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## ZETAGATHIANS WIN

Negative of the Nicaraguan Neutral Canal Question Wins the Wisconsin Preliminary, Receiving Two Decisions

The Wisconsin preliminary debate held at the opera house Saturday evening was won by the Zetagathians, who received two of the votes cast by the judges, the Irvings obtaining one decision.

The debate was fully up to the standard of the Iowa preliminaries and highly creditable to the debaters who have worked upon it for the past six months. Up to the final rebuttal speeches it was very close. Mr Moore, for the negative gave a very fine rebuttal, showing a complete grasp of the question and great readiness of retort. He handled all of his opponents' arguments without gloves and fixed a heavy burden of proof upon the affirmative. His speech may fairly be said to have won the debate for the negative. The final closing speech of the affirmative was very weak. It did not attempt to rebut the negative's argument that the canal would be built as well by private capital as by the national government, and in many other ways showed a great unreadiness answering the argument of the arguments of the negative.

The house that greeted the debaters as they came upon the stage was the largest ever known in the history of the debating league. The judges of the debate were: Judge Wade, Professor Patrick, and Rev. G. L. Cady. Mr E. H. McCoy was the presiding officer of the evening. Rev Clinton pronounced the invocation.

The question debated was: That the United States should Construct and Operate the Nicaraguan Canal, absolute neutrality being secured by International agreement. This was affirmed by Irving Institute and denied by the Zetagathian society.

Mr F. C. Drake, of Adel was the opening speaker. In a speech unexcelled for clearness of argument and grace of delivery, Mr Drake showed first the demand and the necessity for the canal. The east is the world's future market. He showed that the United States could build the canal and make a profit of twenty-three million dollars on its operation for the first ten years, after paying the cost of construction, operation, and repairs. He forcibly called the attention of the judges to the fact that the aggregate results through a long period of years and the indirect influence of its construction should be considered in determining the advisability of the construction of the canal by the United States government. This speech contained the outline of the affirmative and was presented to the judges in a most effective manner.

Mr W. L. Coyne, of Montrose, said in opening the negative that the advantages of the canal if built were admitted, but it would not be a shorter route for commerce under government than under private ownership. He then endeavored to show the impossibility of constructing the canal and dwelt upon the undesirability of its neutrality. He denied that the Nicaragua canal was the most feasible route and compared governmental and private construction to the disadvantage of the former. Mr Coyne made a fine appearance.

Mr F. S. Merriau, of Marble Rock, showed that all the engineers had reported in favor of the construction of the canal and appealed to the audience to accept their conclusions in preference to Mr Coyne's. He showed that the construction of the canal would reduce the freight charges on cotton some

ten or twelve dollars per ton and on wheat in similar proportions, thus greatly benefiting the north, west, and south. The manufactured articles of the east would be greatly stimulated. These, he said, would be but a few instances of the stimulus to the American trade. Mr Merriau made an excellent and telling speech.

Mr W. F. Moore, of Panora, said that the engineering reports were not final. The United States government and the financiers of the world have not found the canal feasible because they have not constructed it. He said that Nicaragua would never give up her sovereignty on the canal-strip. The neutrality of the canal would bring the United States into entangling alliances. He said that all the Europe an tonnage with the east would go through the Suez canal which is 2,000 miles the shorter line. No sailing vessels would use it on account of the charges. All the advantages would be better obtained under private construction. The United States is producing 90 per cent of the cotton of the world and would sell it without the canal. It would be better to sell the finished product anyway. Lumber would go by rail which would not use the canal. He said it would be better to develop the Pacific coast for Asiatic trade and the Atlantic coast for the European and African trade. Only 50 miles from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts would be benefited by the canal because the railways transport the produce of the other territory cheaper. Mr Moore was the best speaker on the negative and showed himself to be one of the university's best debaters.

Mr Merritt Brackett read two government engineering reports to prove the feasibility of the Nicaragua route. The trade of the world is going from the sailing vessel to the tramp steamer, which use the canal. Should the United States attempt to operate the canal under any other plan than that of absolute neutrality, it must fortify it, which is impracticable and impossible. The neutral canal would be open in war-time for our trade and the passage of our war-vessels England and other European powers would not wish to use the canal in time of war because they have fleets in both the Pacific and the Atlantic. The canal cannot be anything but neutral, on account of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and of Nicaragua's treaties with France, Japan, Germany, Italy, Holland, and Spain, saying that she will never all on the construction of a canal except upon a basis of absolute neutrality. Mr Brackett made a highly creditable speech. His rebuttal was the best made by the affirmative.

Mr C. C. Converse, of Cresco, said that the canal would be under the sovereignty of Nicaragua, which would be incompatible with our dignity. Every engineering commission, said he, has recognized that the Panama canal is the most feasible route. If the United States is to construct a canal it should build it along the Panama route. Mr Converse painted in lurid terms the international complications and the disadvantages to the American marine under a neutral canal. The isthmus is better for us now as a barrier than if every nation that might be at war with us could use it to pass through. The neutral canal is more advantage to the stronger naval nation than to the weaker one. The Suez canal will always be the shortest route to the east, even if the canal should be constructed. Manila is 2,000 miles nearer New York by the Suez canal than by the Nicaragua canal. Mr Converse made a creditable and forcible speech, although his state-

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## LESS RED TAPE

Registration This Term Much Easier and Less Complicated—Not Many New Students Registered as Yet

The registration at the university this term is very different from the same process last term. The cards are all ready for the enrollers and the registrar's office has enough help to handle the applicants for registration. This term's registration, too, is a simple process that could be fully completed within five minutes if the student was fortunate, instead of the half hour sessions with the registrar's assistants after the three hours' wait in the line that were the lot of all applying last September.

All the candidates for admission to the university were admitted by the authorities. They number some twenty-three thus far.

The university registration has now reached 1513, an excess of seventy-five students over last year's total enrollment. As not all of the new students have registered as yet, it is thought by the university authorities that by the time the new students of the spring term have registered the registration will be at least 1600. This will not be any great gain over the past years, but is a slight one and the university authorities are satisfied with it. There are now attending the university all the students that can well be accommodated until the new Hall of Liberal Arts are completed and ready for occupancy. This time is hardly expected to be before September by the most conservative, although Contractor Roberts says that the building will be ready for use by the university in the spring term.

President MacLean said today in the matter of attendance at the university: "The attendance at our university shows a gratifying increase over the total for last year, although it is not an especially large gain. I have been talking with a number of educators in regard to the attendance at the western colleges. I find that there has very generally been no increase in the attendance this year. Chancellor Craig of Drake University, for instance, said that his college did not have nearly the number of students this year that they had expected. He thinks that the cause of this is the greatly increased business opportunities that are open to young men this year. Iowa has made her last gain in the College of Liberal Arts, a circumstance that I am inclined to regard as showing that Chancellor Craig's explanation is the best that can be given from the facts at hand."

## Teaching in the Philippines

Sometime ago Professor McConnell addressed a letter to the Honorable Fred W. Atkinson, General Superintendent of Education in the Philippines, making inquiry about the public school service in the Archipelago. He has just received a letter from Superintendent Atkinson in reply to his communication, from which the following extract, which may be of interest to teachers seeking positions, is quoted:

"The inquiry as to teachers for the Philippines was made with a view to the future. Very few appointments will be made at present. The teachers that will be required are for primary work. By far the larger number of salaries will be \$75.00 Gold, the year round and traveling expenses from the United States. Teachers will be required to sign contracts for three years,

and the matter of their locations will be entirely in the hands of the General Superintendent of Education. In answer to many inquiries as to the climate, it may be said with assurance that the climate here is a good tropical one. However, it depends to a great extent upon the individual as to the matter of health. The expenses of living are high in Manila, but moderate in other towns and cities of the Archipelago.

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1. Applicants must be either Normal or College graduates.
2. They must have several years' successful experience in school work and be now engaged in teaching.
3. They must be physically sound and able to withstand a tropical climate, and willing to accept whatever location assigned them by the General Superintendent of Education.

Further, the Department of Education desires to hear from only those who can fulfill the above conditions, and it is requested that all applicants attach to their applications their testimonials or copies thereof."

## The New Chancellor

President MacLean, the acting chancellor of the College of Law, made his first appearance in that capacity before the law students yesterday. He then made a brief speech, in the course of which he said:

"The regents have determined that you shall not permanently lose Chancellor McClain by his promotion to the supreme bench. They have arranged to keep him with us in a certain way by arranging for courses of lectures from him that will certainly be of five weeks' duration and we hope to secure him for ten week's lectures. Judge Deemer's course of lectures has also been extended to five weeks, so that you will be able to make a very good acquaintance with one of the ablest lawyers and judges of the state.

"The regents has named me the acting chancellor of the department because they recognized, I presume, that the law boys liked the name of McClain very well and they thought they would give you all they could of it. When I was in the east lately, I found that the Iowa law school was there considered the best in the west east of Ann Arbor. I hope that you will all do your best to preserve and increase the reputation of the College of Law that Chancellor McClain has left in such a fine condition at the end of his service here as its head."

## The Junket-Seeking Athlete

Banquo's ghost was unobtrusive as compared with the touring question, which is ever asserting itself in college athletics and will not down. It is difficult to convince young men that these tours of football or base ball teams are harmful to both the individual and to the sport. But so it is. The question has been very thoroughly threshed out with regard to base ball junketings. These trips in the first instance are rarely conceived in the spirit of sport, and too frequently result in bringing the players into contact with local "sporting" elements, which tend to a decidedly unwholesome influence. The college athlete gets during term time all the legitimate sport which is good for him. Faculties that grant a touring license to an undergraduate team should be held to a strict accounting by the fathers of the members of that team.—Outing.

## THE JUNIOR ANNUAL

Hawkeye Board Tells of the Publication—Its Importance as a Record of University Life and Events.

The editorial board and management of the Junior Annual of 1901 has the following to say of the excellent publication which is now being made ready for the press:

During the past three or four weeks great activity has been manifested on the part of the various societies, literary and social and indeed among all organizations preparatory to securing pictures and space in the coming Junior annual. The editors of this university book, too, are giving much work and thought to the preparation and arrangement of the publication. All this serves to bring to our attention the purpose of the Junior Annual and its significance.

The Junior Annual is the only literary publication of the year which in the breadth of its scope takes in all student activities,—athletics, debating, oratory, social, and literary events—all news and facts relating to the new faculty members of all departments, systematized and classified events and occurrences of student life. Besides all these are given pictures of all organizations.

The annual is a university publication. It is for the university and it covers all phases of university life. It is the effort of the present board to make the annual of 1901 a credit to the university—and being such it is worthy of the consideration of each student. Events are transpiring today in the university of Iowa which are broader in their influence and wider in their significance than any in preceding years, and the publication of this new annual in this new era of prosperity is an event of importance to all. Everyone should cooperate in making it what it should be.

On account of the expense attached to the publication of the Junior Annual there will be a limited number printed and in order to obtain a copy your subscription must be in by January 20th. Subscriptions can be made at the office in the Dental building or dropped in Hawkeye boxes in Central building or Y. M. C. A. building.

## Senior Committees

The following are the members of the senior committees announced at the meeting of the class yesterday afternoon:

- Play—Kuck, Bailey, F. W., Lovell, Miss Carroll, Miss Plock.
- Social—Boardman, Rue, Cox, Miss Chantry, Miss Howard.
- Class Pin—F. F. Hanson, R. Downing, P. Bond, A. McGee, E. Swisher.
- Hop—1. Birk. 2. McClain.
- 3. Bannister. 4. Russell. 5. Williams. C. 6. Downing, R.

The names are printed as announced by Mr Converse, the vice-president. President Griffith said in concerning of the appointments, "Mr Converse appointed the class pin committee. I appointed the rest. The first named person on each committee except the hop is the chairman of it. I did not appoint any chairman of the hop committee. They can fight it out among themselves."

The following alumni of the department visited Iowa City during the holidays: J. A. Mueller, R. R. Page, S. J. Seydel, J. M. Jones, A. O. Peterson, O. R. Kelly, J. B. Fickes, W. Woyds, E. A. Hall, L. B. Gray, and F. E. Overholt.

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**EDITORIAL.**  
 The Union Meeting

In another column of this paper will be found the president's call for the annual election of the athletic union. The union has been for the past year a rather questionable quantity. The recent addition of all "I" men in the university to its membership was calculated to give the union a considerable membership and insure a good attendance at its meetings.

The election of officers is not very important in itself, but the attendance at it will indicate whether the athletic union is a thing worth having or a once useful institution that has outlived the period of its usefulness. If the members of the union have any interest in its existence they should turn out to the annual meeting. Those members who do not have any interest in the union will give evidence of this feeling by remaining away from it.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**Athletic Union Meeting**  
 Notice is hereby given to the members of the athletic union that there will be an important meeting of the Athletic Union, Friday evening at 6:45, for the purpose of electing officers of said union for the current calendar year.  
 GEORGE W. EGAN,  
 President.

**Battalion Orders**  
 Headquarters University Battalion,  
 Iowa City, Ia., Jan. 8, 1900  
 Special Orders }  
 No. XIII. }  
 1. The five student captains will report at headquarters at 4:30 p. m., on Wednesday, January 9, 1901.  
 By order of MAJOR HARKNESS,  
 ROY A. COOK,  
 First Lieutenant and Adjutant.

**Amendment as Adopted**

Section 10.  
 Only those persons are qualified to vote at the meetings of the Athletic Union who are members of the Union and who have paid into the Treasury the Constitutional dues and fees of the said Union or those students who have been granted by the board of control the right to wear the Varsity I.

Section 11. All sections and parts of sections in opposition to section 10 as amended are hereby repealed.

**Athletic Union Nominations**

We, the undersigned members of the athletic union, hereby place in nomination Mr R. A. Cook for the office of President of the union for the year 1901.  
 S. Clyde Williams, and 19 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination Mr Lin M. Butler for the office of president of the Union for the year 1901.  
 J. G. GRIFFITH, and 19 others

We, the undersigned members of the athletic union, hereby place in nomination Mr F. T. Jensen for the office of the Vice-President of the union for the year 1901.  
 W. C. Edson, and 19 others.

We, the undersigned members of the athletic union, hereby place in nomination Mr H. E. Spangler for the office of secretary of the union for the year 1901.  
 R. J. Bannister, and 10 others.

We, the undersigned members of the athletic union, hereby place in nomination Mr H. G. Huntington for the office of assistant treasurer of the union for the year 1901.  
 R. A. Cook, and 19 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination Mr J. S. Warner for the office of manager of the football team for the year 1901.  
 DONALD McCLAIN,  
 and 19 others.

Nominations approved.  
 GEORGE W. EGAN,  
 President of the Union.

**College of Dentistry**

Junior begin their dissection on Monday evening.

Morton and Carpenter arrived Saturday night. They were the last of the seniors to report.

The young ladies of the Dental and Pharmacy departments entertained The Women's Professional League and the wives of the Dental faculty last Saturday evening at 120 Summit street.

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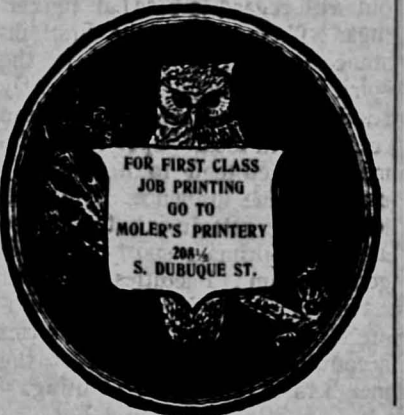
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Professor J. J. McConnell will leave Wednesday for a tour of inspection of high schools in the northern and eastern part of the state. Mr Dorcas, the university examiner will also leave shortly on a similar tour of inspection of secondary schools. These trips are being made in order to get the new material in regard to high schools ready for the new university catalogue.

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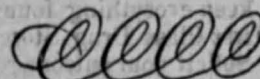
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Dr Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University, who secured for Yale a collection of Arabic manuscripts on his recent trip to Europe, brought also for a Baltimore gentleman another collection of Arabic and Turkish manuscripts valued at \$15,000. This last is to be presented either to Princeton or John Hopkins.

Trinity college, North Carolina, has recently received another \$100,000 gift from Mr Washington, Duke, of Durham. Mr Duke's gifts to the college within this decade now amount to \$500,000. Mr Duke has made larger gifts to Southern Education than any other native southerner in the southeastern states.

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