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SENIOR CLASS MEETING

Banquet Committee Appointed-Prom. Discussed.

There was held recently an important meeting of the Senior Class in the Trophy Room.

In accordance with tradition the seniors designated the night on which the first banquet will be held, which will be not later than February 11th. The banquet committee is to consist of the following men:

Carl H. Levan, chairman. G. R. Veazey,

R. Gable,

C. Marvel, Alan Woods,

T. S. Will, ex officio.

The Senior Class flag is decidedly one of the handsomest in our collection. Blue and black, with large block yellow letters forming the word "Hopkins," running across, from end to end, and down in the lower corner on the blue surface are the white numerals "1910."

The question of a class prom. was also discussed. Is Hopkins to have a prom. this year? It is out of the question for the Senior Class, numbering only ten men to undertake to give one. The question is, will the Junior Class do what is done in all universities and colleges with a four year course-give the prom. them-

This is the year to change, if at Next year will be too late, as then the change will have been completed.

LECTURES ON EVOLUTION

Dr. Charles B. Davenport, the director of the Station for Experimental Evolution of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, is to deliver three lectures on Evolution, in the Physical Laboratory next month. On February 7th he will speak on "The Material Basis of Heredity;" on February 8th, on "The Methods of Inheritance of Characteristics;" on February 9th, on "Heredity in Man." Such a series on a subject that is so generally interesting should bring together large audiences. The lectures, which will be illustrated by lantern slides, will be at five o'clock.

The dramatic clubs of both Cornell and Northwestern are to present strictly modern plays. The Ithacans are to play one of Ibsen's while the Northwestern students will present "You Never Can Tell," by George Bernard Shaw.

HONOR SYSTEM BEING CONSIDERED

At a recent meeting of the Junior Class, Edmund Clary and Richard Mc-Cabe were appointed a committee to interview the Dean as to the introduction of the Honor System. The Board of Collegiate Studies was interviewed and now has the matter under consideration. The faculty is anxious to have some expression of opinion on the subject from the different classes in the University. The president of each of the four classes has agreed to hold a meeting this week, and favorable resolutions are expected.

SCHEDULE OF LACROSSE LEAGUE ANNOUNCED

The schedule of the Lacrosse League of Baltimore has just been announced. This year Hopkins will have only one team, which will be selected from the freshmen and the sophomores. This is due to the fact that it has been especially difficult to put both a freshman and sopho-more squad on the field. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 6, Baltimore City College vs. Hopkins.

Saturday, April 9, Hopkins vs. Mount Washington.

Wednesday, April 13, Baltimore City College vs. Mount Washington.

Wednesday, April 20, Baltimore City College vs. Hopkins.

Wednesday, April 27, Baltimore City College vs. Mount Washington. Wednesday, May 4, Baltimore City College vs. Hopkins.

Wednesday, May 11, Hopkins vs. Mount Washington.

Wednesday, May 18, Baltimore City College vs. Mount Washington.

UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University scholarships have been awarded to the following: H. D. Austin, A. H. Estabrook, C. P. Gould, W. R. Jones, A. B. Morton, S. W. Ayres, C. G Fenwick, J. F. Hunter, N. E. Loomis, D. Mackenzie, N. Myers, G. H. Schwartz, J. J. Tracey, R. M. Winger, and Miss Love.

There was held a meeting of the Johns Hopkins Phililogical Association last Friday at 12 o'clock. Dr. H. L. Wilson gave a number of epigraphical notes. Dr. Ember read a paper on Semitic stems in Egyptian. showing that Egyptian is not nonsemitic, as has been the theory in previous years, but is in reality based on Semitic stems.

FRESHMEN TO HAVE SWIMMING POOL

Prof. Theodore Kistler instructor of the University, has obtained from the Friends' School authorities permission for the freshman gymnasium class to use the swimming pool lately installed in the school.

Every Friday afternoon instead of the regular gymnasium exercises the freshmen will have a swimming lesson under the supervision of Professor Kistler. Some of the freshmen know how to swim, and they will be allowed to practice the various racing strokes. Those who are at present unable to swim will be taught.

In order for the swimming lesson to be an incentive to make the students attend the gymnasium class regularly Professor Kistler has made a rule that no one will be allowed to go swimming unless he has been present at the gymnasium Monday and Wednesday of the same week.

Later on the year some contests in swimming may be held, and after the first lesson or two the squad of swimmers will be divided in relay teams for weekly races.

THE JUNIOR CLASS PIC-TURE

Last Wednesday at one o'clock, there was unusual excitement in the basement; worried looking juniors were seen running hither and thither in a most distracted manner, hunting up the members of their class. They were going to have their class picture taken. They all finally assembled in full force on the steps of the Monument Street entrance—the traditional setting for class pictures—and the deed was performed. A few frolicksome sophomores showed traces of last year's freshman spirit by a slight bombardment of snow balls. Barring this there was nothing to mar the occasion, although Christilf still vows that his camera is the worse for the

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

Last Monday morning at probably about ten or eleven o'clock some brilliant Raffles slipped unobtrusively into the Biological laboratory and walked out with two perfectly good overcoats and a particularly good microscope. If anyone remembers having seen anyone strolling about last Monday with a superfluity of overcoats and a microscope box they will kindly carry the news to Dr. E. A. Andrews.

HULLABALOO BOARD 1912

Haynes, Editor-in-Chief; Belt, Business Manager.

The Hullabaloo Board of the class of 1912, which was elected last week, met Tuesday and organized. William Haynes was unanimously elected editor-in-chief. Haynes is an editor of The News-Letter and has done quite a good deal of magazine work in New York, from where he hails. T. Brooke Price was elected assistant editor-in-chief. The associate edi-

H. Graham Du Bois, Howard Huntley Lloyd, Lindsay E. Rogers, William O. Weyforth, Jr., Leo Wolman.

Of these Mr. Du Bois is an author of note. He has published "The Soul of the Singer," and has written many short stories and poems for the leading periodicals of the country. Mr. Rogers is one of the editors of The News-Letter, and has also done magazine work. His latest publication is noted elsewhere in this issue. Messrs. Wolman and Wevforth are writers of recognized merit.

Donald K. Belt was elected business manager with James W. Easter as his assistant. Mr. Belt is one of the business managers of The News-Letter.

The Board as a whole is not talking much, but some informal work has been done and several new wrinkles will be sprung, which are rumored to be unique in college year books. Asked for a statement the Editor-in-Chief briefly said:

We will put out the best Hullabaloo yet, and one that will not be equaled by any class in the near fu-

The personnel of the board certainpresages an excellent publication.

DR. BUCHNER ELECTED

A deserved honor was conferred upon a Hopkins man recently when the Southern Society for Philosophy at its fifth annual meeting at Charlotte, North Carolina, elected Dr. Edward F. Buchner president for the present year. The importance of this position may be understood from the fact that the society includes among its members men in the educational institutions of the Southern States from Maryland to Texas and from Florida to Missouri. Among the members in this University are: Knight Dunlap, Dr. Clarence B. Farrar, Mrs. Ladd Franklin, Dean E. H. Griffin, Prof. J. E. Watson and Dr. W. D. Furry.

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The instituting of the Honor System is now under discussion. Board of Collegiate Studies is considering the advisability of adopting the system and will undoubtedly be influenced in its decision by the opinion of members of the University as expressed in class meetings to be held this week. In voting on the question, students must remember that the matter is to be considered from more than than one point of view. It may be assumed that the effect of the Honor System is to introduce a high standard of conduct. Yet its application involves the possible performance of an unpleasant duty. A student binds himself under the Honor System not only to guard strictly his own conduct, but also that of others. To face the situation in plain words, the Honor System requires a student to report to the Student Council all cheating that is performed under his observa tion-and no man can do this under any circumstances without the greatest reluctance. To attempt the Honor System, and have it prove a failure would be a grievous reflection on the University and students are to look this question squarely in the face before voting either for or against the Honor System as maintained in the leading colleges of the country.

To state the policy of The News-Letter is perhaps not such a difficult matter as the writer of the above communication would seem to insinuate: The News-Letter aims, first of all, to present a true record of the events which occur from week to week at the University. It aims to be of service in bringing the Alumni -and particularly the younger Alumni-in closer touch with University

interests than has been the case for several years. It aims also to present for the consideration of Faculty, Alumni, and Undergraduates such suggestions for the betterment of conditions at the University that anyone may care to make in these columns. The Board does not aim to limit its material to any one of the "athletic or scholastic attainments or an exponent of what they interpret the true Hopkins to be." The News-Letter is not a minute-book for the meetings of the learned University organizations, nor does it confine itself to a statement of the records of athletic teams. In answer to the final question, "What is the Issue of The News-Letter?" we do not believe that a paper should harp eternally on a single issue, such as the introduction of the Honor System. We have urged the adoption of several new ideas at the University, ranging from the introduction of the Honor System to the introduction of ink in the Main Library. We do not confine ourselves to one issue; we aim to give intelligent support to any project which is in our opinion worthy of adoption.

In the last issue of The News-Letter there was published a letter urging the introduction of an intercollegiate tennis tournament. The University tournament which was held last spring aroused considerable interest among the undergraduates and there is every prospect of the same interest to occur this year. There are many members of the University who play neither football nor lacrosse and to them tennis is often welcome. The Athletic Association would do well to consider the possibility of arranging an inter-college tournament.

The couresy due to chaperons of Hopkins dances has perhaps been emphasized too often lately. We trust however, that those attending the next dance will banish the discourtesy which unfortunately seems liable to occur.

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The News-Letter is anxious to come into close touch with the graduate students. An interview is requested with those graduate students who have suggestions to make in this connection.

The News-Letter advocates the introduction of the Honor System.

The News-Letter is not averse to publishing short pieces of poetry. Contributors are requested to restrict themselves ordinarily to topics of the day.

The need for a new Alma Mater song was recently suggested. The News-Letter's columns are open for new songs and we trust that students will make efforts in this direc-

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RARE ANTIQUE

Strainer Contained in Hopkins

A bronze strainer colum of beautiful form, fine workmanship, and great antiquity has recently come into the archaeological collection of the Johns Hopkins University. According to the report of the Italian antiquarian who was offering it for sale in March, 1906, it was privately excavated near Cortona not long before that date. The strainer was commonly used in antiquity and was frequently represented on Greek vases and in Etruscan paintings and reliefs, especially in the hands of cup-bearers at banquets. Martial speaks of this utensil as column vinarium, because it was often filled with snow, so that it served not only as a strainer for wine, but also as a cooler at the same time. The present specimen (see plate) consists of a circular bowl, on one side of which extends the handle, and on the other, directly opposite, a shorter projection similar to a handle cut in such a way as to make a long, narrow loop. The two strips of metal which form the sides of this loop are bent at the end to the degree of a right angle and are united by a small rectangular plate which lies in the same plain as the level of the strainer itself. The handle gradually broadens toward the end and then is suddenly cut away to a very narrow tongue of metal, whose unfinished curve and roughly broken end show clearly that originally there was a hook of graceful form by which the strainer could be suspend-

The perforations in the bottom form a regular pattern, consisting of a series of eleven concentric circles, the outermost of which is separated from the others by about twice the usual distance. With the exception of the broken hook at the end of the handle and slight cracks in the perforated bottom, the vessel is in a state of perfect preservation and still bears witness to the skill of the workman who beat the whole out of one sheet of bronze.

Ancient strainers, or colanders are fairly common in the museums of Europe, and this one would require no comment if it had not distinguishing features of its own. The type with handle on one side and projection opposite ending in a rectangular plate is comparatively rare and seems to belong only to Central Italy and especially to Etruria. The broad, flat projection opposite to the handle, found in several instances, is considered by several archaeologists as nothing but a support to rest on one side of the vessel into which wine was being poured, while the handle also flat, rested on the other. But this does not account, for the small rectangular plate, which was probably intended to serve as a hook for the suspension of the strainer, when not in use, from the lip of a jar or At all events experiment pitcher. proves that it admirably answers this purpose.

The most interesting and important feature of this bronze is the fact that it was dedicated to a goddess, probably in gratitude for an abundant yield in the vineyard. The dedication of a strainer was not an uncommon practice among the Greeks, who usually inscribed the name of the divinity in the genitive or dative case on the handle. In the present instance, however, the inscription is found on the flat margin of the bowl and runs more than half around its circumference. The letters, cut in archaic style, extend

from edge to edge of the margin, and read as follows:

Sacro Matre Mursina.

"Dedicated to the Goddess Mursi-

As regards this goddess, her attributes, and the local extension or limitation of her cult, we are completely in the dark. She may represent a type entirely unknown to us, or she may have been a divinity that we know quite well by some other designation, possibly one of the numerous Italic goddesses of fortune, revered in many places under varis names. It is quite possible that Mater Mursina is but another name for Venus, the goddess of the myrtle, of the garden, and of the vine, to whom the owner of a vineyard in grateful recognition of her favors in the past, and in hope of those to come, dedicated this strainer.

Whether, then, Mater Mursina is an entirely new early Roman divinity whose name must be added to the already long list, or whether she is Venus, goddess of the myrtle, or whether she is some other deity especially worshiped at some unknown place, which gave her the epithet Mursina, one cannot determine without more evidence from another inscription or from some other source. Yet at least our bronze has brought to light a new divine name for the consideration of the grammarian and the student of ancient Roman religion.

Extract from "A New Italic Divinity," by Professor Henry L. Wilson, of Johns Hopkins University, in the "American Journal of Philology, 1007.

She—You know my mind is full of painting?

He—Yes; I can see it breaking out on your face.

ALUMNI NOTES

Sam Chew, '09, at present instructor in English at the Country School, will take graduate work in this subject next year at Harvard.

E. H. Sirich, '06, is teaching at St. John's College, Annapolis.

W. F. Bevan, '03, is a lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Wm. Abiathar Field, '07, who was recently married, is now residing in Philadelphia.

William D. Pinkerton is also situated in Philadelphia, where he is in business.

Alan M. Chesney, '08 and Harry C. Schmeisser, '08, are both laboratory assistants in the Medical School.

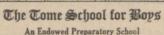
James Watts Young, '94, vice president of the McCall's Ferry Electric Co., has opened an office as consulting engineer in Baltimore.

Dr. Chandler P. Walker, '05 and '09, is at the Harvard Medical School, where he and Dr. Christian are studying the effects of certain drugs on the organs.

Frederick Tough, '07, a student of mining at Columbia, was in Baltimore during the holidays. "Fred" was, as usual, talking lacrosse.

Dr. Franklin P. Hazlehurst, '04 and '08, is studying at Strassburg, Germany.

Wm. Howard Matthai, '04, has been elected manager of the Mt. Washington lacrosse team for this season.



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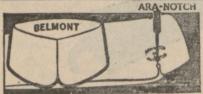
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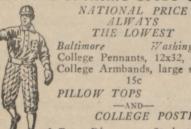
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At a recent meeting of the committee in charge of the University debates it was decided hereafter to open positions on the team to members of the sophomore class. Heretofore it has been customary for seniors and juniors only to be eligible for membership on the University Debating Team. The new rule makes it possible for sophomores to win positions on the team. The change is one of the consequences following upon the introduction of the four-year system which appears to be slowly settling sions are received by one set of nerves sity life. We trust that the first sophomore class to be eligible for the team will make efforts to "place" a candidate.

The achievements of members of the University occasionally come uppermost at unexpected times. In a recent lecture in psychology, Dr. Watson spoke at some length of a theory developed in comparatively recent years. The idea concerns the sensations of warm and cold as experienced on the skin. The lecturer remarked, almost incidentally, that the discovery of the fact that cold impressions received by one set of nerves, and warm impressions by another, had been discovered some years ago in the room in which he was then lecturing.

John Dewey, Ph.D., LL.D., 1884, Johns Hopkins University, professor of Philosophy in Columbia University, will deliver a series of six lectures on "Aspects of the Pragmatic Movement of Modern Philosphy," before the Department of Philosophy, Psychology, and Education.

The lectures will be given daily, in room II. McCoy Hall (second floor), at 4.00 o'clock P. M., from Monday, January 31, to Friday, February 4. and at 10.00 o'clock A. M., Saturday, February 5.

New Acquisitions for Archaeological Department

During the past year by means of agents and friends in Italy, Dr. Wilson of the Archæological Department, and during the last summer, Dr. Magoffin, while he was in Italy, have increased by purchases the splendid collection of ancient relics.

The new acquisitions are here and have been put on exhibition on the third floor of McCoy Hall.

Among them may be mentioned as particularly valuable, a few fine pieces of terra cotta sculpture and relief, a collection of terra cotta masks, a full collection of Roman building material, some fine bronzes, a lot of ancient wall paintings, a number of new and fine Roman inscriptions.

Dr. Robert A. Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, will be the main speaker on Commemoration Day, Tuesday, February 22nd.

REMEMBER THIS

To The Editor of The News-Letter. Dear Sir:

I have read with great interest your editorials and the letters on the subject of establishing an Honor System at Hopkins. I am heartily in accord with it, and think that no greater movement could be erected to the memory of our founder, Johns Hopkins, than the establishment of

this system.

There is, however, one point that I think, ought to be fully appreciated by the students before adopting this plan. This point is that no matter what the circumstances, or who the individual, should the unfortunate occasion arise, the Honor System will be carried out. This question is one which should cause the students not to think over the matter lightly or unadvisedly. They should fully realize the gravity of the situation. They should recognize the fact that the committee (for I understand, the system is managed by a committee composed of students) will be morally compelled to pursue all cases with equal vigor and justice should the individual concerned be a very close friend or an adversary.

If taking into careful consideration this point, the students decide to establish this Honor System, as I said above, it will be a lasting monument to the University.

Very truly yours,

Student.

"HOLLAND OF TODAY"

Last week, a very interesting lecture was given to the graduate students in Political Science, and History IV by Dr. H. T. Colenbrander, who was formerly archivest of the Dutch Government at The Hague, and who for the past few years has been secretary of the commission for the publication of historical docu-ments of the Dutch Government. Dr. Colenbrander came to this country last December in the interest of this commission to attend a meeting at New York. He has since been taking advantage of the opportunity to lecture at different colleges and universities.

His subject was "Holland of Today," and he spoke at length about the political parties in that country, telling of the rise and decline of the Liberal party. He also told about the Socialistic ideas in Holland; the religion of the country and the modern system of education. He gave the "co-eds" in Political Science a rather severe shock by saying that at present he did not think that there was much chance for woman suffrage in Holland. "I am sorry," said Dr. Colenbrander, "but the wo-men will have to wait."

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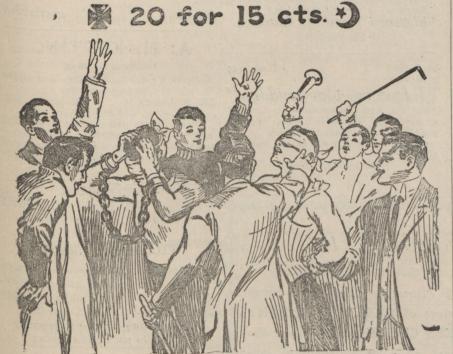
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COMMUNICATIONS

(The News-Letter will be glad to publish communications from members of the University on topics of the day. Manuscript should be en-dorsed with the writer's name, which however will not be used unless the manuscript is signed. The Alumni especially are urged to make use of this column.)

SCHMEISSER ON LACROSSE

Editor of the News-Letter, Johns Hopkins University, Howard St., City. Dear Sir:

As the students of the University have probably noticed an article which appeared in the daily papers several days ago, announcing the fact that certain Alumni of the University had decided to assist the Baltimore Lacrosse League by offering to donate a cup for the first prize, provided the league itself arrange for a second prize, the question naturally presents itself to them whether the inter-class games which have been made possible in the last three years by prizes offered by the Lacrosse Team of 1902, will be continued this year. The conditions as they exist at the University and at large in Baltimore City today have been thoroughly gone into by the Alumni and it has been decided that more good could be done by offering some inducement to all the younger players in Baltimore City, many of which are likely to become students of the University.

The Alumni think that by offering a prize to the Baltimore Lacrosse League, the younger players outside of the University would become more interested and at the same time, because of the fact that the first two classes of the University would be interested in this League, the opportunity to practice Lacrosse in actual contest will still be afforded to our more inexperienced men.

In short, therefore, the team of 1902 will offer no prizes this year, but in its place certain of the Alumni of the University will give the the trophy spoken of above.

It has been decided, on account of the fact that it is very difficult to support two full teams, one composed of freshmen and the other sophomores, to have these two classes consolidate into one team, which is to represent them in the Baltimore Lacrosse League. This may seem odd to some of the under-graduates, but past experience has shown that it is inadvisable for the coaches to allow any man to play on the class team when he is already a member of the team representing the University, because of the fact that these Baltimore League games take place just in the midst of our college season when too much work, or at worst injuries, would handicap the chances

have places on the first team have been eliminated, it has been found difficult to get together at one time 12 men to represent either the freshmen or sophomore classes. So much so, in fact, that our class teams in the past have been compelled to forfeit some games.

If, however, the undergraduates are much interested in having the annual inter-class lacrosse games between the Freshman and Sophomore classes there is no reason why these games should not be played. The giving of this cup as the first prize for the League is simply a trial for this year, and it is possible that some other arrangement will be made next spring.

Yours respectfully, Wm. C. Schmeisser, J. H. U. '02.

INTRODUCE HONOR SYSTEM

To the Editor of the News-Letter. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

At the chapter meeting of Beta Theta Pi last Saturday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and a copy was ordered to be forwarded to President Remsen and Dean Griffin, and to the News-

"Resolved, That Alpha Chi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity declares itself in favor of the adoption of the 'Honor System' in the conduct of student affairs at Johns Hopkins University, and that as a chapter, we respectfully urge the faculty to proceed, as expeditiously as possible towards the adoption of that policy.'

Very truly yours, H. Wirt Steele, Cor. Secretary.

101 W. Saratoga. St.

HONOR SYSTEM AGAIN

To the Editor of The News-Letter, Dear Sir:

I have read with some interest the recent discussion in your columns as to the introduction of the Honor System at Hopkins. Allow me to say that I want to most heartily endorse the movement, and to urge that if the Senior Class be not active enough to take up the matter, some other class might very appropriately do so. One point which has not, I think, as yet been emphasized, concerns the attitude of the committee appointed to take charge of all suspected cases. It is, I think, perfectly evident that the committee should be composed of only a few men, not more than five at the outside. My point is that the committee must feel that there can be absolutely no leniency shown towards a man proved guilty of either giving or receiving assistance in an examination. If such a committee were to show such leniency the system of our team. After the men who might rapidly become a farce—a thing

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which would in itself be a disgrace to the University.

I trust sincerely that the system will soon be adopted here. We are no longer children; we ought to be able to handle these questions ourselves.

Yours very truly,

To the Editor of The News-Letter, Dear Sir:

What does The News-Letter stand

This is a question though seemingly critical, yet arises out of the author's interest of the paper and the University at large.

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