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## Student Government.

The matter of student government in college has attracted considerable attention within the last year. In order to give a clear idea of the actual organization of the scheme, its purposes and powers, the constitution adopted by the students of Rutgers College is given below. While the matter has not been seriously discussed in Hamilton it is no less instructive and interesting to give in these columns, something more than a vague rumor in regard to what student government means and so the following is given for the benefit of our readers. When you have finished its perusal, answer the question—would you favor such a scheme for Hamilton? These columns are open:

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.—*Object.*

The object of this Committee shall be:  
*First,* To consider and recommend to the Faculty specific action upon offenses, except in the Military Department, against the good order of the college, on request of the President of the college or the student immediately concerned;

*Second,* To consider other matters which affect the general interests of the college, and to suggest measures, which in the judgment of the committee, will tend to promote the welfare of the college.

#### ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION I. The committee shall consist of students solely, presided over by the President of the college, who shall not vote excepting in the case of a tie; the members of the committee to be: Four members of the senior class, four members of the junior class, two members of the freshman class.

#### *Election of Members.*

SEC. 2. The members shall be chosen by the members of their respective classes, only students in good and regular standing being eligible to election as members of the committee, but all stu-

dents in college being entitled to vote in their election.

#### *Vacancies.*

SEC. 3. In case of the death, resignation, or withdrawal from college of any member of the committee, or in case of the failure of any member to continue in regular standing in the class to which he belonged at the time of his election, the class in which such vacancy occurs shall elect another representative as soon thereafter as possible. In case any member of the committee is charged with an offense which comes under consideration of the committee, he shall be considered as having lost his membership for the time being and shall not again serve on the committee until he is cleared of the charge. If convicted, the vacancy thus occurring shall be filled by the class among whose representatives the vacancy occurs, as above directed.

#### *Tenure of Office.*

SEC. 4. Members elected by the junior, sophomore and freshman classes shall retain membership until their successors shall have been elected, except as provided in Section three of this article.

#### ARTICLE III.—*Procedure.*

Before a student shall be recommended by the committee for any form of punishment he shall be given a fair and impartial hearing before no less than eight members of the committee, and shall have the privilege of calling witnesses for his defense.

#### ARTICLE IV.—*Joint Committee of Conference.*

In case the Faculty fail to ratify any recommendation of the committee with regard to penalties, each of the two bodies shall, if such be the wish of the committee, appoint three representatives to constitute a committee of conference, with the President of the college presiding, but having no vote, except in case of tie. The finding of this joint committee, after reviewing the whole case, shall be final, subject, however, to the rule of the

Board of Trustees of the college, which provides that: "Before a student shall be punished by suspension or dismissal, he shall have an opportunity of being heard before the Faculty;" and further that: "The order of suspension or dismissal in any case shall require the vote of a majority of the Faculty."

#### ARTICLE V.—*Method of Amending the Constitution.*

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by the Faculty, by the Student Committee, or by any one class, and any proposed amendment shall become a part of the constitution when accepted by the Faculty, the Student Committee, and by three of the four classes.

#### BY-LAWS.

#### ARTICLE I.—*Membership.*

The members of the committee elected by the junior, sophomore and freshman class, shall retain their membership until their successors shall have been elected.

#### ARTICLE II.—*Officers.*

SECTION I. In addition to the President, the officers of this committee shall be a Vice-President and a Secretary, to be elected at the first regular meeting of the collegiate year, but the Vice-President must always be chosen from the senior class.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, and shall have power to call informal meetings of the committee at the request of two-thirds of the members, but no final action shall be taken at such meetings.

SEC. 3. The Vice President, when presiding, shall have one vote.

SEC. 4. The duties of the Secretary shall be such as usually pertain to that office.

#### ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

SECTION I. Meetings shall be called by the President whenever in his judgment he may deem it necessary.

SEC. 2. Informal meetings may be called as provided for in Article II, Section 2.

SEC. 3. Whenever possible at least twenty-four hours' notice shall be given of every meeting.

SEC. 4. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.—*Procedure.*

SECTION 1. No member of the committee shall initiate proceedings against any student, nor act as a witness in such proceedings.

SEC. 2. No student shall be recommended for any form of punishment except by the committee.

ARTICLE V.—*Amendments.*

These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the committee.

### Hamilton vs. Cornell.

At the State Armory in Utica, Saturday evening, Cornell defeated Hamilton in a well played and closely contested basket-ball game. It was fast and interesting from start to finish, and at no time did enthusiasm lag. An exhibition of inferior quality between All-Syracuse and the 44th Separate Co. served as a preliminary. All-Syracuse was easily the superior and won handily, 18-2. Rough playing and numerous fouls were the principal features. During the interval between the games one of the baskets became loosened and fell to the floor. Considerable time was used in again fastening it in place, and it was 10 o'clock before the Cornell-Hamilton game was called. Hamilton seemed to be playing the better ball. They were faster and their passing was better, but it seemed impossible to make a basket. After several minutes of very fast play, Sloat succeeded in securing Cornell's first score. Soon after, a foul was called on Naylor and Hermes threw the goal. Through three baskets by Hermes and one by Sloat and a foul on McLaughlin, Cornell had made 17 points, when McLaughlin threw two baskets in rapid succession, and the half closed 17-6 in Cornell's favor.

Sherman opened the second half with a basket for Hamilton, and Hermes followed with one for Cornell. Tobin came next, and then Naylor. McLaughlin and Hermes each threw one, and each made a goal from foul. This ended the scoring, leaving Cornell 27 and Hamilton 16. Toward the end the pace slackened, each team showing signs of weariness, but the closeness of the race kept excitement keyed to a high pitch.

It was a well fought, cleanly played game and was won by Cornell's superior ability at basket-throwing. In all other particulars Hamilton excelled. They were much faster than their rivals and their passing was more accurate. In fact, the whole team played basket-ball, and had dame fortune been a trifle more impartial several miraculous misses might have been converted into baskets. However, we were beaten and beaten fairly. Each man did well and we have no fault to find. The score:

Cornell (27).		Hamilton (16).
	Forwards.	
Hermes.		Peet.
Tobin.		S. Sherman.
	Centre.	
Wait.		McLaughlin (Capt.)
	Guards.	
Townsend (Capt.)		Naylor.
Sloat.		Mangan.

Referee, Drummond (H); umpires, McPherson (C), Lewis (H); timers, Stebins (C), J. VanAllen (H), halves, 20 min.; baskets, Hermes 5, Sloat 2, Tobin 1, McLaughlin 3, Naylor 1, Sherman 1; goals from fouls, Hermes 3, McLaughlin 1.

### The Schedule.

The schedule for next term is not such as would commend itself to the majority of the students. It has some very unhappy confusions. One instance of this is found in the sophomore schedule, which makes it impossible to take both Latin and German during the spring term. The Latin this year is more than dry translation. It is history, literature and Roman law, and over half the class would like to elect it. The German is always interesting and of course most of the Latin-Scientific sophomores want to take it. Yet a choice must be made between the two. This is only one of several instances.

We appreciate fully the difficulties under which the schedule committee labors, but the following plan would yield much greater satisfaction, and if the committee is desirous of doing its best it ought to give the matter serious consideration.

Let the elective cards be filled out by the students early in the term preceding that for which the election is made. The faculty will then be able to tell what subjects the majority of the students wish to take up. On the basis of "the majority rules" the schedule could

then be made out. This would satisfy most of the students. The present schedule does not.

### Can Anyone Explain?

*"The call of the love-sick moose has been discarded, and it is now the fashion to imitate birds."*

The above extract was taken from the Rutgers Weekly. Now we had supposed that Lewis' reputation was centered about the Hill and Utica but it seems that the press has circulated his speech at the senior banquet so widely that now a college publication has taken "Morgan" to task for not keeping up with the fashions, and tells him to "imitate birds." Now we have no knowledge of what the consequences would be should Charlie begin to whistle "whip-er-Bill" Nye, or should try to transform himself into a "Cuckoo" clock. He might be all right for a lark, and possibly for an "imitation" crow (scare-crow). He isn't a big enough jay to be "blue" and his health will never permit him to be a song bird. So we are at a loss to know just how to take the advice. Let's ask "Bugs" if he could suggest a possible field.

### Juniors 12, Sophomores 17.

By a fiercely fought battle 1904 triumphed in a basket-ball game in the Gymnasium Thursday evening. Both teams were in for victory and they went for one another with all the vengeance of class rivalry. Considerable "roughness" was displayed by both teams in the excitement of the game. The ball was "busy" all the time. This victory gives the championship in basket-ball to the sophomores. Who will lift it?

The line-up:

Sophomores (17).		Juniors (12).
	Forwards.	
Sherman.		Peet.
Sherman.		Hunter.
	Center.	
Wicks.		McLaughlin.
	Guards.	
Heyl.		Mangan.
Evans.		Busch.

—We cannot understand why there should be such a confusion about obtaining books we need; either they are not on time, or there isn't enough of them; or something else is wrong. There's poor management somewhere. Patience is worn threadbare,

**News of the Colleges.**

—Williams will install its new president June 24.  
 —A college debating society has been formed at Wesleyan.  
 —A. H. Favour has recently been chosen captain of the Amherst nine.  
 —New eligibility rules governing athletics have been prepared at Amherst.  
 —University of Maine has 17 games on its baseball schedule. Two games are with Tufts.  
 —The 20th anniversary of the Harvard Crimson was celebrated by a banquet, last Saturday.  
 —The indoor meet at Amherst was won by the juniors. A new record was made in the shot put.  
 —Columbia University in the past year has received gifts aggregating over a million dollars.  
 —Dr. Butler will be installed as president of Columbia, April 19. A large number of college presidents will take part in the exercises.

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Now that the time for electing subjects for spring term has arrived, we feel called upon to reiterate the views expressed in these columns regarding the elective cards. It has been a constant source of annoyance that while numerous choices were offered, yet conflicts were so common, and so arbitrarily calculated, that the electives were little better than compulsory. We still hold that the only way to find out what subjects should occupy this or that place in the schedule, is to find out first what the students wish to elect. It is no criterion to assume that the present class will elect a subject simply because some other classes have done so in past years. Classes and men change, but the same old schedule goes on forever. And why? Can it be that the faculty has allowed conflicts in studies simply to avoid an extra trip up the hill? We dislike to believe it, but certain investigated facts point that way.

And why, being the wish of the college body, is not such a system adopted? If it satisfies the college, no harm is done. If not, it has built its own cage and it is willing to take the consequences for it. The injustice of the old system is obvious; the improvement lies only in the adoption of a "majority rule."

THE Junior-Sophomore basket-ball game disclosed two things: First, that the sophomores can play ball; and secondly, that they are justly reprehensible for not giving some of the vim, snap and ability disclosed Thursday evening toward improving and strengthening the 'varsity. Those who saw the game remarked on the good showing of the team and felt constrained to say that

the 'varsity should have been strengthened by them during the term. It is an old and threadbare topic that the underclassmen in their early days are the ones who shall determine what shall later be the 'varsity. When they finish their course it ought never to be said of any man that he failed to do his best by the college. All the breadth of intellect in faculty, all the generous donations of alumni, and all the commodious halls which now exist, cannot make Hamilton other than that which the students themselves make of it.

So we say that although the 'varsity has been too lax in training, too irresponsible to the real significance of the game, we cannot but say that it has done vastly better than those who have shown that they can play and yet appeared to have put class before college. This criticism does not apply to every man on the winning team, but it does apply to a good percentage of it.

And so we're all together and united to jump into track athletics and baseball with a vengeance. Freshman, sophomore and upperclassmen, everybody, drink of the inspiration of spring and *shake it up*.

## Sophomore Bible Class.

Ask any sophomore and he will tell you that he has never had a more instructive, interesting and profitable class than that which has been conducted this term in the history of the English bible. The disappointment was great, therefore, when it was given out as part of the last lesson for the term—"learn the number of chapters in every book in the bible."

Now, be reasonable; the division into chapters is only arbitrary; it means nothing; and knowing the number of chapters shows nothing. Don't men who carry such "junk" around in their heads usually wind up in the insane asylum? How many ministers in central New York know the exact number of chapters in the 66 books of the bible? How many would want to know?

This is not a "kick." Its all over for this year and the sophomores must do their task. But don't set such a task next year. It is unreasonable. Unreasonable demands beget sullen compliance and the strength of the instructor as a teacher is that it is a pleasure to attend his classes. It will only undo his own work. Don't!

## D. T. Banquet.

On Saturday evening was held a banquet of the D. T. Club at the Butterfield in Utica. A fine six course dinner was served, which was stored away in good shape by the participants around the board. Ehret entertained the club by a few impersonations and other stunts. The dinner being finished, and after spending some time around the piano and giving a yell, the crowd made their way to the armory to witness the basketball game between Cornell and Hamilton. Everyone pronounced the banquet a success.

## Toronto Convention.

It was highly fitting that Hamilton should be represented at the recent Student Volunteer Convention by the full number of delegates allowed her. Yale headed the list with the largest number of representatives. She had forty-three. In all, there were nearly three thousand delegates in attendance. But numbers do not all represent the power and importance of this gathering. It was a God-inspired conference of the leaders and workers of a world-wide movement, that is of vital interest to every college. The effects on "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation," which follow the Toronto convention, will surely be most marked.

## An Incident.

Freshmen are proverbial for their ignorance and greenness. The following incident, typical of a freshmen, has come to the attention of LIFE:

A certain young man chanced to become acquainted with a fair damsel of the town. The acquaintance soon developed into a close friendship, and for some time it seemed quite serious. In fact, so infatuated did the freshman become that he decided to make the lady a present of a valentine which should be both useful and ornamental. But what it should be was beyond his thinking powers. In his distress he sought out the advice of a fellow freshman. This noble-minded youth advised him, the counsel was heeded, and the present mailed on the eve of St. Valentine's day.

From the latest reports the two are not on speaking terms.

—Freshmen caps were sported by the class on Wednesday morning.

**Premonition.**

But one more week leaves itself for the perfecting of all details in the coming gymnasium display. All the principal parts are down in good performance but this ensuing week must demand attention to the trifles and commonplaces. Let this week be prior to the consummation on next Saturday night of this term's tide. Let each one play his dedicated part.

At the last exhibition more stress was placed on the performance than the proceeds. The net receipts were but little more than enough to acquit the staring debts. At the coming attempt we must have a multiple, and a good one, of last show's specie. We want the spoils but desire no spoliation in the acquisition thereof. It will be imperative at the dawn of the track season to secure implements and facilities which are either not on hand at present or else are in an impaired condition. These requirements demand disbursements. The track treasury is down to the silt. We must float the sediment so that it will have a buoyant and suspensive power. To that aim it is urged that each man irrespective of participation or superintendence will pour into the coffers his coppers and his other coin. Such a request was not voiced last time for reasons stated. We wanted to experiment. That wish won from us what we must retrieve. If each man, whether spectator or competitor, will add his entrance fee to the fund the result will materially aid the success of the coming athletic season. It will be in a way but to subscribe a contribution. So let each man in college be ready to discharge his several duties.

There can be no doubt but that this will be offset by the amusement derived. The scheme for the exhibition is fine, not only on paper but in its progress. All the events will be bettered, the acrobatics and performances are well developed and nothing more could be expected, says "Uncle John." He is doing his duty; let us join with him in executing ours.

They tell how fast the arrow sped,  
When William shot the apple,  
But who can calculate the speed.  
Of him who's late for chapel.

—Trinity Tablet.

—Ferguson, '04, tries to tell Bill Shep some news about "Professor Bib."

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### College Notes.

—One, two, three, shift!

—Hatch, '01, paid the bill a visit last week.

—Elective cards for sophomores were dished out on Monday by "Bill Shep."

—The student room in Silliman Hall will be appropriately dedicated spring term.

—The sophomores have a final review in "Dutch" grammar next Monday with Bill Shep.

—Toll, '04, appeared to enjoy the exercises after the junior-sophomore basketball game.

—"Windy" talked at length the other day about "the phenomenon of seeing double at alumni banquets."

—The D. T. Club had a banquet at the "Butt" last Saturday night and attended the Cornell game in a body.

—We're all glad to see the snow go away; we've had a good stiff winter; now for a good spring for track and baseball.

—The college was very sorry to learn of the death of the father of Putnam '03. We mourn with him in this sad bereavement.

—Elihu Root, Jr., '03, Dick and Sherrill Sherman, '04, and E. Root, '05, attended the Sigma Phi Convention in Schenectady.

—On Monday was held the first cross-country run. From six to eight men reported and were led across the fields by Captain Naylor.

—There was quite a hot competition on Wednesday night between Childs and McLaughlin for vice-president of the Y. M. C. A.

—Prexy confided to the sophomore Bible class that he thought that if he should preach in full dress that we wouldn't know what the text was.

—If the basket-ball team had shown earlier the snap and go that was evident in the Cornell game, the season's score would have been different.

—Toll, '04, asks "Windy" to explain the sensation of seeing double experienced after a "booze"; he answers that he can only tell what has been told him.

—At the basket-ball game Saturday one of the freshmen felt called upon to instruct the upperclassman in charge of the cheering how it ought to be done. What next?

—"Windy" called upon MacIntyre to translate "eum mihi," and what was his astonishment when MacIntyre piped out: "The same for me." Case of absent mindedness, probably, on MacIntyre's part.

—The following men were elected at the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening. President, Manley F. Allbright; vice-president, H. T. Maxwell; treasurer, W. P. Soper; secretary, George W. Day.

—Those who have sought reference books in the library this term have been annoyed to no little extent because many of the books were drawn out for the evening and retained for several days. Those who have attempted to write reports in American History and Constitutional Law have found the greatest difficulty.

—We wish to commend, as the college did Wednesday, Post '04, for his selection of declamation and its excellent delivery. The chapels tend to become lifeless only too readily, while the judicious choice of some humorous selection and good delivery is heartily appreciated by the chapel. Let others follow suit.

—It seems necessary to remonstrate with the fellows every so often about abuses of the Reading Room; it needs no further word as to the character of a man who cuts scraps from the public papers, or otherwise mutilates the periodicals; the boys who persist in scuffling and talking aloud are mere "kids" whom nothing but a sound spanking will cure of their puerile tricks.

### A College Comrade.

My constant companion in wanderings,  
My tireless servant and friend,  
Is a sturdy, strapping fellow,  
Plain and square to the end.

To his hand clasp no grip compares,  
And he'll serve me until I die;  
Full many a secret is locked 'twixt us:  
My dress-suit case and I.

ALIQUIS, '05.

### Good Night.

They stood in the shimmering moonlight,  
The June breeze fanned her hair,  
And as he hastened to leave her  
She turned to his face so fair,  
With a look so calm and placid  
That he knew she was all right now.  
He had been just half an hour  
Tying that cussed cow.

—Ex.

### Intercollegiate.

—Wesleyan's baseball schedule contains 23 games. Yale and Princeton are on the list.

—The first football game that was played in the United States took place between Yale and Harvard in 1776.

—The annual report of the Columbia ball team shows a profit for the first time, the net receipts for 1901 being \$327.97.

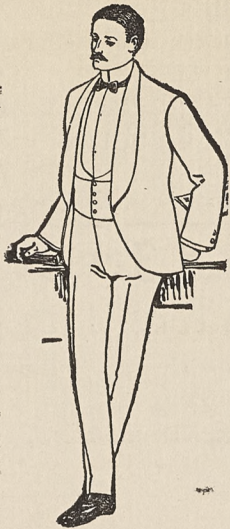
—The annual report of the president of Harvard University shows that tennis is the most popular sport, having 640 adherents.

—John D. Rockefeller will give Brown University \$75,000 for a new building provided \$25,000 be raised for endowment by commencement.

—The question for the Amherst-Bowdoin debate is: "Resolved, That reconstruction upon the basis of negro suffrage was an unwise policy."

—Harvard defeated Yale Saturday night in the first fencing match ever held between the two universities by a score of five bouts to four.

—Tower Cross, Tufts College, has voted to place bronze tablets in the ball room of the gymnasium in commemoration of the football victory over Cornell and the three baseball victories over Harvard. Dr. Stroud has already made provision for placing quite an elaborate tablet in memory of the famous football victory over Harvard and it is hoped that soon all of their successes in athletics will be suitably recorded.



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