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## BASKETBALL PRACTICE STARTS IN EARNEST

Close of Football Season Swells Squad Materially.

FIRST GAME DEC. 13.

Jones, Moynihan, Hanley and Yovits Are Veterans of Many Court Battles.

With the close of the football season Union students are centering their attention on some of Briggs' famous "Indoor Sports," and among others so honored is the quaint old game of basketball. Several of the more famous Garnet warriors who have done so nobly on the muddy fields of Amherst and Hamilton have doffed their weighty armor of moleskin for the more airy attire of the gymnasium and have exchanged the cleated hoof of other days for the suction shoe of modern life. This change has given to the basketball squad the services of the veterans Jones, Moynihan and Hanley, while Yovits, who by the act of a merciful Providence and a benevolent government has recovered from his exposure to a draft, is also to be among those present. To assist these men, and to fill out the necessary five the powers-that-be have a wide selection from the ranks of the other "ball tossers," as our friend Sam Crane would put it. Among the most promising of these are Ed. Cassidy, Frank Peaslee, Beatty and Collins, from the upper classes, and several "prep" school stars from the class of 1921.

The work will be stiff and hard from this time on, as the first game of a difficult schedule comes on December 13th, with Clarkson Tech, always a hard nut for Union to crack, and followed two days later by a contest with the State Teachers' College. In preparation for these events scrimmage between picked squads will be held at each practice, while basket shooting at short distances, pass work and general floor play will be pounded in by a picked corps of special experts who will be on hand to assist the previously mentioned "Powers," etc.

The end of the football season showed what college support could do for a team that was nearly broken to pieces by a series of terrible storms, and, learning a lesson from this example, the stu-

### CALENDAR.

Tonight.

7:30—Football smoker at Sigma Phi Place.

Thursday.

5:15—Y. M. C. A. Bible lecture in Chapel.

## R. O. T. C. AT UNION IS RECOGNIZED

President Richmond received yesterday a communication from the war department at Washington confirming the official recognition of the college military unit as a reserve officers' training corps.

The letter which Dr. Richmond read at the battalion yesterday afternoon is as follows:

"By direction of the President and pursuant of the authority vested in him by the provisions of section 42 of the act of congress approved June 3, 1916, and in response to the application of Union College, the authorities of which have agreed to establish and maintain a two years' elective course of military training as a minimum for its physically-fit male students,

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Now that Washington has formally recognized the battalion as an R. O. T. C. the embryo officers will doubtless soon have uniforms.

## NEW BASKETBALL COACH NECESSARY

Plan of Obtaining Paid Coach May Be Adopted.

With the departure of "Chick" Hequembourg from his familiar haunts to new scenes with the Albany Base Hospital unit, the question of the coaching of the basketball team again comes to the front.

When "Chick" so generously offered to give his time to the college in an endeavor to build up a five that would be a credit to his alma mater, the Athletic Board decided to adopt the policy of graduate coaching, but under the new conditions it is debatable whether or not this policy will be continued.

At this time the only man who appears to fill the bill is "Ernie" Houghton, of recent fame on the basketball floor, but it is reported on the Hill that he has signed a contract to coach the team of the Albany Academy for the coming season, and if this report is true, it would in all probability eliminate him as a factor in the situation.

Once again the paid coach is a strong possibility, and there are many men who might be considered if this plan is adopted. The whole question will be taken up by the Athletic Board at their next meeting, which will come in a few days, and at that time some decision will be made as time necessitates an early settlement. In the meantime the student body can amuse itself during its spare time by guessing at the correct solution.

dent body should immediately get enough weatherproof spirit to prevent the basketball squad from being similarly exposed to the mercy of the elements.

## DRAMATIC CLUB WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

Tryouts for "A Full House" to Take Place Next Tuesday.

The third meeting of the Union College Dramatic Club took place in Silliman Hall Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, to decide definitely about the play to be produced. There were about the same number of men out as there were at the last meeting, when the Club decided to investigate "A Full House." But, as the manuscript of the play had not yet arrived, nothing definite could be done.

However, everything seems to point to "A Full House" as the Club's next production. Hulshizer read a letter from the publishers stating the terms on which the manuscript could be procured, and as they were satisfactory to all present the sample copy was ordered for inspection.

Some objection was raised to holding the play during Junior week because of its nearness to the half-term exams, but the club finally decided that they would be able to produce it if work was begun immediately. Accordingly a meeting will be called Friday night for a reading of the manuscript and another Tuesday for tryouts. It is expected that work will begin on the play before the Thanksgiving vacation.

The play "A Full House" is a popular three-act comedy which enjoyed a long run in New York houses, and with the talent remaining in the upper classes and the prospective material in the entering class the play should be a complete success.

## UNION GIVES SEVERAL MORE SONS TO SERVICE

Men in Albany Hospital Unit Called into Service.

MANY OFFICES VACATED.

Two New Terrace Councilmen and President of Honor Court Must be Elected.

Union College has contributed several more of her loyal sons to the service of the flag. This time it was not accompanied by all the publicity which attended the departure of the men who went to Madison Barracks. The loss to Union and gain by Uncle Sam was effected by the calling of the Albany Base Hospital unit, of which Dr. Elting of the capital city is the head, into Federal service. Several men will leave for Albany immediately. Their immediate destination is the Albany armory, but all hope to be "Somewhere in France" before the winter is past. Among the Union men who will leave are "Chick" Hequembourg '12, John McDermott '17, and "Bert" Lester, Harold Cook and "Sid" Talbot, all of '18.

Hequembourg while at college was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He was prominent in athletics on the Hill.

McDermott while at college was a member of Beta Theta Pi. "Mac" was also on his Sophomore Soiree Committee.

Lester is a member of Alpha Delta Phi, the Terrace Council and the Dramatic Club. He is also cheer leader and President of the Honor Court. He served on his Junior Prom Committee and played on his class football team during his Sophomore year. He was recently appointed First Sergeant of Company A of the Union College Officers' Reserve Corps.

Cook is a member of Psi Upsilon, the Y. M. C. A., the Black Cat, Classical, and English Clubs. He was Editor-in-Chief of the 1918 Garnet. He has been a member of the musical clubs for the past four years, and piano soloist during the last three. He was recently appointed Contributing Editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS. "Cookie" is a poet of no mean ability, and his verses constantly appear in the leading magazines.

Talbot is also a member of Psi U. He has served on the Glee Club for four years, and at present is its leader. He is also college song leader, a member of the Terrace Council, and News Editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS. He is also a member of the Honor Court.

It is hard to realize how much these men will be missed. Two

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1917

Tonight, the members of the football team are, so to speak, resting on their laurels at the Sigma Phi Place,—and resting deservedly. For about three months they have worked and striven to suitably represent Union on the gridiron. They have carried the Garnet banner to victory over a hereditary foe, and have ably upheld its honor, even when borne down in defeat. To them victory has meant the reward of earnest endeavor, and defeat has been to them only a goad for still stronger endeavor. Although, owing to the war-time condition of the country and of the college, they have tasted defeat on not a few occasions, never did they allow themselves to become discouraged. The results of the two final games of the schedule clearly show what their sincere efforts accomplished.

And tonight they are receiving the just dues of respect and grateful thanks from their supporters, who have thus assembled for the purpose of fittingly expressing their feelings.

## Intellectual Passivity.

There is and has been too much intellectual passivity in college life. As a whole we do not do enough sound, hard, well-sustained thinking. We go to classes, attend more or less attentively to the lectures, pass out again, and give the subject no further thought until the same class assembles two days hence. There is not enough genuine intellectual vigor and curiosity.

Perhaps at times the different courses themselves may rather conduce to listlessness of interest, perhaps the lecture system of classes with all its advantages

may fail to evoke the greatest possible interest, but at bottom the matter largely rests with the individual. Psychologically speaking, interest depends upon effort, not effect upon interest primarily. A man really cannot arouse much interest in a given subject unless he first spend time and energy on the subject.

Like everything else, clear and thorough thinking is largely habitual. The more we think, the more we get in the habit of thinking, and the more soundly and the more adequately we shall think. College is the great laboratory for mental training. If we fail to learn to think and have intellectual interest while in college, there is small chance that after college we shall ever acquire the habit. But the man who does learn the art of sustained, logical thinking in college will go forth far better equipped than with mere knowledge, will go forth ready to meet the hard problems of life and capable of solving them.—The Brown Herald.

## College Men Should be Cogitative.

The following editorial from the Daily Kansan presents a problem that exists in every college in the country. It is a fact that is to be deplored and cannot be denied. Now more than ever before the world demands thinkers. Perhaps the reading of this editorial will suggest some remedy to the minds of those who are responsible for the condition that exists.

The fundamental purpose of securing an education is to learn how to think. Yet the great number of students that leave college without having attained this ideal is astonishing.

All students have ideas of their own; but if we trace them down we will find the ideas of the great majority of them are identical with things they have heard or read. They adhere to certain dogmas because Professor So-and-So does, or because such-and-such a book says thus and so. Certainly a student deserves sympathy when some one else has to tell him what to do or what to think.

However, when one can firmly and conscientiously hold his private opinion against all the opposition discoverable; when one can stand the abuse and criticism heaped upon him by his enemies and come out of the struggle with a stronger basis than ever for the foundation of his thoughts; when, through deep insight and clear reasoning, one can delve so far into certain subjects of special interest to him that he can search in vain from the basement to the roof of the library for subject matter pertaining to that specific topic; when one can carry the interpretation of an idea still farther than its latest modern application—then that person can think for himself. A few students can do this. Many more cannot.

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The fact that the October number of the Alumni Monthly has just been issued, and that it celebrates the centennial of the Union chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is a reminder of the history of the chapter, and its illustrious sons.

Alpha of New York of Phi Beta Kappa commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the institution of the Alpha during the last commencement at Union College. Alpha of New York was instituted on May 1, 1817, the first inceptions of the society at Union College, as shown by the by-laws adopted, being to have the activities consist of the meetings of a literary society holding monthly meetings throughout the college year, and an annual exhibition on the afternoon preceding commencement to be addressed by an invited orator.

In July, 1838, the election of members from the Junior class was held for the last time, thus ending the activity of the Union chapter as an undergraduate society. In 1854, it was voted by the members of the society that election to the society be restricted to those whom the faculty deemed worthy of Latin diplomas as classical students, and since then the Alpha of New York has been a strictly classical society.

Alpha of New York holds three meetings yearly, besides the joint annual meeting with Sigma Xi, the scientific corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa.

The honor roll of Alpha of New York includes the names of the following illustrious members, all Union alumni:

John W. Taylor, 1803, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, 1804, first President of Washington (now Trinity) College and Bishop of Connecticut; John C. Spencer, 1806, statesman, Secretary of War and Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; Francis Wayland, 1813, scholar, philosopher, President of Brown University; Richard M. Blatchford, 1915, diplomat; John McLean, 1815, President of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University); Nathaniel P. Talmadge, 1815, Governor of Wisconsin; Sidney Breese, 1818, jurist, United States Senator, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois; the Rt. Rev. George Washington Doane, 1818, Bishop of New Jersey, founder and first president of Burlington College, orator, poet, prophet, author of "Softly Now the Light of Day," "Fling Out the Banner," "Thou Art the Way" and other Christian hymns; the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, 1818, Vice-President of Union College, Bishop of Pennsylvania; Laurens Perseus Hickok, 1820, philosopher, President of Union College; Tayler Lewis,

1820, scholar, author; William Henry Seward, 1820, statesman; John W. Nevin, 1821, President of Franklin and Marshall College, theologian; Ira Harris, 1824, Senator of the United States; Henry Philip Tappan, 1825, President and author of the greatness of Michigan University; the Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, 1826, Bishop of New York; Leonard Woods, 1827, theologian, President of Bowdoin College; Ward Hunt, 1828, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Joseph Alden, 1829, teacher; George Washington Eaton, 1829, President of Madison (now Colgate) University; John Leighton Wilson, 1829, missionary, scholar; Silas Totten, 1830, President of Washington (now Trinity) College; Roswell Park, 1831, Chancellor of Racine University, hymn writer; John H. Raymond, 1832, President of Vassar College; Robert W. Hume, 1834, missionary; Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1834, essayist, book saint, author of "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and other Christian hymns; John Bigelow, 1835, editor, author, diplomat; Matthew Migs, 1836, founder of the Hill School; Henry Wagner Halleck, 1837, General in Chief of the Armies of the United States; Samuel R. House, 1837, missionary; Austin Blair, 1839, Governor of Michigan; Lewis H. Morgan, 1840, ethnologist; Alexander H. Rice, 1844, thrice Governor of Massachusetts; the Rt. Rev. Abraham N. Littlejohn, 1846, Bishop of Long Island; John M. Gregory, 1846, first Regent of the University of Illinois; John T. Hoffman, 1846, Governor of the State of New York; Henry R. Pierson, 1846, Chancellor of the University of the State of New York; Chester A. Arthur, 1847, President of the United States; Silas W. Burt, 1849, a pioneer, and one of the greatest of them, in the reform of our civil service.

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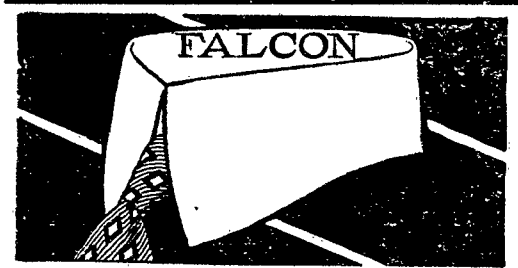
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Last Saturday night, Col. Theodore Roosevelt lectured to Princeton students on "National Strength and International Duty." He spoke in part as follows:

(From the Daily Princetonian.)  
"There are two things which are to be abhorred and condemned among nations, as well as among individuals, and the first one of the two is the powerful bully. He is a public nuisance because he must be obeyed and strength without decency is a menace to any community. The other is the sissy. He is the type of man who says that he is 'too gentlemanly to fight,' and runs home to show his disapproval of the bully's actions. This illustrates the position of decency without strength, which is helpless as far as doing any good is concerned. The doctrine of the righteous man being able and prepared to take his own part against the bully would prevail in any case of individual relationship, and I will not admit a different creed of morality for nations from the one which governs the actions of men."

"A nation must have physical, no less than moral courage, and the steadfast resolution which alone can carry it through peril. The unwillingness to fight is almost always shown by a desire to bluster, and I should like to have Mr. Hearst's papers copy that remark."

"A strong and wise people will study its failures as well as its successes. For 12 years preceding 1812, our people saved some millions by not preparing, and then had to lose hundreds of millions, not counting human suffering and death, to fight a war which only resulted in a draw. The same situation would be happening at the present time, were not the exhausted and valiant troops of England and France fighting our battles while to take time to prepare. A certain prominent citizen only a couple of years ago stated that 'In case of war, a million men would leap to arms between sunrise and sunset.' We have now been at

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"We have been a nation of great potential power, which was helpless on a day of wrath, and now that we have had our eyes opened, we have two duties. The first of these is to show proof of our upright morality as a nation in refraining from war as long as it was possible, and the second one is to approximate as nearly as possible German efficiency in warring against German atrocity. Our immediate duty is to bring Germany to her knees, and after the war has been fought to a victorious conclusion, we must take care that such a condition of unpreparedness may never take place again."

### UNION GIVES SEVERAL MORE SONS TO UNCLE SAM.

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new members of the Terrace Council must be elected to succeed Lester and Talbot. A new vice-president of that organization must also be chosen. The Honor Court will need a new president. New song and cheer leaders to succeed Talbot and Lester, respectively, must be selected. THE CONCORDIENSIS, English, Dramatic, and all the other clubs will lose some of their most valued members. A new leader of the Glee Club must also be elected to take Talbot's place.

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The great success of the affair was due in a large measure to the able efforts of the coffee committee, consisting of Krusie and Beaver, who brewed the delectable beverage on sand baths under the supervision of Dr. Salathe. Credit is also due Oscar Schultz and J. Van Loan, who constituted the committee on edibles.

After having regaled themselves with meat and drink, the participants of the festal board enjoyed smokes and engaged in a general discussion of interesting topics.

The next meeting of the Society will be held December 3, when Van Ness Phillip and Clarence Krusie will present papers upon current chemical topics.



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