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## Athletic Exercise.

It is a lamentable fact that so few students in the University take an active interest and a personal part in some form of athletic exercise. Every one can not play foot ball in the fall nor base ball in the spring. These are the games which are the most important as representing the University, but there are many others which seem to have been killed out by these. In picking up some eastern college papers one is surprised at the notices for such a variety of games, push ball, lacross, tennis and others all have their place in the college life.

It is especially to be deplored that tennis does not occupy a more important place. There does not seem to be as many tennis courts here as are very often found in towns of a few hundred inhabitants. The game is one in which ladies may engage as well as men, and there are many other charms connected with it. One does not need to wear shin-guards or nose-protectors, and may play without spoiling an entire afternoon. It gives plenty of exercise and in a very interesting way.

It seems, too, that the river above the dam should afford opportunities for boating. We noticed sometime since in one of the old stone quarries among the corals and other geological fossils an old boat, which looks as though we had once had a crew. Boating is an art as well as exercise, and should, if possible, be renewed. A boat race is second to nothing in interest, unless it be a hundred yard dash by Crum when he is in condition.

We have enough students to fill up all departments of athletics. It is to be hoped that students will support the athletic association and that the association will introduce some new feature in their system.

## Athletics.

Foot ball has been played for centuries, and, like any other vigorous sport, has always carried with it more or less risk. That that risk is regarded excessive by the opponents of the sport is well known, but the same criticisms have followed it always, and undoubtedly always will. For all that, whenever it has taken root it has flourished, and in spite of abuse has annually increased in the number of its devotees. England, Australia, Canada and America all love it. Various games have developed from the original Rugby union laws and in fact, in none of the offsprings of the game have the original rules been rigidly adhered to. Almost every colony of England has some peculiarities about its foot ball rules, but they all have foot ball where the climate admits; and a man who has once been a player will always go many miles to see a good match even if he is past the time of playing. Moreover, it is impossible to find any old player among our collegians who will not gladly and generously give up time and thought for the sake of the sport. For this reason I feel sure that harmony will eventually be fully restored among the factions. The principal matches already scheduled are the Harvard-Cornell, the Harvard-University of Pennsylvania, and Yale-Prince-

ton. The two former will be played at Cambridge and the latter on the Columbia Oval. — Walter Camp in Bachelor of Arts.

In regard to the proposed game between Princeton and Pennsylvania, the *Princetonian* says the following, which it may be said, however, does not express the true opinion of all the Princeton students and faculty: "In most of the papers appeared the misleading statement that the undergraduates and alumni of each university were anxious to have a game. However far this may be true of Pennsylvania, it is certainly a great mistake to suppose that the undergraduates here are unanimously in favor of a game this fall. If Princeton were willing to play at all, she would do so for the sport itself; the offer of a magnificent cup would be no inducement. Whether the alumni wish to see a game or not, it is a matter about which there is little knowledge. In fact, we see no reason to be dissatisfied with the recommendations and decisions of the faculty, graduate, advisory and executive committees, and we believe that even if the offer of reconciliation had been made earlier in the season, before the questions of dates and rules were settled, they would have been unavailing. Princeton has lost nothing in the eyes of the country by her dignified refusal last spring to meet Pennsylvania, and she will lose nothing by continuing her policy for some time further."—*Harvard Crimson*.

"Our prospects for foot ball this season seem to be much brighter than at this time last year. We were handicapped by a lack of money, lack of players, lack of a coach, and nearly everything else that was essential to put up a good quality of a game. Everybody knows how we gathered together our forces and came out on top and finished the season as pennant winners. This season we have every chance to better our condition over last year. A good coach, most all the old men back, and several new ones who have made a reputation elsewhere. A schedule of good games and lots of enthusiasm, and another good thing—the boys will not be compelled to play in the rags that were made such sport of last year. The best suits on the market will be secured and the team can take pride in its appearance wherever it goes."—*Hesperian*.

## Zetagathian.

The well-worn phrase, "the large and attentive audience," etc., so common in the reports of programs of the literary societies, must serve again in stating the facts concerning last evening at Zet Hall.

J. J. Sharp opened the program with an oration entitled "The Public School a Necessity of Free Government." The oration was well written, full of patriotic sentiment, and delivered in an appropriate manner.

L. J. Rowell followed with a speech on "War Prospects," dealing with the complications now existing between England and the South American Republics, between Turkey and Armenia, and especially between Spain and Cuba. Mr. Rowell held that the U. S.

should recognize the belligerent rights of Cuba and in time should aid Cuban independence.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that the state governments should exercise supervisory power over sectarian and non-sectarian colleges."

Mr. Reeve opened the debate clearly explaining the question, and urging that a greater degree of uniformity should be insisted upon.

Mr. Brown opened for the negative, admitting that great difference exists between the significance of degrees granted by different schools, but brought forward the idea of a confederation of colleges.

Mr. Crone followed, taking advantage of the admission made by Mr. Brown, and dealing that gentleman's argument a sound blow in showing how the confederation had failed. Moreover, he produced figures showing a favorable condition now existing in states where his plan was put in practice.

Mr. Sayers followed, coming gallantly to the aid of his colleague somewhat hard pressed by the affirmative. Opening with an aggressive argument and following it up with a determined attack in turn, he did very effective service, but failed to dislodge his antagonists, as was shown by the decision of the judges.

Mr. Wead declaimed the "Rattle of Ivy," in a most excellent manner; his clear utterance and expressive gestures gained him well deserved applause.

J. L. O'Connor concluded the program with a declamation entitled, "Here she goes and there she goes." We have only commendation for the effort. We do not see how improvement could have been made.

Both these gentlemen appeared for the first time on the program, and if they are samples of the new Zets the old Zets have been reinforced by an exceedingly able body of men.

## Irving.

An unusually large audience greeted Irving last evening. After music by Miss Williams, G. M. Johnson delivered a declamation entitled "Rumford's Description." On the whole this gentleman's appearance was not quite as good as usual.

Next was a speech on "The Evolution of the Press," by W. T. Evans. This was marked by good thought, but the effect of the speech was marred by hesitancy in deliver.

The debate on the question: "Resolved, that division of labor as it now exists tends to promote rather than to hinder individual development," was opened by W. N. Stull. His speech was logical and entertaining, and evinced careful preparation.

Mr. Otto spoke next for the negative with an argumentation characterized by deep thought and careful selection of words.

H. H. Shepard closed for the affirmative. His speech was full of argument; however, he lacked in the essential "fire."

J. R. Frailey closed the debate with a characteristically strong effort. The debate was decided in the affirmative. The audience was next entertained

by four impromptu speeches on the subject discussed by the debaters. Messrs. Burling, Kiser, Nelson and Loomis were the disputants. This was the first appearance in Irving of the two last named gentlemen, and judging from their efforts last night the society may expect much from them in the future.

J. B. Shorett then delivered an entertaining speech on "America from a Chinaman's Standpoint."

The program was closed by a declamation entitled "Abner Barrow's Plea," by W. C. Keeler. This selection was well received.

## Field Day Records Compared.

The following are the comparative records made at the fall field meets this year of S. U. I. and Grinnell:

50 yard dash.—S. U. I. 5 4-5 seconds, Grinnell 5 4-5 seconds.

120 yard hurdles.—S. U. I. 19 sec., Grinnell 21 1-5 sec.

Shot put.—S. U. I. 33 ft. 11 in., Grinnell, 31 ft. 1/2 in.

Half mile bicycle.—S. U. I. 1.18 2-5, Grinnell 1.27 4-5.

Running broad jump.—S. U. I. 18 ft. 6 in., Grinnell 17 ft. 11 in.

100 yard dash.—S. U. I. 11 sec., Grinnell 10 4-5 sec.

Half mile run.—S. U. I. 2.18 3-5, Grinnell 2.20 1-5.

220 yard dash.—S. U. I., 25 sec., Grinnell, 24 1-5 sec.

Running high jump.—S. U. I. 5 ft. 5 in., Grinnell 4 ft. 11 in.

220 yard hurdles.—S. U. I. 30 2-5 sec., Grinnell 31 sec.

Pole vault.—S. U. I. 9 ft. 6 in., Grinnell 7 ft.

Hop, step and jump.—S. U. I. 39 ft. 11 in., Grinnell 37 ft. 7 in.

Two mile bicycle.—S. U. I. 5.57 3-5, Grinnell 6.30

440 yard run.—S. U. I. 58 sec., Grinnell, no time

It will be noticed that the majority of S. U. I.'s records are better than those of Grinnell. Considering the newness of the track and the interference of the crowd, our own records are quite good, but much hard work must be done before the spring meets.

At the University of Michigan Board of Regents' meeting, yesterday, President Angel read his annual report. It was to the effect that the attendance of women had fallen off in percentage in the last two years. The most important departure, the president thought, was the making of a separate department of the school of technology. The year found an increase of students there and the separate name had already advertised it extensively. The Homeopathic department was in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the removal of its predecessor to Detroit. The report advised the building of a \$200,000 art building. The librarian's report showed 98,000 volumes in the library. The Regents adopted plans for the new women's gymnasium and specifications will be figured on at once. The new building is to cost not less than \$52,000.

Leland Stanford loses but two men from its team and has fine prospects for being champions of the coast.

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It is rather surprising that in this day of specialties that S. U. I. can support two newspapers. In many other places where two papers are necessary, one of them occupies the place of a literary magazine while the other one exerts itself to gather the news and distribute it while still fresh. As it is here, no student needs both papers, and so each of them has a smaller subscription list than it should have. In the other plan every student would need both papers. The literary magazine need come out but once a month, while the newspapers should be issued tri-weekly or daily. This thought does not originate with us. We have heard many students say the same thing, and it seems to us that if some agreement could be arrived at between the two papers, it would save all these little editorial "scraps" which have no place in such an organ. Besides, it would represent more phases of college life. A literary paper could certainly be supported with such a number of literary circles as thrive in the S. U. I. We believe the management would suffer no financial loss, but the difference would be in their favor. This can not, probably, be done at once, but if this modest suggestion is considered, we will hope for a better representation of college journalism in the future.

**A New Game.**

At Harvard they talk of introducing the game of "push ball." The game is played on a field 160 feet wide and 120 feet long, marked by five-yard lines like a foot ball "gridiron." The ball is put in play at the center, and the object is to push it as far as possible into the opponent's territory. If the ball is pushed over the back line, a goal is scored and counts five. If this is not done, one point is scored for every five yards that has been gained. If the ball is exactly on the center when time is called, there is no score.

The game consists of five one-minute "halves." It resembles foot ball in many ways, but one important difference is that the ball is in play all through the half. There is no "down" and subsequent line-up of the teams.

There are eight men on a side,—a center, two guards, two tackles, two forwards and a back, who is usually the captain, and who stands at some distance behind the others in order to see the whole field and give the signals for the team plays which are all important in this game.

**College Notes.**

Base ball practice has begun at U. of P. Thirty candidates responded to Captain Blakely's call, and the prospects for next year are very encouraging.

Minnesota says they lost the game to Grinnell through lack of team play and bad fumbling at critical places.

Dartmouth will be coached this year by Dr. Wurtemberg of Yale.

It is said that the income of Chicago University will be \$603,000.

All the male members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes at Madison are required to take military drill.

**Notice.**

The Democratic Club will meet in Close Hall at 6:15 this evening, for the purpose of electing three speakers to meet a like number from the Republican Club in a joint discussion of the political issues now before the people. There is other important business to be transacted, so every Democrat should be present.  
H. M. TROY, Pres.

**Notice.**

There will be a meeting of the Senior class Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Irving Hall. A full attendance is desired.

CHAS. G. BURLING, Pres.

Messrs. Louis Becke and J. D. Fitzgerald offer in the October Review of Reviews a fresh and suggestive study of the politics and social life of the Maoris. The facts submitted by these writers seem to evidence a higher stage of political development among the native New Zealanders than has commonly been attributed to them. Percy R. Meggy, Secretary to the New South Wales Civil Service Inquiry Commission, throws light from the antipodes on some of the difficulties of the ever present Civil Service problem.

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Thursday.  
The classes in Biology had examina-  
tions Friday.  
The Phi Psis gave a dance at their  
hall last night.  
The first Morphology quiz was held  
Friday afternoon.  
Hamann went to Davenport yester-  
day to spend Sunday.  
Professor Nutting lectured before  
the Politics class Wednesday.  
The botanical department has an  
entire new set of microscopes.  
Roy Mosnat, C. '99, will spend Sun-  
day at his home in Belle Plaine.  
The many friends of Fred Irish are  
glad to know that he is with us again.  
Ruth Hobby, '99, and Della Alford,  
'99, are wearing Delta Gamma pledge-  
pins.  
The Pan-Helenics gave a most en-  
joyable dance at the armory Friday  
night.  
Professor Patrick's Greek Philoso-  
phy class will have an examination  
Monday.  
Erodolphian voted in the following  
members yesterday: Misses Greeley,  
Perkins and Blunn.  
Early this morning the first eleven  
departed for Fairfield where they will  
play Parsons College.  
The Pi Phis gave a spread to a num-  
ber of their friends at the home of  
May Henry last night.  
The topic for Y. W. C. A. meeting  
Sunday afternoon will be "God's  
Love." Miss Gertrude Preston will  
conduct the service. All young ladies  
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Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky is here from Waterloo, spending a few days' vacation with her mother.

Miss Marion Davies and mother are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Eunice Barnett, of Independence.

The following are new Hesperians: Misses Adams, Ady, Roberts, Codner, Johnson, Shaffer, Kelly, Jacobs, Popham, Way, McDonnell, Browning, Baughman, Joy and Jones.

The University Democratic Club has issued a challenge to the Republican Club for a joint discussion of the political issues of the day. An interesting debate may be expected soon.

The attendance has passed the 1,200 mark, and the 1,300 mark is in sight. The enrollment is as follows: Collegiate 472, Law 177, Medical 200, Homeopathic 73, Dental 208, Pharmaceutical 80.

J. L. Kinmonth C '95, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania, had an interesting letter in Thursday's *Daily Republican* on the process of making sugar, as witnessed by him in Philadelphia.

The second eleven which plays at Wilton today consists of the following men: Melchert, Wessels, Burge, Chase, F. Capell, Rank, Thomas, Jim Brown, Graves, Hetzel, Scripture, Hayes and Sawyer, also C. Capell.

The Dents and Medics gave the last base ball exhibition of the season yesterday afternoon. The score was 18 to 0 in favor of the Dents. Maitland and Brownley, the battery for the Dents, were invincible.

Professor and Mrs. G. T. W. Patrick gave a reception to members of the Faculty and other friends from 8 to 11 o'clock Wednesday night. Refreshments were served during the evening, and music was provided by Miss Chase, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Benton.

President Schaeffer and Professor Loos left Thursday for Charles City, where they attended the meeting of the Northwestern Iowa Teachers' Association. Professor McConnell had been assigned the chairmanship of the college bureau which was filled by Professor Loos in his stead.

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Cornell has a base ball team in the field this fall. Thornton has returned to school and pitches for the team.

It is estimated that since January 1st, the colleges and universities of the country have received by donation \$4,075,750.

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