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## WASHBURN HALL WILL REVERT TO STUDENTS

\$10,000 Given to Remodel Central Part.

HANNA IS BENEFACTOR

A Number of Other Checks Have Been Received From Him Previously.

Melville Hanna, one of Union's most enthusiastic alumni, has again presented us with a large check to be used for a long felt need. This time he has given us \$10,000 which will be used to remodel and furnish the central part of Washburn Hall for use as a general recreation hall. Here the students will be able to hold their get-togethers, class meetings and other affairs which require a place larger than Silliman Hall and for which the gymnasium is too large. Washburn Hall was originally built for just such a purpose but about ten years ago it had to be divided into recitation rooms on account of the rapid growth of the college. Work will be commenced at once and as President Richmond said, "The squatters will be forced to move out."

Ever since he graduated, which was in 1860, Mr. Hanna has been very much interested in his Alma Mater. It is only a few years ago that he was given the degree of LL. D. by the college. His last gift makes a total of \$69,000 that he has given. Some of his gifts are: \$15,000 for the Bigelow memorial; \$9,000 for a new chemistry laboratory and \$5,000 for the new gymnasium. We, the student body, certainly appreciate Mr. Hanna's generosity.

## ROOMS TO BE CHANGED.

After January 1st all recitations now held in W-3, Prof. Kellogg's room; W-4, Mr. Galpin's room; W-8, Mr. Brown's room; W-9, Dr. McComber's room, will be held in the General Engineering Building. The schedule of rooms in which these recitations will be held is posted in the schedule case on the first floor of the General Engineering Building.

## CALENDAR.

### Thursday.

8:15—Basketball in the gym. Union vs. Princeton. Dancing after the game.

### Friday.

12:00—Christmas recess begins. Wednesday, January 3.

8:00—Recitations resumed.

## GILBERT AND SAMMONS SUCCEED LEAKE; CAST, ESPECIALLY LADIES, IMPROVING

On account of business obligations Mr. Leake has been forced to give up his position as coach of the Dramatic Club. While the club is very sorry to lose his services they feel confident that the undergraduates, Gilbert and Sammons, who are now in charge of the coaching, will give complete satisfaction. Both of these students have had considerable experience in this line of work and understand all the producing needs thoroughly. Two rehearsals have been held under the new coaches and great progress has been made.

Rowe and Talbot are showing

up well in the leading male roles and the female ones are being handled in a satisfactory manner by Beckett, Chapman and Hulsizer. Harold J. McGee of the Freshman class has been picked for the cast and will portray the role of Vernon, a temperamental Englishman.

As the Van Curler Theatre is booked for the entire Junior Week period it has been thought wise to defer the production to a night later in February. A preliminary production will be given in Glens Falls several days before the Schenectady appearance.

## NEW PREPAREDNESS CLUB IS FORMED

Meeting of Enthusiasts In Chemistry Lecture Room.

## CAPTAIN DOREY PRESENT

Talks by Captain Pendleton and Others Cover Wide Field.

The meeting last night in the chemistry lecture room for the formation of a preparedness organization, although attended by comparatively few college men, was of tremendous interest to those who were there. In all about sixty men collected to hear Major Dorey, one of General Wood's aides, to hear Captain Pendleton and to be present at the formation of the Schenectady Preparedness Association of which G. H. Roosevelt was elected president and C. Muir was elected secretary.

The existing military conditions of the United States, the individual's duty, and the manner in which each man might best prepare himself, were the chief topics of discussion. Major Dorey, whom all of the Plattsburg men were especially glad to see again, or he is one of the biggest factors in the summer camp there, spoke on the necessity for civilian training and the work that is being done now to secure universal military training in the United States. The other subject which he developed, was the officers' reserve corps.

Brief discussions and talks by (Continued on page 4)

## JOHN F. SCHLOSSER DIED LAST SUNDAY

John F. Schlosser who graduated from here in '74, died last Sunday evening in his home in Beacon. Mr. Schlosser was a prominent lawyer and ex-State Senator. Although 68 years old he was still a very active man. His funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

## SEASON'S CRUCIAL CONTEST TONIGHT

Enthusiasm Over Prospect Runs High on Hill.

## PRINCETON STRONG.

Yovits Replaced by Jones or Hathaway; Moynihan Probably Will Play.

The Garnet basketball team is to face Princeton tonight in the crucial battle of the season. Though handicapped by the loss of another old standby, Yovits, the team has behind it the enthusiasm of the student body which has risen to an unparalleled degree during the past week in anticipation of this event. There is no doubt that the team will miss Yovits greatly and that the students will regret his absence on the court. In the previous two games he has shown himself to be of vital service not only as a foul shooter but in general team work. Very probably he will be unable to return to the court this season.

Two years ago Union won from Princeton, but last year we suffered a defeat of 30 to 18. However, the opponents who play us tonight are considered the heaviest team Princeton has ever put forth. In analyzing the strength of the Garnet it is safe to estimate what Captain Scoby and Haubner will do as forwards, and to count on a good game from Galbraith at center, as well as a good one from Moynihan, provided he is allowed to play. If not, he will be replaced by Jones while Hathaway will take Yovits' position. This leaves an unknown quantity in the guards which cannot be computed. Though both men have played a little in varsity games and have made good progress in practice, there is much speculation as to how they will make out in their first big try-out in the most im-

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## GARNET DEDICATED TO MELVILLE HANNA

Juniors Desire to Express Appreciation.

PLANS WELL ADVANCED.

Price to Be Raised to \$3.00 After January 6.

At a meeting of the Junior Class yesterday noon it was unanimously voted to dedicate the 1918 Garnet to Melville Hanna. The class felt that this would be a slight mark of the appreciation on the part not only of the Juniors but also of the whole undergraduate body, of Mr. Hanna's many and generous gifts to Union.

His most recent donation to the college is a fund of ten thousand dollars to be used to remodel and furnish the central portion of Washburn Hall, to be used as a general recreation hall for the students. The college has long needed such a place, for the gym is too large and Silliman Hall too small to be satisfactorily used for this purpose, and Mr. Hanna's gift has now made the new hall possible. The dedication of the 1918 Garnet to Mr. Hanna has met with the most enthusiastic approval of all the men on the Hill.

The contracts for the engraving, printing and binding of the Garnet have been awarded and they cover an outlay of approximately fourteen hundred dollars. The Board is making a special effort to increase the subscription list to five hundred. About three hundred and seventy-five copies have already been ordered. Many of the fraternities this year have agreed to exchange their quota of copies with their associate chapters instead of reselling them to the men in the houses.

Because of the scarcity of leather, paper, and other materials and the consequent high prices, only as many Garnets will be printed as are actually ordered. Orders should be given at once to assure delivery.

Also because of the advances in the cost of materials and printing, the management has found it necessary to advance the price of the book from \$2.50 to \$3.00. However, all subscriptions paid on or before January 6, 1917, will be received at the old rate of \$2.50 per copy. Order blanks for the Garnet have been placed in the College office, and in the fraternity houses, or they may be secured from Walter Hochuli or Cameron.

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(Issue Editor, W. G. Carey, Jr.)

### SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

The purpose, the character and the effects of the various clubs and societies on the Hill are misunderstood by a large number, perhaps, the majority of the students. At times prosperous and flourishing, at times poor and declining, such organizations as the debating societies, the Classical Club, the Chemical Society and the Cosmopolitan Club continue from year to year. The discouraging part, however, is that most of the time most of them consist, to a great degree, of the officers and a few straggling members.

If anyone will pause to consider the proper status of these clubs in our college life, he will appreciate that at present they are not supported to a fitting degree. If the analysis be carried still further, it will be seen that their existence is most vital to the fulfillment of our college ideals and ambitions. A few boys who have had to work their way through preparatory school and consequently have by circumstances been rendered unduly serious and studious enter here solely for the academic work. On the other hand there are some fellows who come to college only for the associations which one may find here. Happily, however, ninety per cent. of our members have come with the combined purpose of studying and of entering into the other phases of our life, of working hard and of having as many good times and forming as many friendships as possible.

No matter to which division you belong you should join as many clubs on the campus as your extra time will allow. Most, and perhaps all, of them cherish the two-fold purpose of supplementing the academic work and of bringing the students in closer contact with one another. If you came here for books alone,

you will soon discover that the Classical Club or the Chemical Society augment your actual tangible knowledge; if you came here for association alone, you will attain your ambition through the medium of the Cosmopolitan Club or the Black Cat Club, for almost immediately you will find yourself becoming intimate with other men and you will find yourself having a good time. The conclusion for the majority of students who possess, perhaps unexpressed, the two-fold desire is entirely evident. It is, join and support every club you can get into and everyone which will not take more time and energy than your course will permit.

If you are an athlete, it is probable that sports in which you participate will not continue the whole year. If you are not one and if you do not work outside, it is practically certain that studies will not take all of your time. The man who thinks that this is not so usually finds out too late that he has been "gasing" away valuable hours.

No club on the Hill exists simply through the caprice of its founder. They exist because a need arose. That need is your need.

### THE FIGHTER ON FOOTBALL

Football Expert Harry Schumacher was busy picking his All-Eastern football eleven, when Charley Weinert, Newark's premier heavyweight, stepped in for a chat. Charley took up the subject of the gridiron game right away, and what he said created a little wonder as to whether the fighter is as game as he should be.

"No football for me," said Weinert. "I played it once, and never again. I was up at Schenectady and the Union College team was practising. There was a friend of mine coaching the team, and he asked me to get in a uniform and play with the scrubs. I did, and what those boys did to me was enough. I got my fill that day and more punishment than I ever hope to take in a hundred ring engagements. They busted me until I wasn't fit for the street for three or four days. Football is not a sport; it's a slaughter, that's what it is, and I'd sooner travel forty-five rounds with Jess Willard than go through five minutes' workout with some high school football team."

This article from the New York Globe is interesting, for it is an outsider's description of our football spirit. Other than this it is a contribution from Blodgett '15, who, by the way, is now teaching in the Caldwell High School.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Association is conducting an old clothes campaign this week. Any member of the faculty or student body who may have discarded clothing which is still useful, should notify Imrie at Silliman Hall before Friday noon.

If it is more convenient for the donors, the clothing will be collected from any address given.

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The familiar Red Cross stamps have been placed on sale at the various fraternity houses by District Manager C. L. Hequemburg '12. The money from the sale of these stamps is devoted to the fighting of tuberculosis, a cause worthy of the whole-hearted support of the college students. Show your spirit by using these seals liberally on your Christmas presents.

### HOCHULI CONVALESCING.

Harry Hochuli '17, who went to the Ellis Hospital on Friday, the sixteenth of December, to undergo an operation for appendicitis, is doing well. He has been removed to his home, 1471 State Street, where he is having the best of care. He expects to make classes after the Christmas vacation.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

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It is hoped that both students and faculty will further the campaign, and thus assist the poor of the city, who are without clothing.

The articles donated will be placed in charge of Dr. Hill, who will see that they are properly distributed.

The campaign ends Friday noon, and all articles should be in by that time.

Three members of the Association are already engaged in teaching Bible Classes for younger boys at the city Y. M. C. A. Since there is still room for several more, any of the students who may desire to aid in the work should notify Imrie at Silliman Hall, immediately.

### PUBLICATION BOARD HOLDS BUSY MEETING

Prof. Opdyke Was Elected to Membership.

The Publication Board met last Monday. Mr. Dewey presented the financial report for the 1915-1916 CONCORDIENSIS and the contracts for the 1918 Garnet were ratified.

The by-laws were amended so that there are now two faculty members instead of one. Professor Opdyke was elected to membership by the Board. The other elections were: Mr. Dewey, treasurer; Chapman, president; Cameron, secretary. The Auditing Committee will consist of Professor Opdyke and Harold Sammons.

The membership of the Board now consists of: The president of the college, the dean, one faculty member elected by the faculty, one faculty member elected by the Publication Board and the Editor-in-Chief and manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS and the Garnet.

### PYRAMID CLUB INITIATES EIGHT

Doctor Barnes Chosen as Banquet Speaker.

The Pyramid Club held its annual initiation on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Undergraduate guests came from the St. Lawrence and Syracuse Chapters to attend the banquet which was given at the Mohawk last night. Over one hundred were present. Dr. Barnes was the speaker and Charlie Male, '13, the toastmaster. There were eight initiates: Nathaniel Clapp, C. Clement Corey, Abram Clark, L. Milton Byce, Elmer Smith, R. Lee Moore, Charles Streeter, Jr., and Paul Lair.

### THE FORUM.

The Editors of THE CONCORDIENSIS welcome communications on any subject whatsoever, and will, so far as space permits, print them in its columns. It should be understood that the viewpoint taken in these communications is not necessarily similar to that taken by the editors. The right of deletion is reserved, but it will be employed only in extraordinary cases.

To the Editor:

The recent editorial in the "Concordy" concerning the problem of pledging Freshmen to the various fraternities has caused no small amount of comment. The author of this article is to be congratulated in that the sentiment he expressed seems to be in harmony with the feeling of a majority of the students. No truth is more obvious than the fact that rushing should be completed in as short a time and with as little "fuss" as possible. No man would oppose more strenuously than I the idea of postponing pledging for any great length of time. If, like some of our sister institutions, we had special Freshman "dorms," second semester pledging would be the best system. In our position, however, such a system is impossible. Union is poor in dormitories and depends upon her fraternities to furnish homes for the students.

There is, however, one great evil to our present form of pledging men. At the present time all the fraternities are practically filled before the end of the first week of college. This is injurious to the fraternity in that a hasty picking of men is not always the most efficient way. As a result practically every fraternity in the college has men who are not representatives of their kind of man.

The greatest injury, however, is to the Freshman. Facing the necessity of judging quickly he may not judge to his own best interests. The men who do the pledging are generally glib talkers. Furthermore, good and deserving fraternity material has been overlooked.

A short hold off period, say three weeks, would largely prevent these conditions. At least one week of this time should be a strictly neutral period during which no entertaining or rushing should take place. Finally the bids should be impersonal and should be issued through the neutral who at the present time acts as secretary of the interfraternity conference.

Of course this is but the mere outline of a plan and will stand further discussion.

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Interfraternity Conference Will Have Charge

The first basketball dance of the season will be held in the gymnasium, immediately after the Princeton game this evening.

This year the Interfraternity Conference will again have charge of these affairs, and the profits will be used in the work of the athletic board. It is planned to hold these dances after all Saturday home games, and possibly after the mid-week games. Whether or not the mid-week dances will be held rests entirely upon the attitude taken by the faculty. There is likely to be some sentiment against having the dances on nights preceding regular school days.

The custom of holding these dances was instituted two years ago by the athletic board, the proceeds were turned over to the bleacher fund. Last year the basketball management had charge of the dances but finding the additional load to great to carry, gladly turned over the dances to the Interfraternity Conference who had offered to conduct them. The proceeds of that year, like those of the year before, were turned over to the bleacher fund.

**INTER-CLUB DEBATE PUT AFTER EXAMS.**

The Allison-Foote debate, the most important of the inter-club debates, will not be held until after the mid-year examinations. However, the question will be decided upon right after Christmas and the Philamtheans will then send out

**UNION INVITED TO DARTMOUTH CARNIVAL**

Our Participation in Winter Sports is Urged.

Mr. T. E. Adams, secretary of the Dartmouth outing club wishes to extend through THE CONCORDIENSIS an invitation to all Union men to participate in the seventh annual winter carnival to be held at Hanover upon the 8, 9, 10, of February.

The program of the carnival includes many social attractions in addition to the main features the winter sports. The events of the meet will include ski and snowshoe dashes and cross-country races, ski-jumping, and a contest for good form in ski-running. Prizes will be awarded in each event.

All visiting competitors will be entertained by the club absolutely without expense to themselves during their stay in Hanover.

Entry blanks and more detailed information concerning the Carnival will be gladly furnished upon application to the secretary of the Dartmouth outing club, P. O. Box 91, Hanover, N. H.

The club is especially desirous to emphasize the intercollegiate phase of the Carnival and would welcome any entries from the colleges.

the challenge. The question will, as nearly as possible, coincide with that of the intercollegiate debates, of which the debate against Hobart at Geneva is sure, while negotiations with the Massachusetts Agricultural College are pending and hopes for a debate with Williams are still high.

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such men as Col. Andrews, L. A. Weiman, and J. R. Werth on the proper activities of the association, were of vital interest. The other long talk of the meeting, however, was given by Captain W. A. Pendleton, who before developing his subject, which concerned our military wants, defined adequate military preparedness as the possession of such trained fighting forces on land and sea as will make the cost of aggressive action against us much greater than the possible gain to any nation or nations.

The divisions of his subject which he emphasized were the uncertainty of sea control, the number of men which we should hold in readiness, the unfairness and inadequacy of the present volunteer system and the individual's duty. In speaking of the last, Captain Pendleton said:

"The individual owes to his country the duty of doing all he can to see that it is adequately prepared. One method is by the exercise of the voting power to control your representatives in congress and the other is the education of the public. The last is the greatest."

**SEASON'S CRUCIAL CONTEST TONIGHT.**

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portant game of the year. Peaslee, Cassidy, Hanly and Beaver are the second team's shining lights, who may be counted on to do good work if an occasion demands them.

In speaking of the game Coach Dawson said, "The team doesn't promise to win the game. It has had little time to practice since being deprived of Yovits but it is nevertheless in good trim. Each man is going in to do his best and each man will put up a good snappy fight."

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