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Coaches Review Season Lacrosse Practice Opens

Basketball Most Successful Of Recent Years—Many New Lacrosse Men As Season Opens.

One may look back over the basketball season with quite a bit of pride, for while at times the team did not live up to expectations, it was on the whole a successful season.

The Scarlet quintet played eighteen games and won eleven of them. They ran up a total score of seven hundred and five points against opponent's five hundred and eighty.

Among the teams defeated were St. Michaels, St. Francis, Boston U. the Newport Naval Station, and the crowning victory of the year was the game with Williams.

Lemley was the high scorer of the year with sixty-nine field goals, and thirty-six fouls, making a total of one hundred and seventy four points, and Captain Ricciardi was second with sixty-two field goals and forty-eight fouls, for a total score of one hundred and seventy-two points.

Fuscas played a good game at forward throughout the season, netting one hundred and thirty points. He was also a good feeder to Ricciardi and Lemley. Burbank after mid-year filled in the place left vacant by Given and showed himself to be a dependable guard.

Among the new men who played Symons gave great promise for next year. Good played a good game during the season. Ken Glenn came in late in the year and went right into a guard position and proved himself a valuable addition for next year.

The team will miss Ricciardi, Keen and Burbank next year, but there are many good prospects for a successful season under the leadership of Walt Lemley.

For the first two weeks of practice this year, Coach Banks succeeded in obtaining the services of Coach F. W. Grace of West Point. Coach Grace has had long experience in the game and gave much valuable advice to the members of the squad.

Practice opened with about twenty-eight men out, and the majority of these men have kept on with the practice. The prospects for a successful season are very bright, with a large number of veterans, and some very promising new material.

Among the new men who have shown good prospects are K. Smith, Maldonado, Nale, Cullum, Imrie, Captain Nobis, Fite, L. Smith, Tibbetts are playing defense. One change will be the absence of Johnny Watkinson in the goal. He will probably play 'point' or cover-point while Gamble and Bloomquist will hold down the goal position.

Lemley and Keen are the veteran attack men. 'Luke' Burbanks presence in the attack will be badly missed.

The first game will be played against Springfield, at Springfield on April 20th.

Resume of Hockey Season

The final windup of the hockey season was observed by re-electing to the captaincy for next year of Leveret Smith, '31. Under his leadership this season the team has worked in harmony and has acquitted itself well and there is every reason to feel that with an added year of experience tucked away the record of next winter will be one of which we may be proud.

The Annual Oratorical Contest to be Held Late In May This Year

The annual oratorical contest will be held this year on the evening of May 21st. It has been decided to hold the preliminary contests on April 16, 17, and 18. The contest consists in the reciting of fully prepared original speeches which have been learned by heart. These speeches shall require for oral delivery not less than ten or more than fifteen minutes.

The literary judges who will rate the manuscripts will be Dr. Upton, Dr. Harry, and Mr. Libaire. The preliminary judges will be Dr. Bell, Dr. Crosby, and Mr. Corti. The judges in the final contest, who will make their decision entirely upon the effectiveness of the speaking, will be Dr. Phalen, Dr. Harry, Dr. Obreshkove, Dr. Davidson, and Dr. Edwards. It is hoped that there will be a goodly number of contestants as the practice is of great value, as well as the three cash prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10. In addition there will be the McVickar prize of \$50 for the Senior in the contest, who, intending to enter the ministry of the Church, does best work in the contest.

Simultaneously with the job of electing a captain, the following men were awarded letters: Capt. Chas. Miller, Gamble, Manager Fite, Bloomquist, Andrews, Riley, Dudley, R. Smith, Nale Griffith Numerals were given to Sanford and to former manager Watkinson for the work he did in getting the schedule drawn up before his protracted illness.

In looking over the completed season we have the following tabulation of scores:

West Point	5	St. Stephen's	2
Rensselaer	2	St. Stephen's	0
P'keepsie H. C.	6	St. Stephen's	2
Mass. Aggies	3	St. Stephen's	1
Hamilton	2	St. Stephen's	0
P'keepsie H. C.	3	St. Stephen's	2
Norwich	1	St. Stephen's	2
Middlebury	2	St. Stephen's	0
Norwich	3	St. Stephen's	0
Union	8	St. Stephen's	1
	35		10

Of the ten points scored by St. Stephen's one goal was made by Andrews, two by L. Smith and seven by K. Smith.

The performances of the two goalies, Bloomquist and Gamble, are herewith tabulated. It is interesting to note that each scored 86.6 per cent saves.

	Bloomquist	Gamble
	Saves	Goals
West Point	28	—
Rensselaer	19	2
P'keepsie H. C.	6	3
Mass. Aggies	17	3
Hamilton	14	1
P'keepsie H. C.	12	1
Norwich	31	1
Middlebury	12	2
Norwich	8	2
Union	4	3
	151	23
	78	12

Thus has hockey gone through its first full season and although the victories are few nevertheless

Professor Schneider Of Columbia Faculty Speaks

Lectures On The Spiritual Life In A Spiritual World.

On Wednesday evening, April the third, Professor Schneider of the Department of Philosophy of Columbia University, lectured in Hegeman Theatre on "The Spiritual Life and The Spiritual World." It was one of the most stimulating lectures given here in recent years, and it shamed us into higher thinking.

Doctor Schneider said that after morality comes the spiritual life. He defined the spiritual life as the "cultivation of tastes and standards". All animals are partly social through physical necessity. The rules of morality come through necessity. But to know the rules of living is only the beginning of living.

Observation shows that it is not necessary to live the spiritual life. Some people naturally have good taste. We are not born with good taste. We must cultivate the willingness to undergo the process of gaining good taste for our personal satisfaction. The difference between mental and spiritual life is like the difference between knowledge and art. The development of knowledge through science produces a desire for more investigation. Our sense of value is something to cultivate. Religion is the chief for disciplining the spiritual life. Some religions are handicapped to the cultivation of taste of the spiritual life. Religion should be taken just as critically as literature or any art. The real religion would be found through the test of investigation. Then we would find spiritual value.

Dr. Schneider then centered his remarks upon the relation of living a spiritual life and believing in a spiritual world. He said that a man can live the spiritual life without thinking of the spiritual world. The spiritual life can be lived in any world where animals have spiritual interests. We can live the spiritual life if we are interested in it, wherever we may be. To the question whether the spiritual life is continuous or not, Professor Schneider said that it really makes no difference. Unless our spiritual life means something now to us today, it is of no value. Religion is the cultivation of ideals and standards. Morality is a matter of common sense. How to live well and to die well, the ways of improving our condition, these are practical problems. Unless we are something, we cannot serve. One's being interested in his own salvation and not in his God is not being spiritually minded. Our religion is up to a test its value against other institutions. Do we worship Truth or the god of truth?

the showing is creditable. None of the squad are lost by graduation and as a consequence twelve experienced men will be on hand to start practice next fall. These, when augmented by the freshmen, that come in, should give the team a fine start towards some winning games.

Manager Nicolai has very nearly completed the schedule for next year and reports that most of the adversaries of the past season are on it again. Two new comers are Colgate and Connecticut Aggies. There is plenty of evidence that none of the games will be push-overs. The full schedule should be ready by the next issue.

College Receives Fourth Gift of Endowment Fund

Doctor Phalen Becomes Vincent Astor Professor of Mathematics

Junior Representatives Elected To The Council

Four Men To Sit Without Votes In Preparation For Next Year.

A recent innovation in student government was the election of junior representatives to the Student Council. This has been the first time that junior representatives were elected to the Council. None of these representatives have a vote in the council, but their purpose is something different. Previously the new members of the Council were men who had never had any introduction into the methods of the Council procedure, and were left to discover methods by experience. Under the new system the junior representatives will sit at the meetings of the Council and by observation learn how the business is transacted. The representatives thus chosen are supposed to be men who will receive the senior elections to the Council, otherwise there would be no defense for their election as juniors if other persons without their experience should be elected as senior members.

At recent elections held by the fraternities and non-societymen the following representatives were elected: Leverett T. Smith for the Eulexian Fraternity, Walter Lemey for Kappa Gamma Chi, W. Wingate Snell for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Victor B. Aeschbach for the non-society men.

A German exchange professor studying American college customs and thoughts at Northwestern University has made the following interesting statement: "Your college students are very strange. The men beat one another in their fraternity houses and yet they respect and co-operate with one another. In fact, I have never seen such co-operation as that displayed by American student groups."

Faculty Selects Many New Books For Library

New Dictionary Of American Biography.

During the past month there have been received in the Hoffman Library some eighty odd volumes on various subjects. These books were selected from the duplicate collections of the New York Public Library and the Columbia Library, by members of our own faculty.

Volume 1 of the Dictionary of American Biography has been placed on the Reference shelf. As the other volumes are published, they will be added, until the set is complete. Several volumes have been added in the language section.

On the fiction shelf we now have "Woolf's Orlando," and on the biography shelf Repplier's "Pere Marquette" and a biography of "Rasputin" by Fulop-Miller, all wet from the press.

Vincent Astor, residing at his neighboring estate near Rhinebeck, notified Warden Bell two weeks ago that he would give the college five thousand dollars a year for five years as interest on an original amount of one hundred thousand dollars. This money was to be used for the support of some portion of the college's work, and, as a result it has been endowed to the Chair of Mathematics, Dr. Phalen to be known as the Vincent Astor Professor of Mathematics.

This gift is the first amount of money donated by any resident of Dutchess County for the college's support since it was reorganized, and it is the opinion of Mr. Astor and the college authorities that it will be only the first of such gifts from Dutchess County residents.

Preachers For Rest Of The Semester

April 14th.—The Rev. Dr. Abye Prichard, D. D., Canon of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and rector of Mount Kisco.

April 21.—The Rev. Dr. Charles Lathrop, National Social Service Secretary of the Episcopal Church.

April 28th.—The Rev. Lauriston Castleman, M. A., (S. S. C. '20), Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Brooklyn.

May 5th.—The Rev. Granville M. Williams, S. S. J. E., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brooklyn.

May 12th.—The Warden.

May 19th.—The Rev. Walter Bentley, Founder of the Actor's Church Alliance.

May 26th.—The Chaplain.

June 2nd.—The Rev. Dr. Selden P. Delaney, Rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York City.

June 9th.—The Warden.

June 16th.—Baccalaureate Sunday, The Rev. Dr. Frederick Fleming, Rector of St. Stephen's Church Providence, R. I.

Campus Clippings

Co-eds at the University of North Dakota are governed by a curfew which rings every night at 11:30. The reason for it, the dean maintains, that there is absolutely nothing to do in Grand Forks after that hour, so the curfew rings when the movies are over.

Student government to the 'nth degree is to be tried at Hau College, China, where the students have resolved to rule themselves, regardless of what their instructors think about it. They have also decided to reject any teacher who is unsatisfactory to them.

Football is rapidly becoming an all-year sport as many of the large colleges, some schools starting their spring-training this year early in February.

The innovation of devoting chapel period each week to a book review has been introduced at American University. Every week a professor is selected to give a resume of one or more of the recent books in his department. The library cooperates by placing a copy of the reviewed books on its shelves.

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Editorial

STANDING ROOM ONLY

The Senior class is preparing to be graduated. As a group and as individuals, it is preparing for what is the most momentous day in four years of college work. Work is going forward daily on the publication of The Annual, and photographs, another adjunct to graduation, are being taken for it. Soon there will come up discussions of Class Day, class memorial, invitations, gowns and hoods, jobs, and everything which centers around the last day of the college year. To the graduating class these questions are important and cannot be put off until the last minute, and, while Commencement Day is still two months away, thought and work must be devoted to it now.

Commencement activities are usually bound with tradition, and yet it is impossible that with the passing of years new customs and new events should not be incorporated into them. An example of a precedent established only last year was the Loyalty Dinner, placed on the evening before Commencement Day. An example of a custom which has almost died away is Class Day and its exercises, which have not been held since 1927. June 18, 1929 takes on a new aspect in that it is the first Commencement Day as a university function.

Those of us who have been here for a full four years or less are quite familiar with the usual events of the Commencement Week that is ushered in by Baccalaureate Sunday and closed by the departure of the men just graduated. The details of the graduating exercises and even the language involved are known to those who have been present once or twice. It is also known that the chapel, inadequate in size on such an occasion, is not comfortable on a warm June afternoon when it is filled for two hours or more. And, with a graduating class of increased size, how is it going to be possible this year to place more relatives and friends in a building that in the past three years has been filled to capacity and little comfort? Moving the student body forward in the church to occupy the seats already there and extra benches placed for its use and that of alumni returned, this allows for just so many seats in the west end of the building.

The custom has been to allow four seats in a reserved section to

each member of the graduating class. He could fill these with relatives or friends, but any others who had come to see him receive his diploma ran the risk of finding no accommodations for them. Standing throughout the entire Commencement exercises is out of the question, not only from the standpoint of those who would have to do it but in consideration of those seated and yet unable to see what was being done at the chancel. The fact is clear that there is just so much room and no more, but it is equally clear that four seats is not enough for each member of the graduating class. That is proven by the fact that already Seniors who have need for them are endeavoring to secure promises of extra seats from those men who, because their homes are at great distance from the college, do not expect the number of attendants upon their graduation as the others. Nevertheless, even they have friends in this part of the country whom they would like to invite and for whom they can use their tickets.

We feel at liberty to express unofficially the opinion of the Class of 1929 that the situation should be remedied in some manner. The suggestions given here do not represent the thought of one man but of several who have been approached on the subject. It is to be hoped that in them something will be found that the administration can utilize to its own satisfaction and that of the graduates.

Years ago, so we have been told, the graduation exercises were held outdoors on campus, in a spot about where the north tennis courts are now. A temporary platform was erected, and folding chairs were used. The whole day was a gala one, not only for the college but for its neighbors in the country surrounding, for residents on the estates nearby would organize coaching and lunch parties to drive here for the event. In many colleges, today, where it is necessary to get together such a large group as is attendant upon Commencement exercises, they are held outdoors, just as they were formerly here. If St. Stephen's would revert to this custom, there would be no question of room, and certainly a gathering out in the air is much more pleasant than a group of the same size confined in a small building. Should the day be stormy,

NEWS ITEMS

On Thursday, April 4th last, Alpheus Appleton Packard, Jr., was ordained to the Diaconate at Trinity Church, Watertown, N. Y., the ceremony being performed by the Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, D. D., Bishop of Central New York. The Rev. Packard is an alumnus of St. Stephen's, class of 1926, and will be graduated from the General Theological Seminary this coming May.

Dr. Kirtley E. Mather, Professor of Geology at Harvard University, author of "Science in Search of a God," expert retained for the defense in the famous Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn., will lecture in Hegeman Science Theatre, at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, April 10th, on the subject, "Religion and Science in Undergraduate Colleges."

And just let some insensate freshman sing "I faw down. . . ." Another fatality.

then the exercises could be held in the chapel or the gymnasium as an emergency measure. The gymnasium is certainly not the most suitable place to be used, but it provides a building throughout the year for such events as concerts and lectures.

If it is not possible to make use of this suggestion of holding the exercises out-of-doors (which does seem to be the most desirable measure) and the custom of holding them in the chapel is continued, then a change in the attendance requirements of Commencement Day is necessary. We grant that if attendance upon graduation exercises were made entirely voluntary, that those who would be present would be the Seniors (there through necessity) and such others of the men who were forced by travel schedules and other circumstances to remain. At the close of the school year it is natural that men should wish to get away to the enjoyment of their much-needed vacations. But, if attendance (other than that of the Seniors) was made compulsory only for Juniors and voluntary for the lower classmen, then Seniors could count upon six or more seats to be given out by them. And, after all, it's their day.

Undoubtedly some method, either in the suggestions above or in other arrangements that could be made, will be adopted to relieve the situation and make it possible for the members of the Class of 1929 to plan for a less limited list of invitations than it seems necessary to now.

—M. P. C.

Inferiority is inevitably connected with the term complex. But nine times out of ten, when we say inferiority complex, we would be more accurate in saying sense of inferiority. And a sense of inferiority is engendered by what we assume to be a superior being next to us.

But often these superior beings are merely figments of the imagination. The increment which exists between ourselves and the superior man is nearly negligible in fact but elongated by a sense which prompts us to minimize our own efforts and abilities while enhancing those of our neighbor's.

On the other hand, a sense of superiority resides in a person exaggerating some slight differences with which he has the be-snubbed individual at a disadvantage. Such bores inevitably omit to worry about their own short comings with respect to this very same person. They suffer an illusion begot of little understanding and blindness to values.

After all, the happy person is he who troubles himself with neither superiority nor inferiority; he may read about them some day but he will not ponder too long.

Campus Clippings

Love makes the world go round; but for that matter, so does a good swallow of tobacco juice.—Yellow Crab.

The administration of Washington and Jefferson College, believing that married students cannot study, automatically dropped all married undergraduates last month.

Wellesley College students are forbidden to ride in aeroplanes without permission from the office of the dean.

Diplomas were invented because some college graduates need a written evidence that they are educated.

There are sixty-three college radio stations in the United States. This marks a tremendous advance. Programs of educational value are broadcast from studios with a staff of artists equal to that of almost any commercial station in the country.

If Cornell will place the women students in another college and will abolish fraternities, she will be given a million dollars. The offer comes from a graduate who says the girls are a mass of unwelcome misplaced women called co-eds. Greek-letter men are practically ostracized if they bring a co-ed to a fraternity dance, he claims, and he condemns the caste system that has been caused by the existence of so many clubs.

Over twenty-three per cent of the most important colleges of the country are using some form of the honor system in examinations. The first formal and definite system was adopted at the University of Virginia in 1842.

Just a regular little pathfinder.

The athletic board of Lynchburg College has decided to award a monogram only once to an athlete.

Once upon a time there was a fraternity man. He was a fine fraternity man, he didn't drink a drop. He didn't like liquor in any shape or form. . . . Hey, where you goin'? Come back; there's more to this story! Hey!—Green Goat.

Seniors are always troubled about their employment after graduation, and, although the university aids them to a degree, they must depend largely upon their own connections.

The University of Pennsylvania has designed a new idea whereby they may aid their graduates. A new publication is to be issued that is different from anything that has been attempted before. It is a quarterly magazine called the University Placement Review.

P. A. L. girls explained a bachelor as a fellow who didn't have a car when he was young.

A movement for the total abstinence from the use of cosmetics and razors has been started by the students of the University of Arizona.

Students of the University of Georgia are fined three dollars for each day absent when such absence occurs on the two days preceding or following holidays.

An investigation of the average expenditure of 832 students at Washington and Lee University for nine months of the school year revealed some very interesting facts which are probably generally true throughout this country. Of the thousand dollars spent on the average, 34 per cent went for room and board, 23 per cent for tuition and books, 22 per cent for clothing, 13 per cent for recreation, and 5 per

Prof. Feiring Wouk Abolish the Alarm Clock

Our Nerves and Health Are In Great Danger

"The alarm clock is an institution which should be abolished," stated Dr. Jesse Feiring Williams of Teachers College in an attack against popular ideas of exercise and calisthenics. Dr. Williams, who is professor of physical education continued by remarking that to awaken suddenly—as via the alarm clock route—is a distinct and harmful shock to the nervous system.

Now that is just what the tired undergraduate has long been waiting for. Abolish all alarm clocks and, of course, all of those clocks in the neighborhood which try to bang off the hours in various keys and different pitches. That's paradise on earth. No foolin'. All we'll have to do now is to go to sleep and wake whenever we care to—even in the middle of next week. That would be the safest way to preserve our health and protect our nervous systems against this so-called alarm clock shock.

But in keeping with this ruling to do away with alarm clocks, the University will have to pass a law excusing all students who miss their classes by oversleeping. For naturally, if we throw out our clocks we'll have to waken, as Dr. Williams advocates, just like a cat or dog. First we stretch out a leg, then a hand then another leg and so on until we are totally aroused. But that takes time, you know, and those students with long arms and long legs will take longer waking up than those having shorter appendages. Obviously, if you are still following our reasoning, all tall fellows will come to class later than short ones.

But here the undersized youths will put an argument. "Why should we be discriminated against," they will shout with terror in their undersized voices. And they will be right. Why should anyone be compelled to come to class early just because his limbs are shorter and can get up mornings sooner than tall fellows can? Therefore a law will have to be passed. And this law will have to allow all students sufficient time to stretch their respective limbs in an approved and thorough manner.

Thus if you ever come to class later than usual all you will have to say is, "It took me longer than usual to stretch my left leg this morning, teacher," and you will be excused. It's inevitable. Therefore let us all join Dr. Williams in this big Throw-Out-Your-Alarm-Clock campaign for stronger and healthier students. Line forms to the left.

cent for candy, refreshments and tobacco. The smallest item was contributions, which received only 2 per cent of the students' money. About five dollars a week is spent by the average college student for non-essentials.

Freshmen at the University of Denver need no longer suffer at the hands of upperclassmen bent on hazing. The freshmen were set at rest when the attorney general of the state voiced the opinion that when an upperclassman shaves a freshman's mustache he can be prosecuted on a charge of assault and battery or a suit for damages can be filed by the injured party. Pretty dear pay for a mere mustache.

Cadet R. C. Hutchinson of the Class of 1930 at the United States Military Academy has been elected captain of the Army basketball team for next year. Cadet Hutchinson is one of the military academy's outstanding athletes, having won his letter in basketball, football and track. He was appointed to the military academy from Minnesota, entering in 1926. He played guard on the Army five during the season just closed.

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HIGHER CRITICISM

Mr. Paul Parks' recital of last Monday evening was one of the most peculiarly varied that the college has heard this year. It began with a short lecture on the life and merits of the composer, Handel, followed by some four or five of the least known, and what seemed to be for the most part the least entertaining, of Handel's songs, "Si Tra I Ceppi" was a sort of mediocre imitation of a sprightly Italian aria; and "Leave Me, Loathsome Light" was as monotonous as its name is funny. "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave," however, was a very fine and spirited song, finely sung, and a pleasure to listen to.

There was then a little intermission, after which Mr. Parks made some remarks on the greatness of Schubert, as an introduction to the group of five Schubert songs which followed. These were all of them delightful, especially "Das Wandern" (which, in one part at least, seemed, as far as I could gather, to have a great deal to say in praise of Vassar); "Die Stadt," a beautiful, uncanny-sounding piece of music; and "Aufenthalt," which lived up to Mr. Park's comment of it, that it was "exceedingly dramatic."

There followed another little intermission. Then, "for the sake of a little variety or something," came a group of three cowboy songs. These, too, were preceded by a few helpfully informative words on the part of Mr. Parks. The songs themselves were interesting and effective as well as amusing. First on the list was the about Sam Bass, apparently a criminal of former notoriety:

"Young Sam was born in Indiana
It was his native home,
And at the age of 17
He first began to roam.
He first came down to Texas.
A cowboy for to be,
And such a roaring fellow
You seldom e'er did see."

Or words to that effect, so the chorus ran. The second song, "Prisoners for Life," seemed both in charm of melody and intelligence of content, to make the "Prisoner's Song" of popular fame seem a bit cheap by comparison. The third ballad in this jolly trio, "Jesse James," which told how "That dirty little coward who shot Mr. Howard has laid poor Jesse in his grave," brought strongly to mind some of the texts on the woodcuts of John Held Jr. Mr. Parks sang as an encore to this group "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

Mr. Parks seemed to save his most passionate and emotional songs for the end. Of the five songs in the last group, all of which were sung excellently, "The Crying of Water" impressed us as the most sadly, delicately and yet powerfully beautiful. "Has Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded" was a trifle over sentimental, but "The Charm-Chloe" was very rippling and pleasant. The last two songs with words by John Masefield, were remarkable, especially "Tomorrow."

Mr. Parks' accompanist was the excellent Mr. Idler, who pays such frequent visits to St. Stephen's, and whose playing on this occasion was as delightful as it is on all others.

Campus Clippings

"Hello, Mother, I'm O. K. Am sending laundry home to-day."

This note which an Ohio University student tucked carefully into his laundry case, cost several dollars, before it reached the student's mother. The case, being rather too used to service, burst open in the mail and was sent on as first class matter by the postal clerk.

Moral: Send messages home in stamped envelopes.

In order to protect Northwestern co-eds, Evanston police will patrol the streets from the library to the sorority quadrangle every evening from 6:30 until 10:00.

THE BOOK STALL

Thy Dark Freight. By Vere Hutchinson. \$2.50. New York: Horace Liveright.

With this new novel there can be no question whatsoever of Miss Hutchinson's talent. Not from the first has she had need to derive advantage from her brother's reputation. Hers is a wild spirit, responding to the sea and that ruthlessness which those who know it best find so much a part of the sea. Through the whole of the novel there is no lightening of the mood. Janetha's story is in one tone, it's happy moments always shadowed by the tragedy which follows her wherever she goes. Her childhood is dark. It is not for many years that she understands why her mother, who possesses so deep a love for her brother Robin, has no love at all for this younger child. Janetha makes a child's fumbling overtures to her mother and she is always repulsed. While her brother lives, Janetha herself gives him all her eager devotion. When he is drowned, she can neither comfort her mother nor can she in any way take his place. When she tries a final time to establish a warmer relation, her mother explains baldly just what Janetha means to her. With an insight beyond her years, the girl understands that it is impossible to expect any thing from her mother.

Robin had been a creature living at least partly in the light. Janetha lives in shadow. All that she has to compensate her in life is a strength which is more than most women's. She can be useful even though she is not wanted. To such a girl, Yeo's coming magnifies ten times over what love is to the majority. Save for her lost brother's kindness, Yeo's is the first she has ever known. She responds, moreover, to the Gauty charm, which has the reputation in the village of being a bane to women. There is something pathetic from the first in these two young lovers over whom the Gauty curse hangs. Yeo is gentler than the other members of his family, but neither can tell whether or not the curse will not work in him finally. But the sea steps in and again gathers what is dearest to Janetha. She goes to marry her lover, only to receive the news that he, too, has been drowned. She returns, knowing the disgrace that awaits her, and the ruthlessness of the village. She is turned out of her father's house. With a patience as great as her courage, she goes on fighting for the child who, she believes, will bind the dead Yeo closer to her.

From the very first Janetha fights magnificently for her "beloved Gaius." She has to fight to save his life and to keep him alive. She has to fight from the beginning the Gauty spirit in him. As a little boy there is something terrifying in the sight of the mad temper of the Gautbys rising and bewildering the boy. Janetha had believed before she held her own son that even a Gauty spirit could be conquered if the child were reared rightly. We watch the mounting terror as in incident after incident the wild Gauty strain shows itself in her child. Other men seek Janetha, but though she can appreciate their kindness to her who has known so little of kindness, her invariable answer is that Yeo has been enough for her in the past and that now Gaius is everything to her.

The stark tragedy of the situation is emphasized by every phase of the story. Janetha, like most of the village, gets her living from the sea. The sea is background, but the sea is no more cruel than are the people who make Janetha pay endlessly for the fact that Yeo had been drowned before her marriage. Every aspect of her life is attuned to this bleakness and cruelty. There are very few living novelists who can build up such an effect as Miss Hutchinson achieves here. Our pity and terror are arous-

Frosh Philosophy

The following communication, received recently by the present incumbent of Frosh Philosophy, was considered worthy of the serious perusal of those men of the college whose primary interest is in the evolution of American letters.

March—, 1929.

Dear —, I received your letter and the Lyre Tree, and was, of course, very glad to hear from you. I read the Lyre Tree, as I always do with much interest, especially your article on the last page. Heh! Heh!

I was also greatly touched by the account of the publishing of Bee-Eyes book "Beyond Einstein." Tell him I shall give it as thoroughly unqualified a recommendation to my friends as I have given any book, not excepting "Frank Merriwell's Victory." It is interesting to note what other well-known critics have said of his book. Speaking over WLWL, Senator J. Thomas (Tom) Heflin, of Alabama, said "This book only bears out what I have already said, that is: "Give a ——— a penny and he'll put it in the poor box, give him a half dollar and he'll go and get drunk." Many others have expressed similar high praise. James J. Walker, "The Herr Doktor has done a service of inestimable value to the taxpayers of this great city; I like especially his wonderful article on the seven cent fare." Milt Gross, "It's de crim in de cuffee!" One-Eye Connolly, "It's de goods. I blubblered like a baby at the part about puttin' railroad conductors in de jug for 'rowin' us boys off de rattlers." In other words, the consensus of opinion is that he's some termatter.

I hope you didn't get into any trouble for being late on the rebound, but I suppose they were only too glad to get you back.

You should have been here last night to enjoy one of those London fogs. You know, the kind that one can wrap up in a piece of paper and bring home and tell the dear little tots that it's ice cream. Taxing was impossible because you really can't see what you can't see. The street cars were the only form of traffic which stayed on the right side of the street. Well, so be it!

Sincerely,
Bib.

P. S. Can you bear it? (smack!)

On Thursday evening, April 18th Professor H. C. Sherman, Director of the Department of Chemistry in Columbia University, will deliver a lecture, open to everyone, on the subject, "Chemistry of Food and Nutrition." Dr. Sherman is one of the world's leading authorities on this subject.

ed to an incredible degree. Faced with her fear of the Gauty spirit in her child, she must at the same time know every petty unkindness which human beings can heap upon her. Nor in the course of the years does the village soften to her. The only man to offer her kindness is Jethro and he as well as Janetha is made to realize that every act of kindness is misconstrued.

Violence is the deep undertone of the story. The sea is violent and men are violent. The story rises continually to its climax and catastrophe. It is a gradual but an inevitable mounting. It is something which may not be avoided. Miss Hutchinson builds up this feeling of inevitability and relentlessness with a deft and admirable skill, which is really worthy of Greek tragedy. The way in which she manages her climax is masterly. When the curtains fall on that terrible moment we know that we could not have endured more. Janetha's story is told. If she has sinned, the atonement is almost more than she—or we can bear.

—D. L. M.

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Ten Pins

Being quite in the mood for a bit of sport, and not at all selfish in the matter, your dear old columnist wishes to pass on to all you who are so anxiously waiting for our bi-monthly word of cheer, the very good news that he has composed a very intricate and most delicate situation on campus. "Mum" is the word! Not a soul must know a thing about this. Now please don't ask questions like that. I'll try to tell you about it, my bears.

You see, it was this way: I was casually strolling down the campus the other day. . . yes, down the campus. . . no, not up, down. From North to South, yes. The campus is large enough to go from North to South on. Well, we'll figure that out later. As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted by that annoying person whose personality doesn't interlock with mine, I was walking down the campus and met Pinder, Tyrell, and Heyburn. I admit that there is nothing particularly significant about such a motley group, but the point of it was that they were trying hard to figure out the possibility of a local victory over Yale. . . Just, then the one and only Jack. . . our own little Jack upon whom we pin all hopes and fears. . . dashes up the drive from a grilling road workout. To complicate matters one of the boys upstairs, with not even a sense of pity in his tone or manner, shouts out in a lusty voice "Boola boola, boola boola. . . etc."

I could see the faces of the small group before me grow tense. It was a hard paradox to laugh off, but they tried! The chap upstairs was dragged away from the window. . . and luckily for him, too, for Heyburn was waxing hot about the spirit he displayed. He made some sort of remark about the morale of our mainstay having to be kept up, and something about the boy upstairs should go out and see what he could do for the college if he thought that Jack was hopeless. Nothing happened about it just then, though. The small group below was out to support Jack to the last hole! He simply had to come thru.

That night I made particular effort to see what effect the "Boola boola. . . etc." had on our hero. Peculiar as it may seem, his morale was particularly high! The song had given him the necessary sting of encouragement. He realized what he was up against! The love of the chase overcame the desire for victory!

I was not alone to notice the effect. The boy upstairs who sang the song had it all figured out beforehand, that is why he timed it so beautifully for just when Jack was most tired. . . at the end of the gruelling workout. The psychology was perfect so far. The other group realized what was up. That very evening after I returned to Tyrell's room where Heyburn and Pinder were anxiously waiting. . .

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Lectures and Recitals for Rest of Semester

Monday, April 15th.—Dr. J. H. McGregor, Professor of Biology, Columbia University. Subject: "What was Primitive Man Like and How Did He Behave?"
Monday, May 13th.—Miss Christine McCann, violinist.
Monday, May 27th.—Mr. Arthur Goodhart, M. A., Fellow of Corpus Christi, Cambridge, Editor of the Law Review, Exchange Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale for 1929. Subject: "Some Educational Problems in America in the Light of European Experience."
On the following evening, the first of April the Department of Public Speaking will present a group of undergraduate in a modern dramatic play by Suttner, "Outward Bound."

FRATERNITY ROW

KAPPA GAMMA CHI

On Tuesday afternoon, March 5, at 4:00 P. M. the following men were formally initiated into the Kappa Gamma Chi Fraternity: Carl Morrison, Truesdale Leonard Hammond, Henry Gamble Dudley, George Humphrey, Jr., Edward Goodridge Kirtland, Vernon Barrett Emerick, Russel Donald Griffith, Stanleigh Everett Hillburger, Eduardo Daniel Maldonado, Richard Kent Nale, James Albert Paul, Gilbert Roth Symons and John Rhet Wilson.

Following the initiation ceremonies a banquet was held in the dining room of the new chapter house. Among those present were the following alumni: James Blackwell, '92, Rev. Herbert S. Smith, '90, Rev. P. W. Pyle, '90, Kirtley B. Lewis, '09, Richard Dodd, '28, Douglas H. McKean, '28, James L. Whitcomb, '92, Bert L. Haver, '14, Courtland Prowse, '26, George H. Quaterman, '28.

Kappa Gamma Chi announces the pledging of William P. Good.

Kappa Gamma Chi announces the pledging of Nathaniel Peeples, '31, William Seaver, '32, and Marvin Parker, '32.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 2, 1929, the Eulexian fraternity entertained the faculty, representatives of the other two fraternities, and representatives of the non-society men at a tea held in the new chapter house. Mrs. Edwin C. Upton was hostess. Those present were Mrs. Bernard I. Bell; Dr. and Mrs. Lyford P. Edwards; Dr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Upton; Dr. and Mrs. K. O. Crosby; Professor and Mrs. Stanley F. Brown; Dr. and Mrs. Harold R. Phalen; Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Sottery; Mrs. Mary G. Kuyk; Miss Beatrice Bergen; Miss Marjorie Rollins; Miss Catherine Dalton; Miss Frances Upton; Dr. and Joseph E. Harry; Dr. Francis R. Flournoy; Dr. Irville F. Davidson; Dr. Vasil Obreshkove; Professor Frank D. Coop; Professor George Libaire; Mr. Knight from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Daniel Hawkins and John Sandford; from Kappa Gamma Chi, Edwin Hague and Donald Griffith; from the non-society group Edgar Wilcock and Nathaniel Peeples.

EULEXIAN

The Eulexian fraternity held their formal initiation at seven o'clock on the evening of March, fifth. The seven men initiated were Harry G. Trefrey, Benjamin D. Barber, Edwin Pope, Kent Smith, John Burroughs, Parmelee Lyman, John M. Mulligan, and Kenneth C. Kates.

Following the formal initiation a banquet was tendered the brothers. John Perry, college chef, catered for the banquet. Among the honored guests were Rev. David H. Clarkson, 1893, and Rev. James Albinson, 1923. Brother Albinson acted as toastmaster for the occasion. The membership roll now totals twenty-seven, eight new men having been taken in this year.

The Eulexian fraternity announces the pledging of Robert Purrington.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

On Friday, March 22nd, the following pledges were initiated into the Sigma Epsilon Fraternity: John Given, Matthew Imrie, Guy W. Pickering, John Sanford, Lester Savage, Wesley Thorpe, and Marion J. Wise. After the ceremonies at the Chapter House, a dinner was served at the Upper Red Hook. Brothers Walter Hoffman, '18, St. Clair Vannix, John A. Curtis, '89, and Joshua Frazer, '19, were alumni guests. Dr. E. C. Upton, the faculty adviser, was present, and also the son of Brother Curtis, Mr. Le Grand Curtis, of Wesleyan Delta Epsilon. The Chapter had the unexpected pleasure of entertaining

Campus Clippings

American colleges are not the only ones who are having trouble with the honor system. In the University of Nanking, China, recently, an outburst against the system arose during an exam, and the fight between those for and against the honor was stopped only when the police arrived.

"Met a poor guy the other day who was kicked out of Harvard College for cribbing.

He looked on the examination paper of the man in front of him and stole his idea.

You see, Harvard College doesn't think it's right to steal that way. When you do your stealing you want to be a bit cleverer than that.

When I first came to Harvard College I had the funny idea they might like an original idea once in a while. I got that beaten out of me.

In this college there is just ONE right idea in every course. And is the PROFESSOR'S idea. The professor's idea has been cribbed out of other books.

Now, all you have to do, is to read the book the professor's idea is in, slap that won, and you've a success.

As long as you have a good memory and can remember the other man's idea, you stay in. If you don't have a good memory and have to refer to notes or look over someone's shoulder, you go out. And that's culture. —Harvard Lampon.

Students at Rensselaer have complained of the lack of drinking water in college buildings, and demand the supplying of water fit to drink.

Prof.—What this? Is someone smoking back there?
Stude—No, sir; it's only the fog I'm in, sir.—Chaparral.

Lincoln said that you could fool some of the profs all of the time, and all of the profs some of the time, but, big boy you will get caught at it sooner or later.

The whole staff of the University of Toronto's daily, The Varsity, was recently dismissed because the faculty took exception to an editorial about necking. The board claimed the publishing of one's opinion was not a right but rather a sacred duty, and they won the battle backed by the entire student body.

Fencing has assumed the proportions of a major activity at Southern California where nearly fifty students have turned out for the squad.

Disturbances in the cheering sections at the University of Minnesota football games last year has brought a threat from the officials of the University to abolish the rooting section in the future.

A recent article states that Hamilton, the seat of Colgate University, was a link of the underground railway by which slaves escaped during the Civil War.

The results of a questionnaire circulated among fraternity men at the University of South Dakota show that, while gentlemen may prefer blondes, college men prefer brunettes. Social qualities come first in the list of qualifications which the South Dakota boys consider desirable in their lady friends, then come intellectual, artistic, athletic and domestic abilities in the order named.

Brother Eric A. Dawson, secretary of the National Fraternity, who arrived that morning, and stayed over for the initiation.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces he pledging of John Wilson Haynes and George R. Morrell.

Purdue University has just innovated a plan which allows each student to grade his instructors as to neatness, presentation of subject matter, and other qualities which make up a good teacher. As undergraduates will hand these in without signatures, it is expected that the rating will prove beneficial to both instructors and students.

Fox hunting is added to the athletic program of St. John's College, Annapolis. The college authorities have obtained a tract of land 150 acres in extent for this new athletic venture.

And like an advertisement concerning the Elgin Watch: It's about time.

Students at the University of Utah are said to be getting around an edict which forbids them to smoke on the campus by smoking on stilts. They maintain that stilts take them at least twelve inches off the campus!—Tar Heel.

Intramural sports a Rochester have been unsuccessful because of the lack of sportmanship. Better arguments often growing into fist fights have been very frequent occurrences.

All but one of the twenty-five fraternities at the University of Texas have voted to discontinue fraternity hazing.

Even an atom doesn't get much privacy these days.

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