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The Base Ball Team.

The Editor of the Vidette:

DEAR SIR—As the base ball season draws near, I am more and more puzzled by the silence of the University papers. I think I am right in saying that neither as a team nor as individuals have the base ball men received any criticism, either from the *Quill* or *VIDETTE*. Now I have watched the base ball practice with a great deal of interest, and while I must confess that my knowledge of the game is far too slight for me to venture upon technical criticism, still I can not resist the temptation to suggest some possible dangers in the general management of the team. For the art of captaincy is much the same in base ball as in foot ball, in a crew as in track athletics. The first and foremost thing for a captain to keep in mind is this: *He must effect a change in his men*. Never until the millennium will any captain have a team that can safely be left where it was when he took hold of it. Captains are appointed just because every one realizes that no athlete is the same two years in succession, and it is the duty of the captain to find out the exact condition of every man under his control, and then to bring each one as nearly as possible into balance with all the rest, thus converting a squad into a team. Any captain who fails to grasp this conception of his work is unfit for the position, and ought to be put out of the way.

Now it is not my purpose to find fault with the University ball team, but there are a few questions demanding answers, not in words, but in deeds, which ought at the beginning of every season to be put to every team. Is it wise this early in the spring to hand over particular positions to particular men, and thus do away with the stimulus of competition? Is it safe to let any player for a single moment take his practice as a joke? Does the captain appreciate the difference between the work of a captain and the work of an ordinary player? Finally, does he realize how much easier it is to ruin a team than to make it?

I do not attempt to answer these questions myself, for I know nothing of the inner workings of the team, and my point of view is that of the uninitiated outsider; still, as I said before, the art of captaining is the art of captaincy, and the questions which I have put are all of them in point. Permit me too, as an apology for this note, to remind you that in all things pertaining to danger and failure in

athletics, Harvard men, by sad experience, know whereof they speak.

Yours very respectfully,
N. W. STEPHENSON.

Ninety-five vs. Ninety-three.

The first regular game of the Inter-Class Base Ball League was played at the park on Saturday afternoon. The contesting teams were from the classes of '95 and '93, and although the former were defeated, they played a much stronger fielding game than their opponents. '93's strength lay in their battery, Neal and Laraabee doing good work. McKinley and German held the points for '95.

There were about 150 persons present when Umpires Park and Pratt took their positions and called the game. The admission charge of five cents resulted quite satisfactorily, and about \$5.25 was netted.

The Freshmen went to bat first, Gunsolus and Beard going out, but German and Moffit succeeded in crossing the plate on several errors and a sacrifice. '93 were unable to get a man past second until the third inning, when Stover scored a run on a base on balls and several errors. Peek scored the next three runs for the Freshmen, in the second, fourth and seventh innings. Their last run was made in the eighth, when Johnson scored on his own hit, and a lift given Gilmore by Myers' error, Gilmore also scoring. Total eight. The fourth inning for '93 resulted disastrously for '95. Why Johnson should have been substituted for McKinley, when the latter was pitching a fairly good game, has caused some comment, but the outcome of it was six runs for '93. With Larrabee and More on bases, Neal hit to center for two bases, scoring both of the above, and then Myers delighted the crowd by making a clean hit and bringing in Neal. Sanford scored Myers on a two baser, and himself on an error. In the sixth Butler made a good fly catch, and by a quick throw to Stover retired Johnson and Ingham. In the seventh, with two men out, and Grewell, Stover and More on bases, Myers refused the chance of a life time and struck out. The following is the score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
'95.....	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0-8
'93.....	0	0	1	6	1	1	2	0	*-11

Umpires, Park and Pratt.

The Iowa Wesleyan University has received a donation of \$1,000 of Mr. Foster of Ottumwa for its new Chapel building.

Baconian Club.

An unusually large audience was present at the Baconian Club Friday evening.

Dr. Andrews, the essayist, delivered a paper on "Philipp Aureolus Theophrastus Paracelsus Bombastus von Hohenheim and his Times." Paracelsus, who lived from 1493-1541, was the first alchemist to advance the theory that the book of Nature must be studied as well as those of the great scholars. All substances were in his opinion made up of three ingredients, mercury, sulphur, and salt,—mercury the fluid, sulphur the combustible, and salt the non-combustible portion of the substance. His theories in regard to the *Lapis philosophorum* were told in an interesting manner, and much was learned concerning the ideas of chemistry which obtained at this time.

Voluntary reports were offered by Professor Patrick on "The Origin of the Theories of the Four Elements of Aristotle," and Professor McBride on "The Cantilever Bridges of Switzerland." The next paper will be by Mr. Shimek.

Erodelphian.

Erodelphian Hall was filled Saturday evening to hear the first programme given by the society this term. Although shortened by the inability through sickness of one of the speakers to appear, the programme made up for this in the spirit with which it was carried out.

Mr. Joe Koza opened with a well performed violin solo which was heartily encored. Katherine Barber in a few farewell words resigned the Presidency to her successor, Frances Rogers, who in a brief and graceful speech thanked the society for the honor conferred upon her.

Emma Kalkofen recited a selection from the prettiest portion of the Courtship of Miles Standish, the proxy wooing of the Puritan maiden, after which the question "Which is the happiest, the English, French, German or American Girl," was discussed by Mary McQuire, Kate Bostedo, Katherine Barber and Jessie Whinnery, the speeches showing considerable originality.

Zulemia Kostomlatsky gave Chapter II. of the Erodelphian serial—The Story of Hildegard's career as a Freshman at the S. U. I. A talk on the character and life of Walt Whitman by Jessamine Jones was followed by a college song given by the Erodelphian chorus.

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We wish to direct the especial attention of the base ball team and all interested in the work of the same to the communication which we publish on the first page to-day. The writer of the article is a man who has a good knowledge of his subject, obtained by close observation of the methods of practice and management at the two great centers of college athletics in this country. Our base ball men have two courses from which to choose their own. They may, if they will, profit by the experience of Harvard by steering clear of her mistakes; or they may learn for themselves through the same lack of system that has always beaten Harvard. It stands to reason that the former is the only reasonable course to adopt. The suggestions of our contributor will of course be received in the same friendly spirit in which they are made, and we believe that their adoption will advance the work of the team.

Class enthusiasm is still lacking in the University. At the ball game Saturday its absence was marked. Only a few Freshmen cared appear with class colors and but feeble Freshmen shouts were heard. The lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Juniors was even more marked. Although they won the game, an ordinary spectator would hardly be aware of it. As the last Freshman was retired in the ninth inning, a low echo of the yell of '33 was heard, but that was all. The entire enthusiasm that was manifested came from the grand stand. This was a commendable feature of the game. The crowd was non-partisan in its criticism, which, although mostly adverse, was well received by the players. Several men who knew better were mean enough to enjoy the game without paying the admission fee. A large crowd ought to greet the players of the next game. Class yells and class colors might win the victory.

Bahama Expedition.

A meeting was held in Professor Calvin's room last Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of making plans in regard to the proposed Bahama expedition of '93. It was found that there were more applicants for passage than could possibly be accommodated; especially was this true of the women desiring to be members of the party. Professor Nutting addressed those present, and placed in the strongest light all the inconveniences incident to such a voyage, yet the enthusiasm did not abate. It appears to be a settled fact that the expedition will actually take place.

Decoration Day Programme.

Irving Institute and the Zetagathian Society will unite in giving a programme at the Opera House on the evening of May 30. Irving's representatives are Geo. W. Stiles, '92, oration, J. G. Mueller, '93, declamation. Zetagathian's, J. C. Monnet, '92, oration, Geo. Fracker, '94, declamation.

Attention Class '92.

Members of Senior class must leave their autographs for the class invitations at Secretary Haddock's office before Thursday evening, April 21. Ink and paper will be in the office. By order of Invitation Committee.

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Local and Personal.

The Seminary in Pedagogy meets this evening.

Larrabee has been elected Captain of the '93 ball team.

The *Natural History Bulletin* is slowly progressing.

Dr. Barrett conducts chapel exercises at Close Hall this week.

M. I. Heppenstall, '92, will not be in the University this term.

A. J. Cavana, formerly of '91 will graduate with '92 in June.

Geo. Sowers, '89, Law, is having a good practice in Bloomfield.

The Sophomore class begins Lessing's Minna von Barnhelm to-day.

H. C. Hull was initiated into Phi Delta Theta last Saturday night.

Miss Minnie Fuller, of Cedar Rapids, is the guest of Bertha Wilion, '92.

Faville, L. '91, has left Des Moines, and is now located at Sioux Rapids, Ia.

Miss Jessie Speer, '93, has been confined to her room for several days by tonsillitis.

T. J. Fitzpatrick, '93, has re-entered the University after an absence of several weeks.

A. K. Gardiner, of '92, after teaching during the year, has returned to graduate with his class.

Professor Nutting's first lecture in the World Making Course will be given next Monday evening, April 25th.

The U. S. Census Bureau has sent to the Library the Bulletins of the Eleventh Census so far as published.

E. B. Johns, L. '93, has formed a partnership with H. Remley, '90, and they are now editing the *Daily Citizen*.

The proceedings of the American Philosophical Society for January, February and March 1892 are filed in the library.

Will Evans, L. '79, of Hampton, Ia., conducted a forgery case in the Johnson Co. court last week. Mr. Burn, L. '75, was engaged on the same case.

The great concert by the finest male quartet in the world will be given at the Opera House, April 27. The Lotus Glee Club is assisted by the charming reader, Miss Marshall.

F. G. Pierce has presented to the Library the prose dramas of Henrick Ibsen, edited by Edmund Gosse, and also with a copy of the revised ordinances of Marshalltown.

Frank Cotton, formerly of '90, is spending a few days at the University. He is at present off duty, having been for some time engaged in engineering work at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

For the nominal sum of \$1.00 you can hear the four lectures by Professor Nutting, and the famous Lotus Glee Club Concert. Admission to either the concert or the four lectures is only 50 cents.

Frank E. Wetherell formerly of '93 has presented the University with his entire large collection of minerals.

The Botany class now numbers seventy-six, the largest number ever enrolled and greater by fifty per cent than the one of last year.

A game of ball for the benefit of the University team will be played at the park next Saturday afternoon, between the Collegiates and Laws. Admission 15 cents. Everybody should be there.

Geo. C. Cook, '92, Wm. Larrabee, '93, Harl Myres, '93, left last night over the Rock Island for Cincinnati to attend the biennial National Convention of Phi Kappa Psi which is held in that city this week.

The Young Women's Christian Association held its regular meeting Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Subject: "Promises" The meeting was led by May Gaymon, '92.

Beta Theta Pi is to be represented in the Northern Oratorical League contest by orators from the State Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa and by first alternates from Northwestern and S. U. I.

The last number of the *Northwestern* contains a portrait of the S. U. I. representative in the coming oratorical contest, a short article on the University, and brief biographical sketches of the orator and alternate.

F. A. Stowe, '92, after graduating will take a position as short hand reporter in the office of a land association at Harvey, Ill. He will also devote some time to the study of law in Chicago.

An excellent musical program was given at the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening in which the following University students took part. Messrs. Thompson, Toogood, Baker, Sindlinger, Cochran, Hawley, Fuller and instructor Spanutius. The Misses Horne, Alford and Williams.

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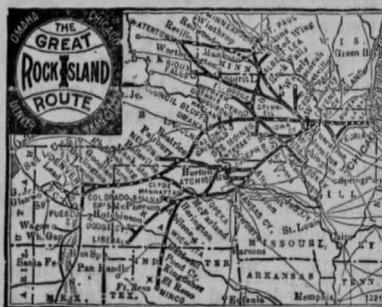
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