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A New Campus Day.

If Campus Day is to be merely a perfunctory ceremony performed because "others have done it," or in order to entertain "our friends," then there is little force in the argument in favor of holding it on "K. P." day. If on the contrary it is to be an occasion on which seniors say good-bye to the Campus, then the argument against returning to the "Old Hamilton Custom" is equally bootless. It has been urged against the early Campus Day: (1) Our friends could not be here to see it. (2) It would take an interesting event out of Commencement Week. (3) It would entail an extra expense. (4) Campus day in Commencement Week has hardened into a tradition. Bear with me a moment while we examine these objections.

The idea that our friends ought to be here to see us on Campus Day is based on the proposition that the exercises are a "show." That is true. They are a "show." They are perfunctory, dry, lifeless, at present. All the more reason we should do something to give them life. Campus Day ought to be the occasion for a senior farewell to the campus. This farewell will mean most, when least a "show." A few songs outside the buildings; some class yells; some speeches and a doggerel from the "poet," if you will; but surely not a constrained meeting of the "fellows" of '04. It would be their last meeting as students, unhampered in action and not distracted in thought by the presence of "friends," the consciousness that girls are watching, and the influence of "the dances."

The objection that it would take an interesting event out of Commencement Week is answered by the fact that an identical event—Class Day—is held on Tuesday of that week. Excepting in name and in the names of the members on the program, Class Day and Campus Day are identical. Their spirit and nature are the same, and that is what ought to count. Monday afternoon can

be spent better in meeting late arrivals and getting them settled, showing our friends the campus, the college buildings and, if we may do so, Dr. Root's garden. Prize speaking and a reception will make the night full enough to compensate for any vacancy in the day. As for entertaining your friends let me assure you that your mother and father and sisters will never lack for a full and happy afternoon, so long as they can talk over with their "boy" his future.

Campus Day on the afternoon of June 8 would entail no extra expense. This idea of expense is based on the custom of having "music." If our student farewell is to be the expression of our love, then it will be marred, not intensified, by a brass band.

It is a tradition? Not so old a tradition as the Campus Day that precedes senior vacation. This latter tradition is peculiarly Hamiltonian, too. All other colleges hold it in Commencement Week.

Let me add that it will probably be cool and agreeable on the Campus June 8. It will be hot June 26.

The Work Goes On.

Two weeks' work has made a great difference in the outside appearance of the new dormitory. In that time most of the cornice was put in place and the tiles placed on the roof. These additions make a great improvement in the looks of the building, but even now we cannot fully appreciate its complete beauty, for the walls have not yet been pointed and the old sheets of cloth still fill the windows. Some progress has also been made on the interior, especially on the fire-places. These are all fine. Dr. Stryker is said to have designed them, and if this is true he has shown marked ability as a draughtsman. As soon as the roof has been completed the plastering will be rushed; the rooms have been ready for the wall finish for some time.

The Row.

On Thursday morning occurred the first row between the underclasses since their initiatory chapel row at the opening of college in September. The first intimations of the affair were heard about six in the morning, when '06 was seen gathered on the campus in front of the Gym. to defend a green flag which had been hoisted to the top of one of the trees. The freshmen were soon awakened by reports of a row and began to assemble their cohorts near Silliman Hall. It took some time for them to gather enough men to attempt the dislodgment of the token of rivalry which the sophomores had raised.

About seven-fifteen the two forces were sufficiently marshalled and the freshmen started for the defenders. The row continued for about ten minutes but was rather tame. At no time was the flag in danger, although numerous efforts were made by the freshmen to lift Getman up the tree. Since the flag remained secure the sophomores were declared the victors.

Our Baseball Outlook.

The baseball squad this spring is considerably larger than usual and contains a great number of men of average ability, though stars are somewhat scarce. The greatest weakness is in the box and a number of men are working hard under Coach Miran to fill this vacancy. Behind the bat there are Bramley, last year's regular, Ehret, and Purdy who held down the first sack so acceptably for last year's scrub. Judd is out for his old place at first in competition with several new men. The other infield places are vacant, with LeMunyan, White, Sherman, Miller, Sicard, and some more in the race for positions. The old outfield is still in service and is being strengthened by the appearance of a numerous corps of players who bid fair to make the veterans hustle. The men are working well and there is every indication that Capt. Soper will give the college an excellent team.

Mr. Turner For Coach.

The football management has finally decided definitely on a coach for next fall. He is Mr. Leigh C. Turner, of Dartmouth. This year the management has had a particularly hard time in coming to a decision concerning a coach because applications have been received from so many unusually desirable men. The Advisory Board at last voted to engage Mr. Turner if his services could be obtained for the salary of five hundred dollars, which sum was considered large enough for a football coach. Mr. Turner consented to come for this amount and now all arrangements have been made and the contract has been signed. The college is very fortunate in being able to get such a man. He was the best lineman on the Dartmouth team last year, and that team was one of the best in the country, not excepting the teams of the largest universities. All recommendations which have been received have been most satisfactory, both as regards his ability and his conduct on the field.

A Necessary Renovation.

During vacations when the college property is little used by the students, the usual house cleaning of the buildings takes place. Heretofore the baths and plunge have received their customary scrubbing during these periods, but this year they have been overlooked. For most of winter term the showers and shower room were both in bad shape, but everyone put up with such a deplorable condition because there was hope for the desired renovation during Easter recess. But this hope was evidently without foundation. College opened with this necessary part of our college equipment unimproved. The showers sadly need repairing and the walls and floor of the bath room are so dirty that a man gets little pleasure or profit out of bathing. Our baseball and track season are now open. We will soon have visiting teams with us here on the Hill and these strangers will use the Gym. Then too, Interscholastic day is not far off. We would certainly be ashamed to have our visitors ushered into such uncared-for baths. If we can not have this matter remedied for our own comfort, we certainly desire to have the baths cleaned up before we entertain our spring visitors.

The 1905 Hamiltonian.

Just how soon will the Hamiltonian be out is a question which is at present heard very often. For the information of the college the Board wishes to announce that the book will be placed in the hands of the students as near the first of May as possible. That is the date on which the book is always expected, but the real date of publication is seldom so early. The work is well under way but some of the cuts are not yet ready and these will necessarily somewhat delay the printers. Last year the books were distributed on Interscholastic Day and it might not be a bad plan to make this the regular date instead of May first.

All Should Contribute.

Last term a subscription was started among the members of each crowd to provide for the necessary expenses of the Intercollegiate prohibition contest to be held here in Clinton this spring. The College should liberally support this departure. The other colleges in the Temperance League raise money for this purpose by voluntary subscriptions from the entire college body and necessarily we must do likewise. A few men cannot pay the expenses nor should they be compelled to do so. Such a contest concerns the whole college and therefore, should receive universal support. When the list reaches you, subscribe generously. Our hospitality and entertainment should not fall short of its high standard because funds are lacking.

The Baseball Coach.

Outdoor baseball practice has begun with the coach, John J. Miran, on hand. Mr. Miran is a good player, understands the tricks of the game, and has a personal interest in making his work on the Hill bear fruit. It only remains for those who play the game to come out and support the captain with honest work and we will have a winning team. Not only must those who play give their efforts towards making the season successful, but it is necessary in baseball, just as in football, that every man in college show some interest in the team and be on the field during the hours of practice.

The students of Ohio-Wesleyan were compelled, a short time ago, to sign a pledge to abstain from smoking.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The meeting in Silliman Hall on Sunday afternoon is to be chiefly a song service, a "college sing", and every man in college is urged to come and help sing. Some special vocal and instrumental music will be provided by the music committee. The meeting will be very informal. After a heart-warming sing, the remaining time will be given up to Easter reminiscences. But remember! the chief feature of the gathering Sunday afternoon is a good rousing "college sing." Every man out.

The new cabinet has been formed this week. The aim of the new administration will be to continue the policy of the former organization in many respects, and in addition to enlist a larger number of the students in active service for the association. The carrying on of the association work is to be thrown more on the college body.

Secretary Corbin of the Student Volunteers is to visit the college in the near future.

The class in Old Testament characters which has been conducted by Dr. Wood will be omitted spring term, in order to give the Fraternity Bible Study classes the full field for action. Mr. Diack, who started this system here, has written encouragingly about its success. It is up to each crowd to make the experiment work.

The Association is planning to send delegations to the President's Convention in Buffalo May 11-15, and also to the Northfield Conference. A strenuous effort will be made to have an especially strong representation at Northfield this year.

Art Exhibition

At the New City National Bank Building, commencing April 4th, 1904, and continuing two weeks for the benefit of the Utica Exchange for Woman's Work. Admission 50 cents.

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EVERY MAN MUST WORK.

If winter finally goes we will hold our annual Interscholastic Track Meet, May 14th. On that day also the representatives of the high schools of the state will compete for oratorical honors on the chapel stage. Last year nearly two hundred visitors were with us, and if they enjoyed our hospitality as much as we enjoyed entertaining them, they must have gone away with a desire to come again. The same welcome and hospitality will be awaiting them this spring. The committee on arrangements cannot begin work too soon. It is for them to be original and vary last year's program as much as possible. Of course they must arrange for the presentation of medals, etc., in the Hall of Commons in the evening—that was too enjoyable to be changed. The rest of the college has its work also. They should feel the responsibility of making the visitors' list as large as possible, send personal invitations to all prospective sub-freshmen, and make sure of their coming. Here is enough work for all and enough success if all work.

A NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

The nearness of Carnegie Hall to Steuben Field has made it necessary to shift the baseball diamond around toward the west to prevent a shortening of the outfield. This change brings clearly before the college body the need of providing, before many years, for a new athletic field. The growth of the college as shown by our three latest buildings, must be westward. All these three additions have to some extent encroached upon and hemmed in the track which encircles the football field and

baseball diamond. The Chemical Laboratory has started a new quadrangle which when completed must include Steuben field. Our track, especially the straight-a-way, is much too close to the new Dormitory. Then too both track and gridiron are in need of repair. The football field has needed leveling and draining for the past four years, while the track on the west slopes toward the north. But why start repairs when we must build soon? Better expend what money we can raise in beginning a new field. We have a good site just west of the College. Here with small expense for grading a fine athletic field could be constructed. Such an improvement will be some time in coming and after its completion the ground should be left at least two years unmolested so that the turf may become firm and hard. This means that should such a work be commenced immediately three years must elapse before it could benefit the College. For this reason the preliminary agitation for this needed improvement should be started at once.

A CO-OPERATIVE BOOK STORE.

The Y. M. C. A. has various duties to perform in college, all of which are of great value to the students at large. The organization at present can manage all that is required, and perhaps could even accept an addition of responsibility without being overloaded. The following suggestion is offered, which is worthy of careful consideration, that the Y. M. C. A. be allowed to conduct the college bookstore on the cooperative plan. This is not proposed because there is any particular fault to be found with the present management of the store. To be sure there are many matters about the store which could be improved, but it is not altogether the fault of the present fellows who have it in charge that these have not been corrected. They remain because it is impossible for any two men to run such a store and keep themselves free from criticism. There are many advantages which would come from having the store run by the Y. M. C. A. on a cooperative system, and not the least of these would be the lower prices of which the students would have the benefit. It is unnecessary to go into detail for everyone is well acquainted with the methods of cooperation. It has been tried in several colleges and has everywhere proved successful. Naturally there would be many expenses connected with such an undertaking, and

to meet these it would be necessary to ask a little more than the actual cost of the books, but this would not make a large extra charge on any one book. Furthermore all the profit would not go to one man as it does at present. Those men who are in need of money could find employment in the store, and there would probably be enough such men to keep the store open all the time. Such an arrangement would certainly be a great improvement over present conditions. Of course the control could not be taken from the present men in charge, but they may not care to run the store again next year, in which case the Y. M. C. A. could get control. The consent of the president would be necessary but it seems that this should be obtained in consideration of the fact that the whole college would gain by such a change.

Prize Debate Appointees.

Thursday morning after chapel Dr. Stryker announced the six debaters who are to take part in the thirty-sixth McKinney prize debate, held Tuesday night of Commencement Week. The following men were appointed: Carr, Collins, Sisson, Smith, Toll, and M. White. They will debate this question: "Resolved that the course of the United States Government in the matter of the Republic of Panama is to be approved."

Track and Field.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and soggy condition of the cinders the track team has commenced work in earnest. Though there are many promising candidates already in suits more are needed, especially for the long runs and the sprints. Last year's veterans, Jones, DeVotie and Blakely, will be sorely missed, and the inability of Wicks to perform deprives us of our best pole vaulter. With White, Miner and Speh in the weights, there is strength in, at least, three events. Roosa, Mann and Sicard in the hurdles should make the best trio we ever had. Bagg, Edgerton and some others should do well in the jumps while, Carter and Driscoll are fair in the vault. Captain Wood is fitting into his place in good shape and is running splendidly for this time of year. Let everybody who ever has or ever hopes to do anything on the track turn out and help along. More men are absolutely necessary if we are to satisfactorily complete the hard schedule before us.

Voluntary Bible Study.

It will be remembered that last term Mr. Diack came to Hamilton as a representative of the Y. M. C. A. to introduce a new system of voluntary Bible study among the students. The regular classes held at noon on Sunday, however interesting they may be, will not attract a large number of fellows who are in need and in a way desirous of such training. Moreover, in these classes the average man shows considerable hesitation in discussing freely and openly the questions that trouble him. Mr. Diack proposed to organize Bible classes in the fraternities, each with a leader to oversee the work. A regular course of study would be prescribed, with a certain amount of reading assigned for each day; and one hour, at some convenient time during the week, would be set apart for the members to get together and talk over the questions that had arisen during the week. This would give opportunity for free discussion, without any of the restraint that is sure to be felt in a more public meeting. Hardly fifteen minutes a day would be necessary for the required reading.

This plan commended itself to a number of the fellows and in most of the fraternities classes were organized. But as no books containing the course to be pursued could be purchased at once, no serious work has been done. With the opening of this term however, those who are interested should settle down in earnest. Such a plan for securing the knowledge which is so important and necessary to everyone should not come to naught because of sheer neglect. The books are now obtainable, and at the moderate price of fifty cents. Sunday would be a good day for the first meeting, at which the classes can be organized and the leaders appointed. The best way to begin is to start, and the best way to succeed is "to keep everlastingly at it."

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Local Notes.

- Fitch, '06, will not return this term.
- Hosmer, ex-'06, will shortly return to college.
- Mason, '00, has been on the Hill for a few days.
- Abbot, '04 was visited by his father during the week.
- Dean, '05, who was ill last term, has resumed his studies.
- Courtenay, '03, visited the Hill during the Easter recess.
- R. C. White, '04, passed a portion of his vacation in Albany.
- The seniors will wear their gowns for the first time tomorrow.
- Several of the fellows remained on the Hill during the vacation.
- Root, '05, who has been absent from College for a term, has returned.
- Peter Kelly, Jr., has returned to college and taken up work with '07.
- The Junior Whist Club will have a banquet in Utica in the near future.
- Evans, '04, has been visiting Ward, '02, at Auburn Theological Seminary.
- Durkee, '03, was on the Hill a few days prior to the opening of the term.
- Rynd, '07, having left college last term, sick with pneumonia, has returned.
- Several prize essays had close calls on Wednesday. One was delivered six seconds before noon.
- The condition of the field permitting, there will be a ball game with U. F. A. on Wednesday. Next Saturday we play a team from Auburn Theological Seminary here on Steuben field.
- Williams, '05, who was obliged to discontinue his work during winter term, has returned to the Hill.
- We were agreeably surprised to discover that the roof of "Carnegie" had been completely tiled during the vacation.
- E. J. Humeston, of the class of '99, was on the Hill this week. He is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Vernon.
- Sherman, ex-'04, who has been wintering in Southern California, is now returning home and is to enter the class of 1905 upon his arrival.
- Beach and Hayes in Economics, emphasizing the "struggle for existence among men" carry on a conflict which Prof. Smyth considers unseemly.
- MacIntyre, suddenly stopping in a chapel appearance, calls the attention of his audience to the absurdity of his remaining on the platform, and then he descends.
- The addition which is being made upon the Alpha Delta Phi Hall will not only improve the building itself but will add greatly to the appearance of the eastern campus.
- Those who experienced both the flag row of this and last year say that, if there is any choice, it is preferable to struggle on frozen ground rather than in several inches of soft mud.
- Koult, '07, recently officiated as referee in a basket-ball game between the 31st Separate Company, of Utica, and the Frankfort Independents. The contest took place in Frankfort.
- It is unfortunate that our Interscholastic Field Meet comes the day after a similar affair at Colgate. If it is not already too late to have this changed, something should be done about it.
- It is rumored that Dr. Stryker intends to obtain a chain gang for the purpose of breaking the stones, or to be exact the rocks, which have been placed on the road at the top of Junior Hill.
- The call for subscriptions to cover the expenses of the Prohibition Contest to be held here this spring should be answered by every fellow in college whether interested in the movement or not.
- The freshmen caps have made their appearance and, as they do not contain the colors so common around college, bring a feeling of relief to the eye. They are of the customary shape, the body being gray in color with maroon numerals. The freshmen deserve credit for displaying such good taste in the selection of both caps and canes.
- A sub-freshman in looking through our catalog discovers that there are three terms of work, designated as fall, winter, and spring. We are wondering why it speaks of a "spring term."
- It is unfortunate for the fellows who eat in the Commons that the President can not be persuaded to take his meals there all the year. It is surprising how much influence the presence of one man has upon the quality of the board.
- We are all proud of the appearance of our campus. Nothing will mar its beauty more than dead grass and disfigured lawns. This is only a reminder that we should use the paths during this muddy season rather than the short cut across the grass.
- We must still complain of the condition of the bath rooms in the Gym. During this season of the year when the baths and plunge are used so frequently by track and baseball candidates, the custodian should exercise more diligence in caring for them.
- If there is the least shred of truth in the report that the freshman class intends to give a Frolic, the idea should not be allowed to die. Such a dance coming during the week of K. P. would be greatly appreciated by the college.
- The delinquency board attracted considerable attention during the first days of the term. It is surprising that so few names are bulletined. Those in authority apparently treated the over cuts of last term with lenience because of the large amount of illness which prevailed.
- Interscholastic day promises to be one of the most successful ever held by the college. Already many entries have been sent in and several representative schools have signified their intention of sending candidates for the speaking contest. Invite that sub-freshman friend you spoke to during the Easter vacation.
- "Uncle John," Captain Wood and Manager Day are making preparations for the track season, which bids fair to be a most successful one. It is now up to every man, who has done any work whatsoever in this line, to come out and show what is in him. We can't defeat our rivals without the cooperation of all.
- The walk from the Y. M. C. A. to the Arbor has received its annual supply of ashes. Shale will soon be placed on the campus walks to repair and round them up. Rakes have already begun to do their work and water flows from the fountain. Such activities generally betoken spring, but this year seems to prove the exception.

Among the Colleges.

Gen. J. L. Kodama of the Japanese army is a graduate of Rutgers College.

The colored men at the University of Indiana have organized a local fraternity.

Princeton and the University of Chicago hold their first dual track meet this year.

Six of the eight students recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Chicago University are women.

In the sixty-first annual boat-race between Oxford and Cambridge, held April 2, Oxford was defeated.

June 10-17th is the week during which the Olympian games and intercollegiate contests are to be held at the St. Louis exposition.

It is estimated that there are 500 Peruvians attending American institutions of learning. No other South American country is so well represented.

Brown has decided to retain her former eligibility rules governing baseball, until the decision of the Corporation concerning the new rules is given next fall.

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