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Communication.

To the Students of the University of Iowa:

After the publication of the recent communication from the Faculty Athletic Committee, as officers of the Athletic Union we deem it only just to ourselves and the student body to make known the real state of our athletic affairs, its causes and results.

As regards this communication from the Faculty Committee, we are in hearty sympathy with its general portent and purpose. However, several errors, probably arising from a lack of acquaintance with the present situation, have crept into the committee's report, we submit herewith a report of our work for the present year.

At the first regular meeting of the Athletic Union a bare quorum was present; however, forty pledges of membership were secured at this time. Soon after this, committees to solicit membership in the Union were appointed in every department of the University. In the other departments one man was appointed in every class. In the other departments one man was appointed in each who, by reason of his better acquaintance there, was to appoint sub-committees in his department. All these committees were to personally solicit every student coming within their respective jurisdictions to become a member of the Athletic Union, and on the completion of their canvass to deliver their petitions to the Treasurer for collection. In this manner every student in the University would have been reached personally. These committees were appointed two months ago. As yet none have reported to the Treasurer. Some have just begun work this term.

Finding that these committees were slow in reporting, and realizing the necessity for an immediate increase of membership in the Union, the officers made a personal canvass of the student body during the celebration following the Grinnell game. By this means we reached nearly every student upon the streets that evening, and secured about 100 membership pledges. A number of these had previously pledged themselves, however, so that our total number of promissors is greater apparently than in reality.

Considering that we now had a sufficient number of promises to commence their collection, the Treasurer, whose business it is to collect the money, made an attempt to do so. As a result of his efforts he secured about ten dollars. On every hand he was met by the reply that payment would have to be deferred until the winter term.

Realizing then the utter impossibility of collecting any money, at the close of last term, after a consultation with the other student members of the Advisory Board, it was decided to commence collections the beginning of the winter term. These collections the Treasurer is now making. Meanwhile the class committees have taken up their work and will soon be ready to report to the Treasurer.

We would further add that meetings of the Athletic Union have been

called in accordance with the constitution, but at no meeting after the first has anything like a quorum been present. At the last one, whereat the Treasurer was to be elected, outside of the officers of the Union only two students attended. Fifty are required for a quorum.

This summarizes our policy during the past term. We have tried mass meetings, petitions and personal solicitation. The results we hereby set forth. If there is any other means that can be adopted, we will be most happy to receive suggestions.

As the report of the Faculty Committee clearly shows, the present debt must be paid or athletics cease in this University with the coming spring. There is but one way to avoid this calamity, and that is for the student body as a whole to take an active interest in our athletic affairs.

OFFICERS ATHLETIC UNION.

Homeopathic Medical Department.

Dr. Peck met the Juniors in a special class in bandaging on Monday.

Dr. Parsons was a visitor at clinics Saturday. The Doctor brought a patient with him.

The Hahnemanian Society will meet Friday evening. An interesting program is promised.

Dr. Carson, representing Gross & Delbridge's Homeopathic Pharmacy, Chicago, spent Tuesday in the city.

The Freshman class began dissecting Tuesday evening. This will occupy their evenings for a considerable part of the term.

The "boys" have been back from the holiday vacation for several days, and are all well started on the closing term of the session of '98.

Higher Education (?)

President James A. Hart, of the Chicago base ball club, is beginning to favor the idea of a base ball university to teach young aspirants for base ball fame the national game. He has doubts as to whether the scheme will ever be carried out, but will help it all he can when he is sure responsible men are behind it. He says the Spaulding Land Association will furnish the university with all the ground it can use outside the city limits. In a recent Inter-Ocean he said: "We find it very hard to get good players, and I think a base ball school will be just the thing for the National League. A great many men who graduate from the large colleges are anxious for base ball fame. They do not care, however, to begin in a minor league and work their way up, but want to jump right into the big league. If we had this college we could be sure when we signed a man that he had qualifications for the place. I think Anson, if he was dean of the university, could tell inside of a month whether a man was fit to play in the big league. If a man could not qualify for the National League he might do for one of the minor leagues. I am in favor of the plan, although I do not know anything about it aside from what I saw in the papers. Many like schemes have been tried before and failed."

Law Department.

Hosford, '98, returned to school, today.

Chas. Murphy, '98, has rejoined his class.

McNeal, '98, has rejoined his class after being out the fall term.

Mr. Peck, '99, President of the class, will not be in school this term.

Pres. Hardy, '89, who arrived in the city Tuesday, was called home the same day by a telegram.

Macomber, '99, is studying law in his father's office in Carroll. He tried his first case in justice court recently.

Chancellor McClain has announced that the study of Damages will begin next Monday at 2 o'clock, and classes will meet on Monday and Thursday, hereafter, at the same time.

L. C. Robinson, C. '92, L. '94, and Harl Meyers, C. '92, L. '94, the former being a son of Judge Robinson, are contemplating a trip to Honduras, some time in March, in search of a location.

Col. D. V. Jackson, a student in the early days of the Law department, now located in Muscatine, where he enjoys a good practice, was in the city yesterday, and made the department a call. Mr. Jackson is colonel of the 2d Regt., I. N. G.

J. G. Marner, '95, located in this city, received the appointment as clerk of the committee on the University in the Legislature last Monday. Representative Joe A. Edwards, '73, also of this city received the chairmanship of this committee.

The woman's edition of the Chicago Times-Herald contained a picture of Miss Elizabeth DeBelle, one of the popular lady members of last year's class. It announces the fact that she is the only woman lawyer in Georgia, and is filling the predictions of her many friends.

Dental Department.

Mr. Chas. Hollenbeck is slowly recovering from a long and severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. A. L. Gary spent his holiday vacation in Pennsylvania visiting among old friends and relatives.

Dr. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, finished an interesting and instructive course of lectures to the Senior class Monday, Dec. 10th.

The Senior class finish Dental Histology this week, thus giving them more needed time for review and clinical work.

There will be no meeting of the Hospital Dental Society this week, as the time was too short to prepare a good program.

The sad news of the death of Mr. F. A. Johnson's mother reached us yesterday. Mr. Johnson has the sympathy of the entire class in this his hour of sadness.

Mr. J. A. Hallett, '99, while spending his vacation in Des Moines, met with an accident by which he lost a fine set of red whiskers. We do not know the nature of the accident, but incidentally will say that a young lady friend of his is very adverse to whiskers.

The Senior class held a short but intensely interesting business meeting on Tuesday of this week; officers were elected for the remainder of the year as follows: President, F. N. Beam; Secretary and Treasurer, J. C. Enkelberg.

Mr. C. L. Hayes returned to his post of duty yesterday. The reason for his prolonged stay is but a conjecture. Owing to rumors set afloat the early part of this week, we had hoped that congratulations would be in order upon his return, but Mr. Hayes refused to be interviewed upon the subject, so we are still in doubt at this writing.

College Notes.

The course at the Cornell law school has been changed so as to require three years' work instead of two as formerly.

The Exeter base ball nine is already practicing regularly in the cage, coached by Captain Miller.

At the University of Michigan trees are planted as memorials of the graduating classes, instead of ivy, as is the general custom.

The craze for basket ball is dying out. One after another of the universities which took it up are dropping it. Chicago being among the latest to do so—Ex.

Professor Andrews, of the Brown University, made an address before the state convention of Illinois teachers, in which he advocated free text books and free lunches for the children.—Cardinal.

Out at Leland Stanford Jr. University the Faculty has taken hold of the animal by both horns. Forty-one names have been dropped from the roll, chiefly on account of poor work. But a number of students were sent home to their mammas because they were in need of the parental rod, or something of the sort. Four were dropped because of too hilarious conduct after the Thanksgiving foot ball game—to put it mildly. If the star of progress rises in the west and keeps on singing on its way, perhaps it may shed a sort of moonlight radiance on the University of Nebraska some day and encourage brave hearts to action. And what a lucid sunset it will have if it reaches ancient Yale.—U. of Neb. Hesperian.

Notice.

The paper at Baconian Friday evening will be given by Professor G. L. Houser. Subject: "The Degeneration of the Tunicate."

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All having jokes, grinds and roasts for the Hawkeye must hand them in BEFORE SATURDAY NOON. Either hand them or mail them to
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Senior Orations.

The result of the recent petition of
the Senior class to substitute a Com-
mencement address by some speaker
of reputation in place of the old cus-
tom of class orations, will be watched
with considerable interest by the
whole University.

This petition is by no means the
first one that has been submitted to
the Board of Regents and Faculty in
this regard. The class of '97 made a
similar attempt, but failed to bring
their petition before the Regents in
time for that body to act upon it.
Last year the present Senior class
first circulated such a petition among
its members; the sentiment of the
class stood almost unanimous for a
Commencement address rather than
orations by class representatives, the
vote at that time being 83 to 3 against
class orations. This petition was sub-
mitted to the Board of Regents, but
for some reason was not acted upon
by them. A second petition was there-
fore circulated this fall, and will be
placed before the Board at its coming
meeting. This later expression of the
Seniors is as pronounced as was the
first in opposition to the old idea of
class orations, only three members
again expressing themselves as favor-
able to that idea.

Two such unequivocal expressions
of class sentiment and conviction
ought at least to receive some con-
sideration and attention. The Seniors,
in taking the position they do, feel
that they are only following a prece-
dent now set down by almost every
first-class educational institution in
this country. With hardly an excep-

tion no great American university or
college now follows the almost obso-
lete custom of inflicting the omnis-
cient graduate upon a long suffering
and longer enduring public. This
commendable reform, coupled with
the fact that in our own University
competition has practically ceased
for this "honor," and that it is not an
unknown state of affairs for barely the
requisite "six" to hand in Commence-
ment orations, gives additional weight
and reason to the petition of the class
of '98. The system of choosing class
speakers new in vogue in S. U. I., al-
though occasionally giving excellent
results, by no means insures the ap-
pearance of the real forensic ability
of a class upon the Commencement
program. The very lack of interest
in competing for this honor amply
proves that this custom of earlier
days has become distasteful and
wearisome to the student body. It is
sincerely to be hoped that the present
petition may be seriously considered
in the light of present circumstances
and sentiment.

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Smith's lecture at 3:00 o'clock, Satur-
day.

F. Hopkinson Smith, the author and
entertainer, at the Opera House Mon-
day, Jan. 17.

W. S. Greenleaf, M. '95, of Massena,
Ia., brought a patient to the hospital,
to-day, for treatment.

Z. H. Hutchinson, of Muscatine, an
old S. U. I. man, is visiting with
friends in the University.

E. H. McCutchen, '01, left for his
home, yesterday, and will probably
not return until next fall.

Don't fail to hear Hopkinson Smith.
His lecture will undoubtedly be the
literary treat of the season.

J. C. Monnett, C. '92, L. '93, of Lang-
don, N. D., writes that he expects to
be at Commencement with his family
in June.

At the invitation of Miss Gordon,
Polygon attended the Browning Re-
cital given at the Unitarian church
last night.

The Morphology classes are study-
ing the dog-fish, as may be known by
the peculiar odor which accompanies
the members of the class.

Professor C. C. Nutting gave an in-
teresting lecture on Pompeii, Tuesday
evening, at the Presbyterian church.
The lecture was illustrated by the
stereopticon, views being given of
many interesting relics of that buried
city, which were photographed by the
Professor while at Naples.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

An exchange from Northwestern University says that no lecturer ever heard there gave greater satisfaction than F. Hopkinson Smith.

The following officers were elected in Polygon for the winter term: President, Gertrude Preston; Vice-President, Leslie Switzer; Secretary, Ethel Perkins.

Prof. T. S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, is visiting relatives in the city. He is on his way to Mexico, where he will spend three months visiting with Fred and Theodore Parvin at San Luis Potosi.

J. J. Crossley, C. '91, who has been teaching at Winterset during the past year, has commenced work for the Ph. D. degree in Political and Social Science and Constitutional History in Yale University.

J. G. Marner, L'95, has been appointed to a legislative committee clerkship. He is a graduate of Miss Irish's school of short-hand, and her recommendation was a strong factor in securing him the position.

It will be well to remember that F. Hopkinson Smith, who appears here as the fourth number of the lecture course, has almost all his engagements in the west this year—return dates over last year. He is the star of the course.

The Omaha World-Herald presents a portrait of Charles Sumner Johnson, recently appointed judge of the United States court of the district of Alaska. Mr. Johnson graduated from the Law department of S. U. I. in '77. He has been practicing in Juneau.

The Whitney Club held its first regular meeting Monday night in Professor Wilson's lecture room. The paper of the evening was given by Professor Wilson, on "The Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America." Dean Currier was elected President of the Club, and Harry E. Kelly Secretary, the temporary organization being made permanent.

C. S. Wyckoff, L. '98, and a companion, while returning from a skating trip up the river, last Saturday, met with an accident which came near resulting seriously. They had climbed into a farmer's wagon on their return, and in some way the horses became unmanageable, and ran away. Mr. Wyckoff succeeded in freeing himself from his dangerous predicament, but his companion, Miss Coover, suffered considerably from fright and bodily injuries, before her rescue was effected.

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