PHILOMATHEANS LOSE

MEN FROM ILLINOIS GET TWO OUT OF THREE JUDGES

Both Teams Argue for the Same Thing. Philomathians for Iowa, Fall to Maintain Their Interpretation of Question

The debate last night between the university of Illinois and Philomathian society, for Iowa, was fairly well attended. The element of spirit and enthusiasm on this last occasion was very poor but this perhaps can be accounted for by the fact that this is the first of the Philomathian inter-collegiate debates.

The debate was not sharp and full of spirit for the most part as it was necessary to refrain from using species that the arguments clashed to any extent. Then for a time, however things become interesting and the hopes of each side rise and fall alternately. The question was: Resolved: That the United States should adopt a system of complete commercial reciprocity in lieu of the present policy of high protection.

"Complete commercial reciprocity" being limited to the meaning in the words of H. W. Belknap as was affirmed by Philomathians, representing Iowa, by L. B. Swaggart, F. E. Harris and Paul Dowrell.

The Illinois team, with the exception of a few passages at the end, of which the captions of the arguments were of no use, did not argue themselves very creditably. The arguments were limited in the farthest possible degree. The argument was based on the fact that the system of high protection was suspended in the center of the country and in many cases the character of work done by them is of the highest order. There has never been any attempt to attempt to assume a system which has been abandoned before the time is certainly ripe for the entrance of a most successful organization. The Iowa team lashed the dramatic club all success in its field.

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Official Bulletin

 for the Second semester will be held on February 11, except that from February 6 to February 11, inclusive, the office will be regularly open for registration purposes. The following schedule is necessary for the reason that semester reports must be collated.

BENJAMIN FAY, '03, Iowa Falls is visiting university friends today.

TRINITY—Morning service 10:15 by Bishop Morrison assisted by Dr. Cornell. Sunday school at 6:30 a.m. Strangers welcome. J. D. Hazen, '04, enjoyed a visit from Mr. Olson, manager of the basketball team of Luther college of Decorah, Iowa.

Congregational church, George Luther Cady, pastor. Morning service at 11; Sunday school at 9 a.m. Dr. Olson is supposed to be the address of Paul to the university of Illinois and Swaggart for Iowa in his closing speech which was a very strong plea for the free trade interpretation of the question.

They maintained in closing that the affirmative had missed the true meaning of the question entirely.

The Illinois team conducted themselves very creditably indeed. Perhaps the best of the whole debate was that of Swaggart for Iowa in his closing speech which was a very strong plea for the free trade interpretation of the question.

The fraternity emblem was furnished by Bishop Everts' room in the hall, and arranged by the office. The decorations and notes of the senior play. The club is now considering different plays with the view of selecting one to put on as soon as it can be well presented. It is the aim of the club to attempt more difficult work than the farces which they have therefor been the only theatrical productions of the university with the exception of the dramatics.

3:45 satisfactory.

By suspending the orchestra on a platform high above the heads of the dancers, the rather unlooked stage was made into a pleasant room with a little carpeted flight of steps of imperial width leading up to it.

The music was furnished by Schmidt's orchestra of Cedar Rapids and the heavy instrumentation including drums and bass violin was softened and moisturized as it floated down from above. Light refreshments were served in the gallery on tables decorated with roses and carnations.

The following ladies acted as patrons: Mesdames Benj. F. Shaver, M. D., Preston C. Clark and W. F. Musser.


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Calendar for the Week.

January 20, Tuesday, Samuel Arthur King.

January 21, Saturday, Samuel Arthur King.

January 21, Assembly, 9:45 a.m.

Let Us Get Together

The Philomathean debaters representing Iowa in the debate last night did well and they certainly deserve credit for the hard work they have done but from any but a prejudiced standpoint they did not in the true sense of the word represent the university of Iowa, for it is impossible for any society or any two societies or any college to represent the university as a whole. Now let us fairly and honestly, putting the narrow, prejudiced society standpoint in the background look at this question, determine where the fault lies and, having done that, find some means of setting the matter right.

The only team that can truly represent the university in debate is a team composed of the very best debaters in the university just as the only basketball team that can truly represent us is composed of the very best of all our basketball players. The question then arises how can we get the best men on these debating teams. Shall we take the three best Zetagathian debaters, or three Irvingians, or three Philos or shall we go to the law college, or the college of liberal arts or some other college? No! We must take the three best men out of all societies, out of all colleges and then and not until then will we send forth debating teams to uphold the honor of the old gold on the forensic platform who can truly called varsity teams.

But some one says, look at our record in the past; look at Chicago defeated; look at the long list of victories over Minnesota broken but occasionally; look at our record against Wisconsin. Yes, it is true, we are proud of the record, but let us not forget that conditions constantly change. Systems and institutions fulfilling and meeting the conditions of one day are often inadequate to the demands of another. New conditions demand new ideas and it is with this in mind that we must solve this debating problem.

The university has grown. It has expanded. New factors have come in and it is with these that we must reckon. Years ago one literary society might have represented the university; in past year two probably did; but now neither one, nor two, nor three, but all of the debating societies, can. Why? It would not be more absurd to say that a football team from the college of homoeopathy could play as the varsity against Minnesota than it is to say that one society could send out a varsity debating team. We are, therefore, and disunited. We have no concerted action. Our forces are scattered and unutilized and with these conditions we must expect to see our high standing in debate grow lower and lower.

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