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## Phi Delta Phi Banquet.

Looked forward to by all members and for weeks pleasantly anticipated, then a joyous reality and now a pleasant memory; such is the story of the banquet given last Wednesday evening by the legal fraternity, McClain Chapter, Phi Delta Phi. Under the doctrine of stare decisis the precedent of giving a stag banquet on each anniversary of the founding of the chapter has been firmly founded and never has that precedent been followed with a greater union of pleasure and profit than in last Wednesday night's event. A number of the graduate members returned to once more participate in the festivities, and together with the honorary members it was a jolly company that gathered in the parlors of the St. James, where a short time was spent in social converse, and then preceded by the toastmaster, all marched into the banquet hall. Here an inviting scene greeted their eyes. The tables were tastefully decorated, Landlord Greassnor outdoing himself in the furnishing of choice viands for this occasion.

The following is the menu of which the merry party partook:

Blue points.	Celery.
Queen olives.	Salted almonds.
Young radishes.	
Fried smelt—tartar sauce.	
Cucumbers.	
Bauches a la Rheine.	
Saratoga chips.	
Punch chartreuse.	
Quail on toast aux eresson.	
Young lettuce, French dressing.	
Salad de volaille.	
Pudding nesselrode.	
Assorted fancy cake.	St. James jelly.
Nuts.	Raisins.
	Bananas.
	Oranges.
Edam and Roquefort cheese.	
Confections.	
Coffee.	

After the various courses had been served, and the cigars lighted, Professor Samuel Hayes presided as toastmaster over the most enjoyable part of the evening, and after a few happy remarks on the object of the order he proposed the first toast, "College Athletics." Charles S. Aldrich, in responding to the toast, showed himself ably qualified to handle the subject. Mr. Aldrich spoke of the great good to be gained by athletics, but showed that by improper use harm could also be done by promoting professionalism, closing by predicting that the class of '96 lined up as a team and under the ablest coaching, would make steady gains for a touchdown and win the goal—admittance to the bar and a successful practice.

Wm. B. Allison responded to the toast "Sprinting as preparation for the practice of Law." He showed the advantage it would be to a lawyer to be able to sprint on certain occasions, but said we should not desire to sprint into prominence, that such prominence would be only short lived—better slow and sure—that usefulness to our country and fellow men should be our ideal rather than next honor.

Edward M. McCall next responded to the toast "Examinations: are they useful." Mr. McCall, in well chosen and witty remarks, set out the usefulness of examinations from the stu-

dent's point of view, coming to the conclusion that they were useful and proper, providing a "straight tip" was given by the professor as to their nature.

Following the sweet strains of "The Pean of Phi Delta Phi," W. L. Ryan responded to the toast "Music and Law, or Law and Music?" He said that music and law go hand in hand—without harmony there could be neither music nor law—showing their relation and equal power in swaying a people by the quotation, "I care not who makes the laws of a nation if I can write its songs."

Probably the most witty response of the evening was that of Leonard Rinard to "Proper sport for the lawyer." He said that the lawyer was entitled to all the pleasure, enjoyment and sunshine possible, as he deserved it above all others. He drew no definite line as to what are and what are not proper sports, but did say that a lawyer who so far forgets the dignity of the profession and spends his time at questionable sport to the neglect of his business and his family, and thus spends the energy and time he has pledged to his client is a defrauder and a disgrace to his profession.

"Modesty becoming to the lawyer" was the toast responded to by Clarence J. Miller. Mr. Miller spoke in his usual happy vein. Taking for a basis the definition of modesty as given by Webster, he showed that as there defined it could not be the proper qualification of a lawyer—that the modesty becoming a lawyer were true manliness and to be upright, frank and sincere.

Another song followed, and then Charles M. Dutcher responded to "The Practicing Members," showing the bright side of the legal profession as seen by those in actual practice.

Hon. M. J. Wade next responded to "Damages for wounded feelings." His response was witty, entertaining and instructive. In bringing out his subject he gave many humorous illustrations and reminiscences; closing by saying that for all wounded feelings a balm might be found in gathering around a festive board in company with jovial brothers as on the present occasion.

U. S. Alderman responded to the toast "Our new members." In a few well-chosen and happy remarks he thanked the older members for the care they had bestowed on the new members, especially for the solicitude shown toward them when they were yet comparative strangers on the first night of their making an acquaintance with the order.

Professor James A. Rohbach responded to "The future of our Chapter." Judging the future of the past, he predicted a brilliant future for "McClain Chapter," especially "if there is anything in a name."

"Ranking Law classes in the reverse order of graduation" was now responded to by Chancellor McClain. He said that Chancellor Hammond was the originator of the method of thus ranking the classes—the last class the best—but considering the enlarging of the course, the greater number of subjects presented and the

employment of more instructors, so that each instructor could give his whole attention to instruction in certain lines, and the increased facilities in all lines each year, he held that such a method of ranking was not based alone on custom and precedent, but in a large measure on fact, and it was only right to rank each class as the best. The Chancellor was often applauded, and his response was listened to with profit by all.

The toastmaster next called on C. C. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, who responded with a hearty will, and after the fraternity song "Jolly Brothers" was sung, the party adjourned, all voting this a most enjoyable event.

## The Athletic Ball.

Probably no social event has been looked forward to with so much interest by so many students of the University as the athletic ball, which occurred Thursday evening. This brilliant event, which was given for the benefit of the athletic association, was under the supervision of a committee of young ladies chosen from the different fraternities, composed of Misses Sheldon, Ashley, Hutchinson, Boesche, Sopha Moore, Pile and Graves. To these young ladies much praise is due for the grand success of the undertaking. But perhaps to Miss Sheldon special praise is due; the artistic and tasteful decorations which so enhanced the otherwise bare appearance of the armory was the result of Miss Sheldon's nimble fingers and artistic eye, and the officers' floor management reflects much credit upon the committee in charge.

Shortly after eight o'clock the guests began to arrive. Mrs. Ridgway, whose acquaintance with students is probably greater than that of any one else, connected with the University, met the guests at the door and introduced them to the patronesses of the evening, Mrs. Currier, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. McClain and Mrs. Vogdes. Many members of the Faculty and their wives were present, and between the hours 8 and 10 all enjoyed a most delightful reception.

At 10 o'clock the grand march began, led by Mrs. Ridgway and Mr. Charles Burling; about eighty couple joined in the march and followed it throughout its intricate windings, and when at last the leaders, followed by the young ladies through whose efforts the athletic ball was made possible, stopped, very unique programs were given out. The program represented an official score card, printed on old gold paper, while the different dances were given the names of different athletic events and the winner, thus: "Waltz 50 yd. dash, won by —."

Spe's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, and all agree in declaring that never before has he furnished better music than he did on this event.

Throughout the evening dainty refreshments were served in one of the adjoining rooms. Mrs. Vogdes very gracefully presided over the coffee. The young ladies of the University furnished the refreshments at their own expense in order that as little expense as possible would be taken from the proceeds.

The athletic ball was a grand success both socially and financially, and the track team owes a debt of gratitude to the young ladies, whose untiring energy in conducting this undertaking is a clear manifestation that they are not only anxious to see a winning team on the track next spring, but are also willing to do all within their power, that the team may get such training that it will be a winning one.

Till after 2 o'clock nimble feet glided over a perfect floor, and quite unwillingly the dancers listened to the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" faintly die away. The athletic ball was over, but the memory of it will remain in the minds of those who for a few short hours tripped the "light fantastic" amid smiling faces and gorgeous costumes. May there be many athletic balls, was the unanimous opinion of all.

## Medical Department.

A brother of W. W. Milligan, M. '97, has been visiting here this week. He came for special treatment for his eyes by Professor Dalby.

Dr. Peters was taken ill quite suddenly yesterday, and was taken over to Mercy Hospital, where he is, at present writing, slowly recovering.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson was invited to Des Moines last week to deliver his lecture "Uses of Pain," and hence did not meet his classes on Wednesday.

The Senior classes of the Pharmaceutical Department has prepared a very fine list of official preparations and donated them to the Medical Department. These drugs are the products of the class' careful work, and are a fine addition to the large drug exhibit owned by the Medical Department.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Will R. Whiteis will be pleased to hear the fact that the latter was a guest at the ball, given at Leipzig in honor of Albert, king of Saxony, Queen Carola, the crown prince and the princess. The event took place in the "Meneses Theater," which was beautifully decorated to suit the occasion, the toilet being beyond description. Everyone bowed "bis auf die erde" as the royal party passed. There were about 1,000 people present.

Professor Chase held a very enthusiastic gathering of the Medical students, Thursday forenoon, in the interest of the hospital. When the 1250 students go home for Christmas vacation and talk over the many needs of the University with friends, relations and legislators, certainly the many needs of the University will become pretty well known throughout the state. We are pleased to notice the many pleas in behalf of the S. U. in the papers throughout the state, but let there be more. The student body can do much to increase the interest in the S. U. I. May the coming vacation send many strong, earnest workers into every county in the state and the Medical hospital and many other needs will be taken into favorable consideration.

Rev. John Bigham, Ph. D. of Amherst, has accepted the chair of philosophy in DePauw University.

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When speaking of the needs of the University, there is undoubtedly none as great as that for a building for the Collegiate Department. The facilities and accommodations of that department are greatly inefficient for the present number of students. If the attendance increases within the next few years, as it has the last few years, a new building will be a prime necessity. Last year the Homeopathic building was called into use, and this year it has been necessary to obtain several class rooms in Close Hall, and still we are cramped and greatly handicapped because of the lack of room. Attention has often been called to the building in which our valuable library is located. Such a course is anything but economy. If we had the support that most of our sister universities have, many who are now attending the institutions of neighboring states would be found in their own State University. With proper support, and such as many of the other states are giving their Universities, Iowa would have one of the strongest and best Universities in the West.

The following is clipped from the *Cardinal*, of Madison, Wisconsin:

"The new woman is seeking admission to university circles in the guise of an Iowa ladies literary society. A letter has been received by the ladies' societies of the university signed by the officers of the Hesperian ladies' society of Iowa University, at Iowa City, prosing that a league of ladies societies of the northwestern colleges and universities be formed in order to advance the interests of these societies.

A tentative plan is suggested which is that these societies form an oratorical league similar to Northern Oratorical League, of which Wisconsin is a member; that annual contests be held at which each college or university shall have one representative, and especially that only ladies shall compete, the men being strictly ex-

cluded. A similar letter has been sent to all the co-educational institutions of the northwest. Action will probably be taken on the matter soon."

It is a fact no less startling than true that the "new woman" movement or something akin to it is active in oratorical circles at present. It is not yet demonstrated that the idea will prove a success, but if it is thought by those concerned that they will accomplish the end in view they should receive all the encouragement possible. There are those persons who have expressed doubts as to whether oratory is a feminine possibility, and in our judgment it is high time these slanderers were put to silence. If, in accomplishing this end, it becomes necessary for the girls to have a contest "all by themselves," this plan should receive the sanction of all.

The *Review of Reviews* for December, in its "Progress of the World" department, plunges as usual into the discussion of important current topics. The assembling of the Fifty-fourth Congress, at home, and the disturbed condition of Turkey and some of the European powers, at this moment present questions which call for extended comment this month. The editor also devotes several paragraphs to the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, and the results of the recent elections in various states are reviewed and summarized. But this department of the magazine is by no means confined in its range to political or governmental affairs; it "covers" such subjects as the foundation of the Luther League of America, the doings of Schlatter, the so-called "Healer," in Denver, noteworthy events in the educational world (Mr. Rockefeller's latest gift to the University of Chicago, the inauguration of a new president at Colgate University, etc.) and biographical notes on important men and women who have died during the month (Eugene Field, Signor Bonghi and others).

Greenway, the Andover base ball and foot ball player, will enter Yale next fall.

Professor Bowles, of the Smith Observatory, has discovered a new comet. This is Prof. Bowles' twentieth comet.

The plan of student self-government worked so successfully last year at Rutgers, that it was tried again this year.

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"My Wife's Friend," a high class comedy by Fred Marsden, was the attraction at the Griswold opera house yesterday afternoon and evening. Wm. C. Andrews was in the leading role and his support was above the average. Marion Giroux shared with him the hearty greetings.—Troy, N. Y., Daily Press, Sept. 19.

Nineteen more watches wanted at A. M. Greer's.

Jule Walters, the clever tramp impersonator, will be seen at the opera house Monday evening in his new play, "A Money Order," which is described as a beautiful up-to-date comedy drama with its scenes laid in Ohio, and dealing with capital, labor and society as we see it to-day. The piece is said to display very fully the ingenuity of the author, who also made room for an elaborate display of scenic effects.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

The athletic ball was a success. Clark, L. '94, is visiting friends in the University.

Professor Nutting lectured in Mediapolis Wednesday evening.

Miss Fanny Davis, '95, is in the city.

Printing was begun on the Hawkeye Thursday.

The program credited to Germania in Tuesday's issue, should have been German seminary.

Professor Nutting delivered a lecture in Cedar Rapids, Friday evening, in the extension course.

Mrs. L. L. Branson, of West Branch, visited her husband, L. L. Branson, D. '96, Tuesday.

The lecture last evening by Will Carleton was well attended. A full account is crowded out this week, and will appear in our next issue.

J. F. Hutchinson, C. '95, has completed his work at Des Moines on the census, and is now studying in the law office of his brother Marion Hutchinson, L. '93.

Charles Francis Clark, L. '94, returned Thursday to Cedar Rapids after a short visit with friends here. He came to Iowa City to attend the Phi Delta Phi banquet. He is in partnership with his father at Cedar Rapids.

The banquet of the University Alumni Association, which is to be given at the St. James hotel Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, promises to be a grand success. Over 100 tickets have already been sold. All alumni of the University are invited to be present.

At the English Seminary Wednesday afternoon the study was of Richardson's novels. Mary Barrett read the paper on Clarence Harlowe, Ethel Charlton gave a report on Pamela, and Helen Copeland a report on the epistolary form of novels. Other reports were also given.

**College Notes.**

Dartmouth has four three hundred dollar fellowships this year.

Professor Dyche, of Kansas University, is about to make another trip to the Arctic Ocean.

Emperor Francis Joseph has accorded permission to women to study medicine in the universities of Hungary.

Sheldon Jackson, D. D., has contributed \$50,000 toward a college at Salt Lake City, and guarantees the salary of a president for a few years. He hopes to secure a quarter of a million endowment for that institution.

Cambridge beat Oxford in the inter-university cross-country race held recently, by nine points. The best time was made by Gifford of Cambridge, who ran seven miles across ploughed land in 40 minutes and 6 seconds.

A meeting of officials and leading members of debating societies, professors, and a committee of prominent alumni was held at Yale, last week, in the interest of making debating and extemporaneous speaking more effective at Yale.

The new method of pledging members of the Freshman class to the Greek letter fraternities at Dartmouth has proved a success, both in regard to the societies and to the men pledging. Each society has had an opportunity to learn the character and ability of its new men and in turn each new man knows the worth and place of the societies.

In a recent number of Leslie's Weekly, W. T. Bull proposes that all the most prominent foot ball representatives of at least six of the colleges who have had teams of the most prominence the past year should meet and appoint a rules committee with power to formulate a standard playing-code, which, unlike the present rules, shall be so clear, intelligent and complete that a school-boy may interpret them and officials may never have grounds for indecision in ruling upon any play possible.—Ex.

Don't forget your college when you go home on a vacation, or when you are away from it on any trip, whatever the direction or business. Be just as active and loyal college men as when you are on the campus. The people you meet will judge your college in great measure by you, so the opportunity is great and the responsibility is a serious one. Show your college training by your manly conduct. Let them see how much your college is doing for you by showing them how much you love your college and how much there is in it for you to love. When you visit your old fitting school say the right words in the right way to the young men who are looking forward to a college course. In all places and at all times, in your words and deeds, be true to the old college which has honored you by enrolling you among her students; never miss an opportunity to spread her fame as an institution where true men are made; remember that anything you do to injure or disgrace yourself is a blot on her fair name, and that all you do to bring yourself honor adds to her glory.—Ex.



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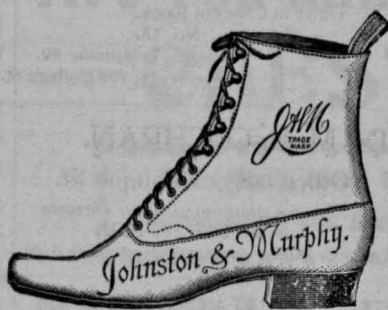
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