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A Glee Club.

A school is known by her representative institutions, and can put out no better advertisement than winning foot ball teams, track teams, orators, and debaters. S. U. I. is making rapid strides in that direction. But there is another method which is of inestimable value in spreading our name and letting outsiders know who we are. This is an institution which, in past years has never been agitated until spring, when it was too late to do any particular good.

We certainly have musical talent among us, and those who would make competent leaders of a glee club or mandolin and banjo clubs if the University would give them financial backing. Last spring a club was organized, but before they were in the best trim the University closed. If a club could be got together, and a trip laid out for the Christmas vacation, a great many who dislike joining and training for the mere practice of it, would be glad to work hard in order to take the trip. A trip through Iowa would be of very small expense, and after it was started, the club could probably be self-supporting, and later in the year might be able to take some more extensive trips.

Glee and banjo club concerts are always well patronized, college songs are always encored, and usually a reception in honor of the musicians closes the evening. So the pleasure of the trip would repay many weeks of training and rehearsal, and the benefit the University would receive from a representative glee club would be by no means inconsiderate. The VIDETTE feels sure that there are those in school able and willing to assume the leadership. Let them step forward. They will receive hearty support, we doubt not.

A Favorable Comment.

The Davenport Times, comments upon that city's colony of students who are attending the University, and speaks in commendatory terms of the prospects for the institution. It says:

"The Davenport colony of students at Iowa City have again entered upon their work at the University, which institution has never before opened a school year under more promising circumstances. The University at any time is an institution of which the state may be justly proud, but this year all previous records will be excelled. The early arrival of such a large number of students in the different departments, speaks well for the institution and the confidence which the people of Iowa have in its excellence.

"The exact enrollment figures are not attainable at this early date, but as near as can be estimated there are at least 1,300 students in attendance at the college, which excels the last year's enrollment by at least 200 pupils. The Freshman class this year is larger than ever before and the numerous additions made in the Faculty promise excellent results.

"The athletic department is prospering finely and the greater portion of the students are greatly interested. A hard effort is being made to secure

a good foot ball team for the coming season. The team of last year ended the season about \$300 short, and the Faculty have decided that unless this obligation is cleared up, there will not be a team organized this year. In consequence the students are doing all in their power to secure a sufficient amount to permit the organization of another team."

The Fraternity Compact.

You notice an absence of rushing, and running, and picnicing, and partying, on the part of the fraternity girls, don't you? Well, that is not because the girls have lost their energy or their interest, or because they haven't an attractive class of Freshman girls on which to shower attentions. It is because of a compact, drawn up in a truly imposing legal form, in which every girls' fraternity, and the individual members of it, binds themselves to give no "spreads, receptions, or other entertainments for new students until after October 2, 1895; and to give no invitation, nor imitation of invitation, to any girl to join the fraternity before October 16, 1895." This is to give the girls both old and new a reasonable time in which to become acquainted, before they "take each other for better, or worse," during their University course, for that is what joining of fraternities virtually amounts to, and to give all a chance to become better acquainted, before any choice is made. This seems a sensible step on the part of the girls, and thus far has worked admirably.

So Freshman girls if you are invited to a spread, or receive an invitation to join a fraternity before those "authorized and fixed" October days, you will know what has happened and can act accordingly.

Zetagathian.

The Zetagathians gave their first regular program for the year last evening, to a large and enthusiastic audience. The extremely large crowd in Zet hall last evening was demonstrative of the fact that the vacation period had tended only to intensify the interest and admiration of all for the program given by the members of the south hall. Not only did the Zets present their visitors with one of the best programs ever given, but they also had the pleasure of receiving them in their newly furnished hall. Together with the Hesperians, the Zets have made some fine improvements in their hall the past week, which have added much to its attraction and imposing appearance. Roll call found a hearty response, with nearly every name called, which shows that the boys are nearly all back in their places ready for another year's work in the literary line to uphold the honor and glory which the society has so long held, and which it will continue to hold by the aid of its ambitious and energetic members.

The program was opened with a vocal selection by Miss Williams, rendered in her usual pleasing manner, after which W. H. Clark, the president-elect, was introduced by Harry Keefe, the outgoing executive, in a few well-chosen words, which abounded

in patriotism for old Zet. Mr. Clark's inaugural was in keeping with his past efforts, and appealed strongly to his colleagues. Rolla Brown followed with an oration on "The Battle of Hastings," which received merited applause. It seemed the prevailing opinion that the declamation by W. M. Barr, entitled "The Death-bed of Benedict Arnold," was the best number on the program.

The debate, in which Messrs. Van Law, Moon, Smith and Farwell engaged, held the undivided attention of the audience, as did also the oration by R. G. Popham, entitled "Napoleon Bonaparte." B. C. Resser closed the program with a well written oration on "The Mission of Nations." The program as a whole met the unanimous approval of those present.

Irving.

Last evening the members of Irving Institute and their friends assembled in goodly numbers to listen to Irving's first program this fall. During vacation the north hall has been repaired and magnificently decorated, and is now the finest in the city.

After a piano solo by Mr. Cohn, which was deservedly encored, the retiring president presented the gavel to Mr. S. D. Whiting, president for the coming term. Mr. Whiting's inaugural was excellent. He reviewed briefly the history of Irving, and paid a glowing tribute to her founders and their successors. Among other things he said: "Thirty-one years ago tonight the first president of Irving was inaugurated in a recitation room; to night she is a peer of any society in Iowa, and owns a home second to none in the state.

The first number on the program was a speech on "Cuba," by G. W. Lawrence. Though lacking in some of this gentleman's usual fire, it was a creditable effort.

Following this G. M. Johnson delivered a declamation entitled "Culture on Bitter Creek." Mr. Johnson is recognized as an able declaimer, and succeeded well in this endeavor.

The debate on the question, "Resolved, that the conservative forces of our nation are sufficient to insure its perpetuity," was opened by Mr. Burling. This gentleman showed careful preparation. His argument was strong and couched in well chosen words.

J. B. Shorett, for the negative, asserted that there always have been two extremes in each government and that ours is no exception. Mr. Shorett spoke with commendable force.

Mr. Dewel for the affirmative spoke in his usual fluent and pleasing manner, and was followed by J. R. Frailey, who closed the debate. This last gentleman made perhaps the best debate of the evening. Both thought and delivery were excellent.

Following the debate, W. N. Stull delivered "Jimmy Butler and the Owl." That this selection was an old one was of no detriment to the program, for Mr. Stull never fails to please his auditors.

The last number of the evening was an oration by W. C. Keeler, entitled "The Middle Ages." As was expected by all this selection was characterized by depth of thought and ele-

gance of delivery.

If Irving's first program is any indication of her work for the coming year, success is assured.

The Military Department.

This year the battery will have a full force from the University, composed of Juniors. The old revolutionary cannons which have done service heretofore will be replaced by modern breach-loading pieces.

The military management is well pleased with the number of victims they have under control the ensuing year. Probably the battalion will number 240, the Freshman class supplying about half the number.

Last Monday was the first drill of the year and was accompanied by the usual demonstrations. The Freshmen marched off amid waving hats and cries of "hep, hep, hep," their faces beaming the while with smiles (was it of pleasure?). There was the usual grumbling among the raw recruits, and the corporals and sergeants, "clothed with a little brief authority," did ample justice to their long training, giving their orders in a way that would become a veteran.

To a great many new students, and some old ones, the question, "Why must I drill," is a very perplexing one. The Freshmen this year were deprived of the explanation usually given by the President in his opening address, and for their benefit we give the arguments generally set forth, as collected from one of these opening addresses, and also from several private interviews with the authorities on this subject:

I. A war might arise which, without the aid of the University battalion would result disastrously to this country.

II. The tuition is very light. You should make it up by investing in a military suit and be ready to help your State in time of distress.

III. It is good exercise and discipline.

IV. You are too young to know how you should employ your time. Take our word, drill four years and you will never regret it.

Other minor arguments are also brought forward.

The captains and 1st sergeants (the highest honors of the Senior and Junior classes respectively) are as follows:

Co. A—Captain, Jackson; 1st Sgt., Schaeffer.

Co. B—Captain, Clark; 1st Sgt., Larrabee.

Co. C—Captain, Emry; 1st Sgt., Hutchinson.

Co. D—Captain, Smith; 1st Sgt., Sears.

Battery—Captain, Radasch; 1st Sgt., Willis.

At the meeting of the Junior class Saturday the following officers were elected: President, J. Don Kiser; Vice-President, Mrs. Van Meter; Secretary, Miss MacFarland; Treasurer, Chas. Bloom; Sergeants-at-arms, Iverson and Petersberger. Larrabee was elected manager of the foot ball team. Sam Hobbs was elected captain of track athletics, and Hetzel was elected captain of the foot ball team.

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We judge that civilization has at last become so general as to include even the most frisky individuals who make up the list of students at the University. More than a week has elapsed and we have discovered not the least trace of paint on any walk, nor have we heard of any fence being disfigured in the way we are accustomed to look for that phenomenon. Even more evidence than that is at hand. Though it will not be readily believed by all, the Freshman class recently held a meeting and effected temporary organization without interference in any form from any one. The latter part of this marvelous occurrence is no doubt somewhat explained by the fact that the class is greater in number than any former one and possesses, withal, a good deal of physical force.

Now that the Fall Field Meet has been arranged for October 12th, we believe it to be the duty of every man with any kind of athletic ability to go down back of the University to our new Athletic Park and find out what he can do. If you cannot throw the hammer over a hundred feet, perhaps you can run a hundred yards in less than eleven seconds, or if you cannot make a running high jump of five and one-half feet, perhaps you can go a mile on a bicycle in 2:10. The park is being rapidly completed so that soon every convenience will be at your disposal for training in any event you may desire. And the beauty of it is that you don't have to go two miles to run one hundred yards, but you can go a trifle over a hundred yards back of the University and run two miles if you like. We would like to see one hundred and fifty men entered in the Fall Field Meet. The object is not so much to make world-beating records, as to awaken class enthusiasm in defense of the class

cup, and to select good men to work for the home meets in the spring and the intercollegiate field meets. We want to send a strong track team to Chicago next June, and to do it we want one hundred and fifty men entered in the Fall Field Meet two weeks from to-day.

It is often a subject of observation, and is brought to our notice forcibly each year, that there is a constant tendency to underestimate the importance of literary work as compared with other matters, and notably athletics. It is a fact, no matter how distasteful it may be to recognize it, that a student who has ambitions to do something for himself and the University will be judged more successful if he develops gigantic muscles than if he undertakes and wins in most any form of literary contest. We do not look upon this as of something deplorable, since it has always been true, and not more here than elsewhere, but we nevertheless commend the efforts of the literary societies of the University for the work they are doing, which in a large degree must be unrecognized, no matter what may be its merits. It has been demonstrated in the past, and we believe will prove true in the future, that there is no department of the University that is productive of more beneficial results in those who undertake its work than the literary societies. No factor has been more prominent in the success of many of S. U. I.'s graduates than the earnest and generally quiet work they accomplished in one or other of the literary halls. In view of this fact it is gratifying to note that the societies have begun what will probably prove one of the brightest years of their history. They have undertaken a series of debates and other literary contests which will give opportunity to display their work more effectively, and we trust, too, more profitably than ever before.

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Fact and Rumor. Stotts, C. '91, was in the city Wednesday. Lary, ex-'97, is visiting University friends. Lary, ex-'97, will take University work this year. Professor Patrick did not meet his Logic class Friday. Mrs. Littig has entered the University for special work. Annabel Collins, '94, is teaching at her home in Iowa Falls. K. E. Leighton, L. '96, has returned and our foot ball men rejoice. Professor Wilcox will organize two history seminaries next week. Miss Eva Glass, '96, will return next term to finish with her class. Judge Seeds will spend to day and Sunday at his home in Manchester. Illness prevented Professor Currier from meeting his classes on Friday. Abby Boals, '97, will remain at home this fall, returning for the winter term. The Junior and Senior Collegiates held meetings to-day and elected officers. W. J. Kyle, Law '95, is visiting University friends. He is located at Glidden, Iowa. Petersberger, Catwell and Miller went to Davenport, yesterday, for a visit over Sunday. Miss Anna Godley, who has been for the past year principal of Beuna Vista College, is the guest of Mary Hornbrook. She is on her way to the Chicago University.

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Our first foot ball game will be played next Saturday on the home grounds with Cornell.

The Hesperians added the name of Miss Gertrude Preston to their list of members last Friday afternoon.

Regents Swalm, Moniger, Matthews, and Garner, were in the city this week looking after University interests.

R. J. Smith, ex-'97, spent Friday evening with University friends. He is teaching this term in the east part of the county.

Morrison, C. '95, is visiting his not-as-yet-old-time University friends, on his way to Chicago, where he enters a Medical school.

Professor Calvin's class in Geology made a visit to the quarries west of town, yesterday, and secured a number of specimens.

The Zets, Friday night, elected C. H. Van Law to be a member of the Chicago preliminary debating team vice Wm. Plum, resigned.

The seminary in Recent Economic Theory will meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock in Professor Loos' room. The subject of discussion will be F. A. Walker's Theory of Business Profits.

President Seerly, of the Iowa State Normal School, and Superintendent Blanchard, of Hampton, Iowa, were in the city Tuesday. In conjunction with President Schaeffer they form the State Board of Educational Examiners, and they met this week to work upon their biennial report.

The Senior Collegiates held a meeting at Close Hall last Saturday and the following officers were chosen for the year: Chas. G. Burling, President; Miss Harriet Holt, Vice-President; Carl Stemple, Secretary; Miss Mary Colson, Treasurer; W. T. Evans and J. N. McCoy, Sergeants-at-arms.

Old students are coming back every day, and the total enrollment up to date is 1,086, distributed as follows: Dental 165, Pharmaceutical 71, Homoeopathic Medical 75, Collegiate 425, Medical 190, Law 160. This is an increase of nearly a hundred over the enrollment at the same time last year.

Roy Hanson, Roy Moon, Harry E. Coad, Charles O. Giese, David Anderson, J. N. Ham, James L. O'Connor, M. J. Miller, William E. Yessler, Charles F. Kellogg, Clarence V. Page, Mr. Weed, William J. Springer, and Mark Williams, of the class of '99, Messrs. Cartwright and Rea, of '98, Mr. Reever, of '97, are new Zets since last evening.

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Medical Department.

Mr. Kintle, '97, returned last Tuesday.

Mr. Patterson, class of '95, who for the past two years has been a cadet at the naval academy at Annapolis, has entered the Junior class.

Hereafter separate lectures will be given the Junior and Freshman classes in anatomy, a great improvement over the plan heretofore.

The following have entered the Junior class from other schools: O. N. Bossingham, Conrad Dejong, E. B. Henderson, J. E. King, J. H. Mettlin and P. O. Nerval.

Mr. Andy Schmidt, M. '97, was telephoned for by his parents from Independence the other day, but no one here knew of his whereabouts, he having not appeared here.

Dr. Guthrie, in his opening lecture to the Junior and Senior classes, said: "Our Medical Department is not in a large center of population, yet thoroughness has always been the reputation of this school."

The Medical chemical laboratory is very crowded this year. About 310 students will be taking laboratory work. It goes without saying that there is great need of enlarging the laboratory to accommodate all the students.



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