing President Richmond's address to them yesterday that the interests of the college are concerned very considerably with the R. O. T. C. For Union College to have a battalion undisciplined, unmilitary and unfit to be compared with battalions of other colleges, would be a disgrace.

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As President Richmond pointed out no one but the members of the battalion can make it an organization to be proud of. Some of them may complain of the instruction or of the ability of those in command, but before they do this let them be sure that they personally have done all that they can to make military training at Union College a splendid success.

RADIO INSTRUCTOR.

Ernest Shabbehar, '18, is in charge of a class of wireless students at the local high school. The class consists of about sixty members and meets four times a week. Shabbehar plans to enable the students to meet the government requirements, calling for a rate of 20 words a minute.

DR. CHASE TO SPEAK

Professor Stanley P. Chase of the English Department is to deliver a lecture on "The Uses of Literature," Thursday evening in the Y. M. H. A. rooms, Davidson Building.

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Phi Delta Theta	7	1	.875
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Psi Upsilon	0	9	.000
Delta Phi	0	8	.000

League Number Two.			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Beta Theta Pi	5	1	.835
Delta Upsilon	3	3	.500
Phi Gamma Delta	3	3	.500
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	5	.167

The next and last round of games will be:

League No. 1.

Sigma Phi vs. Pyramid Club.
Phi Delta Theta vs. Psi Upsilon.
Chi Psi vs. Delta Phi.

League No. 2.

Beta Theta Pi vs. Delta Upsilon.
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A new complement of commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the college battalion, including lieutenants and lance corporals, which the battalion has not had heretofore, has been appointed by Lieut.-Col. H. J. Goldman, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, with the approval of President Richmond. According to Orders No. 21 published at yesterday's drill the following appointments were made:

Captains.

P. Hoag.
E. R. Slade.
J. H. Potter.

Lieutenants.

F. de P. Townsend.
W. Kennedy.
B. T. Taylor.
F. W. Reynolds.
A. B. Dougall.
C. Brignall.
C. H. Underwood.

First Sergeants.

G. Hughes.
E. J. Macfarlan.
J. Hoag.

Sergeants.

Beekman.
Blackburn.
Bleeker.
Brockway.
Carvey.
Densham.
Dougall, W. P.
Gulick.
Hendrickson, A. W.
Kennedy, E. O.
Kathan, R. V.
McGauley.
Mosher.
Preston.
Ripley.
Speer.
Stein.
Sergeants Preston, Kennedy and Hendrickson are designated to act as color sergeants.

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Hodgkiss.
Stevens.
McCleary, E.
Donnan.
Gregory.
Hendrickson, H. A.
Wadsworth.
Edgerton.
Posson.
Wemple.
Brucker, J.
Van Vranken.
Potter, M. G.
Conover.
Haven.

Lance Corporals.

Bennett.
Dillon.
Jones, L.
Brucker, G.
Closson, H.
Howland.
Dewey.
MacMillan.
Closson, S. S.
Schatzel.
James.
Bostock.
Allerton.
Mott-Smith.
Carpenter, G.

FINAL INTERCLASS CONTESTS TO BE PLAYED TOMORROW

The contest between the Junior and Senior basketball teams tomorrow at 5 P. M. in the gym, will decide the winner of the class-game series. At present the Juniors hold the lead, but a victory for Captain Fancher's sturdy Seniors would put 1918 on even terms with the present leaders. 1918 has two championships to its credit, and is zealous to win a third.

Although the Sophomores and Freshmen are out of the running as far as the championship is concerned, all lovers of the court game are sure to see a hot contest when the two lower classes done their fighting armor tomorrow at 4 P. M. The Frosh, formerly considered the joke of the league, surprised followers of the sport last Thursday when they overcame the hitherto undefeated Seniors by one point. As the Sophomores, last year's champions, have already defeated the Frosh once this year, 1921 is out for revenge.

The probable line-ups are:

Seniors—Slade and Hay, forwards; Friday, center; and Hochuli, Northrop and Fancher, guards.

Juniors: Carr and Parker, forwards; Lefkowitz, center; and Manion and Gorham, guards.

Sophomores—Lefkowitz, Weinhold and Eisenberg, forwards; Hughes, center, and Hagar and Lyman, guards.

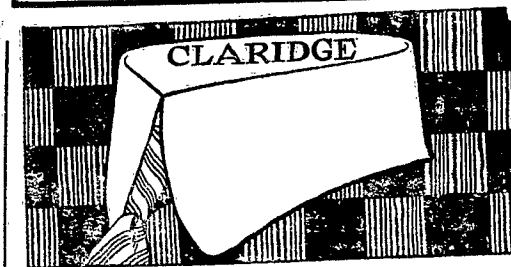
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AMHERST LAST FOE ON HOME GROUND

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The Amherst game at the gymnasium Friday night, being the last home game, will doubtless be well attended. Captain Yavits does not expect this to be a very hard one and the Garnet warriors are hoping to put another "coup" in their caps.

The removal of scholarship disabilities at mid-year is supposed to have added several superior players to Amherst's team.

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asserts that in the course of time all the instincts of man may be explained from the physical-chemical basis.

"Without doubt physical and chemical forces play a part in nearly all human experiences, and human actions may be judged from this standpoint. The mechanical theory can, however, throw no light on our mental and moral natures.

"Let us look squarely at the doctrine. If anything owes its origin to the human mind it is the machine. All mechanical achievements are the visible embodiments of purpose and wonderful demonstrations of the power of mind over matter. Purpose is what this theory must confront.

"It is possible to analyze the structure of a machine without knowing its purpose. Now live organisms may resemble machines in structure and their structures may be explained as such without considering the factor of purpose, especially in the lower organisms where purpose plays but a very small part.

The vitalists point out characteristics of living matter which non-living matter does not have, such as the power to supply lost parts and reproduce.

"Suffice it to say that the living organism is unique and that no physical or chemical explanation is sufficient for such phenomena of life as mental processes and the others of a more subtle nature."

OF INTEREST.

Leslie Uphoff '18, now with a medical unit located in New York, has been called back to Schenectady by the death of his sister.

B. F. Hance '18, who is a member of a Bridge Building Corps at Washington, D. C., is re-visiting the campus, on a five days' furlough.

Salisbury '17 and Travis '18 have been called to the colors, and are now members of Company A, 306th Regiment, stationed at Camp Upton, Yaphank, Long Island.

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country and you ought to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for that. A third reason is, that you soon will be drilling outside where strangers may see you and some day unknown to you, you will be drilling under the eyes of a government inspector. And the fourth reason is, that some of you may have the privilege of attending a training camp with men from other colleges and then you will want your appearance to be creditable to the college."

After warning the battalion that in the future unexcused absences would be heavily penalized, President Richmond concluded.

"I say this not as a threat, but as a statement made to intelligent, patriotic, well-intentioned men, as I know you to be."

WITH OTHER COLLEGES.

A canvas of college opinion made by the Yale News reveals a general decision to return to the pre-war standard of intercollegiate athletics, so far as present conditions permit.

A class in navigation at Princeton has recently returned from a cruise to Key West made for the purpose of acquiring practical experience in the art and science of navigation.

Three weeks in barracks at Cambridge and three weeks in camp, with courses for beginners and for advanced students, is the program for the military course at the Harvard Summer School. The course is open to men of other colleges and to sub-Freshmen who have qualified for college entrance.

Alfred Noyes, the famous English poet, at present professor at Princeton, has written a poem in memory of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, who died recently, shortly after being relieved as British Ambassador to the United States.

The American Librarian Association is making an appeal to college men who possess copies of Baedeker's famous guide book to Europe to contribute their copies for the use of American soldiers in Europe.

The Freshmen at Dartmouth recently petitioned the faculty, asking that steps be taken to establish a unit of the R. O. T. C. there. They were advised by the dean that a R. O. T. C. was impracticable for Dartmouth.

Freshmen at Rochester who take the military course are required to salute upperclassmen.

Bowdoin students are chopping wood to supply the fraternity houses.

Dartmouth has lost fifteen consecutive basketball games.

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DR. HOFFMAN'S

DAUGHTER STARS

Miss Grace Hoffman, daughter of Dr. Frank S. Hoffman, will be one of the stars to participate in the big war concert at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, March 12. The affair will be held under the auspices of the National War Savings Committee.

ENGLISH CLUB LISTENS

TO HEATLY SATURDAY

The English Club will meet Saturday night in the Graduate Council office to hear a paper by Clyde Heatly '18 dealing with the problems presented by R. B. Perry's "The Free Man and the Soldier."



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