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## Baconian.

At the next meeting of the Baconian Club, a paper will be read by Professor Calvin on the "Driftless Area of Northwestern Iowa."

## Notice.

Persons having extra copies of last Saturday's VIDETTE supplement will confer a favor on the Business Manager by leaving them at the VIDETTE office and receiving one cent per copy.

## Challenge.

The class of '95, hereby challenges the class of '93, to a game of foot-ball to be played at the park on a date to be arranged by joint committee of the two classes. C. S. ALDRICH, Captain of '95's Team

## Junior Class Social.

The Junior class will have a social tonight in the halls of the literary societies. The affair will be informal and will give the members of the class an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with one another. The Juniors have received into their number this year several new students, who are as yet strangers to the majority of the class. It is hoped that all members of '95 will be present.

## Medical Department.

Professor Guthrie failed to appear this week to deliver his usual lectures on Tuesday and Wednesday. His first hour on Tuesday was taken up by Professor Littig, with a lecture on "Practice."

W. R. Young, M. '93, made his Alma Mater a visit on Tuesday. It seems very familiar to see some of the faces of last year's Senior class about the building again.

Professor Chase conducted his first written examination in Therapeutics, on Wednesday afternoon. The Juniors were the victims.

The pernicious habit of smoking between lectures in the Medical Amphitheatre is still continued by a few, although several of the Professors have requested that this be stopped. Although no direct harm may result from this, it nevertheless shows a lack of respect for the lecturer and also for the ladies present. It is something which is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for, and is disagreeable to many of those who do not use the weed. For these reasons it should be stopped.

## The Medical Reception.

Invitations are out for a reception at the St. James Hotel, given by the President and faculty of the Medical Department of the University to the students of the department. The reception is to be this evening and although it is the first of the kind ever given we understand that hereafter it may be looked forward to as a regular custom.

We are in hearty sympathy with the movement and feel safe in predicting that all who attend will have a royal good time and that as one of the good results of the innovation the ties which bind our "Medics" to their professors will be greatly strengthened.

Why may not the faculty of our other departments do well to follow this example, so that every student may have some real reason for the affection that we believe should exist in him for those who instruct and advise him.

## College Notes.

Cornell University has raised nearly \$1,200, the amount necessary to retain Courtney, as coach of their crew. He has been very successful in bringing out victorious "eights" for the University.

S. W. Orton, the champion long distance Canadian runner, will hereafter represent the University of Pennsylvania, in inter-collegiate athletics.

The *Wrinkle*, the new comic paper published at Ann Arbor, has scored a great success. A weekly edition of 2,000 copies is issued.

A "New Union" has been formed at Harvard College, whose purpose is to encourage debating and public speaking. The members are selected at public competitions which are open to all who wish to try.

"A Scientific and Practical Treatise on American Foot-Ball, for Schools and Colleges," is the title of a new book by Stagg, and Williams (Yale '90). The aim of the authors is to present a treatise on the modern scientific game of foot-ball, for which work their experience well qualifies them.

In the University of Illinois, credit is given for work on the college papers.

For a long time Harvard and Princeton have not met on the foot-ball field. This year Princeton is anxious to arrange a game, and the *N. Y. World* says: "Harvard will be showing a mean spirit, to persist in refusing the overtures of the Tigers."

At the University of Nebraska, the salaries of some of the older professors have been reduced, which leads the *Hesperian* to remark that such a course is unjust while fads like manual training and gymnasium departments are retained.

Cornell is to have a full orchestra, a glee club, and a winning foot-ball team. Prospects for the base-ball in the spring, are very bright. Enthusiasm in the missionary line is running high, and Cornell wishes to take the initiative in this religious work, hoping that other colleges may follow.—*Breeze*.

Special students over 22 years of age are excused from military drill at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Guido H. Stemple, formerly instructor in German in the University, is now assistant professor in German, at the Iowa State University.—*Daily Cardinal*, of W. U. Mr. Stemple is principal of the High School at Oskaloosa.

After an expenditure of \$35,000, the University of Michigan has not the necessary funds to complete its gymnasium. \$6,000, are needed and the students will endeavor to raise the amount by under-graduate and alumni subscriptions.

## Communication.

To the *Vidette-Reporter*:

Kindly criticisms are not always received in the spirit with which they were tendered: especially when our personal interests are at stake. The writer of the recent article in defence of the management of the Y. M. C. A., although succeeding admirably in setting forth, in a very graphic manner, the duties of the student toward the above named society, seems entirely to connive the fact that the Y. M. C. A. in return has certain functions to fulfill before it has the right, in any way, to consider itself "A Student Concern." The people of Iowa have generally been accustomed to consider the State University a non-sectarian school. In accordance with this prevailing idea the chapel exercises should be conducted in turn by the ministers of all creeds. Nevertheless as long as we have attended the University, certain churches have never been called upon to participate in these morning exercises. Thus the so called "Young Men's Christian Association" has taken upon itself the responsibility of defining "Christianity" with a tendency toward a most obnoxious sectarianism. In attempting to entwine their own interests with those of the University they have shown a too great eagerness to give prominence to the idea that the Y. M. C. A. is a part of the University and that each individual student is responsible for its welfare. This latter to be sure might be true, were a little more of that Christian spirit prevalent which the name of the organization might lead us to expect. The qualifications necessary to make the student the man, to carry him through life in a true and worthy, manner do not call for sectarian distinctions. And if the Y. M. C. A. considers itself of interest to the student body, if it means to demand the hearty co-operation of all, it should not surround itself with a pale of narrow regulations which practically exclude the student body. It should be liberal and keep up with the progress of the day and not stagnate in the dogmas of an age long passed away.

A STUDENT.

## Foot-Ball Notes.

This week started out with a renewed interest in foot-ball practice. A larger number of candidates are on the field than have been seen before since the coach left.

Hess has recovered from injuries received in practicing last week and is developing splendidly as half back.

Van Oosterhout had the misfortune to again sprain his ankle in the practice Tuesday and will probably lay off for a week.

Sawyer was under the weather Tuesday, but did good work as a coach for the second eleven. His absence from the 'Varsity team was very evident in their offensive play.

Captain Elliott is working hard to develop men to fill the weak places found in the team at Denver, and as is seen by the good blocking and low tackling of the players is succeeding quite well. One thing that we want

to suggest in the team work is that the men practice getting in line quicker after the ball is down.

Pritchard and Ingersoll are both improving in the points referred to in Saturday's criticism, but we think should make still further improvement in breaking through before their opponents get the advantage of them.

In Tuesday's practice the teams were made more even by having four extra men on the second eleven and by Pritchard and Ingersoll playing guard with them while Allen and Collins filled their places on the 'Varsity. Decker was Captain of the "Scrubs" and acted his part well both as Captain and half-back.

Two twenty minute halves were played and the score of 16 to 0, in favor of the 'Varsity was only made by the hardest playing on the part of the winners.

Indeed had it not been for the usual interference of spectators, the "Scrubs" would certainly have scored. Tyrrell at end played well but showed some weakness compared with last week. Mueller, M. '95, played center for the "Scrubs," and though he is a new man, promises well.

Myers made two of the touchdowns and Collins the third. Elliott easily kicking two of the three goals.

Robinson as quarter back for the 'Varsity handled the ball well but failed to get into the interference as he should. Several new plays were tried all of which resulted in good gains. End plays were the principal ones tried and with the ball in the hands of Myers and protected by the interference of six or seven men a gain of fifteen to thirty yards was almost sure.

Manrger Lomas is working up games to be played this week and next with Decorah, Knox and Davenport. These games with a lively practice each day will certainly do much towards making our team winners in the coming League games.

## LOCALS.

At a meeting of the '95 foot-ball men held this afternoon, Aldrich was elected Captain, and Gilmore Manager.

Every student in the University may procure a copy of the Y. M. C. A. Handbook, of the Secretary at Close Hall.

Lrank Beard the chalk talk artist, will be at the Opera House, next Wednesday evening.

R. H. McCoy, '96, is working at Nelson, British Columbia as leveler for the Nelson & Ft. Sheppard Railway Company.

Dr. Guthrie did not meet his class at nine o'clock, Tuesday morning and Professor Littig occupied the hour with a lecture on practice.

Among the material collected at Wild Cat Glen, last Saturday, Professor McBride has found a species of fungus never before noted in the United States.

W. R. Young, M. '93, who has been practicing medicine at Windom, Iowa, since his graduation last March came in last Tuesday morning for a brief visit with his S. U. I. friends.

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The VIDETTE has often insisted upon originality in the work of the literary societies, but the subject, however hackneyed it may appear, should be kept at the front as long as there exists a necessity for such agitation. A chance remark of an interested and observing attendant at the open meeting of the societies, has again brought this subject to our attention. Original compilations of encyclopaedia information upon assigned topics may be all well enough, and what is desired in a class-room report; but the aim of society work is very different. A listener has the right to expect originality of thought, or at least, originality in presentation. Do not understand us as advocating the idea that programs are given for the benefit of the audience; this is a subordinate consideration. The benefit of the participant is the chief end, but this also, is attained by originality in work. The VIDETTE does not wish to be didactic in this or in any other direction, but it can surely do no harm in thus presenting a view which has, perhaps received little consideration.

Very often we hear the complaint that there is not enough of the social element in the University, but it is a noticeable thing that, excepting the annual receptions at Close Hall, the students do not, generally, attend the socials given among themselves. A good example of this is the class receptions which are not usually well-attended. We hear complaints from students that they are not acquainted with the members of their own classes. The best way to get acquainted, or at least, to meet classmates, is to attend the class banquets, or receptions. The Juniors hold a reception this evening, and the Freshmen have a banquet in the near future. These features of college life are among the most pleasant both in experience and memory, and one cannot afford to ignore them.

One thing that impresses the careful observer in and about the reading-room and book-room of the general library is the fact that the students frequenting daily these rooms for earnest study and thoughtful reading are a very small number compared to the whole student body and that these few are always the same students from day to day. This means that a great many students are living from two to four and six years under the shadow of one of the few fine libraries in the State and going away at the end of that time practically strangers to it. The excuse for this urged by most such students is that they have not time to give to work outside of that required by their regular class room work. The question then arises, does a student make the very best use of his college course when he confines himself so closely to class room work that he has no time to accept any of the advantages offered him by such a library. We think not, for such advantages are not to be met with everywhere, and very few of us can hope to be where we can enjoy and utilize them after we leave here. If we have not much time, and few of us do have, a few minutes spent each day among the magazines and periodicals or in same line of reading in the book-room will tell wonderfully to our credit at the end of a year and our regular work will never feel in the least the loss of the time thus spent.

Aye, but there is a mad and merry play and we shall see it at the Opera House, on Friday, Oct. 27. The attraction is "Ole Olson" and those who saw it last season need not be told of the fun that riots fast and furious through it. Aside from the fact that it has an interesting, even an absorbing story, this Scandinavian dialect comedy is full of hilarity from the rise of the curtain on the first act until its falls on the last. The Company is headed by Mr. James T. McAlpine, who plays the good natured and heroic Swede, fluffy haired Dolly. Foster, pretty as a picture, Miss St. George Hussey, the rollicking Irish woman, and a strong and complete cast, including "Ole's big brother. "Ole Olson" direct from Stockholm, the biggest little man on earth—28 years old and 36 inches high.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

The Y. M. C. A handbooks are out.  
Rutledge, '94, was up to Cornell,  
Monday.

Noon, L. '94, returned Tuesday  
from the World's Fair.

Bowersox, '96, left for Chicago and  
the Fair yesterday.

Amy Zimmerman, '96, has a broth-  
er visiting her this week.

The Zoology class takes up the  
study of Corals this week.

Holmquist, '94, returned to his  
work in the University this week.

Ellen Warren, '94, returned Mon-  
day from a visit to the World's Fair.

Mary Barrett, '96, has been absent  
for several days, on account of sick-  
ness.

The Alembic held the second meet-  
ing at the home of Miss Roberta  
Holmes, on Tuesday evening.

Davis and Kinmonth, of the Vi-  
DETTE staff, have returned after  
their two days' visit to Chicago.

Shuel, M. '80, who is located at Cor-  
nell, Iowa, with a large practice was  
in town for a few days this week.

Eudaly, '92, has been visiting the  
University the forepart of this week.  
He is located in Des Moines.

Miss Flora McLennan, C. '90, was  
married to Mr. G. W. Smith, of St.  
Paul, at Marengo, Iowa, Monday,  
Oct. 23.

At a meeting of the base ball team  
held Tuesday afternoon M. C. Gil-  
more, '95, was elected Manager for the  
coming season.

H. O. Pratt, '95, received a tele-  
gram Tuesday afternoon announcing  
the death of his brother George Pratt,  
'95, at Renwick.

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**A Suggestion.**

The I. C. A. Student in a recent issue quotes quite extensively from our report of the last meeting of the Board of Regents in which the needs of the University were set forth at some length, and follows the quotation with an excellent editorial on the common needs of three State educational institutions and the benefits to be derived from combining all three in one great University. Although it has never been the policy of the VIDETTE-REPORTER to advocate this plan so often discussed in our literary societies and elsewhere, we publish an extract which we believe puts the arguments for uniting the three institutions very forcibly.

Certainly a State whose people are first in intelligence and in desire for higher knowledge, in material prosperity second to none, with land whose fertility is an inexhaustible source of riches for the generations to come, should maintain somewhere within its limits a grand old University which in wealth of equipment should be an example for her sister States. But we are "falling behind," and "at the very end of the line." Our State has in the past been scattering the energy it devoted to education. Much money has been appropriated but all State educational institutional institutions are in need. I. C. A. could present a list of urgent needs almost equal to that given by the S. U. I. To us it seems very plain that this poor economy has continued long enough for a State like ours. We firmly believe that all the State educational institutions should be combined in one before further capital has been fixed in expensive buildings in three separate localities. Every principle of economical application of capital supports the plan of union. Higher educational facilities and success can certainly be reached under that method than now.

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