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## Our Foot Ball Team.

A FEW NOTES FROM CAPT. IVERSON.

The foot ball team for next Saturday is not yet chosen, but those who are likely to play are: Walker, l. g Blackmore, McNeal or Burge, r. g. Gardner, l. t. Stanton, r t. Thomas, r. e. Jim Brown or Maines, l. e. Paul Coldren, Lewis or Hetzel, q. Iverson, c. Hobbs, f. b. Meyers, r. h. b. Holbrook, l. h. b.

The substitute half backs will probably be Chase, Hammons, and Howell, substitute f. b. Chase, substitute tackle Browne, sub. center Campbell.

Many other players are showing up well and will push the regular players hard for a place on the team, such as Philips from Penn College, tackle; Williams, tackle; Scripture, quarter back; Rose, tackle; Carver from Penn College, quarter back, and Huskins, half back and quarter back.

The men are as a rule in good physical condition, but some fast practice is necessary before the team meets Chicago.

## The Drake Team.

The approaching game of foot ball with Drake University will perhaps make of interest a few notes concerning that institution's team.

The line up of the team as it will play here on Saturday will very likely be very much as follows:

Center—Barney.
Left guard—Fouts.
Right guard—Brunk.
Left tackle—Smith.
Right tackle—Russell.
Left end—Schooler.
Right end—Peters.
Quarterback—Greafe.
Right half—Houghton, or Clure.
Left back—Robinson, or McKibben.
Full back—Rogers (c).

Three of these men are undoubtedly known to our students; viz: Rogers, who played center on our team during the season of 1893; McKibben, a professional base ball player of some note; and Barney, the professional "strong man" of Des Moines.

The team this year is a heavy one, the average weight of the men being abont 175 pounds, and mass plays will undoubtedly be the feature of their work when the ball is in their possession. They have played but one game this season, that was with Parsons College last Saturday. This game was won by Drake by a score of 12 to 0. In this game the work of Fouts, Graefe and Rogers attracted especial attention. The entire team, however, showed a lack of practice and training, and the men were very slow in handling the ball and getting into the interference.

In its notes on the game the Des Moines Leader makes the following estimate of the team: "While Drake has several men of exceptional ability on the eleven, and gives promise of a good record, there is no denying that the team failed utterly to play to its possibilities in yesterday's contest. It faced a team much lighter and in no better condition. Still the difference was not what personal appearance indicated. It is not to be expected that any team will perfect its play in a week or ten days. But on this point Drake was on an equal footing with its opponents. Both have had less than two weeks' training. Outside of this, everything, including weight, coaching and the stimulus given by the presence of ardent supporters, was in Drake's favor. While the team's prospects for developing a superior quality of ball later in the season are good, it has little ground for considering the outcome of yesterday's contest a great victory.

## Medical Department.

Dr. Chase has secured scores of frogs, hence experimental therapeutics will begin at once.

There is some talk of organizing a Medical literary society. This department ought to entertain such a project favorably, and give it a hearty support.

The Freshmen are being initiated in the dissecting room.

McAlvin and Klein are busy these days selling instruments.

As it is customary for students to dine upon fish at least once a week, we think the following, from the General Practitioner for July, will not be out of order: "To remove fish bones from the throat: Fish bones can sometimes be expelled from the throat by giving from four to six ounces of milk, and forty minutes later an emetic dose of zinc sulphate. The vomit of coagulated milk carries the bone before it, as a rule."

At the first class-meeting of the present school year the Senior Medical class passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, in the course of natural events, our friend and classmate, Mr. W. Kephart, after a brief illness, has passed from the trials and cares of earthly life to the great beyond; and

Whereas, by his departure we recognize the loss of a noble character, a worthy friend, and an estimable companion; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we indicate our appreciation of his former companionship, having in vivid recollection his gentle influence; and that, as a token of our feelings toward him and his dear bereaved ones, these considerations be given suitable publicity.

PAUL O. ESBJÖRN,
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Committee.

Whereas, it has pleased the allwise Providence to call from life here below the parentel and maternal parents of our genial comrades, Messrs. J. L. Scripture and A. A. Edgington, respectively: and

Whereas, in a measure, we are able to feel with them their sad experiences; therefore,

Resolved, first, that we assure them of our heartfelt sympathy, hoping that the future may have in store for them much of happiness, light and joy; and

Secondly, that, though but poor substitutes for their beloved guardians, ours shall be the aim to remain ever their true friends and well-wishers

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## Communication.

FROM CAPTAIN PRALL TO TRACK ATHLETES.

It would be impossible for the captain or manager of the team to see personally all the new men in the University, so they take this method of urging all men who can to appear at the athletic park at 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. for training. The track has been put in the best condition possible and is ready for distance runners and bicycle men. The regular fall field day will be held about October 23d. The new classes should remember that this will be a contest for the class cup, which is at present in the general library. Definite steps should be taken at class meetings toward the organization of athletic teams.

The Frishman-Sophomore field day, to be held next spring, will offer great inducements to men of those classes, and we hope to see a considerable number of them on the track this fall. Training done now will greatly improve one's condition for next year.

It is imperative that we win the State Meet at Des Moines next June. Grinnell has won the cup two successive years and a victory next year would give them the cup. Such a thing, however, is not altogether probable, as almost all of our last year's team are back, besides several good men among the newcomers. Grinnell has been weakened by the loss of Palmer, and Clark, the hurdler, who will do the hurdle act for S. U. I.

We need new men in every event, but especially in the distance runs, the weights, hurdles, broad jump. pole vault, and hop, step and jump. We must provide for the future of S. U. I's athletics as well as the present.

A statement as to professionalism will be published in a later issue.

## Tennis.

Grinnell College has made the following rules for the use of the buttons in playing tennis:

1. Any member may challenge any other member wearing a button of a higher grade.

2. The player winning best two out of three, deuce sets, shall be entitled to the button of higher grade.

4: If the challenged player refuses to meet the player challenging him, within three days after receiving the challenge, the match shall go by default to the latter, unless arrangements satisfactory to both parties be made.

4. If before the match occurs the grade of the challenged player fall below that of the challenging player, the latter may withdraw his challenge.

5. Reports of all matches should be made to some member of the Executive Committee immediately after they are played.

6. All disputed points shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Scarlet and Black adds: "The scores of the daily practice games will be published in this paper, and for a time at least a list of members will be kept posted on one of the bulletin boards, together with the numbers of their buttons, correct to date. It is expected under the new plan that all the members will very soon reach nearly their proper classification, but they cannot hope to do so without hard playing, as every one will be after the low numbers. The new men are showing good tennis and will make the old ones work for what they get. The prospects are certainly fair for developing some championship material for next spring's tournament."

## Additions to the General Library.

The additions to the library during the past summer have been of such a character and number as can not but be gratifying to the friends of the University. The total addition numbers six hundred and eighty-five volumes, consisting mainly of works on English Literature, History and Sociology. Among the most valuable additions is the set of historical works by Ranke, consisting of 50 volumes, and Weber's "Weltgeschichte," in 15 volumes. Both sets are rare and valuable, being purchased from the library of the late Professor Perkins.

No friend of S. U. I. can view without alarm the care, or rather lack of care, given our large and ever-increasing library. Housed as it is, it is liable to destruction by fire at almost any time, and until suitable provision is made for its preservation, it will stand as a monument to the unwisdom of Iowa's legislators.

## College Notes.

President Elliot, of Harvard, prophesies that college fraternities will in time cause American universities to be broken up into colleges after the English plan.

The world's record for the 300-yard run was broken last Saturday week, by a man from Georgetown College. The time was 31 seconds.

Professor Starr, of the University of Chicago, is making a collection of old Mexican musical instruments to exhibit at the Toronto Exposition to be held next year in celebration of the discovery of the northern part of the continent by Chalot.

After the close of the school year at Ames, November 12, the foot ball team will go on an extended western trip. They have arranged games at Crete, with Doane College, at Denver, Salt Lake City, Butte, Portland, Seattle, and Oakland. In California they have games with Leland Stanford and University of California. They play at Los Angeles, and return by way of Galveston, New Orleans and Memphis. The trip will occupy six weeks, and is unprecedented in foot ball history.—Ex.

The game of foot ball Saturday will be our first game with an outside team before the Chicago game on Oct. 10th. Rogers, formerly of S. U. I., is playing center on the Drake team.

Professor Calvin did not meet his classes Tuesday, being called to Marble Rock to inspect a portion of a mastodon found in a gravel pit near that place. A portion of one tusk was found which was too badly decomposed to be preserved, but a few photographs were secured.

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One fault into which the new student is liable to fall when entering college is in the matter of joining organizations. Here, especially, is this true, and there is therefore more reason for the utmost care on the part of the student in selecting the society or societies to which he is to ally himself. Precipitancy is never a virtue, and in the case in hand there is no exception. The student's most firm and lasting friendships are the foremost in his societies. The influence emanating from hie college associations will follow the student all through life, and these, being formed to a very large extent by his society connections, it behooves him to understand the step in all its bearings when he affiliates himself with any organition.

It is an undisputed fact that the chapel exercises are the most neglected features of our University life. But very few students and members of the Faculty make it a part of the day's program to take this short intermission from work to assemble together for morning worship and to greet one another with a friendly word. In some schools attendance at chapel is compulsory. While we do not favor this plan, we wish to emphasize the fact that true college spirit is born only from personal contact and acquaintance among fellow-students. As we assemble together we seem to gather in more of the spirit of our institution and to feel a greater interest in each other. Classes will cling together only as their members are often assembled and brought to know each other personally. So it is in the college and university, if we are kept separate from other classes and departments we lose all interest in them through lack of personal acquaintance and fellowship with their members. A good, regular attendance at chapel exercises will do more for college spirit at S. U. I. than many victories on the gridiron field or the cinder path. This has been proven true in many other schools in the state and it requires only a trial to prove it true here.

The first foot ball game of the season will be played on the home grounds Saturday, between S. U. I. and Drake University. Although our team will be handicapped in not having had a coach for the past week or so, the practice games have shown that the old men are playing up to their usual form and that there are some promising men among the new candidates. Captain Iverson and his men have been hard at work since the beginning of the term and a good game may be expected. Every student should be in attendance at Saturday's game and show that he takes an interest in athletics. This lack of interest on the part of the students has had a great deal to do with our being poorly represented in the past. What we really need is more enthusiasm in our athletics. A good crowd of enthusiastic students at a foot ball game shows the boys that their efforts are appreciated, and they are encouraged to put forth their best efforts for "old gold."

Manager Price has been an untiring worker for the past few months, Iverson's past record demonstrates that he is the "right man in the right place," we have the material from which to select a good team, and are to have a good coach, and if the students show the proper interest, and support the team as they should, we are sure to be well represented on the gridiron this fall.

Professor Herman V. Hilprecht, the distinguished assyriologist of the University of Pennsylvania, whose discovery of the site of a buried city beneath the ruins of the ancient city of Nippar (or Nuffar) in central Babylonia has caused such a sensation in both continents, is now in Constantinople arranging and catalogueing some of the results of his work. With him has been associated Dr. John Henry Haynes, whose individual exertions have been productive of invaluable results.—Pennsylvanian.

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### Fact and Rumor.

Foot ball Saturday.

The enrollment is still on the increase.

The improvements in Close Hall are steadily progressing.

Every S.U.I. student should attend the game Saturday. Game will be called at 3 p. m.

F. W. Beckman has been elected to succeed F. C. Ensign on the preliminary Minnesota debate.

The seminary in Pedagogy under Professor McConnell met for organization Tuesday evening.

Contrary to rumor the battalion will not attend the semi-centennial celebration at Burlington.

Geo. A. Green and P. H. Grapton, both Law '98, have begun a course in shorthand under Miss Irish.

At the Baconian Club Friday evening the paper will be read by Dr. Patrick upon the subject Scientific Materialism.

Coach Bull arrived at 12:15 to-day, and will work with the team to-day and to-morrow in preparation for the Drake-S. U. I. game.

The Drake University team is stronger than is generally supposed at S. U. I., and will probably give us a warmer game than we expect.

The Fresnmen had a called meeting Tuesday to work up Freshman athletics. Mr. Littig, of Davenport, was chosen to see about a foot ball team, and Mr. Johnson track athletics.

Professor James A. Rohbach left Wednesday for Burlington, where he will serve officially as a member of General Drake's staff, to-day being governor's day.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

The S. U. I. Republican Club and many others gathered at Close Hall Monday evening to hear the eloquent address by Lewis H. Head, the boy orator.

Mrs. Holt left Tuesday morning for Waverly, Ia. After a few day's stay at that place she will pay a short visit to her daughter Harriet, '96, who is teaching school at Northwood.

President Schaeffer and Dr, J. L. Pickard will be honorary presidents (ex-officio) at Burlington on Educational Day, at the semi-centennial celebration, next Saturday. Dr. Pickard will deliver an address on "Pioneer Schools of the Northwest," on Saturday morning.

Complimentary tickets for the foot ball game to be played with the Drake University eleven Saturday, will be issued to the ladies of Iowa City. These tickets may be secured of Mrs. Ridgeway at the library or of Manager George Price. This is a generous offer, and the ladies should attend the game en masse.

Professors McBride and Calvin were called to Marble Rock, Iowa, Tuesday, to investigate the report that the B., C. R. & N. Co.'s "gravel gang" had exhumed part of a mrstodon's skeleton. The report was true, for in a gravel pit the workmen had uncovered a part of a mastodon's tusk—a basal piece 4 feet long. In good condition it weighed about 100 lbs., probably, and the whole tusk, which must have been about 11 feet in length—would have been nearly 600 lbs. in weight. The discovered fragment is 9 inches in diameter. After exposure to the air, the tusk was quite ready to crumble to pieces, and when a "Cheerful Idiot" kicked it, "just to see how hard it was," the natural tendency to crumble was accelerated. Our scientists brought home pieces of the tusk, and placed them in the University's growing collection. The mastodon whose monument was unearthed antedated the citizens of Marble Rock from 10,000 to 20,000 years.—Republican.

At 4:30, on Monday afternoon, the Senior Collegiates assembled at Close Hall to determine who should be their officers for this their last school year. More interest was shown than in any meeting since the election of officers in the Freshman year. As a result of the first informal ballot there was a surprisingly large number of candidates for the seat of honor and it took six ballots to show that a majority of the class were in favor of Mr. Jefferson Sayers for president. The contest for vice-president was among the young ladies from the first and ended in the choice of Miss Nora Allin. Miss Florence Zerwekh was elected secretary, and Frank Horack chosen treasurer. With a corps of officers as efficient as these have proved themselves to be, '97 expects to sail smoothly on, and before June comes again, not an obstacle will stand in her way, not a stone will be left unturned, which would in any way hinder her from rounding up a four years' course, fully as brilliant and beneficial as any in the history of the University.


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